



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

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Meeting

Notes

- **Membership Meeting**
7 PM Monday, Dec 13
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, October 25



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National Trapshooting Day Oct 10

i.e. the ATA "Leather Shoot"

Our next ATA trap shoot is set for Sunday, October 10. This is our **National Trapshooting Day** shoot with various **Shamrock Leather** trophies for the winners. The first 50 participants receive a National Trapshooting Day pin. A breakfast and lunch are planned.

This shoot is the standard a 3-Event shoot with a 100-Singles Target Event followed by 100 Handicap and 100 Doubles targets events. You can shoot 1 event, 2 events, or all three. There is a High Over All (HOA) winner for the best combined score of these 3 events. The HOA winner will receive a **flat of shells** (10 individual boxes). This year the **Singles Champion** will receive the very nice Shamrock Leather shooting bag. There are trophies for youth and lady shooters as well.

As the new ATA season has started September 1st, you will need to renew your ATA membership at this shoot unless you have already renewed with the ATA.

RETURN OF HUNTER ED FIELD DAYS

The St. Joseph County Conservation and Sportsman Club will be offering a Hunter Education Field Day on Saturday, October 23. You **MUST** take or have taken the on-line or home study class (or a previous in-person class) in order to participate in this **FIELD DAY ONLY**. In order to take this Field Day, you must go on-line with the Michigan DNR to register for the Hunter Education Class (if you have not already taken it) and you must also register on-line with the DNR for the Field Day. The Conservation Club is not taking any registrations in person.

The hands-on, in-person Field Day portion is limited to the first 50 students that sign up with the DNR on-line with a reserve of 10 (if some of the 50 drop out).

Restroom Project Update - September

Project status as of September 23: The facility painting has been completed. The electrical connections are all completed and working. The fixtures, toilets, and sinks are set but not yet operational. Doors will be installed before the end of September and all accessories will be installed, including some storage cabinets for supplies. The entry ramp will be completed soon. This project is nearing completion; it is just around the corner!

A big **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who assisted parts of the project to save the club some money, and especially to **Paul Hassenger** who diligently kept this project going to completion.

Cowboy Corner

Hidden Valley Cowboys September Match

The Valley had 26 shooters for our September 19 match, we had several visitors stop by again this month. We had 3 new shooters this month, Angry Andrew, Eagle Eye Erin and Mugsy. This match we had 3 Clean shooters, JC Smoke, Ms. Blazin and Ranger Mike, Congratulations!

I would like to thank Cayuse Jack for helping me out with posse duties great Cowboy always willing to help out when needed. Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee and Donuts, and our lunch, Smoked Chicken and all the fixens with it. I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, Sauk Trail Mike, Triple Threat, Sauk Valley Stubby, Ya Big Tree, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be October 17, 2021. Registration opens at 8:15 AM, side shoots start at 8:30 AM, and the mandatory safety meeting starts at 9:45 AM, preceding the main match. Once again we will be doing something special for our last match of the season in October. We will be Shooting 6 Stages... Lunch will be served Free for every one... Yee-Haw, Free Vittles! Ladies will Shoot for Free... Regular Match fee of \$15 for Men folk, Buckaroo's and Buckarette's always shoot Free. Maybe a few more surprises, hope to see ya there!

Johnny Rebel
574-349-3764



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 2: NRL22 (Rifle Range)
- Oct 3: **Shotgun Ironman**
- Oct 3: BIG 50 Trap
- Oct 9: CPL Class (IDPA)
- Oct 10: **ATA Shoot** (Trap Range)
- Oct 16: IDPA
- Oct 16 & 17: Fortress Def (Rifle) IDPA
- Oct 17: **Cowboy Action**
- Oct 17: Carbine (IDPA)
- Oct 17: BIG 50 Trap
- Oct 23: Hunter Ed Field Day
- Oct 24: Big 50 Trap
- Oct 25: Board Meeting
- Oct 31: Big 50 Trap

Shotgun "Ironman" Match Set for October 24*

The Club is holding its friendly **Annual Shotgun "Ironman"** (or Iron Woman) Match on Sunday October 24 at 1:00 pm (or when morning open trap & skeet shooting is done, which ever is later). A Hot Dog lunch is planned around noon. This event will consist of shooting one round of skeet, one standard 16-yard trap round, one round of **WOBBLE Trap**, and one 5-Stand Sporting Clays round for a total of 100 rounds. You may use the same or different guns for the different events, but there is no handicapping if using gauges smaller than 12 gauge. Standard target loads of 7.5, 8, or 9 shot sizes allowed. No heavy loads to keep it fair. Accolades and a trophy plus money for the Best-of-the Best "All Around" Combined Shotgunner. Who's in? Cost is \$25 and includes 1 round each of skeet, trap, wobble trap, and 5-stand. Open to Club members and non-members. Youth are welcome. Contact **269-483-6803** for more details or to pre-register. You can also sign up the day of the match. So come on out and bring your friends! ***DATE WAS REVISED DUE TO PREDICTED RAIN ON OCT 3**

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



Club Fair Booth

Our Club once again had a display booth at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair. A Big Thank You to all the volunteers that spent time representing the club at the Fair and spreading the good news of all the activities our club has to offer. We saw old and new faces, passed out member applications, and talked up a storm!

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 August balance on hand was checking \$ 25,466.73 and in the CDs \$ 25,103.40 in pre-paid dues, \$ 79,388.64 in the Emergency Fund, \$28,138.96 Wink CD, plus raffle fund \$ 3,942.38 and PayPal \$ 9,624.27.

Membership Status: As of July Membership meeting we had a total of 928 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	Open	pending
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
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All area code 269 unless noted

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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

Membership Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

New Memberships (9) — August

Graydon Baima	Bristol, IN
Angie Baker	Mendon, MI
Richard Bowser	Three Rivers, MI
Kimberlee Kae Carpenter	White Pigeon, MI
Paul Duane Hamilton, JR	Vicksburg, MI
Raymond Kiendl	Cassopolis, MI
Audrey King	Three Rivers, MI
Travis Muno	Three Rivers, MI
David Sutton	Constantine, 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.



Board Changes and By-Laws Updates:

SASP Youth Rifle/Pistol Team Head Coach: Shawn Scott

Archery: is Open, due to resignation of Larry Murray

By-Laws Proposal Changes: If anyone wishes to make any changes to our By-Laws, submit your requested changes in writing to the board by the December Member Meeting.

Officers, Directors, E-mail Listings

Jeff Brazo (President)	pm2brazo@frontier.com
John Daniels (Cowboy Action)	johndaniels@imcaa.com
Kathy Crandall (Exec-Sec)	kmcrandall952@gmail.com
Randy Crandall (Dist 3 Director)	kmc52ran@aol.com
Pete Davis (Dist 4 Director)	pdavis@fillmoreeq.com
Benson Baumeister (Dist #3 Director)	bbaumeister92@gmail.com
Shawn Scott (SASP Coach/Director)	pending
Laura Decker (Treasurer)	culligan1@charter.net
Jim Perlberg (Pub Relations)	gunslinger6@me.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
Open (Archery)	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)	sparkyvt96@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.

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.