



Sparta Hunting and Fishing Club

P.O. BOX 264 SPARTA, MICH. 49345

Dates To Remember

Please Mark These Dates on Your Calendar

NEWS LETTER

October 2004

October 23, Running Deer Practice Shoot. 10:00 – 4:00. Open to the public.

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

November 6, Public Sight in Day. 10:00 to 5:00. Open to the public.

December 7, General Meeting 7:00 P.M. Election of board members.

Welcome new members: Allen Latham, Michael Johnson, Jim Houseman, Ed Hill, Ben Schaefer, Gary Nason, Robert Dieleman, Tony Gates, T. Matt Reidenbach, Kenneth Huizinga, Ted Wallace, Girard Bialas, and Don Cumings.

NEW TOTAL. (368). Some of you have not picked up their Membership Packets. William Smith, Daniel Rector, Mark Rios, Alan Taylor, James Harmon, Bill Smith, Rod Brayman, Ron Van Dyke, Toby Sweeny, Bill Wecker, Ed Hill, Allen Lattam, and Jim Houseman. They are at the Clubhouse. Come by on a Sunday and pick them up.

We will start selling the **2005 Gun a Month Raffle Tickets** at the September meeting. Only 300 tickets will be sold. We hope with this year's advance notice more tickets will be sold. The profits of the raffle are going in a fund earmarked for a new trap field.

This fall's Turkey shoot winners: Remington 700- Dick Loseth, Tree Stand- Guenthen Dittmer, Ruger 10-22- Fran Nelson, Camo Wear-Tom Crawford, Safety Harness- Gary Moody, Leatherman's Tool- John Sullivan, Knife- Thom Rosely, Compass Jeff Van Vels, Sparta Sports Gift Certificates- Fred Brown and George Graban. Thank you for your participation.

A crew from our **Scholastic Youth Shooting Team** and other Club members picked up trash for two miles in front of SHFC. Thank you Selma, Marie, and Donnie Ryan, Linda, Frank, and Leslie Kruger, Shane Johnson, Jim Sullivan, Mark Tiffany, Rebecca DeVos and Safya Blackall for helping the environment.

Also a special thanks, to the ten painters' who gave the Club a face-lift. They painted the trim and doors on our buildings. During the Turkey Shoot many people commented how nice it looks! We do appreciate all the volunteers who cleaned up the grounds the day before.

We are **missing** a few things from the club. Two 3-D decoy stands, they are 5-foot length pipes with rerod welded in the middle to hold up the targets, a range finder and the pop box. The pop box came up missing September 5th. If you know who helped any of these things walk away, let one of the board members know. Or bring them back.

Remember, October 1st. We started this year's **Sportsman's Against Hunger Challenge**. This is a competition between SHFC, Cedar Springs Red Flannel, Madison Sq. and Rockford Sportsmen Club. We try to see what club can bring the most wild game or other food donations. This year's will run till Dec. 31. You can make a difference by dropping something off, or a cash donation at Barb Shoemaker. Contact Jeff DeRegnaucourt at 866-4721.

Please tell your friends about the web sight. www.spartahuntingandfishingclub.com. We will be adding the newsletters. Announcements and other things 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

Shooting News

A **Public Sight in Day** is scheduled for November 6, 10:00 to 5:00. This is open to the public. We will have range officers on duty. Tell your friends and come on out.

Winter Trap & Clays league. We will be starting the winter leagues the first Sunday in January through the last Sunday in March. If we don't have interest in this, we wont have it. If you are interested, give Morrie Seites a call at 678-4523 or e-mail him at (mdseites@triton.net) or stop by the club for details.

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.**

We will be having **Deer hunters running deer** practice October 23rd. from 10am to 4 pm. Rifle or pistol only. Bring your own ammo. \$1.00 for two shots. Tell your friend's as this is open to the public.

Here are the results of the **Scholastic clay target program at the Grand American Trap shoot.**

Senior Novice: finished 28th. Out of 37 teams. They hit 827 targets out of 1000.

Senior Experienced: finished 24th. Out of 51 teams. They hit 938 targets out of 1000.

Junior Novice: finished 29th. Out of 47 teams. They hit 817 targets out of 1000.

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

Remember we are 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

Our archery league has finished and the targets are put away for another season. First place winners of the league are: Matt Clark, 283-Men's Unlimited; Tony Starks, 265-Men's Limited, Jeffrey DeJager, 231-Instinctive, Sue Blackall, 244-Womans, Ashley Evink, 225-PeeWee. We gave special trophies to Dave Goeman, "Most Appreciated Score Keeper", and Jim Blackall, "Most Appreciated Target Keeper".

We had only 14 shooters at the Iron man Tournament and 20 shooters at the SHFC Trophy Shoot. This has been common with other trophy shoots in the area. So, we will come up with new events for next year.

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.

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: The DNR is urging hunters to have deer checked. The Deer check stations in this area are Big Rapids 131 rest stop, Muskegon State game area, West Walker, Plainwell DNR Office, Allegan State game area,

Remember if you are going to hunt from a tree stand, this season wear that safety harness, don't load the gun until you are safely strapped in, and don't get too excited when you make the shoot and come down.

We are having nominations for board members at the general meetings. If you have someone in mind that has been a full member for three years nominate him or her.

If you have any thing that you would like to see or put in the newsletter E-Mail me at jrybski@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 October 5th. We had 368 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.**

Committee Heads

Club House:	887-8982	www.spartahuntingandfishingclub.com
Sporting Clays: Morrie Seites	678-4523	(mdseites@triton.net)
Trap: Dave Chittenden	834-5624	
Archery: Sue Blackall	887-8771	(archery110@aol.com)
Tom Hula	866-2300	(tihula@wmis.net)
Hunters Against Hunger Director		
Jeff DeRegnacourt	866-4721	(jeffde@ameritech.net)
Silhouette-Handgun: Bob Thomas	678-4173	(bobber01@wmis.net)
General Maintenance: Tom Knight	866-2536	
Newsletter: J Rybski	678-4397	(jrybski@hotmail.com)
Hunters Safety	678-4397	(jrybski@hotmail.com)
Road Cleanup: Sue Blackall	887-8771	
CCW & NRA Instructor Barry Anderson	791-9378	(barry45acp@aol.com)
Scholastic Shooting Program: Linda Kruger	231-834-7504	backwoods@pngusa.net