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News from the President

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Next Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- January 4, 2022
7PM General Membership & Board Mtg
- February 1, 2022
General Membership & Board Mtg

So, the New Year is close at hand. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This past year was an eventful year for many of us. The "virus" in its many manifestations kept many of us wondering what is next. Maybe 2022 will be a great improvement, let us hope so. Be safe and enjoy the family and holidays.

Indoor archery at your club begins in January. There are many shooting events to consider. Indoor leagues, indoor youth classes, and indoor ASA qualifying shoots. These events, along with printable flyers, have been posted on our web page www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com and on our Facebook page. The flyers have dates/times and contact information. The calendar on our web page, right side of home page, is "always" current. If you wish to know if something is scheduled or if the banquet hall is available that is the place to look.

Our winter has been pretty much "on vacation". Ice fishing may not happen unless we get colder weather soon. Deer hunting is winding down with only the late doe season still open. I see a lot of rabbits, but small game hunting seems to be less than in years past. No deer for me this year. However, many of our club members harvested deer. Remember, if you have a photo, you would like posted on our Facebook page, you may submit the photo(s) along with comments to our Facebook page (must be approved before it will appear). Else you

can email it to the club at jacksoncountyoutdoorclub3550@gmail.com and it will be posted for you. Emails sent to the club's email address are answered same day.

It is time to renew your club membership. The gate combination to the ranges and door combination to the archery indoor range will be changed January thirty-first. If you are a "renewing" member you may renew online by clicking on the yellow "Membership Renewal" tab in the upper right corner of our web page at www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com and following the instructions, easy to do. Else, you may submit a renewal application. Printable applications can be found under the "Membership" tab on our web page and/or on our Facebook page. Fees are listed on the application and if you earned work tickets in 2021 you may write in the number you are claiming for credit. Your Membership Director has a list of people that earned work tickets and the number earned. If you are a "new" member, were not a member in 2021, you must submit a written application. Membership dues account for more than half of your club's income. Without your participation, the club would cease to exist. The yearly dues are reasonable and with the option of shooting, fishing, etc. at your leisure, a bargain. There are instructions for "online" renewals on our webpage under News/Events and on our Facebook page. PayPal charges six dollars per renewal with PayPal or any major

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CONTACTING THE CLUB:

**ALL
CORRESPONDENCE
INCLUDING
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATIONS
MUST BE MAILED
TO:**

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

JCOC**2022 Board of Directors**

Richard Griggs, President

Norm Zakarewski, V.P.

Judy Speed, Treasurer

Taylor Burns, Secretary

Max McFeters, Archery

Chuck Drevitch, Conservation & Waterfront

Pat Weber, Grounds & Equipment

David Wilson/LeeAnna Kloack, Kitchen & Clubhouse Rentals

Tammy McFeters, Membership & Sunshine

Karen Wilson, Newsletter & Social Media

Dave Teriaco, Ranges

Vacant, Rental Property Management & Clubhouse

From the President continued...

credit card. All you need is your name and more importantly your "membership number". PayPal sends a receipt to the club and to your email address. Membership cards are mailed in a timely manner.

Hopefully, the weather will get colder and us ice fishermen will be smiling. Things other than indoor archery are quiet at your club. We do have a clubhouse rental on January 1st, 2022 for a wedding. Someone is starting the New Year off with a BIG party. Trap will begin in April. Winter trap shooting is available at the Sportsman Club on Mantle Ave. in Jackson on Sundays at 10 am. Serving a once per month pancake/sausage breakfast at your club is being discussed. If you have ideas regarding "things to do" email them to the club. Karen, Newsletter Director, will report on Annual Night festivities in this newsletter. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Richard Alan Griggs, President

