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Next Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- October 5, 2021
7PM General Membership Mtg & Board Mtg
- November 2, 2021
General Membership Mtg & Board Mtg—ELECTIONS!

OCTOBER 31st



News from the President

Fall has arrived. Leaves are starting to turn color and most crops are falling. Deer feed on Burr Oak acorns at my place most evenings. There are several does with twins, but I have not seen any bucks yet. Lots of turkeys moving around on the property. I have had no reports of member youths bagging a deer, but I am certain some did. Bow season begins October 1st. Good luck!

On October 10th at 1 PM your club will be hosting a potluck picnic in the main banquet hall. We eat at 2 PM. The club will furnish hotdogs and hamburgers, with buns and condiments. Please bring a passing dish. Alcohol is permitted for those of age. There will be corn hole and horseshoe games. We currently have 21 RSVP so please email Dave/Karen Wilson if you plan on attending so we can purchase food items.

Your club replaced the kitchen and storeroom ceiling lights with new LED lights. The main banquet room ceiling lights are being considered for replacement. Later fall/winter the four remaining "old style" toilet fixtures will be replaced. A new controller for our well pump had to be installed. Pat W. and his crew are doing a lot of work around the grounds, including mowing. If you see them, please tell them thank you.

Trap shooting has had thirty shooters the past two weeks. We have a lot of fun and there are conversations regarding hunting and shooting. Trap shooting will continue through October 27th. The Jamie McKibbin Memorial Archery Shoot was a great success. The proceeds were offered to Mrs. McKibbin, she suggested we use the proceeds (\$500) for youth programs. The rifle and pistol ranges are seeing a lot of use. I see many boat trailers in the parking lot so I know there are many people fishing Ackerson Lake. If any of you have hunting/fishing photos please email them to jack-soncountyyou outdoorclub3550@gmail.com and I will post them on the Facebook club page.

The October 5th membership/board meeting will have nominations for officers and directors. Open positions are: Vice President, Financial Secretary, Archery Director, Newsletter-Social Media Director, Membership-Sunshine Director, Rental Property Management-Clubhouse Director, and Conservation-Waterfront Director. All terms are for two years and we have job descriptions for all positions. A minimal amount of time is required, please consider running for a position and help your club. We MUST have a

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CONTACTING THE CLUB:

ALL
CORRESPONDENCE
INCLUDING
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATIONS
MUST BE MAILED
TO:

JCOC
PO BOX 1708
JACKSON, MI
49204

From the President continued...

minimum quorum of twenty people at the meeting to conduct business. If we have a quorum, a drawing for fifty dollars will be held after the membership meeting. Please attend if possible.

Our yearly Annual Night celebration is planned for December 4th. The catered event is well attended and lots of fun. You will receive notice; check the web page at www.jacksoncountyoutdoorclub.com or our Facebook page for future updates. Both our web page and Facebook are kept up to date at all times.

Well, I have probably forgotten something, but enough said. Good luck in your outdoor adventures.

Richard Allan Griggs, President

Membership & Board Meeting Notes

The September General Membership meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. (We needed 1 more person!!) The Board meeting was held at the clubhouse. The following actions were discussed or taken:



- Quotes for fencing were received from Allen Brothers. They ranged from \$3,000 to \$5,400. Richard Griggs will continue to look into additional options.
- The proposed Work Ticket Distribution format was discussed and will be on the agenda for action in October. (See page 4)
- Archery reported income to-date of \$904.22 with expenses of \$475.22. The Traditional Shoot had two vendors and 28 shooters. One of the new crossbow bags has been purposely damaged.
- JCOC currently has 265 memberships consisting of 396 adult members.
- A JCOC picnic was scheduled for October 10th. (see page 3)
- The Board will be seeking snowplowing bids for this upcoming winter.
- \$100 was approved for food for the Jamie McKibbin memorial shoot.
- Caterers for Annual Night on December 4th will be contacted.



COIN SHOW!!

