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News from the President

As April fast approaches, winter will not give up to spring. A major ice storm in late February and the two largest snowfalls of the season in March remind us winter is not to be trifled with. I was lucky and my power was only off for less than twenty-four hours, others power was off for days. I did not lose many tree limbs in my yard. However, from the snap-crackle-pop I heard coming from my wood lot, I am certain there will be much additional clean up. As I write this, Saturday the 18th of March, the wind is howling, the temperature is below freezing, and it is snowing. Well, on the plus side, I do not have to mow grass, yet.

The MUCC Region 7 meeting at your club on March 12th was well attended. An MUCC representative spoke on proposed legislation our state representatives are considering regarding firearms. SCARY, if you are a law-abiding citizen who owns firearms. Registration of "all" long gun sales and the so called "red flag" requirement are two items the legislature are considering. As we all know, if any new legislation is passed and that is very likely, an even greater burden will be placed on law abiding firearm owners than already exists. If I knew "DEFINELY" the mass shootings would be stopped by giving up MY firearms, I would be first in line. As

we all know, that is not the case as the so called "weapon free zones" in Chicago and other "weapon free zones" across the country demonstrate. It is beyond too late to attempt to control the killing of innocent men, women, and children by legislating laws that simply will not solve the problem. Mental health is the issue our legislators should be considering and funding. But alas, most legislatures are on the "gun control by any means" band wagon because it gets votes. I urge all of you reading this to contact your republican or democratic legislator and voice your opinion on this subject. We **MUST** take a stand on this issue, if not, all our rights are in jeopardy not just our second amendment rights. Our legislators need to be reminded "crooks and mentally deranged people" IGNORE LAWS!

May 6th, 2023 at 9:00am is the scheduled JCOC spring cleanup day. A great opportunity to earn work ticket/hours toward next years membership. For every hour worked you receive one work ticket/hour credit towards your 2024 membership. Persons under age sixty-two may earn up to fifteen (15) work ticket/hours and those sixty-two and older may earn up to four (4) work ticket/hours. Each work ticket/hour is worth five dollars off the 2024 membership price. Therefore, if you earn

Sunday, April 9th Happy Easter!



Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- April 4, 2023 7PM General Membership & Board Mtg
- May 2, 2023 7PM General Membership & Board Mtg

**CONTACTING THE CLUB:
ALL CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO:
JCOC
PO BOX 1708
JACKSON, MI 49204**

**JCOC
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- Richard Griggs, President
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From the President continued...

the maximum you will receive a seventy-five dollar reduction (if under sixty-two), and a twenty dollar reduction (if over sixty-two) when claimed on your 2024 renewal application. If you plan on attending, bring rakes limb cutters, and a chain saw if you have those tools. Cleanup of the grounds and the interior of the clubhouse is planned. A lunch will be served around one o'clock.

Outdoor archery events begin in April as does trap shooting. Check our web page at www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com for scheduled dates.

The modular home has been leased and your club has a prospective lessee for the trailer which will soon be available. A BIG thank you to Mark and Char and their helpers for renovating the trailer. Officers and directors at your club are "volunteers" and do not receive any compensation or perks for their hard work on your behalf. Given an opportunity, say thank you, it is well deserved.

The annual April gun show will not be held this year. Insurance, which must be purchased separately from our liability insurance, is cost prohibitive. Many clubs are NOT having gun shows for this reason. A sad, but true, fact. Discussion regarding other types of "shows" (e.g. swap meet, etc.) are being held. Stay tuned.

Your club has an opening for Director of Buildings and Grounds. Several people expressed an interest and were provided with job descriptions. It was my hope to appoint someone at the March membership meeting, but none of the interested parties were present. If you are interested in this position, please contact Richard at (517-315-9339). Thank you.

Well, enough said for April. Enjoy spring, it will arrive, I promise.

Richard Alan Griggs, President

General Membership & Board Meeting Notes



The March General Membership & Board meetings were held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 7th with 24 members present. The following actions were discussed and/or taken:

- 5 new members were approved
- Hunter Safety has been scheduled on 4/26-4/27 and 4/29.
- The lock is back on the range gate.
- The membership currently stands at 255 adult members.
- Zero-In clinics have been scheduled for 8/26 & 8/27. More info. to come.
- Clean-up day scheduled for 5/6 at 9:00 a.m. to noon!!
- Rental for the trailer was set at \$700 a month.
- Quotes are being secured for replacing windows in the rental trailer.
- \$3,204 was authorized for clay pigeons for Trap.
- Trap fees were set at \$5 for all adults and \$4 for kids.
- Archery fees were set at \$10 non-members & \$5 for members.

