



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

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Meeting

Notes

- **Membership Meeting**
7 PM Monday, Jun 14
- **Board Meeting** 7 PM
Monday, May 24

**Happy
Memorial
Day!**

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Annual Bill Kasdorf ATA Trap Results



Our second ATA trap shoot for this season was held on Sunday, **April 18**, the "**Bill Kasdorf Memorial**" **Handicap Shoot**. This shoot was 3 events composed of 100 Handicaps, 100 Singles, and another 100 Handicap targets.

Once again the High Over Winner was **Glen Rhyner**, from the **Vicksburg Bulldogs High School Trap Team**, but in this case it was the **High Handicap Combined Winner** hitting 179/200 handicap targets. Pictured is Larry York presenting the club trophy that

will add Glen's name to it. Glen also took High Junior trophy in the Singles and first Handicap Events. He place Third in the second Handicap event after winning a shoot off with Dave Harsanyi. Other major winners were **Emmett Carpenter** taking the top Champion spot in the Singles Event, besting all the adults while posting a personal best of 97/100. Emmett is a member of the Conservation Club's youth trap team **Straight Shooters**. The Handicap 1 Champion was **Evan Falk** with a 95/100 and the Handicap 2 Champion was **Emily Brentana** with a 91/100 after winning the shoot off with club member Roger Cook who finished in the Runner Up spot. This was the first time Evan and Emily were at our club. The remaining winners list can be seen on the Club's website under the ATA Trapshooting page of the "Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand" tab. This shoot had 29 shooters from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, as well as Michigan.

A huge Thank You to all our range helpers, including the scorers and loaders, the registration desk plus our kitchen staff and the guys and gals that set up the grounds beforehand. We could not run these shoots without all of you!

Our remaining ATA shoots this year are Aug 29 and October 10, which is our "**National Trapshooting Day**" leather bag shoot. There is also a few BIG 50 Summer Shoots scheduled for May 16, June 20, July 18, and August 15.

Request for Demolition Help to Start Restroom Project

Paul Hassenger is looking for club members to help us start the dismantling and removal of the front "porch" section of the clubhouse in preparation for the new restroom addition project. This is where we currently enter the clubhouse from the parking lot. The work is planned during the day time (no evenings) and only on weekdays (no weekends). He would like to spread out the work so as not to overwork any individual.

If interested in sparing a few hours to help out your club, please contact **Paul Hassenger** at **269-625-4668** to work out the details of what needs to be done and a work schedule.

Once this work commences, access to the clubhouse will be through either the door facing the trap range, the far right door, or the kitchen/breakroom door.



FOUND: SET OF KEYS IN PARKING LOT

This set of keys were found in December in the Club's main parking lot. They have been hanging on the board outside the Men's restroom. No one has claimed them. If this set of keys belongs to you, please contact Leslie at 269-483-6803 to claim.

New Board Contacts

Vice President:

Paul Hassenger, 269-625-4668

Treasurer:

Tom McLaughlin, 269-506-3361,
email tom.mclaughlin.retired@gmail.com

District 1 Director:

Denny Parker, cell 269-535-4739,
home phone 269 279 9010 , and
email Stormrider.dp@icloud.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1-2: Level 1 Handgun
May 8: CPL Class
May 15: NRL22, Rifle Range
May 16: BIG 50 Trap
May 16: Youth Trap Fund Raiser (pm)
May 16: Cowboy Action
May 22: CLUBHOUSE RENTED (pm)
May 22-23: Team Tactical-Rifle
May 24: Board Meeting
May 29: IDPA
May 30: Carbine
June 5-6: Level 2 Rifle
June 12: CPL Class
June 13: CLUBHOUSE RENTED (pm)
June 14: Membership Meeting

St Joe Co Straight Shooters Trap Team & Fund Raiser



Our Club's youth Trap Team, the **St. Joe Co. SCTP Straight Shooters**, (pictured above at practice on a Tuesday evening) have started their competition season with their first shoots completed. This year there are 17 student athletes so far from multiple schools in our county and beyond. We also have home-schooled athletes as part of our team, and 2 students from just over the border in Indiana as there are no SCTP teams in their area. We have 5 certified adult coaches.

