



Oak Harbor Conservation Club

Newsletter

September 2026

975 S. Gordon Rd., Oak Harbor, OH Web: www.ohcc.us

Club Newsletter

September 14 Trustees & Officers Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Members Meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the Darr Property, 12055 W. Toussaint North Rd., Oak Harbor, OH. Food, fellowship, and tours of the Darr property will begin at 6:00 p.m.

You will be receiving at least two emails: this newsletter and an additional email. The additional email will contain the proposed Constitution and Bylaw changes.

There has been a delay in getting the 25-yard indoor range up and running. The 25-yard indoor range remains closed until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Dirt is wanted for the outdoor range, and there is dirt available a couple of miles away. Volunteers with dump trucks are wanted to haul the dirt in, also if anyone has equipment to load truck/s. If you may be willing to help, please call Don Hunter at 567-278-1551.

August 25th, there will be a free clay shoot at the Darr Property. See the calendar for details.

The minutes for the Trustees & Officers Meeting and the Members Meeting are only drafts. Once the minutes are finalized and approved, they will be posted on the website. Draft copy here — final copy on the website.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

At the August meeting, a few things came together to help better our club. Thanks to the following:

Troy Overmyer — Planning to pour a concrete pad, 10' x 16', for two parking areas to provide better wheelchair access to the building on Gordon Road.

John Fowler — Thank you for his research on grants.

Richard Rudes — Thank you, along with anyone else who has worked to get the 25-yard indoor range up and running.

Bill Moyer — Thank you for volunteering to get the needed rubber mats for the 25-yard indoor range and have the mats cut to a usable size.

Troy Overmyer — Planning to try to get one or both of the restrooms at Gordon Road ADA compliant.

To all the everyday volunteers who work behind the scenes getting things done: Thank you!

Sincerely Don Hunter

Feel free to contact me at 567-278-1551

President's Corner:

The Oak Harbor Conservation Club held its monthly meeting on August 10. I want to thank everyone who attended.

During the membership meeting, I presented an overview of the club's Constitution and Bylaws, its objectives, and its finances since 2020. I hope the presentation provided greater insight into our club and the opportunities we have to improve.

Following the presentation, a trustee made a motion that was seconded by the former president to place a proposal to divide the club into two organizations - one responsible for the wildlife property and the other for the shooting range - on the ballot at the annual meeting in October. The motion passed by a vote of 26-21.

All officers and trustees present voted against the proposal except for the trustee who introduced it. A former club leader also voted in favor of the split.

I was extremely disappointed by the outcome. Our club has experienced division for years, in part because its objectives have not always been fully embraced by its leadership. I ran for vice president because I wanted to help unite the club. Since January, I have learned that this will be challenging when some members and leaders continue to advocate for division.

Members from both areas of the club voted for the proposal. Many appear to be longtime members whose frustrations have accumulated over years. Those concerns should not be ignored, but I do not believe separating the club is the solution.

I use and support both parts of the club. My wife and I use the shooting ranges a few times a year. I also shoot sporting clays at WR Hunt Club and occasionally shoot at friends' properties. Although I have hunted at the Darr property only once, I have donated money, assisted with club events, completed electrical work at both the shooting range and the Darr barn, and mowed the range property several times.

We need to work together as one club.

Our membership has declined by approximately 20% since 2021, and I believe it could decline by at least another 20% by 2031 if we do not make meaningful changes. If the club divides, both resulting organizations may struggle to survive. A split would likely create costly disputes over finances, property, and equipment. Before voting in October, I ask every member to consider carefully where this path may lead. In my view, both sides stand to lose.

I was also disappointed to learn that a club member created a Facebook page called "Clarity" that has been used to criticize the Oak Harbor Conservation Club and its officers and trustees. Some contributors have chosen not to use their names. Whatever position we take, our discussions should be honest, respectful, and accountable. Personal attacks and anonymous accusations will not help resolve our differences.

After returning home from the meeting, I read my August 10 nightly devotion, titled "Speech." It included Matthew 12:37:

"By your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

I feel that devotion directly applied to me and my presentation. People with an open mind learned from the presentation. The people that were close-minded got nothing from the presentation and solidified their perception of me.

God bless you,
David Witt

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Jr Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm Indoor & Outdoor Range Richard 419- 341-3793		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		FREE CLAY SHOOT 5:30 12055 W Toussaint North Rd Oak Harbor Darr meeting 7:15 PM 12055 W Toussaint Rd North		Jr Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm Indoor & Outdoor Range Richard 419- 341-3793		
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Darr work day Saturdays 9 – Noon Usually a bite to eat for lunch is provided.
12055 W Toussaint North Rd Oak Harbor OH Best to call Kevin 419-343-4597 or David 419-392-1101



September

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Hunting season begins in September if visiting the Darr be sure to know & follow the Darr rules.				Jr Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm Indoor & Outdoor Range Richard 419-341-3793		
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	 HAPPY LABOR DAY			Jr Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm Indoor & Outdoor Range Richard 419-341-3793		
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Have a Happy Thanksgiving November 26

