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Next Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- October 6th, 7PM General Membership & Board Meetings
- November 3rd, 7PM General Membership & Board Meetings

MASKS ARE REQUIRED!!



News from the President

Well another month has passed and we still do not know if/when our governor will ease some of the restrictions. However, the governor has increased the number of persons indoors allowing us to open the October meeting to the general membership. **Masks are still required.**

Outdoor 3D archery will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. Targets will be taken down and stored for the winter. The rifle and pistol ranges are open year round, as is the lake. Trap on Wednesdays at 5 PM will end on October 28th. We are having great attendance and everyone has fun conversing and shooting. Join us to sharpen your shooting skills for the upcoming hunting seasons.

Recently we have had non-members using the shooting ranges. We have photos of individuals and vehicles and we know who they may be. Please DO NOT leave the range gate unlocked for any reason. Your club has increased surveillance and is checking range users for membership cards. So be certain to have your card with you at all

times. Non-members will be prosecuted for trespass, on the first offense, no second chance. Please do not abuse the "guest" portion of our by-laws. A guest is permitted to attend only three times per calendar year. Past years a guest was permitted "one" visit per year. Your club is generous with the "three times" so please do not abuse. We all pay to have the use of our facilities, and so should anyone using the club on a regular basis. Thank you.

As of this writing we have two new volunteers for directorships. Sean Nowicki has volunteered for the Membership and Sunshine Director. Current director Judy Speed will be taking over the Financial Secretary duties as of November 1st, 2020. Pat Weber has volunteered for the Buildings and Equipment Director position. I would like to express the club's sincere gratitude to Sean, Judy, and Pat for volunteering to be a director/officer and assist your club. Also, Chuck Donnell, who is retiring from the Financial Secretary position has been a wonderful

**NOMINATIONS FOR
2021 JCOC BOARD
POSITIONS WILL BE
TAKEN AT THE
OCTOBER
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**



**VOTING WILL BE
HELD AT THE
NOVEMBER 3RD
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**



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From the President continued...

asset to your club. Thank you Chuck for all your hard work and dedication. CPA Jerry Potts also deserves recognition because Jerry assists with financial issues when needed, thank you. Your club still needs a Rental Property and Clubhouse Building Director and a VP. If you can, please consider volunteering. Nominations will be taken at the October meeting and elections are scheduled for November barring any additional changes to the governor's order.

It is probable that our yearly Annual Night held on the first Saturday night in December each year will be cancelled. The dreaded virus has caused us all many problems, but I can finally see light at the end of the tunnel. Please check the club's website and/or Facebook page for up to date information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have helped with mowing, painting, trap, cutting brush, and more. Since I do not have a list of names, you know who you are, THANK YOU !

Check the website or Facebook for more information as it becomes available. Good Luck and happy hunting, fishing, or just being out of doors.

Richard Alan Griggs, President.

Building & Grounds

It certainly looks and feels like Fall has arrived! With that in mind, we have been working hard to get some of the final outdoor chores wrapped up. In the past few weeks, the following items have been completed: All picnic tables have been painted, as well as all the road posts and cables. The main gate has been painted as well. The trim around the doors on the Pole Barn has been replaced. Some great volunteers have done an awesome job of picking up fallen foliage and trimming trees. The crew that comes every Wednesday morning does a great job mowing and keeping the grounds looking good!

In addition to the ongoing weekly mowing, we still have a few projects to complete. Those include pressure washing and painting the trap houses the pistol range building. If you are interested in helping with any of the projects or yard work, please stop by the Club Wednesday mornings around 7:30 am. If you have any questions, please give Pat Weber a call at 517-206-8702.

Reminder — Range use is from Sunrise to Sunset, No shooting after Sunset! No shooting on Sunday until noon.

NEWS FROM THE MICHIGAN DNR...

Deer check and CWD/TB testing changes for 2020 hunting season

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources advises deer hunters to be prepared for big changes to DNR deer check stations this fall.

Staffing and financial shortages, due to both funding associated with long-term declines in the hunter base and the COVID-19 pandemic, will result in reductions in check station and drop-box locations, dates and hours operated, and the number of deer heads that will be accepted for chronic wasting disease testing (CWD).

Additionally, to protect hunters and DNR staff, some procedures will be changed to make deer check stations safer for all. Hunters are required to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines, staying 6 feet away from other people, at DNR deer check stations. At many check stations, hunters will be required to stay in their vehicles while their deer is checked.

“It is an unprecedented time in our state’s history, with serious challenges that affect everyone. We ask for your patience and grace as we adapt to meet these challenges,” said acting DNR Wildlife Division Chief Dan Kennedy. “Michigan hunters have a long history of partnering with the DNR for the benefit and health of the state’s deer population. Let’s continue working together to protect public health, too.”

Deer check stations and drop boxes

Deer check station locations will be reduced this fall. Check station days and hours of operation also will be reduced across much of the state. Many check stations will be open only during parts of the firearm deer season in November. Wait times may be longer than usual, especially

during the firearm deer season, due to staffing reductions. It’s important to note, too, that any changes in the state’s COVID-19 situation could result in changes to planned locations and hours of operation.

