



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, February 24

**Happy
Valentines
Day!**

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MUCC's Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp

The Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp holds six, 1-week camps during the summer at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center near Chelsea, MI. This camp is special because it focuses on engaging campers in the outdoors and connecting them with the environment. Their unique curriculum teaches outdoor skills such as target shooting, hunter safety, camping and wilderness survival. That is what makes these programs so special. During their selected week at camp, campers dive into hands-on nature experiences and self-discovery in order to increase their knowledge of conservation issues. Of course, there will also be opportunities to practice technical skills such as fishing and hunting techniques, along with time spent at the rifle and archery range, plus many other fun activities. The camp sessions allow campers to investigate the natural world around them while gaining new skills and confidence in the outdoors. This focus on Michigan's natural resources and each person's role in the environment is what sets this camp apart from a typical summer camp. Campers are kept in small groups of not more than 20 to ensure they receive individualized attention and to keep each camper safe while at camp. Extensively trained staff members work to deliver quality instruction and are held to the highest standards at all times. The camp goal is for campers to return home feeling positive about their experience and excited about the new skills they learned while at camp. Plus our Club sponsors 2 or 3 youth each year, and camp sign-ups are starting this month. Time to plan ahead!

This summer 2020 camp remains focused on conservation, education and connecting campers to the outdoors as they offer a variety of different experiences through environmental education and outdoor recreation. Campers have the opportunity to kayak, explore our forests, build shelters and fires, make lifelong friends and so much more! Since the importance of fishing, hunting and trapping is highlighted, all campers will have the ability to partake in a Michigan Hunter Safety course and getting out on the .22 rifle and archery ranges. If your child is already hunter-safety certified, they will have the opportunity to learn about Leave No Trace ethics or invasive species that threaten our area. To explore the different camps offered, see their brochure and visit MUCC's website at **www.mucccamp.org**. Contact **Allen Kasdorf** at **269-651-7086** to get **sponsored!**

Youth SCTP & 4H Trap Team Sign Up 2/23

The 2020 youth shotgun shooting sports team opening meeting and sign-up day is set for **Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 pm** at the Main Clubhouse building. This includes trap, skeet, and/or sporting clays for the Club's "Straight Shooters" team & includes Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP), 4-H, and A.I.M.. We will explain the three different programs offered for the **Shotgun Youth Shooting Sports Team**, the costs, equipment needs, expectations, and the practice and competition schedule. Our SCTP Trap Team plans on going to the SCTP Nationals again in July in Marengo Ohio. Bring a parent or guardian with you for paperwork signing. The meeting should last 1 hour. Both boys and girls are welcome in grade school (age 12 for 4-H) through high school. Returning youth now in college are also eligible up to 22 years in age (19 for 4-H). Contact 269-483-6803 if interested, but cannot make this meeting. *Submitted by Leslie York, Certified Shotgun Coach*

Range Bits & Pieces

Now that cold weather has arrived, just a friendly reminder to make sure the overhead doors are closed on the heated portions of the rifle and pistol ranges when you leave the range. You may open them to shoot, but please close them when you are finished shooting. They operate now on garage-type door openers.

On a side note: Please remember to clean up after yourself after using the ranges, all the ranges. We have seen trash in the way of used targets along with brass laying around, and some spent shotgun shells on the trap fields. Its not a landfill-ish problem but we all can do better. We're not asking too much.

Safe Shooting and we'll see ya at the range! *The Board of Directors*

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 1: DTI Ladies & Wound Clinics
Feb 2: Big 50 ATA Trap
Feb 8: NRL .22
Feb 8: CPL Class
Feb 8: SASP Practice Pistol Range
Feb 9: Big 50 ATA Trap
Feb 16: Big 50 ATA Trap
Feb 22: SASP Practice Pistol Range
Feb 23: Big 50 ATA Trap (am)
Feb 23: Youth Trap Team Meeting
Feb 24: Board Meeting

2020 Firearm Training Opportunities at SJCCSC, Inc,

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.

- **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/>

Local Instructors at SJCCSC, Inc.

Our local instructors (who are also club members), Jeff Brazo, Charles Reynolds, Andy Rockwell, Ron Adams, Bill Bycroft, Nancy Bycroft and Ted Eash continue to offer the following classes:

- **Concealed Pistol License (CPL):** schedule each 2nd Saturday, 2-3 students minimum needed
- **CPL Renewal Class:** offered for those desiring an update and/or needing range time to renew their Michigan CPL; schedule by appointment.
- **101-102-103 CPL Advanced Class:** The "next step" for those wishing to advance their personal protection skills with handguns. **Dates:** May 4, 11, 18; July 6, 13, 20; August 3, 10, 17
- **Basic Defensive Carbine/Rifle:** Info on deploying a defensive rifle or carbine for personal defense. **Dates:** 6-1 and 8-24

For questions and more info, contact Jeff Brazo 269-689-0200 by voice or text, or email at pm2brazo@frontier.com

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RANGE CLOSURES REMINDER:

CLOSED DURING SASP YOUTH PRACTICES from 10 AM TO 1 PM
Pistol Range on FEB 8 and MAR 14 ; Rifle Range on FEB 22

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 Dec balance on hand was \$71,616.11 in checking and \$20,636.44 in pre-paid dues CD, \$78,090.07 in the Emergency CD Fund, \$3,935.90 in the raffle fund, and the Wink CD of \$28,015.70.

Membership Status: As of Nov we had a total of 829 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 — December BOD

Andy Boes
Davis M Kuhn
Richard Ray Rauch, JR
Robert “Ryan” Toennessen
Zachary Scott Townsend
L Scott Townsend

Sturgis, MI
Burr Oak, MI
Colon, MI
Portage, MI
Centreville, MI
Sturgis, MI

MI High School Trap Leagues

Vicksburg High School Trap Team:

The Vicksburg High School Trap Team will start their practices on Thursday evenings mid-February on the trap field.

Constantine High School Trap Team:

Constantine Trap Team will start up in March on Tuesday evenings, date pending.

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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Leslie York (Rec. Sec, ATA, Calen/Web)	trapgeek2010@gmail.com
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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 re-
duced 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 Ap-
proval New Member Information Packages are handed out at the mandatory New Member Orienta-
tion**, to be scheduled within 30-days. Club Newsletters should start within 60 days.