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Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, June 13
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, May 23

**MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 30**

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“Don’t Be *THAT* Guy!”

Damage, Unsafe Behavior on Rifle and Pistol Ranges

Andy Rockwell – Lower Range Director – Cell Phone: 260-668-9317

“YOU RUINED IT FOR EVERYONE!” From the McDonald’s coffee lawsuit lady to the airplane “Shoe Bomber”, to the guy who invented E-85 Gasoline, there are plenty of examples of people who screwed up, and now the rest of us have to deal with the fall-out. These people brought us ridiculous warning labels on products, taking our shoes off at airport security, and terrible gas mileage....and now: the potential for cameras, more gates, expenses, and rules at our club. Don’t be “THAT guy”! Unfortunately, it appears we may have a few of “THAT guy” among us.

Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction. On our rifle/pistol ranges, the “safe direction” is down-range (toward the target frames) and below the tops of the dirt berms. “up”, “left”, and “right” are **NOT** safe directions for the muzzle. Regardless of what you have been told before or seen on TV or YouTube: **“UP” IS NOT A SAFE DIRECTION!**



Keep your finger off the trigger - **AND OUTSIDE OF THE TRIGGER GUARD!** - until your sights are on the target. If your finger is still inside the trigger guard, even if it’s not touching the trigger, there is potential for your hand to flinch or the rifle to slip, causing an unintentional discharge.

“THAT guy” ignored these rules, and as a result we have some new bullet holes in our roof and wall. That brings us to eight (8) bullet holes in our buildings that I know of. We got lucky no one was hurt!

Further, when using the windows in the heated areas of the rifle range, it is very important to **GET YOUR MUZZLE BEYOND THE WINDOW!** If you have a short barrel rifle, or can’t comfortably reach beyond the window, you may have to move a table and use the windowsill itself as your “bench” or open one of the roll-up doors. The 60,000 PSI sideways blast from your muzzle brake causes substantial damage to the window frames!



The only approved targets at our club are paper or cardboard, or steel “gong” type targets. No spinners, balloons, bowling pins, tin cans, Tannerite, etc. These things create a huge mess that someone must clean up. But worse yet, they create unpredictable ricochets, and bullets can travel for miles! Are you “THAT guy” who brought a chainsaw and leaf blower to shoot to pieces on our ranges and left the mess? **THIS IS NEVER OK!**

Look folks, we have 1,000 member households at this club. I realize I’m scolding the whole membership to get my point across to the few. I also understand that accidents happen. Call me or any Board Member, we’ll address it and move on. My hope is that all 1,000 of us will help keep an eye out and will stop and report dangerous behavior. We are all owners. We are all “Range Safety Officers”! So far, we’ve only suffered property damage. It’s annoying and expensive, but we can fix it. The reality is **THIS UNSAFE BEHAVIOR CAN KILL SOMEONE!** Don’t be “THAT guy”!

Cowboy Corner

Hidden Valley Cowboys April 17

The Valley would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter! I would like to thank all the shooters who came out and shoot with us today on our season opener.

This match we had 3 Clean shooters, Sauk Valley Stubby, Lighting Bill and Johnny Rebel, Congratulations!

We all wished a **Happy Birthday** to Ms Blazin!

Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee and Donuts, and our lunch (home made beef stew and fruit cups).

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 May 15, 2022. 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

May 14: CPL Class (Clubhouse & IDPA)
May 14/15: Fortress Def, Rifle (IDPA)
May 14: PRS22 (Rifle Range)
May 15: Cowboy Action
May 23: Board Meeting 7pm
May 28: IDPA
May 29: Combat Carbine (IDPA)
June 4: **CLUBHOUSE RENTED**
June 4/5: Fortress Def (IDPA)
June 11/12: **MI Zone 6 ATA Trap Shoot**
June 11: CPL Class (*not in clubhouse*)
June 11/12: DTI Urban Rifle (IDPA)
June 11: PRS22 (Rifle Range)
June 18: **CLUBHOUSE RENTED**
Jun 25/26: **SASP State Shoot (IDPA)**

Bill Kasdorf Memorial ATA Shoot Results



Our second Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) trap shoot for this season is completed; the "**Bill Kasdorf Memorial Handicap**" Shoot. This shoot was composed of 100 Handicap targets, followed by 100 singles, then another 100 handicaps. We had **37** shooters from MI and IN this month. The High Handicap winner this year was **Bradyn LaRoy** (pictured L) who also took the Junior trophy in the Singles event after losing the Championship shoot-off by 1 target with **Dennis Doebling** - both having shot a 97/100. Bradyn won both handicap Champion top spots, also one with a shoot-off against Dave Harsanyi from IN. Bradyn's name will be engraved onto the perpetual trophy kept at the clubhouse in honor of all the past winners of this annual event. Bradyn shoots with our youth SCTP Trap Team and is also a member of the SASP Rifle/Pistol team.