Jackson Coin Show
October 16th
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
America Legion Post #29
3200 Lansing Avenue
Jackson
Free: Admission, parking
and coin appraisals!
~Hourly Door Prizes~



JCOC is sponsoring the MUCC Tracks Magazine for two Napoleon School classrooms with 88 students at the cost of \$352.00. Students will be receiving the first issue of the magazine in early October. JCOC has provided this magazine in the past and is happy to be able to do so again!

TRACKS is written for 4th-6th grade learners, but there are animal facts, information and pictures that will connect with all age groups.

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Archery

The archery season is winding down. The year started out with indoor leagues on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Both nights had good turnouts. In May we went outside, and started the season with the ASA Tri-State qualifier. Later in the month we had an IBO qualifier. July, August, and September we had club shoots. The traditional rendezvous was attended by quite a few archers. We also had vendors selling their products. Next year we plan on making it even better. The Jamie McKibbin memorial shoot in September was a great success honoring a fellow club member.

All outdoor targets will be picked up and stored the weekend of October 16th. This will end the outdoor season.

I want to thank all of the people who helped make this year a success! Thank you!

Remember indoor archery starts in January, with youth archery starting at the same time. Watch Facebook and our web site for further details.

Norm Z. , Archery Director

From Grounds & Equipment

The first day of Fall was September 22nd. This is my favorite time of year. Nice weather, beautiful colors, deer hunting and great fall fishing! I hope you all can get out and enjoy another great Michigan Autumn.

As summer winds down, the club Grounds crew will be switching gears from mowing grass to some Fall clean up and annual equipment maintenance. The crew has done a phenomenal job this year and deserve a huge thank you for helping make the club grounds look so nice.

Lastly, we have put in a set of horseshoe pits near the upper-level deck. Please feel free to use them any time you are the club. Get out there and toss some shoes!

Good luck and be safe to all the hunters.

Pat Weber, Grounds and Equipment Director

JCOC Picnic—October 10th

We did not have our annual Club Picnic last year due to Covid-19. This year's "potluck picnic" will be on Sunday, October 10th, gather at 1PM and eat at 2PM.

Your club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade, coffee, iced tea, plastic plates and flatware. Bring a passing dish and whatever else you would like to drink. Alcohol for persons of legal age is permitted. Please RSVP to jacksoncountyoutdoorclub3550@gmail.com so we can get an idea of how much to purchase by October 6th. Or leave a message on the club phone at 517-764-3415. As of this printing we have 36 RSVP's so far! Dishes coming include baked beans, potato salad, several desserts, deviled eggs and white chicken chili! YUM! If you happen to miss the RSVP date, don't worry, just show up!



Board Member Nominations

A reminder that this month is Open nominations for Board member positions. The November General Membership meeting is the Board Directors Elections. Positions opening will include:

- Vice President
- Financial Secretary (Treasurer)
- Archery
- Newsletter & Social Media
- Membership & Sunshine
- Rental Property Management & Clubhouse
- Conservation & Waterfront



Come to the general membership or board meeting to see the current board members in action in October or to talk with them about their duties. If interested in volunteering for one of these positions attend the October General Membership meeting or contact Dave Styx and let him know of your interest.

Save the Date—Annual Night, December 4, 2021

Mark your calendars for JCOC's Annual Night event! Every year on the first Saturday of December this event has been held since way back when. During this night the Board of Director's are also sworn in. Raffles, work ticket drawings, 50/50 drawings and door prizes drawings are held. A great meal is always catered at cost. We also have a member provided dessert contest for prizes! Once the menu is decided, later this month, a reservation form will be sent out. Watch your email or snail mail!



JCOC Work Ticket Distribution

The following proposal was presented at the September JCOC Board meeting for review and approval at the October Board meeting:

- A. Tier One for members with less than 25 hours worked.
 - 1. One ticket for each hour worked. Tickets may be used for membership dues reduction and Annual Night drawing.
- B. Tier Two for members earning more than 25 hours worked, or fraction thereof.
 - 1. One ticket for each twenty-five hours worked. If a person works any fraction of a 25 hour period they will receive one additional ticket. Example: 28 hours equal two tickets, 80 hours equal four tickets. Tickets may be used for membership dues reduction and Annual Night drawing.

