

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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2006

The Club elected some new officers for 2006. New were: President Vern Hosier, Vice President Carl Leadingham, and Secretary Emily Jacobs. The club liked these folks so well that they were re-elected for 2007. The Boy Scouts used the Club again this year for their Klondike. A couple of 4H groups used the club facilities. The Club re-affiliated with Michigan United Conservation Clubs. We adopted new bylaws and printed up new handbooks. We discovered that this was the 90th year of the Club's existence too late for a proper celebration. But now we know that we have a little over 9 years to prepare for our 100th birthday. The club has a new website that will allow us to incorporate paid advertising. And more importantly, does not severely limit the size of files on the site, so that large pictures, or handbooks may be included. This year saw some new things in hunter safety. You can now study for a hunter safety test on the Internet. Our first class had only a handful of students. The second had 45, but only 39 were successful. Testing is much more thorough. The Youth Sportsfest Camp recovered a little from the 2005 rainout. We had over 20 participants. The Annual Banquet continues to grow. For 2007 we think we will have enough turnout to have a varied menu -- not everyone likes prime rib. Some things didn't go so well. Action pistol dropped back to one night per week. We made zero progress on the dirt problem, primarily due to stonewalling by the DEQ. We couldn't find a timber harvester interested in the trees until late in the year. As a consequence, we lost another year of sporting clays. We had trap machine broken spring problems. It might be a warning to start thinking about rebuilding or replacing. Rifle Sight-In day was poorly attended. The 3-gun shoot was not developed this year. We will try again in 2007. The Club picnic was about the same. On the bright side, our favorite legislators, and fellow members, Tonya Schuitmaker and Fulton Sheen were re-elected. Ought six was not a bad year.

DUES

OK, we sent out too many envelopes this year. The list of banquet attendees, as sent to the Secretary, was not complete so a number of unnecessary envelopes were sent. Please accept our apologies, and do not send in extra money. Because, if you do, you will only encourage us to send you extra envelopes again next year. ☺

2nd ANNUAL SWAP MEET/GUN SHOW

Saturday--January 13th 2007--9am -2 pm.

Free Admission!

Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club 7533 N. Sprinkle Rd.

Handgun's, Shotguns, Rifles Hunting, Fishing, Archery, Ammo, etc.

Dealer tables are \$10.00 each. Set-up Friday Jan 12th 6- 8 pm. and Saturday. Jan 13th. 7am - 8:30 am. Sporting goods only please. Call Steve to reserve a table 269-381-7841. Tables are limited. No early sales. Food served @ the club

Fingerprinting bill signed into law

Sheen bill eliminates needless renewal steps

Legislation to eliminate needless steps in the license renewal process to carry a concealed pistol was signed into law yesterday [December 20], announced the bill's sponsor, state Rep. Fulton Sheen.

Currently, in order to receive a license to carry a concealed pistol (CPL), applicants undergo a thorough background check by providing fingerprints every time they renew a license. Public Act 456 eliminates the requirement to submit a new fingerprint every time a CPL is renewed. Fingerprints will be stored electronically by the Michigan State Police's new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), which means that the next time an applicant renews will be the last time that they are required to submit fingerprints.

"I am very pleased we were able to work to put into law this common sense legislation that will use new technology to save time and resources for Michigan citizens as well as law enforcement agents," said Sheen, R-Plainwell. "PA 456 allows law enforcement agencies to fully utilize emerging AFIS technology while still maintaining the same degree of scrutiny, only now more efficiently. This law was requested by the state police, who are working diligently to store all fingerprints digitally."

Sheen said because of the new technology of the AFIS system, MSP can immediately identify when a CPL holder commits a crime due to instant electronic fingerprint comparison. To ensure the safety and reliability of the system, those with a CPL must still reapply for the permit every five years, though under PA 456, they will not have to resubmit fingerprints. MSP will also be able to use the renewal fees to maintain and update their new equipment, rather than pay the cost of physically obtaining the fingerprints.

NEXT MEETING **January 8, 2007**

The next meeting we need to be planning the events for the coming year. The most urgent of which will be the Super Bowl party, which takes hardly any planning, but does need some party animals.

Try to make it to the meeting. And remember, every time you attend a meeting you get a chance to win a membership renewal for a year.



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.

