



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

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM  
**Monday, June 13**
- Board Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, June 27

**Member Meeting  
6-27  
7:00pm**

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## “Michigan Zone 6” ATA Shoot June 11-12

This 2-day Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) shoot is scheduled for June 11 and 12 at our Club. This will be the second time for us to host this 2-day Michigan Zone 6 shoot at the Club. We last ran this in 2020. This shoot will rotate between Howard Township Conservation Club in Niles, Jackson County C.C. in Jackson, and us, as we are the only 3 clubs large enough in our Zone to hold it.

The program for Saturday is 100 Singles Targets (the Preliminary Singles), 100 Handicap, and 50-pair Doubles. Sunday's event is the 200-target Zone 6 Championship Singles. You can shoot 1 event or up to all 4. We plan on having a light breakfast and a lunch on both days. There are trophies for all 4 events and HAA.

We invite you all out to shoot some trap with us! You can join ATA at the shoot if you are currently not an ATA member (only \$20/year, \$12 for youth under 18). Or if you are not shooting, can you spare a few hours on either Saturday June 11 or Sunday June 12 to help?

**We are looking for volunteer help** in all capacities (loading houses, scoring) so as to not overburden our standard roster of awesome helpers. **Training is easy and free and so is the food for our helpers!** To sign up to shoot or help, contact **Leslie 269-483-6803** (email [trapgeek2010@gmail.com](mailto:trapgeek2010@gmail.com)) or **Larry 269-464-6895** (email [larry.york54@gmail.com](mailto:larry.york54@gmail.com)). We thank you! And the BOD thanks you!

This is a great opportunity to showcase our trap facility and our club in general. Hope to see you all out on the trap range soon!

*Submitted by Trap Directors*

## MI SASP State Shoot June 24-26

Once again our club is hosting the Michigan Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) Rifle and Pistol **MI State Championship Shoot**. SASP is a youth shooting sports program that shoots action targets for timed score in both rifle and pistol for high school and middle school participants. This match has become very popular with the youth SASP teams throughout the state and other states attend as well. Our club and the many volunteers that make it all happen has made this one of the top matches in the country.

Our club team, the **Sherman Hills Straight Shooters**, typically shoots on the Friday evening to allow the team and coaches to help and assist in the shoot on the Saturday and Sunday. We wish our team much success in this event!

## Cowboy Corner

### Hidden Valley Cowboys May 15 Report

The Valley had 34 shooters for our May match and the weather was perfect for Cowboy Shooting. We had the crew from Wolff's Rowdy Rangers come up from Bristol Indiana and shoot with us, great bunch of shooters.

Congratulations to our 3 Clean shooters this month, Lighting Bill Carson, Sauk Valley Stubby and Rover. Our Clean Match Coaster's were made by Ka Adik Krista.

I would like to thank Cayuse Jack and Justice D Spencer for helping me out with posse duties great Cowboys 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 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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4: **CLUBHOUSE RENTED**  
 June 4/5: Fortress Def (IDPA)  
 June 11/12: **MI Zone 6 ATA Trap Shoot**  
 June 11: CPL Class (*not in clubhouse*)  
 June 11/12: DTI Urban Rifle (IDPA)  
 June 11: PRS22 (Rifle Range)  
 June 13: Member Meeting 7pm  
 June 18: **CLUBHOUSE RENTED**  
 June 19: Cowboy Action  
 Jun 25/26: **SASP State Shoot (IDPA)**  
 June 27: Board Meeting 7pm

## Youth Straight Shooters SCTP/AIM Trap Competitions



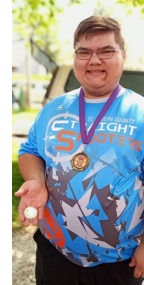
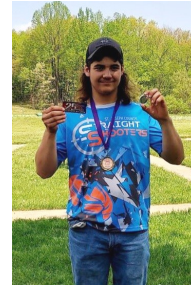
Our St. Joe County SCTP Straight Shooters club trap team competed at a youth fun

shoot in April at Mason for the **Spring Fling** youth shoot and the annual **Southwest MI SCTP Club Conference Championship**. They also attended the annual **A.I.M. Youth Trap Shoot** hosted by **Howard TWP Conservation Club** in May.

At the Spring Fling **Bradyn LaRoy** (upper left) took the Top High School Senior medal shooting a 98/100 and **Austin Melville** shot a 91/100 and hit his first 25-straight (middle). Also pictured above is the team photo from the Spring Fling shoot. Our full Varsity squad placed Third Place at the SW SCTP Club Conference Championship (no photo).

