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News from the President

So hope your summer is going great. Our power has been restored after four days. The longest we have been without power since the big ice storm around 2004. Hope all of you have had your power restored by today, Tuesday. We all should appreciate the marvels we take for granted. I can recall visiting my grandparents and using oil lamps, no hot water, wood stoves in the kitchen and parlor for heating, and using the outside toilet. When I awoke on a cool morning, grabbed my clothes and headed for the kitchen to dress. I knew grandma would have a warm fire burning to cook breakfast. Times were simpler then, but conditions were more testing.

The club was rented over the weekend of the power outage, a wedding on Saturday and a memorial dinner on Sunday. No electric, no AC, no water, and outside port-a-johns. We still have what it takes folks. Both parties were a success. Your club is anticipating installing some type of barrier (fence) along the wall near the upstairs deck. Children are supposed to be supervised by adults and are not permitted to roam freely. Inevitably the kids get outdoors and go around the building and climb on the split rail fence near the concrete wall. There is a minimal eight foot drop to the ground and

should a child fall serious injury could occur. I have phoned renters (this past Sunday) and drove to the club numerous times to tell renters "monitor your children and keep them inside". Renters DO NOT rent the grounds just inside the clubhouse. Outside weddings are permitted under special conditions. Hopefully, a barricade of some type when purchased and installed will prevent kids from falling. If you rent the clubhouse please remember keep a close watch on the children and DO NOT permit the children to roam the grounds.

The Traditional Rendezvous for archery was not well attended. We did have shooters from out of state and from surrounding counties. Several vender tents were present and Max and Tammy cooked up some great food. I visited on Saturday and chatted with several attendees. All attested to having a good time, and several mentioned the night time illuminated balloon shoot as a favorite. A better advertised event and a date change are being contemplated for 2022.

Trap shooting is being well attended on Wednesdays at 5 PM. Join us for some fun.

Lake fishing is producing fish.

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Next Jackson County Outdoor Club Meetings:

- September 7, 2021
7PM General Membership Mtg & Board Mtg
- October 5, 2021
7PM General Membership Mtg & Board Mtg

September 6th!



CONTACTING THE CLUB:

ALL CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED

TO:

JCOC

PO BOX 1708

JACKSON, MI 49204

News from the President continued...

Another Hunter Safety "field day" is being discussed. The April "field day" was not well attended. Remember, you **MUST** complete a field day "somewhere" to have a valid Hunter Safety certificate.

September will find JCOC having a membership and board meeting on the 7th at the clubhouse at 7 PM. If you are a new member and have not been approved by the membership/board and received your free hat, please attend. Membership meetings normally last less than one hour.

Many hunting activities begin in September and bow season begins October first. Be safe, good luck, and enjoy the great Michigan outdoors..

Richard Alan Griggs, President

Board Meeting Notes

The August 2021 Board meeting was held at the clubhouse. The following actions were discussed or taken:



- Current membership stands at 263 memberships consisting of 393 adults.
- The pistol pavilion has been painted. A stump by the archery barn has been grounded down. Old tires have been dropped off for recycling.
- Gravel, courtesy of Consumers Energy, has been delivered and spread.
- Nine rentals currently remain through the end of this year.
- Back boards at the pistol range have been replaced.
- 9/11-9/12/21 is the Disability Liberty Hunt along with the Youth Liberty Hunt (see page 5 for more details.)
- A committee to review the use of boat stickers was established. Members include Dave Styx and Judy Speed. LeeAnna Kloack and Randy Viara will also be asked to participate. Anyone else interested, contact Dave Styx.
- Plans are in the works in September for tree and debris removal around the grounds. Contact Pat Weber if interested.
- Port-a-johns are to be cleaned before the upcoming archery event.
- Tony Raykovich presented to the Board information on a newly forming non-profit "Friends of Firearms".
- Dave Styx was appointed as chair for the 2020 Financial Audit of the club's financials. Dave Wilson also volunteered. Several other members will be contacted to help also.
- The Board moved to pay for air conditioning work done.
- The Board moved to purchase a new leaf blower not to exceed \$200.
- Pat Weber will be looking into options to replace the outside upper level fencing.

Sunday, September 12th

Jamie McKibbin

Memorial 3D Archery Shoot

8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

20—3D Targets
\$10 donation

Long Distance Shoot

6 arrows for \$5.00

Iron Bear at 1:00 p.m.

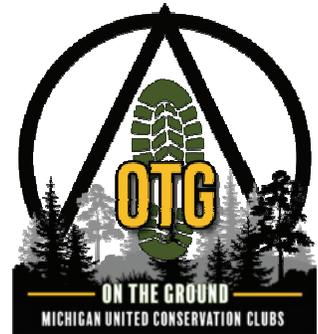
\$10.00 Entry
\$5.00 buy in

Lunch of Pulled Pork, chips, and drink - \$5.00

All Proceeds go to His Family

ON THE GROUND

On the Ground (OTG) is MUCC's volunteer wildlife habitat improvement program. Launched in 2013 with six pilot projects, it won Outdoor Life magazine's inaugural Open Country award for its partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In 2016, the OTG program expanded to include On the Ground Junior (OTG Jr.), which is a fully-funded field-trip program for schools. This program brings the classroom outdoors and engages students in habitat projects at state game areas near their schools and homes. Most recently, MUCC was awarded the 2018 Pillar Award for Land Use from the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council for the OTG Jr. program. DNR wildlife biologists and technicians have been instrumental in developing and coordinating the 160 projects the OTG programs have accomplished throughout the state.



OTG hosts projects which improve habitat for wildlife on public land. Through this program, hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds have the opportunity to donate their time for the benefit of the species they enjoy. The work completed by volunteers and wildlife professionals shows the general public that Michiganders are true conservationists and demonstrates how hunting license dollars are put to use.

