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News from the President

There was a light frost at my home near Brooklyn on October 9th. Winter is not far off. Mowing has slowed a lot, rather mow than plow snow. Bow hunting is in full swing. Good Luck.

Nominations for officers/directors were held at the October 1st meeting. The only contested office is for president. Nominees are: President Mark Baldwin and Alex Moske; Recording Secretary Taylor Burns; Director Grounds and Equipment Randy Dix; Director Kitchen and Clubhouse Rentals Leeanna Kloack; Director Ranges Cory Burns; and Director Rental Property Management and Clubhouse Jason Every. A vote will be conducted for the position of president on November 5th, 2024 at the Membership Meeting. The voting will take place shortly after 7 PM so please come and vote.

I have been involved with JCOC for a long period of time and have been your president since 2019. I am 77 years old and decided it was time to step aside and let another person take charge of the presidency. For the past several years Mark Baldwin has been seriously active and involved with the everyday functioning of JCOC. Mark is retired and knowledgeable in "many" areas. Being available when needed is a very important thing when it comes to being president. I field calls regarding service at the club and regarding club

functions daily. Being able to meet vendors for repairs and club members for various issues during the day is a necessity. I have tutored Mark in many areas, including trap, and Mark has the general knowledge needed to be an effective president. If Mark is elected intend to provide Mark with guidance if requested. I support Mark for president and ask that you cast your vote for Mark Baldwin as president for JCOC. You will not be disappointed.

Annual Night will be December 7th, 2024. Doors open at 6 PM and dinner catered by Bundy Hill Diner will be served at 7 PM. The cost for the catered dinner is \$17 per person. There is a reservation application posted at jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com and on Facebook. Please RSVP by November 25th, 2024. The party is for club "members" and their guest(s) only. An in-house drawing for a Ruger Legend 400 rifle will be held, you must be present to win. Please join us for fun, conversation, and great food.

The 2025 archery shoot schedule is posted on your club's website. Firearm shooters please check the posted dates, all firearm ranges will be CLOSED on dates of outdoor archery events. Max and Tammy have improved the program and do a fantastic job. Many young shooters are involved with archery thanks to Max and Tammy. Other than indoor ar-



Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- November 5, 2024 Membership & Board Meetings-ELECTIONS 7:00 PM
- December 7, 2024 Annual Night Dinner 6:00 p.m.

CONTACTING THE CLUB:

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

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

JCOC**2024 Board of Directors**

Richard Griggs, President

Alex Moske, V.P.

Judy Speed, Treasurer

Charlene Baldwin, Secretary

Max McFeters, Archery

Chuck Drevitch, Conservation & Waterfront

Corey Burns, 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...

chery things are quiet during the winter months at your club.

Trap for 2024 will have ended by the time you receive this newsletter. We had a great year with 75 different shooters participating. The first trap shoot in 2025 will be April 2nd at 5 PM. Please join us for some shooting fun.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two people who are not running for re-election to the board. David Wilson and Dave Teriaco have spent many years at JCOC helping with many things and serving as board members. Both men have worked countless hours for your club and the work performed helped your club in many ways. Both men will be missed, and I commend both for their years of service to Jackson County Outdoor Club. I am certain, if asked, either person will offer guidance to any board member. Thank you, David Wilson and Dave Teriaco.

I will contribute my "final" article for the club newsletter for December 2024. It has been an honor to serve as your president these past six years. My intention has been, and always will be, to make decisions on what is best for JCOC, and NOT on my personal ideas and goals. It is my hope that new officers and directors will base their decisions and votes on what is best for JCOC.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE !

Richard Alan Griggs, President

Membership and Board Meeting Notes

The October Membership and Board meetings were held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, October 1st with 31 members present. The following actions were discussed and/or taken:



- 2 new members were approved.
- Trinity Lutheran School Outdoor Club was authorized use of the pistol range for one hour on 10/17 under the supervision of a JCOC member.
- Trap submitted \$995 for September shoots.
- Outdoor archery targets are being taken down for the winter months in the next several weeks. The JCOC S3DA kids are now beginning indoor shooting.
- \$1,200 was turned in for club rentals.
- Membership stands at 236 paid memberships with 352 adult members.
- Safety equipment has been installed at the waterfront area. Signage has been ordered and will be installed when received.
- Nominations were taken as outlined in the President's News.
- \$2,200 was authorized to Brooklyn Plumbing and Heating for the heat exchange replacement.
- The Board authorized an increase to \$200 for rental damage deposits from \$150.
- MUCC Region 7 was authorized to use the clubhouse for a rental on February 23, 2025 at no charge.
- \$700 was authorized for furnace service on 5 units.
- \$2,186.10 was authorized for two skids of trap birds for October delivery.
- Petty cash for director usage was authorized from \$50 to \$100.
- \$300 was authorized for lawn equipment season ending maintenance.