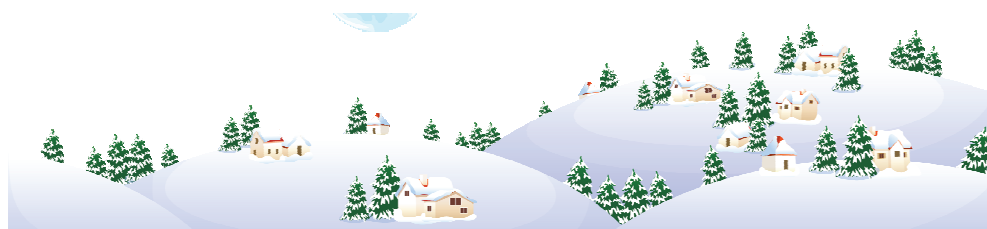
Board Meeting Notes

The December Board meeting was held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, December 7th. The following actions were discussed or taken:



- Pat Weber will be seeking bids for a zero-turn mower.
- Dave Wilson is still attempting to locate a new fridge for the kitchen.
- A new ladder was purchased with the use of Menards rebates.
- The purchase of two U.S. Flags was approved.
- \$687.60 was authorized to purchase 550 boat stickers for distribution to Lake residents. Members will no longer be issued boat stickers.
- 2021 Finance Audit Committee selected: Richard Griggs, Dave Styx and Denise Styx, Tom and Gloria Decker.
- Up to \$2,000 was authorized to replace the upstairs indoor archery backstops.

REMINDER: There is a \$5.00 fee for guests brought in by members for non-JCOC sponsored activities such as using the rifle/pistol and archery ranges. EACH individual guest is limited to access 3 times per calendar year @\$5.00 per visit. Monies in the sign-in box DOES NOT correspond with guest usage! If this is not corrected by members bringing in guests, the Board may take action restricting guest access.



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Indoor Archery Begins

WINTER LEAGUES

1/5/22—3/9/22

Wednesdays—Spot League—7:00 p.m.

\$3.00 per week—Member

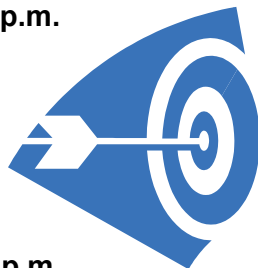
\$5.00 per week—Non-Member

1/6/22-3/10/22

Thursdays—Animal League—7:00 p.m.

\$5.00 per week—Member

\$7:00 per week—Non-Member



ASA INDOOR QUALIFIER

January 15-16, 2022

3550 Hart Road, Jackson

Line times:

Saturday—1/15/22—9:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.

Sunday—1/16/22—9:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.

Limited to 30 shooters per line.

Call or Text Max @ 386-547-3369; Tammy @ 517-945-4815; Norm @ 567-202-3260



Indoor Sunday Youth Archery League

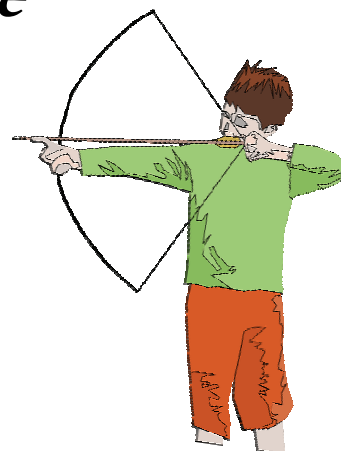
This year's league begins Sunday, January 9th and runs through Sunday, March 13th. Classes are limited to 12 shooters per class:

1:00 p.m.—Beginner Class with basic fundamentals

2:30 p.m.—Intermediate Class

4:00 p.m.—Advanced Class

These classes are provided at no charge. Please RSVP to either Max @ 386-547-3369 or Norm at 567-202-3260



Annual Night—A Good Time Was Had by All!

