

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



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## Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, **Sept 9**
- Board Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, **July 29**

**Happy  
Independence  
Day!**

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## A New Game On The Range: "Long Gong"

This is a 300-yd shooting challenge using rifles chambered in 22LR only. The object is to have fun; shooting the highest score possible.

**The Game:** The targets are AR400 3/16" thick rimfire gongs, an 8", a 6", and a 4" gong. Each gong has a value: 1-point for the 8", 2-points for the 6", and 3-points for the 4" gong. From a bench rest (limited to bipod and bags, no sleds) each shooter, with 10 rounds of ammunition, begins shooting the 8" gong. The shooter has a 3-minute time limit to complete their round, the clock starts when the score-keeper says "BEGIN". A complete game has each shooter firing 5 complete sets for a total of 50 rounds of ammunition (1 full box).

**Scoring:** If the shooter hits the 8" gong, they score 1 point and can choose to advance to the 6" gong or continue shooting the 8" gong. If the shooter advances to the 6" gong and hit it, that hit is worth 2 points and they may choose to continue shooting at the 6" gong or advance to the 4" gong. If they miss, they move back one gong.

**Why?** Hitting gongs at 300-yd with a 22LR is challenging, but FUN. Hitting them repeatedly under changing conditions requires all the fundamentals used by long-distance shooters in the world. Do you think you have what it takes?

**When:** Join us Sunday afternoons, **July 28**, and **Aug 25**, at the 300-yd rifle range. There will be a \$10 charge (half to club/half to competitors).

**Questions:** Text Charlie Reynolds at 269.251.3946

## July 20 "Lost in the Hills" 3D Archery

As stated in last month's edition, it's time to resume the "Lost In The Hills" 3-D Archery shoot! This event started in 2016 and ran for 3 years; then came the pandemic and then the disastrous August 2021 storm damage hit that shut down the archery range for a spell!

So, this month it is returning on July 20. Start time is 8:00am and runs until 5:00pm. Please note, all shooters must start the course by 1:00pm. The course of fire will be 30 3-D Targets, with Multiple Classes. The cost is \$15 adults, \$10.00 for age 17 and under.

- **New for 2024:** a Pro Team Competition!
- Free t-shirt to the first 40 entries
- Free gate prizes
- Vendors will be present. Trade Blanket.

For more information and details, call **Lost Nation Archery** at 269-659-6002

## Cowboy Round-Up

### Hidden Valley Cowboys June Report

The Valley had 34 shooters for our June match, we had several visitors stop by again this month.

We welcomed 2 new shooters this month, Madcap, Cole Cassidy. We are looking forward to shooting with them next month.

This match we had 6 Clean shooters, Cayuse Jack, Deuce Stevens, Joe Quick, Ranger Mike, Saulk Valley Stubby and Tin Cup, 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 July 21, 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

July 6: IDPA Practice 9am (IDPA)  
 July 8: New Member Orientation (*by invite*)  
 July 10: CPL Practice (IDPA)  
 July 13: CPL Class  
 July 13: FD Women's Intro Handgun (IDPA)  
 July 14: FD Tactical Treatment Wounds  
 July 14: First Aid Make-Up 1pm (*Invite only*)  
 June 16: Combat Carbine (IDPA)  
 July 20: **Lost in the Hills 3D Archery Shoot**  
 July 21: Cowboy Action  
 July 27: 22PRS Rifle (Rifle Range)  
 July 26-28: 10<sup>th</sup> Hoosier Daddy IDPA Shoot  
 July 28 Long Gong 22 Shoot (Rifle)  
 July 29: **Board Meeting** 7pm  
 Aug 3: NWTF **JAKES DAY** (Clubhouse)  
 Aug 11: Summer Shotgun Ironman

## Remaining Advanced Defensive Training Classes

**Fortress Defense Consultants-** Frank Sharpe has instructed for over 20 years. See website [www.fortressdefense.com](http://www.fortressdefense.com) for class scheduling, details, fees, requirements.

**July 13;** Women's Intro to Handgun

**July 14;** Tactical Treatment of Gunshot Wounds 8 Hours

**August 10-11;** Level II Handgun

**September 7-8;** Armed Vehicle Defense

**September 28-29;** Level I Handgun and Women's Level I Handgun (concurrent, separate classes pending registration) with Night Shoot

### **Classes Offered by Local Instructors - All certified & Club Members**

**Contact Jeff Brazo at 269-689-0200 if interested in any classes below**

**Concealed Pistol License (CPL)-** second Saturday each month (1 day class) pending minimum of 2 students; also, by private schedule, multiple days as needed.

**CPL Renewal Class-** 3-5 hours; we offer this class for those wanting to have updated information, with or without range time.

**Advanced CPL/101-102-103-** covers skills needed to carry handguns; these skills typically are not provided in CPL classes. Moving, using cover, holstering/un-holstering, shooting positions. 6 hours total, can be completed in multiple 2-3 hour sessions, or one 6 hour day.

**Introduction to Defensive Carbine/Rifle-** basics for using rifle or carbine for personal defense. 2-4 hours, can be completed in sessions.

## A Message from Your MUCC Representative

Michigan United Conservation Cubs (MUCC) was founded on a mission. That mission is described below.

To insulate our natural resources from political whims and ensure conservation is a part of our identity as Michiganders, this vision is what unites us to conserve, protect, and enhance our natural resources and outdoor heritage. Since our beginning, we have relied on strong grassroots support from members across all of Michigan's peninsulas, bays, lakes, forests, rivers, and fields. When we call on our members to take action, they take action. We don't send frivolous action alerts, and we don't use fear tactics to achieve our member's policy directives. Since 1937, MUCC has been the voice for sportsmen and sportswomen in Michigan. Whether it is in the halls of the Capitol in Lansing or in Washington D.C., we are always fighting on behalf of Michigan's hunters, anglers, trappers, and conservationists. Our resume speaks for itself. We are a known entity in Lansing and the conservation space. We are proud to be your conservation organization. (*Taken from MUCC's 2023 Annual Report*) **Allen Kasdorf**

**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: May BOD Meeting 2024**

Checking Account \$ 47,452.58 CC Trans Acct \$ 11,687.80  
 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 **837**

*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 - May (8)**

Michael Burrows	Sturgis, MI
Jeremy DeBoer	Mendon, MI
Phillip Hecksel	Union City, MI
Jeremiah Bruce Mastney	Three Rivers, MI
John Patrick Poff	Three Rivers, MI
Jerry Allan Robbins	Three Rivers, MI
Omar Villalon-Marro	Vicksburg, MI
Steve Zimmerman	Sturgis, MI

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

- ◆ **REMINDER LOWER RANGE 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.
- ◆ **MUCC Youth Camp:** We still have 2 openings for youth to attend the Summer MUCC Youth Camp. Contact Allen Kasdorf to sign up 269-251-0113
- ◆ **Summer Shotgun Ironman:** Planned for Sun. Aug 11 at 1pm. 16-yd & 23-yd 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.**  
\*\*\*\*\*

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.