



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

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Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM Monday, **Dec 8**
- Board Meeting 7 PM Monday, **November 24**

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National Trap Day ATA Shoot Results



Our final 2025 full ATA trap shoot was held on Sunday, October 12. This was our **National Trap Shooting Day** shoot, also known as **"The Leather Shoot"**. and was a success with 23 shooters from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio in attendance. This was a 3-Event shoot with Singles, Handicap, and Doubles target events. We threw 5100 clay targets during this shoot. The **High Over All** winner for the best combined score of these 3 events was **Jared Stork** (left), from IN, who shot a total of **277/300** targets. He won the Shamrock Leather Shooting Bag. **Stork** also took the **Doubles Champion (94/100)**. The **Singles Champion** was **Jared Bennett** (middle), also from IN, hitting a **99/100**, missing his very last target. He is the repeat singles Champ from 2024! **Handicap Champion** was **Mike Trepanier** (right) hitting **88/100** and earned a 1/2 yard HDC punch. Mike is one of Vicksburg High School's Trap Coaches in the High School Clay Target League. There were many other winners, including Club and youth team member **Caden Fritts** (*not pictured*) who took **Junior Doubles**. See Club website (www.conservationsclub.net) for more scores, pictures, and our ATA shoot dates for 2026. *We also still have several BIG 50 mini-ATA shoots each Sunday morning (9 - noon) through Nov 16.*

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 many existing members that have not yet attended a session to date. New members are already receiving this training as part of their initial orientation.

The 2 remaining dates in 2025 are **listed below**. Future dates in 2026* will be listed in the club monthly calendar; available both in the on-line monthly activity calendars on our club website, and the monthly newsletters. However, don't wait until the last moment to get this important briefing done! Sign up now! Please call **Kathy Crandall** at **(269) 341-5930** to schedule the date you plan to attend. (*A few dates for January and February are on Page 3.)

• Nov 2025:	Monday	November 3	6pm
• Dec 2025:	Monday	December 1	6pm

Cowboy Round-Up

Hidden Valley Cowboys October Report

I would like to thank all that braved a little rain to come out and shoot with us on our last match of the season. We didn't let a little rain spoil our fun and what a great year we had. Congratulations to Ya Big Tree and Marti Draw for having the fastest times on the shotgun stage. We had 4 Clean shooters this month, Cayuse Jack, Justice D Spencer, Rover and Spoon River Sam. Our Cool Clean Match Coasters are made by Ka Adik Krista.

I would also like to thank everyone that helped out with posse duties; we have a great bunch of Cowboy and Cowgirls that are always willing to help out when needed, and to Krista and Tommy for feeding us all season. I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoots. Thank You, Ranger Mike, Shakey Shot Sharon, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be **April 19, 2026**. 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. Looking forward to next season, hope to see ya there!

Johnny Rebel
574-349-3764



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 3: Range Safety Orientation*
- Nov 8: CPL Class (Clubhouse & IDPA)
- Nov 12: IDPA Practice (IDPA)
- Nov 21: Night Vision Shoot (Rifle 25-100)
- Nov 24: **Board Meeting** 7pm
- Dec 1: Range Safety Orientation*
- Dec 5: Evening 5-Stand Shoot (Shotgun)

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

Breaking News!

The AIM Youth Trapshooting Program just announced the 2026 All-Star Team and 2 of our Club Trap team members made the MI team; **Bryce Sherwood and Caden Fritts!** Congratulations to both of you!

Shotgun Ironmen for 2025



Sunday, October 5, we held the 8th Annual "Shotgun Ironman" competition following a hot dog lunch. This event was composed of 1 round each of trap, skeet, 5-Stand Sporting Clays, and wobble trap for a total of 100 targets. The best total combined score won the Titles of 2025 Shotgun Ironman and Junior Shotgun Ironman. A total of 31 contestants (*most pictured above in group photo*) came out and competed for the title. This was a record high for this annual event.

The weather cooperated this year as it was nice and sunny, even if there was a little wind. This year's adult Champion is **Hunter Ambrosen** (above left) who hit a great combined score of 87/100 targets. The adult Runner-Up was **Jodi Trevathan** hitting 84/100. This year's Junior Ironman was **Cameron Roberts** (above right) who hit 85/100! Cameron was the overall winner in the 2022 event, as this was prior to the creation of a Junior Ironman category! *Congratulations to all the winners.* We had 2 ladies shoot, so maybe we think about an **Ironwoman** too!

Mark your calendars for 2026 for the 9th Annual Shotgun Ironman planned for October 4. We may also hold a similar type of fun shotgun competition in **February 2026** honoring the **Olympics**, so watch for that announcement in upcoming newsletters. Remember, shotgun is open year-round on Sundays 9 am - noon.

Volunteer Range Safety Officers on Range For Sighting In

Due to expected volume of people using the rifle range to sight in their rifles for deer season, the Club is once again planning on having some Range Safety Officers (RSO's) present at the rifle range at specific dates and times during this busy period of range use through November 14. These people are volunteering their time to be of assistance on the range for any concerns or issues, plus are tasked with advising on the range safety practices and keeping things safe for all.

The last few years we have seen some practices that a few people were doing that were deemed not safe. We don't want to see anyone get hurt, as I'm sure none of you want to see that happen either. Therefore, please be respectful of our RSO volunteers and know they are only there to help keep things safe for all. Most are board members as well, so this is a perfect opportunity to ask any questions, or if you have any good ideas please share; we'll be there to take notes too.

A "QR Code" was created for the Club website to be used on correspondence, flyers, and other documents. This issue, on the front page, it is located in the spot above the newsletter directory. By scanning or using your phone's camera, you can jump to the website for easier access to it without needing a computer. Soon some pages on the website will have QR codes created for them. This would be good on advertisements for events or, for example, flyers for the Fair to learn about different programs we have at the club. Time to get creative! *LJ York*

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: Sept Member Meeting 2025

Checking Account	\$ 22,613.16	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 Meeting

Total paid member households 847

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 - Sept (8)

Evan Atherton	White Pigeon, MI
Jason Robert Gravit	Sturgis, MI
Steven Jors Jr	Three Rivers, MI
Benjamin Larson	Three Rivers, MI
Wesley Morgan	Sturgis, MI
Todd Allen Westendorf	Three Rivers, MI
Matthew Avery	Burr Oak, MI
Raymond Avery	Burr Oak, MI

Range Safety Training Dates 2026:

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

Jan:	Monday	January 5	6pm
	Saturday	January 17	9am
Feb:	Monday	February 2	6pm

More dates to come in future editions once approved by the board. Stay tuned...

Looking Ahead... Winter Shotgun Shooting 

Friday, December 5: There is a **5-Stand Sporting Clays "Under the Lights"** night shoot being planned for Friday evening, Dec 5 (start time and weather pending) with a Skeet back-up plan. Watch December newsletter for all the details or call Joel at 269-788-4946.

THE BACK PAGE... RANGE & CLUB NOTES

- ♦ If you have any suggestions for possible changes to the Club bylaws, please submit them in writing to trapgeek2010@gmail.com on or before the December membership meeting on Dec 8.
- ♦ Looking for Volunteers for various Activities, Committees, and Fund Raising activities; also Board Positions. If interested, please send email to: conservationclubeditor@gmail.com

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Jeff Brazo	689-0200*
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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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Quarterly Member Meetings: Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

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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

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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.