



The St. Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Inc.

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Meeting Notes

- **Membership Meeting**
7 PM Monday, March 9
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, March 30

Annual Meeting
Mar 9

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Annual Membership Meeting Notice

This month is our Annual Membership Meeting and “**Wild Game Chili Cook-off**” set for **March 9** at 7:00 pm. We will be electing the 2020-2021 Club Officers and Directors. All Officers are currently unopposed. There are also no by-laws changes being proposed that will need to be voted on by the membership.

The agenda for the annual meeting is as follows:

- Conservation Pledge
- Introductions
- Reading of the Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
- Annual Executive Secretary's Report
- Annual Treasurer's Report
- Annual Reports from Committees / Activities
- Election of Officers and Directors
- Good of the Corporation
- Adjournment

Don't forget to bring your **wild game chili entry**, and bring your appetite! You will be voting on the best chili, as well as Club Officers and Directors.

Don't forget to renew your dues in order to vote in the Club's election. You can renew that night so bring your checkbooks or cash!

Contact Jeff Brazo with any questions, 269-689-0200

2020 Firearm Training Opportunities

Fortress Defense: www.fortressdefense.com

Frank Sharpe owns Fortress Defense Consultants. He works extensively in firearm and defensive training. Please see website for info on the classes, and will include low light/night shooting. **See these links for info and to register.**

- **Level 1 Handgun:** <http://fortressdefense.com/events/level-i-handgun-daily-carry-skills-w-night-shoot-2/>
- **Level 1 Rifle:** <http://fortressdefense.com/events/level-i-rifle-for-the-armed-citizen-with-night-shoot-2/>
- **Level 2 Handgun:** <http://fortressdefense.com/events/level-ii-handgun-aka-when-it-all-goes-south-3/>

Defense Training International (DTI) John and Vicki Farnam

Visit: www.defense-training.com

John and Vicki Farnam have trained civilians, law enforcement and military shooters all across the U.S. and internationally, for over 40 years. They are bringing their unique level of experience to SJCCSC, Inc. again in 2020. **See these links for info and to register.**

- **Women's Defensive Handgun:** <http://defense-training.com/product/8-9-aug-2020-dti-womens-defensive-handgun-sturgis-mi/>
- **Urban Rifle Training:** <http://defense-training.com/product/8-9-aug-2020-urban-rifle-sturgis-mi/>

“End O’ Winter” ATA Shoot March 22

Our first Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) shoot for this 2020 season is set for Sunday, March 22, the “End O’ Winter” Shoot. We will have the usual three events, 100 singles, 100 handicaps, and 50-pair of doubles targets. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Youth are welcome to shoot as well as club members and non-members. **You can join ATA at any ATA shoot.** We have 18 trophies total for the winners in places and categories.

This year there are a total of five registered shoots. The other four ATA shoots open to the public are April 19, June 6 & 7, Aug 30, and October 11, the National Trapshooting Day leather bag shoot.

Project Appleseed Apr 24 & 25

Project Appleseed, an American history and rifle program, returns to our club this year on Friday and Saturday, April 24 & 25. This program, held on the rifle range, teaches how the rifle was instrumental in the American Revolution in a fun, family, “hands-on” activity day on the rifle range. Bring the whole family! If interested in attending contact Project Appleseed online at:

<http://appleseedinfo.org/events/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 1: Big 50 ATA Trap
Mar 4: Constantine Trap Starts
Mar 5: Vicksburg Trap (Thursdays)
Mar 8: Big 50 ATA Trap
Mar 14: CPL Class
Mar 14: SASP Practice Pistol Range
Mar 14: NRL 22 Rifle Range
Mar 15: Big 50 ATA Trap
Mar 21: IDPA
Mar 22: ATA Shoot
Mar 29: Big 50 ATA Trap
Mar 30: Board Meeting

Archery Season Updates

The 3D Archery season is almost here! During the month of March there will be two workdays to get the 3D archery range in shape for open shoots that start on Tuesday, April 7th. The 3D range includes a walking path of slightly less than a mile and 30 foam animal targets set at different distances. There are three sets of stakes set to indicate where the archer should shoot from depending upon the skill level of the individual. The placement of the animals is designed to challenge the archer and provide a simulation of actual hunting situations. Animal targets include north American favorites such as whitetail deer, turkeys and bear, but also include more exotic species such as African lion and hyena.

Competitions on Tuesday are low key and many choose to shoot for fun without a score card. Prizes are based upon the number of shooters present with the most common prize being a pass for a free shoot. Shooters are required to keep score on the honor system as there are no scoring judges. Safety and fun are the key goals on the 3D archery range.