September activities:

- **Prairie Restoration at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute** (Barry County, South of Hastings) – Saturday, September 11, 2021 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join MUCC and the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute as we remove woody vegetation to begin the process of restoring prairie habitat. In order to prepare the field for a prescribed burn and other restoration efforts, a hedgerow and other woody shrubs need to be removed from the field. All registered volunteers will receive a free lunch and volunteer appreciation gift from MUCC.
- **Tree Planting in the Escanaba River State Forest** (Central U.P.) – Saturday, September 18, 2021 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join MUCC, the Caterpillar Foundation, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as we plant and fence more than 100 native trees and shrubs to improve wildlife habitat throughout openings within the Escanaba River State Forest near Daggett Township. These native mast-producing trees will benefit a variety of wildlife including ring-necked pheasant, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, golden-winged warbler, and American woodcock. All registered volunteers will receive a free lunch and volunteer appreciation gift from MUCC.

To participate & register visit: <https://mucc.org/on-the-ground-september-wildlife-volunteer-opportunities/>

On the Ground is funded by a Memorandum of Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division.



GREAT's next event is the **Grand River Volunteer Cleanup**

Saturday, September 11, 2021 at R.A. Greene Park located at 2995 Lansing Avenue, Jackson, MI.

The event starts at **9 AM** and ends around **2 PM**

For more information visit: <https://grand2995.wildapricot.org/>

Assignments can be on land or in a canoe on the river, so dress appropriately for the weather and getting dirty.

GREAT has a ample supply of canoes, trash bags, rakes, and gloves. Hope you can join us for this fun and worthwhile event!

From the JCOC V.P.

A reminder that next 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 September or 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.

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.

MI State Park Workdays!

Michigan Department of Natural Resources is hosting volunteer stewardship workdays at several state parks in southern Michigan in September. Volunteers are needed to help remove invasive plants that threaten high-quality ecosystems in the parks.

State park workdays will take place in southeastern Michigan on the following dates:

Friday, Sept. 3, 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Fort Custer Recreation Area (Kalamazoo County).

Help us collect native wildflower and grass seeds that will be replanted throughout the park! This is a great activity for the family to enjoy the outdoors.

Sunday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Waterloo Recreation Area (Washtenaw County).

Help remove invasive shrubs that will otherwise take over these valuable prairie remnants.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Island Lake Recreation Area (Livingston County).

Help clear out invasive shrubs that could take over valuable prairie remnants and crowd out native plants.

Sunday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pinckney Recreation Area (Washtenaw County).

Join us in cutting invasive shrubs to protect Hanked dry sand prairie and oak barrens and the native plants that call it home.

For more information about these activities visit: <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/> and search THINGS TO DO-DNR CALENDAR-VOLUNTEER EVENTS



Opportunities For Youth and Hunting

The Liberty Hunt is a firearm deer hunt that will take place on private or public lands statewide in Michigan open to firearm deer hunting Sept. 11-12, 2021.

Youth 16 years old or younger may participate in this hunt in addition to eligible hunters with disabilities (see below). Youth 10-16 years old may hunt with archery equipment or a crossbow or firearm, regardless of license used. For youth 10-16 years old, valid licenses include a deer, deer combo or antlerless deer license. Hunters 9 years old and younger must be licensed through the Mentored Youth Hunting Program and accompanied by a qualified mentor. During this hunt, a deer or deer combo license may be used for an antlered or antlerless deer. Antler point restrictions do not apply. An antlerless deer license or deer management assistance permit may also be used to take one antlerless deer only, if issued for the area/land where hunting. The bag limit for this season is one deer. All hunters participating in this season must wear hunter orange. In areas of the Upper Peninsula where baiting is LEGAL, youth hunters participating in the Liberty Hunt may bait Sept. 6 through Sept. 12. In the remainder of the state, youth hunters may not use bait during the Liberty Hunt



What are the qualifications I must meet to participate in the Liberty Hunt?

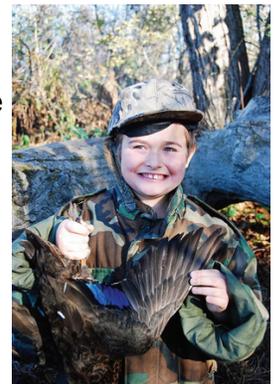
To qualify an individual must fit one of the following criteria:

- Be a veteran who has been determined to have 100% disability, or a resident rated as individually unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Have been issued a permit by the DNR to hunt from a standing vehicle.
- Have been issued a permit by the DNR to hunt using a laser-sighting device.
- Be blind. "Blind" means an individual who has a visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correction, or has a limitation of his or her field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angular distance not greater than 20 degrees, as determined by the Commission for the Blind.
- Be deaf. An individual is deaf as defined by section 2 of 72 PA 1978, MCL 408.202. "Deaf person" means a person who is not able to process information aurally, with or without amplification, and whose primary means of communication is visual or by receiving spoken language through other sensory input, including, but not limited to, lip reading, sign language, finger spelling or reading.



The Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend, statewide for properly licensed youth 16 years old and younger, is Sept. 18-19, 2021.

Youth 10-16 years old must have a junior base license and be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 18 years old or older designated by the parent or guardian. Youth hunting with a junior base apprentice license must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older who possesses a non-apprentice base license and waterfowl license. Youth under 10 years old must also be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years old, and the youth and adult must meet all provisions of the Mentored Youth Hunting Program. Ducks, mergansers, geese, coots and moorhens may be harvested; accompanying adults are not permitted to harvest these species during the hunt unless hunting during the September portion of the Canada goose hunting season. The daily limits and species restrictions are the same as those allowed in the regular waterfowl hunting season. See the current-year Waterfowl Digest.



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