

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



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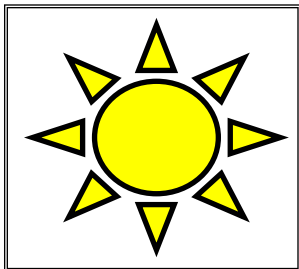


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## Upcoming Meetings

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



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## August 27 ATA Trap Shoot

**Sunday, August 27** will be our next ATA trap shoot, the **Last Chance Doubles and Singles ATA Trap Shoot**. This shoot is basically a Doubles marathon having up to 5 events each with 100-DBL targets, and a Singles (16 yard) trap event of 100 targets running concurrently. This year there is no scheduled Handicap event planned. 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 events, plus 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 2023 ATA shooting year! Sept 1 starts the new ATA year (2024). **Renew for ATA membership now!**

**Note:** There is also a scheduled **BIG 50 (mini-ATA) Trap Shoot** set for August 13 that will run concurrently with open trap practice on that date. This will be the last BIG 50 until the Fall League Sept-Nov.

## Bolt Action Battle Rifles

This is a new way to shoot the Carbine Matches and to get a feel of what it was like in the "bad old days." Starting in August we will have a separate division for bolt action battle rifles (BABR). Some examples are 1903 Springfield, British Enfield, Mauser KAR98, Arisaka, Carcano, Mosen-Nagant, Swiss K-31 (straight pull) etc. These all fire full power cartridges so instead of requiring two hits per target only one is needed. Anyway, a single 30-06 ought to be the kinetic equivalent to two 5.56 hits.

All other aspects of the Match should be followed by the BABR Shooters. Slings and ECIs (*empty chamber indicators*) are required. Reloads can be from loose rounds, stripper clips, or a magazine change, whatever is historically correct. The round count should be about half of a Carbine Match. Plan on about 60-70 for the full six stages.

If you have a safe functioning bolt action battle rifle that has not been shot in a while, this is as good a time as any to get it out to the Range. I recommend a 100 yard zero.

If anyone has questions or suggestions, please contact me, Jay Baker 269-532-4445 or keplerdog@outlook.com.

## Cowboy Corner

### Hidden Valley Cowboys July Report

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to everyone, the weather was great for our July Match and once again we had several visitors stop by to watch. We welcomed Crabby Hays, Dusty Deputy and Toby Dirt for their first trip to the Valley and a few old friends came back to shoot with us this month.

Congratulations to our 7 Clean shooters this month, Deuce Stevens, Mez Cal, Ranger Mike, Rover, Sauk Valley Stubby, Shakey Shot Sharon and Triple Threat. 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 Coffee and Donuts and our lunch, fantastic potato salad. 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 August 20, 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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Aug 12-13: FD Rifle Classes (IDPA)  
Aug 12: CPL Class  
Aug 13: August BIG 50 Trap (practice open)  
Aug 19: IDPA Shoot  
Aug 19: Farm Bureau Trap Shoot (Trap)  
Aug 20: Combat Carbine  
Aug 20: Cowboy Action  
Aug 26: PRS 22 (Rifle Range)  
Aug 26-27: FD Handgun Classes (IDPA)  
Aug 26: **JAKE'S DAY** (Clubhouse & Trap)  
Aug 27: ATA Trap Shoot (no skeet/5-stand)  
Aug 28: Board Meeting

## 👉 FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 👈

**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.**

## Club Hosted MI State SASP Youth Match

The club hosted the 2023 Michigan State SASP match June 23rd thru the 25th. There were over 300 entries from 6 different states that attended. Our Team competed on Friday evening to give athletes and parents the chance to volunteer working the match on Saturday and Sunday. The match went very smooth and as usual the club received an enormous amount of compliments for the facility and volunteers. Our team had 11 athletes competing in up to 3 disciplines including Rimfire Pistol, Rimfire Iron sighted Rifle, and Rimfire Optic Rifle.

Our intermediate squad finished 2nd in all three disciplines and our Rookie squad finished first in both disciplines that they compete in. (rimfire rifle Iron and Optic).

SASP Nationals were held at the Cardinal Shooting Center in Marengo, OH July 7th-15th. Our team had 10 athletes compete at Nationals. Our Rookies were edged out of 3rd place on the last day. Overall the team shot well especially since this was the first year for many of our athletes.

*Submitted by Shawn Scott, Head SASP Coach*

## National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) Youth JAKE'S DAY at the Club Aug 26

NWTf Jake's Day is Aug 26; A **free** day of fun and food for all youth 16 and under to be held at our Conservation Club. Youth and Parents **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE MEMBERS** of the NWTf or the Conservation Club to join in the fun. Event runs from 9am to ~2pm, lunch included, with registration at 8:30am. You don't have to pre-register, just come with parent/grandparent. The clubhouse and upper shotgun range areas are closed during this time for all activities except participants of the JAKE'S DAY.

If your child (children) or grandchildren are interested in joining in the fun, contact Turkey Federation Lady, **Kathy Hines** at **269-816-1658**

**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 \$ 5,614.41 Transfer Acct \$ 11,444.04  
 Pre-paid Dues CD \$ 5,288.66 Emergency CD \$ 59,788.98

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

Total paid member households **875**

*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) - June**

Emilie Blough	Middlebury, IN
Michael Christian Fittro	Colon, MI
Mark Anthony Nestor	White Pigeon, MI
James J Reckers, Jr	Sturgis, MI
Brian Riley	Portage, MI
John Allen Sours	Sturgis, MI
Randy Whitt	Three Rivers, MI
Evan Witt	Elkhart, IN
Latrell Macias	Sturgis, MI

**NEW NEWSLETTER ADVERTIZER!**

**Switch Back America** supports American-made products and the people that make them. Their mission is to shift money from the Big Box Store systems to help put money back into American businesses that love freedom! Check out their webpage Please contact Jaime Nemire via text, call, or email should you have further questions or correspondence. Contact information is below.

**Thank you for your patriotism & support!**

**It's a privilege to be part of this American mission and historical movement.**

Patriotically,

Jaime Nemire  
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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
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	Roy Rawlinson	341-1726
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	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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**269-341-5930**

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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.