

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



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Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **December 8**
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **December 24**



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December Member Meeting

Monday, **Dec 8 at 7:00 pm** is our next Quarterly Membership Meeting. This is an important meeting as it is ***our last chance*** to propose any suggested amendments to our club by-laws and will be open for nominations for BOD positions. We will also have a program by Shawn Grace of the **DNR on "Invasive Species"**.

- ♦ **By-law Changes:** Suggested by-law changes must be submitted in writing to any board member or can be brought to the meeting. They will then be reviewed by the by-law committee to ensure they don't affect or conflict with other sections of the by-laws before presenting them for full review and subsequent voting at the Annual Member Meeting in March 2026.
- ♦ **Board Openings:** You can also volunteer for or submit recommendations for any Club Officers or District Director positions at this meeting for the 2026-27 membership year. As of this writing, there are **two District Director positions that will be open** needing to be filled, as the individuals currently in those positions are not re-running. Elections will occur at the next quarterly member meeting, the **Annual Membership Meeting, on March 9, 2026** along with our wild game chili cook-off, and voting on any submitted by-law changes.

5-Stand Sporting Clays "Night" Shoot Dec 5

There will be an evening **5-Stand Sporting Clays "shoot under the lights"** fun shoot set for **Friday** evening, Dec 5 from 6pm-9:00pm (*weather pending, skeet is the back-up plan*). Shoot as much as you want. Cost is \$6 per round for members, \$7 per round for non-members (*Youth 18 and under \$5*). For more details or to pre-register, call **Joel Weeks at 269-788-4946**.

Winter Trap & Skeet Leagues Jan 4 - Mar 8

This year's annual **Winter Trap and Skeet Leagues** will run from 1/4/26 to 3/8/26. Trap is planned to be a 10-week money league (*weather permitting*), with 8 of the weeks scores to count. Each week the trap league will be 50 targets (25 targets each). *Per requests*, this year is planned to be 1 round of standard 16-yard trap and 1 round of a fixed handicap at 20 yards. The shoot can be modified if agreed upon by participants. The cost is \$20 for the trap league fee for the pot of money, plus each week's regular shoot fees (*for targets*). Plus, we will have our weekly **"Buck Can"** drawing for those interested in participating. *Skeet League details coming soon!* As a reminder, open Trap and Skeet will continue concurrently on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00 am (*unless a blizzard or severe snow storm or warning*). Open trap/skeet will run concurrently with the league. There will be no ATA registered BIG 50s held during this year's winter trap league.

Sporting Clays Committee

Specific Areas Being Addressed:

1. Establishing an optimal area; Jammie Mosser is using a GPS tool to map out areas to utilize without interfering with other ranges. He is also establishing days and times to run sporting clay events to start.
2. The committee is setting the plan around 24 total machines for 12 stations (*each having 2 machines per station*). 12-stations is preferred over 8 or 10 by Sporting Clays shooters.
3. We have 2 missions. a) create a real layout and design, and b) seek grants and other financial fundraising opportunities, such as businesses. Explore moving to a 501 c (3) on the basis of our youth programs and training/educational programs.

Steps to Move Forward:

1. Develop Realistic Timeline
2. Scouting for Land Use (where and what needs to be done)
3. Solidify Costs (*with the expectation of slight modifications will be needed later*). Quotes have now been received from 3 companies for review.
4. Create Presentation Materials for fundraising activities
5. Fundraising and Grant Submissions

UPCOMING EVENTS

"TUES" TRAP & SKEET MAY CLOSE AFTER DEC 2 REOPENING MAR 3

Trap and skeet will be open 9am on Sundays (*unless severe winter weather or holiday*)

Dec 1: Range Safety Orientation*
 Dec 5: Evening 5-Stand Shoot (Shotgun)
 Dec 6: *Clubhouse Rented*
 Dec 8: **Member Meeting** 7pm
 Dec 10: IDPA Practice (IDPA)
 Dec 13: CPL Class (Clubhouse & IDPA)
 Dec 19: Night Vision Shoot (Rifle 25-100)
 Dec 29: **Board Meeting** 7pm

***Contact Kathy Crandall 269-341-5930 to reserve your range safety training.**

Breaking News

Former Club President, and longtime member, **Jack Boughton** passed away November 18. Arrangements are pending at press time. Jack was instrumental in many Club projects over the years. He will be missed.

