

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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Supporters of Michigan Bow Hunters, MCRGO, NRA, and Pheasants Forever.

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SPRING ARRIVES

Spring is here -- and we aren't ready. The winter schedule has ended, but we aren't quite ready to set up the summer schedule. With John Arends seriously ill, we need to find some folks to cover trap shooting. We have Wednesday night volunteers, but they won't be ready until April 26. We have not yet set up Sunday trap. Those who would like to shoot on Sunday need to draw straws, I think. Tuesday night pistol moves outside but, any range cleanup and preparation will not start until mid April (unless some nice volunteer heads down there earlier). Action Pistol will drop back to Thursday nights after trap starts. Sporting Clays is in limbo pending a visit from timber cruisers, however we currently have no volunteers to run Sporting Clays. And trap boys may be a problem.

PHEASANTS FOREVER

<p>MEMBERSHIP RECORD Please <u>Print</u> and fill out completely</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Mailing Address _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip _____</p> <p>Day Phone (_____) _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>___ Mbrshp Meal ___ Spouse Meal/Name _____</p> <p>___ Ringneck-Parent Name _____ DOB _____</p> <p>___ Spsor/Sponsor Mbr # _____</p> <p>___ Life Member/Life Mbr # _____</p>	 <p>PHEASANTS <i>forever</i></p> <p>April 19, 2006 Lake Michigan Chapter Annual Banquet Lakeside Entertainment South Haven, Michigan</p> <p>6:00 p.m. – Cocktails & Viewing 7:30 p.m. – Silent Auction 7:00 p.m. – Dinner 8:00 p.m. – Auction Donation: \$50.00 Single / \$65.00 Couple Includes 1 year Membership, Dinner and Door Prizes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Membership Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Ringneck Dinner (0-15 yrs.)</p> <p>   </p> <p>Proud Sponsors of Pheasants Forever</p>
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April 19 is the date for the 21st Annual Banquet of the Lake Michigan Chapter of Pheasants Forever. (Just in case you didn't see it on the ticket.) Once again we urge our members to support the Pheasants as they have worked quite closely with our club in supporting our activities. This will be held at Lakeside Entertainment Center, Corner of M-140 & Blue Star Highway South Haven, Michigan. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

If you know of anyone that may want to join up, but isn't a member, he can become a member that night! For a single person, the cost is \$20 for the meal and \$30 for the membership. For couples, the cost will be \$35 for two meals and \$30 for the membership fee. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to E-mail [Joe Allen](mailto:Joe.Allen@shrgc.com) or [Bob Linderman](mailto:Bob.Linderman@shrgc.com) or call Bob Linderman at 269-637-0534. They will be accepting all major credit cards this year for our auction items. Don't forget your membership card!

BYLAWS CHANGES

This is a summary of the significant bylaws changes. The proposed changes make for a 14 page collection of bylaws. Many of the changes are cosmetic word changes. Rather than printing a 20 page newsletter, the more significant changes are summarized here.

First: Classes of membership are defined. Regular members (age 18-64) and senior members (65 and up) have all rights and privileges of the club. Junior members (17 and under) have no voting rights or key privileges. Special memberships are available for certain law enforcement officer and military personnel. Special members and life members have all rights and privileges of the club.

Second: Dues have been better described to reflect September discounts (prorated on a monthly basis provided the following years dues are included). Special rates are defined: seniors 50%, juniors 20%, special members 50%, and life memberships are 2000% (twenty times the regular dues).

Third: Failure to renew by the February meeting, results in a dropped membership. This will become significant if the club reaches the 225 member limit. Then failure to renew may effectively bar the member from returning.

Fourth: Rights of members are defined. They are the right to hold office and vote at meetings. They only apply to members in good standing.

Fifth: Member privileges are defined. These sections discuss keys, spouse and child privileges, guests, event participation, borrowing club property, and making charges against other members.

Sixth: Duties of members are defined. Duties include promoting the founding purposes of the Club, keeping officers informed of matters affecting the Club, report safety violations, theft, vandalism, etc. Responsibilities include attending meetings, participation in activities, and volunteering time or services. Members may not represent, or solicit for, the club without proper authorization.

Seventh: A section on obligations was added. Member obligations include paying dues in a timely manner, being members of the NRA, abiding by the bylaws/rules/laws, donate a workday for the club, preserve club property, and being safe.

Eighth: Release of liability added. This includes a yearly re-affirmation at renewal time. Members must assume liability for guests, and parents must sign for junior members.

