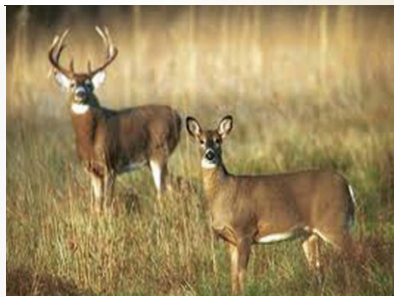


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Jackson County Outdoor Club News



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Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- May 3, 2022 7PM General Membership & Board Mtg
- June 7, 2022 7PM General Membership & Board Mtg
- July 5, 2022 7PM Board Mtg only—Members welcome!

News from the President

I am certain everyone is elated regarding the snow on Monday, not. While I enjoy winter, I am more than ready for spring/summer. My forsythia and hyacinth are/were blooming, spring does not seem near. I have heard of people finding morels, must be at the grocery. I managed a bit of cleanup and rolled my lawn last week. I am ready to open the windows and air out the house.

April 23rd is/was JCOC's annual cleanup day. Cleaning inside and outside the clubhouse will be done. Great opportunity to earn work tickets.

There will be an MUCC Region 7 meeting held at JCOC on Sunday May 15th beginning at 11:30AM with a light lunch. There will be guest speakers and the meeting will end around 3PM. All JCOC members are welcome to attend.

Trap shooting began on April 13th, rainout on April 6th. All adults pay \$5 and youths under 18 pay \$3. You must furnish your ammo and firearm. Instructors are available and shooters range from novice to expert. We shoot for fun and have a great time. Shooting is open to the public, join us. We shoot each Wednesday through October beginning at 5 PM.

The ASA Tristate Archery 3D outdoor shoot will be held at JCOC on

May 21-22. Check our website at www.jacksoncountyooutdoorclub.com or our Facebook page to view a printable flyer with information on times and registration.

Your club purchased a new zero turn JD mower. We have a Gravely zero turn and a JD rider. If you enjoy mowing, as do I, show up at the club pole barn on Wednesday mornings and ask for Pat Weber. A great way to earn work tickets for 2023 while sitting down. I believe mowing will begin around April 20th if not sooner.

I graded the lower parking lot and road to the lake on Saturday last and the egress road on Sunday. We need gravel for the lower parking lot. The egress and ingress roads were hardpack and difficult to grade. After the next rains I will grade the ingress and egress roads again.

Membership and board meeting on May 3rd, please attend if possible. Twenty people are needed for a quorum.

Turkey season is coming and morel season too. Good luck in your hunts.

Richard Alan Griggs,
President

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Board Meeting Notes

The April General Membership (with 33 attendees) and Board meetings were held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, April 5th. The following actions were discussed or taken:



- DNR Officers Tom and Colin attended the meeting and answered questions on the status of CWD in Michigan, fishing tournaments, trail cameras and out of season nuisance animal permits.
- 6 new members attended and were approved.
- New backstops are being installed on both rifle and pistol ranges this week.
- \$950 was turned in for rentals. 15 rentals are currently scheduled for 2022.
- Minor repairs will be done on the boat launch dock when the weather improves.
- Mark Baldwin was appointed as Rental Property Management and Clubhouse Director. Welcome Mark!
- \$700 was turned in for 2022 boat stickers purchased by Ackerson Lake residents.
- A letter from the Audit Committee was read stating no problems were encountered and finances are sound.
- Repair to the upper level walk sidewalk will need installation of culvert to address water drainage issues.
- Estimates will be secured for adding shrubs along the upper level retaining walls as a deterrent.
- \$250 was authorized for petty cash for the monthly pancake breakfast.
- \$160 was authorized for the McFeters' hotel and parking expenses for attendance at the June MUCC annual convention.
- Retaining "Handy Andy" at \$65 per hour for repairs around the property was approved.
- \$160 was approved for one year's work on the webpage by Hawthorne.
- Up to \$400 was authorized to purchase a new Stihl weed whacker.
- Up to \$100 was authorized to replace the light in the Hunter Safety room.
- Petty cash was increased for Archery from \$150 to \$200.
- Up to \$100 was authorized for food and cleaning supplies for Clean-Up day on April 23rd.
- \$759 was authorized to purchase a doe and hyena 3-D archery targets. ASA has added these two targets to their 3-D shoot lineups.

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Upcoming May JCOC Events & Activities



Trap Shooting

Trap shooting is in full swing on Wednesday's at 5 PM and continues every Wednesday through October. Cost is \$5 for "ALL" adults and \$3 for youths seventeen and under.

