



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, December 27



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December Membership Meeting

Monday, **December 13 at 7:00 pm** is our next Quarterly Membership Meeting. This is an important meeting as it is **our last chance** to propose any suggested amendments to our club by-laws. Suggested by-law changes must be submitted in writing to any board member. They will then be reviewed by the by-law committee to ensure they don't affect or conflict with other sections of the by-laws before presenting them for full review.

You can also propose, submit recommendations, or volunteer for any Club Officers or District Director positions at this meeting for the 2022-23 membership year. Elections for these positions occur at the next quarterly meeting, which is also the **Annual Membership Meeting on March 14, 2022** along with our wild game chili cook-off, and voting on any submitted by-law changes.

The board is also considering an increase in **membership dues** to support ongoing club and range improvements. As the Wink Trust CD has now been exhausted with the completion of the indoor restroom facilities, there are no more funds to draw from for these types of club improvements beyond our normal operating budget. The annual dues have not been increased from \$75 for well over a decade although all costs have increased over time. (*The only exception was the implementation of an initial, one-time, new member orientation fee of \$25.*)

The board of directors would like member input on any dues increase, which must be discussed and voted on by the board at 2 board meetings per our club by-laws. The December BOD meeting would be the second such meeting. You may discuss this issue with the board during the December membership meeting to ask questions or give your input. You may also contact any board member to express your thoughts, *especially your District Director who is elected by you to represent you*. Contact numbers for all board members are listed on page 3 of this newsletter. Also remember, members may attend any and all board meetings, you just don't have voting privileges at BOD meeting, just membership meetings. The board serves the membership and needs your input to properly run our club.

Membership Information Updates

Please Read: We have found that there are changes to member's information that is not getting updated as the Executive Secretary is not being informed by the members when changes occur. This includes **email addresses, phone numbers,** and even **addresses**. Please check to make sure your information is current and if any changes are needed, contact Kathy Crandall at kmcrandall952@gmail.com

Safety Spot 🍀

We had a decent turnout of members during firearm deer season's sight-in days on the rifle range. Our club provided volunteer Range Safety Officers (RSO) for help and monitoring during this time. Some RSO's noticed a few less-than-optimal firearm handling practices and offered their assistance to correct these potential deadly safety concerns.

Mainly some individuals were handling their firearm while others were downrange. This is a definite NO. The rule is absolutely **NO HANDLING** of any firearm while anyone is downrange for any reason. Coordination and cooperation is the key here.

Also some people were caught swinging their (unloaded) firearm muzzle in front of others. This also is always a huge NO-NO! We must always be cognizant of where others are and where our firearm is pointed. Remember **NEVER POINT A FIREARM** at a person! **Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.**

We must all be aware of others at all times while at the range. **Let's keep it safe for everyone.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRAP & SKEET WILL BE CLOSED ON TUE EVENINGS IN DECEMBER

Trap and skeet will be open 9am on Sundays

Dec 4: Kubotan Self-Defense Class 8-1pm

Dec 4: Tactical Med Class 1-4pm

Dec 11: CPL Class

Dec 13: Membership Meeting

Dec 27: Board Meeting

Jan 8: CPL Class

Jan 9: Winter Trap League/Big 50s Start

Walt Zablocki Wins 2021 Fall Trap League



The winner of this year's Fall Trap League was Walter Zablocki, who hit 358 out of 400 total targets for a score of 89.5%. Our Runner Up was Jim Perlberg with 84.5% (338/400), and the Third Place winner was Karen Perlberg with a score of 83.5% (334/400). This year had lower turnout than normal and we attributed this to the hardship of obtaining ammunition plus the cost if you did find any. We had some drop out due to various reasons as well. We will start up the Winter League in January with corresponding BIG 50's again. Hopefully we'll have a better turnout and get more than one Lewis class (*which means more winners!*).

Winter Trap League Jan 9 to Feb 27

This year's **Winter Trap League** will run from 1/9/22 to 2/27/22. It will be **SINGLES ONLY** with the "OPTION to REGISTER" your targets as a **Big 50** each week, if enough people are interested. We need 3 people to hold a registered event. It will be an 8-week league with 8 of the weeks scores to count, *unless the participants collectively choose less due to weather, etc.* There is a possibility to make-up missed rounds on Tuesdays by appointment. Each week will be 50 targets (2 rounds). Shoot can be modified if agreed upon by participants. This, of course, is all dependent on any prohibitions on gatherings.

Both registered and non-registered shooters may shoot the league and may even 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. This must be decided by the shooter before shooting that week, but it's a good way to get your ATA targets in. Youth shooters are also very welcome to participate!

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 and are \$4 (*unless changed by ATA or MTA*).

Call or text or email **269-483-6803** trapgeek2010@gmail.com

Cleaners Sought for Indoor Restroom

The club is looking for a cleaning person or persons to help maintain our new restroom. This would entail mopping floors, cleaning the fixtures, and stocking supplies about once a week or twice a month. If you are interested and willing to help out, please contact Paul Hassenger 629-4668 or Jeff Brazo 651-9076 for details and additional information. This could be a great way to help out and give back to your club.

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 Oct balance on hand was checking \$ 16,312.23 and in the CDs \$ 25,103.40 in pre-paid dues, \$ 79,388.64 in the Emergency Fund, Wink CD CLOSED, plus raffle fund \$ 980.36 and PayPal \$ 9,624.27.

Membership Status: As of Oct Membership meeting we had a total of 957 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

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
Sturgis, MI 49091
269-341-5930

All area code 269 unless noted

New Memberships (8) — October

William Frank Beery	Three Rivers, MI
Scott Benthin	Marcellus, MI
Jesse Burns	Scotts, MI
Larry Joseph Grandstaff	White Pigeon, MI
Kelly Hutchison	Sturgis, MI
Kenneth Andrew Scott	Centreville, MI
Aaron W Wiley	Elkhart, IN
Christina Yunker	Sturgis, MI

Merry
Christmas!

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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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
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Open (Archery)	pending
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Newsletter Editor (Leslie York)	conservationclubeditor@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

Membership Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

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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.