



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

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## Meeting

### Notes

- **Membership Meeting**  
**7 PM Monday, Dec 14**
- Board Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, October 26



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## Steel Targets on Rifle & Pistol Ranges

As you may have noticed, we have been making efforts to add some steel "gong" targets on the rifle and pistol ranges. I need your help to make sure the use of steel targets remains a success! The occasional "torn strap" or "broken chain" happens. I've planned for it and budgeted for it. It's normal maintenance stuff--please just do your best to keep it to a minimum!

On the pistol range with movable targets, you can help keep the damage to a minimum by being aware what is behind your targets as you move them around, so your shots don't impact the legs or chains of the steel targets. (Reminder: Steel targets should be no closer than 30 feet to reduce potential injury from bullet splatter)

Where I really need your help is to make sure we're all using the proper ammo and calibers for the steel gongs. The gongs themselves are expensive to replace (and they're heavy!!). The gongs on the Pistol range are suitable for **LEAD CORE BULLETS** in all common and magnum pistol calibers, including AR/AK-Style pistols in 5.56, 7.62x39, 300 Blackout, etc. and the magnum revolver calibers up to the .500 Smith & Wesson.

The gongs on the Rifle range are suitable for **LEAD CORE BULLETS** in all common and magnum rifle calibers, muzzleloaders, and shotgun slugs--up to the 338 Lapua and the African magnums.

- Heavy magnum rifles such as 50 BMG, 408 CheyTac, 416 Barrett, etc. will break the gongs, even with lead core bullets. **DO NOT USE!**
- Steel core bullets and/or "armor piercing" bullets in any rifle or pistol caliber will damage or break the gongs. **DO NOT USE!**
- Dangerous Game Solids will break the gongs. **DO NOT USE!** (Note: *Lead-Free bullets that are designed to mushroom, like the Barnes TTSX and similar, are OK to use on the gongs.*)

Any steel target will wear out over time due to normal use and metal fatigue, but we all should work to make sure we don't have premature failures. We've had 4 or 5 gongs get broken in the last 2 years. I don't want to spend the range budget to replace broken gongs, I want to spend the range budget to add more!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Andy Rockwell  
Lower Range Director

## Cowboy Corner

### Hidden Valley Cowboys Sept 20 Shoot Report

The Valley had 25 shooters Sunday and the weather was perfect for Cowboy Shooting; 3 new shooters to the Valley, Sarge, Marti Draw, and Bristol Buck. Welcome, we enjoyed shooting with you and hope to see you back again. This match we had 4 Clean shooters, Dog Bite, Ka Adik Krista, Ray'l Gun and Johnny Rebel, Congratulations! I would like to thank Cayuse Jack and Tommy Two Fingers for helping me out with posse duties and also Tommy for side Match's today, great Cowboy's always willing to help out when needed. Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with our lunch, (they have something special for us next month). I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, Mike, Triple Threat, Stubby, Ya Big Tree, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our last shoot of the season will be on **October 18, 2020**. Registration at 8:15 AM, side Match's start at 8:30 AM, and the mandatory safety meeting starts at 9:45 AM, preceding the main match. I have special plans for our last shoot of the season and will be posting details soon on our Facebook page **Hidden Valley Cowboys**, something to thank all of the Cowboys and Cowgirls that came out to support the Valley on my first season as match director.

**Johnny Rebel, 574-349-3764**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 4: SHOTGUN IRONMAN  
Oct 10: CPL Class  
Oct 10: NRL22 (Rifle Range)  
Oct 11: National Trap Day ATA  
Oct 17: IDPA Match  
Oct 18: Cowboy Action  
Oct 18: BIG 50 & Trap League  
Oct 18: Carbine Match  
Oct 24/25: Fortress Defense-IDPA  
Oct 26: Board Meeting 7pm

## Shotgun "Iron Man" Match Set for October 4

The Club is holding its friendly **Annual Shotgun "Iron Man"** (or Iron Woman) Match on Sunday October 4 at 12:30 pm (or when morning open trap & skeet shooting is done, which ever is later). This event will consist of shooting one round of skeet, one standard 16-yard trap round, one round of **WOBBLE Trap**, and one 5-Stand Sporting Clays round for a total of 100 rounds. You may use the same or different guns for the different events, but there is no handicapping if using gauges smaller than 12 gauge. Standard target loads of 7.5, 8, or 9 shot sizes allowed. No heavy loads to keep it fair. Accolades and a trophy plus money for the Best-of-the Best "All Around" Combined Shotgunner. Who's in? Cost is \$25 and includes 1 round each of skeet, trap, wobble trap, and 5-stand. Open to Club members and non-members. Youth are welcome. A Hot Dog lunch is planned. Contact **269-483-6803** for more details or to pre-register. You can also sign up the day of the match. So come on out and bring your friends!

