



Sparta Hunting and Fishing Club

P.O. BOX 264 SPARTA, MICH. 49345

Dates To Remember

Please Mark These Dates on Your Calendar

NEWS LETTER

August 2004

Hunters Safety signup. August 12th. 6 to 9. And August 15th 11 to 1.

August 28, Renewal CCW Class. Contact Barry Anderson 791-9378 barry45acp@aol.com

September 7, General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

September 11, Iron man Archery Shoot.

September 18, Club cleanup 9 till Noon.

September 19, Fall Turkey Shoot.

September 25, Archery Tournament.

September 26, ATA Shoot.

October 5, General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Welcome new members: Dick Gardner-Toby Sweeney-Scott Falan-Terry Vanwuffen-Tim McCuaig-Robert O'brien-Robert Yates-Donald King-Mark Devos-Shane Johnson-Phil Monterusso-Rod Brayman-Ron Vandyke Rich Ter Beem Allen Warfield Bill Wecker Elmer De Ritter Scott D. Schmitt Bill Rexford and Dennis Pittman

NEW TOTAL. (354). Some of you have not picked up their Membership Packets. They are at the Clubhouse. Come by on a Sunday and pick them up.

Hunters Safety Class. Sign up will be August 12 from 6 to 9, and August 15 from 11 to 1. Classes will be Aug. 16, 18, 20 from 7-9:30 and Aug.21 from 9 to 1:00.

MUCC Camp for Kids. **Attention full members!!** We were looking for two full member's kids or grand kids between the ages 12 and 15 to go to camp last July. We didn't have a single name turned in. The club pays for a week of camp. **MUCC's Camp for Kids** is run at the beautiful Cedar Lake Outdoor Center. Every summer youngsters learn about fishing, Riflery, archery, ecology, and other fun outdoor topics and activities. Counselors carefully chosen from Michigan colleges and universities supervise campers closely. The club will randomly pick from names turned in. Maybe next year your kids can have some fun at camp.

We are having a **Gun of the month raffle.** This will run January thru December 2004. Only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be at SHFC the first Tuesday of each month at the meeting. 190 tickets have been sold at this time. Tickets are \$100.00. January's winner was Ron Stout. February's Dave Olson, March was Scott Lovell, April was Morrie Seites, May was Denis Ackerman, and June was Garry Auterson, August was Mike Gates.

We will start selling the **2005 Gun a Month Raffle Tickets** at the September meeting. We hope with this years advance notice more tickets will be sold. The profits of the raffle are going in a fund earmarked for a new trap field.

Please tell your friends about the web sight. www.spartahuntingandfishingclub.com. We will be adding the newsletters. Announcements and other stuff as time goes on.

If you didn't know it as a club member we get a discount at Gander Mountain, 10% off Classic Tire and Auto in Sparta. Call is 887-0350, and 5 % at Gordon Foods.

Remember Shooting Hours are between 10:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M or Dusk. Which ever comes first? We do shoot trap under the lights Thursday nights. And remember to **spin the gate lock** when you come and go. **We are also asking members to keep your eyes open for slobbs that shoot glass bottles on the ranges. If you do see slobbs, doing things that they aren't supposed to be doing...SHOOT THEM or turn them in. What ever seems right?**

We had a **Pig Roast** June 26th. It was free to all full SHFC members and their families, and a nominal charge to associate members. Mark Whitehouse welcomed our dedicated members who make SHFC what it is. Sue Blackall told the history of the beginning of the Club We had about 70 people attended. The food was great. Club member Randy Baker of Baker Catering 616-456-8824 catered it. Special guests were life members: Karl Larson, who has been active for 43 years; Harold Moody who has been a member since 1948; and Clifford Gross, who had fought in Normandy during World War II. We have talked about having one again next year for all of the full members. You too can become a full member if you want to. It's not that hard. Just come and help out your fellow members. Come to three of the meetings (1st. Tuesday of the month) 7 hours work during the year, and three hours at one of the turkey shoots. And have some fun doing it.

Olympic Report:

Well, persistence finally paid off. After an entire season of struggling, Marie DeRegnacourt shot her best tournament of her archery career. The event was the National Archery Association JOAD Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia. Temperatures averaged in the mid to high 90's with 80-90% humidity. The first part of the event was a two day FITA round which consisted of 36 arrows at 30 meters and 36 arrows at 50 meters on the first day. Day two the distances shot were 60 meters and 70 meters, again, 36 arrows at each distance. When the FITA was completed, Marie finished 3rd with a score of 1220 and was awarded the Bronze Medal. This was her personal best in 3 years.

On Sunday the event was the single elimination Olympic Round where archers are paired up and complete at 70 meters. Each archer shoots 18 arrows (6 at a time). The archer with the highest score moves on in the competition. The other archer is done for the day. Because of their performance in the FITA round, the medallists were given a bye in the first round of the OR. In the second round of the OR, Marie won and moved on. The third, and fourth rounds she won also putting her into the Gold Medal round of the OR. In that round there are 12 arrows shot (three at a time for 4 ends.). The archers alternate shooting so that the spectators can see the score and cheer their athletes on. Marie's opponent was Sara Mancini, a good friend and member of the 2004 Jr. World Team. By the end of 3 ends, Marie was down by two points. The last end, the 4th, was the deciding end. Marie's score in that end gave her a one-point victory and the Gold Medal. This was the first time she had ever medalled in an OR competition.

You can see more about the JOAD Nationals by going to the website at www.usarchery.org and clicking on the JOAD Nationals. Thank you Jeff DeRegnacourt.

Shooting News

Michigan State ATA Shoot down at Mason: **Ron Stout** won the 2004 Michigan State Singles Champion with **Marilyn Knight** taking the high Lady. Congratulations to both of you.