Other winners from our Club include **Dennis Doebling** who took high Vet in both handicaps, plus the Singles Champion. **Carter Bugajski**, a youth SCTP team member took Singles High D while **Caden Fritts** took high Sub-Junior in the same event. A grand total of 21 trophies in all were handed out at this shoot.

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. We had many more complements on the club property, including those new restrooms.

Our next shoot is the 2-day Michigan Zone 6 ATA Shoot set for June 11-12. We are looking for volunteer help for this 2-day event in all capacities so as to not overburden our standard roster of awesome helpers. Please contact Larry or Leslie York to volunteer, even for a part of either day, by calling or texting 269-483-6803.

Brief Update on Rifle Range Issues

New information has come to light that may indicate some of the recent issues on at least the rifle range may be due to a few possible local teenage trespassers. These are still extremely dangerous behaviors and totally unacceptable.

As we are all stewards of the club as a member organization, we all need to pay attention to any activities that are against our range rules and be wary of any out of the ordinary actions and behaviors of others. We ask that if you see anything unusual, such as inappropriate, unsafe, illegal, or other actions that are against our range rules, to please contact one of the club officers, the specific range manager, or another board member (page 3) to report what you have seen.

If you feel comfortable speaking with an individual when you witness something they are doing that is against the club range rules, you may do so in a calm non-confrontational way, but you do not have to if you are uncomfortable doing so, or especially if you are concerned for your own safety. However, please always contact a club board member to report what you have witnessed. *Stay safe!*

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: March 2022

Checking Account \$ 77,441.23 PayPal Acct \$ 4,663.62
Pre-paid Dues CD \$ 24,756.99 Emergency CD \$ 58,975.83

Membership Status: As of last Board Meeting

Total paid member households **853**

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 (11) — March

Michael Wade Braat	Vicksburg, MI
Kenneth Roy Gorham	Burr Oak, MI
Amy Lewin	Centreville, MI
Kenneth McClain	Colon, MI
Josiah Miller	LaGrange, IN
Davis Peachey	Middlebury, IN
Brenda Louise Perry	Sturgis, MI
Ron Sayles	Three Rivers, MI
Christopher Todd	Three Rivers, MI
Matthew James Tom	Bronson, MI
Dean Martin Weir	LaGrange, IN

Looking Ahead...

Combat Carbine Shoots: The following dates have been approved for Combat Carbine shoots on the IDPA Range for 2022: May 29, June 19, July 17, Aug 21, Sept 18, and Oct 16. Times are 9:00am to 3:00pm. Combat Carbine Sunday shoots follow the IDPA Saturday Shoots.

High Power Rifle Shoots: The High Power rifle shoots will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings April 19-Oct 18 from 6-8pm

April - Oct: Monthly Start-ups Cowboy Action, IDPA & CPL Practice, and (hopefully) Archery start-ups soon. Still looking to secure an Archery Director. Also a variety of Fortress Defense (FD) classes start up April, run through Oct. *Check the calendar for specific classes and dates.*

June 11-12: Michigan Zone 6 ATA Trap Shoot This 2-day (weekend) shoot is a rotating shoot held between the clubs within MI Zone 6 region for registered trap shooting.

June 25-26: SASP State Shoot This youth rifle and pistol program holds the Michigan State Shoot here at our club.

There's always something going on at "The Club"!

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	651-9076*
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
	Denny Parker	535-4739
District #2	Mark Speicher (574)	361-5847
	Bill Thompson	279-7737
District #3	Benson Baumeister	221-0288
	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	651-9076
Fair Sign-up	Jim Perlberg (313)	310-4897

Weekly / League Activities

Trap & Skeet	Larry & Leslie York	483-6803
Trap - Tues	Bill Thompson	279-7737
5 Stand Sporting Clays	Larry & Leslie York	483-6803
Archery	<i>Open pending</i>	
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 _____

New member application: _____ Renewal application: _____

Interest: Archery _____ Trap _____ Skeet _____ Sporting Clays _____ Rifle _____ Pistol _____ Black Powder _____ Cowboy Action _____ IDPA _____ Conservation _____ Youth Shoot Sports _____

Membership Fee: **\$105** for family membership (new and renewal)

Application Fee: **\$25** (new members only, add to membership fee)

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.