

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



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Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **June 10**
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **April 29**



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Archery is Open April 2

It is April and that means the complete archery 3D course is OPEN! The full set of 30 targets, plus a bonus, were dutifully installed by volunteers in March and bow holders have been upgraded and or repaired so as to make it easy to keep your bow out of the dirt. If you should happen to see any of the volunteers who made it happen, give them a shout. *See page 3 for a few pics.*

The regular **Tuesday evening shoots**, which are open to the public, will start on **April 2** and last through the end of September, every Tuesday, beginning at 5:30. Any archer, beginner or experienced, member or not, is welcome to walk the mile course, launching arrows at a wide variety of foam animal targets from varying distances, with or without a scorecard. The April setup includes numerous turkey targets, especially for those spring gobbler hunters. Deer, bear, and hog targets are the norm but several varieties of African game are also on the course. And Bullwinkle is still awaiting at station 24.

Member self-serve is still open seven days a week. Please remember to put your \$5 in the mailbox on the archery shed door. Non-members are \$10 and youth, ages 8-17 are \$5. Under 8, free.

The 50-yard bag target range is still open to all members at no charge. This is a great place to double check your site pins. Bag targets are also sufficient for cross bow practice.

For any questions about the range, contact **Larry Murray**, the archery activity director at **269-832-2816**.

April Open ATA Trap Shoot 4/21

Our second Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) trap shoot for the 2024 calendar year is set for **Sunday, April 21**. We will have the standard three events, 100 singles, 100 handicaps, and 100 doubles targets with trophies for the winners in place and categories for all 3 events, including youth and women! This year's shoots start time is again 10:00 am with registration and practice opening at 8:30am. Breakfast food and lunch will be available for donations. All donations above reimbursement of costs benefit our youth club trap team, the "**Straight Shooters**".

The remaining two ATA shoots open to the public are our "Last Chance 500-Doubles and 100-Singles" event August 25, and October 13, the "National Trapshooting Day" Shamrock Leather trophy shoot.

As a reminder, Skeet and 5-Stand will be closed on these ATA dates.

MUCC UPDATE

At our Annual Membership Meeting and Wild Game Chili Cook-Off in March, we were honored to have **Ron Burris**, our MUCC Regional Director, come to speak to the membership on all things MUCC related.

He gave a wonderful presentation on the structure of MUCC (*Michigan United Conservation Clubs*), of which we are all a member, gave a brief history of the organization, and what they do for us as Michigan residents interested in the outdoors - *including hunting, fishing, sportsmanship, and conservation.*

He reviewed several of the resolutions submitted by MUCC members (like you and me) and which ones MUCC will recommend to state legislators for their consideration, based on the consolidated recommendations from Club's all over the state. Then MUCC will work with our State Legislators to get those passed for implementation.

Ron left many copies of MUCC's monthly newsletter, "**The Quiver**", at the club for our members to read. He also left us some forms to use if we want to subscribe to the quarterly "**Michigan-Out-Of-Doors**" Magazine. The cost for this colorful and informative magazine for us as members of MUCC through the club is only \$20.

Submitted by Leslie York

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 6-7: FD Level 1 Handgun (IDPA)
 Apr 6: Youth SCTP Trapshoot
 Apr 7: Long Range Planning Meeting 2pm
 Apr 7: HE Book Pick Up (*Registered only*)
 Apr 12: CPL Class
 Apr 14: **Special Board Meeting 1:30pm**
 Apr 20: HE Field Day (Ranges Closed AM)
 Apr 20: IDPA
 Apr 21: ATA Trap Shoot
 Apr 21: Cowboy Action
 Apr 21: Combat Carbine
 Apr 27: PRS 22 (Rifle Range)
 Apr 27-28: FD Level 1 Rifle (IDPA)
 Apr 29: Board Meeting 7pm
 May 2: 4-H BB Gun and Rifle Starts Up

