



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

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## Meeting

### Notes

- **Membership Meeting**  
**7 PM Monday, Mar 8**
- Board Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, March 29

**Member  
Meeting  
March 8**

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## Annual Membership Meeting Notice

This month is our Annual Membership Meeting and “**Wild Game Chili Cook-off**” set for **March 8** at 7:00 pm. We will be electing the 2021-2022 Club Officers and Directors. All Officers are currently unopposed, except for the position of Vice President, where we have 4 current board members running for this position - in alphabetical order are - **Benson Baumeister, Paul Hassenger, Allen Kasdorf** and **Andy Rockwell**. We also have an unopposed candidate (**Tom McLaughlin**) for the open position of Treasurer vacated by Laura Decker. In addition there is one by-laws change being proposed that will need to be voted on by the membership. This change is related to board meetings to allow for virtual meetings in the event of future pandemics, or other causes, where meeting in person cannot be accommodated.

The agenda for the annual meeting is as follows:

- Conservation Pledge
- Introductions
- Reading of the Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
- Annual Executive Secretary's Report
- Annual Treasurer's Report
- Annual Reports from Committees / Activities
- By-laws Change Vote
- Election of Officers and then Directors
- Good of the Corporation
- Adjournment

Don't forget to bring your **wild game chili entry**, and bring your appetite! You will be voting on the best chili, as well as Club Officers and Directors. **Don't forget to renew your dues in order to vote in the Club's election.** You can renew your membership on that night so bring your checkbooks or cash!

## “End O' Winter” ATA Trap Shoot Set for March 21

Our first Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) trap shoot for this 2021 season is set for Sunday, March 21, the “End O' Winter” Shoot. We will have the usual three events, 100 singles, 100 handicaps, and 100 doubles targets. A light breakfast and lunch will be available as “take-out”. Youth are welcome to shoot as well as club members and non-members. **You can join ATA at any ATA shoot.** Annual ATA memberships are \$20 adult, \$12 youth. We have trophies for the winners in place and categories for all 3 events.

This year there are a total of four registered shoots. The other three ATA shoots open to the public are April 18, Aug 29, and October 10, the “**National Trapshooting Day**” leather bag shoot. There is also a Summer BIG 50 Shoot scheduled for August 15, plus several more Big 50's that will run concurrent with our Fall Trap League, Sundays Sept 19-Nov 21.

## DUES are DUE Mar 1

Remember, any club member who has not paid their dues by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** will have their electronic key cards deactivated. If this happens, **DO NOT THROW YOUR CARD AWAY!** Your card will be re-activated when you do pay your dues.

## Board Round-Up

### January BOD Key Points:

- High Power Rifle to start up on Tues March 2 thru Oct, 6-8pm
- New Activities approved include:
  - a) Fortress Def. Woman's Self Defense class on Apr 3, 8am-noon
  - b) Fortress Def. Tactical Med class on Apr 3, Noon-4pm
  - c) Other Fortress Def. Classes: Apr 24 -25 Level 1 Rifle; May 1-2 Level 1 Handgun; May 22-23 Team Tactical Rifle; Jun 5-6 Level 2 Rifle; Aug 28-29 Level 2-Handgun

### February BOD Key Points:

- NWTF JAKES DAY set for 8/21
- **Restroom Project Update:** The committee presented the best bid package and plan including air conditioning for the main clubhouse and heat and air for the restrooms. The Board approved the plan by a required 2/3 vote. No loan will be required for this project. Next step is plan review for permitting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 7: BIG 50, 9am; Youth Trap 2pm  
 Mar 8: Annual Membership Meeting  
 Mar 13: CPL Class  
 Mar 13: NRL22; SASP Practice  
 Mar 14: BIG 50, 9am; Youth Trap 2pm  
 Mar 16: Tues Trap & Skeet Starts  
 Mar 20: IDPA  
 Mar 21: ATA Trap Shoot  
 Mar 27: IDPA *Safety Officer Training*  
 Mar 29: Board Meeting

## "Up Close and Personal" Defensive Handgun

Jeff Brazo and John Farnam will be instructing Defense Training International's (DTI) class UCAP (Up Close and Personal) Course at the St. Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Sturgis, MI, on the weekend of **April 10-11, 2021**. This DTI Program will concentrate on successful strategies for close-range lethal encounters. Included is Retention and Disarms. This is a Defensive Handgun Course and it is beneficial for all Operators. **This DTI Course is not intended for beginners.** Plan on joining us! As always, you can register directly on DTI's Web Page Schedule at **defense-training.com**. John S Farnam, DTI