On April 17 they traveled to the **John A. Halter Olympic Shooting Center** in Hillsdale to compete in the annual SCTP Trap season opener in the Southwest Conference of the Michigan Scholastic Clay target Program (SCTP). The team took 10 student athletes to this event and one of the team members, **Jovey LaRoy**, took the High Intermediate Advanced top score to win a medal. She was elated.

Their next competition was at Mason Michigan April 24 for the brand new **Spring Fling** youth shoot hosted by the **Michigan Trapshooting Association** (MTA). This shoot invited student athletes from all youth trap sports programs, including SCTP, AIM, and the High School Clay Target League, in which both Constantine and Vicksburg High Schools participate. Vicksburg HS also sent a squad to this fun shoot. Results are pending as of this writing.

Then from May though July the team has several more travelling competitions, including the SW MI SCTP Conference Championship, Howard TWP Conservation Club youth shoot, the SCTP State Championship, the AIM State Championship, and the season culminates in the SCTP National Trap Championships held for 2 days in Ohio. The team has attended this shoot for the past 4 years.

Although we write grants to the **NRA Foundation** and **MidwayUSA Foundation** to help with costs for this program, there just isn't enough this year. Therefore, to help defray the cost of attending the Nationals in July, our team is holding a "**Pull-4-Pledges**" **Fun-Raiser** on the afternoon of **May 16**. This fund raising opportunity consists of an afternoon of trap shooting 2-rounds of trap (50 targets) by the youth team after obtaining "sponsors". The sponsors will pledge a certain amount "per target hit" of the 50 targets during the competition, or they can pledge a flat fee. The team is looking to raise up to \$1000 to help cover the cost of entry fees of \$76/athlete for 15-17 athletes as we showcase our team. Families and friends are invited to attend the match and cheer on our trap athletes. If you wish to donate towards this cause, please contact **Coach York at 269-483-6803**.

NRA Memberships to Club Members receive discounts thru our Club NRA Recruiter. The back page has an NRA membership application for the 1 year membership (\$35). Contact the Club NRA Recruiter at 269-483-6803 if you are interested in multi-yr.

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 Mar balance on hand was checking \$ 102,631.76 and in the CDs \$ 24,216.53 in pre-paid dues, \$ 79,173.89 in the Emergency Fund, \$ 28,138.96 Wink CD, plus raffle fund \$ 3,942.02 and PayPal \$ 1,279.65.

Membership Status: As of March we had a total of 862 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	Paul Hassenger	625-4668
Executive Secretary	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Treasurer	Tom McLaughlin	506-3361
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

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	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
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269-341-5930

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 (25) — March

Matthew Davis	Sturgis, MI
Adam Decker	Sturgis, MI
Michael A Edison	Three Rivers, MI
Charles F Fisher	Constantine, MI
Michael J Gilbert	Three Rivers, MI
Thomas Hausen	Indianapolis, IN
Skyler Jay Hoyt	Union City, MI
Don Kinney III	Scotts, MI
Michael “Andy” Kiss	Colon, MI
James Allen Miller	LaGrange, IN
Teresa F Mott	Mendon, MI
Thomas Peak	Chicago, IL
Austin Rensi	Three Rivers, MI
Paul Michael Richmond	Vicksburg, MI
Steven M Rose	LaGrange, IN
Douglas Simpson	Elkhart, IN
Tristen Lee Snider	Elkhart, IN
Robert H Stuck	Sturgis, MI
Eugene Lawrence Wellman	Colon, MI
Michael Jon Willma	Sturgis, MI
Thomas Wolford	Eaton Rapids, MI
Kenneth Roberts	Sturgis, MI
Lee Rohr	Sturgis, MI
Kenyon Waldron	Kalamazoo, MI
Larry Westgate	Jones, 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

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Laura Decker (Treasurer)	culligan1@charter.net
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Nancy Lawrence (Dist 4 Director)	jlawrence1700@charter.net
Paul Hassenger (Vice President)	phassenger@yahoo.com
Tom McLaughlin (Treasurer)	tom.mclaughlin.retired@gmail.com
Larry Murray (Archery)	info@lostonationarchery.com
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)	sparkyvf96@yahoo.com
Larry York (Trap, Skeet, 5 Stand)	larry.york54@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 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.

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.