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Jackson County Outdoor Club News



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News from the President

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Greetings! It is that time again! We have our next Potluck dinner on the 1st of March at 6pm. This is a good time to get with me if you have questions or suggestions. I think the Winter weather is getting to some of us, I am looking forward to warmer weather. If you get a chance, check out the winning fish from the Ice fishing contest on the 14th. There are a few of us planning on a Prairie Dog Hunt in South Dakota, leaving about the 21st of May and staying thru the 26th or 27th. If you are interested in going, please let me know right away as space is at a premium and goes quickly. We have a St Patrick's Day dinner

planned for the 19th of March and are looking for someone to head up the cooking of Corned Beef or an Irish Stew. If you are interested, let us know. With Spring coming, we have an Outdoor Clean-up planned for the 2nd of April at 9am. This is a good opportunity to earn some work tickets. The first Rimfire Challenge is slated for the 9th of April, check the flyer for details. This event is a lot of fun for everyone, come out and give it a try! I hope to see you on the first! If you haven't done so already, check our website for up-to-date info on the club and events, <http://www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com/>.



Next Membership Meetings:

- March 1, 2016 at 7PM
- April 5, 2016 at 7PM
- Board Meetings following Membership meetings
- Potluck before members meeting at 6pm

2 Kitchen & Rentals

Dave Styx, Glenn McJennett, John Benbow, Dave Strainic, Todd Serrad and Dave Wilson tackled painting the club kitchen, the ceiling, walls and cupboards. The ceiling light fixtures were also replaced. It looks brighter and a lot cleaner. Well, things really pick up in

the kitchen after being closed for those 6 weeks. Three weeks ago Dan and Lori served 29, then Oliver and Mindy served 21 and last Sunday Karen and I served 25! We are only open for the first 3 Sundays in March as the 27th is Easter. I am looking for help

the following 4 Sundays. March 6th, March 13, March 20, and April 3rd. If you are willing and able to help, please let me know and I will add you to the Sunday that works best for you. Any questions please call Dave and Karen at 517-764-2352.

3 Buildings, grounds, equipment & waterfront



All club members must complete a Range Orientation Class consisting of approximately one hour of discussion prior to using the pistol and/or rifle ranges. If you are renewing your membership and have already completed the class, you do not have to complete the class a second time. If you are a new member or an existing member that has not completed the class, you may contact a person listed to arrange for the class time. *Contacts: Dave Wilson (517) 764-*

2352 -- Dave Teriaco (517) 782-7759 -- John Underwood (517) 812-8160

All members and guests using the rifle, pistol, or 3D archery ranges are required to sign in and deposit \$1 (guests pay \$5) per visit in a lock box at the club entrance to help defray range costs. Everyone must also sign out when leaving the range. There is small barn on a post at the gated club entrance with a sign in/out clipboard

inside. This requirement is for safety and to permit JCOC staff to know who is doing the shooting without traveling to the range. We do have occasional trespassers.

Note: You may bring a guest once per month.

4 Archery

3D Archery Range

The indoor archery leagues are off to a good start. We have several shooters in both the adult spot league and the youth league. We have plenty of room for more shooters and this is a great way to become a better archer. Adult spot league is on Thursday at 6:30pm and will run until March 17, 2016. Cost is \$10.00

first week and \$5 each week after. J.C.O.C. members and youth shooters are half that cost. Youth league is on Sundays at noon and will run till March 20, 2016. There is no cost for this league. We hope to offer animal leagues next year as they can be a lot of fun for our bow hunting members. 3-D archery season is just around the corner and the

schedule has been set. Shoot dates are April 24, May 22, June 26, July 31, August 28, Sept 18, 2016. All shoots are open to the public and the cost is Adults \$10.00, 13-17 \$5 and 12 and under free. J.C.O.C. members and half that cost. I hope to have all targets repaired and installed by the end of March. Thanks, Todd Sherrard

"3D Archery Range is open sunrise to sunset in early spring through late fall."

5 Ranges

The Ranges have been quiet for the last two months. The range road was closed for about ten days due to the muddy conditions. The range road was reopened on February 12, 2016. The combination has been changed for 2016 and can be found on the rear of your membership card. The gate

will be kept open during the winter months to keep from damage being done to the gate due to deep snow and plowing. Remember NEW members must have range orientation before using the ranges. The trap range will be opening the first Wednesday in April, weather permitting. On March

19, 2016 the ranges will be closed from 8am until 12pm for Hunter Safety Range Day. The first Rimfire Challenge will be held on April 6, 2016 starting at 7am.