Yorks Take Top Spots in 2025 Fall Trap League

The top spot of this year's Fall Trap League was **Larry York**, who hit 327 out of 400 total targets for a score of 93.4%. Our Runner Up was **Leslie York**, a close second, with 92.0% (322/400). Larry and Leslie were neck-in-neck for the top spot throughout this fall league with Larry taking top spot by 5 targets. Our Third Place winner was **Roy Rawlinson** with a score of 279 of the 400 targets shot at. There was only one Lewis Class as there were not enough competitors this fall to warrant a second class. Congratulations to all the winners!

Again we had less-than-normal turnout this fall with a total of only 5 completing the league, as we had two entries drop out early for various reasons. We would love to see many more people participate in these "**just for fun and bragging rights**" leagues, because more people, means more groups for the money split, and therefore more winners! We will start up the **Winter Shotgun Leagues** on **January 4**. See front page for details. *We're changing it up a bit this year!*

Reminder: Required Range Safety Briefing!

Reminder for the mandatory Range Safety training for **ALL CURRENT 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**. There are still existing members that have not yet attended a session to date. New members are already receiving this training as part of their initial orientation. This is the last year to get your safety briefing done for renewal requirements for the 2027 club year and beyond. And it's not a difficult task.

The next scheduled dates are listed below. More dates will be listed in the club monthly calendar; available both in the on-line monthly activity calendar on our club website, and in the monthly newsletters. **Sign up now!** Please call **Kathy Crandall** at **(269) 341-5930** to schedule your date and time.

• Dec 2025:	Monday	December 1	6pm
• Jan 2026:	Monday	January 5	6pm
	Saturday	January 17	9am
• Feb 2026:	Monday	February 2	6pm

Youth Shotgun Team Members Get Their Deer



Two members of our Club's youth SCTP shotgun team harvested nice deer during this November's deer season. **Jacob Bell** (pictured left) got his very first deer this year. **Zane Baker** (right) got his third; he's been hunting since 8 years old. Jacob has been on our **Straight Shooters** youth trap and skeet team for 2 years and Zane just joined us this year. They both have had

Hunter Safety and enjoy the outdoors. Both are also home schooled and trap shooting with our Club team is their school sport. These youth hone their firearm skills safely with us, and bring home the meat. Congratulations Jacob and Zane!

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: Oct BOD Meeting 2025

Checking Account \$ 24,955.00	Trans Acct \$ 980.89
Emergency CD \$ 61,179.60	Excess CD \$ 20,999.72
Storm CD Rec'd \$ 131,942.52	Third CD \$ 24,500.00

Membership Status: As of last Board MeetingTotal 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 - October (4)

Jonathon Hagen	Three Rivers, MI
Patrick Krzeminski	Centreville, MI
Isaiah Shudell	White Pigeon, MI
Robert J Smith	Three Rivers, MI

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♦ **Activity Directors:** Make sure to get your 2026-27 Activity Budget turned in at the December Board Meeting.

♦ Looking for **Volunteers** for supporting various Shooting Activities, Committees, and Fund Raising activities; also for Board Positions. If interested, please send email to:

conservationclubeditor@gmail.com

Looking Ahead...

- ♦ **February 15: Shotgun Olympic Man.** In honor of the Winter Olympics in 2026, we are planning on a fun wintery competition with the exact details to be worked out, weather permitting. Stay tuned!
- ♦ **February 22: Youth Trap Team Sign-up Day.** At 2:00pm on Sunday Feb 22 we will begin our team sign-up for SCTP and AIM for the shotgun sports of Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays. So bring your young kin-folk out to the club to learn about our programs and sign up for 2026. Contact 269-483-6803 for details or to get more information.

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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District #1	Jammie Mosser	823-3564
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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.