Two drawings will be held on Annual Night. One for members with less than 25 hours worked and one for members with more than 25 hours worked. The drawing for 25 or less worked hours will be for one of four \$25 gift certificates, and the drawing for 25 or more hours worked will be for one of two \$50 gift certificates. A listing of earned worked tickets will be provided to the Membership Director. Earned tickets need not accompany application for membership renewal. Membership Director will be responsible for verifying those claiming work tickets. Currently work tickets can be used to reduce membership fee at \$5 a ticket up to 15 for individual/family and up to 4 for senior individual/family.



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Pumpkins, Apples, Donuts, Cider, Oh My!

With the arrival of fall the area farms, orchards and markets are at their peak and are looking to provide you with goodies! Here are just some of the ones in the area that offer a variety of products and activities:



- **Curtis Farm Market**, 10990 Austin Rd, Brooklyn. Fall produce, pumpkins, fall flowers and more. For hours call (517) 536-4158 or visit their Facebook page.
- **Hearthstone Farm Market**, 3215 Chapel Rd, Spring Arbor. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. They offer many different varieties of winter squash. Other fall offerings include sweet cider, apples, gourds, pumpkins and fall decorations including Indian corn, straw bales, corn stalk bundles and selected weekend afternoon hayrides in October. They close for the season on Halloween.
- **Jackson Grand River Market**, Downtown Jackson. Friday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Meckley's Flavor Fruit Farm**, 11025 S Jackson Rd, Cement City. Wed. & Thurs. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday & Sat. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you don't already know, Meckley's has a cider mill, bakery, orchard, brewery and a farm market. They have it all!!
- **Pregitzer Farm Market**, 6870 Territorial Rd, Munith. Open 7 days a week 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Their mission is to offer the best fresh from the farm produce possible. Their goal is to educate communities about farm life, eating local, and fun on the farm.
- **Red Egg Farm**, 9123 Spring Arbor Rd, Spring Arbor. Open Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.—Sept. 25th - Oct. 31st. At Red Egg Farm, located in a quiet corner of Spring Arbor, you can spend the day picking pumpkins, eating donuts, feeding the animals, or navigating your way through our corn maze. See for yourself why so many people come back to see us time and time again! Red Egg Farm is a real working farm; we open our gates to the public on a seasonal basis to allow families to experience farm life and make lasting memories!
- **Rex Young Orchard**, 2600 E Territorial Rd, Rives Junction. Mon. thru Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Apples, pears, cider slush, donuts, honey and Non-GMO Heirloom Popcorn
- **Sweet Seasons Orchards**, 15787 Allman Rd, Concord. Open 7 days a week 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A family owned and operated orchard with a bakery and a variety of natural products including apples, pears, plums, peaches, grapes, seed fruit and nut mixes, as well as, pumpkins, squash and Indian corn in the fall and Christmas trees. They also feature cider, jams, butters, jellies, honey and more. Open September until Thanksgiving.

Don't Forget About the Dahlem Center Goblin Walks!!

October 22 Friday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm & October 23 Saturday 5:00-7:30 pm Call: (517) 782-3453

Fee per person: \$9/member, \$12/non-member (free for infants)

Pre-Registration required to attend our annual **Goblin Walks event**. Every 15 minutes a group of twenty people head down the trail to enjoy an evening autumn color tour, a 1/2 mile trail walk meeting larger than life critters performing entertaining educational skits. The program is about one hour in length. Photo opportunities, refreshments (cider & donuts!), and visit the gift shop. It's great fun for the whole family!!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for Dahlem members and non-members, so don't wait – choice slots fill fast. Please arrive 10 minutes before your tour walk to allow time to sign in. We have a 24 hour cancellation policy. If you don't call to cancel and don't show, you will be charged the full amount. Dress for the weather!

Covid-19 recovery style; face masks are optional, groups of 20 people per time slot helps maintain social distancing, and please respect the CDC and health dept. guidelines.

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REMINDER

Range use is from Sunrise to Sunset, NO shooting after Sunset! NO shooting on Sunday until noon. Please check the JCOC website for closures due to Archery or other events!! Be sure to sign-in at the gate and have your club membership card handy as you may be asked to provide it! Members are allowed to bring the same guest up to 3 times per year for a non-club activity.

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