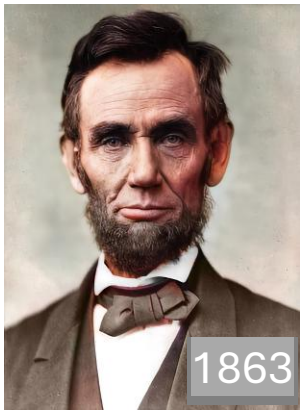
Jackson County Outdoor Club News – November 2026

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From the President

Welcome to the coming of fall or autumn. With that comes the beginning of our cooler seasonal holidays, more hunting, change of colors and clothes, and more indoor gatherings. Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 this year, is our nearest event for family sharing and caring. Plans are likely already being made of "who's with who and where". Enjoy that terrific aroma wherever your event is held. Get there safely and return home the same. Hunting is of course a big, big topic now. Deer are an EHD concern here locally. Get the details you need to fulfill your hunting plan about that infestation. Check your DNR sites across the varying locations you plan to hunt. At the Club and home, sighting in those sights, prepping the broadheads, checking the strings, cleaning that last bit of the gun and filling the necessary canisters with loads, shells and ammo. Time for family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to get out into the forests, woods, and fields in search of that venerable wildlife we seek to add to our freezer for those great family and fun events.

Good luck with your hunting this year! Posting/hanging poles for your deer can be found in various areas locally and around some butchers. Knutson's has a great setup in Brooklyn. The variety of butchers all around can aid with your packaging for your personally bagged trophy. Some hunting rookies are always looking for guidance and suggestions! Great hunters share what they have learned. Take a listen!

Also, let's take another look into **December 5, 2026. JCOC Annual Year-End Party!** We will be holding this annual event in the Clubhouse to celebrate the in-coming of the New Board and a large Thank you to the departing Board members.

It's a great gathering time to enjoy great food, drinks of you BYOB selection, some lottery challenges and chances and drawings for a great turkey, a new rifle, plenty of baskets filled with goodies and treats, maybe added gear you are looking for, some cash, a few bottles for libation and relaxation.

Look for the sale info coming online in our Facebook updates and pages of interest. We all have options to make in our lives. We continue to search for interested people to become involved in our Director and Executive positions. We understand everyone is busy, including retirees. We all have concerns about our time and health, our families and our relationships.

Please take some time out to think about what we are trying to achieve at our club! Train in hunting, sportsmanship, team orientation, individualized progress and excellence in skills and talents, how to be a better person and look to our future.

All need to pitch in to support, no matter how much, but it starts with speaking and talking with the Club members and leadership. Small bites are all it takes to get started.

Quick Board minutes in Review

- The waterfront will continue clearing; check FB for dates, volunteers welcome
- Financial report shows Income $5250, expenses $12,347 incl $8000 TAX; checking ~$20,000;
  Savings ~$50,000
- A storage building will be added adjacent to the Trap House to support equipment
- Our hot water heater was replaced due to its failure, $1261 complete with disposal
- Excess used small lawn tools and blowers will become available for members after 11/3/26 meeting. Glen Spencer, Director of Grounds and Equipment will set-up plans.
- Revisions to the JCOC Constitution and Bylaws was approved on 10/6/26; check your JCOC website to view online or pick up a copy at the Clubhouse in the info hangar
- Annual Year-End Event – 12/5/2026 – Keep up with our Facebook!! Postings start soon!! If you wish to help out, contact Char Baldwin at 248-515-3228

An Honorable memory for one of our dearly departed!

Memories are tremendous treasures we hold - sometimes it's in fear, and sometimes you wish they never were there, and sometimes it's the sure and safe way to do things. Are learning and memories the same thing? We hold and sometimes disclose these 'things' at different levels of comfort and security to friends, families, best friends and many times later in life with our young. Some say it is like carrying on the sagas of life, the lore of a lifetime and others say it's a way to remember the good things someone has done or gave in benefit to others. You can think of many alternate variances but the memories are there for us to use.

Per his request, and without making a big to-do about it, recently a great man left our living life to rest comfortably in Heaven! His life was filled with sharing, caring, support, teamwork, the out of doors, the gaming life of playing cards, loved target shooting, helping, doing those little special things behind your back, calling to help, involving to see things to the end; I could keep going and going. I love and honor him, a veteran giving service to this great country, that man for whom he was and 'how' he stood relating to success, sharing and patience. Blessings to our departed Past President David Wilson. And to his loving wife, Karen, their family, his affected friends and his associates from this Jackson County Outdoor Club and all who have knew/met him in the past we share our thoughts and prayers!

Thank you, David!! Thank you!! We have memories to last. MDB



STATE / FEDERAL ELECTIONS

November is our time for elections, both at the Club as well as in our local municipalities for our state and our nation. Did you know that 1.7 million people DID NOT vote in the 2024 election in Michigan?? And that Hunters and Anglers, Golfers and Boaters made up the majority of the people who did not vote?? Voting is our right as a citizen of the United States of America. Get out there and vote!! Keep **November 3, 2026**, sacred for your input to the outcome of our local, state and federal elections. Get out to your polling location and make your vote count. You are voting for your children, grandchildren and beyond! Vote with them in mind!!

