



# THE CLEANING RAG

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## New Lock!

Well if you have been to the club lately you will notice a little work around the door. There is now a little box outside by the door and the hardware for it all just inside the door. Part of the install was a little infrastructure, we had to provide electrical and a network connection to the computer to get the new door lock working. Well it is installed and tested now we have to wait for the cards. Currently we

have about 50 available with another 100 on order. We will start issuing them starting in March. Cost for the new door lock card is \$10. They will be available at the monthly meeting and at Sunday Breakfast.

The "Key Lock" will be changed out most likely at the end of April. So if you would like to have access to the club after April get your card soon.

## Smallbore Rifle (.22lr) Sundays

It seems we have a new activity at the Club. People are swarming out on Sunday Afternoon to try a steady hand and a sharp eye to do some target shooting.

Some are showing up with high dollar .22's and others are just bringing there favorite squirrel shooter. But no matter what they bring they are having fun.

Dave O. commented on one set of targets. Something about flies, mosquitoes, and bees...sounds like some small targets to me.

Most of the shooting is

bench rest style but they do have a sporter class.

Oh yeah with them small targets they are using scopes.

So if you are not doing anything on a Sunday Afternoon grab your favorite .22, a box of bullets and come on out to see if you can do your best at swatting a few flies.

The other thing I recently found out was this new activity is also generating a lot of traffic in the middle of the week. Some of the Sunday Shooters are busy fine tuning their rifles

and their skills before trying to out shoot other members on Sunday. The middle of the week tune up bunch has also been recruiting a few more shooters for Sundays.

Sounds like this activity is all the buzz around the Club these days.

From what I have found out most people are shooting some tuned up machines but there are people shooting that favorite plinker and holding their own against the die hards'. Doesn't really matter much as it's all for the fun of it.



## Spring is just around the corner?

### Items for the next Meeting:

- Winter / Spring Schedule
- Building Repairs
- New Members
- Fishing Report

March is here and so is the feeling of Spring! A few warm days and we can not wait to get out and do some shooting. But let's remember with Spring comes flooding. This means

water on the range and a clean up to follow. So keep your eye on the newsletter and website for a Spring clean-up work party at the club. In the mean time re-

member that it is not safe to shoot over water. A bullet glancing off water can ricochet off the range. So let's wait till the water is gone before using the range

## MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Target Pistol Night	2 AP Night Defensive Scenarios	3 <i>Target</i> <i>Archery</i>	4	5 <i>Youth Archery</i> <i>10am</i> <i>Youth rifle</i> <i>1pm</i>
6 Breakfast 9am Trap 10am-12pm Smallbore Rifle 1pm	7	8 Target Pistol Night	9 AP Night .22 Rimfire Reactive Target	10 <i>Target</i> <i>Archery</i>	11 Club Night	12
13 Breakfast 9am Trap 10am-12pm	14 <i>Meeting 7pm</i>	15 Target Pistol Night	16 AP Night Defensive Scenarios	17 <i>Target</i> <i>Archery</i>	18	19 <i>Youth Archery</i> <i>10am</i> <i>Youth rifle</i> <i>1pm</i>
20 Breakfast 9am Trap 10am-12pm Smallbore Rifle 1pm	21	22 Target Pistol Night	23 AP Night .22 Rimfire Reactive Target	24 Club Night <i>Target</i> <i>Archery</i>	25	26
27 Breakfast 9am Trap 10am-12pm	28	29th Target Pistol Night	30th AP Night Defensive Scenarios	31st		

## Fishing Report!!

Well if you have not heard the cry let me do a Paul Revere. "The Carp are coming! The Carp are coming!" Yes the Asian Carp are on their way. They are just south of Chicago and may already be in Lake Michigan! Check the various news sources. Some biologists feel that this invasive species is already in the Great Lakes. Others feel that they are not in the Lake yet because of the work the Federal Government has done with the electric fence project.

If this dreaded fish gets to Lake Michigan you can forget about Salmon and Trout fishing! The Asian Carp takes over the waters it lives in by eating every thing in sight, starving out the other fish.

I once attended a lecture by the "Father of Salmon" for the Great Lakes. He had a very simple plan to keep this menace out of the Great Lakes. It was dirt, that simple "dirt"! Fill the locks & canal in the Chicago River that connect it to the Mississippi River. And as long as we are at it do the same to the Saint Lawrence Seaway. The idea is so simple, plug all the Man-Made connections to the Great Lakes and the invasive species has no way to get here.

By the way—The Feds have cut some of the funding to block this fish! Call your Congressman and Senators!

### APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Target Pistol Night	6 AP Night .22 Rimfire Reactive Target	7 Target Archery	8 Club Night	9
10 50 yard Small bore Weather permit?	11 Meeting 7pm	12 Target Pistol Night	13 AP Night Defensive Scenarios	14 Target Archery	15	16
17 Smallbore Rifle 1pm	18	19 Target Pistol Night	20 AP Night .22 Rimfire Reactive Target	21 Target Archery	22	23
24 Egg Shoot 1PM Weather permit?	25	26 Target Pistol Night	27 AP Night Defensive Scenarios	28 Club Night Target Archery	29 Hunter Safety 6pm—9pm	30 & May 1 Hunter Safety 9am—3:30pm

## Spring is in the Air

Well Spring is just around the corner and hopefully no more snow (it's Michigan and it is not the end of April yet) but with Spring coming we will need to look at a few things that will need to be done around the Club.

With Spring so near here is a friendly reminder that as the frost comes out of the ground the top few inches of the yard is soft and vehicles tend to sink in soft grass, just ask the guy that park next to the building it seems we have a new hole to fill this spring.

First the Outdoor Ranges will need to be put back in place. It seems the high water from Spring thaws likes to move things on us. So these will need t be put back.

There is talk of cleaning out the indoor bullet traps again. The last time this was done had to be about 3 –4 years ago. It took one person with a little help about a week to do this job, and a couple of yards of sand.

It has also been over 5 years since the indoor range floor has been

scrubbed and sealed. This normally shuts down the indoor range for about 3 days as the sealer has to dry. So with activities moving more outdoors it should be a good time to do this task.

This is just the start of the Spring clean up / work list that needs to be done around the Club.

So Come on out to the next meeting and voice your enthusiasm or concerns or just plain volunteer your time to get a few of the Spring Things done.

## Lighter Side

Choosing a wife

A man wanted to get married. He was having trouble choosing among three likely candidates. He gives each woman a present of \$5,000 and watches to see what they do with the money.

The first does a total makeover. She goes to a fancy beauty salon, gets her hair done, new makeup; buys several new outfits and dresses up very nicely for the man. She tells him that' she has done this to be more attractive for him because she loves him so much.

The man was impressed.

The second goes shopping to buy

the man gifts. She gets him a new set of golf clubs, some new gizmos for his computer, and some expensive clothes. As she presents these gifts, she tells him that she has spent all the money on him because she loves him so much.

Again, the man is impressed.

The third invests the money in the stock market. She earns several times the \$5,000. She gives him back his \$5,000 and reinvests the remainder in a joint account. She tells him that she wants to save for their future because she loves him so much.

Obviously, the man was impressed.

The man thought for a longtime about what each woman had done with the money he'd given her.

Then he married the one with the biggest boobs.

Men are like that, you know.

And on another note!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research.

This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

OK, not news but still funny!

## Action Pistol Wednesdays

Just a reminder to review the Calendar for what is happening on Wednesdays. Action Pistol has two types of shooting. Defensive Scenarios and Reactive Targets. For Defensive Scenarios bring your carry gun and your big bullets. When it comes to those Reactive Targets only bring .22 cal handguns and only SOLID TIP AMMO!!!! The reactive targets are expensive! Hollow tip ammo (yes even them small .22's) cut the targets to shreds, meaning they do not last as long and cost YOU (members) more \$\$\$\$. So come out and have some fun on Wednesdays.

## News Flash: Every thing on the Internet is true!!

BLACK ROBBERS (A True Story (it came from the Internet, so it has to be true)) This has to be one of the best emails I've ever read...

For anyone who didn't see the episode of David Letterman's show where this story was told, read this: (And remember it's a true story...)

On a recent weekend in Atlantic City, a woman won a bucketful of quarters at a slot machine. She took a break from the slots for dinner with her husband in the hotel dining room. But first she wanted to stash the quarters in her room. 'I'll be right back and we'll go to eat' she told her husband and carried the coin-laden bucket to the elevator.

As she was about to walk into the elevator she noticed two men already aboard. Both were black. One of them was very tall and had an intimidating figure. The woman froze. Her first thought was: 'These two are going to rob me.'

Her next thought was: 'Don't be a bigot, they look like perfectly nice gentlemen. 'But racial stereotypes are powerful, and fear immobilized her. Avoiding eye contact, she turned around stiffly and faced the elevator doors as they closed.

A second passed, and then another second, and then another. Her fear increased! The elevator didn't move. Panic consumed her. 'My God' she thought, I'm trapped and about to be robbed!

Her heart plummeted. Perspiration poured from every pore. Then one of the men said, 'Hit the floor.'

Instinct told her to do what they told her. The bucket of quarters flew upwards as she threw out her arms and collapsed on the elevator floor. A shower of coins rained down on her.

'Take my money and spare me',

she prayed.

More seconds passed. She heard one of the men say politely, 'Ma'am, if you'll just tell us what floor you're going to, we'll push the button.'

The one who said it had a little trouble getting the words out. He was trying mightily to hold in a belly laugh. The woman lifted her head and looked up at the two men. They reached down to help her up.