## ATA "Leather Shoot" – October 11

Our next ATA trap shoot is set for Sunday, October 11. This is our **National Trap-shooting Day** shoot with **Shamrock Leather** and other trophies for the winners. Covid 19 rules will be followed. Breakfast and lunch are planned as "Take Out".

It is a 3-Event shoot with a 100-Singles Event followed by 100 Handicap and 100 Doubles targets events. You can shoot 1 event, 2 events, or all three. There is a High Over All winner for the best combined score of these 3 events. The HOA is a very nice leather shooting bag.

As the new ATA season has started in September, you will need to renew your ATA membership at this shoot unless you have already renewed with the ATA.

## Fall Lewis Class Trap League Oct 18 to Dec 13

This year's **Fall Trap League** will be **SINGLES ONLY** with the "OPTION to REGISTER" your targets as an **ATA Big 50** each week. It will be a 8-week league; 50 targets (2 rounds) each week. Both registered and non-registered may shoot the league and may even shoot on the same squads. We will need at least 3 shooters to shoot registered for the Big 50 to count that week. You don't have to shoot registered every week either. This must be decided by the shooter before shooting that week, but it's a good way to get your ATA targets in. 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.

## 2 BOD Openings & Bylaw Committee Requests

There will be 2 openings on the Board of Directors for the 2021 elections in March. The officer positions of **Treasurer** and **Vice President** are open as our existing officers (Laura Decker, Mike Philley) are not re-running for those positions. If you are interested in running for either of these positions, or any other BOD positions, please contact Kathy Crandall (269-341-5930) to get your name on the ballot. Also, If you have any suggestions for changes to the Club bylaws, please submit them in writing to Jim Perlberg ([gunslinger6@me.com](mailto:gunslinger6@me.com)) before the December membership meeting for review by the bylaw committee.

**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 August balance on hand was \$ 78,27.09 in checking and \$ 20,711.42 in pre-paid dues CD, \$ 78,736.67 in the Emergency CD Fund, \$3,939.78 raffle fund, PayPal \$ 576.44 and the Wink CD of \$ 28,089.38

**Membership Status:** As of August we had a total of 859 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	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)	Jim Perlberg	(313) 310-4897
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  
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All area code 269 unless noted

## **Club Websites and Facebook Sites**

**WEB PAGE:** <http://www.conservationsclub.net>

**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 — August**

Frank A Bovino  
Daniel E Casey  
Alex Comstock  
Todd Denman  
Kaleb Steven Detwiler  
James P Elkins  
Karen Amy Elmore  
Arnold R Gibson  
Stacey Haas  
Jeffery W Jacobs  
Gary L Jones  
Seong C Kim  
Taylor Robert Krull  
Pedro Lopez  
Richard C Luebeck II  
James P Matz  
Rochelle Melvin  
Brett Wayne Ogden  
Jarde M Smith  
Matthew Stowe  
Christopher E Sutterby  
Lamont Tyler Tipple  
Marc West  
Mike Wooten

Sturgis, MI  
Palos Heights, IL  
Centreville, MI  
Elkhart, IN  
Dowagiac, MI  
Three Rivers, MI  
White Pigeon, MI  
Kendallville, IN  
Centreville, MI  
Goshen, IN  
Three Rivers, MI  
Sturgis, MI  
White Pigeon, MI  
Sturgis, MI  
Colon, MI  
Three Rivers, MI  
Three Rivers, MI  
Three Rivers, MI  
Galesburg, MI  
Cassopolis, MI  
White Pigeon, MI  
Kendallville, IN  
Elkhart, IN  
Sturgis, MI

## **NRA Dues Reduced Rate Change AGAIN!**

In August, NRA Recruiters special fee had reverted back to the standard discount rates for One-Year Membership of \$35. **But due to popular demand, the special "rollback" rates were reinstated!** So once again the current Recruiter discount rate for a One-Year Membership is **\$30**. As a club member, you have this discounted price of if joining or renewing through our Club Recruiter. *Leslie York 269-483-6803 or the back page coupon.*

## **Officers, Directors, E-mail Listings**

Jeff Brazo (President)	pm2brazo@frontier.com
John Daniels (Cowboy Action)	johndaniels@imcaa.com
Kathy Crandall (Exec-Sec)	kmcrandall952@gmail.com
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Pete Davis (Dist 4 Director)	pdavis@fillmoreeq.com
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Andy Rockwell (Lower Range Dir)	zrock4365@hotmail.com
Bill Thompson (Dist #2 Director)	sparkyvt96@yahoo.com
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**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.

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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.