Thanks,
Dave Teriaco



6 Memberships

The first two months have been busy for memberships. We are at 145 memberships and they keep coming in! Please remember that the new gate code will be on the back of your membership card when you receive it. If you are a new member you must have range orientation first before using the ranges. Also remember to sign in with the director in charge

for any work that you are doing at the club so that we can keep track of it. When Annual night comes in December we will get you your correct number of work tickets for the drawing.

Thanks,
Amy Teriaco



7 News Letter & Social Media

Since our last News Letter, I have made the following posts to the Clubs Face-Book page: Hunter Safety class (reached 115), JCOC gun show (reached 170), Fishing contest (reached 298), Road closed to ranges (reached 357), Winter leagues (reached 151), 3-D

Archery Schedule (reached 166), and the winning post was the winning fish photo (reached 9,500 people with over 1,000 likes and 82 shares). This was the largest post our Facebook page has ever seen. If you have club information and photos that you would like to share,

please email me at bidding-er597@comcast.net. Having pictures as part of your post is the most effective way I have found to reach more people. If you have or take club photos, please email me so I can share them with the others. Thanks, Donald Biddinger

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8 Hunter's Safety and Conservation

I would like to remind the club members that we will be hosting Hunter's Safety this spring, and the seats fill fast. When enrollment opens, students will want to act promptly. There has also been good news for Archery hunters! Public Act 185 passed and now bow hunters and trappers can hunt within 150 yards of a neighboring building without requiring

written permission from the property owner. (Assuming hunting and trapping is otherwise permitted). This Act also allows hunters with disabilities to hunt from Personal assistant mobility devices.

Some other important notes:

Public Acts 187,188 and 189 were passed and they will increase the poaching penalties for elk,

moose, bears, turkeys, waterfowl, eagles, and hawks.

Unfortunately the Land and Water Conservation Fund didn't pass to be extended with the feds.

There is legislature in the works to allow cage culture facilities from being allowed to be built on the Great Lakes. The MUCC is working to find a way to stop this.



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Contacting the Club: all correspondence to the Club must be mailed to:

JCOC

PO Box 1708

Jackson, MI 49204



The speed limit is 15 mph on entrance and exit roads to JCOC. These are private drives. Please slow down and be a good neighbor.

You can become a Sponsor and help support the club. If you have a business that you'd like to promote, please send me a business card with a check made payable to the club for \$60.00 We will advertise your business here and will post it to the club Web site also. We begin a new year with the May Newsletter.

Don Biddinger: 597 Royal Drive Jackson, MI 49202

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This could be your business advertised in the next News Letter and on the Club's Web Site!

JCOC

Jackson County Outdoor Club
3550 Hart Rd, Jackson

Rimfire Challenge

Saturday, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th,
August 13th, September 10th

Open to the Public

8:00am Sign-up at the Pistol Range

9:00am Shooters Meeting, 9:15am Start

\$10 Entry Fee

Prizes for First, Second and Third Places

- .22LR only
- Rifle and Pistol
- Four 10" Targets and One 12" Stop Target
- Compete as a Timed Event
- 15 Yards for Pistol
- 25 Yards for Rifle
- Cost: \$10
- Payout Based on Number of Entries
- Contact: Glenn McJennett 517-592-3815
- Check nssf.org for Rimfire Challenge Rules



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Jackson County Outdoor Club
3550 Hart Rd, Jackson

Prairie Dog Hunt

May 22nd Thru May 27th
South Dakota Rosebud Reservation

- Located in Wood South Dakota
- Native American Guide Required on Reservation
- 25 Caliber or Smaller
- No Steel Core or Full Metal Jacket Ammo
- Reservations Required
- Limited Space so Make Your Reservations Early
- Non-Resident License and Fees Total \$68
- Guide is \$100/Day Per Person
- Lodging in Wood SD is \$50/Night
- Travel, Food and Ammo Not Included
- On a "Busy" Day You Can Shoot up to 500 Rounds
- Contact: Glenn McJennett 517-592-3815



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