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Your JCOC Board President Candidates:

My name is Mark Baldwin, I am running for President of your Jackson County Outdoor Club. I have been supporting you as your Director of Rental Property Management and Clubhouse, over the past three (3) years.



We have been met with some great challenges and rebuilding requirements charging extensive hours and days of continued emphasis of our modular home, our trailer home, and our Club and its operation. Thanks, and appreciation to the Wilsons, McFeters, and Speeds for their support, as well as my loving wife, Charlene, for her continued involvement and backing of our activities.

There are additional items to be considered and make improvements, both inside and surrounding the Club. We have great grounds and a sturdy clubhouse. All can use added attention to enhance our membership desires and our club's benefit. We need to look at developing a supportive foundation to protect our Club's financial obligations, forward planning activities and as a shelter from lawsuits and spending criteria.

We are fortunate to have a private club on a private lake. Members and residents can both enjoy our boating, boat and vessel launch, and our open facility rental options. Our ranges, camping area, tours and guest visitation, trap shooting, archery events, training and orientation of firearms and archery and, of course, spread over the 94 acres of property which we oversee, protect and support. This offers great opportunities in safety and security.

I offer my services, support, and commitment to you as a candidate for President of Jackson County Outdoor Club. I am a retiree, a homeowner/builder, an engineer, a leader, a local lake resident, husband, father and grandfather, a good neighbor, a team player and I do support our pledges completely.

I am offering to be your next JCOC President. You have a choice. Please attend our November 5, 2024, meeting at 7:00pm at the Club and vote.

Best Regards, Mark Baldwin, 517-581-5615



Hello everyone, as I am typing this I am currently sitting in a tree attempting to fill my freezer for the upcoming year. I hope that you have had better luck than I have. As we approach November election time is upon us. I am not one to campaign or tell you to not vote for this person or that person. I want to try and explain to you the members why I am running for president and why I feel as I would be a good candidate. As my wife and I welcomed our 13th grandchild to this world "Only our 2nd grandson" the only thing I can think about is youth. The youth are the future of our club. Without them we have nothing.



I want to get more youth and the younger generations involved. I have been approached in the last year by a couple different members and asked why is it that we don't have a play set for our children and grandchildren? Our youth archery program is thriving and I would love too see and so would quite a few members a youth shooting team.

I have been told that I do not have time to put forth as a potential president and that I am too young. I feel quite the opposite; I feel that as a younger president I could bring in the younger generation and take some weight off of the shoulders of our older members. Not saying at all that they cannot do the job.

Transparency will also be a major topic and key focus for my presidency. All board members and general members will know what is going on with the club not just a select few.

I have ideas that along with help from our board and general membership would have a positive effect for the club to continue and grow. Our membership numbers have stalled and I would like to see the number of members grow.

With that being said, I would greatly appreciate your vote for this upcoming election and I look forward to serving this club.

Respectfully, Edgar A. Moske, Vice President

Membership Application-New or Renewal For 2025 Information

The new membership renewal/new member application for 2025 is on the JCOC website under the "Membership" tab. Renewing members may renew online and pay with credit card or PayPal by clicking on the yellow "Membership Renewal" tab in the upper right corner of that page and follow the instructions. You MUST have your membership ID number. If you renew using PayPal you "will receive" a Google document you "MUST" complete and return before you will receive your new membership card. The club must have the information requested on the Google document. You may also print and fill out the application from the website and mail with payment to the Club P.O. Box. Renewing members have until January 31st, 2025 to renew and use your earned work tickets. 2025 membership applications will be attached to the December newsletter.

Lost Membership card replacements will cost \$10 beginning January 1, 2025!

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

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. Also remember to have your membership card with you when you are on JCOC property. This is for safety purposes!!

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 including deer and turkeys!) may be present so please be aware, slow down, and please use caution. Thank you!!



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JCOC Annual Night—Saturday, December 7, 2024

RSVP by November 25, 2024

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

Menu: Pork Roast, Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Hawaiian Cake & Assorted Pies provided by Bundy Hill Diner

Number of Members & Guests Attending _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

\$ enclosed @ \$17.00 per person _____ **Make Check Payable to JCOC**

Mail completed registration form & payment (to be received by November 25, 2024)
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...

Drawing for **gift certificates for Work tickets** that have been earned throughout 2024

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

Ruger American 400 Legend—tickets sold at \$10 each (No advance sales)

Assortment of **Gift Baskets**—tickets sold at \$5 each or 6 for \$25

Turkey 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.

