



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

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## Meeting

### Notes

- **Membership Meeting**  
**7 PM Monday, Dec 9**
- Board Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, December 30



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## December Membership Meeting & Pot Luck

Monday, **December 9 at 7:00 pm** is our next and upcoming Quarterly Membership Meeting. This is an important meeting as it is our last chance to propose any suggested amendments to our club by-laws. You can also propose, submit recommendations, or volunteer for Club Officers or District Directors at this meeting for the 2020-21 membership year. Elections for these positions occur at the next quarterly meeting, which is also the **Annual Membership Meeting on March 9, 2020** with our wild game chili cook-off and voting on any submitted by-law changes. 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.

Due to the great success at last year's December meeting, we are again holding a **Pot Luck** carry-in concurrent with this year's meeting. So bring anything you'd like to share from hot dishes to snacks or cookies! And of course bring your appetite and Christmas spirit.

We also have a **program** for this quarterly membership meeting; a big thank you to Nancy Lawrence for arranging this. **Amy Trotter, the Executive Director from MUCC**, will be here to do a 20-minute presentation on the MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs). Now would be the time to find out more about this sister organization that we all belong to as part of our membership with St. Joseph County Conservation and Sportsman Club.

So there are plenty of good reasons why you should all come out and enjoy an evening with your fellow members.

See you all there! *The Board of Directors*

## Public Relations Director Position Open

There is an opening on the Board of Directors for the volunteer position of Public Relations Director due to the resignation of Drew Hooley. Drew resigned the position due to his heavy work constraints. The Board of Directors thank Drew for his time on the board. 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. This is a vital, fun, and rewarding position for the right person who is outgoing and motivated to help advertise and promote the club and all it has to offer. If interested or just want to learn more about the position, contact Jeff Brazo at 269-651-9076.

## MUCC Grassroots: Conservation Policy Board

The next Conservation Policy Board meeting is on Dec. 7 at Hillsdale County Conservation Club. If you'd like to attend, register at the MUCC website. Hillsdale County Conservation Club is located at 3835 Bird Lake Rd S, Osseo, MI 49266. Lunch is at noon and the committee meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. MUCC members and the public are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in the policy-making process and would like to serve as a Conservation Policy Board member, or if you have a resolution that you would like to submit or have more questions about our grassroots policy, please contact me at [ifitzgerald@mucc.org](mailto:ifitzgerald@mucc.org).

*Excerpted from MUCC webpage and written by Ian FitzGerald, MUCC Policy Assistant*

## Tree Logs Available

The Club has cut down some trees in poorer condition that lined the entrance drive due to the concern of falling trees onto the drive or power lines. The logs are piled up in the open area by Archery. These are for members taking on a first come, first serve basis. So basically U-cut, U-haul. It is green wood and needs to dry before burning.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 4: CPL Renewal Class  
Dec 9: **Membership Meeting**  
Dec 14: CPL Class  
Dec 30: Board Meeting

### 2020

Jan 5: Winter Trap League Starts  
Jan 11: CPL Class  
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, **if enough people are interested**. We need 3 to hold a registered event. It will be a 11-week league 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 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 either. But 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. We have to get approval upfront from the ATA if shooting Big 50's, so let me know if you want to participate.

Call or text or email me at **269-483-6803** [trapgeek2010@gmail.com](mailto:trapgeek2010@gmail.com)  
*Submitted by Trap Co-Director Leslie York*

## Approved 2020 Club Activities

The respective Activity Directors have submitted and received Board approval for the following activities so far for the 2020 calendar year:

**CPL Classes:** The second Saturday each month January through December

**IDPA:** The third Saturday Mar-Oct: March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, **Hoosier Daddy July 24-26**, Aug 22, Sept 19, and Oct 17; with practices on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, April through October.

**Cowboy Action:** The third Sunday of the month Apr-Oct, dates are April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct 18

**ATA Trap:** The following dates are approved: March 22, April 19, June 6 & 7 (a 2-day MI Zone 6 shoot), Aug 30, and October 11

**22NRL:** The following dates were approved for Feb through Oct: Feb 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug 8, Sept 19, and Oct 10.

**SASP State Shoot:** The club was awarded to hold the youth Scholastic Action Shooting Program Rifle and Pistol Michigan State shoot for 2020. This event will be held June 26-28.

**Appleseed Project** is pending dates that do not conflict with other activities. Awaiting approval at next board meeting are April 24-25 and June 26-27.

**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 Oct balance on hand was \$68,753.49 in checking and \$20,610.47 in pre-paid dues CD, \$78,090.07 in the Emergency CD Fund, \$3,934.69 in the raffle fund, and the Wink CD of \$27,991.01.

**Membership Status:** As of Sept 9 we had a total of 806 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	(open)	483-6803
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 — October BOD**

Gregory Blucker  
Michael Burley  
Charles Hamlin  
Joshua A Jackson  
Michael J Krajniak  
Austin Alan Manson  
Gary Russ  
Michael Simmons

Sturgis, MI  
Three Rivers, MI  
Sturgis, MI  
White Pigeon, MI  
White Pigeon, MI  
Burr Oak MI  
Howe, IN  
Three Rivers, MI

**Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year**

## ***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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Randy Crandall (Dist 3 Director)	kmc52ran@aol.com
Pete Davis (Dist 4 Director)	pdavis@fillmoreeq.com
Benson Baumeister (Dist #3 Director)	bbaumeister92@gmail.com
Mark Griffin (SASP Director)	ffgrif@charter.net
Laura Decker (Treasurer)	culligan1@charter.net
Drew Hooley (Pub Relations)	akhooley@gmail.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 (Dist 1 Director)	phassenger@yahoo.com
Larry Murray (Archery)	info@lostnationarchery.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
Leslie York (Rec. Sec, ATA, Calen/Web)	trapgeek2010@gmail.com
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

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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.

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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 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.