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News from the President

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Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- November 7, 2023 Membership (Board Elections!) & Board Meetings 7:00 PM
- December 2, 2023 Annual Night 6:00 PM
- January 2, 2024 Membership & Board Meetings 7:00 PM

Fall is arriving and mister winter will not be far behind. I have spent several mornings/evenings in the woods bow hunting. Lots of does and yearlings, and a small six point passed by my stand. The mosquitos were very hungry and there is so much greenery it is difficult to see except for animals that are very close. Except for the mosquitos, I really enjoy being out in the woods.

Election of officers and directors for 2024-2025 will be held at the November monthly meeting on November 7th. Nominees are: Vice President—Alex Moske; Financial Secretary—Judy Speed; Archery—Max Mcfeters; Newsletter-Social Media—Karen Wilson; Membership-Sunshine—Tammy Mcfeters; Conservation-Waterfront—Chuck Drevitch. Although there is not a contested position, a quorum of twenty is still needed to approve the nominees. Please attend if possible.

By the time you read this trap for 2023 will have ended. The final shoot was October 25th. Your club had a great season with only two rainouts. I want to thank ALL shooters for attending. There is always good conversation, fun competition, and news regarding firearms and ammo. I want to especially thank the many people who helped set up and take down the trap equipment.

Some helped occasionally, my regulars Karen Winslow, Beth Garver, Nic Honer, and Char Baldwin were the best. Without everyone's help it would be difficult to have a successful trap program. The shooters shot up 300 cases of White Flyer clay pigeons. At 135 clay pigeons per case that is a lot of bangs. Trap for 2024 will begin the first Wednesday in April 2024.

Your club had a serious water well problem after the last September storm. The well pump had to be replaced, the well casing cleaned and decontaminated, and the cost exceeded three thousand dollars. The board has planned for events such as this and your club had the funds to pay the invoices. Looking at the financial documents for the past several years, your club spends almost all the money the club receives.

Your 2024 membership renewal is due beginning January 1st, 2024. Remember, you can "renew only" on line, print off an application from the club's website, or request an application at jacksoncountyoutdoor-club3550@gmail.com it is your choice. Also, an application for new or renewing members will be included in the December and January club newsletter. If you have NOT updated your email address, home address, and phone number in the past couple of years a renewal paper application is the best way to renew.

CONTACTING THE CLUB:

**ALL
CORRESPONDENCE
INCLUDING
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATIONS
MUST BE MAILED
TO:**

**JCOC
PO BOX 1708
JACKSON, MI
49204**

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

David Teriaco, Ranges

Mark Baldwin, Rental Property Mgmt. & Clubhouse

From the President continued...

Annual Night for 2023 will be Saturday December 2nd. Davis Catering will provide entrée's chicken and ham, along with side dishes. The cost to cover each meal is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per person. PLEASE fill out the reservation and return it with payment if you plan on attending. The club must tell the caterer the number of people attending. Do not forget the dessert contest. A .44 Henry rifle will be raffled along with other great prizes. Doors open at six o'clock dinner served at seven o'clock. Casual dress.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who kept the grounds looking beautiful spring/summer/fall. Enjoy fall/winter the hot weather will return.

Richard Alan Griggs, President

***Board Meeting Notes***

The October Membership and Board meetings were held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, October 3rd with 25 members present. The following actions were discussed and/or taken:



- No new members were introduced and approved.
- \$630 was turned in for September Trap.
- \$499 was turned in for Outdoor Archery Leagues and the Archery box. The outdoor archery targets have been stored for the winter season.
- \$900 was turned in for upcoming rentals.
- \$50 was turned in from the range box. The pistol range was used 60 times and the rifle range was used 74 times.
- Membership is at 369 adults.
- Nominations were held for officers and directors (see page 3 for details).
- No response was received from Napoleon Schools to the Club's offer of provided Tracks Magazine.
- \$1,177.84 was authorized for parking lot/driveway gravel.
- \$525 was authorized to purchase the .Henry 44 Mag Rifle to be raffled on Annual Night.
- Annual Night dinner costs was established at \$15.00 per person.
- Annual Night gift certificates were authorized.
- \$100 was authorized for table covers and a snack table for Annual Night.
- \$100 was authorized for beverage supplies for Annual Night.
- The McFeters will be donating a turkey for a raffle on Annual Night.
- \$705 was authorized to have annual service on all heating/AC units.
- \$1,247 was authorized to Sebastian & Sons Well Digging for well water service.
- \$73 was authorized for Pat Trap uni-band parts for the trap machines.
- \$375 was authorized for partial rent refund for the trailer due to water issues.
- The following Archery dates were set for 2024: February 17th & 18th Indoor Shoot; May 4th & 5th ASA Outdoor Shoot; May 31st to June 2nd Traditional (Rendezvous) Shoot; July 20th & 21st IBO Shoot.

