

July 25, Work bee to reset the short course.

July 23, MESA Archery Shoot

August 2, General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

August 7, SHFC A.T.A. Trap Shoot 10:00am.

September, 5th, 7th, 9th, & 10th. (See Below)

September 6, General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

My apologies for the late and inaccurate newsletter. I had a computer crash and lost all the information I had. I am now backing up a lot more often, so this shouldn't happen again. My apologies again. J. Rybski.

Welcome all new members: Thomas Crimp, Mike Houseman, Jack Karsten, James Sizemore, Marcy Lepsch, Derek Dunn, Kurt Meinders, Charles Longfield, Ed Hill, John Ludwig, Roger Leech, Bill Weidenhamer, Frank Allen Peltz, Frank Lee Peltz, Todd Pulaski, Jeff Christafferson, Jack Greenlee, Steve Lang, and David Boorsma.
NEW TOTAL. (340). Some of you have not picked up their Membership Packets. They are at the Clubhouse. Come by on a Sunday and pick them up.

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

We will be giving a **Hunters Safety** course the first full week in September. Sign up will be September 1st. from 6 to 9 pm & the 4th. From 11am to 3pm. Classes will be September 5, 7, 9, from 7 to 9:30 pm & the 10th. From 9am to 1pm.

SHFC is sponsoring another year of MUCC "Tracks" magazine for Kent City and Sparta 5th grade classes. In May SHFC also sponsored an outstanding MUCC wetlands assembly for Ridgeview Elementary, Sparta Schools.

Jeff DeRegnaucourt, Fred Brown, Mark Whitehouse, and Sue Blackall attended a Sparta Township Board Meeting on June 9. Jeff offered the many hands of SHFC members to help with a community project. In these times of encroaching housing developments near shooting sports clubs positive public relations are critical!

We are in the process of getting bids on putting in concrete pads on the pistol and rifle ranges. We are also going to put in new steps and ramp at the clubhouse.

Shooting News

ATA Trap shoots at our club for this year are, August 7th, & October 16th.

We are shooting the hunters silhouette course every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. This is small and large bore pistol.

Ranges are 25, 50, 75, and 100 meters. Come on out and give it a try. Silhouette-Handgun: Bob Thomas 678-4173 (bobber01@wmis.net)

We just want to remind people who practice drawing from a holster to be careful. For safety's sake, we as a club cannot condone this practice. So be careful. Also **Do Not Put Live Ammo in the Trash Can's.**

Remember we are open trap for the general public Sundays between 10am & 4pm and Thursdays 2pm to 10pm.

If we get enough interest Sporting Clays and five stands are open Sundays 12pm to 4pm.

Scholastic Shooting The Scholastic Families provided lunch on April 17 for the ATA shoot. Thank You to everyone who helped out by donating food and working in the kitchen. All of the money earned (\$164.00) was given to SHFC Club to help cover the cost of targets the kids shoot.

Thank you Scholastic Shooting Teams for working the road pick up on June 23!

The **Great Lakes Grand Results** for our Scholastic members are as follows:

Doubles Class B Frank Kruger 183/200 **Lake Erie Handicap Junior** Frank Kruger. 93/100 at 27yds.

Lake Erie Singles Junior Runner up Frank Kruger 198/100. **Remington Nitro 27 Handicap Junior Runner up** Frank Kruger 93/100 at 27yds and **Sub Junior** Leslie Kruger 97/100 at 20yds. **Lake Superior Doubles Sub Junior** Leslie Kruger 95/100. **High Over All Class B** Frank Kruger with 1038/1100 targets.

We will be shooting on July 9th. For the State and August 9th. For the Nationals. Squads will receive an invitation to the Nationals if they place within the top 5 of their division.

We have 2 senior experienced squads.

Leslie Kruger, JC Dean, Frank Kruger, Jeremiah Gallup, Mikey Bredin. And Dale Gallup, Donald Ryan, Mike Ambrose, Kyle Sevey, Brad Burleson.

One junior Squad: Dave Carlisle, Matt VanVels, Jim Sullivan, Michael Kommer, Izak Ambrose. Alternates: Joel Ball, Michael Spenle, Aaron Berkompas.

