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## News from the President

March will arrive soon and the daffodils and crocus will be blooming in April, hurrah. Overall, the winter in our area has been very mild without much snow. What little lake ice there was in the Jackson County area has melted and most lakes have open water. A friend who passed a few years back used to put his aluminum boat in on Allen Lake as soon as the ice melted and fish for perch. He caught nice messes of perch.

Small game hunting is still open and most other hunting is now closed. JCOC plans to sponsor a Hunter Safety course in April 2023. Check our website at [www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com](http://www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com) or our Facebook page for details. Final plans will be completed at the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 club meeting. As always, your club ranges are open for use.

A "Target Shoot" which will be open to the public for a fee is planned for July 2023. The event will provide an opportunity for non-club members to visit and see the clubs facilities. The exact date, times, and fee amount will be posted on the club's website and Facebook page once finalized.

Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is the date for the all you care to eat "pancake" breakfast. Great food at a very reasonable price. Bring the family and enjoy.

Trap shooting will begin on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:00 PM and continue, weather permitting, each Wednesday through October. These events are open to the public and the cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for youths age seventeen or younger. Bring your own firearm and ammo.

The modular your club owns has been leased to a family with children. Please observe/obey the posted speed limit. The trailer will be ready for lease soon, if interested call Mark at 517-581-5615. The lease period is one year and the cost set by the board is seven hundred fifty dollars per month.

Indoor archery continues into March and there are a number of indoor and outdoor shoots planned. Check the clubs webpage calendar at [www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com](http://www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com) for information in regards to date/time/fees.

At the March meeting a date for the annual club grounds/facilities cleanup will be established, likely late April or early May. The event usually begins at 9:00 AM and runs till around 1:00 PM when a light lunch is served. This is a great opportunity to earn a work ticket for each hour worked. Each ticket is good for \$5 off next years membership.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 12th!!**

**Change your clock,**

**CHANGE your batteries**

- Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:
- March 7, 2023 7PM General Membership & Board Mtg
  - April 4, 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**

## *From the President continued...*

ship fee. Persons under sixty-two may use up to fifteen tickets (\$75) and those sixty-two or older may use up to four tickets (\$20). Be certain to login and logout on the club provided sheet at the event.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2023 it is past time to do so, please. Access to the ranges and other club facilities will be denied to all who have not renewed their membership. Please stay safe and enjoy the final days of winter.

*Richard Alan Griggs*, President

## *General Membership & Board Meeting*

The February General Membership & Board meetings were held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, February 7th with 31 members present. The following actions were discussed and/or taken:



- Six new members were approved.
- The Grounds & Equipment directorship is still vacant. If interested, contact Richard Griggs.
- Trap begins April 5th.
- Still waiting on response from insurance carrier before advertising for the April Gun show.
- An April date will be set for Hunter Safety. Watch our website.
- Membership is currently at 214 adults.
- The modular house has been rented. Work is continuing on the trailer and it should be ready for renting in March.
- Funding for attendance/dinner at the MUCC Annual meeting was authorized up to \$335.
- Discussion on custodial work was tabled.
- Various ideas were discussed for the JCOC 70th Birthday Party.
- A committee was established to review clubhouse rental rates and membership rates. Judy Speed, Mark Baldwin, Alex Moske and Richard Griggs will be gathering information for the Board.
- 2023 CMP affiliation of \$30 was authorized.
- The Board discussed various ways to attract new memberships.
- August is being considered for shoots open to the public allowing for rifle and gun sight-ins for the fall hunting season.
- \$425 was authorized for Hawthorne Design to host and maintain our website.
- Up to \$1,000 was authorized for fuel costs for the trip to Alabama by Christ Donaldson and Max McFeters to pick-up 3D archery targets purchased at a reduced rate.

### JCOC

#### 2023 Board of Directors

Richard Griggs, President

Norm Zakrzewski, V.P.

Judy Speed, Treasurer

Alex Moske, Secretary

Max McFeters, Archery

Chuck Drevitch, Conservation & Waterfront

Vacant, Grounds & Equipment

David Wilson/LeeAnna Kloack, Kitchen & Clubhouse Rentals

Tammy McFeters, Membership & Sunshine

Karen Wilson, Newsletter & Social Media

Chris Donaldson, Ranges

Mark Baldwin, Rental Property Mgmt. & Clubhouse

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS NOT RENEWED!**



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## *Pancake Breakfast at JCOC*

March 12th | 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

All you can eat pancakes & 2 sausage links or Biscuits and Gravy!! Coffee included with your meal.

\$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.



## *MUCC Region 7 Meeting moved to March 5, 2023*

Due to the recent ice storm and lack of power the February 26th meeting was rescheduled to Sunday, March 5th.

