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News from the President

October is here and deer bow season begins. I have seen a pair of nice six points in my yard on occasion. I do not hunt as often as I used to. I do love sitting in the woods and relaxing. Good luck if you go out hunting. Check the "new" deer hunting regulations on the DNR site. There is a DNR hunt/fish app available on the app store for Apple phones and on Google play for android phones. There are new hunting regulations on the app, among other things.

On October 1st, 2024 your club will nominate board members for the 2025-2026 years. Positions that are up for nomination are: President, Recording Secretary, Director Grounds and Equipment, Director Kitchen and Clubhouse Rentals, Director Ranges, and Director Rental Property Management and Clubhouse. If you would like to be nominated for one of these positions please come to the October 1st, 2024 membership meeting. Most of the positions require a minimal amount of time per month. Several are best suited to retired individuals who can be available anytime due to phone calls and meeting at the club with service representatives. Elections for all positions will be held on November 5th, 2024 at the membership meeting. There are several elected officials who will not run for re-election. So please come and support YOUR club by running for a position. There are job descrip-

tions for all positions, if interested please email the club at jacksoncountyoutdoorclub3550@gmail.com and request a job description if you are interested. Without a full board, twelve members, it is difficult for your club to conduct business.

Trap shooting will end on October 30th, 2024. We have two trap houses and there is little waiting time between rounds. Cost is five dollars for all adults and four dollars for youths under the age of eighteen. Shooters have a lot of fun and weekly averages are posted. Please join us and tell your friends the trap shooting is open to the public.

Dave Styx and Cory Burns still need assistance with mowing. If you can help, please show up any Wednesday morning at eight o'clock at the pole barn. We have two zero turn mowers and a JD rider. You are only committed to helping on the days you choose to show up. If the club must hire grounds keepers, the cost can be hundreds of dollars. There has been board discussion regarding raising membership rates SIGNIFICANTLY for anyone not volunteering at the club. At this time it is discussion, however, action on this issue may be imminent if your club does not begin to see members volunteering and/or running for elected positions.

Max, archery director, is in the process of scheduling archery shoots



Upcoming Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- October 1, 2024 Membership & Board Meetings 7:00 PM- NOMINATIONS
- 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...

for fall and winter. Chuck, conservation and waterfront director will be installing safety equipment (e.g. a throw ring and hook), and solar lighting at the dock. In addition, a lighting mechanism will be added to the combination locks. The mechanisms may be temporary, Chuck is researching "lighted locks". If you have suggestions, please message Chuck at 786-423-4533. Several members upgraded the ranges recently. A BIG thank you to a club member who wishes to remain anonymous for his generous donation for roofing materials. Many of the SAME individuals do a lot of work at your club, please consider volunteering and help if you can.

There was a lot of brush removed in front of the trap ranges by a non-member volunteer, Paul. Thank you, Paul. Small oak and cherry trees too large, six inches in diameter or less, that could not be removed are "currently" available for cutting. You may take the wood and leave the tops. Please contact me at 517-315-9339, text is ok and arrange a time to meet me at the club if you are interested in the wood. **PLEASE DO NOT** cut any trees prior to meeting with me to discuss the issue.

Well, time for me to mow grass. Take care and enjoy the beautiful Michigan fall and the best of luck on your hunting endeavors.

Richard Alan Griggs, President

Board Meeting Notes

The September Board meeting was held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, September 3rd with only 18 members present. A quorum was not present for the membership meeting. The following actions were discussed and/or taken:



- 1 new member was approved.
- Trap turned in \$864 for the month of August.
- The back room of the pole barn was cleaned out and organized during the August clean-up day.
- The Jamie McKibben shoot had 19 participants and \$320 was donated to Schupbach's to cover the cost of youth hunter licenses on a first come first served basis.
- \$925 was turned in for upcoming rentals.
- \$134.75 was turned in from the sign-in box for July and August.
- Membership stands at 232 paid memberships consisting of 346 adult members.
- The Board authorized \$525 for a Ruger American 400 Legend for raffle on Annual Night.
- The Board authorized \$17.00 for the Annual Night Dinner to be catered by Bundy Hill Diner.
- The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Dave Styx, Chair; Charlene Baldwin and Tammy McFeters.
- \$165.91 plus tax was approved to purchase safety equipment and lights for the dock area.
- \$73 was approved for purchase of stamps for mailing newsletters.
- \$100 was approved for the September 14th fishing tournament.

