

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



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Upcoming Meetings

- Member Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **March 10**
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, **Jan 27**



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Winter Trap League Jan 5 - Mar 9

This year's annual **Winter Trap League** will run from Jan 5 - Mar 9. Trap is planned to be a 10-week money league with 8 of the weeks scores to count, *unless the participants collectively choose less due to weather, etc.* Each week will be 50 targets (2 rounds). Shoot can be modified if agreed upon by participants. The cost is \$20 for the trap league fee for the winners' pot of money, plus each week's regular shoot fees (for targets). Plus, we will have our optional weekly "**Buck Can**" drawing for "doe" for those interested in participating.

As a reminder, open Trap and Skeet will continue concurrently on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00 am (*unless a blizzard or severe snow storm or warning*). Open trap/skeet will run concurrently with the league. However, there will be **no** ATA Big 50's this winter. Please note, Tuesday evening trap and skeet has closed and will reopen March 4.

Submitted By Trap Co-Directors Larry and Leslie York

Winter Skeet League - Jan 5-Mar 9

In January we will have the Second Annual **2025 Winter Skeet League**. This will be a 10 week league (*concurrent with the Winter Trap league*) counting only 8 of the 10 weeks for final scores. The skeet league will run on Sunday mornings from **January 5** through **March 9**. The skeet league fees are \$10.00 league registration fee, plus shoot fees of \$10.00 club members (\$12.00 non-members) for two rounds of skeet each week. Award trophies are planned for winners. Open skeet shooting will also be available for non-league shooting.

Will shoot 2 rounds of skeet each week; 1-round of regulation Skeet, 1-round of non-regulation (FUN) skeet. Note, these will not be "NSSA registered" skeet targets. Both scores will be recorded weekly. The 2 lowest scoring rounds of each type of round will be thrown out. (2 regulation, 2 non-regulation) for 4 total.

Skeet League will shoot as 1 group, or maybe more depending on the number of competitors. If you skip a week, that counts towards your throw-away rounds. You will be allowed to make up rounds only if you miss 2 weeks.

If you will also be shooting on the concurrent **Winter Trap League**, please **arrive early to get your two trap rounds completed first**. We will start shooting the skeet league once everyone is ready. (10:30-ish).

Any shotgun gauge, but no allowances. Max shot size 7 1/2. Examples of some of the non-regulation, fun rounds include: Shooting from a chair, 0-3 second delay, Low gun, All true pairs, Finnish skeet, Report singles. *It's all just for fun folks!*

Submitted by Joel Weeks

Safety Spot ●..

Range Safety Training for All Existing Members

"Wanted to drop you a note to say that the hands on safety training was extremely beneficial. This was a great idea!"

Quote from a member who just took the class.

Due to the safety issues and property damage incurred on the Rifle and Pistol ranges, the Board of Directors has implemented a new range safety training for **ALL MEMBERS**, regardless of your activity of choice. Every member needs to take this training by December 2026. The training is being offered in conjunction with our new member orientations on the first Monday of each month. The Pistol/Rifle Range Safety training follows after the new member classroom orientations.

Any existing member is welcome to join us on the Pistol Range (**be there by 6:50pm**) for the **Range Safety Training** portion on these new member training dates (first Monday each month). Everyone who attends will sign in so we have a record of who's been trained. We strongly suggest other members of your family who may use the ranges attend also so **EVERYONE** gets this important safety training information. The training lasts about 30 minutes.

Please call **Kathy Crandall** at **(269) 341-5930** and let her know which date you plan to attend. We are trying to limit each session to 25 people, with new members getting the first slots.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUES TRAP/SKEET CLOSED 'TILL MAR 4

Trap and skeet will be open 9am on Sundays (*unless severe winter weather or holiday*)

- Jan 4: CPL Class
- Jan 5: Winter Trap & Skeet Leagues: 9am
- Jan 6: New Member Orientation (*by invite*)
- Jan 11: CPL Class (*second January class*)
- Jan 27: **Board Meeting** 7pm
- Feb 3: New Member Orientation (*by invite*)
- Feb 23: Youth Trap Team Meeting & Sign up

Skeet "Under The Lights" Night Shoot Report



There were 9 hardy shot-gunners that braved the cold and came out to the club to shoot a bunch of rounds of Skeet at 6pm on Friday, December 6.

The wintery weather caused the change from

the originally planned 5-Stand Sporting Clays shoot to become Skeet instead, as the snow forced our hand at putting the equipment away for the winter before it became too difficult to do so. However, everyone enjoyed themselves shooting skeet and that's all that really mattered anyway.

Watch the newsletter for the re-opening of 5-Stand in the spring and possibly some new "sporting clays" type events in 2025. (*Joel Weeks took the photo and was not in it.*)

Youth Trap and Skeet Shooting Sign Up

Youth interested in learning about and joining (or rejoining) our **Straight Shooters Club** trap, skeet, and sporting clays team will have an opportunity to meet with our coaches on **Sunday February 23 at 2:00pm** in the clubhouse to learn about and sign up. We will talk about our 3 programs;



4-H Shooting Sports, Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP), and AIM (The youth program offered by the Amateur Trapshooting Association). These programs are not limited to club members and their families, but is open to all youth interested in the shotgun shooting sports, so bring along your friends to join the team for more fun. Our programs do not compete against the separate "*High School Clay Target League*" and many of those athletes are also on our Club team too. Both boys and girls are welcome! Remember, a parent or guardian must be present for those under 18 for the sign-up meeting as there are forms to sign.

If interested in joining or learning more about our youth shooting sports programs, but cannot make this meeting, contact Head Coach **Leslie York** at **269-483-6803** for more information or to learn when the next meeting is scheduled. Our coaches go through background checks and are certified to teach these disciplines.

Our team motto is "**Safety First - Fun Second**".

Feb 23 Youth Trap Team Sign Up

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: Nov BOD Meeting 2024

Checking Account \$ 24,161.76 CC Trans Acct \$ 423.80
 Pre-paid Dues CD \$ 1,771.83 Emergency CD \$ 60,724.28
 Storm CD Rec'd \$128,720.21 Excess CD \$ 20,499.97

Membership Status: As of last Board Meeting

Total paid member households 914

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 - Nov (7)

Jacob Dame	Vicksburg, MI
Kimberly Davis	Sturgis, MI
Randy Delle	Three Rivers, MI
Craig Fitch	Bremen, IN
Patrick Joseph Roussey II	Sturgis, MI
Charles M Taylor	Sturgis, MI
Matthew Weiderman	Sturgis, MI

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

- * **January 8, 10am-12pm**
- * **Open to the public**
- * **Call 269-467-5401 to register or scan the QR Code (right)**
- * **6 Locations in Michigan:**
- * **St Joe Co ISD, 62445 Shimmel Rd, Centreville**
- * **Pivotal, 677 E Main St, Centreville**
- * **Commission on Aging, Rivers Enrichment Center, 1200 Broadway St, Three Rivers**
- * **Commission on Aging, Oaks Enrichment Center, 206 N. Franks, Ave Sturgis**
- * **St. Joe County Conservation Club (our club)**
- * **Huss Project Farm, 1008 8th St, Three Rivers**



THE CLASSES ARE FREE!

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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District #1	Kathy Book	659-4056
	Denny Parker	535-4739
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	Roy Rawlinson	341-1726
District #3	Benson Baumeister	221-0288
	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 & 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	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	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	pending
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.