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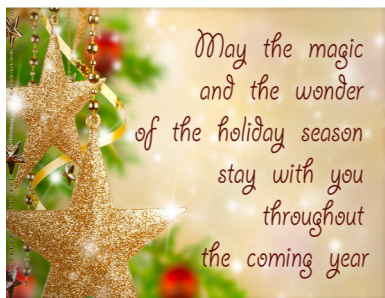
## News from the President

Another opening day of gun deer season is in the book. I observed three deer on opening day, a four point and a doe at ten yards, likely a brother and sister. Also, a large doe. At seventy-six I do not hunt as much as I did in years past, but I can still climb onto a tree stand. If you harvested a deer and would like the photo posted on Facebook, send the photo to the club email at [jacksoncountyoutdoorclub3550@gmail.com](mailto:jacksoncountyoutdoorclub3550@gmail.com) and I will post the photo.

they purchase a boat sticker, **OR** the board may determine a set period (e.g. April-May) when the gate will not be locked and access to the boat launch will be permitted.

Newly elected officers/directors for 2024-2025 are: Vice President Alex Moske, Financial Secretary Judy Speed, Newsletter and Social Media Karen Wilson, Archery Max Mcfeters, Membership/Sunshine Tammy Mcfeters, and Waterfront/Conservation Chuck Drevitch. New Officers/Directors will be sworn in just prior to dinner on Annual Night. In addition, I will be asking membership at the January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 meeting for approval of two of my nominees, Charlene Baldwin to fill out the term for 2024 of Recording Secretary and Cory Burns to fill out the term for 2024 of Buildings/Equipment director.

As many of you know, your club has had an ongoing problem with well water since the last big storm destroyed the well pump. Your club has spent several thousand dollars for a new pump and well decontamination. The well was "sanitized" for a third time on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>, test results have not been returned as of Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The water tests negative for bacteria at all spigots except the kitchen spigot. Hopefully, the decontamination on Monday will resolve that issue. Clubhouse/Rental Property director Mark Baldwin has spent an enormous



Thanksgiving has passed and on December 2<sup>nd</sup> the club will be hosting Annual Night. There will be drawings for prizes and a state licensed raffle for a Henry .44 caliber single shot rifle. Dinner will be catered at fifteen dollars per person. Mail in your reservation if you have not already done so.

At our regular membership meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 we will discuss administration of the new gate to the boat launch. The gate will not be locked until January 1, 2024. After that date "anyone" seeking access to the boat launch will need the lock combination. Members will see the range gate lock combination and the boat launch gate combination on their 2024 membership cards. The combinations are changed each year on January first, so get those renewals in to receive the new combinations. Lake people who do not join the club may receive the combination to the boat launch gate when

### Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- December 2, 2023 Annual Night 6:00 PM
- December 5, 2023 Board Mtg Only 7 PM
- January 2, 2024 Membership & Board Meetings 7:00 PM
- February 6, 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**

**JCOC**

**2023 Board of Directors**

Richard Griggs, President

Norm Zakrzewski, V.P.

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Alex Moske, Secretary

Max McFeters, Archery

Chuck Drevitch, Conservation & Waterfront

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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

*From the President continued...*

amount of time in an attempt to resolve this issue. Thank you, Mark.

Things are quiet at your club except for Annual Night preparations. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

*Richard Alan Griggs, President*

*Board Meeting Notes*

The November Membership and Board meetings were held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, November 7th with 32 members present. The following actions were discussed and/or taken:



- Three new members were introduced and approved.
- It was reported that all mowing equipment has been tuned-up for next spring. A gate is being installed at the boat launch which will have a lock. Renewing members will receive the code.
- The pistol range saw 76 signed in users and the rifle range saw 101 signed in users. 15 guests were registered, however only \$30 was in the range box. The same guest is allowed 3 times per year at \$5.00 each visit.
- The outside light wiring has been replaced at the modular rental.
- A coalition has been established, The Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources (CPMR), a sport fishing organization focused on protecting the fishery in the Great Lakes, filed an appeal opposing entry of the 2023 Great Lakes Consent Decree in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals regarding gill-netting. For more information visit MUCC.org.
- The most recent issue of *Michigan Out-of-Doors* has a article on Chronic Wasting Disease in deer and elk. JCOC members who submit a correct email address should be receiving this electronic magazine.
- Officer/Directors elections were held and are listed in the President's News.
- New fire extinguishers have been installed in the archery barn.
- JJ's Sealcoating has been hired to provide the club with snow removal.

*A Special Thank You!!*

Goes out to all members who have contributed with help in June, July, August and September. Backstops were cleaned up, as well as the road back to archery, pistol and rifle ranges. Debris from the February ice storm and the summer storm were burned. Tree tops and full trees were lost during those storms. Another thank you to those who helped with Wednesday morning lawn mowing and ground maintenance. In 2024 we are looking for the Wednesday morning help along with 2nd Saturday of the month cleanup days in June, July, August and September. Remember the Club looks great because of the people who volunteer their time. Dave Styx



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**Owl Prowl**

- Night Hike

Program for 12 years and older  
Pre-registration required at  
DahlemCenter.org/events

7117 S. Jackson Rd.  
Jackson, MI 49201

DahlemCenter.org

Phone 517-782-3453

December 28 6:30 pm short indoor presentation followed by a night hike calling for owls. Whoohoo we hear?

