

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, **October 27**



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National Trap Day ATA Shoot Sunday Oct 12

Our final 2025 full ATA trap shoot is set for Sunday, October 12. This is our **National Trapshooting Day** shoot, also known as "**The Leather Shoot**", as there are various **Shamrock Leather** goods for trophies for the various winners. There are 20 trophies in all, including trophies for youth and lady shooters as well. The first 35 participants also receive a National Trapshooting Day pin. Breakfast and lunch are planned, donations accepted and the proceeds go to our club youth SCTP trap team. This shoot is the standard 3-Event shoot with a 100-Singles target event followed by 100 Handicap and 100 Doubles targets events. You can shoot 1 event, 2 events, or all three. Youth shotgun athletes are always welcome!

There is a High Over All (HOA) winner for the best combined score of these 3 events. This year the **HOA Champion** will receive the very nice **Shamrock Leather shooting bag**. As the new ATA season has started September 1st, you will need to renew your ATA membership **at this shoot** unless you have already renewed with the ATA.

We have also selected our four **ATA Trap Shoot** for **2026** as follows:

- March 22nd "**20th Annual 'End O' Winter' ATA Shoot**"
- April 12th "**April Open**"
- August 30th "**Last Chance 500-Doubles Marathon, Plus Singles**"
- Oct 11th **National Trapshooting Day 2026**

Shotgun Ironman Fun Shoot - Oct 5

Who is the Best Overall Shotgunner - Adult and Youth!

We will hold this annual Shotgun Ironman "*just for fun and bragging rights*" competition on Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 pm (or when open trap ends), including a 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 non-registered targets. Best total combined score wins the Title of 2025 Shotgun Ironman and those bragging rights! There's a trophy and money to the winner. If more than 10 entrants there is a runner up money winner too.

- Cost is \$35 per person (*youth \$30*), 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, Oct 5.

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 **Junior Shotgun Ironman!**

Contact 269-483-6803 for more details or to sign up.

No Cowboy Action Report This Month

Youth Trap Team Attends Fall Brawl in Mason



The St. Joe County "Straight Shooters" Trap and Skeet team attended the fun "Fall Brawl" youth trap shoot held in Mason on Sept 20. The team was accompanied by Coaches Leslie and Larry York and Ava Larson. The 11 youth athletes included a few from Vicksburg and Schoolcraft High Schools Trap Teams and they plan on joining our Club SCTP Team next season. Although our team shot well, we didn't walk away with an award this year, but our "Team Score" of 447/500 actually placed us in Second Place in the Class A Division (there was no Runner-Up trophy). There were 4 classes, A through D, with the highest class being A. Great job team! See ya' next season.

Head Coach Leslie York

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 4: 4H Dog Club Work Day at Club
 Oct 5: Shotgun Ironman Fun Shoot
 Oct 6: Range Safety Orientation*
 Oct 11: CPL Class (Clubhouse & IDPA)
 Oct 11-12: FDC Class (IDPA)
 Oct 12: **ATA Trap Shoot-Skeet/5S closed**
 Oct 17: Night Vision Shoot (Rifle 25-100)
 Oct 18: IDPA Shoot
 Oct 19: Long Gong 22 (Rifle)
 Oct 19: Cowboy Action
 Oct 19: Combat Carbine
 Oct 25: Range Safety Orientation*
 Oct 25-26: FDC Class (IDPA)
 Oct 27: **Board Meeting** 7pm
 Oct 28: Eve Youth Team Shoot (Shotgun)

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

REQUIRED Range Safety Training Sessions

As you all should be aware by now, 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.** To date, there are many existing members that have not yet attended a session. Sign up now! Again, this is due to safety issues being reported on these ranges.

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 also listed in the box Below.**

More sessions will be planned in 2026, but don't wait until the last moment to get this important briefing done! Call **Kathy Crandall** at **(269) 341-5930** to schedule the date you plan to attend.

Range Safety Training Dates (2025):

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

Oct:	Monday	October 6	6pm
	Saturday	October 25	9am
Nov:	Monday	November 3	6pm
Dec:	Monday	December 1	6pm

Exploring Sporting Clays Course at Club

There is growing interest in a "walk-through-the-woods" type of Sporting Clays course at the club. This would augment the shotgun sports programs at the club as it appeals to bird and rabbit hunters as well as serious shotgun enthusiasts. It is also a growing sport amongst the youth involved in the shotgun shooting sports programs, especially SCTP, and more facilities are needed across the state. A committee has been formed to explore this possibility and what it would take to add this shotgun program to our menu of shooting programs. Sporting Clays has been dubbed as "*golf with a shotgun*" as each club's range is designed uniquely and target presentations can be changed up to keep the course exciting. Think of the 3D Archery course concept regarding layouts of different targets at each "station". Let us know your thoughts on this new range possibility and how we can raise money to help make it happen. Contact 269-483-6803, 269-464-6895, or 269-823-3564 for more information or to help support us.

5 Fair Drawing Winners for 1 Free Round of Trap or Skeet*

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|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1) Tom Hughes | 2) Eva Mosser | 3) Billy Bohm |
| 4) Jessica Cambell | 5) Krissy Hayward | |

All have been contacted or attempted contact made (i.e. left messages).

* Must provide own safe shotgun, ammo, rounds available during open shotgun times only, must follow all required range safety procedures including eye and hearing protection. Lessons available.

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 \$ 31,066.80 Trans Acct \$ 423.80
 Emergency CD \$ 61,179.60 Excess CD \$ 20,960.96
 Storm CD Rec'd \$ 131,942.52

Membership Status: As of last Board Meeting

Total paid member households **838**

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 - Aug (3)

Matthew D Hagenbuch Three Rivers, MI
 Andrew King White Pigeon, MI
 Eric Vance Vicksburg, MI

MUCC Updates:**Legislature**

All work in Lansing is focused on a budget. If the legislature does not pass a budget by October 1, there will be a government shutdown. For hunters it could mean no availability to buy hunting licenses, so get them before October 1. Contact your representative today!!

Natural Resources Commission

The next NRC meeting is Thursday, October 9 in Houghton. The agenda is not posted but look for a preview online in the coming days.

Fun & Entertaining September Member Meeting

After the regular Quarterly Membership meeting business was conducted, we had a very interesting and informative program on **Mushroom Hunting in Michigan** by Andrew Fleszar CFO, which we were told stands for "Chief Fungal Officer", from the Michigan Mushroom Hunters. For more information on their group and what they do, go to their website at www.michiganmushroomhunters.com. Plus, we also celebrated our esteemed Club President **Jeff Brazo's** "Big" Birthday with cake and cupcakes for all in attendance. It was a good, tasty, fun evening.

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Jeff Brazo	689-0200*
Vice President	Paul Hassenger	625-4668
Executive Secretary	Kathy Crandall	341-5930
Treasurer	Tom McLaughlin	506-3361
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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

Executive Secretary:

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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

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.