Ninth: No member of the club is to be paid for performing club functions. No salaries.

Tenth: Officers duties are defined, and include maintaining records and reports concerning membership, finances, facilities, and activities. Further the President conducts meetings, oversees all operations, and presents a "State of the Club" address. The Vice-President fills in for the President when necessary, and has maintenance responsibilities. The Secretary maintains minutes, is responsible for all correspondence mailings, membership lists and press releases. The Secretary fills in for the President and VP when necessary. The Treasurer maintains financial records, collects dues, and pays bills. The Treasurer provides an annual financial statement. Directors fill vacancies for offices that become vacant at the direction of the Board of Directors. All officers keep a log of how to do their jobs to aid in transition when being replaced.

Eleventh: Officers must be 21 or older, a member in good standing for a minimum of one year, a resident of the state, and have no felony convictions. Officers should have a hunter safety certificate, a concealed pistol license, be able to attend meetings, and be able to do the job.

Twelfth: Officers are nominated in the fall and elected at the December meeting. Voting is done by secret ballot if positions are contested.

Thirteenth: Meetings are to follow Roberts Rules of Order. Guest speakers/entertainment appear by invitation. Members of the local community may address the club at meetings. Regular membership meetings are noticed (usually by newsletter). Order of business is established with a set meeting agenda.

Fourteenth: Other meetings are discussed. These include special meetings, committee meetings, an "annual" meeting (usually in April), and election meetings. It is also pointed out that Board of Directors members may attend any meeting held by the club.

Fifteenth: Last, but not least, the bylaws provide for the disbanding of the Club. All assets are to be liquidated and debts paid. Any surplus will be sent to the Michigan Friends of the NRA, or a similar organization.



Lake Michigan Chapter Membership Information

Interested in joining? [e-mail Bob Linderman](mailto:Bob.Linderman@yaho.com) rwlinderman@yahoo.com or call him at 269-637-0534.

SWAP MEET

Last call! I think there are about four of us who would like to have a table. I suspect that isn't enough. Call now, if you want to change this. Dan is in Mexico, I wonder if his cell phone works down there?

We have 16 six foot tables at \$10 each. And 6 four foot tables at \$5 each. The items should be related to fishing, hunting, shooting, reloading, etc.

Call Dan Hosier at 637-1718, or his cell phone 269-214-6727.

WEB SITE

The club is looking into a paid web site. If we pay for it, we can advertise. It is expected to make money for us. I'd like to stay with Netfirms, but they are little pricey at \$120 per year. Dan has one that will only charge \$60. Any thoughts?

<NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 10, 7PM>

KIND WORDS

[Congratulations] On your 90 years! I read it on the MCRGO website. I have fond memories of shooting Smallbore rifle matches there in the 1980's.

Dan Eddington VP,
Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club

What a great newsletter you publish every month for the SHRGC. Sounds like you folks have an active, progressive group running the show there. I like the idea of having a swap meet, posting BOD numbers by the phone, and injury wavers. I look forward to seeing your updates to your bylaws, we at Fennville Rod and Gun need to do the same thing. By the way, we do print your newsletter and post it at FRGC for our members to read. I hope to make it over some Sunday soon to shoot a little trap. Keep up the good works.

Mitch Mills, BOD,
Fennville Rod and Gun Club

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The club decided to renew our Federal Firearms License at the last meeting.

BUILDING EXPANSION

Scott Vincent (637-7958) is forming a committee to investigate expanding the club building. Any volunteers?

Club Calendar for April 2006

New items on the Calendar are usually covered elsewhere in the newsletter.

2	3	4	5 Action Pistol	6 Action Pistol	7	8
9	10 Meeting 7:00	11	12 Action Pistol	13 Action Pistol	14	15
16	17 4H	18 Pistol	19 Pheasants Forever	20 Action Pistol	21	22
23	24 4H	25 Pistol	26 Trap	27 Club Night AP	28	29 CPL Class
30 CPL Class	1	2 Pistol	3 Trap	4 Action Pistol	5	6

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Detach, or don't, and return to the Club, or any officer, with the appropriate remittance.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ SPORTING INTEREST _____

e-mail _____ NRA # _____ (or an application)

Dues enclosed \$50.00

Next Meeting – April 10, 2005 7:00 PM

Gun Show – Grand Rapids – Delta Plex – April 22-23

Gun Show – Kalamazoo – Fairgrounds – April 29-30

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