Dahlem Jackson's Nature Place

Owl Prowl Night Hike will start at 6:30 pm Thursday, December 28th with a short indoor presentation to learn about the owl species that reside in Michigan, their adaptations, and then we'll take a night hike on Dahlem's quiet trails listening for owls and other night creatures.

We will use an artificial device to call out to owls with anticipation that they answer back. In past, the Great Horned, Barred and Screech owls have replied. This is a fun night not to be missed.

The program is appropriate for ages 12 years and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult that is registered for this program.

**Fee:** \$6 per Dahlem member; \$10 per non-member. Advanced registration is required as spots are limited to 24 participants. Complete the registration form below or call the office at 517-782-3453 ext. 0 to sign up and pay for your spot. Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 27th.

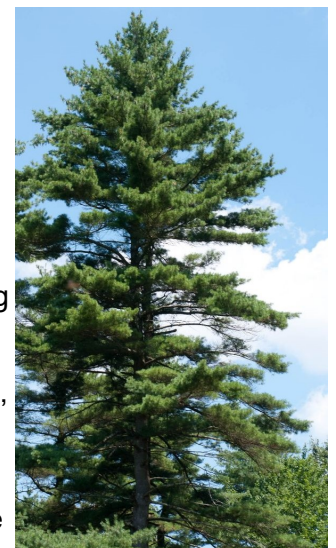
**What to Bring;** a small flashlight to carry in your coat pocket. Our goal is to use our night vision just as our nocturnal creatures do to venture through the night and let our other senses direct us on the trails. Wear warm, dark colored clothing, and leave the kids light-up shoes at home.

## *Tree Sale Preview 2024*

The Jackson County Conservation District's Spring Tree Sale fundraiser will take place in 2024 on April 12-13 at Keeley Park. This is a pre-order event and catalogs will go out in mid-January. All trees were pre-ordered, so there is a limited supply! Order early!

This year JCCD will be offering conifer seedlings (White and Red Pine, Norway Spruce, Douglas Fir, White Cedar and American Larch), and conifer transplants (White, Norway and Blue Spruce, White Pine and Fraser Fir). Also offered will be Allegheny Serviceberry, Highbush Cranberry, White Birch, Paw Paw, Pin Oak, Quaking Aspen, Red Maple, Eastern Redbud, Red Osier Dogwood, Speckled Alder, Swamp White Oak and American Sycamore. Deer food and pollinator packs, Albion Strawberries, Bluecrop Blueberries, Mammoth Red Raspberries, Jersey Knight Asparagus, as well as apple, pear, peach and cherry trees will also be included.


If you would like a paper copy of the catalog and are not on our mailing list, please email [lori.fitzgibbons@macd.org](mailto:lori.fitzgibbons@macd.org). Orders will be due on March 13th by 5pm (must be postmarked by March 11th). Any order postmarked after that date will be returned. For more information visit: <https://www.jacksoncd.org/>



Think Spring!!

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**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. This is for safety purposes!!**



Thank you!

**Jackson County Outdoor Club**  
**Membership Application**  
**Circle "New" or "Renewal"**

New                      Renewal (Can renew online at JCOC homepage with cc/PayPal)

**Please Print Legibly**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address will only be used for club business and will not be provided or sold to anyone

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse's Name (if a Family Membership)**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type (please check one) work tickets can be used to reduce membership fee at \$5 a ticket up to 15 for individual/family and up to 4 for senior individual/family.** From September 1 to December 31, the dues will be reduced for the remainder of the year as follows: Individual/\$60, Family/\$75, Individual Senior/\$40, Senior Family/\$55. Tickets must be used by January 31 when renewing.

_____ Individual	_____ Senior Individual (62+)	_____ Family	_____ Senior Family (62+)
\$145.00 – no work tickets	\$70.00 – no work tickets	\$160.00 – no work tickets	\$85.00 – no work tickets
\$70.00 - +15 work tickets	\$50.00 - +4 work tickets	\$85.00 - +15 work tickets	\$65.00 - +4 work tickets
# work tickets claimed: _____	# work tickets claimed: _____	# work tickets claimed: _____	# work tickets claimed: _____

**NOTE: write in the number of work tickets you are "claiming" for credit JCOC Membership Director will verify, do not mail tickets**

**Dependents** (for family memberships only, must be under 18 at time of application and with an adult at all times.)

**Name:**

**Birthdate:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I/we are interested in the following activities, please indicate use (U) or helping with (H)**

Archery Programs U / H	Education U / H	Pistol/Rifle Ranges* U / H
Boating/Fishing U / H	Hunter Safety U / H	Trap Ranges* U / H
Building/Grounds U / H	Kitchen U / H	Youth Archery U / H
Conservation U / H	Newsletter U / H	Youth Rifle* U / H

Other skills you have and could share with the club:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Complete this form and mail to: **Jackson County Outdoor Club, P.O. Box 1708, Jackson, MI 49204-1708**

**Please make check payable to JCOC. Check the home web page to pay with PayPal.**

Memberships are good from January 1 to December 31

NOTE: due to the expense members will NOT be given boat stickers. Please have your membership card with you, all you will need

For Club Use Only:

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Range Orientation: Y Y / N N      Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ 11/2021