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Next Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- May 4, 2021 7PM General Membership Mtg; Board Mtg to follow.
- June 1, 2021 7PM General Membership Mtg; Board Mtg to follow.
- July 6, 2021 7PM Board Mtg only.



News from the President

So spring may be here, someone needs to tell Mother Nature. People are finding morels (not me) and I see daffodils everywhere. However, the prediction of measurable snow and freezing weather through Thursday is not what spring is supposed to be like. Oh well, spring will return it always does. I do believe the spring turkey season is happening. Good luck to all you "hunters".

Trap shooting began on April 7th and will be held ever Wednesday through October. Shooting begins at 5 PM and we do have new trap ammo for sale at \$7 per box, must be used at JCOC. We had twenty plus shooters on the 7th, and ten plus on the 14th. It was very cold and windy as it is supposed to be on the 21st. Join us for some outdoors fun.

The upstairs carpets will have been cleaned by the time you receive this newsletter. Please try to avoid spilling pop etc. on the newly cleaned carpet. If you should spill something please clean it up asap, thanks.

Outdoor 3D archery will begin full speed ahead in May. Please check our website www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com or Facebook page for printable flyers with dates and times. The Tri-State ASA shoot is in early May.

Our website now has a "Membership Renewal" tab in the upper right corner. Click on the tab and follow instructions to renew using PayPal. Any major credit card will be accepted, or you may use PayPal. There is a six dollar fee that goes to PayPal. You will receive a receipt from PayPal and confirmation from JCOC. Allow ten days for processing. For proper credit your membership card number and name "must be" correct. No refunds! This option can be used for "renewing" only. All new members "must" submit a written application with payment.

Last, the May 4th membership meeting will be in person at the clubhouse beginning at 7 PM. If you are a new member and have not attended a membership meeting to be approved by the membership and board you "must" be approved. Attend the May meeting if at all possible. Due to the covid-19 issue there are a number of new members who must be approved. Face masks and social distancing required.

Here's hoping for a better summer and year than 2020. Enjoy your club and stay safe.

Richard Alan Griggs, President



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INCLUDING
MEMBERSHIP
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TO:**

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Membership & Board Meeting Notes



The April 2021 JCOC General Membership and Board meetings were held at the Clubhouse. The following actions were discussed or taken:

- So far this year 16 rental contracts have been signed with several others interested in renting the clubhouse.
- The backstops have been replaced on both pistol and rifle ranges.
- Current membership stands at 221 memberships consisting of 328 adults.
- Members were reminded to have their membership cards with them when on JCOC property as they may be asked to provide them.
- The Rental Property/Clubhouse Building Director position is still vacant.
- The Board voted to make the Clubhouse available for rentals but requiring renters to follow the State of MI Covid guidelines.
- Letters have been sent to Ackerson Lake residents regarding purchasing JCOC boat stickers if they wish to use our dock for lake access. Members are encouraged to request a boat sticker at no charge.
- It was announced that Taylor Burns has volunteered to be Recording Secretary.
- Pat Weber will oversee the repair and painting/staining of the upper level deck. Lawn mowing and yard work continues on Wednesday's at 7:30 a.m. at the club. Volunteers are encouraged and welcome!
- The Clubhouse main entrance doors are to be re-keyed.
- The Board authorized the following expenditures: \$1,341 for the purchase of 80 yards of gravel for the roads; \$100 for the MUCC Charitable Gaming Program fee; \$960 for kitchen hood cleaning and the renewal of the food license; \$1,105 in annual dues based on current membership to be paid to MUCC.

Clean-Up Day a Success!

Clean-up day was held on Saturday, April 24th and was a great success. Approximately 25 volunteers showed up to help clean the clubhouse and outside grounds. 8 people cleaned the clubhouse inside up and down. Windows were cleaned inside and out. Appliances were also thoroughly cleaned. Outside workers raked, pulled weeds, chain sawed and removed deadfall and brush. Work was also done at the boat launch, signs were inventoried and some removed for repainting. A large bonfire burned during the morning and work was done outside all morning even though it lightly rained. Work finished between 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Pizza was served along with chips, cookies and beverages for lunch. There is still painting that needs to be done when the weather permits and as always yardwork.

THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED!!

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Register now for upcoming NotMISpecies

Are you concerned about invasive species in Michigan? Wondering what's being done or what you can do? The NotMISpecies webinar series – offering different topics April through July – has answers and information you can use.

The hour-long, monthly series hosts experts with hands-on experience in invasive species research, management and prevention who provide current information on threats to Michigan's land and waters. Question and answer sessions and links to resources help attendees get the most out of each presentation.

The Michigan Invasive Species Program has added new sessions for the spring and summer. To register for these upcoming events, visit Michigan.gov/EGLEEvents

“Dynamite! And other tools to protect Michigan’s state park trees” (9 a.m. Tuesday, May 25) explores how and why tree health is a critical component of state park management. Learn about the variety of tools, including explosives, used to control invasive insects and diseases to keep the forest ecosystem intact and ensure you have a great recreation experience.

Invasive bighead, silver and black carp are the topic of **“Big, hungry fish”** (9 a.m. Thursday, June 24). Currently, there is no evidence of these live fish, commonly called Asian carp, in the Great Lakes. Find out how Michigan, Illinois and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are working to keep it that way.

Tuesday, July 27, at 9 a.m., join representatives from the Michigan Invasive Species Coalition for **“Hey! What’s that in your backyard?”** They will discuss Michigan’s 22 cooperative invasive species management areas, how they can help with management of invasive species on your property and the benefits of partnering with your local CISMA.

If you are new to the series, it's easy to catch up on topics including red swamp crayfish management, invasive species resources for boaters and lake associations, and the threat posed by spotted lanternfly. Recorded versions of all previous NotMISpecies webinars are available at Michigan.gov/EGLEEvents under Featured Webinar Series.

Michigan's Invasive Species Program, a collaborative effort of the departments of Natural Resources; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and Agriculture and Rural Development, coordinates and supports invasive species initiatives across the state and provides support through the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program.

May 2021 JCOC Outdoor Archery Calendar

3D Shoot Schedule:

- May 1st, 2021 ASA Tri State Shoot-9am shotgun start
- May 2nd, 2021 ASA Tri State Shoot-10am shotgun start
- May 22nd, 2021 IBO Qualifier-9am shotgun start
- May 23rd, 2021 IBO Qualifier-10am shotgun start

~REMINDER: Firearm ranges are closed during these shoots~



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REMINDER — Range use is from Sunrise to Sunset, **NO** shooting after Sunset! **NO** shooting on Sunday until noon. Please check the JCOC website for closures due to Archery or other events!! 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.



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