

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



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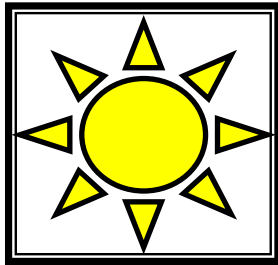


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## Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, **Sept 9**
- Board Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, **Aug 26**



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## August 25 ATA Trap Shoot

Sunday, **August 25** will be our next ATA trap shoot and last one for the 2024 ATA target year. It's our **“Last Chance 500-Doubles and 100-Singles” ATA Trap Shoot**. This shoot is essentially a Doubles marathon having up to 5 events each with 100-Doubles targets, and a Singles (16 yard) trap event of 100 targets running concurrently. Remember, you get to shoot which ever events you want to - *you do not need to shoot all 500 doubles!*

There is no scheduled Handicap event planned, but we *can* add one if at least 3 people want to shoot it (*please note: there will be no trophies for this event*). Let shoot management know if you would like to shoot a handicap.

Shoot starts at 10 am with registration opening at 8:30am. You can pre-squad for free by calling 269-483-6803. Pre-squadding helps with planning the event, especially for food!

There will be trophies for all pre-scheduled events, plus there will be food available for donations. Just a reminder, youth shooters are always welcome. It's a great way to get in your last targets for the 2024 ATA shooting year! Sept 1 starts the new ATA year (2025).

***You can also renew your 2025 ATA membership at the shoot!***

## Upcoming August Club Shoots & Matches

There are plenty of things to do in August at the Club. Besides practice there are several club shoots and matches on the various ranges that you can take part in. Below are the main events we are highlighting this month. So go **“Grab Your Gun, and Have Some Fun”**. ***Just remember to do it SAFELY!***

- ◆ **8/11 Summer Shotgun Ironman:** Sun. Aug 11 at 1:00pm. 16-yd & 23-yd trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand. One round of each (100 targets total).
- ◆ **8/17 IDPA Shoot:** Monthly IDPA Match on the IDPA Range
- ◆ **8/18 Cowboy Action Shoot:** Monthly Shoot on the Cowboy Range
- ◆ **8/18 Combat Carbine:** Monthly Match on the IDPA Range
- ◆ **8/24 PRS22 Rifle:** Rifle match in .22 caliber on the Rifle Range
- ◆ **8/25 Long Gong .22 Rifle Shoot:** Sunday 1:00pm, Aug 25, at the 300-yd rifle range. There will be a \$10 charge (half to club/half to competitors).
- ◆ **8/25 Last Chance ATA Trapshoot:** Sunday starting at 9am is our Last Chance 500-Doubles Marathon Plus 100-Singles ATA Shoot. Trophies and Food!

## Cowboy Round-Up

### Hidden Valley Cowboys July Report

The Valley had 33 shooters for our July match, we had several visitors stop by again this month. We welcomed a new shooter this month, Double Barrel Brandon. We are looking forward to shooting with them next month.

This match we had 8 Clean shooters, Cayuse Jack, Hay Sugar, JR Hammer, Money Bags, Ranger Mike, Saulk Valley Stubby, Tommy Two Fingers and Two Rig A Tony, Congratulations! Our Clean Match Coasters were made by Ka Adik Krista. I would like to thank all that helped out with posse duties we have a great bunch of Cowboy and Cowgirls that are always willing to help out when needed. Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee, Donuts, and our lunch. I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, Stubby, Ya Big Tree, Toby Dirt, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be August 18, 2024. 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

Aug 3: IDPA Practice 9am (IDPA)  
 Aug 10: CPL Class  
 Aug 10 & 11: FD Level 2 Handgun (IDPA)  
 Aug 11: **Summer Shotgun Ironman**  
 Aug 12: New Member Orientation (*by invite*)  
 Aug 14: CPL Practice (IDPA)  
 Aug 17: IDPA Shoot (IDPA)  
 Aug 17: HE Field Day rifle/pistol ranges closed  
 Aug 18: Combat Carbine (IDPA)  
 Aug 18: Cowboy Action  
 Aug 24: 22PRS Rifle (Rifle Range)  
 Aug 25 **Long Gong 22 Shoot (Rifle)**  
 Aug 25: Last Chance ATA Trapshoot  
 Aug 26: **Board Meeting 7pm**  
 Sept 9: Quarterly Member Meeting

## 👉 FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 👈

**FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed for the club fair booth at the St. Joseph County Fair, September 15th - 21st. Shifts are three hours each starting at 10 am and going until 10 pm. Shifts are 10 am - 1 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm, 4 pm to 7 pm, and 7 pm until 10 pm each day.

You get a **free pass** to the fair, and all the fair food your wallet can afford! You can close whenever you want, the traffic usually slows down after about 9 pm. To sign up call Jim Perlberg at 313-310-4897 or email at [gunslinger6@me.com](mailto:gunslinger6@me.com). Please sign up before August 26th. That way I will know how many passes to get. If you will be working with a partner please let me know, so I can each of you a pass. Your passes will be available at the BOD meeting on August 26.