All Tuesday 3D shoots are open to the public and run 5:30pm ‘til dark. Additionally the course is open to members every day of the week. Members are requested to place their shooting fee, \$4 per person, in the archery building mail slot. Having the course available during all daylight hours provides a practice opportunity to members hoping to bow hunt or just wanting to launch arrows for the joy of archery.

This year there is a need for some serious maintenance in March prior to the April opening. During the winter a tree fell and took out a shooting platform which dated back 25 years or more (pictures below). March 7th and March 14th volunteers are needed to build the new platform, clean up other fallen limbs and to pull the targets out of storage and place them around the course.



The workdays are planned to run 8:00-10:00am on these Saturdays but anyone wanting to help outside of these times should contact the club Archery Activity Director, **Larry Murray**, at his Lost Nation Archery number, 269-659-6002.

For any questions about archery here at the club, be sure to contact Larry and he will be glad to help promote the joy of archery.

Submitted by Larry Murray, Archery Director

RANGE CLOSURE REMINDER:
CLOSED DURING SASP YOUTH PRACTICES from 10 AM TO 1 PM
Pistol Range: MAR 14

REMEMBER: EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS REQUIRED ON ALL RANGES
ALSO: THE FRONT GATE IS TO BE LOCKED BEHIND YOU WHEN ENTERING OR LEAVING, EXCEPT FOR ORGANIZED ACTIVITY TIMES

Financial News: For the month of Jan balance on hand was \$67,860.29 in checking and \$20,636.44 in pre-paid dues CD, \$78,306.58 in the Emergency CD Fund, \$3,936.68 in the raffle fund, and the Wink CD of \$28,015.70.

Membership Status: As of Jan we had a total of 844 paid member households. If you have changed your address or know of someone who is not getting their newsletter, call 269-341-5930 and leave message and corrected info.

Lost and Found

Contact Leslie York at 483-6803 and we will help!

OFFICERS

President	Jeff Brazo	651-9076
Vice President	Mike Philley	(574) 202-0641
Executive Secretary	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Treasurer	Laura Decker	384-9191
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District #1	Kathy Book	659-4056
	Paul Hassenger	651-8447
District #2	Mark Speicher	(574) 361-5847
	Bill Thompson	279-7737
District #3	Benson Baumeister	221-0288
	Randy Crandall	808-6730
District #4	Nancy Lawrence	651-1700
	Pete Davis	651-1388
Dir. At Large	Tom Whitford	432-4070

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

Membership Activities		
Newsletter/Website	Leslie York	483-6803
Advertising (Newsletter)	Leslie York	483-6803
Public Relations	Jim Perlberg	(313) 310-4897
NRA Recruiter	Leslie York	483-6803
MUCC Region 7	Allen Kasdorf	651-7086

Administrative Activities		
Finance	Laura Decker	384-9191
Nominating	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Calendar of Events	Leslie York	483-6803
Hunter Education	Jeff Brazo	651-9076
CPL Instruction	Jeff Brazo	651-9076

Fund Raising Activities		
Fair Sign-up	Nancy Lawrence	651-1700

Weekly / League Activities		
Trap/Skeet – Sunday	Larry & Leslie York	483-6803
Trap – Tues	Bill Thompson	279-7737
Skeet – Tues	Ramze Idriss	503-0404
5 Stand Sporting Clays	Larry & Leslie York	483-6803
Archery	Larry Murray	659-6005
Cowboy Action	John Daniels	(574) 349-3764
IDPA Defensive Pistol	Mike Philley	(574) 202-0641
Combat Carbine	Jay Baker	278-9553
Lower Range	Andy Rockwell	(260) 668-9317
Youth SCTP Shotgun	Leslie York	483-6803
Youth SASP Pistol Rifle	Mark Griffin	358-5643
Youth 4-H	Nelson Schug	(248) 379-8654

Executive Secretary: Kathy Crandall
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Club Websites and Facebook Sites

WEB PAGE: <http://www.conservationsclub.us>

IDPA: www.facebook.com/stjoecoconservationclubidpa/

Trap/skeet: www.facebook.com/stjoecountytrapandskeet/

Youth Trap: www.facebook.com/stjoecountystraightshootertrap/

Membership Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

New Memberships (15) — January BOD

Eric Bower	Colon, MI
Eric S Brummi tt	Centreville, MI
Larry E Clark	LaGrange, IN
Lewis James Hilyard	Colon, MI
Daniel Maxwell	Kendallville, IN
Thomas Edward Pankow	Sturgis, MI
Joseph Reed	Three Rivers, MI
Aaron Michael Reed	Constantine, MI
Chris Replogle	Middlebury, IN
Michael Ritter	Sturgis, MI
Dam Simmons	Delton, MI
Charles R Webster	Scotts, MI
Derek Willis	Kentwood, MI
Seth Matthew Wilson	Burr Oak, MI
James Clark	Mishawaka, IN

