



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

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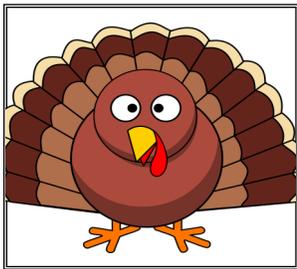


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## Meeting Notes

- **Membership Meeting**  
**7 PM Monday, Dec 13**
- Board Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, November 29



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## National Trapshooting Day Results

Our **National Trapshooting Day** ATA trap shoot held on Sunday, October 10 was a success with 28 shooters from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois in attendance.

This was a 3-Event shoot with a 100-Singles Target Event followed by 100 Handicap and 100 Doubles targets events. The **High Over All (HOA)** winner for the best combined score of these 3 events was **David Magnus** (below left), a youth shotgun coach from Clare MI, and he won the flat of shotgun shells. He said he picked our club to come and shoot because **"we had better trophies"** than the other club he thought about going to. We must be doing something right! Magnus was also the **Doubles Champion** and was tied for high in his handicap yardage group.

This year the **Singles Champion** was **Lary Holmes III** (below right) who shot a 99/100 and won the Shamrock Leather shooting bag. Holmes started shooting trap years ago as a youth shooter in the SCTP and AIM programs. The **Handicap** event did not have a champion this year as instead we awarded the yardage winners. **Michael Moore** won the **19-21.5 yardage** group, and there was a tie for the **22-24.5 yardage** group between **Davis Magnus** and **Victor Dumbra** (from Ohio) that was settled by coin toss, with the result that Dumbra won the toss. There were no 25-27 yardage shooters participating in the event this year.

Our own youth shooters, siblings **Bradyn** and **Jovey LaRoy** won the Junior and Sub-Junior Singles belt buckles, respectively (below L-middle). Congratulations to these siblings! And husband and wife **Water** and **Erin Zablocki** won the Class D and Lady Singles trophies (R-middle). These were their first trapshooting trophies that they have won. Congratulations to these club shooters!



## Restroom Project Update - Cleaners Sought

As we are getting very close to the opening of our new restrooms, we are in need of a cleaning person or persons to help maintain our new member facilities. If you are interested, or if you have a cleaning business and are interested, please contact Paul Hassenger 629-4668 or Jeff Brazo 651-9076 for details and additional information. This could also be a great way to help out and give back to your club.

## Cowboy Corner

### Hidden Valley Cowboys October Match

We had great weather Sunday for our last match of the season. Ladies shot for free, lunch was free for all and we shot 6 stages, everyone had fun and we will do this again next year!

The Valley had 44 shooters, and 4 Clean shooters, Ranger Mike, Rover, Sauk Valley Stubby, and Three Gun Cole well done and Congratulations!

We also celebrated a Wedding Anniversary on Sunday for Anvil Adam and Indiana Jules, and Indiana Jules Birthday on Monday.

I took the opportunity to thank my posse members for all there help and support this season, Sauk Valley Stubby, Ms Blazin, Sauk Trail Mike, Triple Threat, Diamond Jim, Naughty Nellie, Tree Gun Cole, Ya Big Tree and we gave out a well deserved award to Tommy Two Fingers and Ka Adik Krista for all there hard work and dedication at the Valley.

What a great season we had shooting with our friends and making new ones, I would like to thank everyone who came out and shot with us this year, see yah next season!

Join us for our first shoot of the season on April 17, 2022. Registration opens at 8:15 AM, side Match's start at 8:30 AM, and the mandatory safety meeting starts at 9:45 AM, preceding the main match.

Johnny Rebel  
574-349-3764



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 6 & 7: **Fortress Defense - Rifle**
- Nov 10: First Aid Class for Act. Directors
- Nov 7: BIG 50 Trap
- Nov 13: CPL Class (IDPA)
- Nov 14: BIG 50 Trap
- Nov 21: BIG 50 Trap
- Nov 29: Board Meeting
- Dec 4: Kubotan Self-Defense Class 8-1pm
- Dec 4: Tactical Med Class 1-4pm
- Dec 13: **Membership Meeting**

## Dean Hepp Wins 2021 Shotgun "Ironman"



On Sunday, October 24, we held the 4th Annual "Shotgun Ironman" competition following a hot dog lunch. This event was composed of 1 round each of trap, skeet, 5-Stand Sporting Clays, and wobble trap for a total of 100 targets. The best total combined score won the Title of 2021 Shotgun Ironman. A total of 12 hardy people came out and competed in the rain. This year's Champion was **Dean Hepp** who hit an amazing 89/100 targets. Our Runner Up was Justin Funk shooting an 85/100. These 2 guys are from the Branch County Club and come over to shoot skeet at our club often. Congratulations!

