



# 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, January 27

**Happy  
New Year!**

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## York Wins 2019 Fall Trap League

This year's winner of the Annual Fall Trap League is **Larry York** who bested the field of 17 shooters to take the top spot by hitting 291/300 targets. He is a repeat winner from last year's Fall Trap League. This event was composed of 2 rounds of 16-yard trap each week for the 6 weeks. Winners were determined by the Lewis Class System. The remaining winners were:

Class 1, Second Place:	<b>Jeff Bailey</b> (283/300)
Class 1, Third Place:	<b>Karen Schreiber-Perlberg</b> (279/300)
Class 2, First Place:	<b>Nelson Curtis</b> (266/300)
Class 2, Second Place:	<b>Don Powell</b> (265/300)
Class 2, Third Place:	<b>Don Heimstra</b> (252/300)
Class 3, First Place:	<b>Dan Dustin</b> (234/300)
Class 3, Second Place:	<b>Walt Zablocki</b> (229/300)
Class 3, Third Place:	<b>Duane Cessna</b> (210/300)

This fall we combined the league with optional ATA BIG 50 shoots for those who were interested in getting some of their targets registered with the ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association). This was so successful that we are again offering this BIG 50 option with our Winter Trap League starting January 5. See page 2 for more details on the winter Trap League.

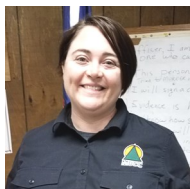
The more shooters we have the more winners we have, due to the breakdown of the Lewis Class system. So come on out and have some winter fun.

See you all on the trap line! *The Trap Directors*

## Public Relations Director Position Filled

The open position of PR Director has been filled and subsequently approved at the December Membership Meeting. **James "Jim" Perlberg** has graciously volunteered for this vital role for the Club. Jim, a resident of Three Rivers, has recently retired from teaching college in Ohio and has been a club member for many years. The position basically entails contacting the local media outlets, including local newspapers and/or radio stations, for putting in notices of upcoming activities as needed, setting up speakers or other presentations for our Quarterly Membership meetings, and generally being a point of contact with the public as deemed necessary by the board of directors. Jim's contact phone number is 313-310-4897 and his email is [gunslinger6@me.com](mailto:gunslinger6@me.com). Let's give Jim a big welcome to the Board!

## December Membership Meeting Wrap-up



There were 34 members in attendance for the December Quarterly Membership Meeting held at the Club on 12/9/19. The program for this meeting was Amy Trotter, Executive Director of MUCC, talking all things MUCC with a question and answer period after.



A pot-luck was held during this meeting and everyone enjoyed the food and friendship. A big thanks to all the cooks and bakers that brought in the yummy food.

Next Quarterly Membership Meeting is the Annual Meeting on March 9. This is also our Annual Chili Cook-off and election of officers.

## Rifle & Pistol Range

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 openers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 1: Trap & Pot Luck 10am-1pm  
 Jan 5: Winter Trap League Starts  
 Jan 5: Big 50 ATA Trap  
 Jan 11: CPL Class  
 Jan 11: SASP Practice Pistol Range  
 Jan 12: Big 50 ATA Trap  
 Jan 20: Budget Meeting  
 Jan 25: SASP Practice Pistol Range  
 Jan 26: Big 50 ATA Trap  
 Jan 27: Board Meeting

## Winter Trap League Jan 5 to March 15

This year's **Winter Trap League** has been changed up. It will be **SINGLES ONLY** with the "**OPTION to REGISTER**" your targets as a **Big 50** each week, providing enough people are interested each week. We need 3 to hold a registered event. The trap money league will run for 11-weeks with 10 of the weeks scores to count; 50 targets (2 rounds) each week. We will drop your lowest score if all 11 weeks' scores are shot.

