

October 22, clean up day & hot dog roast 2:00. Bring rakes. (See Below).

October 25, First Aid Class. 7:00. Open to anyone. \$12.00 Charge.

November 4, Annual Sight in Day. Open to the public. 10:00 – 4:00.

November 7, General Meeting 7:00 P.M. / Election Day, don't forget to Vote.

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

You can also see a calendar at the web sight [www.spartahuntingandfishingclub.com](http://www.spartahuntingandfishingclub.com).

**Welcome all new members:** Chris McIntire, Michael Spencer, Steve Szirovecz, Todd Rugg, Robert Willis, Scott Abbatoy, Robert Gibbs, Berk Tanal, Robert Stefans, Mark Taber, Steve Ramsay, Andy Hussey, Kevin Derynck, Harrison Copeland, Claude Walter III, Claude Walter Jr., Mark Ritz, Charles Twichell Jr., John Blaauw, Robert Woodhouse, Mike Stanton Sr., and Kevin Dines

NEW TOTAL... We have new total of (396) Members. Some of you have not picked up their Membership Packets. They are at the Clubhouse. Come by on a Sunday at noon for orientation and pick them up.

We are in the process of changing the by-laws to help get full members. We are going to change the dues for associates to \$75.00 from \$50.00, Raise the \$25.00 refund on dues to a minimum of 3 meetings and 20 hours of work. With zero meetings you will have to put in 25 hours. Also members will not be required to work at the turkey shoot.

We would like to thank everyone who took time out from a busy fall to help with the road pick up in September. We couldn't do it without the Scholastic Trap Teams!

**Nominations for officers and board members:** 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 3rd we had 396 members. Out of that 396 only 41 are full members. But only about 30 come to any given meeting. At the next meeting (November 7th.) we are having nominations for officers and board members. We need your help if you want to keep this club running as good as it has in the past. Come to a meeting, become a full member, The 30 or so of us are getting tired of doing it all.

Reminder, October 1<sup>st</sup>. we started this year's **Sportsman's against Hunger Challenge**. This is a competition between SHFC, 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 the club or Barb Shoemaker on 10 Mile Rd. Contact Jeff DeRegnacourt at 866-4721.

What a difference the fresh paint jobs are making on the gates and shooting ranges! They look better and are protected from weathering. Billy Smith, Keith Kinney, Dave Burnett, and Barry Anderson are putting in the lots of hours, with some help from Jill Currey and Sue and Safya Blackall.

**Public Sight in Day** for Deer Season at SHFC: November 4<sup>th</sup>. From 10:00-4:00. Bring your own ammo, not will be available to purchase.

A plan is in the works to restore our park area behind the shooting ranges. Archery shooters took apart the old picnic tables, so they can be painted and used there. Morrie is going to put in a fire pit. We have scheduled October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 as time to rake the area and celebrate with a hot dog roast. Please call Sue (887-8771) if you can help paint or rake. We need lots of help!

**Winners in the fall turkey shoot raffle.**

Remington 700 - Morrie Seites, Tree Stand – Mike Bennett, Ruger 10-22 – Dan O’Brien, Mirage Camo Wear – Marcia Eib, Safety Harness - Randy Hoyes, Compass – Dave Chittenden, Letherman’s Tool – Ron Stout, Knife – Tim Max, and the three \$2000 Gift Certificates were won by Ron Stout, Chuck Brown, and Clark Causley.

We are raffling off a brand new 15’6” canoe. This is the canoe that was going to be raffled off at the turkey shoot, but it had a blemish. So we didn’t feel right in doing that. So you get to benefit at \$1.00 a ticket or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing is to be held December 5<sup>th</sup>. At 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchase at the clubhouse.

We have next year’s **Sportsmen monthly raffle tickets** available at the clubhouse for \$100.00. We have changed the raffle a little because we have sold fewer than 200 tickets for the last two years. You have a choice of winning \$500 Cash, a Remington mod.700, a Remington 11-87 or a Mathews Switchback XT Bow. Only 300 tickets will be sold, and these tickets are good all year and at the banquet. If we don’t sell 100 it reverts to 50/50 drawing.

