September 2020 Jackson County Outdoor Club News



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News from the President

Well summer is winding down and the good ole virus is still wreaking havoc. Your club has lost a lot of revenue in the form of cancelled rentals. However, because we have set aside a portion of our income each year for the past few years we will survive. Also, there have been no major expenditures in 2020 and there will not be unless an emergency situation occurs. A BIG thank you to each of you for paying your dues and becoming a club member. Dues and rental income make up the bulk of your clubs income each year. Property taxes, insurance, and utilities cost your club approximately \$25,000 per year. So without you the club would cease to exist. I am certain each of us are hoping for a much better 2021 without Covid-19 causing problems.

The only two major club sanctioned events this summer are outdoor 3D archery and trap shooting. Since I am the "trap guy" I am happy to report we are having really good participation. In August we have averaged twenty-six shooters per Wednesday. Please join us for some fun. If you need instruction, help is available. We start at 5 PM and shoot until all are satisfied or dark. Norm is our Archery Director and he will have to comment on the 3D archery.

Judy Speed has agreed to be appointed club treasurer when Chuck Donnell resigns so he can spend some time in Florida. That means your club is in need of a Membership Director. Your club also has three additional openings on the board. Vice President, Rental Director, and Building/ Grounds Director. That means there are four "open" positions on a twelve person board. It is extremely difficult to operate your club without volunteers. Please consider volunteering for one of the positions. There has been discussion among some board members regarding dissolution of your club if members do not step up. Dissolution would result in "your" club being turned over to Michigan United Conservation Clubs. That would likely result in significant changes at the club. My quess is MUCC would not continue to operate the club as it is being operated now, if at all. It is my reverent hope that a motion to dissolve your club will not have to be put before the membership for a vote. Many of us have cheer-

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Next Jackson County Outdoor Club <u>Meetings</u>:

• September 1, 7PM Board Meeting ONLY

ANNOUNCEMENT:

As of the publication date of this newsletter the governor's executive order limiting indoor gatherings to ten persons or less is in effect. Therefore, the September 1st meeting will be for board members only. Please check our website at www.jacksoncountyou tdoorclub.com or our Facebook page for any changes. Once we are permitted to have indoor gatherings of more than ten persons those needing to be approved by the membership/board will need to attend a meeting.

2020 Outdoor 3D Archery Shoots: 9/13 8am-1pm

For more details visit our webpage!

CONTACTING THE CLUB: ALL CORRESONDENCE INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO: JCOC PO BOX 1708 JACKSON, MI 49204

From the President continued...

fully given much for many years, and most of us intend to continue to do so if needed. However, some of us have health issues that could at anytime prevent us from continuing to give time to the club we love so dearly. We need some "younger" members to become involved. None of the positions are time consuming and there are job descriptions for every board position. You will be provided any help you may need.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the operation of YOUR club please contact me at 517-315-9339 or email me at rgriggs@umich.edu.

So I want to wish everyone good luck with your hunting/fishing this fall. Due to issues beyond the control of your club we had to cancel participation in the Hunter Safety program for 2020. We regret having to do so but with the virus thing there were too many "what ifs" to deal with. If any of you want to send photos of your hunting and fishing trophies, please email them to me at the above email address. Nothing larger than one Meg please. I will post some of them on FB. Thank you for reading this and thanks for being a member. GOOD LUCK in your hunting endeavors.

Richard Alan Griggs, President.

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

Building & Grounds

As the summer heat starts to slow down, we have several projects that usually happen on Wednesday mornings starting after 7 am till 11 am, usually. I would ask that if you are going to walk for an activity, come out to the club and help with painting of small structures or road posts on property. Also we have started to pick up the foliage that is fallen down especially on the road back to the ranges. Bring a hard rake if you can, talk or call Dave Styx at 517.795.1008 leave a message and phone# if you have questions. Remember even if people come out, we practice 6' social distance; we can still talk in a 6' circle. Projects: Painting the pistol range building, Painting the posts thru out the property, Paint picnic tables, Remove trees fallen near the range road. The lake is beautiful at 7 am with sun coming up, a good way to start the day no matter what time, early or late. We have people who do help on their own time table, so come out and enjoy the club. Dave Styx, JCOC Member

Kitchen & Rentals

For the third time this year we passed the water test for the Health Department. We are now taking hall rental applications for 2021. Dave Wilson, Director