

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



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September 2025

Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **Sept 8**
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **September 29**

**Member
Meeting
Sept 8
7:00PM**

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September Member Meeting and Fair Info

Our next **Quarterly Member Meeting** is set for **Monday, September 8 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. We also have a scheduled **Program** for this meeting on **"Mushroom Hunting"** in Michigan. The speaker will be from the Michigan mushroom hunters and will explain where and how to hunt mushrooms in our great state.

👉 Fair Booth Volunteers Needed 👈

This is not hard work and you do not have to be an expert on all things club-related. Just talk about what you participate in at the club and what you like about the club. Volunteers are needed for the club fair booth at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair, September 14th - 20th. 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.

Bonus! 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 gunsling-er6@me.com. Please sign up before August 25th, if possible. If you will be working with a partner please let me know, so I can get each of you a pass.

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

Reminder: Required Range Safety Briefing!

As you all should be aware by now, 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, there are many existing members that have not yet attended a session to date. Sign up now!

The remaining dates in 2025 are listed in the club calendar, both in the on-line calendar on our club website and the monthly newsletters. **They are listed on page 3 in this edition.** More will be planned in 2026, but don't wait until the last moment to get this important briefing done! . Please call **Kathy Crandall** at **(269) 341-5930** to schedule the date you plan to attend.

Cowboy Round-Up

Hidden Valley Cowboys August Report

We had a 35 Shooters for our August match and it was nice to see some old friends returning to the Valley also several visitors stopped by to check out the fun. Congratulations to our 11 Clean shooters this month, Cayuse Jack, Joe Quick, Justice Despencer, Mike E The Blaster, Money Bags Mathias, Mustache Kid, Ranger Mike, Rover, Tin Cup, Tommy Two Fingers, and T Big Tree. Our Cool Clean Match Coaster's 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 our lunch today the best Pork Ends and fixins. 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, 3 Gun Cole, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be September 21, 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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 10: IDPA Practice 9am (IDPA)
 Sept 13-14: FDC Class (IDPA)
 Sept 15: Range Safety Orientation*
 Sept 17: Constantine HS Trap Starts
 Sept 19: Night Vision Shoot (Rifle 25-100)
 Sept 20: Range Safety Orientation*
 Sept 20: IDPA Shoot
 Sept 21: Fall Trap League Starts
 Sept 21: Long Gong 22 (Rifle)
 Sept 21: Cowboy Action
 Sept 21: Combat Carbine
 Sept 27: PRS22 Rifle (Rifle Range)
 Sept 27-28: FDC Class (IDPA)
 Sept 29: **Board Meeting** 7pm

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

Fall Trap League and ATA BIG 50's

On Sundays starting **Sept 21 through Nov 16** (minus the Oct 12 ATA, Trap shoot), will be the 2025 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. Standard weekly target fees plus the league fee of \$20. Please note, the optional BIG 50 also does have reduced ATA and MTA daily fees.

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!

Looking Ahead... Shotgun Activities

Oct 5: Shotgun Ironman - Best Overall Shotgunner!

This annual, non-registered, Club shotgun event is set for Sunday, October 5 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 2025 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 \$30 per person, that covers your 4 rounds *and lunch*

Youth Shotgun Champion: This year we will again be offering a separate award for the youth competitors. So bring out your young'uns and let 'em have a go at the **Ironman Youth Award!** They do have to be physically and mentally able to handle and shoot a shotgun to participate. Contact 269-483-6803 for more details or to sign up.

Oct 12: National Trapshooting Day ATA Trap Shoot

Dubbed "The Leather Shoot", this annual ATA trap shoot features Shamrock Leather Trophies for winners. This is our last full program ATA shoot for the calendar year. See the upcoming October issue for more details.

3D and Target Archery Tuesdays Ending 9/30

Yes, unfortunately, Target Archery Season is winding down as Hunting Season beings! September 30 is the last scheduled Archery Tuesday evening meet. So get your bow out and practice before Michigan's National Holiday Starts (*that's bow season per Larry Murray*).

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 BOD Meeting 2025

Checking Account \$ 32,319.14 Trans Acct \$ 18,423.80
 Emergency CD \$ 61,027.45 Excess CD \$ 20,960.96
 Storm CD Rec'd \$ 131,942.52

Membership Status: As of last Board Meeting

Total paid member households **833**

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 - July (5)

Martin David Hempel	Leonidas, MI
Patrick L Onofrio	Union City, MI
Craig Sherwood	Vicksburg, MI
Lawrence Shirk	Leonidas, MI
Randy Dale Thomas	Sturgis, MI

Range Safety Training Dates:

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

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

August Long Gong .22 Rifle Results

The Aug Long Gong Match is in the books! We had 12 shooters; 2 new, 4 returning and 6 club members. Joe Gross brought his daughters, Makenzie and Alauran, who shot well, placing in the middle of the pack. What a joy to watch the young ladies shoot. Ron Sikorski (new shooter) won 1st place with a 52 and Joe Gross was 2nd with a 42. Dustin Sanford and Jaxon Jones (new shooter) tied for 3rd place with a 38, Jaxon won the tie with highest stage score of 18. *All scores are on Club website.*

Our next match is **September 21**. I will have the Long Gong targets set up Wednesday September 10 for club members to come out and try Long Gong.

For details call or text me at 269.251.3946

Charlie Reynolds.

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	Tom McLaughlin	506-3361
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

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	Roy Rawlinson	243-0913
District #3	Benson Baumeister	221-0288
	Randy Crandall	808-6730
District #4	Sean Neely	(260) 350-1901
	Pete Davis	651-1388
Dir. At Large	Valo Christensen	369-3603

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

Executive Secretary:

Kathy Crandall
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Combat Carbine - August Results

I was having problems doing the spread sheet with the results. *Not a fan of Windows 11.* Please see the summary of names and overall times below. The expanded results will be posted on the Club website.

Congrats to David on a good run, however the most entertaining was Valo and the Trapdoor Springfield, shooting real black-powder. Somehow a 32" barrel doesn't fit the definition of carbine. **Next match, Sept 21. Jay B.**

David W.	147.82
Andy R.	152.55
Chris B.	159.05
Nate K.	161.93
Jeff S.	178.50
Joshua W.	189.46
Drew H.	195.26
Jay B.	224.20
Valo C.	306.27

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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.