Both registered and non-registered may shoot the league and may shoot on the same squads. Plus open Trap will continue concurrently with these events. We will need at least 3 shooters to shoot registered for the Big 50 to count that week. And you don't have to shoot registered every week. But this option must be decided by the shooter before shooting that week. This is a good way to get your ATA registered targets in. Youth shooters are also very welcome to participate! **If enough youth want to participate (minimum 10) we can have a "youth only" category where they will not compete with the adults.**

The appropriate reduced fees will apply to those wishing to register their targets with the ATA. The cost will be \$20 for the league pot of money, plus each week's shoot fees (targets), and the ATA & MTA reduced daily fees *if shooting registered for that week*. Reduced fees are half of normal daily & MTA target assessment fees. Questions? Call, text or email **269-483-6803**, [trapgeek2010@gmail.com](mailto:trapgeek2010@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Trap Co-Director Leslie York*

## 2020 Fortress Defense Classes

**Fortress Defense;** [www.fortressdefense.com](http://www.fortressdefense.com) Frank Sharpe owns Fortress Defense Consultants. He has worked extensively in firearm and defensive training. His fee structure is very reasonable

- **Women's Defense 2/1/20**, \$50 fee, this is a non-firearm class, February 1, 2020, 8:30 am to 1 pm, limited to 20 students. In the Clubhouse
- **Mass Casualty Emergency Medical Response 2/1/20**, \$150 fee includes trauma kit, February 1, 2020, 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm in the Clubhouse
- **Level 1 Defensive Handgun 5/2-3/20**, \$395 fee, May 2-3, 2020 and will include low light/night shooting.

See these link above and go to Schedule for info registration.

## New Year's Day Trap Shooting 10am-1pm

As a fun activity this year we are holding a mid-week **Trap Shoot & Eat Day** on Wednesday, January 1 from 10am to 1pm. Standard target fees will apply but we encourage you to bring a carry-in pot luck item to share. Anything will do, such as soup, chili, cookies (left over Christmas ones work great!), pie, cake, or whatever you wish. The club will provide hot dogs. Bring your friends, bring your family, but mostly bring your shotgun and let's have some fun! What better way to ring in the new year! Plus you can get all practiced up and sign-up for the Winter Trap League or BIG 50's that start on Sunday January 5.

**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 \$71,908.38 in checking and \$20,636.44 in pre-paid dues CD, \$78,090.07 in the Emergency CD Fund, \$3,935.36 in the raffle fund, and the Wink CD of \$28,015.70.

**Membership Status:** As of Nov we had a total of 823 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 John Brummett at 651-5197 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**

<b>Membership Activities</b>		
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

<b>Administrative Activities</b>		
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

<b>Fund Raising Activities</b>		
Fair Sign-up	Nancy Lawrence	651-1700

<b>Weekly / League Activities</b>		
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  
PO Box 339  
Sturgis, MI 49091  
269-341-5930

All area code 269 unless noted

## **Club Websites and Facebook Sites**

**WEB PAGE:** <http://www.conservationsclub.us>

**IDPA:** [www.facebook.com/stjoecoconservationclubidpa/](http://www.facebook.com/stjoecoconservationclubidpa/)

**Trap/skeet:** [www.facebook.com/stjoecountytrapandskeet/](http://www.facebook.com/stjoecountytrapandskeet/)

**Youth Trap:** [www.facebook.com/stjoecountystraightshootertrap/](http://www.facebook.com/stjoecountystraightshootertrap/)

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

## **New Memberships — November BOD**

Jeremy Lynn Frey  
Ricky Hart  
Jonathan E Martin  
Robert J McDonald  
Michael Yoder  
Andrew Gest  
Billy Green

Shipshewana, IN  
Sturgis, MI  
Howe, IN  
Chicago, IL  
Shipshewana, IN  
Sturgis, MI  
Colon, MI

## **REMINDER:**

**PISTOL RANGE CLOSED DURING  
SASP YOUTH PRACTICES  
FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM**

- JAN 11, 25
- FEB 8, 22
- MAR 14

## ***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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Mark Griffin (SASP Director)	ffgrif@charter.net
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Jim Perlberg (Pub Relations)	gunslinger6@me.com
Allen Kasdorf (MUCC)	allenkasdorf@gmail.com
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Nancy Lawrence (Dist 4 Director)	jlawrence1700@charter.net
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Larry Murray (Archery)	info@lostnationarchery.com
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Newsletter Editor (Leslie York)	conservationsclubeditor@gmail.com

**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.

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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, **\$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.