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Meeting Notes

- **Membership Meeting**
7 PM Monday, Jun 14
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, June 28



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Demolition of Men's Restroom & Entry



On May 10, seven club members helped kick start the new restroom project by dismantling and removing the front entryway and men's room section of the clubhouse in preparation for the larger restroom project. The demolition crew included Paul Hassenger, Larry Murray, Randy and Kathy Crandall, Larry and Leslie York, and Allen Kasdorf (who also ripped some plumbing connections in the building). Paul then cinder blocked up the old men's room doorway to seal up the building. Accomplishing this part of the project helped reduce some total costs by using club volunteer labor for the demo work.

The clubhouse main entrance is now temporarily closed, due to the drop-off that was created from the removal of the concrete floor of the entryway. 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.

Construction is tentatively expected to commence by the end-of May/beginning of June and be completed hopefully by August, always subject to change! Stay tuned to the monthly newsletters, contact a board member for updates, or call Paul for up to date info. This project will provide for additional restroom capacity and handicap accessibility.

June 14 Membership Meeting

Next membership meeting is set for Monday, June 14 at 7:00pm and we plan to have a hot dog cook-out. Arrive at 6:30pm for the cook-out. So come on out, bring your appetite, and meet your fellow members. Families members are club members and always welcome!

This will be a good time to ask the board questions, bring up topics you'd like to know more about (including the restroom project), and learn what's happening with the activities going on at the club. 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. The board strives to serve the membership as it's every member's club, not just a select few. Let us know how we, the board, can help make this the club you want it to be. So come on out June 14 and let's eat and talk about our great club.

Cowboy Corner

Hidden Valley Cowboys May 16

The Valley had 25 shooters for our May 16th match, we had several visitors stop by again this month. We had 3 new shooters this month, Ranger Mike, Shakey Shot Sharon and Curly Bill Nelson.

This match we had 3 Clean shooters, Cayuse Jack, Joe Quick and Johnny Rebel, Congratulations! Our Clean Match Coaster's were made by Ka Adik Krista.

I would like to thank Cayuse Jack for helping me out with posse duties great Cowboy always willing to help out when needed. Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee and Donuts, and our lunch.

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 June 20, 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

June 5-6: **Level 2 Rifle**

June 12: **CPL Class**

June 13: **CLUBHOUSE RENTED (pm)**

June 14: **Membership Meeting**

June 19: **NRL22 (Rifle Range)**

June 19: **IDPA**

June 20: **Cowboy Action**

June 20: **BIG 50 Trap**

June 20: **Carbine (IDPA)**

June 24-27 **SASP State Shoot (IDPA)**

June 28: **Board Meeting**

July 2-3: **Appleseed Program (Rifle)**

Youth Trap Competitions & Fund Raiser Results



In 4 successive Saturdays in April and May, our St. Joe County SCTP Straight Shooters trap team competed at an SCTP Shoot at Hillsdale, at Mason for the brand new **Spring Fling** youth shoot and the annual **Southwest MI SCTP Conference Championship**. They also attended the annual **A.I.M. Youth Trap Shoot** hosted by Howard TWP Conservation Club in Niles. Pictured are the team at the Spring Fling shoot, some medal winners from the Howard TWP AIM Shoot, and a few from the Hillsdale SCTP Shoot. Some of the team's awards include the following: at the Howard TWP AIM competition our Junior squad placed second, our Sub-Junior squad placed third, and we had the High Sub-Junior Lady (Jovey LaRoy), Second and Third Place Junior Boy (Bradyn LaRoy, Vincent Jines, respectively), and High Pre-Sub Boy, Jaxson Krontz (Pre-Sub is age 11 and under). Jovey also took the High Girl Intermediate Advance medal at the Hillsdale Shoot. Also at Hillsdale, our Intermediate Entry squad took 2nd Place, Our Intermediate Advanced squad was 3rd place as was our JV squad. The remaining shoots scheduled include the **SCTP State Championship**, the **A.I.M. State Championship**, and the 2-day **SCTP National Trap Championships** held in Ohio. The team has attended the National Championship shoot for the past 4 years.



Although we write grants to the **NRA Foundation** and **MidwayUSA Foundation** to help with costs for this program, there just isn't enough this year. Therefore, to help defray the cost of attending the SCTP Nationals in July, our team held a **"Pull-4-Pledges" Fun-Raiser** on the afternoon of **May 16**. This fund raising opportunity consisted of an afternoon of trap shooting 2-rounds of trap (50 targets) by the youth team after obtaining "sponsors". The sponsors pledged either a certain amount "per target hit" of the 50 targets during the competition, or pledged a flat amount. Families and friends attended the match, ate hot dogs, cheered on our trap athletes, while raising money for our team.

We also gave out medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Varsity and Intermediate SCTP Divisions from this fun competition. These athletes are pictured above. Plus we gave awards for the youth athlete that recruited the most sponsors and raised the most funds. Sometimes these are different persons. But this year, our sole winner for the fund raising portion of awards was **Jaxson Krontz** with 20 sponsors and raising over \$1000 alone! Collectively we raised a whopping \$2,776 to fund our SCTP State and National Competitions! If you would still like to donate towards this cause, please contact **Coach York 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 April balance on hand was checking \$ 85,050.81 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 \$ 3,942.38 and PayPal \$ 1,279.65.

Membership Status: As of April BOD we had a total of 883 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

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Treasurer	Tom McLaughlin	506-3361
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District #1	Kathy Book	659-4056
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	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

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	Mark Griffin	358-5643
Youth 4-H	Nelson Schug	(248) 379-8654

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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

Membership Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

New Memberships (10) — April

Michael Paul Brown	White Pigeon, MI
Brad Bussey	White Pigeon, MI
Brad Allen Bussey II	White Pigeon, MI
Roland Otto Buzenius	Three Rivers, MI
George Folk	Three Rivers, MI
Daniell Joe Green	Centreville, MI
Jeffery E Johnson	Three Rivers, MI
Michael Robert Koehl	Sturgis, MI
Daniel Jay Miller, Jr	Sturgis, MI
Blair A Rieth	White Pigeon, MI

Project Appleseed - July 2 & 3 Rifle Range

Project Appleseed™ is a group committed to upholding the values and principles of America's founding fathers. We use rifle marksmanship instruction as a gateway to help bring our nation's history to life and to show that many of the values that our forefathers relied on to win our independence are still very much in demand today. Through events, we teach rifle marksmanship and early American heritage to introduce individuals of all skill levels to the knowledge that was so crucial to the success of our nation's founders. **Register at <https://appleseedinfo.org/>**

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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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.

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.