JCOC Board Elections

At the November 5th General Membership meeting elections will be held for the following positions:

Officers:

President
Recording Secretary

Directors:

Grounds & Equipment
Kitchen & Clubhouse Rentals
Ranges
Rental Property Management & Clubhouse



These positions are for two years. A nominating committee was established at September's meeting. This committee will assemble a slate of candidates for presentation at the October General Membership meeting. Your presence at both the October and November meetings is important for Club operations. If you are interested in being on the Board please contact Dave Styx at 517.795.1008.



MUCC & MTPCA File Briefs in Lawsuit Against the NRC

By Justin Tomei | September 20, 2024 |

On September 6, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and the Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association (MTPCA) filed legal briefs in their lawsuits against the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC).

MUCC's brief, which can be read, argues that the NRC illegally closed Michigan's coyote season for a quarter of the year in March of 2024 by failing to use the best available science, and focusing instead on unsubstantiated claims of negative public perception. MUCC's brief highlights the statements of the commissioners who voted in support of the closure, and those of the exceptionally few hunters who joined the commission in disregarding the principles of sound scientific management. The statements from the commissioners clearly show that sound scientific management was not a consideration in the decision-making process.

MUCC Chief Executive Officer Amy Trotter says that the public record is clear, the commission's decision failed to abide by their legal charge and responsibility to keep game management decisions based in science.

"The voters of Michigan were clear when they overwhelmingly passed Proposal G: scientific data needs to drive our game management decisions," said Trotter. "After reviewing the public record, it is abundantly clear the commission failed in following their legal charge. By relying on social pressures, real or perceived, the commission set a dangerous precedent where our outdoor heritage is threatened based on the social and political winds of the day."

MUCC is joined in the lawsuit by MTPCA who filed a separate brief. MTPCA's brief highlights how commissioners trusted the instincts of one individual supporting the closure to appease anti-hunting interests, rather than the proven record of sound scientific management as dictated by Proposal G. MTPCA President Joe Velchansky says this issue is larger than coyotes, and the future of Michigan's outdoor heritage is at stake. "This issue is so much bigger than coyotes, the very foundation of Michigan's game management is at stake," Velchansky said. "The minute we as conservationists compromise our principles is the minute we lose the whole thing, and that is not something we are prepared to do."

The NRC will now file a response brief, due to the court in mid-October. For more information on MUCC visit mucc.org. For more information on MTPCA visit mtpca.com



2024 Rooster Ranch Bonanza!

Friday, October 18, 2024—Rooster Ranch - 7480 Germania Rd, Ubly, MI 48475

Join us for the inaugural Rooster Ranch Bonanza! This event is a chance to support your right to hunt, fish, trap, shoot and recreate in Michigan, while going home with some tasty birds and supporting the nation's largest, most successful, statewide conservation organization.

Our day will start off with a delicious country breakfast, sporting clay warm-up and then we will head out for an awesome European Hunt. Following that we will enjoy a gourmet lunch, award raffle prizes and awards then spend the afternoon enjoying a Field Hunt with dogs to flush pheasant. After the field hunt attendees are welcome to enjoy the cash bar (after all firearms are stowed) and share stories from the day while getting excited for the upcoming hunting seasons.

Every attendee is guaranteed to go home with delicious protein that will be clean and bagged for you.

Registration fee is \$325 per person (does not include ammo).

Get your hunting buddies together to kick off the fall hunting seasons and help MUCC unite citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage. Attending this event will allow us to continue insulating our natural resources from political agendas and social pressure. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lodging is available at Rooster Ranch if you need to stay the night before the hunt! For only \$65 per night you can be rested and refreshed for the day without a morning drive. Visit <https://roosterranchllc.com/> for lodging info.

****AMMO RESTRICTION**** Rooster Ranch does not allow ammo larger than 1.25oz #6 shot. Steel and lead are fine and Rooster Ranch sells lead ammo on-site if needed. We recommend 6-10 boxes of ammo for the full day (both hunts).


Registration, Sporting Clays & Breakfast: 8:00am - 9:00am

9:00am safety brief & head out to the European Hunt.

Following morning hunt we will have lunch, raffles and prizes. After lunch we will do a walking Field Hunt. Then a cash bar will be available once all firearms are stored safely.

For registration information visit: <https://mucc.org/rooster/>


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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.