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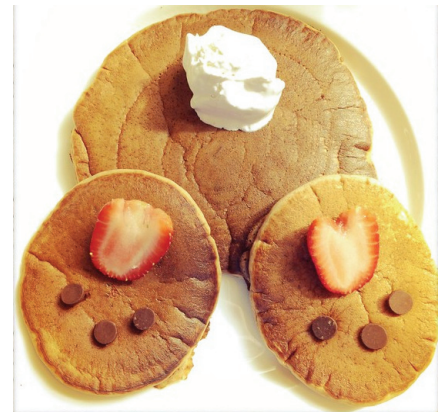
Easter Pancake Breakfast at JCOC

April 9th | 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

All you can eat pancakes, 2 sausage links or Sausage Gravy and a biscuit both served with coffee.

\$6 Adult/\$4 kids 12 under. We have milk, OJ and 2 sausage for add'l \$1 each. Members come out for a visit and get to know each other. Public is welcome. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Members don't forget to volunteer to work breakfast for one month!! Any questions, call the Club at 517.764.3415.



2023 Earth Day Celebration in the Park!

The JCCD's Earth Day Celebration in the Park will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Sparks Foundation County Park, Kibby Road, Jackson, MI, by the fishing pond and amphitheater.

Local vendors will be on hand with kid-friendly activities to teach about the importance of Earth Day and conservation of our natural resources.

There will be kayaking, free tree seedlings, live animals, live music, and activities for all!

This is a FREE event and is open to the public.

WOODCOCK NIGHT WALK
 Thursday April 13, 2023
 6:30 pm at Dahlem

Adult Program includes a short presentation, and a walk to the grasslands to observe these fascinating birds.

Register online at dahlemcenter.org/events
 7117 S. Jackson Rd, Jackson 49201

Night of the Amphibians!
 Friday April 28, 2023 6:30-8:30 pm
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An exciting catch & release frog hunt for everyone — great for families!
 Dress for the weather and wear boots/shoes for walking in the Glacial Pond
 Register online at dahlemcenter.org/events or call 517-782-3453 ext. 0

ATTENTION MEMBERS: if you use the trap range area for throwing/shooting targets please CHECK the sign in sheet to make certain other members are NOT using the pistol-rifle or 3D archery ranges. A **DANGER** exists if people are using the mentioned ranges and during trap shooting you shoot into the area. Also be sure to use the shooting spot nearest to the railroad bed. This is also a reminder for all members to sign-in at the gate for safety sake!! Thank you.

Be On The Lookout For....

Giant Hogweed



The sap from this plant can cause a severe skin reaction known as photo-dermatitis or photo-sensitivity. The reaction can happen up to 48 hours after contact. After coming in contact with the sap, the skin blisters when exposed to sunlight. Contact with the eyes can lead to temporary or possibly permanent blindness. If you do come into contact with the plant, and especially the sap, you are advised to wash the affected areas immediately, keep the exposed area out of direct sunlight and seek medical advice. Giant hogweed has clusters of umbrella-shaped white flowers. The plant can grow 7-14 feet tall and has stems that are green with purple splotches.



Poison Hemlock



Poison hemlock is a weed, and wild carrot (Queen Anne's lace) is another Michigan weed that is often mistaken for hemlock. It's typically found in Lower Peninsula counties but has been found in the Upper Peninsula as well. The seeds, flowers, leaves and roots of the plant contain toxic alkaloids that can lead to respiratory failure and death. The leaves on hemlock also resemble parsley, which leads to accidental poisoning.

Do not burn plants to prevent any accidental inhalation. Mowing or weed whacking will not kill the plant but can reduce seed production in second year plants. If you are mowing or weed whacking in areas infested with poison hemlock, wear protective eyewear and a dust mask to prevent exposing your eyes and lungs to small particles.



Poison Oak



Poison oak is native to North America and typically found in eastern and central Michigan. It's similar to poison ivy and contains the same oily resin called urushiol. Poison oak is a low-growing, upright shrub. It can grow to be about 3 feet tall, sometimes giving it the appearance of a vine. It's a shrub that is 3 or 4 feet tall, it contains small white flowers in the spring. The chemical found in this plant can affect your skin, eye, and respiratory system.



Wild Parsnip




It's a biennial flowering herb on a single stem that can grow to 5 feet, their leaflets are toothed and shaped like a mitten according to the Michigan invasive species list. These plants are native to Eurasia and are often found in open areas and fields. Wild parsnip spreads through their seeds when carried by wind, water, or equipment. The stem, leaves, and flowers contain chemicals that increase skin sensitivity to sunlight and can cause severe blisters or rashes.

Source: MSU Extension; State of Michigan

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REMINDER — Range use is from Sunrise to Sunset, NO shooting after Sunset! NO shooting on Sunday until noon. Be sure to sign-in at the gate and have your club membership card handy as you may be asked to provide it! Members are allowed to bring the same guest(s) up to 3 times per year for a non-club activity @ \$5.00 per visit per guest.