In parts of the state where CWD and bovine tuberculosis (TB) samples are needed, check stations and drop boxes will be available to hunters beginning Oct. 3 and continuing into December and January.

Deer cooperator patches will be available at DNR deer check stations, during their hours of operation, while supplies last.

Deer disease surveillance

The DNR still needs hunters’ help to learn more about the status of CWD in Michigan. Since the DNR no longer has the resources to test the same volume of deer heads as in the past, the department will prioritize gathering deer heads from in and around known CWD areas to gather more information about the extent of the disease in these locations. See 2020 CWD testing goals map.

In 2020, deer heads from southern Jackson, southern Isabella and western Gratiot counties and from the core CWD surveillance area in the Upper Peninsula (portions of Delta, Dickinson and

Menominee counties) will be accepted for CWD testing from Oct. 3 to Jan. 4.

Deer heads from Clinton, Dickinson, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent and Montcalm counties will be accepted for testing Nov. 15-18 only. USDA-approved lab testing is also available for hunters in these areas at any time.

Those who hunt in the remainder of the state and want their deer tested for CWD must submit their deer head to a USDA-approved lab for testing and will be charged a fee.



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Visit Michigan.gov/CWD for information about USDA-approved labs conducting CWD testing.

Carcasses from deer displaying symptoms of CWD will be tested throughout the deer season, regardless of where they were killed.

Deer will continue to be collected for annual TB surveillance in DMU 487 (Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties). TB tests also will be conducted in Cheboygan, Crawford, Ogemaw, Otsego and Roscommon counties, as well as parts of Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Emmet, Kalamazoo, Ottawa and Saginaw counties as part of the state's agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and continued commitment to conduct surveillance for potential TB expansion. See 2020 deer TB testing map. Although these are the DNR's priority areas for TB surveillance, deer from anywhere in the state will be accepted for TB testing.

This fall, hunters coming in for disease testing are asked to bring only deer heads to check stations, removing them ahead of time, if possible. Those who would like to keep the antlers are asked to please remove those from the head but bring the antlers when they visit a check station so that antler measurements can be taken.

Information about the new check station procedures can be found in the 2020 Hunting Digest or at Michigan.gov/CWD. Hours and locations of deer check stations will be updated this week and will be available at Michigan.gov/DeerCheck.



2020 MUCC ANNUAL CONVENTION RESULTS

Despite being unable to hold its Annual Convention in-person, Michigan United Conservation Clubs' members voted through 14 resolutions in an online format that ended this week.

In total, 24 policy resolutions were brought forth for members to weigh. Given the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and the in-person, grassroots debate that makes MUCC so powerful, no resolutions from the online format failed. MUCC will take up the 10 resolutions that did not meet the threshold for online passage at an in-person meeting later in the year so proper discourse on the matter can occur.

MUCC President Greg Peter (Chelsea Rod and Gun) succeeded Immediate Past President George Lindquist (UP Whitetails of Marquette County) and will carry the gavel until June of 2022. Tim Muir, Jr. (Lake St. Clair Walleye Association) was elected as the new vice president. He will serve two years as vice president and chair of the Conservation Policy Board and assume the presidency in 2022.

Fran Yeager was re-elected to the treasurer's position, with Steve Dey (Straits Area Sportsmen's Club), Keith Huff (Montmorency County Conservation Club), Dan McMaster (Shiawassee Conservation Association), Patrick Hogan (Tomahawk Archers) and Travis Powers (Individual Member) rounding out the elections for Regions 2,4,6,8 and 8, respectively.

All proposed bylaws amendments were passed, and a full list of passed policy resolutions and election results, including the Conservation Policy Board, are available by clicking the respective hyperlinks.

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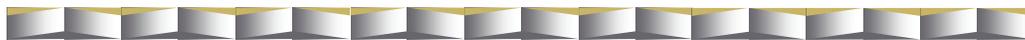
MUCC Executive Director Amy Trotter said 2020 has tested MUCC’s resolve, but she is relieved the organization was able to move forward with the policy process.

“Given the state of politics, it is more imperative than ever that MUCC members have their voices heard and reverberated throughout the halls of the Michigan Capitol, in Washington D.C. and at NRC meetings,” Trotter said. “Staff looks forward to facilitating member debate on the remaining 10 resolutions that did not pass the online format and getting to work implementing the resolutions that did pass.”

Working to rescind state law that tickets a hunter or recreational shooter for leaning a loaded shotgun against their vehicle or placing it on their tailgate, encouraging the administration to fill Natural Resources Commission vacancies in a timely manner and updating an archaic statute preventing hunters or anglers from accessing public boat launches due to “hours of use” laws are a few of the resolutions that passed the online format.

“Overall, MUCC was able to creatively and effectively work through conservation policies that affect all of us during these trying times,” Peter said. “Conservation has not stopped because of COVID-19, and I look forward to helping this organization, its staff and its members think creatively about the year ahead and the unknown obstacles we will encounter.”

MUCC will release more details about an in-person event to debate the remaining resolutions at a later date if recommendations around indoor gatherings relax. Stay tuned to mucc.org and our Facebook page for more details.



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