It was a great event! With only 63 in attendance the house seemed full with many visiting with friends they had not seen in two years! Pledges were said and the Invocation was delivered by Glen Speed. New and returning Board Members were sworn in. Good food was provided by Gene Davis & Sons Catering. Great desserts were brought in by members. Dave Styx and Norm Zakarewski were excellent MC's hosting the event. Thanks to Tom and Gloria Decker for overseeing the beverages. Kudos to those who helped set up on Friday night and those who helped with the cleanup Saturday evening. Many hands did make light work! Thanks to LeeAnna Kloack and Denise Styx for greeting all who came through doors. Goodies on the snack table were donated by Karen Wilson and Jim Moore. Gift cards were donated by Richard Griggs, Lee-Anna Kloack, Max McFeters and Dave Wilson. Gift baskets were donated by Karen and Dave Wilson, Dave Styx and the first one to go was the meat basket donated by JJ Meats, brought in by Jim Moore. It's a hit every year! A ham and turkey were donated by Norm Zakarewski and Dave Teriaco. The poinsettia table decorations/door prizes were delivered by Judy & Glen Speed. Thanks to our ticket sellers: Glen Speed—Dave Teriaco—Linda Weber—Dave Wilson. Special thanks to Dave and Denise Styx for delivering the left-overs to the Jackson InterFaith Shelter the next day. Looking forward to Annual Night on December 3, 2022—mark your calendars now!



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DNR Virtual class - Feeding Winter Birds

Date: January 22, 2022 — Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM — Location: Virtual

Are you new to feeding backyard birds and want to learn more? Feeding birds is easy to do with a little knowledge. Learn which birds are likely to visit your backyard and what feeds and feeders they prefer. This class will also introduce you to free birding resources and apps. We will cover how to clean your feeder and explore ways you can get involved in community science projects such as the Backyard Bird Count.



This class is taught by interpretive naturalists Shana Ramsey of the Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Visitor Center, Karen Gourlay of the State Park Explorer Guide Program and Elizabeth Tillman of the Gillette Sand Dune Visitor Center in P.J. Hoffmaster State Park.

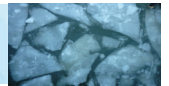
Cost is \$15 for this virtual experience. **Please note: Cancellations must be made by Jan. 12th to guarantee a full refund.**

To register for this class, go to Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses and click on the "Purchase a license" button. Sign in (using either a username and password or your ID and birthdate), and find the class under the Outdoor Skills Academy tab.

For more information, contact the Gillette Visitor Center at 231-798-3573 or email Brockwell-TillmanE@Michigan.gov.

This class is part of the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Skills Academy, which offers in-depth, expert instruction, gear and hands-on learning for a range of outdoor activities at locations around the state. Learn more at Michigan.gov/OutdoorSkills.

ICE SAFETY: Tips to stay safe on the ice



Ice Safety Tips

- ◇ Your safety is your responsibility! There is not a reliable "inch-thickness" to determine if ice is safe.
- ◇ You can test ice thickness and quality using a spud, needle bar or auger.
- ◇ Strongest ice: clear with bluish tint.
- ◇ Weak ice: ice formed by melted and refrozen snow. Appears milky.
- ◇ Stay off ice with slush on top. Slush ice is only half as strong as clear ice and indicates the ice is not freezing from the bottom.
- ◇ A sudden cold front with low temperatures can create cracks within a half-day.
- ◇ A warm spell may take several days to weaken ice, and cause the ice to thaw during the day and refreeze at night.
- ◇ Ice weakens with age.
- ◇ If there's ice on the lake but water around the shoreline, be extra cautious.
- ◇ Stronger the current on the lake, the more likely the ice will give to open water.
- ◇ Avoid areas of ice with protruding debris like logs or brush.
- ◇ Keep an eye out for dock bubblers or de-icers as the ice near these mechanisms will be unsafe. Always check the ice and be aware of your surroundings.

Ice Covered by Snow:

- ◇ Should always be considered unsafe.
- ◇ Snow acts like an insulating blanket and slows freezing process.
- ◇ Ice under snow is thin and weak.

Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

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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 up to 3 times per year for a non-club activity.*

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**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:

You are a MUCC member automatically.

Do you want the MUCC Michigan Out of Doors magazine delivered by email? Y / N

Delivered by mail, a printed version for the discounted price of \$20 per year? Y / N (Call 517-371-1041 to order)

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