

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



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August 2026

Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **Sept 14**
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **August 31**



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August 30 ATA Trap Shoot

Sunday, **August 30** will be our next ATA trap shoot and last one for the 2026 ATA target year. It's the **"Last Chance 500-Doubles and 100-Singles" ATA Trap Shoot**. This shoot is essentially a Doubles marathon having up to 5 events each with 100-Doubles targets, and a Singles Trap (16 yard) event of 100 targets running concurrently. Remember, you get to shoot whichever events you want to - *you do not need to shoot all or any of the 500 doubles!* There is no scheduled Handicap event planned, *but we can* add one if at least 3 people want to shoot it (*please note: there will be no trophies for this event*). Let shoot management know if you would like to shoot a handicap.

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 pre-scheduled events, plus there will be 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 2026 ATA shooting year! Sept 1 starts the new ATA year. ***You can renew your ATA membership for the 2027 year at the shoot too!***

Required Range Safety Sessions (*Updated*)

31% of our existing club members have not taken the mandatory Range Safety Training. 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 dates (*updated*) through the end of the year are:

Aug:	Monday	Aug 3	6 p.m.
	Saturday	Aug 15	9 a.m.
Sept:	Saturday	Sept 19	9 a.m.
	Monday	Sept 21	6 p.m.
Oct:	Monday	Oct 5	6 p.m.
	Saturday	Oct 17	9 a.m.
	Sunday	Oct 25	11 a.m.
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 June Report

We were blessed with great weather for Sundays match, thanks to all who came out and shared there Father's Day morning with us. Congratulations to our 3 Clean shooters this month, Cayuse Jack, Rover and Toby Dirt. 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.

The July report will be in next month's edition.

Johnny Rebel
574-349-3764



UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 1 & 2: Fort Def Class (IDPA Range)
 Aug 3: Clubhouse Orientation (6 - 7 pm)
 Aug 3: Lower Range Closed (6 - 8 pm)*
 Aug 8: CPL Class (Clubhouse & IDPA)
 Aug 15: Clubhouse Orientation (6 - 7 pm)
 Aug 15: Lower Range Closed (6 - 8 pm)*
 Aug 16: Cowboy Action (Cowboy Range)
 Aug 16: Combat Carbine (IDPA)
 Aug 16: Long Gong 22 (Noon-Rifle Rng)
 Aug 19: IDPA Practice (IDPA Range)
 Aug 21: Night Vision Dusk Shoot (Rifle)
 Aug 22: IDPA Match (IDPA)
 Aug 22: PRS22 Rifle Shoot (Rifle Range)
 Aug 29-30: Fort Def Class (IDPA)
 Aug 30: **ATA Trap Shoot**
 Aug 31: Board Meeting 7pm

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

FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed for the club fair booth at the St. Joseph County Fair, September 20th - 26th. 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 call Jim Perlberg at 313-310-4897 or email at gunslinger6@me.com. Please sign up before August 24th. That way I will know how many passes to get. If you will be working with a partner please let me know, so I can each of you a pass. Your passes will be available at the BOD meeting on August 31.

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

Sporting Clays Committee Report

The Sporting Clays Committee presented their plan for the proposed new Sporting Clays Range to the Board at the June BOD meeting. After the presentation and questions, the BOD approved a motion to take the next steps of securing grants and additional fund-raising as a go-ahead with the project as presented. No significant physical action will occur, nor will the range be developed, if sufficient funding and grants are not attained; therefore the Club is not in any financial burden to fund the entire project.

But this go-ahead vote allows the club to secure outside financial resources from interested businesses and other parties with backing from the Club. To date, the committee has already received promised donations totaling \$27,000 just from interested club members, plus an additional \$1,700 in voluntary can donations.

If you are interested in helping to financially assist this project for a new Sporting Clays Range on Club property, with either a direct donation or assisting with fund-raising ideas/activities, please contact 269-483-6803 or 269-464-6895. *The Sporting Clays Committee*

SCTP Clay Target Team Goes to Nationals



Eight of the Club's SCTP Straight Shooters Clay Target team attended the SCTP Nationals in Ohio July 15-18 shooting Skeet & Trap. We didn't win any national trophies but some great scores were shot. Several youth had personal bests and a few shot very good scores in the 200-Trap competition. Caden and Wyatt K each hit 195 out of the 200. That placed them number 122 and 126 out of 2,634 total competitors nationally in this one event.

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 May BOD Meeting 2026

Checking Account \$ 57,569.03	SPC Acct \$ 1,566.00
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 **791**

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 - June (8)

Paul Ray Barrett	Bronson, MI
Geno Berchiatti	Sturgis, MI
Julia H Gamble	Centreville, MI
TeJay Newsome	Howe, IN
N Douglas Owens	Sturgis, MI
Tyler Trushel	Sturgis, MI
John D Ward	Colon, MI
Johnny Lee Younce	Marcellus, MI

4-H Round Up

4-H Shotgun (Trap & Skeet) is on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 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.



4-H State Tournament is at Centerline Gun Club on Saturday, August 15

America 250 Trap & Skeet League Ongoing! ★

We're more than half-way through the Summer Trap & Skeet League that ends **August 16**. Currently **Hunter Ambrosen** is in the lead in trap, with Larry York and Bryce Sherwood just behind. Skeet has had some equipment issues, but should be back online now as the low house is finally repaired!

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

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	Randy Crandall	808-6730
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	Tom Featherstone	718-8392
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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	Jeff Brazo (temp)	689-0200
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	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 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):

American Rifleman or American Hunter

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.