



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

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## Meeting

### Notes

- **Membership Meeting**  
7 PM Monday, Sept 13
- **Board Meeting** 7 PM  
Monday, Sept 27

**FAIR BOOTH  
HELP IS  
NEEDED.**

**CONTACT JIM  
313-310-4897  
TO SIGN UP**

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## Disaster Struck the Club Grounds



The severe storms that passed through St. Joseph County on August 11 and 12 caused significant damage to the club grounds and knocked out power for 5 days. Most damage was confined to downed power lines and many downed trees throughout the club property making it impossible to initially enter the grounds or get around the property, causing an unsafe condition. However, some damage to structures also occurred; including parts of the rifle range enclosure, the 5-Stand barn roof, the picnic pavilion roof, several of the gun-ready stations at Cowboy Action, many 3D archery stations, the roof structure on the fuel tank, some lights on some of the trap fields, a metal stand on 5-Stand was destroyed, and similar type damage. As of this writing, 3D Archery is still down due to tangled trees and other debris on the course. A section is being worked on to create an area for archery to resume. Contact Larry Murray (269-659-6005) or watch the club "on-line" calendar to find out when 3D archery resumes. Several planned events had to be canceled including the August Cowboy Action match, the August 15 BIG 50 trap shoot, plus the August CPL class. The Farm Bureau Trap event was rescheduled to Aug 28. There is still work to be done to clear some club property that may take months.

A HUGE thank you to the electric company and all the dedicated volunteers who came out in scheduled and planned work parties to clear the trees and debris in a safe and coordinated manner to get the club back in operation.

## Restroom Project Status

The restroom project took a little set back due to the storms and club damage. Work on the project has resumed and is progressing. The windows have been installed. All rough-in inspections are complete. The structure is being insulated and drywall installation should start by end of August. This means we missed our hoped-for opening in Aug. A revised completion expected date has not been set.

Continue to stay tuned to the monthly newsletters, contact a board member for updates, or call Paul for up to date info on the restroom expansion project.

## Cowboy Corner

### Hidden Valley Cowboys August Match Canceled

Our next shoot will be September 19, 2021. Registration opens at 8:15 AM, side shoots start at 8:30 AM, and the mandatory safety meeting starts at 9:45 AM, preceding the main match.

Johnny Rebel  
574-349-3764



### September Membership Meeting - 9/13

This month we have a Quarterly Membership Meeting set for Sept 13 at 7:00pm. Now that the clubhouse has power back, we should have some air-conditioning to keep it nice and cool inside. Hope to see ya there!

### Trap Fall League 9/19-11/21

Time for our Fall Trap League and some ATA **BIG 50's**. Fall League is 2 rounds of trap that can be registered as a BIG 50, or either can be shot alone. Plus open trap and skeet, plus 5-stand can run concurrently. Contact Leslie York for more info 269-483-6803. Also don't forget our **Annual Shotgun Ironman** Oct 3.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 7: Tues. 3D Archery - **If Cleared!**  
 Sept 11: CPL Class (IDPA)  
 Sept 13: Membership Meeting 7pm  
 Sept 18: IDPA  
 Sept 18: NRL22 (Rifle Range)  
 Sept 19: **Cowboy Action**  
 Sept 19: Trap Fall League & **BIG 50**  
 Sept 19: Carbine (IDPA)  
 Sept 19-25: County Fair Week  
 Sept 25 PRS Rimfire (Rifle)  
 Sept 27: Board Meeting  
 Sept 26: **BIG 50 Trap**  
 Oct 3: **Shotgun Ironman**  
 Oct 10: **ATA Shoot** (Trap Range)  
 Oct 23: Hunter Ed Field Day

## SASP Youth Rifle and Pistol Team 2021 Report



Pictured is the 2021 SASP youth Rifle and Pistol Team. SASP stands for Scholastic Action Shooting Program. It is a fast-paced metallic target shooting sport where time and accuracy count in the score. Our team placed very well in both the MI State SASP Competition held at our club and at the SASP Nationals held in Marengo OH at the Cardinal Shooting Center. SASP shoots 22 caliber rifles and either 22 caliber or 9mm pistols.

## SCTP and AIM Youth Trap Team 2021 Round Up



[L-R: Team at Nationals, medaling at SCTP State Shoot, and pep-talk before shooting.]

