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Meeting

Notes

- Membership Meeting 7 PM
Monday, June 13
- Board Meeting 7 PM
Monday, June 27

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CLUB'S YOUTH TRAINING BRINGS REWARDS



Parker Minier's First High Gun Award

Parker Minier joined our youth Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Trap team this year and attended his first registered trap shoot on Saturday, May 14, at Howard Township Conservation Club in Niles. This is his first year shooting trap and he is in the Rookie Division of SCTP. His score of 72 out of 100 registered targets tied for High Gun in the Rookie Division at the shoot and his team placed Third. Parker also went turkey hunting on his families property and got this nice bird. These youth shooters put a practical use to the skills they are learning with our youth shooting programs!

Taya's Turkey



Taya Bower is a youth trap shooter with our Straight Shooters 4-H & SCTP team and she showed her shooting skills on a recent weekend by getting her first turkey. I'll let her describe the experience in her own words.

"We drove 106 miles for my first turkey hunt. My Mom's friends from her high school were going to take me out on their parent's property in Sheridan, MI. We got up at 3:55am to head out into the woods. It was raining steadily until about 8:00am. We were set up in a pop up blind in a clearing in the middle of the woods. We saw the jakes up on the hill. We called them down to the decoys. They never made a sound. Once near the decoys, the jakes fanned out and strutted around. When the biggest one faced me, I took my shot. Down he went without any flopping. It has a 4-inch beard. I was really excited and was proud to carry it out of the woods. I plan on getting the fan, beard, and feet mounted with my shell casing. It was a lot of fun and I can't wait to do it again next year."

Taya Bower

NRA PERSONAL PROTECTION OUTSIDE THE HOME CLASS INTRODUCED TO THE CLUB

On June 18-19, 2011, we will hold the first PPOTH class at our Club. This class is the next level of training for CPL/CCW holders.

Participants must hold a CPL and/or show proof they completed a class that qualifies them to apply for a CPL if they do not hold a permit. This class covers options for concealed carry, carry devices, presentation from concealment, among other topics.

The class is approximately 3 hours of class and 10-12 hours of range time. Fee for the class is expected to be \$200. You will need your personal protection handgun, spare magazines or speed loaders, holster or other concealment device, and 300-400 rounds of ammo.

Contact Charlie Reynolds or Jeff Brazo for more details and to register for the class.

HIDDEN VALLEY COWBOY REPORT

It was a cold day at the Valley April 17th, but we had 27 hardy souls out shootin. The stages were brought to us this month by Sauk Valley Stubby and Blackthorne Billy. Besides havin so much fun shootin, we were able to show off our new road and parkin lot down in the Valley, so's cars come up and down (no more wagon). Besides that, we have a new shootin bay. It's empty now, but we'll fill her up. So, stage three will become stage four (are ya followin me) and where's we plan to build our new livery stable. We also got a cement pad for the generator to set on so's we don't have to haul it in and out of the score shack. Sauk Valley Stubby really likes that!

Sauk Trail Mike's wife, Nancy, brought us our grub for lunch. Boy, was that tasty! Thank ya Miss Nancy! If'n ya didn't know, we have lunch available at every shoot for only 3 bucks! Oh yeah, before we start our side shoots ya get a morning treat of donuts & coffee for free.

We had five clean match shooters (that means they didn't miss a darn thing) so congrats to Antietam Kid, Arkansas Jack, Bent Legged Jimmy, Dakota Fats and Howdy Pardner!

The Hidden Valley Posse (them's the folks that do all the work) worked really hard getting the Valley open for the first shoot. Blowin leaves, they should all get a proper thank ya: Sauk Trail Mike, Triple Threat, Horserider Blue, Blackthorne Billy, Mike E. The Blaster, Diamond Jim, Naughty Nellie, Mule Skinner (nice to see him back), & Ms. Blazin.

Hope to see y'all on June 19th and if you haven't been down to the Valley, come down an see us! We always have a shootin good time!

Sauk Valley Stubby aka/ Ms. Blazin

PS: The May cowboy shoot that never happened. It was raining so hard that Sauk Valley Stubby (The Match Director) called off the shoot. This was the first rain out of cowboy action shooting in the last three years. Three of us went to Hastings to shoot on Saturday where we just got soaked, not so much fun. There will not be a makeup shoot because it would conflict with other clubs shooting dates resulting low attendance to both Clubs.

John Brummett, Director

"MUCC District Shoot" Held on Sunday, May 15, in the Pouring Rain

Our club hosted the 2011 MUCC District 4 Traveling Trophy Trapshoot on Sunday, May 15. There were 45 people from 3 local clubs that competed for the traveling trophies in the cold, pouring rain! The Adult team winners were from Dowagiac. The Youth teams winners were also from Dowagiac. The women's team from Edwardsburg was unopposed and won by default. The kitchen was run by the Straight Shooters Trap Moms and was wonderful as usual with fresh baked cookies and brownies with sloppy joes, hot dogs, baked beans, etc. Even if you don't shoot, you should just come out for the food when these ladies are cooking!

Leslie York

"Women On Target" Introductory Handgun Clinic – June 12

There is still time to sign up and take the ladies WOT introductory handgun clinic set for Sunday, June 12. Clinic starts at 1:30 pm Sunday afternoon and runs until about 4:30 pm. Cost is \$10 and everything is provided. You do not need to have or bring a handgun. These will be provided for your use at the clinic.

Contact Leslie York for info or to sign up at 269-483-6803.

MUCC CONVENTION

The MUCC convention is coming up June 25-26 and Allen Kasdorf will be going as the clubs delegate. There are some 20 resolutions to be considered and they can be read on the MUCC website. If you have concerns you wish for Allen to consider please contact him before he goes.

A full report will be available after the convention.

