

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



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Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **Sept 14**
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **Sept 28**



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Sept Quarterly Member Meeting

Our next **Quarterly Member Meeting** is set for **Monday, September 14 at 7pm** in the Club house. All members and family are welcome. This is where the Board of Directors update the membership on what the board has been working on and any updates from the Activity Directors on the status of their activities.

👉 Fair Booth Volunteers 👉

FAIR VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers may still be needed for the club fair booth at the St. Joseph County Fair, September 20th - 26th. Check with Jim Perlberg for open dates/times. 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 to hang out at the booth, call Jim Perlberg at 313-310-4897 or email at gunslinger6@me.com. Please contact me if you would like to work a shift soon. If you will be working with a partner please let me know, so I can get each of you a pass.

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

Required Range Safety Sessions

Only 8 sessions left. it is required for all members, regardless of your activity of choice, if you want to continue your membership in 2027. And it needs to be completed by Dec, 2026. You only need to take it once, so if you took it last year, you're golden! You may think you already know all the safety rules, and you might very well, but a refresher is never a bad idea, and it's well worth it to be able to participate at the best sportsman club in the area. Besides, we've added a new rule or two, and you'll even receive a **free gift!**

The final class dates through the end of the year are:

Sept:	Saturday	Sept 19	9 a.m. (sharing range w/Hunt. Ed.)
	Monday	Sept 21	6 p.m.
Oct:	Monday	Oct 5	6 p.m.
	Saturday	Oct 17	9 a.m. (sharing range w/Hunt. Ed.)
	Sunday	Oct 25	11 a.m. (trap/skeet may be ongoing)
Nov:	Monday	Nov 2	6 p.m.
Dec:	Monday	Dec 7	6 p.m.
	Saturday	Dec 19	9 a.m.

ALL sessions begin on the Pistol Range, so come down to that parking lot shortly before the class begins. We will be outside as well as inside, so dress for the weather. To sign up, call **Kathy Crandall at 269-341-5930.**



Cowboy Round-Up

Hidden Valley Cowboys

August Report

We setup stages from the upcoming Range War for Sundays match. These were fast and fun! Thank you to all that came out and shot with us. Congratulations to **Mustache Kid** for being our overall winner and to our 3 Clean shooters this month, **Chubby Johnson, Madcap** and **Mezcal**. 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, Donuts, and our lunch. 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, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista. Our next shoot will be **September 20, 2026**. 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

Sept 12: CPL Class (Clubhouse & IDPA)
 Sept 12 & 13: Fort Def Class (IDPA)
 Sept 14: **Member Meeting** (7 pm)
 Sept 16: IDPA Practice (IDPA Range)
 Sept 18: Night Vision Dusk Shoot (Rifle)
 Sept 19: Hunter Ed Class (see DNR)
 Sept 19: Lower Range Closed (8am-2pm)
 Sept 19: Range Training (9-11 am)*
 Sept 19: IDPA Match (IDPA)
 Sept 20: Cowboy Action (Cowboy Range)
 Sept 20: Combat Carbine (IDPA)
 Sept 20: Long Gong 22 (Noon-Rifle Rng)
 Sept 21: Clubhouse Reserved (Training)*
 Sept 21: Lower Range Closed (6-8 pm)*
 Sept 26: Masons Top Shot (Shotgun/Rifle)
 Sept 28: **Board Meeting** 7pm

*Contact **Kathy Crandall 269-341-5930** to register for the safety orientation.

Fall Trap League and 16 BIG 50's

On Sunday mornings, *and now also available on Tuesday evenings*, **Sept 27 through Nov 22** (minus the Oct 11 ATA shoot), will be the 2026 Fall Trap League with concurrent (and optional) ATA registered BIG 50 Trap Shoots. This is a 16-yard Singles money league with the "option" to register your targets in any given league week. The BIG 50 option must be stated prior to shooting that week's scores. Standard weekly target fees plus the league fee of \$20. Please note, the "optional" BIG 50 also has reduced ATA & MTA daily fees. Open to club members and non-members, and as always, youth can also partake in either activity at youth rates. The League starts at 9am each slated Sun and runs to about noon, and is available Tues evening starting at 5:30pm. Either your Sun or your Tues score will count for that week (*not both - we'll take the higher score*).

