

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



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September 2024

Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **Sept 9**
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **Sept 30**

Member Meeting
Sept 9
7:00PM

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September Member Meeting and Fair Info

Our next **Quarterly Member Meeting** is set for **Monday, September 9 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. One of the topics to be covered at this meeting is possible changes to the member orientations and possible safety changes to the lower rifle and pistol ranges. We also plan to have a hot dog cookout for this meeting, so come on out!

👉 FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 👈

Also, the Club is again having an indoor booth at our local county **FAIR** held September 15-21 at the St. Joseph County Fair Grounds in Centreville, MI. Our PR Director, Jim Perlberg, is still looking for a few people to spend a little time manning (or womaning) 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 6

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 6 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 2024 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*
- 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 6.

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

Cowboy Round-Up

Hidden Valley Cowboys

Aug Report

The Valley had 22 shooters for our August match, we had several visitors stop by again this month. We welcomed Crossfire Dan to his first shoot at the Valley this month. We are looking forward to shooting with him next month.

This match we had 4 Clean shooters, Cayuse Jack, Johnny Rebel, Saulk Valley Stubby and Rover, Congratulations! Our Clean Match Coasters were 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 Coffee, Donuts, and our lunch. I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, Stubby, Ya Big Tree, Toby Dirt, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be September 15, 2024. 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 7: IDPA Practice 9am (IDPA)
 Sept 7/8: FD Armed Vehicle Class (IDPA)
 Sept 9: Member Meeting 7pm
 Sept 11: CPL Practice (IDPA)
 Sept 14: CPL Class
 Sept 15: Cowboy Action
 Sept 15-21: St. Joe County Fair
 Sept 16: New Member Orientation (by invite)
 Sept 21: IDPA Shoot (IDPA)
 Sept 22: Combat Carbine (IDPA)
 Sept 22: Fall Trap League & BIG 50s start
 Sept 28: 22PRS Rifle (Rifle Range)
 Sept 28/29: FD Classes (IDPA)
 Sept 30: **Board Meeting** 7pm
 Oct 6: Shotgun Ironman (Trap)
 Oct 13: Leather ATA Trapshoot

Inaugural Summer Ironman Results



This August the Club piloted a modified **Summer Shotgun Ironman** competition. This event was spearheaded by our 5-Stand / Skeet coordinator Joel Weeks. The event had participants shoot 1 round each of 16-yard (singles) trap, 23-yard handicap trap, skeet, and 5-Stand. We had 7 competitors, including our first lady shooter! Our winner was **Mel Yoder** (left), hitting 84 of 100 targets. Our youth winner was **Caleb Reinbold** (right), who hit a close 82/100. We may try this again next June.

Fall Trap League and ATA BIG 50's

On Sundays starting **Sept 22 through Nov 17** (minus the Oct 13 ATA, Trap shoot), will be the 2024 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.

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!

3D and Target Archery Tuesdays Ending 9/24

Yes, unfortunately, Target Archery Season is winding down as Hunting Season begins! September 24 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*).

Please note: Club Members can still via shoot self-serve on a limited field through the winter.

Looking Ahead...

October 13: 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.

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 BOD Meeting 2024

Checking Account \$ 7,413 CC Trans Acct \$ 14,687.80
 Pre-paid Dues CD \$ 1,762.98 Emergency CD \$ 60,420.97
 Storm CD Rec'd \$125,000.00 Excess CD \$ 20,000.00

Membership Status: As of last Board Meeting

Total paid member households **861**

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 (9)

Robert Lee Chapman Jr	Three Rivers, MI
Henry A Eicher	Centreville, MI
Daniel G Formsma	Sturgis, MI
Marco Gonzalez	Miami, FL
Will James	Sturgis, MI
Adam Lambert	Three Rivers, MI
Matthew Gregory McLove	Mendon, MI
Hannah Middlehurst	Vicksburg, MI
Phillip Morden	Milford, MI

THE BACK PAGE... RANGE NOTES

- ◆ **REMINDER LOWER RANGES CLOSED THURS EVE's:** 4-H Riflery and BB Gun runs on Thurs eve 5:30-8pm, May into Sept. Therefore the Rifle and Pistol ranges are closed during these times.
- ◆ **RIFLE & PISTOL RANGES CLOSED DURING HUNTER ED FIELD DAYS 8AM - 1PM**
- ◆ **Sign up for Hunter Ed classes and field days through the MI DNR website: [Hunter safety certificate \(michigan.gov\)](http://Hunter safety certificate (michigan.gov))**
- ◆ **Free Basic Firearm Safety:** Jeff Brazo is offering training to new gun owners. Contact Jeff at 269-689-0200 to schedule a free firearm safety class.

Looking for **Volunteers** for various Committees and Fund Raising activities; also Board Positions.
 Contact: conservationclubeditor@gmail.com

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
Treasurer	Tom McLaughlin	651-9951
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-6803

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	Randy Crandall	808-6730
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	Pete Davis	651-1388
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	Mark Quirin	503-0191
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	Joel Weeks	788-4946
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

Executive Secretary: **Kathy Crandall**
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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.