.22 SILHOUETTE

The .22 silhouette shoots start in June each Wednesday at 6 PM on the lower range. This is an informal shoot where no scores are kept, and you do not have to go every week. Go have fun, or take your kids to train them!

UPCOMING IN 2011

June 11: M Meese Black Powder Frolic

June 12: Women on Target event

July 14-16: Hunter Safety Class

Aug 20-21: Co-Ed CPL Class

Sept 8-10: Hunter Safety Class

Sept 25: JUBILEE!

Oct 6-8: Hunter Safety Class

REMEMBER: EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS REQUIRED ON ALL RANGES

Financial News: For the Fiscal Year to Date after the two month period ending April 25, 2011, we had total revenues of \$27,583.80 and total expenses of \$4,334.75. Balance on hand is \$67,391.03 in checking and \$5,428.70 in regular CD plus \$11,014.60 in pre-paid dues CD.

Membership Status: As of April 25, 2011, we now have a total of **404 paid members.** If you have changed your address or know of someone who is not getting their newsletter, call and leave your message and corrected information.

Lost and Found

Have you lost or found anything on the Club

Grounds? If so, contact John Brummett at 651-5197 and we will help!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Please Renew my NRA membership: NRA member # _____

Please sign me up as a New NRA member:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Club Rate: \$25 per year, make check payable to NRA: \$ _____

Magazine Choice: America's 1st Freedom American Hunter American Rifleman

Mail to: Bob Besser, club NRA recruiter Woman's Outlook

PO Box 220
 Sturgis, MI 49091

Membership Applicants

George Dibble	Three Rivers, MI
Russ Eagan	Howe, IN
Cody J Huyck	Three Rivers, MI
James A Knapp	Sturgis, MI
Toby Lee	Sturgis, MI
Randy Taylor	Three Rivers, MI

Are You Online?

If you are online and would like to be in contact with other members who are also online, we can put your address right here. Send your name and e-mail to Chris Buckhold at his e-mail

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- ✦ Charles Arnold penguinzlvr@yahoo.com
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- ✦ Larry & Leslie York (trap) trapgeek@yahoo.com

WEB PAGE: <http://www.conservationclub.us>

Note: You can also access our web page by going to www.mcrgo.org, then click on affiliates, then our club. At the same time you will be able to check out the *Michigan Coalition*.

Ad Space Available

There is room for your business ad for only \$100 per year!!!! (business card format) Showcase your business to over 400 St Joe County Conservation and Sportsman Club members each month!

Classified ads for members to buy, sell, or trade: only \$5.00 for 3 mos.

OFFICERS

President	Jeff Brazo	651-9076
Vice President	Allen Kasdorf	651-7086
Executive Secretary	John Brummett	651-5197
Treasurer	Charles Reynolds	273-7295
Recording Secretary	Leslie York	483-9475

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District #1	Jay Baker	(home) 278-9553 (office) 279-3109
	Bill Luban	476-2856
	Bill Luban (cell)	(630)392-6072
District #2	Troy Reynolds	506-3256
	Mike Good	483-2454
District #3	Bill Willis	435-7615
	Larry York	483-9475
District #4	Nancy Lawrence	651-1700
	Jack Boughton	651-2963
Dir. At Large	John Hackler	435-7035

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

Membership Activities

Newsletter	Chris Buckhold	651-3056
Advertising line	Chris Buckhold	651-3056
Public Relations	Peter Snelson	506-1950
Public Relations	Kelly Snelson	(269) 503-5202
NRA Recruiter	Bob Besser	651-8455

Administrative Activities

Finance	Charles Reynolds	273-7295
Nominating	John Brummett	651-5197
Dir of Maintenance		
Boys Night Out		
Lower Range	Gary Kondek	(574)274-3694
Club House Rentals	Request at Board of Directors Meeting	
Calendar of Events	Chris Buckhold	651-3056
MUCC District #4	John Summey	432-4646
	Allen Kasdorf	651-7086
Hunter Education	Charles Reynolds	273-7295
CPL Instruction	Jeff Brazo	651-9076
Work Day Info		

Fund Raising Activities

Hunters Jubilee	John Summey/Allen Kasdorf	
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Weekly /League Activities

Trap - Sunday	Larry & Leslie York	483-9475
Trap & Skeet - Saturday	Delmar Shouse	651-9298
Trap - Tuesday	Ramze Idriss	503-0404
Skeet - Tues, Sun		
IHMSA Shoots	Gary Kondek	(574)274-3694
	Bill Willis	435-7615
In/outdoor .22 cal	John Hackler	435-7035
Youth .22 Cal Shoots	Gary Kondek	(574)274-3694
Archery	Troy Reynolds	506-3256
Skeet Lessons	Bill Chase	244-5475
Cowboy Action Shoot	John Brummett	651-5197
Defensive Pistol	Charles Reynolds	273-7295

Executive Secretary: John Brummett
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Web Page Editor Kelly Snelson 503-5202

(All telephone numbers are area code 269 unless noted)

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 by signing this application that 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, forests, waters, and its wildlife.

I understand that to become eligible to join I must be recommended by a present club member in good standing. Or personally inform the Board of Directors why I wish to be a member.
(Please print application clearly)

Full Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

____ Check if Spouse desires Membership Card
 Spouse _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Recommended by: _____

New Member Application _____ Renewal Application _____

Interests: Archery____, Trap____, Skeet____, Rifle____, Pistol____, Black Powder____, Cowboy____, IDPA____

FEE: \$75 for one year family membership. Amount Enclosed: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail Application to: St. Joe. Co. Conservation & Sportsman club, Inc.
 c/o John Brummett
 PO Box 339
 Sturgis, MI 49091

Received of: _____ \$ _____

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.** Club Newsletters should start within 60 days.

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