Thanks for your help, **Jim Perlberg, Public Relations Director.**

## Youth Trap Team Wins 4th Place at SCTP Nationals



Our Club youth trap team "**St. Joseph County Straight Shooters**" had 8 student athletes attend the SCTP National Trap Shoot for 2 days in Marengo OH shooting in the 200-Championship Singles event. Our "**Open Class**" (*mixed Varsity and JV categories*) full squad composed of **Caden Fritts** (JV), **Hunter Ambrosen** (JV), **Emmett Carpenter** (Varsity), **Jovey LaRoy** (Varsity), and **Peyton Reeder** (Varsity) took **4th Place Open Squad** with a score of 950 targets hit out of 1000 targets over those 2 days. They brought home a trophy and each received medals for their accomplishment. Their squad came in 4th out of 196 Open Class squads. At this national level shoot, teams medal and receive a trophy through 5th place. Other team members shooting in this event were **Robert VanDam**, **Keaton Westfall**, and **Jacob Bell** on a partial squad. Several of the team also shot personal bests at this event.

This is the first time our team has won a trophy and medaled in this largest of all National youth trapshooting events. There were over 3000 youth competing in shotgun events during the 11-day shoot held at the Cardinal Center Shooting range in Ohio. This is the last year for some of the team members as they move on in life. **Hunter Ambrosen** is off to college at Olivet and will be shooting on their college team. **Emmett Carpenter** had also graduated and will move onto his dream career as a heavy equipment operator. **Robert VanDam** has graduated from Glen Oaks College and will be working in Coldwater as a mechanic. Also of note, **Caden Fritts** was named to the SCTP "**All Scholastic Team**"; a combination of academic and shooting proficiency during the 2024 SCTP year.

This was a great performance from all our team! Congratulations St. Joe County Straight Shooters! *Submitted by Head Coach, Leslie York*

**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: June BOD Meeting 2024**

Checking Account \$ 18,070.26 CC Trans Acct \$ 14,687.80  
 Pre-paid Dues CD \$ 1,762.98 Emergency CD \$ 60,420.97  
 Storm CD Rec'd \$125,000.00 Excess CD \$ 20,000.00

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

Total paid member households **849**

*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 - June (7)**

James Paul Beldon	Three Rivers, MI
Mark Chaddock	Centreville, MI
Hames H Davis	Centreville, MI
Bret Hamlin	Sturgis, MI
Jacob McMillen	Sturgis, MI
Richard M Sullivan	Jones, MI
Alex Tomaszewski	Sturgis MI

**THE BACK PAGE... RANGE NOTES**

- ◆ **REMINDER LOWER RANGES CLOSED THURS EVE'S:** 4-H Riflery and BB Gun runs on Thurs eve 5:30-8pm, May into Sept. Therefore the Rifle and Pistol ranges are closed during these times.
- ◆ **RIFLE & PISTOL RANGES CLOSED DURING HUNTER ED FIELD DAYS 8AM - 1PM**
- ◆ **Summer Shotgun Ironman:** Planned for Sun. Aug 11 at 1pm. This is a different format than the Annual Oct Ironman. It is composed of 16-yd singles & 23-yd handicap trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand. One round of each (100 targets total).
- ◆ **Free Basic Firearm Safety:** Jeff Brazo is offering training to new gun owners. Contact Jeff at 269-689-0200 to schedule a free firearm safety class.

Looking for **Volunteers** for various Committees and Fund Raising activities; also Board Positions.  
 Contact: [conservationclubeditor@gmail.com](mailto:conservationclubeditor@gmail.com)

**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	689-0200*
Vice President	Paul Hassenger	625-4668
Executive Secretary	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Treasurer	Tom McLaughlin	651-9951
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

**DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

District #1	Kathy Book	659-4056
	Denny Parker	535-4739
District #2	Mark Speicher (574)	361-5847
	Roy Rawlinson	341-1726
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

**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
MUCC Region 7	Allen Kasdorf	651-7086
Finance	Tom McLaughlin	506-3361
Nominating Chair	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Calendar of Events	Leslie York	483-6803
Hunter Education	Mark Quirin	503-0191
CPL Instruction	Jeff Brazo	689-0200
Fair Sign-up	Jim Perlberg (313)	310-4897

**Weekly / League Activities**

Trap & Skeet	Larry & Leslie York	483-6803
Trap - Tues	Bill Thompson	290-5798
5 Stand Sporting Clays	Joel Weeks	788-4946
Archery	Larry Murray	659-6005
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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Area (s) of Interest:** Range Work Parties \_\_\_\_\_; Committees \_\_\_\_\_; Club Board \_\_\_\_\_; Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

New member application fee: **\$130\***  
*\*subject to change*

Renewal Dues (after 1<sup>st</sup> full year): **\$105\***  
*\*subject to change*

**Total 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 start within 60 days.