Pictured below are some medal winners from the Howard TWP AIM Shoot. Some of the team's awards include the following: our Junior squad came in **First Place** with a team score of 455/500 (squad picture below left), and in individual place winners we had the High Junior **Emmett Carpenter** (96/100) [middle], Second Place Junior **Adam Baker** (95/100) [middle right], First Place Sub-Junior **Caden Frits** (92/100) [far right], and Second Place Junior Lady **Jovey LaRoy** (90/100). Overall the whole team did very well with other individual bests!

The remaining shoots scheduled include the **SCTP State Championship**, the **A.I.M. State Championship**, both held in Mason, and the 2-day **SCTP National Trap Championships** held in Marengo, Ohio. The team has attended the National Championship shoot in Ohio for the past 5 years.



## Club Hats for Sale \$20 Contact any BOD

## 4H Rifle and BB Gun Range Closures

As a reminder, the 4H youth shooting sports programs of rifle and BB gun use the rifle range on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm each week until the St. Joseph County 4H Grange Fair in September. Therefore the Rifle range is closed during those evenings and times. Please see the online calendar for dates. Thank you.

**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: April 2022**

Checking Account \$ 102,887.57 PayPal Acct \$ 4,663.62  
Pre-paid Dues CD \$ 10,400.00 Emergency CD \$ 58,975.83

**Membership Status: As of last Board Meeting**

Total paid member households 872

*If there is a change in your address or you know someone who is not getting their newsletter, call 269-341-5930 and leave a message and corrected information. Thank you.*

**New Members (6) — April**

John Jacob Baker	White Pigeon, MI
Stephen Bertoncetto	Chesterfield, MI
John J Cerny	Colon, MI
Jay "Bo" Felt, Jr	Sturgis, MI
Lucas Foresto	Union, MI
Tyler William Reingardt	Sturgis, MI

**Looking Ahead...****July 9 & 10 Fortress Defense Level 1 Couples Handgun**

This 2-day class for couples to learn defensive handgun techniques

**July 15 & 16 Project Appleseed** Learn about the rifle in the American Revolution and Shooting on the rifle range

**July 23-24 Hoosier Daddy IDPA Match** This is a very popular and growing IDPA venue. A must see event. Contact Mike Philley (574-202-0641) to see if there are any spaces left to participate! It may be sold out!

**July 30: Hunter Ed Field Day** You must register with the MI DNR Hunter Ed website to take this home study/internet class with hands on Field Day. The trap and rifle ranges will be closed until the Hunter Ed Field Day is completed by 1PM.

**August 6 National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) JAKES DAY** A free day of fun for youth 16 and under at the club. JAKES stands for Juniors Acquiring Ethics and Sportsmanship.

**August 28 Last Chance Doubles and Singles ATA Trap Shoot** A Doubles marathon with a singles trap event. Trophies for all events. Food available. *Bring Your Gun and Have Some Fun!*

*There's always something going on at "The Club"!*

**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.**

**Quarterly Member Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec**

**CLUB OFFICERS**

President	Jeff Brazo	651-9076*
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**Dist #1:** Flowerfield, Park, Fabius & Lockport Townships

**Dist #2:** Mendon, Leonidas, Nottawa & Colon Townships

**Dist #3:** Constantine, Florence, Mottville & White Pigeon TWP's

**Dist #4:** Sherman, Burr Oak, Sturgis & Fawn River Townships

**At Large:** All areas outside of St Joseph County

**COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN****Membership and Administrative 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
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Nominating Chair	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Calendar of Events	Leslie York	483-6803
Hunter Education	Fred Shank	625-3749
CPL Instruction	Jeff Brazo	651-9076
Fair Sign-up	Jim Perlberg (313)	310-4897

**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	Mike Grandstaff	625-0565
Cowboy Action	John Daniels (574)	349-3764
IDPA Defensive Pistol	Mike Philley (574)	202-0641
Combat Carbine, High Power	Jay Baker	532-4445
Lower Range	Andy Rockwell (260)	668-9317
Youth SCTP Shotgun	Leslie York	483-6803
Youth SASP Pistol Rifle	Shawn Scott	251-8126
Youth 4-H	Nelson Schug (248)	379-8654

**Executive Secretary:**

**Kathy Crandall**  
**PO Box 339**  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if spouse desires a membership Card (**Add \$5 for this second gate card**)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee: **\$105** for family membership (new and renewal)

Application Fee: **\$25** (new members only, add to membership fee)

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.