**Hunters Safety:** We had 48 people go through the fall class. I would like to thank John Wood. Marty Anderson, Bob Thomas, Jill Curry, Morrie Seites, Tom & Marilyn Knight, Dave Burnett, & Denny Purtee.

I would also like to thank Bob Thomas fore building a podium for teaching classes at the club.

We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to help teach our hunters safety classes. We have two a year, one around April and one in the fall. If you are interested call J. Rybski at 678-4397 or e-mail at [jrybski@hotmail.com](mailto:jrybski@hotmail.com).

There will be no giving a non-member the combination to the gate. When you come to the gate you have to get out and open the gate your self. No giving a non member the combination to open the gate. A member can give his or her other half the combination. And remember to **Lock and spin the gate lock** when you come and go.

**Shooting News**

**Remember: Safety is number One.**

REVOLVER & SEMI-AUTO SHOOTERS: I AM IN THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING THE LOCAL INTEREST IN A SHOOTING / COMPETITION DISCIPLINE CALLED: PPC / COMPETITION (POLICE PISTOL COMBAT).

Originally reserved for Police Officers by the NRA, a non-NRA division for “civilians” is now available. These matches are shot with revolvers and semi-autos (.32 caliber or larger) at ranges

of 7 yards to 50 yards. **One** of the matches is called the "1500", which is a 150 round course, shot two handed standing, kneeling, behind barricades and prone. All shooting is one or two handed, and from the draw; reloading is a mandatory element of the competition. This is a type of target shooting where sight alignment, trigger control and accuracy are the name of the game. All events are timed.

Matches can be for bragging rights; trophy's or cash prizes (Lewis system).

Each of the four different matches would have a proposed fee of \$10 each to cover targets and range fees. Two matches a year are proposed, and have been approved by the SHFC Board.

Teams can be developed to participate in the many matches held in eastern Michigan, although individual participation is available.

The Michigan Police Combat Pistol Association ([www.mpcpa.org](http://www.mpcpa.org)) is the State Association where membership is encouraged. **Interested? Contact me for complete details:** Barry Anderson NRA Senior Training Counselor. PO Box 141362 Grand Rapids, MI 49514 Or Barry45ACP@aol.com

Is there any body who wants to shoot muzzle loaders? I am looking for ideas for having a muzzle loader shoot.

Call J. Rybski at 678-4397 or e-mail me at [jrybski@hotmail.com](mailto:jrybski@hotmail.com).

Reminder, we are open for trap to 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.

Did you know, as a club member you get a discount of 10% off Classic Tire and Auto in Sparta. Call is 887-0350, and a 5 % discount at Gordon Foods.

### **Scholastic Shooting**

In August our Junior and senior experienced squads traveled to Sparta, Illinois to compete in the Grand American We shot 100 targets over two days in extremely hot temperatures. All of the kids held up and did a great job.

Our Junior Experienced team of Clay Weidenhamer, Dave Carlisle, AJ Christafferson, Mike Brooks and Stephen Kornoelje finished 28th overall.

Our Senior Experienced team of Leslie Kruger, Jeremiah Gallup, Dale Gallup, Brad Burleson and Mikey Bredin finished 15th overall.

I would like to thank all of the parents and families for their patience and cooperation at the shoots this year. It can be a long day waiting to shoot and waiting for the final results. Thank you for your help with a very successful 2006 scholastic program.

We will be starting our 2007 shooting season soon and will post any practices on the bulletin board at the club as well as in the newsletter. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to come to a practice. If you have any questions you can call me at 231-834-7504.

