

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



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July 2025

Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **Sept 8**
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **July 28**



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Reminder for Range Safety Briefing!

Due to the safety issues the club has experienced on the Rifle and Pistol ranges, many with resultant property damage, the Board of Directors has implemented a **mandatory** Range Safety training for ALL MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF YOUR ACTIVITY OF CHOICE. **ALL existing members/ member households will need to attend one of these sessions to renew their membership after December 2026.** Unfortunately, only a small percentage of existing members has attended to date. Sign up now!

The training is being offered in conjunction with all new member orientations, as well as, many additional monthly sessions on select weekends to accommodate this need. **See page 3 for available dates.** The dates are also listed in the club calendar, both in the monthly newsletter and the on-line calendar on our club website. Please call **Kathy Crandall** at **(269) 341-5930** to schedule the date you plan to attend. Attendees sign in so we have a record of who's been trained. We strongly suggest other members of your family who may use the ranges also attend so **EVERYONE** gets this important safety training information. The training lasts about 30 minutes. *Don't wait until the last moment to get this important briefing done!*

“Lost in the Hills” 3D Archery Shoot 7/19

On July 19th the club will again host the Lost in the Hills 3D archery tournament with plenty of fun, prizes, and challenges. For those not familiar with 3D archery, the premise is to simulate hunting scenarios by placing foam 3D animal targets in a wooded setting and at varied distances. The targets have marked scoring rings which award more points for arrows in the vital area of the animal. Starts at 8am, ending by 3pm. Must start by noon.

The Lost in the Hills course includes 30 targets over a mile long walk and will also feature novelty targets such as “cut the string” and “the flying pig”. Last year's most popular target was the “side-by-side” deer. Compound bows and traditional bows are all welcome. Prizes will be awarded to the top three shooters in adult men compound, adult women compound, adult traditional, youth compound, and youth traditional classes. Door prizes will be awarded and the **first 50 entries receive a free t-shirt.** The cost of Lost in the Hills is \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth. The money raised will help upgrade the targets on the 3D course. Contact the archery activity director, **Larry Murray 269-832-2816**, if you have any questions.

Cowboy Round-Up

Hidden Valley Cowboys June Report

June report is pending at this edition printing. A follow up will be provided for the June shoot, with the July Cowboy shoot report in next month's edition.

Our next shoot will be July 20, 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

Editor's note: However, we can report that there was an incident on the Cowboy range that resolved safely and successfully due to proper safety and first aid training of our staff and participants. Remember, firearm safety training is so very important in our shooting sports: *all of them*. But even with proper training in the handling of firearms, equipment and ammo issues can still occur. It is paramount to know and understand the safety rules that apply to our sport and first aid training.

As a reminder, we must always follow the 4 basic firearm handling rules:

- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
- Always keep the action unloaded and open until ready to shoot
- Know your target and what is beyond

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7: Range Safety Orientation*
 July 9: IDPA Practice 9am (IDPA)
 July 10: HE Book Pick-up (home study)
 July 12: CPL Class
 July 12-13: FDC Class (IDPA)
 July 18: Night Vision Shoot (Rifle 25-100)
 July 19: Lost in the Hills 3D Archery
 July 19: Range Safety Orientation*
 July 20: 22 PRS Rifle (Rifle Range)
 July 20: Long Gong 22 (Rifle)
 July 22: Cowboy Action
 July 24-28: IDPA Shoot (IDPA)
 July 28: **Board Meeting** 7pm
 Aug 9-10: FDC Class (IDPA)
 Aug 23-24: FDC Class (IDPA)
 Aug 24: ATA Trap Shoot
***Contact Kathy Crandall 269-341-5930 to reserve your class spot.**

MI Zone 6 ATA Trap Shoot Results



June 7 & 8 saw our MI Zone 6 ATA Trap Shoot. The Zone 6 Winners are, from left to right, Class AA **Caden Fritts**, Class A Evan Falk, Class B Jeff Russell, Class C Henry Bahr, and Class D Emily Brentana. They will now compete in the MI State Shoot

for the High Zone Award. Other winners include our own club members taking the following trophies (*L-R): Saturday's Singles, **Hunter Ambrosen** (B, no photo), **Micah Miller*** (SJ), and **Mike Mirras III*** (C). Zone 6 Handicap, **Larry York*** (Champion), **Ambrosen** (19-21 yrd, no photo), **Caden Fritts*** (21-24 yrd). Zone 6 Doubles: **Fritts** (Champion), **York** (B). Sunday's 200-Singles Event: **Fritts** (Champ) and **Keaton Westfall*** (SJ). The **High All-Around** winner was **Fritts** (373/400).



June Long Gong 22 Report

We had 6 shooters in our Father's Day Long Gong .22 caliber rifle shoot: Dustin Sanford and Taigan Rockwell (a father and daughter from Niles),



Dustin from Jackson, Kathy Crandall, Charlie Reynolds, and Ron Adams (*left to right in the picture*). The wind conditions were tricky but Dustin was able to shoot a 66 (good shooting Dustin) for first place, Second Place was a tie between Tiagan and Ron at 27. Again, I was disappointed that club shooters aren't coming out. Next shoot, July 20 at noon.

Name	Division	Total	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Sanford, Dustin	Open	66	10	18	12	14	12
Adams, Ron	Open	27	5	6	5	9	2
Rockwell, Tiagan	Ladies	27	4	4	6	8	5
Reynolds, Charlie	Open	22	3	4	2	5	8
Crandall, Kathy	Ladies	19	4	3	2	3	7
Dustin from Jackson	Open	18	2	8	0	5	3

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 BOD Meeting 2025

Checking Account \$ 41,664.17 Trans Acct \$ 18,423.80
 Emergency CD \$ 60,027.45 Excess CD \$ 21,072.38
 Storm CD Rec'd \$ 131,942.52

Membership Status: As of last Board Meeting

Total paid member households **811**

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 - May (8)

Kenneth James Bickle	Three Rivers, MI
Raymond E Hoover	LaGrange, IN
Joseph Edward Hughes III	Sturgis, MI
Robert John Martin	Portage, MI
David P Nelson	Sturgis, MI
Phyllis Seibt	Wolcottville, IN
Gary Lee Shank	LaGrange, IN
Wendee Wendt	Mendon, MI

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

Range Safety Training Dates:

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

July:	Monday	July 7	6pm
	Saturday	July 19	9am
Aug:	Monday	August 4	6pm
	Saturday	August 16	9am
Sept:	Monday	September 15	6pm
	Saturday	September 20	9am
Oct:	Monday	October 6	6pm
	Saturday	October 25	9am
Nov:	Monday	November 3	6pm
Dec:	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
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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
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

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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.