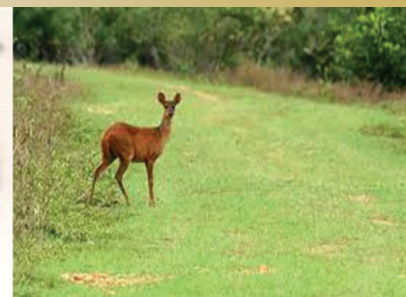
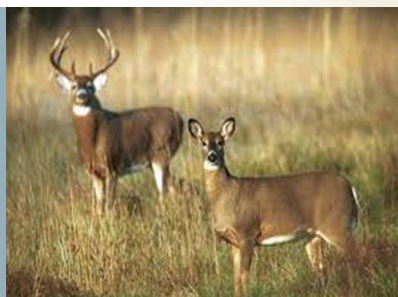




MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 29
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



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News from the President

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May 14th!



Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- May 2, 2023 7PM General Membership & Board Mtg
- June 6, 2023 7PM General Membership & Board Mtg

Spring has finally arrived. Like many, I have spent hours cleaning up the downed trees and limbs from the early March ice storm. The mower has been serviced and soon the weekly grass mowing will begin, very soon. I have looked for morels, no luck yet. I enjoy mowing, shoveling snow, not so much.

There are two vacant positions on the board at your club. The Range Director's position is vacant due to a recent resignation and the Building and Equipment Director position is vacant due to Pat choosing not to run for re-election. I have job descriptions for both positions if anyone is interested in volunteering. Both positions have mentors available for direction if needed, including myself. A few hours per week is all that is required for either position. There are helpers available for both positions. Your club needs to have members volunteer, or else your club may cease to exist. Should the club not be able to function because of board vacancies and lack of help by members in general, your club's Constitution provides that after an affirmative vote to dissolve your club the clubhouse and grounds in their entirety be given to Michigan United Conservation Clubs. While it is uncertain precisely what use MUCC would choose for the clubhouse, rental property, and grounds, I would guess the club, as we all know it, would no longer exist. What a shame

that would be. The properties and grounds are monetarily worth in the millions due, in part, to the lake frontage. My guess, since MUCC is not in the club or property management business your club might be sold for development. **PLEASE consider volunteering.** Call me (517-315-9339) or email the club and I will be happy to discuss any position with you. If your club does not receive greater participation, we may all be driving to Sharon Valley to shoot, and we all know how time-consuming that can be. Also, if your club must resort to hiring people to perform work at the club, a SIGNIFICANT dues increase may be the result.

July 8th and 9th 2023 have been designated by the board as "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JCOC" days. Plans are being made for a band/bonfire/ refreshments on Saturday July 8th and a potluck picnic on Sunday July 9th. The event is still in the planning stages, more next month on time of events etc.

Outdoor 3D archery events are happening now. Please remember to sign in, and if bringing a guest to shoot 3D, at the ranges, or for any purpose, to deposit five dollars in the box at the gate. Due to the great expense of archery 3D targets the board voted to charge "anyone" choosing to shoot the 3D range a five-dollar fee. The last group of archery

**CONTACTING THE CLUB:
ALL CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO:
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From the President continued...

targets cost more than five-thousand dollars, please pay the fee and help your club.

Trap shooting began on April 5th and will continue each Wednesday at 5 PM through October. Due to a significant cost increase in clay pigeons the board voted to charge guests and members five dollars each round. Youths under the age of eighteen will now pay four dollars. The increase amounts to one dollar for members and youths per round. Still a bargain.

Saturday May 6th at 9 AM the annual clean-up day at JCOC will begin. A great opportunity to earn work tickets and meet other club members. Cutting/hauling brush, cleaning windows and the interior of the clubhouse, and other miscellaneous work details are scheduled. Bring rakes, limb cutters, chainsaws, and gloves if you have them. Work usually ends around one o'clock and the club buys pizza for all participants for a light lunch. Your club needs volunteers, please help.

Please do not consider the above comments regarding volunteering as threats, that is not the intent. Many of us board members have volunteered for years, and our physical condition may prevent future volunteering. If you love the club as I do, and enjoy the facilities please volunteer.