Confused, she struggled to her feet. 'When I told my friend here to hit the floor,' said the average sized one, I meant that he should hit the elevator button for our floor. I didn't mean for you to hit the floor, ma'am.

He spoke genially. He bit his lip. It was obvious he was having a hard time not laughing. The woman thought: 'My God, what a spectacle I've made of myself.'

She was too humiliated to speak. The three of them gathered up the strewn quarters and refilled her bucket.

When the elevator arrived at her floor they then insisted on walking her to her room. She seemed a little unsteady on her feet, and they were afraid she might not make it down the corridor.

At her door they bid her a good evening. As she slipped into her room she could hear them roaring with laughter as they walked back to the elevator. The woman brushed herself off. She pulled herself together and went downstairs for dinner with her husband.

The next morning flowers were delivered to her room; a dozen roses. Attached to EACH rose was a crisp one hundred-dollar bill.

The card said: 'Thanks for the best laugh we've had in years.

It was signed: Eddie Murphy & Michael Jordan

So it came from the Internet it has to be true, RIGHT?

Well a quick search found that this story has been around for decades first starting with Reggie Jackson and now with Eddie & Michael. So why have this in the newsletter. Well it is a cute story. Second, how many times have you gotten an email or heard someone spewing facts that just does not sound right (but impressive).

There are several emails floating around about Gun Facts. A little work on one's part you can determine if it is true, a bit true, or just made up information. Where do we find the FACTS!

Well that is easy the Internet!!! Ok it is a little funny but yes the same place that gives you the stories also can give us the truth. But do your research and us some common sense.

For gun facts and information look at [www.mcrgo.org](http://www.mcrgo.org), [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org), if it is Michigan Law related try [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)

For urban legends look at [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) or [www.urbanlegendsonline.com](http://www.urbanlegendsonline.com).

Another good source is to use the search engines—Google it or Yahoo! It or Bing it. Search engines can bring you closer to the information faster.

But remember use some common sense when looking at all the Internet has to offer.

OK for the non-internet people, read it in the papers or watch the news because everything in the papers and on the TV is true Right!

They just can't put anything on TV or in the paper....Right?

**The Rod**—Now the question comes up every now and then! Where did the Rod go in the Rod & Gun Club? That's a good question. Back in the day there used to be Fishing tournaments, Fish Fry Fridays, fishing reports in the local newspaper. Hmmm did we lose the Fisherman & woman? I don't think so but it seems that more events are easier to schedule for the gun part of the Club. Maybe a few of our Fisherman Members should try and organize an event or two for the Rod people!!!

We have been adding rods to the banquet prizes so maybe it's time we put them to use???

**Bees nests**—Poke with sticks or throw rocks???

Well some people prefer to throw rocks from a distance, see what comes out of the nest and prepare to run if things get bad. While I am more of the attitude the it is best to poke it with a big stick, then stick around to use the stick on what comes out. What does this have to do with the Club. Well it is called participation. Not just showing up for Breakfast, shooting events and/or parties. This means participating in growing the Club.

Rock throws tend to show up on occasions toss a rock or

two then disappear for months or years. Other rock throwers will even pick the rocks up and toss them about to see what they can stir up, sometimes for personal gain.

To steal from JFK—It's not what your Club can do for you, but what you can do for your Club!!!

Our Club has a very diverse group of individuals. They all have talents that could benefit the club. We need a few planners, a few chiefs, and even a few Indians as the saying goes.

So it comes down to what type of person are YOU? A rock thrower or a stick carrier. I would say bring your sticks to the next meeting and beat the nest to see what comes out then be prepared to beat it!

**Money**—OK we keep harping about money. But here goes again. The Club is not rich, we do not have \$\$\$\$ sitting in the bank, we have \$ and sometimes \$\$ in the bank but never \$\$\$\$\$\$. This comes up because I heard tell that some one was complaining that our dues are to high. So let's do some ciphering.

\$50 for regulars \$25 for Seniors (police/fireman) per year. That's about 96 cents a week for Regulars and 48 cents per week for others. We have an

indoor range, we have a decent outdoor range and all this for less than a dollar a week. I think some people need to think about this!!

So what do you get for your less than a BUCK a week! OK we do charge for other activities a few dollars for Archery night, a few dollars for Action Pistol Night, a few for the new .22 shooting. But we can not survive on dues alone after all it less then a buck a week!

It costs the club about \$9500 just to maintain the current budget. We need to generate about \$183 a week to do this. We do not have 183 members paying FULL dues, so of course WE have to charge a little for other activates, do fund raisers like the banquet and rummage sale. These things help make up the short fall and pads the bill of the folks that don't even pay 50 cents a week (ha ha).

Next Rant:

Do we really need to ..... and Water, water every where.....

Until next time, be safe and have a nice day!!!!

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