



# 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, July 26



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## Restroom Project Update



The new restroom project is coming along with footers poured and the first posts installed. Framing the addition is done as well as some underground plumbing and some inspections were accomplished. Tie ins of the addition roof to the existing roof were also successfully made.

The clubhouse main entrance is closed until project completion, which is expected by early August. The current access to the clubhouse is through either the far right door on the parking lot side of the building, the backdoor facing the trap range, or the kitchen/breakroom door until the new restroom and entryway is completed. During this construction there is a porta-potty in the parking lot that can be used even when the building is closed, and the one remaining indoor restroom that can be used by everyone at times when the building is open.

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

## June Membership Meeting and Cook-Out



The June Quarterly Membership Meeting was held Monday, June 14 at 7:00pm complete with a hot dog cook-out at 6:30pm. A big thank you goes out to Nancy Lawrence and Kathy Book for organizing and setting this up, and to those who brought some extras!

These quarterly membership meetings are for you, the membership. Your opinions and requests on what you'd like the club to be and what you'd like the club to offer are important. Let us know how we, the board, can help make this the club you want it to be.

## Cowboy Corner

### Hidden Valley Cowboys

June 20

The Valley had 56 shooters for our June 20<sup>th</sup> match and great weather to shoot in. We had 17 new shooters this month, many old friends showed up to enjoy are Father's Day Shoot. This match we had 8 Clean shooters, Dead wood Blackie, Fox Creek Stitcher, Loco Ledslinger, Ranger Mike, Ray'l Gun, Sauk Valley Stubby, Snareman, Stone Creek Drifter.

I would like to thank Mustache kid, Three Gun Cole and Cayuse Jack for helping me out with posse duties great Cowboy's always willing to help out when needed. Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee and Donuts, and our lunch, we all ate good! 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 next shoot will be July 18, 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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2-3: **Appleseed Program** (Rifle)  
July 10: CPL Class (Club/IDPA)  
July 11: Activity Dir. First Aid (1pm)  
July 17: NRL22 (Rifle Range)  
July 17: IDPA  
July 18: **Cowboy Action**  
July 18: BIG 50 Trap  
July 23-25: **Hoosier Daddy** (IDPA)  
July 24: Clubhouse Rented (2:30-5:30pm)  
July 29: Board Meeting  
July 31: Fortress Defense (IDPA)  
July 31: PRS Rimfire (Rifle range)

## From MCRGO\*: Michigan Legislative Update

The Michigan Legislature will leave Lansing for its summer in-district work period. Both chambers (especially the House) have been active over the past six months considering a number of self-defense related bills. The bills that have been reported out of their committee of origin are included below.

**Senate Bill 11:** This bill would require concealed pistol licenses to be processed during a declared emergency. Senate Bill 11 is a top priority of MCRGO this session. It has made the most progress of any firearms bill this year gaining Senate approval by a 20-15 vote on March 4, 2021 and was later reported to the full House with recommendation by House committee.

**House Bill 4030 & House Bill 4498:** These bills passed the Michigan House on May 26, 2021 by votes of 66-43 and 67-42 respectively. The bills would reduce CPL fees to \$60 for new CPLs and \$45 for renewals saving money for Michigan CPL holders. Michigan has one of the highest CPL fees in the country. The bills now await consideration in the Senate.

**House Bill 4029:** Long overdue in light of the People v. Yanna case from nearly a decade ago, this legislation would allow the possession and reasonable use of a stun gun by a person who is 18 years of age or older and allow the sale of a stun gun to a person authorized to possess it. Although the terms "stun gun" and "Taser" are often used interchangeably, they are different types of self-defense devices. CPL holders may already carry single-shot Tasers in Michigan. House Bill 4029 passed the Michigan House on April 14, 2021 by a bipartisan vote of 78-32 and is awaiting Senate action.

**House Bill 4066:** Reintroduced after failing to pass last session, the Knife Preemption Act would prohibit local governments from enacting and/or enforcing ordinances regarding knives that are stricter than state law. The full House of Representatives approved the bill on a vote of 69-41. It now goes to the Senate.

**House Bill 4718:** This bill would eliminate the requirement that one must file a CPL application in the county of residence. It would provide relief to residents of some counties such as Wayne who have faced extremely long waits for appointment. The bill is awaiting consideration by the full House after being reported with recommendation from the House Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee.

\*Excerpted from MCRGO email of 6/21/21 [information@mcrgo.org](mailto:information@mcrgo.org)

## 22nd Annual M A Meese Rifle Frolic—Muzzleloading

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mike Meese muzzleloading Rifle Frolic will be held on August 28 on the Club's rifle range any time starting at 8:00am with lunch at noon and prizes awarded after lunch.

To enter the Blanket Shoot, bring and put an item ranging in value between \$10-15 on the blanket. The target will be a 10-shot target. The Pictorial Scheutzen target will be a 1-shot, off-hand shot with an M A Meese Rifle at approximately 100-yards. The Scheutzen target is made by Mike Meese. Club rules require proper eye and ear (hearing) protection while shooting!

Contact 269-489-5363 for more detail. Their email is [cindameese@gmail.com](mailto:cindameese@gmail.com)

**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 May balance on hand was checking \$ 90,145.63 and in the CDs \$ 24,216.53 in pre-paid dues, \$ 79,173.89 in the Emergency Fund, \$ 28,138.96 Wink CD, plus raffle fund \$ 3,942.70 and PayPal \$ 1,279.65.

**Membership Status:** As of June Membership meeting we had a total of 900 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	506-3361
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

<b>Membership Activities</b>		
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

<b>Administrative Activities</b>		
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

<b>Fund Raising Activities</b>		
Fair Sign-up	Nancy Lawrence	651-1700

<b>Weekly / League Activities</b>		
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	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

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**Dist #2:** Townships of Mendon, Leonidas, Nottawa & Colon  
**Dist #3:** TWP of Constantine, Florence, Mottville & White Pigeon  
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**AT LARGE:** Areas outside of St Joseph County

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

## New Memberships (5) — May

Steve Gibson  
Lawrence K Matro  
Ted A Spiewak  
Davis Uhter  
Sean Carroll

Sturgis, MI  
Sturgis, MI  
Three Rivers, MI  
Chicago Heights, IL  
Union, MI

## LOST AND FOUND

Contact Leslie York at 483-6803 and we will help!

The below object was found on the trap field. If you recognize this item, please contact Leslie to claim.



## 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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Nancy Lawrence (Dist 4 Director)	jlawrence1700@charter.net
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Tom McLaughlin (Treasurer)	tom.mclaughlin.retired@gmail.com
Larry Murray (Archery)	info@lostonationarchery.com
Denny Parker (Dist 1)	Stormrider.dp@icloud.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

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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.