Reminder: Annual Dues are Due March 1

Contact Kathy Crandall at 269-341-5930 if you haven't received your invoice for annual dues. Remember, any club member who has not paid their dues by **March 1st** will have their electronic key cards deactivated. If this happens, **DO NOT THROW YOUR CARD AWAY!** Your card will be re-activated whenever you pay your dues.

MUCC Conservation Pledge

**I give my pledge as an American
to save and faithfully defend from waste,
the natural resources of my country
- its air, soil, and minerals,
its forests, waters, and wildlife.**



Officers, Directors, E-mail Listings

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Randy Crandall (Dist 3 Director)	kmc52ran@aol.com
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Mark Griffin (SASP Director)	ffgrif@charter.net
Laura Decker (Treasurer)	culligan1@charter.net
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Larry Murray (Archery)	info@lostnationarchery.com
Mike Philley (Vice Pres. & IDPA)	mphilley60@gmail.com
Andy Rockwell (Lower Range Dir)	zrock4365@hotmail.com
Bill Thompson (Dist #2 Director)	sparkyvf96@yahoo.com
Larry York (Trap, Skeet, 5 Stand)	larry.york54@gmail.com
Leslie York (Rec. Sec, ATA, Calen/Web)	trapgeek2010@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor (Leslie York)	conservationsclubeditor@gmail.com

Dist #1: Townships of Flowerfield, Park, Fabius & Lockport
Dist #2: Townships of Mendon, Leonidas, Nottawa & Colon
Dist #3: TWP of Constantine, Florence, Mottville & White Pigeon
Dist #4: Twps of Sherman, Burr Oak, Sturgis & Fawn River
AT LARGE: Areas outside of St Joseph County

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The Second Amendment

*A well regulated militia, being necessary to the
security of a free state, the right of the people to
keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.*

PLEASE NOTICE

The St Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Inc., has a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt organization status. Under this rule, donations to the club are **not** deductible on your individual taxes as charitable contributions.

APPLICATION FOR NRA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the NRA obtained through our club benefits us in that the NRA returns part of your fee to us, and benefits you because you pay a reduced membership fee because of belonging to a member club.

- ☐ **Renew** my NRA membership: NRA member # _____
☐ **New Member**, please sign me up as a new NRA member:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
Birthdate: _____

Club Rate: **\$35** per year, make check payable to NRA: \$ _____

Magazine Choice: (circle one):

America's 1st Freedom American Hunter American Rifleman Shooting Illustrated

Mail to: Leslie J York, club NRA recruiter
17101 Tomahawk Trail
White Pigeon, MI 49099

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ST JOSEPH COUNTY CONSERVATION AND SPORTSMAN CLUB Inc.

I respectfully apply for membership in the St. Joseph County Conservation and Sportsman Club, Inc. I certify that by signing this application I am a person 18 Years of age or older, who accepts the Purposes and Objectives of the Corporation and agrees to promote the same, and has complied with the requisites of membership as provided in these Bylaws. I further give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country; its air, soil, minerals, forest, water and its wildlife. I understand that to become eligible to join, I must be recommended by a club member in good standing, or personally inform the Board of Directors why I wish to be a member. (please, print clearly)

Full Name _____ Birth Date _____

_____ Check if spouse desires a membership Card (**Add \$5 for this second gate card**)

Spouse _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address (Print) _____

Recommended By _____

New member application: _____ Renewal application: _____

Interest: Archery _____ Trap _____ Skeet _____ Sporting Clays _____ Rifle _____ Pistol _____ Black Powder _____ Cowboy Action _____ IDPA _____ Conservation _____ Youth Shoot Sports _____

Fee: **\$100 new member*** / **\$75 renewal** for family membership, **\$5 for additional Gate Card** (one card is already included) *Application Fee of \$25 for New Members only.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail application and Check to:

**St. Joseph County Conservation
& Sportsman Club
C/O Kathy Crandall
P.O. Box 339
Sturgis MI 49091**

Membership subject to the approval of the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting. **After Board Approval New Member Information Packages are handed out at the mandatory New Member Orientation**, to be scheduled within 30-days. Club Newsletters should start within 60 days.