## Fortress Defense Classes for December

### Self-Defense "Kubotan" Class:

**Dec 4, 2021; 9 am-12 pm; limited to 20 students**

The Kubotan is a form of the Japanese Yawara stick, a martial art weapon designed as a lever/force multiplier for compliance, holds, and take downs. The modern version is a plastic or metal 6" "stick", carried as a stand-alone device or on a key chain. Class is "hands on". Students will be applying holds and working with other students and instructors for the duration. Included with tuition, each student will receive their own Kubotan to take home. This is a non-firearm class. Class is 3-hours. Ages 14, and up. Cost: \$40 Go to <http://fortressdefense.com> for scheduling details and to sign up

### Tactical Treatment of Gunshot Wounds/Trauma Medical

**December 4, 2021, 1 pm – 5 pm**

ETGW (Emergency Treatment of Gunshot Wounds) is based on military lessons from active gunfights. It differs from civilian Emergency Medical, which is based upon blunt trauma. ETGW is designed to instruct non-medical personnel the basics of immediately treating and stabilizing gunshot wounds, stab wounds, and other life-threatening injury during the time it takes to get the victim proper medical care. Students will receive basic tactical medical kit. Go to <http://fortressdefense.com> for scheduling details and class fees

## Hunter Education Field Day Held



Our Club held a Hunter Education field day on Saturday, Oct 23. A total of 35 students attended this event out of 50 that had signed up on-line. For more Hunter Ed classes and Field Days, go to the MI DNR website to find an open class and sign up. There are no in-person sign-ups any longer as the DNR has gone to on-line only for registration of classes.

**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 Sept balance on hand was checking \$ 26,843.20 and in the CDs \$ 25,103.40 in pre-paid dues, \$ 79,388.64 in the Emergency Fund, \$ 28,187.82 Wink CD, plus raffle fund \$ 3,980.03 and PayPal \$ 9,624.27.

**Membership Status:** As of Sept Membership meeting we had a total of 944 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.

**OFFICERS**

President	Jeff Brazo	651-9076
Vice President	Paul Hassenger	625-4668
Executive Secretary	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Treasurer	Tom McLaughlin	651-9951
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

District #1	Kathy Book	659-4056
	Denny Parker	535-4739
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	Tom McLaughlin	506-3361
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
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**Weekly / League Activities**

Trap & Skeet	Larry & Leslie York	483-6803
Trap – Tues	Bill Thompson	279-7737
5 Stand Sporting Clays	Larry & Leslie York	483-6803
Archery	<i>Open</i>	<i>pending</i>
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	Shawn Scott	251-8126
Youth 4-H	Nelson Schug	(248) 379-8654

**Executive Secretary:** Kathy Crandall  
 PO Box 339  
 Sturgis, MI 49091  
 269-341-5930

All area code 269 unless noted

- 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  
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**AT LARGE:** Areas outside of St Joseph County

**Membership Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec**

**New Memberships (18) — September**

Michael Brink	Three Rivers, MI
Robert John Elore	Three Rivers, MI
Michael John Mirras III	Three Rivers, MI
Sally Rebecca Morris	Sturgis, MI
Rosemary Regan	White Pigeon, MI
Rick Dean Russell	Centreville, MI
Tim Sell	Sturgis, MI
Jon Arthur Shoup	Constantine, MI
James Lee Smith-Hall	Sturgis, MI
Tyler W Tice	Middlebury, IN
Todd A Tice	Middlebury, IN
Michael L Tilbury	Three Rivers, MI
Anthony James VanNest	Sturgis, MI
Daniel Ralph Weber	Sturgis, MI
Ron Applebey	Vicksburg, MI
Thomas Ewing	Syracuse, IN
Ryan Gingrich	White, Pigeon, MI
Dale Richie	Marcellus, MI

***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**

Jeff Brazo (President)	pm2brazo@frontier.com
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Shawn Scott (SASP Coach/Director)	pending
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Jim Perlberg (Pub Relations)	gunslinger6@mc.com
Allen Kasdorf (MUCC)	allenkasdorf@gmail.com
Gary Kondek (.22 Shoots)	gary.kondek@yahoo.com
Nancy Lawrence (Dist 4 Director)	jlawrence1700@charter.net
Paul Hassenger (Vice President)	phassenger@yahoo.com
Tom McLaughlin (Treasurer)	trmclaughlin@frontier.com
<i>Open (Archery)</i>	pending
Denny Parker (Dist 1)	Stormrider.dp@icloud.com
Mike Philley (Vice Pres. & IDPA)	mphilley60@gmail.com
Andy Rockwell (Lower Range Dir)	zrock4365@hotmail.com
Bill Thompson (Dist #2 Director)	sparkyv96@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)	conservationclubeditor@gmail.com

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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.**

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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.

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.