



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

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Meeting

Notes

- **Membership Meeting**
7 PM Monday, Mar 8
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, February 22

**Annual Dues
are Due
March 1**

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Region 7 MUCC Update

Happy New Year! Although 2021 is presenting us with some of the same issues as 2020 there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The MUCC Executive Board and Staff are engaging each other on a regular basis through Zoom video conference meetings and trying to plan with flexibility on dates and events.

I have been asking, at our Executive meetings, if any regions are meeting and it appears that there have been no region meetings since sometime last March or April all due to Governor's orders on group meetings. I know that shooting clubs have been able to open ranges with CDC precautions. Having said that you want to stay up to date on that, never know for sure what lies ahead.

Our shoot fundraiser last July was very much appreciated by headquarters. The 2021 MUCC fundraiser will be a Sporting Clays shoot held at **Grand Valley Cap "N" Ballers** club in Hopkins MI on July 17 and 18. Shooting starts 9:00am and ends at 2:00pm. This year the shoot out for your team can either be on the Saturday or Sunday. This will allow a lot more flexibility for teams and even a built in rain date should the weather on Sat. be another "Toad Strangler" like last year. Cost is \$30 per 50 targets if pre-registered, \$35 day of the event. If anyone of your clubs would like to put on a MUCC fundraiser this year please give me a call and we can make it happen. Last year's shoot out was a sporting clays course, it doesn't have to be sporting clays, and it was a real challenge but a real hoot! Just remember it's a fundraiser. **[Editor's note: Flyers will be posted at our Club.]**

If you haven't bought your 2021 MUCC calendar yet there is still time. Contact headquarters and get one while they last. Cost is \$20. Want to keep up on all the political issues that are facing Michigan for all of us that hunt, fish, trap and enjoy the outdoors in this beautiful state? Sign up for the Conservation Insider. Go to MUCC website and click on menu then click on Support. There you will see "Conservation Insider". Click on that and you will see where you can sign up for free. It's a great way to stay on top of what we are doing and what is our challenges in Lansing. Our new President is Greg Peter, from Chel-sea Rod and Gun Club and our VP is Tim Muir Jr., Lake St. Clair Walleye Association.

Ronald H. Burris Past President, Region 7 Director, MUCC
269-209-1770 Rhbhunt3@gmail.com

DTI's "Up Close and Personal" Defensive Handgun

Jeff Brazo and John Farnam will be instructing Defense Training International's (DTI) class UCAP (Up Close and Personal) Course at the St. Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Sturgis, MI, on the weekend of **April 10-11, 2021**

This DTI Program will concentrate on successful strategies for close-range lethal encounters. Included is Retention and Disarms. This is a Defensive Handgun Course and it is beneficial for all Operators. **This DTI Course is not intended for beginners.**

Plan on joining us! As always, you can register directly on DTI's Web Page Schedule at **defense-training.com**. John S Farnam, DTI

SASP YOUTH PRACTICE

The following Range Closures will occur for SASP youth team practices from 10am to 1pm on these dates:

RIFLE RANGE:

- FEB 27; MAR 27

PISTOL RANGE:

- FEB 13; MAR 13

Ranges open before 10am & after 1pm.

Youth SCTP Shotgun Team Sign-Up 2/28

This year's Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Team Sign up for the shotgun shooting sports of Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays will occur on Sunday **February 28** between the hours of 2:00 and 4:30 pm. You may schedule a specific time in 20 minute intervals by calling Coach Leslie at **269-483-6803** to schedule a time, or you may just drop by and fit into a time slot as they become open. Both boys and girls in school grades up to and including grade 12 are eligible to participate. You can be from any school or home schooled too. Equipment is available for their use (under direct supervision by our certified coaches) if they do not currently own their own. Our coaches are all certified by one or more certification entities. If your youth would like to join but cannot make this date, call/text 269-483-6803. **Bring your parent or guardian.** Masks will be required inside.

"Safety First -Fun Second!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 7: BIG 50 & Trap League

Feb 13: CPL Class

Feb 13: NRL22

Feb 14: BIG 50 & Trap League

Feb 21: BIG 50 & Trap League

Feb 22: Board Meeting

Feb 28: **Youth Shotgun Sign-Up**

Feb 28: BIG 50 & Trap League

Trap Round Up & BIG 50 ATA Mini-shoots

The **Winter Trap League** is in full swing with 14 avid trap shooters participating. The League started January 10 and runs until March 14 on Sunday mornings starting at 9am. Rain, shine, or snow these folks come out and shoot up the clays!

There are **BIG 50** weekly shoots that run concurrent with the league on Sundays, but are open to non-league shooters as well. These are 50-round registered trap events as compared to the standard 100 or 200 target events. It's an easy way to get some registered targets in toward your minimums for State and larger shoots to avoid penalty class or yardage. Daily ATA and MTA fees are reduced as well. We have several folks who shoot these with and without the Winter League. If you shoot league, you can cross register your league scores just by paying the daily fees, so you're still only shooting the 50 targets. It's a win-win! The BIG 50 is also a great way for youth shooters to get targets in.

Open trap and skeet are also going strong on Sunday mornings starting at 9am. You can still come out for practice shooting some clays and not be part of the league or BIG 50 shoots. 5-Stand is put away for the winter though.

So if your bored and need a break from the cabin fever, come on out on Sunday!

Annual Dues are Due March 1

Invoices for annual dues have been mailed. If you haven't received yours, or if you have questions, please contact Kathy Crandall at 269-341-5930. 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. *Reminder:* there is a \$5 replacement charge for cards.

Proposed Restroom Project Update

The Board has received construction drawings for this proposed renovation project for the board to review at the next board meeting, get pricing, and then decide on whether to formally go forward and approve the project. The project committee headed by Paul Hassenger has done much pre-planning work to assure the proposed project will meet current codes. The well and septic portions, which were badly needed, have been completed. These needed to be done even without the new restroom project as they each were aging and undersized for our current clubhouse usage. The clubhouse currently does not have handicap assessable restrooms and the new project will achieve that objective, as well as, increase restroom capacity for classes and activities, such as ATA trap shoots, that have seen increased attendance over the years. This is a good upgrade for our Club.

Valentine's Day Trap Shooting Fun

Bring out your shotgun! Bring out your shells! Bring your significant other - or any other friend - and shoot some clay targets on Sunday Feb 14. We plan to have candy giveaways; sort of like door prizes! Might have other things too! We'll see. Let's have some fun and shoot the winter, and pandemic, blues away.

Regular club prices for trap and skeet rounds apply.

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 Nov balance on hand was \$ 71,369.67 in checking and \$ 24,189.09 in pre-paid dues CD, \$ 78,954.98 in the Emergency CD Fund, \$ 3,940.75 raffle fund, PayPal \$1,279.65, the Wink CD of \$ 28,114.16

Membership Status: As of August we had a total of 903 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	625-4668
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

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Club Websites and Facebook Sites

WEB PAGE: <http://www.conservationclub.net>

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 — December

No Meeting

December BOD canceled

NRA Memberships have returned to the standard Club Recruiter Discounts

\$ 35 (1-year)
\$ 85 (3-year)
\$ 125 (5-year)
\$1000 (Life)

The back page has an NRA membership application for the 1 year membership. Contact the Club NRA Recruiter at 269-483-6803 if you are interested in any of the extended year memberships.

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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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.