

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



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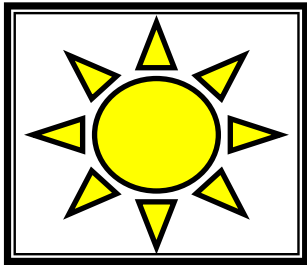


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## Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, **Sept 8**
- Board Meeting 7 PM  
Monday, **August 25**



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## August 24 ATA Trap Shoot

Sunday, **August 24** will be our next ATA trap shoot and last one for the 2025 ATA target year. It's the "**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 whichever 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 2025 ATA shooting year! Sept 1 starts the new ATA year (2026).

***You can also renew your 2026 ATA membership at the shoot!***

## "Lost In The Hills" 3D Archery Report

The 2025 Lost in the Hills archery 3D shoot buzzed through the club course on July 19<sup>th</sup> and all seemed pleased with the target setup and the competition. A total of 29 shooters took to the 3D animal targets, including 18 in the adult compound men's category, 8 adult traditional, 2 adult compound women, and one youth compound.

First place adult men's compound was Matther Petersheim with a score of 306, first place adult traditional was AJ Beechy at 189, Rachel Hudson took first place adult women's compound with a 205 and youth compound first place was Gentry Cragio with a 178. (More scores will be posted on the club website.) The weather was perfect and many launched arrows at the three novelty targets: "Bucks Only", "Cut the String", and "The Flying Pig". Sponsors and other donors provided enough door prizes for everyone to go home with something.

The 3D course will remain setup with open shoots every Tuesday through the end of September. Call Archery Activity Director Larry Murray at 269-832-2816 if you have any questions about archery at the club.

## Cowboy Round-Up

### Hidden Valley Cowboys July Report

We had a great turn out for our July shoot and it was nice to see some old friends returning to the Valley. Congratulations to our 9 Clean shooters this month, Anvil Adam, Joe Quick, Johnny Rebel, Lighting Bill, Mez Cal, Madcap, Rover, Spoon River Sam, Three Gun Cole. Our Cool Clean Match Coaster's are made by Ka Adik Krista.

I would like to thank all that helped out with posse duties we have a great bunch of Cowboys and Cowgirls that are always willing to help out when needed. Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with our lunch today; the best fried chicken and fix-ins. I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot; thank you Ranger Mike, Shakey Shot Sharon, Ya Big Tree, 3 Gun Cole, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be August 17, 2025. 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 2: HE Field Day (*must preregister*)
- Aug 4: Range Safety Orientation\*
- Aug 9-10: FDC Class (IDPA )
- Aug 13: IDPA Practice 9am (IDPA)
- Aug 15: Night Vision Shoot (Rifle 25-100)
- Aug 16: Range Safety Orientation\*
- Aug 16: IDPA Shoot
- Aug 17: Long Gong 22 (Rifle)
- Aug 17: Cowboy Action
- Aug 17: Combat Carbine
- Aug 23: PRS22 Rifle (Rifle Range)
- Aug 23-24: FDC Class (IDPA )
- Aug 24: ATA Trap Shoot
- Aug 25: **Board Meeting 7pm**

**\*Contact Kathy Crandall 269-341-5930 to reserve your range safety training spot.**

## FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed for the club fair booth at the St. Joseph County Fair, September 14th - 20th. 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 25th. 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 25.

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

**Attention: A Program is set for the September 8 Member Meeting on Mushroom Hunting in Michigan.** The speaker will be from the Michigan mushroom hunters and will explain where and how to hunt mushrooms.

## July Long Gong .22 Rifle Report

July Long Gong Match was the largest to date. We had 9 new shooters, a Family of four (they all had their own rifles), a dad and daughter team (Makenzie stood up to shoot and show Benson, Ron and me how it's done), a Kentucky Gentlemen and a fellow from Bend of the River club. Only four club members, what do we need to do to get more club members to shoot with us.

The weather was Sunny with a slight breeze, just enough to make life interesting and challenging. We ran two lines of fire, concurrently, using PractiScore to record hits and misses. I think it worked out great, and with PractiScore, the shooters could see the scores instantly.

Dustin Sanford came in first with a score of 51, followed by Brian Rockell (50) and Joe Gross (42). See club website for more scores.

**Future Match Dates:** Aug 17, Sept 21 and Oct 19



**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 2025**

Checking Account \$ 33,512.36 Trans Acct \$ 18,423.80  
 Emergency CD \$ 61,027.45 Excess CD \$ 20,960.96  
 Storm CD Rec'd \$ 131,942.52

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

Total paid member households **825**

*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 (8)**

Matin Baker	Constantine, MI
Roger Francisco	Vicksburg, MI
Phill W Hartman	Sturgis, MI
Marcus Sydney Palmer	Leonidas, MI
Donald Powell	Sturgis, MI
Adam Sevrey	Bristol, IN
Raymond Smith	Bristol, IN
Michael Trepanier	Vicksburg, MI

**REMINDER LOWER RANGE CLOSED THURS EVE: 4-H Riflery and BB Gun runs on Thurs eve 5:30-8pm, May into Sept for the Fair. Therefore the Rifle and Pistol ranges are closed during these dates and times.**

**Range Safety Training Dates:**

Contact Kathy at (269) 341-5930 to schedule your required "one-time" training soon:

<b>Aug:</b>	Monday	August 4	6pm
	Saturday	August 16	9am
<b>Sept:</b>	Monday	September 15	6pm
	Saturday	September 20	9am
<b>Oct:</b>	Monday	October 6	6pm
	Saturday	October 25	9am
<b>Nov:</b>	Monday	November 3	6pm
<b>Dec:</b>	Monday	December 1	6pm

***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	506-3361
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

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District #1	Jammie Mosser	823-3564
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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 & Fair Sign-up	Jim Perlberg	(313) 310-4897
NRA Recruiter	Leslie York	483-6803
MUCC Region 7	Allen Kasdorf	651-7086
Finance Chair	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

**Weekly / League Activities**

Trap & Skeet	Larry & Leslie York	464-6895
Trap - Tues	Bill Thompson	290-5798
5 Stand Sporting Clays	Joel Weeks	788-4946
Archery	Larry Murray	832-2816
Cowboy Action	John Daniels	(574) 349-3764
IDPA Defensive Pistol	Kevin Frye	(574) 274-1524
Combat Carbine, High Power	Jay Baker	532-4445
PRS22, NRL22 Rifle Leagues	Gary Kondek	(574) 274-3694
Lower Range	Andy Rockwell	(260) 668-9317
Youth SCTP Shotgun	Leslie York	483-6803
Youth SASP Pistol & Rifle	Mike Ortman	625-1918
Youth 4-H	Nelson Schug	(248) 379-8654

**Executive Secretary:**

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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.