JCOC ELECTIONS

In our JCOC elections, the positions of President, Secretary, Range Director, Grounds and Equipment Director, Rental Property Management and Clubhouse Director and the Club Rental and Kitchen Director are to be filled by election. Come to the meeting Tuesday, 11/3/26, starting at 7:00pm Voting is in-person only.
If you are interested in one of the positions, please definitely be there and either self-nominate or have another member nominate you.
Do not miss your opportunity to vote this year!! Make your votes count and keep your freedoms viable! You will need gun for hunting!!

DEER and HUNTING

Liberty, Early Antlerless and the Independence Hunts are over for this season in Michigan.
Archery Deer Hunting has been in place since October 1, 2026 and will idle November 14, 2026.
Regular Firearm starts November 15th and runs until the 30th. Reminder, rifles are authorized in lower Michigan BELOW the Clare 'line'. Be extra cautious as you are much, much closer to homes! You do not need one of those accidents to occur. You hunter safety training, new or more than 5 years ago, still needs grand attention!!
Muzzleloader is a short season lasting from December 4-13, 2026.
LATE Antlerless Firearm is scheduled December 14, 2026 -January 1, 2027
EXTENDED LATE Antlerless Firearm now is January 2-10, 2027.
For you **combo hunters** of archery and rifle, that is a total of 3 1/5 months.
Good Luck and Safe Hunting to you all!
Take some good clean pictures (not bloody) to share!! Maybe we can get some posted on line.

250 Years Ago – November 1776

Washington's army was getting beaten very badly in NY. Britain and the Hessians were relentless. The 2,800 American soldiers were forced to surrender. They were placed on prison ships and in Britain's stronghold on Manhattan Island where many died due to lack of fair treatment, insufficient food and lack of medical support.
In the Caribbean, American warship Andrew Doria received the first international honorable gun salute while flying its American flag. Fort Lee and Fort Washington's abandonment and war retreats from NY and New Jersey, would be all leading to another Battle for Fort Washington in December 1776.

Thanksgiving Gathering and Celebration

The first Thanksgiving is commonly recognized as having taken place in 1621, when the Pilgrims of Plymouth, Massachusetts, celebrated their successful harvest with the Wampanoag people. This event is often depicted as a three-day feast, marking a moment of cooperation between the two groups.

Key Facts About the First Thanksgiving

Several interesting details highlight the significance of this event.

Date and Location — The first Thanksgiving occurred in November **1621** in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Participants — The feast included about 50 Pilgrims and around 90 Wampanoag people.

Food — The menu likely featured venison, fowl (possibly geese and ducks), and corn, rather than the turkey commonly associated with modern Thanksgivings.

Duration — The celebration lasted for three days, emphasizing the importance of community and gratitude.

Cultural Significance — This event symbolizes the early cooperation between Native Americans and European settlers, though it also marks the beginning of complex and often troubled relations.

Became a National Holiday in **1863** under President Abraham Lincoln, timed to coincide with the Civil War to bring families back together, heal many wounds, soften some affects and heighten closure to the Emancipation Proclamation – ending of slavery in the United States. Thank you to Sarah Josephs Hale for her persistence in getting the National Day established and on record of the United States of America.

Veteran's Day

11/11/18 at 11:00 am Armistice Day was agreed and signed to end World War I. All the allies of Britain including the United States of America and the German forces met on the11th month, the 11th day at 11:00 in the morning and agreed to armistice to end all war. Beginning on Nov. 11, 1919, Armistice Day was celebrated for the first time. ALL shops and businesses halted operation for 2 minutes to recognize and honor those who are serving, those who had served and those later designated as the unknown soldier. Common occurrences were significant parades, recognition events and town celebrations. The name later changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. This occurred in 1954. On 11/11/1954, the official day of recognition, parade, honor and celebration created the convention we recognize our veterans today.

Those of who have served and honorably discharged, the family is entitled to one casket sized (5' X 10.5') United Stated of America flag. Many towns and counties have American Legion, VFWs, Vietnam Veterans of America or Air Force Aeries to honor the persons with a Ritual Ceremony of their commitment to service and America

NOVEMBER 2026

October 2026 | December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:00 AM Youth Archery Practice	2	3 7:00 PM JCOC Membership / Board Meeting VOTE 11/3	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 AM Lower Hall Rental 11:00 AM Youth Archery Practice	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 11:00 AM Youth Archery Practice	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 11:00 AM Youth Archery Practice	23	24	25	26 8:00 AM Lower Hall Rental	27	28
29 11:00 AM Youth Archery Practice	30					12/5/26 ANNUAL EVENT 6:00 PM JCOC CLUB



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