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Meeting

Notes

- **Membership Meeting**
7 PM Monday, Mar 8
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, January 25

**Happy New
Year 2021!**

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Doehring Wins Fall Trap League

This year's winner of the Annual Fall Trap League is **Dennis Doehring** who bested the field of 9 shooters to take the top spot by hitting 331/350 targets (94.6%). This trap league was composed of 2 rounds of 16-yard trap each week for the 8 weeks, dropping the lowest score for 7 weeks of results per shooter. Winners were determined by the Lewis Class System. Based on the number of participants (9), this year there were only 2 Lewis Classes. The remaining winners were:

Class 1, Second Place: **Leslie York** (323/350)
 Class 1, Third Place: **Kyle Buchanan** (313/350)
 Class 2, First Place: **Roy Rawlinson** (282/350)
 Class 2, Second Place: **Justin Coon** (239/350)
 Class 2, Third Place: **Walt Zablocki** (212/350)

With the pandemic this year, the participation was down from last year. Some shooters also weren't able to complete the full 7 weeks of countable scores.

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 10. See below 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. *It's a blast!*

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

Winter Trap League is On! Jan 10-Mar 14

The Doors are Open! Trapshooting, as well as using the rifle/pistol ranges at the Club, falls under the category of a "lower risk recreational facility" as archery and gun clubs per the definitions in the December 18, 2020 MI Dept. of Health order. Masks must be worn inside the building and social distancing needs to be followed.

This year's **Winter Trap League** will run from 1/10/21 to 3/14/21. 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. The league will run 10 weeks with 8 of the weeks' scores to count; 50 targets (2 rounds) each week. League format can be modified if agreed upon by participants. This, of course, is all dependent on any future lockdowns or prohibitions on gatherings. Call or text or email **269-483-6803** trapgeek2010@gmail.com **Leslie York**

Dec Membership Meeting Canceled Due to MI Orders

It was with great disappointment that we had to cancel our December 14 membership meeting. This was due to the extension of the Michigan Health Dept. order to PROHIBIT indoor gatherings of any size for non-residential locations until Dec 20.

RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE UPDATE

Due to the MI Dept. of Health clarifying what some "indoor" activities are on 12/18/20, the heated portions of the rifle and pistol ranges are once again open. These areas are defined as "lower risk recreational facilities" and can be used. Masks must still be worn while inside these partial enclosures if there are more than one household within. Social distancing must also be practiced.

SASP YOUTH PRACTICE

There will be a few Range Closures during SASP youth team practices from 10am to 1pm on these dates:

RIFLE RANGE:

- JAN 9 & 23; FEB 27; MAR 27

PISTOL RANGE:

- FEB 13; MAR 13

Ranges open before 10am & after 1pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 9: CPL Class
 Jan 10: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Jan 17: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Jan 24: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Jan 25: Board Meeting 7pm
 Jan 31: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Feb 7: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Feb 13: CPL Class
 Feb 13: NRL22
 Feb 14: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Feb 21: BIG 50 & Trap League
 Feb 22: Board Meeting
 Feb 28: Youth Shotgun Sign-Up
 Feb 28: BIG 50 & Trap League

Youth SCTP Shotgun Team Sign-Up 2/28

This year's Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Team Sign up for the shotgun shooting sports of Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays will occur on Sunday **February 28** between the hours of 2:00 and 4:30 pm. This format will be different this year as we will only be signing up between these hours rather than having a meeting/gathering to review the programs as a group. Due to the indoor gathering difficulties of larger groups, we will have 3 stations set up to register youth individually. **Bring your parent or guardian.** Masks will be required inside.

You may schedule a specific time in 20 minute intervals by calling Coach Leslie at 269-483-6803 to schedule a time, or you may just drop by and fit into a time slot as they become open. For new participants a brief introduction will be given during this sign-up. Additional information will be available as needed through hand-outs, videos, or one-on-one discussions with the coaches. You may also call Coach Leslie to discuss the shotgun program prior to coming to sign up.

Both boys and girls in school grades up to and including grade 12 are eligible to participate. You can be from any school or home schooled too. Equipment is available for their use (under direct supervision by our certified coaches) if they do not currently own their own. Our coaches are all certified by one or more certification entities. Our team motto is "**Safety First -Fun Second!**".

Why not come on out and learn what shooting trap, skeet, or sporting clays is all about! Hope to see you on February 28. If your youth would like to join but cannot make this date, call/text 269-483-6803. *Coach Leslie York*

Approved 2021 Club Activities

The following activities have been approved by the BOD so far for the 2021 year. Keep in mind that things can get modified or canceled so make sure to check the on-line calendar for updates or contact the range directors for the specific activity for confirmation. We thought this was worth repeating to start off the new Year!

CPL Classes: The second Saturday each month January through December

IDPA: The third Saturday Mar-Oct: March 20, April 17, May 18, June 19, July 17, **Hoosier Daddy July 23-25**, Aug 21, Sept 18, and Oct 16; with practices on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, April through October.

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 25-27.

Cowboy Action: The third Sunday of the month Apr-Oct, dates are April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17

ATA Trap: The following dates are approved: March 21, April 18, Aug 29, and October 10. There are several BIG 50's planned throughout 2021 as well.

22NRL: The following dates were approved for Feb through Oct: Feb 13, March 13, and April 10.

Archery will start up in April and run through October.

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 \$ 71,369.67 in checking and \$ 24,189.09 in pre-paid dues CD, \$ 78,954.98 in the Emergency CD Fund, \$ 3,940.75 raffle fund, PayPal \$1,279.65, the Wink CD of \$ 28,114.16

Membership Status: As of August we had a total of 903 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

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	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

Fund Raising Activities		
Fair Sign-up	Nancy Lawrence	651-1700

Weekly / League Activities		
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
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Club Websites and Facebook Sites

WEB PAGE: <http://www.conservationclub.net>

IDPA: www.facebook.com/stjoecoconservationclubidpa/

Trap/skeet: www.facebook.com/stjoecountytrapandskeet/

Youth Trap: www.facebook.com/stjoecountystraightshootertrap/

Membership Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

New Memberships — November

Derek Betts
Cheryl Bowen
Douglas G Brazo
Hannah Jean Jones
Wayne Leo Kirkpatrick
Anthony Thomas Konesni
Mark Liebich
Brian D Linn
Lyle A Marner
Zachary Meyer
Aaron Meyer
Timothy David Miller
David Mumby

Centreville, MI
Sturgis, MI
Sturgis, MI
Mendon, MI
Three Rivers, MI
Portage, MI
Three Rivers, MI
Elkhart, IN
Mendon, MI
Three Rivers, MI
Three Rivers, MI
Sturgis, MI
Leonidas, MI

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

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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 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: **\$30** 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, **\$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.