Our Club's youth Trap Team, **St. Joe County Straight Shooters**, enjoyed a full season shooting trap this year. Seventeen youth joined and practiced with the team and 15 of the 17 competed in one or more of the 7 scheduled team competitions. The team competed at Mason MI in 4 shoots and in one shoot each at Hillsdale, Niles, and Marengo OH in the 2-Day SCTP National Trap Championship. The programs the team participates in are the SCTP (Scholastic Clay Target Program) and AIM. AIM stands for Academics, Integrity, and Marksmanship and is the youth program of the ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Assoc.). At this year's record setting SCTP Nationals, there were over 2,400 student athletes shooting the Trap 200-target Singles Championship event alone.

In the SCTP Nationals, our team's top shooters were: In Intermediate Entry Division (grades 6-8) **Jaxson Krontz** ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of 284 shooters (top 6%), shooting 186/200; followed by **Caden Fritts** 29<sup>th</sup> out of 284 shooters, shooting 182/200. In the Varsity Division (grades 9-12), **JP Fritz** was 245 out of 785 shooters, shooting 188/200, followed by **Bradyn LaRoy** 288 out of 785 shooters, shooting 187/200. Our Varsity Squad composed of **Adam Baker**, **Carter Bugajski**, **Bradyn LaRoy**, **JP Fritz**, and **Price Collins**, placed 101 out of 708 varsity squads (within the top 15% nationally). Some of the team posted personal bests. In the SCTP and AIM MI State and other competitions most of our team won medals, some with multiple medals, both individually and as team squads.

This year the team held a fun-shoot, fundraiser to help defray costs of the competitions and collectively raised over \$2,700. Our "Pull-4-Pledges" fun trap shoot top fundraiser was **Jaxson Krontz** who raised \$1000 alone and won a plaque for top earner. Our team applies for **MidwayUSA Foundation** and **Friends of the NRA** grants to support our team with shotgun ammo and competition fees.

If interested in next year's team, contact Coach Leslie at 269-483-6803.

**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 July balance on hand was checking \$ 33,825.30 and in the CDs \$ 24,646.53 in pre-paid dues, \$ 79,173.89 in the Emergency Fund, \$ 28,138.96 Wink CD, plus raffle fund \$ 3,943.36 and PayPal \$ 1,279.65.

**Membership Status:** As of July Membership meeting we had a total of 917 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
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### 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	pending	-----
Youth 4-H	Nelson Schug	(248) 379-8654

**Executive Secretary:** Kathy Crandall  
PO Box 339  
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All area code 269 unless noted

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**AT LARGE:** Areas outside of St Joseph County

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

## New Memberships (10) — July

James Blakely	Sturgis, MI
Matthew C Boland	Sturgis, MI
John Dolezal Jr	Lemont, IL
Paul Etchison	Sturgis, MI
Devvyn Fader	Sturgis, MI
Joshua Adam Hochstetler	Sturgis, MI
Michael Kirkpatrick	Sturgis, MI
Beverly Jean Plank	Constantine, MI
Nathan Wagar	Sturgis, IN
Zachary Wilson	Kalamazoo, MI

## FAIR BOOTH HELPERS NEEDED

St. Joe County Grange Fair is set for **September 19 - 25** in Centreville. We will again have a booth in one of the exhibit buildings. The Club is looking for some more volunteers to sit at the booth and represent the club, answer some questions, hand out material, and just be a smiling face of the Conservation Club.

**Jim Perlberg**, our Publicity Chairman, is coordinating helpers. Please contact Jim at **313-310-4897** if you can spare a few hours at the fair. It's easy and fun, plus it helps get the Club out there in the public view. Oh, and you don't have to sell anything either! Just be there to help share the club with others.

## RETURN OF HUNTER ED FIELD DAY

The Club will be offering a Hunter Education Field Day on Saturday, **October 23**. You **MUST** have taken the on-line or home study class (or an in-person class) in order to participate in this **FIELD DAY ONLY**. Contact Jeff Brazo for information or to find out how to register. 269-689-0200

## Officers, Directors, E-mail Listings

Jeff Brazo (President)	pm2brazo@frontier.com
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Pending (SASP Director)	pending
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Allen Kasdorf (MUCC)	allenkasdorf@gmail.com
Gary Kondek (.22 Shoots)	gary.kondek@yahoo.com
Nancy Lawrence (Dist 4 Director)	jlawrence1700@charter.net
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Tom McLaughlin (Treasurer)	trmcLaughlin@frontier.com
Larry Murray (Archery)	info@lostnationarchery.com
Denny Parker (Dist 1)	Stormrider.dp@icloud.com
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Andy Rockwell (Lower Range Dir)	zrock4365@hotmail.com
Bill Thompson (Dist #2 Director)	sparkyvtf96@yahoo.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 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.

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.