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Upcoming JCOC Board Elections

At the November 7th General Membership meeting elections will be held for the following positions:

Officers:

Vice President:
Financial Director:

Nominated

Alex Moske
Judy Speed

Directors:

Archery Director:
Conservation/Waterfront Director:
Membership/Sunshine Director:
Newsletter/Social Media Director:

Max McFeters
Chuck Drevitch
Tammy McFeters
Karen Wilson



These positions are for two years. Directors description of positions are available on Jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com. A nominating committee was established at September's meeting and assembled the slate of candidates for presentation at the November General Membership meeting. A quorum of 20 members will need to be present for elections in November. We hope to see you then!!

ICE SAFETY


With winter fast approaching and thoughts of ice skating and ice fishing dancing through some heads we want to remind you of the following information provided by the DNR:



- Your safety is your responsibility! There is not a reliable "inch-thickness" to determine if ice is safe.
- You can test ice thickness and quality using a spud, needle bar or auger.
- Strongest ice: clear with bluish tint.
- Weak ice: ice formed by melted and refrozen snow. Appears milky.
- Stay off ice with slush on top. Slush ice is only half as strong as clear ice and indicates the ice is not freezing from the bottom.
- A sudden cold front with low temperatures can create cracks within a half-day.
- A warm spell may take several days to weaken ice, and cause the ice to thaw during the day and re-freeze at night.
- Ice weakens with age.
- If there's ice on the lake but water around the shoreline, be extra cautious.
- Stronger the current on the lake, the more likely the ice will give to open water.
- Avoid areas of ice with protruding debris like logs or brush.
- Keep an eye out for dock bubblers or de-icers as the ice near these mechanisms will be unsafe. Always check the ice and be aware of your surroundings.
- Ice covered by snow:
 - ◊ Should always be considered unsafe.
 - ◊ Snow acts like an insulating blanket and slows freezing process.
 - ◊ Ice under snow is thin and weak.
 - ◊ A recent snowfall can melt existing ice.

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A reminder to sign in at the gate before entering the club grounds!! This allows members entering to be aware of where other members are on the property. This is for safety purposes!!



Thank you!

Annual Night—Saturday, December 2, 2023

RSVP by November 22, 2023

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with a Social Hour—Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

Menu: Baked Chicken; Roast Pit Ham; Au Gratin Potatoes; Whole Green Beans; Fresh Caesar Salad; Fresh Fruit Salad; Beverages

Number of Members & Guests Attending _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

\$ enclosed @ \$15.00 per person _____ Make Check Payable to JCOC

Mail completed registration form & payment (to be received by November 22, 2023)
to: **JCOC-Annual Night, PO Box 1708, Jackson, MI 49204**

Raffles—Tickets are sold only on Annual Night and you must be present to win...

Work ticket drawing—drawings for **gift certificates for work tickets** that have been earned throughout 2023

.44 Henry Rifle—tickets sold at \$10 each or 6 for \$50 (No advance sales)

Assortment of **gift baskets**—tickets sold at \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25

Turkey drawing—\$1 each ticket or 6 tickets for \$5

50/50 drawing—\$1 each ticket or 6 tickets for \$5

Door prizes—all present receive a door prize ticket. These tickets are for the table decorations and are drawn at the end of the evening.



Dessert Contest!! Members are encouraged to participate in the JCOC Dessert Contest. Make and bring your favorite dessert to share. This contest isn't limited to the ladies—gentlemen are encouraged to participate! 1st & 2nd place win gift certificates! If your not interested in the contest we would also appreciate you sharing your favorite dessert with all! Goodies are always welcome!!