Other BIG 50 events, such as handicap and or doubles, may be added but we need at least 3 shooters for each additional event. Not a current ATA Member? No problem, you can join the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) at this or any other ATA event. Adults \$20 for the full ATA target year, youth under 18 are \$12. Start your 2027 ATA Target Year with these BIG 50 events. *See ya at the range!*

America 250 Summer Trap & Skeet League Results

Well the results are in! After 10-weeks of available shooting trap or skeet or both, we have the results of each league where we counted the top 5 weeks for a total of 250 scores (*50 targets each week*). And the winners are: **Trap Champion: Hunter Ambrosen** hitting 98.8%, crushed 247/250 targets. Trap Runner-Up was **Larry York** hitting 98.0% (245/250), and Junior went to **Jacob Bell** hitting 94.0% (235/250). On the Skeet side of things, the **Skeet Champion** was **Doug Swift** hitting 88.8% (222/250), with Runner-Up **Hunter Ambrosen** hitting 88.0% (225/250), and the Junior trophy went to **Jacob Bell** hitting 70.8% (117/250). Everyone had fun and another league is planned for next summer. **See photos page 3!**

Oct 4: Shotgun Ironman - Best Overall Shotgunner!

This annual, non-registered, Club shotgun event is set for Sunday, October 4 starting at **11:30am** with a **second flight starting at 1:00 pm**. This is a change from prior years to accommodate more than 4 full squads (*i.e. more than 20 people*). This fun event consists of 1 round each of 16-yard/single trap, wobble trap, skeet, and 5-Stand for a total of 100 targets. Best total combined score wins the Title of 2026 Shotgun Ironman. There's a trophy and money to the winner. If there are more than 10 entrants there is a runner up winner for the pot of money. Cost is \$35 per person, for 4 rounds and a hot dog lunch. **Pre-squad (free) 269-483-6803**

Youth Ironman Champion: Bring out your young'uns and let 'em have a go at the **Ironman Youth Award!** They do have to be physically and mentally capable to handle and shoot a shotgun to participate. Contact **269-483-6803** for more details or to sign up.

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: as of July BOD Meeting 2026

Checking Account \$ 60,240.22	SPC Acct \$ 1,682.00
Emergency CD \$ 61,640.02	HD Acct \$ 12,480.89
Storm CD Rec'd \$ 135,386.07	CD 115145 \$ 24,500.00

Membership Status: As of last Board MeetingTotal paid member households **801**

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 - July (5)

James Thomas Clark	LaGrange, IN
Crystal Marie Gille	Three Rivers, MI
Ray Allen Lambright	Howe, IN
Michael Lawson	Three Rivers, MI
John Rossi	New Lenox, IL

Fund Raiser for Board Member Butch Rieck.

Butch has some extensive hospital expenses due to his recent illness. This is a legit fundraising source at "supportnow.org". Scan this QR code with your phone to take you to the donation site.

**4-H Round Up**

 **4-H Shotgun (Trap & Skeet) County shotgun shoot is set for Sept 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

 **4-H Archery is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

 **4-H Riflery, BB Gun is on Thursday evenings from 5 pm to 7pm (note below)**
Rifle Range is Closed during these times.

Looking Ahead ...

Oct 2 -3: Project Appleseed Scan the QR code to the right to take you to the event for more info & to register.

**Oct 11: National Trapshooting**

Day This annual ATA trap shoot features Leather Trophies for winners. See the upcoming October issue for more details or contact **269-483-6803**.

America 250 League Winners!

Hunter Ambrosen & Larry York; Ambrosen & Doug Swift; Jake Bell

**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	Jeff Brazo (temp)	689-0200
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

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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
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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	Scott Sayer	615-4901
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

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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 NOTE

The St Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Inc., is a non-profit, 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:** \$ _____

NRA Magazine included

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 1st 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.