~RIFLE & PISTOL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED DURING TRAP~~

Pancake Breakfast at JCOC

Come celebrate Mother's Day with us!!

May 8th | 8:00 a.m. until 11:00-ish

All you can eat pancakes, 2 sausage links with coffee. \$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 — Second Sunday of each month. 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—May 15th

The next meeting of MUCC Region 7 will be held at the Jackson County Outdoor Club on Sunday, May 15th. JCOC members are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. (\$ donations accepted to cover the cost) with the meeting to begin at 12:15 p.m.

Topic of discussion: Reviewing proposed resolutions going to the June MUCC Convention. Input is welcomed!

Region 7 consists of MUCC affiliated clubs in the counties of Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren.



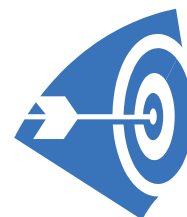
Archery

May 21st & May 22nd—ASA Tristate Outdoor Shoot!!

Archers from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio—30 target shoot!

Line times Saturday 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Please register 30 minutes prior to start time. Breakfast & lunch available for \$ on Saturday; breakfast only on Sunday for \$. For more information contact Max @ 386.547.3369 OR Tammy @ 517.945.4815.



Trout Trails

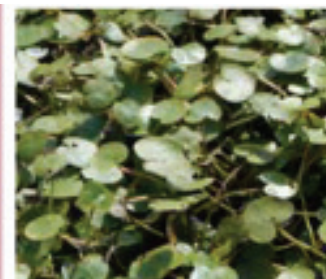
Michigan is nationally known as a trout fishing destination with nearly 20,000 miles of cold, quality trout streams and hundreds of trout lakes accessible to anglers. With all these sites to visit, how does an angler decide where to go? Check out Michigan's Trout Trails, michigan.gov/trouttrails which are biologist-verified great trout waters that are often lesser known. This website includes detailed descriptions and photos for each site, as well as information for area lodging, restaurants and guide services to assist with your trip planning needs. In addition, site-specific information such as the trout species available, regulations, stocked or natural reproduction and other noteworthy tidbits are all at your fingertips!



Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention

They are called "invasive species" because they cause environmental or economic harm and they are threatening life in the Great Lakes. Unwanted fish, plants and mollusks (snails, clams, mussels) move in, multiply and crowd out or kill Michigan's Great Lakes native species. Invasive species are sometimes accidentally introduced by anglers.



European Frogbit found in Southern Michigan lakes

5 Easy Steps you can take to Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species:

1. Clean boats, trailers, fishing equipment and waders between fishing trips. This is called decontamination" and it is similar to washing your hands to prevent the spread of germs. We also call this: CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY and DISPOSE!
2. Do not release bait back into any waterbody whether it is alive OR dead. Dispose of it properly by putting unused bait in a garbage can.
3. After cleaning, allow boats, trailers and other fishing equipment to fully dry for 5 days. This helps to kill any small aquatic invasive species that are difficult to see.
4. Never move fish or fish parts from one body of water to another.
5. If you suspect an invasive species where you are fishing, go to michigan.gov/invasivespecies for more information -- including photos for identification and how to contact the DNR to report what you have found!

Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Jackson County Spring Gardening Event-May 21st

The Jackson County Master Gardener Plant Sale is a long standing tradition and is now held at the Jackson County Fairgrounds Keeley Park. The Extension Master Gardeners joined forces with the Jackson Men's Garden Club and the Jackson Women's Garden Club. This sale has all of the components of a great Extension Master Gardener project: partnerships with two local groups, a high participation of EMG's, and several different educational components. All of the plants sold are grown by the local gardeners, and are donated by members of the three groups. The variety varies widely year by year, and can include herbs, houseplants, trees, and everything in between! There's always a great selection. Plants are organized by sun and shade, and there are EMG's readily available on the sale floor for consultations and advice!



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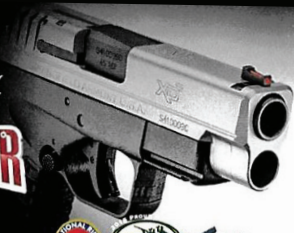
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REMINDER — Range use is from Sunrise to Sunset, NO shooting after Sunset! NO shooting on Sunday until noon. Be sure to sign-in at the gate and have your club membership card handy as you may be asked to provide it! Members are allowed to bring the same guest(s) up to 3 times per year for a non-club activity @ \$5.00 per visit per guest.