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News from the President

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Days of May are arriving with splendor! Weather is changing due to "seasonal" adjustments caused by the earth's rotation around the sun and its alignment on its rotational axis to the sun, plants are growing, flower buds are peeking out the limbs, ground moles are tunneling after the bugs and grubs underground, and the grass is getting greener every day. And look for something special - - smiles are growing as the sun turns out more often and for longer times of the day. Take in that vitamin D provided from the sun.

Let's look at a couple of the days of May to get us started: May Day - May 1, more typically a European custom / homeland for splitting half-way between spring and the beginning of summer with flowers and bright colors; Cinco De Mayo is a celebration with some Mexican flare in celebration of its victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla; four (4) Wednesdays (May 7, 14, 21, and 28) to take in some trap shooting; May is the month for **Mother's Day on May 11th**, **join us at the club for brunch this year (see page 3)**; Memorial Day, May 26th this year – a day honoring our fallen comrades and veterans of our wars, a day to reassure our family of the losses we have had to support our freedoms in American. Lastly, **MAY 10** is the Jackson Coun-

ty Outdoor Club **clean-up day** – a time to share some of your time with friends and family, other members, neighbors adding spectacles of brilliance and cleanliness to our aging lady called our Clubhouse and Grounds. Earn some points towards reducing next year's dues, grab a few rolls and pastries, clean inside and out through a special agenda supported by Director Karen Wilson's lead on what and where. Sporting Ranges, kitchen ranges, windows, walls, shrubbery, kitchen details, rugs, carpets, trees, pathways, lake-front---there's a terrific list to support. Bring extra rakes – broom and steel, shovels, hoes, maybe a couple chain saws and trimmers. We all can be a great supplement to making the Club become grander. Pizza follows at noonish.

For the coyote hunters, the NRC has tabled the Proposal G from getting more attention – that means the coyotes are getting the opportunity to eat the deer yearlings through this year's season. MUCC has formed a Coyote Coalition for which I have volunteered to support and be part of. I will send out some info to your e-mails which I will ask for your support and endorsements in the endeavor to get this proposal back in the working hands of MUCC, DNR and the NRC to bring our coyote season, once again, back open all year. More to follow. Keep an eye on your emails.



Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- May 6, 2025 Membership & Board Meetings
- June 3, 2025 Membership & Board Meetings

**CONTACTING THE CLUB:
ALL CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO:
JCOC
PO BOX 1708
JACKSON, MI 49204**

**JCOC
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From the President continued...

Thank you!!

Michigan’s bear population continues to grow and grow. Reporting out recently through the DNR, our bear population in the UP is around 10,000 bears. In the northern Lower Peninsula (LP) our bear population is continuing to expand and is now around 3,000 bears. The bear population around our area is still quite light. Key thing about bear – they love bird feed!!! Like squirrels they love to invade bird feeders. If you sight a bear nipping away at your feeder, take your bird feeder down for a few weeks and the bear will leave looking for someplace else to find their goodies.

Our water well activity has been in a battle for consistency for potable water. We had to shut down the house for a few extra days in early April '25 due to failures in water sample results, tests required by our county and state laws. We are looking at further options with our softener, filtering or well. Iron filtering unit versus the softener is being investigated; tests for impurities continue. No movement yet until we find the resolve. Last time we had issues like this was back in 1979. Happy May 2025! **Don't forget Mother's Day Brunch on May 11th!! Stop in for Clean-Up Day on May 10th!!!**

Regards, Mark D. Baldwin, JCOC President

Membership and Board Meeting Notes

The April Membership and Board meetings were held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, April 1st with 25 members present. The following actions were discussed and/or taken:

- 4 new Board members were sworn in.
- 4 new members were approved.
- \$265 was authorized for Gravely zero turn mower part.
- Teresa Drevitch was introduced as co-chair for Kitchen & Clubhouse Rentals.
- \$1,100 was turned in for upcoming clubhouse rentals.
- Chicken wire on the range has been replaced. \$49 was turned in from the sign-in box.
- \$565 was turned in for boat stickers.
- \$265 was authorized for the purchase of two dozen camouflage hats.



JCOC CLEAN-UP DAY!
5.10.2025 | 9:00 A.M.

Cleaning will take place both indoors and outdoors, including ranges and grounds if the weather permits.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL VOLUNTEERS! BREAKFAST @ 7:30 A.M.; LUNCH @ 1:00 P.M.

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Mother's Day Brunch
Pancakes, French Toast & Eggs. Choice of Protein & Fresh Fruit
MAY 11TH FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM.
COST \$10 ADULTS \$8 KIDS UNDER 10
Scan the QR Code for Question & to RSVP
Hosted by the Jackson County Outdoor Club 3550 Hart Road, Jackson MI



S3DA Archery-Saturday, April 19th Results

JCOC hosted a S3DA Archery tournament for youth and it was a great event that had 52 participants! JCOC's team (pictured) had two members that placed with medals. Anna K. took 2nd place in the Youth Female Open and Ben V. placed second in the Eagle Male Pins. Congrats to all participants!



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TRADITIONAL MUZZLELOADING

Jackson County Outdoor Club, 3550 Hart Rd, Jackson, MI, 49201

May 30th & May 31st, 2025

**Public is
Welcome!**

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FRIDAY MAY 30TH—HUNTER EXTRAVAGANZA—\$10.00 PER PERSON

5 PM AT THE RIFLE RANGE

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST GALLERY OF GAMES—\$10.00 PER PERSON

5 PM AT THE RIFLE RANGE

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5TH ANNUAL TRADITIONAL RENDEZVOUS

Jackson County Outdoor Club, 3550 Hart Rd, Jackson, MI, 49201

(Recurve/Longbow Only)

**Public is
Welcome!**

May 30th, May 31st and June 1st, 2025

Novelty Shoots—Night Shoots—Blanket Trade—Door prizes

Primitive Camping \$5.00 per day—Communal Bonfire—Elevated Fire Pits

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner available for purchase!!

Primitive Camping opens 3 pm 5/29/2025 and closes 1 pm 6/01/2025

Range Opens Friday—Range Hours 8 am - 8 pm

One Day pass \$15.00 (Family \$25.00)

3 Day Pass \$25.00 (Family \$40.00)

Contact Tammy @ (517) 945-4815 or Max @ (386) 547-3369

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May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 ASA Outdoor Archery Shoot
4 ASA Outdoor Archery Shoot	5	6 JCOC Membership & Board Mtgs 7PM	7 Trap-5PM	8	9	10 Clean Up Day!!
11 JCOC Mother's Day Brunch!	12	13	14 Trap-5PM	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Trap-5PM	22	23	24 Upper Hall Rental
25 Lower Hall Rental	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Trap-5PM	29	30 5th Annual Traditional Rendezvous	31 5th Annual Traditional Rendezvous
6/1 5th Annual Traditional Rendezvous						




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