Thank You,

Any questions please call Linda Kruger at 231-834-7504. ([backwoods@pngusa.net](mailto:backwoods@pngusa.net))

Jeremiah Gallup did a great job at fall shoot. He won all junior events for Saturday and Sunday. He didn't win over all because he didn't shoot Friday. He brought home three plaques, a pen, and a cup. At the State shoot in July he won two Champion events in Handicap and gained two yards. His scores were 96 for those.

### **Archery News**

We have taken down the course after the best season in years! Many more new shooters came on Wednesday nights. Our scorekeeper, Dave Goeman, and target keeper, Jim Blackall have a lot to do with that. The word spreads through successful shoots like Jeffrey DeJager's Habitat for Humanity Shoot and the ASA State Championship.

3-D League winners are: Men Fixed Pins: Brad Bushman 274, Men Limited: Chris Starks 245, Men Movable Pins: Terry Kelsey 266, Traditional: Mark Raymond 277, Women: Sue Blackall 244, Youth: Tiffany DeVos 126, Cub: Jordan Eluski 206

Our own members shot in the IBO World Championship in Snowshoe, West Virginia and placed: Traditional: Mark Raymond 19<sup>th</sup>, Longbow: Gary Millering 17<sup>th</sup>. Then they shot in the Michigan Triple Crown. Mark and Gary were first in the same classes. In the ASA Championship Shoot Mark took second place. Congratulations, Guys!

**MUCC News:**

The DNR is investing a new disease that has killed 40 deer near the Kalamazoo in St. Joe County, "Blue Tongue Disease". It is spread by knats and is contagious to cows, goats, sheep, and deer. But seems to only kill deer. They have a high fever and it destroys their internal organs. The disease has spread up from the south, possibly because of global warming.

Please contact your congressmen about these issues being acted on:

Since the Wetland Law (PA14) passed in 2003, Great Lakes property owners have been allowed limited grooming on shores. A report stated that it is the cause for decreased numbers and species of fish, and habitat, and increased spread of invasive species. The time period is nearly up for the law, but some of our legislator's want to continue is, as well as open it up to large scale devegetation.

HB5711-5716 would allow farmers who are enrolled in, "Mich. Environmental Assurance Program," to be exempt from environmental regulations. Sure, they learn about environmental risks when they are in the program, but they should still be expected to follow regulations!

Finally, a Federal Act to protect the Great Lakes has been drafted, "Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act." If enacted, it will stop invasive species and sewage and mercury contamination, restore habitat and clean up sediments, and coordinate efforts. Michigan Senators and some Representatives have signed it. These have not, yet: David Camp, John Coers, Jr., Peter Hoekstra (GR), Carolyn Kilpatrick, Joe Knollenberg, Thaddeus McCotter, Candice Miller, Mike Rogers, John Schwartz, and Fred Upton. They need to be contacted!

HB5814 (a) Gives local communities the right to veto the DNR from purchasing land for parks, public access, or protecting natural resources. (b) The entire local tax bill that

DNR has to pay comes from restricted funds (fish and game, ORV, and waterways permits and licenses.) Currently, 50% is paid from restricted funds and 50% is paid out of the general fund.

Information about the Anti-Hunting Bill (disguised as the Dove Bill) is enclosed. Please contact other supporters to vote. It is the only way we can get the numbers we need to win. Having dove hunting doesn't really affect their numbers, as the other 40 states have found. Having the licenses can help our economy. (Currently hunting provides \$4 billion in revenue.) This is just opening the door for the anti-hunters to go after all hunting and fishing. Contact Sue Blackall if you would like yard signs.

## **CCW RENEWAL / TRAINING**

Since Michigan's CCW law went into effect July 1, 2001, thousands of Michigan residents have taken advantage, and obtained a license. Many of the laws changed (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](mailto:Barry45ACP@aol.com)

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

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](mailto:jrybski@hotmail.com).)

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

**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

### Committee Heads

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**Safety on the Gun Range-- "Safety Is No Accident"**

Users must obey Club rules and regulations AND conduct themselves in a responsible manner.