ATTABOYS

We need to give a big attaboy to Hal Cousins. He needed some fluorescent lamps and bought some extras for the club. Thanks, Hal. Some of us can use all the light we can get.

Also thanks to Earl Akehurst and Paul Bruce for repairing the frames that support the knock down targets for the indoor range.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Just a quick reminder that the Saturday youth schedules are for every **other** week. Transfer the information from the calendar, at the end of the newsletter, to your home calendar if you have trouble remembering. Also archery starts at 10:00 AM. Rifle starts at 1:00 PM. I got the starting times right this year. Honest! Trust me. ☺

MICHIANA ARCHERY

The next Michiana archery tournaments to be held at the South Haven Rod & Gun Club will be on January 27 and March 3. As always, if you need more information call Dave Overhiser at 637-5005.

TARGETS

Ours is a nice club. You may have a key to come out to shoot when the range is free.

However, we ask that the casual shooter bring his own targets, or drop some money in the black box to help pay for ones used.

The silhouette type targets are used for action pistol. They are fairly expensive as targets go. On action pistol night, each shooter pays \$3 to pay for targets. If you use these at other times, please drop \$3 or so in the slot in the box.

[The big target frames on wheels are for archery targets and must not be used for bullets. They cost hundreds of dollars, and are ruined by bullets.]

The larger pieces of cardboard mounted on movable bases are usually barriers and other props used for action pistol. They are not intended to be targets. There are other frames used to mount knock down targets. The bottom line is that everything you find at the club is not a target. If you don't know the purpose of something, please don't shoot it.

Some time ago a member brought out a lot of cardboard squares for use as targets. They are white and can be marked with felt pens or have paste-on targets stuck upon them. Hang them on the rope at the back of the range and shoot them. That is what they are there for.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

After Trap & Breakfast, we plan to clean, repair, and/or remodel the kitchen. Some time in April.

THERMOSTATS

There is always someone who does not like the temperature. This is human nature and the cause of thermostat wars. At the club, we have installed an automatic thermostat to protect the facility from these people. The thermostat reverts back to pre-set level after a few hours. Feel free to turn the thermostat up if you find the range too cool. However, if you are shooting, and have the fans on, please do not do this. The furnace can't heat the whole township.

Do not understand thermostats? Please turn up the thermostat only to the temperature you would like. A furnace is an on/off device. Turning the thermostat up to 100 degrees, or more, will not heat the area any faster.

Finally, do not turn the thermostat off. If you have to ask why, turn in your key.

TRAP & BREAKFAST

January 7 is the first day of Trap & Breakfast. This may be our first winter without snow. Bring your shotgun. If you don't, it may rust shut. Please note that T&B will probably run through the last Sunday in March. Daylight savings time comes a couple of weeks early this year. Fred Upton thought it would be a good way to conserve energy. I suspect that Fred's name will be used a lot when folks find out that their VCRs, Computers, TVs and other timers are all screwed up for a couple of weeks in March. Way to go Fred!

WINTER SCHEDULE

Sunday – Trap and Breakfast 9:00 AM

Monday – Meeting night/4H 7:00 PM

Tuesday – Target Pistol 6:00 PM

Wednesday – Action Pistol 7:00 PM

Thursday – Archery 6:00 PM

Saturday – Youth Archery 10:00 AM

– Youth Rifle 1:00 PM

Club Calendar for January 2007

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

31	1	2 Pistol 6:00	3 Action Pistol 7pm	4 Archery 6:00	5	6 Y. Archery Y.Rifle
7 Trap & Breakfast	8 Meeting 7:00	9 Pistol 6:00	10 Action Pistol 7pm	11 Archery 6:00	12	13 KRGC Swap Meet
14 Trap & Breakfast	15 4H	16 Pistol 6:00	17 Action Pistol 7pm	18 Archery 6:00	19	20 Y. Archery Y.Rifle
21 Trap & Breakfast	22 4H	23 Pistol 6:00	24 Action Pistol 7PM	25 Archery Club Night	26	27 Michiana Archery
28 Trap & Breakfast	29 4H	30 Pistol 6:00	31 Action Pistol 7pm	1 Archery 6:00	2	3 Y. Archery Y.Rifle

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 – January 8, 2007 7:00 PM
Gun Show – Grand Rapids Delta Plex – January 20-21

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