Richard Alan Griggs, President

JCOC

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- Karen Wilson, Newsletter & Social Media
- Vacant, Ranges
- Mark Baldwin, Rental Property Mgmt. & Clubhouse

General Membership & Board Meeting Notes

The April General Membership & Board meetings were held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, April 4th with 21 members present. The following actions were discussed and/or taken:



- Two new members were approved.
- A new lock was placed on the gate to the ranges. The old one was damaged. The combination remains the same.
- 74 renewal membership applications were mailed to 2022 members who have yet to renew.
- 175 memberships with a total of 261 adult members have been processed to date.
- As of March 27th the trailer has been rented and is now occupied.
- Chuck Drevitch reported on the MUCC Annual Convention that he and his wife attended. (See pages 4 & 5 for more detail).
- Richard Griggs along with Tom and Gloria Decker audited JCOC's 2022 financial records and reported a clean audit.
- Starting a skeet program at JCOC was discussed. A written proposal was requested by the Board.
- July 8th and July 9th dates were set for celebrating JCOC's 70th year.
- \$200 was approved replace the window in the second floor kitchen.
- Up to \$400 was approved to repair a damaged chainsaw.
- Up to \$300 was approved to repair/replace laptop used by the Secretary.
- Replacement tires for the Gravely Zero Turn were tabled to next month.
- Hunter Safety will be held at the end of April with 49 signed up to date.
- An additional \$63 was authorized for Newsletter for postage.
- A wooden wood duck house donated to JCOC will be installed.

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JCOC Annual Clean-Up Day

Join us on Saturday, May 6th come rain or shine for a morning of spring cleaning. We will be concentrating on the Clubhouse, upstairs and downstairs, and all around the outside of it. If you prefer to work outside, plenty of clean-up work around the grounds is also needed! Winter was a rough one late in the season. Starting time is 9:00 a.m. with sign-in inside the clubhouse (for those work tickets!). Lunch, including beverages, will be provided for all workers around 1:00 p.m. or so. Work inside the clubhouse is usually done by then, but some outside work may continue after lunch. Please bring cleaning supplies and rags if you have extra. Outside will need rakes, chainsaws, saws, etc. We hope to see you then! Your help is needed and appreciated!

Pancake Breakfast at JCOC Has Come to an End

Due to the lack of volunteers and participants Sunday Pancake Breakfast at JCOC has ended. Thanks goes out to those members who did volunteer and to those members who did come out to enjoy breakfast and meeting other members and friends.



ASA Tri-State Outdoor Archery Shoot

Michigan, Indiana, Ohio held on May 20-21, 2023 at the Jackson County Outdoor Club on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Sunday at 10:00 a.m.



Please register 30 minutes prior to start time. 30 Targets available.

Breakfast and Lunch available for \$.

For more information call or text Max @ 386.547.3369 or Tammy @ 517.945.4815

REMINDER: JCOC Pistol-Rifle-Trap Ranges CLOSED during this event!!

Upcoming JCOC Archery shoots include: TRADITIONAL ARCHERY RENDEZVOUS SHOOT 2023, Friday, July 28, 2023 to Sunday, July 30, 2023 and JAMIE MCKIBBIN MEMORIAL ARCHERY SHOOT Sunday, August 27, 2023, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. More details to come. Mark your calendars now!

SAVE THE DATE

Plan on joining us the weekend of July 8th and 9th to celebrate JCOC's 70th birthday! Music, food, games, bonfires, etc. More details to come on the activities being scheduled to celebrate the creation of the Jackson County Outdoor Club!



Annual Convention 2023—Resolutions Approved

JCOC is an affiliated club of MUCC and recently sent two club members to attend the March Annual Convention. The following resolutions were adopted at that convention and compiled by Nick Green:

Resolution #1 - Title: Wolf – Dog Conflict Reporting

Submitted by: Steve Dey, Straits Area Sportsmen's Club

MUCC will work with the DNR to add a 'Wolf-Dog Conflict' tab to the wildlife viewing section and will work with the DNR to include a "wolf-dog conflict" reporting tool in the DNR smartphone app, which would enable all dog owners who had a wolf-dog conflict to voluntarily report it. MUCC will also work with the DNR to include an option to report "wolf-livestock conflict" on the smartphone app.

Resolution #2 - Title: Wake Boat Regulations

Submitted by: Greg Peter, Immediate Past President

MUCC to advocate for the elimination of these craft (wake boats) from vulnerable waters and limit their use to depths of greater than 20 feet and further from shorelines, docks, and other riparian uses to greater than 500 feet.

Resolution #3 - Title: Establish Turkey Harvest Reporting

Submitted by: Patrick Hogan, Life Member & Zach Snyder, Individual Member

That MUCC work with the DNR and the Natural Resource Commission to enact a turkey harvest reporting system, in conjunction with the new DNR app-based reporting system.

Resolution #4 - Title: License for Special Needs Individuals

Submitted by: Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation

Michigan United Conservation Clubs to advocate for a system for special needs individuals who cannot pass a hunter's safety test, as signed off by an appropriate medical professional, to be able to hunt indefinitely with a mentor.