One Rookie Squad: Stephen Kornoelje, Lukas Klin, Brandon VanDyke, Cole Kline, Clay Weidenhamer. Alternates: Jimmy Dornbush, Aubree Jack, Kodi Schroll.

We will also be having a potluck at the State Shoot anyone interested please sign-up.

If you know a youth that is interested in shooting please let them know about our scholastic program. Our schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse or you can call Linda Kruger at 231-834-7504. All shooting levels welcome! Scholastic Shooting Program: Linda Kruger 231-834-7504. (backwoods@pngusa.net)

Archery News

"Hunt of a Lifetime" archery shoot raised \$895 on May 21. Donations helped pay for a hunt for terminally ill children. Children who have participated or will participate on hunts enjoyed the day with us. The family who started "Hunt of a Lifetime" drove in from Pennsylvania. They said, "Being here feels like home!"

Monday, July 25 Work bee to reset the short course. From July 8 through July 25 archers are at risk to shoot any time except Wednesday after 5:00. While the long course is set up targets are placed behind the berms.

We would like to see more members and friends join the 3-D archery league this year. We have been getting about 20 to 25 shooters coming out on Wednesdays. We will be open to members and the public on Wednesdays starting in May. Being a club member's means you can shoot anytime of the week.

May 1, Started the archery Honor System for club members. Last September we were having a serious problem with relatives of club members shooting the course without paying. Some believe that they don't have to pay because they are not part of the Wed. night league. The fee covers the cost of the targets. There is no additional cost to be part of the league. Everyone has to pay every time.

We are asking businesses or families to donate \$50 or \$100 for targets and express our gratitude with a thank you in a shadow box located on the target. Contact Sue Blackall 887-8771 (archery110@aol.com)

MUCC News:

Most bears seen recently in urban areas are temporarily moving through them. It is extremely important not to trap them or draw attention to them. The DNR should be called immediately.

There are 160 exotic species invading the Great Lakes. They are coming from ocean-going ships. Legislation is being introduced to classify discharge from the ships as pollution so it can be regulated, and to give the Coast Guard funds to enforce them.

Our Governor's 2006 Budget Proposal would cut the MDEQ from the "Dam Safety Act" saving \$350,000. However, the MDEQ monitors dams' safety and effect on the environment. The proposal relies on dam owners to hire their own engineers to monitor them.

Sue picked up 600 seedlings at MUCC tree give-away for Ridgeview Elementary. Over the last 5 years students have taken home 3,400 trees. We are making a difference in Kent County!

MDNR is requesting public comments on a new draft for guidelines for Mandatory Quality Deer Management. It will be revised this fall. See the draft at:

www.michigandnr.com/publications/pdfs/huntingwildlifehabitat/deer_new_qdm_procedures_draft.pdf

Email comments to DNR_QDM_Guidelines@michigan.gov

CCW RENEWAL / TRAINING

Since Michigan's CCW law went into effect July 1, 2001, thousands of Michigan residents took advantage, and obtained a license. Now, over three years later, license renewal is a concern. It's important that you start the application process six months before yours expires. For renewals you will be required to sign a statement that says: "*I certify that I have completed at least 3 hours of review of the required training and have had at least 1 hour of firing range time in the last 6 months preceding this application.*"

Many of the laws changed last year (July 1, 2003). Michigan DOES NOT require that you attend a renewal class; however, I have had numerous people attending my renewal classes since July. This certificate class adds credibility to your application. The Kent County Gun Board has

reviewed my class and although they cannot require the class, they will acknowledge my training certificate. The updated laws are discussed (2 hours), review of the training material, and the required range time are all covered. Passport photos are also available within the class! Questions? Interested in a class? Contact me at: Barry Anderson / NRA Training Counselor / Instructor
PO Box 141362, Grand Rapids, MI 49514 or Barry45ACP@aol.com

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.

If you have any thing that you would like to see or put in the newsletter E-Mail me at (rybski@hotmail.com.) I need things to put in these Newsletters. **Help Me.**

And remember to **spin the gate lock** when you come and go.

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 July 5th. We had 322 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.**

Please tell your friends about the web sight. (www.spartahuntingandfishingclub.com.) We will be adding the newsletters. Announcements and other things as time go on.