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Meeting

Notes

- **Membership Meeting**
7 PM Monday, Sept 14
- **Board Meeting 7 PM**
Monday, July 27

**Happy
Independence
Day**

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MI Zone 6 ATA Trap Shoot Results



The Club successfully ran the 2-day MI Zone 6 ATA shoot on June 6 and 7 at our Club. This was the first 2-day registered trap shoot our Club held in recent history and may be the first time we've ever held a Michigan Zone shoot at the Club. The program for Saturday was 100 Singles Targets, 100 Handicap Targets, and 100 Doubles Targets. Sunday's event was the 200 Championship Singles.

A total of 65 shooters shot over 17,000 targets over the 2 days. We had shooters from Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. Zone 6 comprises most of lower Southwest Michigan from Berrien to Hillsdale up to Ingham to Allegan counties. The MI Zone 6 200-Singles Winners were (pictured above L to R) Ryan Alberda Class D, Taya Bower Class C, Dennis Doebling Class B, Elliott Alberda Class A, and Jacob Patterson Class AA. These Class trophies were provided by the Michigan Trapshooting Association. Our Club provided other trophies for all events for both Saturday's Class and Yardage winners and Sunday's category winners. High All Around was Elliott Alberda. It was the Alberdas (father and son) first time here at our club!

A huge "Thank You" goes out to all the Club volunteers that made this event successful, including Pete and Anne Davis, Bob Besser, Kathy Crandall, Jack Boughton, Ray Bowes, Karen and Jim Perlberg, Erin and Walt Zablocki, John Wagner, Roy Rawlinson, Justin Coon, Bill Thompson, plus Larry and Leslie York. Hope I didn't miss anyone! Our next ATA trap shoot is set for Sunday, August 23.

New Club Website Up and Running



If you haven't had a chance yet, you should go check out our Club's new website at <https://www.conservationclub.net>.

We had to change the domain from conservationclub.us to **conservationclub.net** as the new program and hosting site did not support the .us extension. Please change any saved links to the old webpage to this new one. Currently the old one is being trans-

ferred to the new one but that will stop come early next year. I think you'll find this new site much more vibrant and updated. *Please contact Leslie York at 269-483-6803 or trapgeek2010@gmail.com for changes to activities for updating the Club's on-line calendar or requested changes to our new website.*

Trap Event Changes

Due to various factors related to the virus pandemic, some changes had to be made for the trap shooting events in 2020. In addition, a few BIG 50 events have been added due to requests by members.

- March 22 ATA shoot has been rescheduled to **November 22**
- August 30 ATA shoot has been rescheduled to **August 23**

The following BIG 50's were added:

- July 5, July 12, July 19, Aug 16

The August "Doubles & More" ATA shoot was supplanted by the re-scheduled Michigan State Trap Shoot. Therefore the trap directors decided it was better to move that event up 1 week to August 23. See page 3 for other related updates.

Please Refer to the on-line Calendar for up-to-date information on Club activities and cancelations or contact the Activity or Range Director. Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 planned activities may change with very short notice. Stay Safe!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5: Trap BIG 50
 July 6: Defensive Handgun 101
 July 11-12: Fortress Defense-IDPA
 July 11:NRL22 (Rifle Range)
 July 11: CPL Class
 July 12: Trap BIG 50
 July 13: Defensive Handgun 102
 July 18: IDPA
 July 19: Cowboy Action
 July 19: Carbine Defensive Shotgun
 July 19: Trap BIG 50
 July 20: Defensive Handgun 103
 July 25-26: **Hoosier Daddy-IDPA**
 July 27: Board Meeting 7pm
SASP Practices Tues & Thurs 6:30p

Club Ground Changes - Garbage Dumpster Relocated



In preparation for the new restroom facilities coming in 2021, some necessary ground work has started. The propane tank has been disconnected and sent for refurbishing. (This means no gas stove for a bit.) It will be relocated once it's returned to the Club. The garbage dumpster has been relocated next to where the fuel tank is located. The concrete block was also miraculously moved too, thanks to Paul Hassenger and friends. Not sure how they accomplished that!

Soon a new drain field will be installed around the area on the path to 5-Stand near the pavilion and behind trap field 2. We'll try to keep the membership apprised on the progress of these improvements through the newsletter.

Defensive Handgun 101, 102, and 103 Classes

The Defensive Handgun 101, 102, & 103 series classes are being held this month on July 6, 13, and 20, respectively. These classes allow people with CPL, or at least CPL training, to learn skills appropriate to carrying in public.

These classes are all range time, developing skills in holstering, moving and shooting, and engaging multiple targets. These classes are listed as DH101, DH102, and DH103 on the calendar, with the intention of taking them in order.

If interested, please contact Jeff Brazo for more information on any of these Classes or to register, 269-689-0200.

Youth SCTP Team Going to Nationals

The Club's youth Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) St. Joe County Straight Shooters trap team is sending 15 youth to the 2-day Trap Shooting National Championship in Marengo OH July 17-18. The team just recently restarted practices as the Michigan SCTP had halted all practices and competitions due to the virus pandemic. Although Michigan SCTP canceled the SCTP State trap shoot, the National organization has gone forward with its National Championship in the shotgun sports. A separate virtual competition is also offered for those states that have not allowed resumption of group activities.

The MI State SASP (Scholastic Action Shooting Program) rifle and pistol sister program did allow the state shoot in rifle and pistol, which was held at our club in June, but the National SASP organization opted not to compete in person at the National event. However, they are also holding a virtual competition and our youth SASP Sherman Hills Straight Shooters team is participating in that virtual event.

Best of luck to both teams in their bid for a great National competition!

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 May balance on hand was \$98,998.26 in checking and \$20,688.21 in pre-paid dues CD, \$78,521.33 in the Emergency CD Fund, \$3,938.79 in the raffle fund, and the Wink CD of \$28,040.42.

Membership Status: As of May we had a total of 785 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
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Treasurer	Laura Decker	384-9191
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

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COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

Membership Activities		
Newsletter/Website	Leslie York	483-6803
Advertising (Newsletter)	Jim Perlberg	(313) 310-4897
Public Relations	Jim Perlberg	(313) 310-4897
NRA Recruiter	Leslie York	483-6803
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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
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Club Websites and Facebook Sites

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

IDPA: www.facebook.com/stjoecoconservationclubidpa/

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

Youth Trap: www.facebook.com/stjoecountystraightshootertrap/

Membership Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

Father's Day Carbine Match Report

It was a good day for a match. A pretty good turnout for Father's Day. July we are planning on having a Combat Shotgun Match then in August resuming the Carbine Matches for the remainder of the season. We had several new shooters this time and I wish to do two things, one welcome the new shooters and two, thank the regular shooters for their advice coaching of the newbies. Scores are posted on the website.

P.S. As many of you know Field and Stream (part of Dicks) removed their AR inventory and lost customer support. Well the Kalamazoo store is now a **Sportsman Warehouse**. Good news for the gun community.
Submitted by Jay Baker

NOTICE: TRAP & SKEET SIGN UP CHANGES - 6/23

Trap & Skeet Shooting Sign-Up on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings has moved back indoors to the normal shotgun sign up table. There is a plastic barrier set up at the table and clubhouse tables are spread out to accommodate social distancing. A section of tables and chairs is blocked off at this time and not in use for these events.

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.**



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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
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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: **\$30** 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.