Resolution #5 - Title: Easier Access to Michigan Recreational Passports

Submitted by: Bruce Hall, Cass County Conservation Club

Michigan United Conservation Clubs will work with the Michigan Legislature and the appropriate state agencies to create a more efficient system to immediately make the Recreational Passport available.

Resolution #6 - Title: Game Tracking Dog Use

Submitted by: Erik Schnelle, State Advisory Council President, NDA

MUCC shall support for tracking dogs and their handlers to be: registered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), possess a valid Concealed pistol license, have passed a United Blood Trackers level 1 or greater test. If the dog is off-lead, the dog and handler should successfully complete the new United Blood Trackers off-lead test established in 2022.

Resolution #7 - Title: Pontoon Registration Fee/Renewal Fee

Submitted by: Bob Schulz, President, Metro West Steelheaders

Michigan United Conservation Clubs shall seek to have MCL 324.80124 be amended so that all motorized watercraft vessels pay the same registration/renewal fees based on length.

Resolution #9 - Title: Retention of Bear Points

Submitted by: Zach Snyder, Individual Member, Conservation Policy Board Member

Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and advocate through the Natural Resources Commission and Michigan DNR to allow for the retention of a hunter's accrued preference points when purchasing a leftover bear license.

Resolution #10 - Title: State Park Endowment Fund (SPEF) Oversight

Submitted by: Greg Peter, MUCC Past President

Michigan United Conservation Clubs will discuss the establishment of a similar governing body for the SPEF to make decisions as to the disbursement of the fund for acquisition, improvement, and restoration (capital expenditures) and not for operations.

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MUCC Resolutions Approved continued...

Resolution #11 - Title: Expansion of Michigan Pheasant Release for Hunter Recruitment

Submitted by: Ken Dalton, Individual Member

Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the Michigan Legislature, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Natural Resources Commission to support the expansion of release sites available for public pheasant hunting with the goal of getting more pheasant hunters into the field.

Resolution #12 - Title: Green Solar Energy on Private Lands

Submitted by: Erik Schnelle, State Advisory Council President, NDA

Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the State of Michigan and affiliated agencies, Michigan State University, the Michigan Legislature, and other stakeholder groups to develop and implement improved solar zoning, site recommendations, recommend reclamation bond, land-owner education and legislation to ensure that implement solar projects that are truly beneficial to Michigan's natural resources.

Resolution #13 - Title: Natural Resources Commission Meeting Locations

Submitted by: Steve Dey & Gary Gorniak, Straits Area Sportsmen's Club

Michigan United Conservation Clubs will work with the NRC and DNR to have 3 meetings in the Upper Peninsula per year.

Resolution #14 - Title: Reaffirm MUCC's opposition to Camp Grayling expansion

Submitted by: Patrick Hogan, Life Member

MUCC reaffirms its commitment to opposition to Camp Grayling expansion per resolution BR011089 and opposes any further expansion and MUCC will work with the DNR and National Guard to minimize environmental impact and maximize recreational opportunity and any expansion that may take place will not negatively impact DNR budget.

Resolution #15 - Title: Recreational Vehicle Education

Submitted by: Steven Lomonaco, Region 5

Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resource Commission and instructors to study the feasibility of combining the snowmobile and off-road vehicle (ORV) education programs and that the consolidation includes the combining of instructional material, the certificate, and the final exam and if the feasibility study supports consolidation action be taken to combine the programs.

Resolution #16 - Title: Mandatory Deer Harvest Reporting Requirements

Submitted by: Rob Miller, Vice President & Leonard Shaner, Executive Board

Following this year of education, a violation be dropped from a misdemeanor crime to a civil infraction. The requirement of sharing your location be changed from exact property to listing the county, town range and section where the successful hunt took place. The time allowed for reporting be changed to 72 hours after the harvest, or 24 hours after returning home from a remote camp with inadequate access to service.

Resolution #17- Title: Add Cormorant Control to the DNR Budget and Implement Cormorant Control

Submitted by: Gary Gorniak, Straits Area Sportsmen's Club

MUCC will work with the Michigan DNR to find the annual funding, a minimum of \$250,000, and re-implement the very successful United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services program of cormorant control utilizing volunteers.

For more information on these Resolutions passed visit: <https://mucc.org/2023-mucc-passed-resolutions/>


Source: Michigan United Conservation Club

A reminder that the speed limit is 15 mph on the entrance and exit roads to JCOC. This is a private drive which we share with several other neighbors. Kids and pets (along with assorted wildlife) may be present so please be aware and slow down! Thank you!!



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