

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



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## Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM  
**Monday, September 11**
- Board Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, July 31

*Happy Independence Day!*

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## MUCC Updates\*

School is out, folks are planning their summer vacations, the boat is in the water and you're eyeing that next fishing adventure — there is no better place to live than Michigan. The big mayflies of June are starting to come off and trout are taking notice. Walleye are moving into the deeper water. It's amazing that we are able to catch trout, bass, pike, panfish, walleye, sturgeon, musky, and many other fish species, all within a few hour's drive.

### Legislative Updates:

On June 8, the Michigan Senate passed stakeholder-led commercial guiding legislation on a bipartisan vote. The bill package now moves to the House and has been assigned to the House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

### Natural Resources Commission (NRC)

The NRC voted on several deer regulation proposals at June's meeting. No season dates were changed at this time. Commissioners passed Wildlife Conservation Order #5 of 2023, allowing off-lead tracking dogs to recover legally shot game species. This order had been tabled for months as commissioners and the DNR worked on the final language. MUCC supports the use of off-lead tracking by qualified trackers. While this order is a step in the right direction per our grassroots policy, we would support a training requirement for dog and tracker and the CPL requirement.

### Conservation Policy Board (CPB)

MUCC held its first Conservation Policy Board meeting of 2023 up in Big Bay at the historic Thunder Bay Inn. There are many ways for conservationists to help improve wildlife habitat in Michigan through our "On the Ground" program this summer.

A couple of weekends ago, volunteers joined MUCC on public land in Newberry to plant nearly 90 mast-producing trees in an effort to improve habitat for a variety of wildlife. We're now looking for volunteers for our upcoming summer projects! Below is one such project happening in July.

- **Annual Manistee River Clean Up at High Bridge Boat Launch in Manistee County, July 15 (Saturday)** - In partnership with Steelhead Manifesto, sponsored by Great Lakes Great Responsibility. Check out the MUCC website for details or [scan the QR code below.](#)

\*Excerpts taken from MUCC Conservation Insider, Nick Green MOOD



# Cowboy Corner

## Hidden Valley Cowboys June Report

We had 31 Shooters for our June match and we had 2 new shooters to the Valley this month welcome Stinky Pete and The Bedford kid! They shoot very well for their first ever Cowboy match. Congratulations to our 4 Clean shooters this month, Ranger Mike, Spoon River Sam, Three Gun Cole and Ya Big Tree. Our Cool Clean Match Coasters are 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 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 July 16, 2023. 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



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOTE: Thurs 6-8pm Rifle Range Closed (4H)**

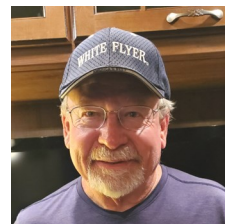
- July 8-9: FD Instructor Class (IDPA)
- July 8: **PAUSE SHOOTING 2-3 PM**
- July 8: CPL Class
- July 15: Clubhouse Rented
- July 16: IDPA Shoot
- July 16: Trap June BIG 50
- July 16: Combat Carbine
- July 16: Cowboy Action
- July 22: PRS 22 (Rifle Range)
- July 22-23: **HOOSIER DADDY IDPA (IDPA)**
- July 28-29: FD Level 1 Rifle (IDPA Range)
- July 31: Board Meeting
- Aug 26: NWTF Youth JAKES DAY
- Aug 27: ATA Trap Shoot

# Highlighted Upcoming Events

- **FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed for the club fair booth at the St. Joe County Fair, September 17th -23rd. Shifts are three hours 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. The 10 am and 10pm shifts on the 17 are already taken, as is the 7 pm shift on the 23rd. A sign-up sheet will be available at the July and August Board of Directors meetings, or you can e-mail me, Jim Perlberg, with your preference at [gunslinger6@me.com](mailto:gunslinger6@me.com). I need to know no later than September 6 so I can get passes for everyone. You get a **"free pass"** to the fair, and Jeff Brazo has arranged for fair workers to get a **"free meal"** at the Kiwanis booth. Or you can enjoy some fair food on your own. Thanks for your help, **Jim Perlberg, Public Relations Director.**
- **TRAP BIG 50 EVENTS:** Our club has scheduled 4 mini-ATA trap shoots called BIG 50s, as there are trap events of only 50 targets each instead of the standard 100. Open non-registered trapshooters can also participate even on the same squads! We "register" the scores with the ATA of only those who choose to register them in the BIG 50 event. In June, we held a **"FATHER'S DAY BIG 50"** with only light attendance. We had 2 events, Singles and Handicap. **Larry York** was the **BIG 50 SINGLES Winner** shooting a 49 out of 50 Targets, and **Mike Mirras III** was the **BIG 50 HANDICAP Winner** shooting 44 out of 50 Targets. We still have 2 more BIG 50s this summer, dates are **July 16** and **August 13**. Of course open trap is still held on Sundays 9am until noon (or when the last shooter leaves), and Tues 6pm.

## ALL FIREARM RANGES CLOSED TO SHOOT- ING ON JULY 8, 2-3 PM

**Neighbor's Request to be Honored** As one of our close neighbor's son is getting married on July 8, and it is being video taped, they have respectfully asked us to not shoot during the hours of 2-3pm on July 8th and we have agreed to this neighborly request. Therefore they will be no shooting on any range (well except for Archery) on July 8 between 2-3 pm. Someone will be at the club's gate during this time to remind people as they enter on July 8th. Please be respectful of this small request.



## York Reaches ATA Clay Target Milestone

On June 1 during the Buckeye Open ATA Trapshoot held in Marengo Ohio, Larry York shot at and hit his 100,000 registered clay target. This occurred during Event #5, the Elite Shotgun Singles, where Larry hit all 100 straight on that event! Shooting with him on that same squad was his wife Leslie York and shooting buddy Don Romine.

**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 2023**

Checking Account \$ 12,575.57 Transfer Acct \$ 11,444.04  
 Pre-paid Dues CD \$ 5,286.66 Emergency CD \$ 59,788.98

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

Total paid member households 861

*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 (8) — May**

Ronald Leonard Anderson	Athens, MI
James Bridgeman	Schoolcraft, MI
Jessy Lown	LaGrange, IN
Nancy Phillips	Bronson, MI
Timothy Reed	Centreville, MI
Carl Rienstra	Three Rivers, MI
Christopher Knox Smith	White Pigeon, MI

**Cowboy Corner Extra**

**Hidden Valley Cowboys  
 May Report**

We had 39 Shooters for our May match and we had 2 new shooters to the Valley this month welcome The Hungarian and Rev! They shoot very well for their first ever Cowboy match. Congratulations to our 7 Clean shooters this month, Crazy Mingo, Juste' Badshot, Ka Adik Krista, Lighting Bill, Ranger Mike, Triple Threat and Sauk Valley Stubby. Our Cool Clean Match Coasters are made by Ka Adik Krista.

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**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	Fred Shank	625-3749
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	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, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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 should start within 60 days.