## Proposed By-Laws Change

The proposed by-laws change to be voted on by the membership March 8 is to allow for virtual board meetings in the event of future pandemics, or other causes, where meeting in person cannot be accommodated. Text is as stated below:

### ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

#### Section 2. – Meetings

- (A) General and Special Meetings
- (4) In the event a scheduled Board of Directors meeting cannot be held in person due to a disruptive cause (e.g. governmental order prohibiting gatherings or other emergency cause), the President or his/her designee (another officer) may call an alternative method for meeting, such as, but not limited to, audio conferencing, video conferencing, teleconferencing, such as a web-based conference meeting (e.g. Zoom or Microsoft Teams, or similar platforms). Nothing in this section will require this action to be taken. Roll call voice vote must be documented for any actions taken by the Board in an electronic meeting.

## Proposed New Firearm Laws, H.R. 127 & More

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Houston) has sponsored a new gun control bill, H.R. 127, which is similar to other bills she has proposed in the past. This bill would:

- *Establish a searchable gun registry, open to the public*
- *Require a federal license to possess firearms and ammunition*
- *Require the purchase of firearms insurance from the federal government*
- *Ban semi-auto rifles (including modern sporting rifles), pistols, shotguns, larger caliber ammunition, and any magazine with a capacity of over 10 rounds*
- *Require mandatory minimum prison sentences and fines for violations*

With no co-sponsors this particular bill will probably not see any action and if it did, would likely be challenged in the Supreme Court. **However**, there are also several other bills being proposed that would be detrimental to our Second Amendment rights, including denial of due process through Red Flag legislation, home firearms storage mandates, a new ban on modern rifles, expanded background checks with waiting periods, ending liability protections for firearms manufacturers, limits on the number of firearms and rounds of ammunition that you can buy, and a ban of online sales of firearms and ammunition. **Bottom line is**, we must become, and stay, informed citizens. Contact your representatives to express your concerns. Make your voices heard on firearm constitutional rights.

### **RANGE CLOSURE REMINDER:**

**CLOSED DURING SASP YOUTH PRACTICES from 10 AM TO 1 PM**

**Pistol Range: MAR 14 Rifle Range: MAR 27**

***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 Jan balance on hand was checking \$ 68,271.27 and in the CDs \$ 24,189.09 in pre-paid dues, \$ 78,954.98 in the Emergency Fund, \$ 28,114.16 Wink CD, plus raffle fund \$ 3,941.41 and PayPal \$1,279.65.

**Membership Status:** As of January we had a total of 939 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	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	625-4668
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

**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

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

## **New Memberships (36) — December & January**

James E Bojanowski	Lowell, IN
Theodore "TJ" Brubaker	Mishawaka, IN
David Cook	Mendon, MI
Gerald Cozort	Mendon, MI
Joshua Anthony Ferro	Sturgis, MI
Samuel Adam Fittro	Sturgis, MI
Christopher J Gill	Bronson, MI
Adam Goff	Three Rivers, MI
Rick C Gould	Sturgis, MI
Steve Hagadorn	Sturgis, MI
Craig Hardman	Grandville, MI
Sam Harris	Three Rivers, MI
Jack Harrison Jones	Constantine, MI
Kenneth J Kozial	Colon, MI
Ava Larson	Battle Creek, MI
Gary A Layher	Niles, MI
Matthew Martin	Sturgis, MI
Tyler McKerchie	Three Rivers, MI
Dave Miars	Constantine, MI
Mathew Miller	Middlebury, IN
Jeremy W Nelson	Burr Oak, MI
Jaime Nemire	Battle Creek, MI
William L Opal	Naperville, IL
Emily Pierce	Three Rivers, MI
Brian Randolph	Shipshewana, IN
John Dean Riley	Three Rivers, MI
Gage Roberts	Three Rivers, MI
Clint Roberts	Three Rivers, MI
Conor Schaub	Schoolcraft, MI
Eric Seath	Sturgis, MI
Adam Shank	Wolcottville, IN
Jared Ross Stevens	White Pigeon, MI
Peter P VandenBrink	Three Rivers, MI
Mark Weinegger	Shipshewana, IN
Larry Westcomb	Three Rivers, MI
Rick Ziolkowski	Portage, MI



Derek Willis, pictured, won our Valentine's Day Grand Prize candy gift box door prize drawing from our Feb 14 open trap shooting/ combo BIG 50 and Winter League events held on that day. Derek, a club member from the Grand Rapids area, has been shooting in the club's Winter League and BIG 50's. Our runner up and third place drawing winners were, Ava Larson and Matt Davis. They each won small "personalized" candy heart boxes of chocolates. It was a fun day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

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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.