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News from the President

April is almost here. Spring flowers and morel mushrooms cannot be far away. The mowers will soon be humming, and I will be wishing I was moving snow and not mowing grass, happens every year. That is until the first snow. Hopefully, everyone had a great winter, not too cold and not a lot of snow, I love it.

A few of our members are using improper ammo on the ranges and power loading watercraft. Green tip, and other types of piercing ammo are not permitted on the club ranges. The dinger plate and chain are being destroyed by piercing type ammo. Real time cameras will be installed at the ranges, entrance gate, and boat ramp. The real time cameras will send information to our phones and the phones will be monitored daily. Anyone observed using improper ammo, accessing club property improperly, or power loading watercraft will receive notice of the revocation of their membership, and if a lake resident, revocation of their launch privilege. I might add, it is a felony in Michigan to use firearms while drinking alcohol. Empty alcohol bottles have been found in barrels at the ranges. After you have completed shooting and properly cased your firearms, it is permissible to consume alcohol on club grounds, but not "on the ranges" for obvious reasons. Please be courteous and observe the posted range rules.

Trap shooting will begin on April 3rd at 5 PM. Bring your gun and ammo for a little fun. Cost is \$5 per round for adults, youths aged seven-teen or under the charge is \$4. Trap will continue every Wednesday through October at 5 PM.

Club cleanup day will be April 27th 2024. The grounds and interior of the club will be cleaned. Please bring rakes, chainsaws, rags, cleaners, if you have them. The project will begin around 9 AM and will end at 1 PM with a pizza luncheon. You will earn one work ticket for each hour worked. Each work ticket is worth \$5 off your 2025 membership. Limited to 15 tickets for those under 62 years and to 4 tickets for those 62 years or older. Join us if you can.

The new gate to the boat launch has been installed and is locked. After you launch your watercraft and park your vehicle in the parking area, please close and lock the gate. Any member who shares the gate lock combination with anyone will have their membership cancelled. New real-time cameras will be installed and monitored closely. Any Ackerson Lake resident who purchases a watercraft sticker and shares the gate combination will have their launch privileges revoked "forever" if they share the combination. The new real-time cameras and monitoring of same will provide much useful information.



April 22, 2024

Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- April 2, 2024 Membership & Board Meetings 7:00 PM
- May 7, 2024 Membership & Board Meetings 7:00 PM
- June 4, 2024 Membership & Board Meetings 7:00 PM

CONTACTING THE CLUB:

ALL CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO:

**JCOC
PO BOX 1708
JACKSON, MI
49204**

From the President continued...

The April membership meeting will be held on April 2nd, 2024 at the clubhouse. Clubhouse rentals are increasing if you plan a rental better get the rental scheduled.

I apologize if this article is a little negative. However, the board has agreed to increase enforcement of existing rules and some "housekeeping" is necessary.

Good luck to all the turkey hunters, be safe. Hope your spring is enjoyable.

Richard Alan Griggs, President

Membership & Board Meeting Notes

The March Membership and Board meeting were held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 5th with 25 members present. The following actions were discussed and/or taken:



- 8 new members were welcomed and approved.
- The February ASA archery shoots had 32 adult shooters, 1 youth shooter, and 6 guest shooters.
- \$500 was turned in for rentals.
- The Club has 259 adult members to date.
- An Audit Committee reported the audit was completed and everything looks good.
- Clean Up Day was scheduled for Saturday, April 27th.
- Chuck Drevitch was assigned handling the distribution of the 2024 boat stickers to lake residents.
- 2024 MUCC dues of \$830 was approved.
- To address issues with outside lighting and a upstairs door damper \$400 was approved.
- The Board voted to allow only Club sponsored fishing tournaments.

**JCOC
2024 Board of Directors**

Richard Griggs, President

Alex Moske, V.P.

Judy Speed, Treasurer

Charlene Baldwin, Secretary

Max McFeters, Archery

Chuck Drevitch, Conservation & Waterfront

Corey Burns, Grounds & Equipment

David Wilson/LeeAnna Kloack, Kitchen & Clubhouse Rentals

Tammy McFeters, Membership & Sunshine

Karen Wilson, Newsletter & Social Media

David Teriaco, Ranges

Mark Baldwin, Rental Property Mgmt. & Clubhouse

Earth Day in the Park!