Coach's Trophy's were donated to Club for display; Don Reed will have the team members names added to Trophies. The coaches are Loren Ambrose, Linda & Bruce Kruger.

On July 3, our Scholastic teams competed at Mason in the Michigan State Shoot. Our kids did an outstanding job and all came away with trophies!!

2nd Place - Junior Novice Division: Brad Burluson, Donald Ryan, Mike Ambrose, Cody Shepard, Dale Gallup.

2nd Place - Senior Experienced Division: Frank Kruger, Mikey Bredin, Leslie Kruger, JC Dean, and Shane Johnson.

MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONS - Senior Novice Division: Brandon Randall, Jeremiah Gallup, James DeVoe
Matt Roush, Josh Ball

Leslie Kruger runner-up lady high gun - senior experienced division Mikey Bredin runner-up men high gun - senior experienced division.

Brandon Randall shot his first 25 and 50 straight and brought in an outstanding score of 97.

Because all of our teams finished in the top 3 of their divisions – all will be representing Michigan at the Grand American in Vandalia on August 12 & 13.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the support of all the members at SHFC. Thank you for supporting these fine young shooters!!

Also thank you to everyone who helped support our team by purchasing lunch at the July 25th. ATA shoot. The families of scholastic members made and/or donated all the food for lunch. The team made \$266.00 towards expenses for the Grand America.

Any questions about the Scholastic program please call Linda Kruger 231-834-7504.

Here are the Sparta American Trap Association dates for **2004**. September 26th, and October 17th.

Remember we have open trap for the general public Sundays between 10am & 4pm and Thursdays 2pm to 10pm. Sporting Clays and five stands are open Sundays 12pm to 4pm.

Archery News

1. Numbers of shooters for both the archery tournaments were low over Fathers Day weekend - dah! We still made \$400 with 30 archers at the ASA shoot and 15 at the SHFC trophy shoot. We received many compliments on the condition of our course and targets. At our shoot, member, Ron Ruwersma won hunter class - first place with 286, and Rick Kuyers won pro class - first place with 278.

2. We donated \$135 to the Marie DeRegnaucourt Olympic Fund from bow poker at the shoots and the used hunting item sale during the pig roast. Although Marie didn't make the 2004 archery team during the Olympic qualifier, she is already working towards 2008. We admire Marie's courage!

3. Archers will shoot 3 courses in one day for our Iron man Tournament on September 11. The other courses will be Coopersville and Newaygo Sportsman Clubs. \$30 entry fee will pay for the courses, an iron man participation prize, and huge trophies.

We would like to see more members join the 3-D archery league this year. Come on out on a Wednesday evening and shoot a round. You will find this is *not* cutthroat scoring and we really have a great time together. Bring the husband, wife, and kids out and have a good time.

We are open to the public on Wednesdays starting May 12th. Start off between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. SHFC members only can shoot any time with the honor system. Put your fee in the box and take a scorecard. After shooting 12 times your low score drops off for each round.

Member - \$6, Member Family - \$8, Youth - \$3, Nonmember - \$8, Nonmember Family - \$12, Reduce \$1 for belonging to MBH.

Here is the archery schedule for this year.

September 11 – Iron man shoot with 8:00, 12:00, and 4:00 shotgun starts. Two other courses are to be determined.

September 22 – End of archery league. Awards and shoot.

September 25- Archery Tournament. 8:00 to 3:00.

Please stop in to these businesses that donated targets for our 3-D range:

Anderson Insurance, Sparta; Brew Taxidermy, Sparta; Hula Excavating, Belmont; North Kent Well and Pump, Cedar Springs, Process Engineering Equipment, Comstock Park; Silver Lake Country Club, Rockford; Sparta Sport Shop, Sparta; and Mike Lozon and Bruce Springer families. Thank you donors for supporting Sparta Hunting and Fishing Club and outdoors sports! If you would like to donate for this year please call Sue Blackall 887-8771 (archery110@aol.com) or Tom Hula 866-2300 (tihula@wmis.net)

MUCC News.

1. SHFC agreed to sign a letter to EPA Administrator, Leavitt urging him to address mercury pollution caused by coal-burning power plants. The letter is written by the National Wildlife Federation and has 250 signatures of other conservation groups. 10, 000 million acres of lakes and 400,000 miles of streams in America are contaminated.
2. Les Cheneaux Island received federal funds to oil thousands of Snows Cormorant eggs to control the bird population, which is depleting the fish population.
3. Gov. Granholm's office has stated that the dove-hunting season would not have occurred without MUCC's proposed compromise. Minnesota opened dove hunting this year, and Wisconsin won their case in the state supreme courts to save theirs. Iowa is the only midwestern state that doesn't allow dove hunting.
4. Gov. Granholm transferred regulation of 738 privately owned deer and elk herds from the MDA to MDNR to be audited. MDNR has the resources to quickly investigate and enforce regulations. If no chronic waste disease is found, MDA will resume regulation.
5. This fall MUCC will offer training workshops about possible land and water contamination from lead shot and how to prevent it. SHFC is interested in attending them.

If you have any thing that you would like to see or put in the newsletter E-Mail me at jrybski@hotmail.com

We are trying to get an E-Mail list of all club members together, so we can notify them about special events. We would also like to know if you would like your newsletter E-Mailed instead Of a hard copy. It would save on postage also. Mail your address to jrybski@hotmail.com.

We need your help running your club. If you can take the time and come out to help, it would be very much appreciated. As of August 3rd. We had 354 members. But only about 30 come to any given meeting. . For all the members who have been helping out and coming to the meetings **thank you.**

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