Location: Jackson County Outdoor Club, 3550 Hart Rd, Jackson, MI

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., meeting begins at 12:15 p.m.

This meeting is open to all JCOC members. Stop in and meet members of other regional clubs!

## *Kudos to....*

Chuck Drevitch, Rick Saltzgaber, Mark Baldwin, and Richard Griggs who spent several hours on Saturday, February 25th cleaning up trees, tree limbs and other assorted brush at the Club from the ice storm. More work still needs to be done, but access to the gun/rifle ranges is open. Many of the outdoor 3D archery target lanes need clearing still. If you can help with spare time, saws and chainsaws and are looking for work tickets, this could be the "ticket" for you! Since the Grounds position is still vacant give Richard Griggs a call for more information if you need it. Otherwise be sure to sign in at the gate if you plan on working around the grounds.



## *2023 Online Membership Renewals*

Membership Renewal

At <https://www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com> and click on the button in the upper right corner to begin the renewal process. You MUST have your current membership ID number & your name as listed on last years application.



## *Lead Poisoning in Wildlife*

### ***Need-to-know facts for hunters and anglers***

- Waterfowl and other wildlife can get lead poisoning by ingesting lead bullet fragments and lead sinkers and jig heads.
- People who eat game harvested with lead shot or bullets can have elevated lead levels in their blood.
- More than 80,000 tons of lead shot and bullets are deposited at U.S. outdoor shooting ranges every year. Lead has staying power – it can remain in the environment for 100 to 300 years before it starts to break down.

### ***Understanding lead in plants and animals***

There is evidence that lead poisoning through ingestion can occur in 130 wildlife species, but it's a more serious issue in birds, which can get lead poisoning by ingesting lead pellets, bullet fragments or certain types of fishing tackle – which are used in hunting and fishing, two cherished, popular and legal outdoor traditions. A single lead sinker (a weight attached to fishing line) can kill a loon, while just one pellet can be toxic to waterfowl.

The risk is quite real for bald eagles, too. Lead ammunition is a major source of lead exposure for bald eagles in the Midwest, and here in Michigan the top three mortality factors for these birds over the last three decades are trauma (car), trauma (unspecified) and lead poisoning – serious threats to the state's 3,500-4,000 population. For every illegally shot and killed eagle, eight more are dying of lead poisoning.

Michigan is home to an estimated 2,000 common loons, including 800 breeding pairs. Since 1987, lead poisoning has been this species' third leading mortality factor after trauma and Type E botulism. It's important to note, too, that plants can absorb lead through their roots, but the lead tends to concentrate there rather than moving to stem or foliage. Fish and wildlife could ingest lead by consuming affected plants, but this is not a significant source of elevated levels.

### ***A changing industry: Ammunition, fishing tackle alternatives***

Tens of thousands of tons of lead shot and lead bullets used in recreational hunting and shooting are released into the environment every year, while 470 million lead sinkers – another 2,700 tons – are produced annually in the U.S. for recreational fishing and could potentially be deposited in the environment. These are major sources of lead exposure in wildlife.

### ***Safer, lead-free options***

- Copper, the most common alternative for ammunition (bullets and slugs), doesn't fragment and has better killing power (larger wound channel) and better ballistics than lead.
- Steel is another attractive option for ammunition (shotgun pellets), but, because it's lighter than lead, requires a heavier load and a bigger propellant charge.

Alternative materials for sinkers and jigs include tungsten, tin and steel. Tungsten is 70% heavier than lead but costs more, and has gained popularity particularly for ice fishing. Tin has a lower density than lead and is malleable and easy to cast. Steel makes noise (an attractant for fish) and is harder than lead.

Manufacturers say a shift to nontoxic materials could result in increased business costs that, if passed on to customers, could cause a drop in participation. Realistically, the switch would amount to annual expense increases of just 1% to 2% for hunters and less than 1% for anglers. When that slightly higher cost can help reduce lead exposure and poisoning in fish and wildlife and ensure safer game to eat, it's an undeniably positive return on investment.


### ***How can you help?***

Alternatives that are safer for people and wildlife do exist, and it makes sense to elevate the conversation and boost public awareness. If you hunt, consider using nontoxic shot for all huntable species and nontoxic bullets or slugs for big game. If you fish, consider using nontoxic fishing tackle, recover snagged tackle and properly dispose of lead sinkers and jigs at hazardous-waste collection sites.

**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(s) up to 3 times per year for a non-club activity @ \$5.00 per visit



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

NEW (New members must appear at a board meeting for approval prior to receiving membership card). RENEWAL (Can renew online at JCOC homepage with cc/PayPal or by submitting an application).

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Birthdate:</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**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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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: \_\_\_\_\_