St. Patrick's Day ATA Shoot Results



Our first full ATA Trap Shoot of the year has concluded and considering the wind and cold weather it was a decent turnout. We had **25 shooters from 4 states** (MI, IN, WI, and OH). The High Over All (HOA) winner was **Jason Marzette** (pictured L). Jason also took Champion in Singles (96/100) after a shoot-off with **Aaron Shearer** (who ended up with Class B Singles). Jason also took the Doubles top spot outright. Aaron took Doubles Third place. **Hunter Ambrosen** (pictured Middle) had a 95/100 and took the High Junior Trophy in Singles trap. This was his first ATA trophy. Hunter shoots on the Constantine HS Trap Team.

Other winners were **Tom Cartwright** (Singles Class A); **Mike Trepanier** Class C (Pictured R); and **Richard Ford** who took Class D. Mike is a coach from the Vicksburg HS Team. **Debbie Stueck** took Ladies in Singles and was the Handicap Runner-Up. Other Handicap winners were Champ **Curtis Held** and Third was **Ray Kunis**. **Roseanne Hoban** (from WI) took the Lady Handicap spot. This was also her first ATA trophy. **Charles Williams** (from Ohio) took the Veteran trophies in the Singles and Handicap events plus was Doubles Runner Up. Some of these people were first timers to our club, while many we see quite often. For more photos go to the Trap Page on our club website.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to all the helpers on the field scoring and loading trap houses, to the registration and data entry insiders, plus the awesome kitchen staff who all make these shoots possible.

Hunter Education Field Days

Our Club will once again be offering Hunter Education Field Days. These will not be Traditional Courses. You will first have to complete either the DNR's Online Course or the Home Study Course. **THERE IS NO COST FOR THE FIELD DAY.**

1. THE ONLINE COURSE: It can be found at <https://www.hunter-ed.com> You then need to log on, register, pay their \$29.95 fee, complete the course and pass their test, print off your "Field Day Voucher". Then "sign up" to take one of our in-person Field Days in order to get your Hunter Certificate to purchase your hunting license. **YOU MUST BRING THIS VOUCHER TO THE FIELD DAY!**

2. THE HOME STUDY COURSE: To register for this course, you need to log into <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/programs> and set up your account. Then go down to "Hunter Education - Field Day" and search for our Club's field days. In the course description on the DNR website there are instructions on what days you can come to the St. Joe County Conservation & Sportsman Club to pick up your "Student Manual". **ALL THE TEST QUESTIONS IN THE BACK OF THE MANUAL MUST BE COMPLETED AND BROUGHT TO THE FIELD DAY!** This is your entry into the Field Day and proves you did the class.

This year's Field Days are (all Saturdays, 8am-2pm): April 20, Aug 17, Oct 19th

If you have questions contact Mark Quirin 269-503-0191 or Charles Reynolds 269-251-3946. If no answer, leave a message.

If you do not have the internet, please come to the club on the days listed to get registered and pick up your manual.

***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: Feb BOD Meeting 2024

Checking Account \$ 45,837.05 CC Trans Acct \$ 11,687.80
 Pre-paid Dues CD \$ 5,321.33 Emergency CD \$ 60,270.71

Membership Status: As of last Board Meeting

Total paid member households **945**

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 - Feb

No new applicants City, St

THE BACK PAGE... RANGE NOTES

- ◆ **Youth MUCC Camp:** Still looking to send 2 youth to camp, contact: allenkasdorf@gmail.com
- ◆ **CPL Practice:** Reminder the CPL Practice nights are set for the Second Wednesday each month on the Special Use IDPA Range at 5:30pm.
- ◆ **5-Stand:** Opened March 24 and will run on each Sunday morning until end of Fall (9am-noon'ish)
- ◆ **Looking for Volunteers** for various Committees for Fund Raising and other activities. Contact Leslie at conservationclubeditor@gmail.com

2024 Archery Work Day Photos

Submitted by Larry Murray

Time to get that bow out!



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*
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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	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	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

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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 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.