Earth Day Celebration is **Saturday, April 20th from 1:00-4:00 pm**, to promote environmental protection, encouraging people to keep a clean, healthy planet at Sparks Park (Cascades) - near urban fishing pond. Join the Jackson Conservation District for the 2024 Earth Day in the Park celebration! Vendors will provide children's activities, kayaking (weather pending), face-painting, tree seedling and plant giveaways, live animals and more!! For more information visit: <https://www.jacksoncd.org/>



Upcoming April JCOC Events & Activities



Trap Shooting Begins

Trap shooting will begin on Wednesday, April 3rd at 5 PM and continue every Wednesday through October. Cost is \$5 for "ALL" adults and \$4 for youths seventeen and under.

~RIFLE & PISTOL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED DURING TRAP~~



ALWAYS BE SAFE
WITH YOUR FIREARM

APRIL 6, 2024

HUNTER SAFETY FIELD DAY

Class Information:

This is a Hunter Safety Field Day only. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult guardian. There is a class fee of \$5 per student. You must complete the online part of the class prior to attending the field day. The DNR Hunter Safety written exam will be given at the beginning of the field day. Class starts promptly at 8:00 am. Please plan on arriving 15 minutes early for check in. The class will be held outdoors rain or shine, so dress for the weather. If you have any questions, concerns, special requirements, please contact Dave Styx 517-795-1008 Home study students are to pick up their books on March 23, 2024 10 am-12 noon at upper club house. Home study students must have their chapter reviews completed prior to class



Jackson County Outdoor Club

Hunter Safety Field Day

\$5 Class Fee

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Arrive 15 minutes early for registration.

JACKSON COUNTY OUTDOOR CLUB
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Jackson, MI 49201
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Archery



APRIL 20th & April 21st —S3DA 3-D Outdoor Archery shoots.

For more information contact Max @ 386.547.3369 OR Tammy @ 517.945.4815

~RIFLE & PISTOL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED BOTH DAYS~~

Clean-Up Day

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 27th** for the annual clean-up day at JCOC beginning at 9:00 a.m.! We'll be concentrating on the interior/exterior of the main building. Weather and volunteers permitting work on the grounds/ranges will be done. A great way to meet members and earn renewal work tickets! Supplies provided, but appreciate any extra you can bring. Weather permitting: weed whipping at ranges and tree trimming at roads and to the waterfront, painting, raking leaves and general outside maintenance will be done. Come to the Club-house to sign in. As usual lunch provided for all workers!





Concerned Conservationist,

MUCC filed legal action against the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to challenge the partial closure of the coyote hunting season.

The commission relied on unsubstantiated claims of negative public perception, social pressures and perceived potential loss of management control.

After reviewing the options, MUCC's executive board authorized legal action against the commission and filed suit against the NRC.

MUCC was founded on the belief that game management decisions be insulated from social and political pressures to the greatest extent possible. Michigan voters agreed, passing Proposal G overwhelmingly in 1996.

MUCC believes the commission illegally closed Michigan's coyote season in violation of their responsibility and legal charge to "the greatest extent practicable, utilize principles of sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the taking of game."

The process is expected to take months to complete, and we can only succeed with your help.

Litigation is not a tactic MUCC uses frivolously, and our membership and hunters and trappers across Michigan have asked us to stand up and fight for this issue.

Together, we will fight for the principles of sound scientific management. Together, we will ensure our children will have the same opportunities we did. Together, we can preserve Michigan's outdoor heritage. Join, donate, and share.

Yours in conservation,

Amy Trotter, *Chief Executive Officer*


Conservationists of Michigan can strengthen our fight in the following ways:

If you are a member of an MUCC affiliate club, **consider joining as an individual member.** Having a direct link to MUCC will ensure you stay up to date with the suit, show you truly care about Michigan's natural resources, and lend your voice to the largest and most successful statewide conservation organization in the country.

Donate. Whether you are a Life Member, Individual Member, or affiliate club member, we need your support. MUCC's mission thrives with contributions from Michigan's outdoor community. Our organization survives on \$20 and \$50 donations from everyday Michigan sportsmen and sportswomen. Making a difference is as easy as supporting MUCC! <https://mucc.org/>

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PLEASE SIGN IN & OUT

A reminder to sign in at the gate before entering the club grounds!!
This allows members entering to be aware of where other members are on the property. Also remember to have your membership card with you. This is for safety purposes!!

A reminder that the speed limit is 15 mph on the entrance and exit roads to JCOC. This is a private drive which we share with several other neighbors. Kids and pets (along with assorted wildlife including deer and turkeys!) may be present so please be aware, slow down, and please use caution. Thank you!!

