

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



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September 2023

Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, September 11
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, Sept 25

**Member Meeting
Sept 11
7:00PM**

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Member Meeting September 11 & Fair Info

Our next Quarterly Member Meeting is set for **Monday, September 11 at 7pm** in the Club house. All members and family are welcome. This is where the Board of Directors update the membership on what the board has been working on and any updates from the Activity Directors on the status of their activities. At press time, our PR Director is working on a possible program for this meeting.

👉 FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 👉

Also, the Club is having an indoor booth at our local county FAIR held September 17-23 at the St. Joseph County Fair Grounds in Centreville, MI. Our PR Director, Jim Perlberg, is still looking for a people to spend a little time manning (*or woman-ing*) the booth. It is a fun time where you get to meet people, talk about what you love about the Club and the activities you are involved in, plus **you get into the Fair FREE** on the day you work the booth and a free meal at Kiwanis booth! Before or after your Club "shift" you can walk the grounds, see the sights, and just hang out. Fun time. So if you'd like to help out your Club, and have a little Fair Fun while you're at it, **contact Jim at 313-310-4897** to sign up for a few hours. time!

Shotgun Ironman Competition Sunday Oct 1

Who is the Best Overall Shotgunner in Combined Trap, Skeet, 5- Stand Sporting Clays, and Wobble Trap - Adult and Youth!

This annual Club event is set for Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 pm (or when open trap ends), we will hold the Shotgun Ironman competition and hot dog lunch. This fun event consists of 1 round each of 16-yard/single trap, wobble trap, skeet, and 5-Stand for a total of 100 targets. Best total combined score wins the Title of 2023 Shotgun Ironman. There's a trophy and money to the winner. If there are more than 10 entrants there is a runner up winner for the pot of money.

- Cost is \$25 per person, that covers your 4 rounds and lunch
- No heavy or game loads, must use standard target loads of 7½, 8, or 9 shot
- Discipline-specific shotguns are allowed for each event if desired
- Call 269-483-6803 to pre-register or just show up on Sunday, October 1.

***NEW:** This year we have several youth from local shotgun teams planning on participating. Therefore we will have separate awards for the youth competitors. So bring out your young'uns and let 'em have a go at the **Ironman Youth Award!** Contact 269-483-6803 for more details or to sign up.

Cowboy Corner

Hidden Valley Cowboys
August Report

Great Day in the Valley and our August match was a Hot one. Nice to see so many visitors stop by to watch and ask questions.

Congratulations to our 3 Clean shooters this month, Crazy Mingo, Ranger Mike, and Simple John. 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 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 corn 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 September 17, 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)

Sept 9-10: FD Woman's Rifle Class (IDPA)
Sept 9: CPL Class
Sept 11: Quarterly Member Meeting 7pm
Sept 16: IDPA Shoot
Sept 17: Combat Carbine
Sept 17: Cowboy Action
Sept 20-24: FD Ultimate Classes (IDPA)
Sept 23: PRS 22 (Rifle Range)
Sept 24: **Fall Trap League & BIG 50 Trap**
Sept 25: Board Meeting
Sept 30: HE Class (Lower Ranges Closed)
Oct 1: Shotgun Ironman (All Shotgun Fields)

Firearm/Personal Defense Training Remaining Classes 2023

👉 **Fortress Defense Consultants:** Frank Sharpe has instructed for over 20 years. See website www.fortressdefense.com for class scheduling, details, fees, and requirements.

Remaining 2023 Dates:

- September 9-10: Women's Intro to Rifle
- September 20-24: **5-Day Ultimate Training Package:**
Wednesday-Thursday: **Level I Handgun**,
Friday: **Tactical Medical (TACMED)**,
Saturday-Sunday: **Level I Rifle with Night Shoot**
- October 7-8: Level II Rifle with Night Shoot
- October 21-22: Level II Handgun with Night Shoot

Contact: Jeff Brazo, 269-689-0200

Fall Trap League and ATA BIG 50's

On Sundays starting **Sept 24 through Nov 19** (minus the Oct 8 ATA, Trap shoot), will be the 2023 Fall Trap League with concurrent (and optional) ATA registered BIG 50 Trap Shoots. This is a 16-yard Singles money league with the "option" to register your targets in any given league week. This BIG 50 option must be stated prior to shooting that week's scores.

Open to club members and non-members, and as always, youth can also partake in either activity. The League starts at 9am each slated Sunday and runs to about noon. Tuesday evening make ups are allowed.

Other BIG 50 events, such as handicap and or doubles, may be added providing we have at least 3 shooters for each additional event. Not a current ATA Member? No problem, you can join the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) at this or any other ATA event. Adults \$20 for the full ATA target year, youth under 18 are \$12. See ya at the range!

Please Note: The ATA has increased the daily fee to \$4 for regular ATA shoots and \$2 for Big 50 shoots effective Sept 1, 2023.

Looking Ahead...



October 8: National Trapshooting Day ATA Trap Shoot "The Leather Shoot". This shoot features Shamrock Leather Trophies for winners. See the upcoming October issue for more details.

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

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: July 2023

Checking Account \$ 14,889.99 Transfer Acct \$ 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 **882**

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 (4) - July

Melissa Benigno	Tinley Park, IL
Joshua Lipsey	Portage, MI
Jason Gourley	Marcellus, MI
Brian Sheneman	Three Rivers, MI

3D and Target Archery Season Ending 9/26

Yes, unfortunately, Target Archery Season is winding down as Hunting Season begins! September 26 is the last scheduled Archery Tuesday evening meet. So get your bow out and practice before Michigan's State Holiday Starts (that's bow season per Larry Murray).



**A little Archery Picture to make your day.
 "Bear in the Latrine"**

I think I'd shoot da bear too if I saw him when I opened that door.

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
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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
	Roy Rawlinson	341-1726
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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

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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: _____

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.