

# SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope your Thanksgiving was cause for giving thanks. Congratulations to Tonya Schuitmaker and Fulton Sheen on their re-elections. Tough news on dove hunting, but not totally unexpected. I hope that Christmas brings more happenings of the pleasant sort. Something a little more substantial than “visions of sugar-plums” dancing in your head. Like a three day weekend with loved ones? A new rod? Bullets? A trip to Cabela’s?

## NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Carl Leadingham has told us that his job makes it very difficult to attend club meetings. He would like us to find a VP that would be in a better position to attend the meetings. Here is your chance to make a difference. If you would like to participate more actively in club affairs, join the leadership team. There is a bonus. Since this is Carl’s idea, there will be no heart wrenching and tearful goodbyes. We won’t have to get a couple of goons to drag him kicking and screaming from the head table. You could be the new kid on the block with out any guilt feelings whatsoever.



## DUES

It is that time of year again. If you find a stamped envelope, with the club’s address on it, in this newsletter, it means that our Secretary thinks you haven’t paid your 2007 dues. If you have already paid, and you still got an envelope, this is quite serious. You now owe the club postage for the stamp you are not going to use, shipping and handling, administrative fees, and ... You know, it might be cheaper to just buy a life membership to make sure this never happens again.

Dues are \$50. As far as I know there is still a \$10 discount on regular dues, if you pay before the February meeting. Senior dues are \$25, as are the dues for police officers and servicemen. Youth dues are cheaper yet.

## **NEXT MEETING**      **December 11, 2006**

The next meeting is our annual election of officers. We weren’t swamped with new candidates in November, so we expect to have the same officers except for Vice President. That position is discussed above. The winter schedule was set in November. (See inside.) We may have word on another timber cutting, if we get with the loggers before the meeting.



## **Lake Michigan Chapter Membership Information**

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

## MUCC RECOGNITION

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs provided this nice plaque:



This recognizes our 90 years of existence. MUCC learned of our anniversary through our MUCC liaison Dick Kriner. Dick presented this on behalf of MUCC at our annual banquet. Thank you MUCC.

## FAMOUS PEOPLE

If you were at the Club's banquet at any time in the last couple of years, you would immediately recognize member Bob Filbrandt as the guy who catered the meals. Well, the word is out. The November 27<sup>th</sup> Herald-Palladium ran an article that included many things Bob does with venison. From several kinds of sausage to different jerky and smoked ham, it sounds like Bob can prepare your specialty venison just about any way you would like it. So before you cut up that deer for stew meat, you might want to talk to Bob. Of course you have to get the deer first. Nice coverage. Congratulations, Bob.

## NEW HANDBOOKS

We have new handbooks available. They will be at the club by the next meeting. They have been updated to reflect the bylaws changes, range rules changes, and a history update. There are enough for everyone, so you don't need to start forming lines six days before the meeting. Or if you are in a rush, the handbook is posted at the new website.

## WINTER SCHEDULE

Some changes were made from last year. We are moving Archery back to Thursday nights. Target Pistol will return to a weekly event on Tuesdays. If there is a need for another night of Action Pistol, it will follow Target Pistol on Tuesday.

New Year's Day is on a Monday this year, so the next weekend will start all of our January activities. Youth Archery will start January 6 (10 am – noon). Youth rifle starts January 6 (1 pm – 4 pm). These will run every other week. That is Jan. 6, 20, Feb. 3, 17, Mar. 3, 17, 31, etc.

Sunday morning Trap and Breakfast starts the following day, January 7. and runs weekly until ? The end point used to be daylight savings time. But it is messed up this year. So we will post the last breakfast warning in a later newsletter.

After January, the winter schedule looks like this:

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  
Friday –  
Saturday – Youth Archery 10:00 AM  
– Youth Rifle 1:00 PM

The current schedule is on the calendar on the last page.

## RIVER HUNT PART II

A couple of years ago I went deer hunting in a canoe on a river. I fell in. Last year I didn't go. So this year I decided to give it another try, as I didn't drown the first time. Although when we got to the river, the water was high. Very high. I thought caution was in order, so I would be careful.

We had a nice trip, saw lots of deer (no decent shots, though), and stayed dry.

At the end, I didn't have a deer but by golly, I was dry. I went down to help my brother haul out his canoe. To do this, there was a clay bank with some steps cut into it part way up. The rest was a damp slope to the river. A damp clay slope. Yup! As soon as I was off that last step, the river was calling my name. My feet shot out in front, and down I went sliding towards the river. I made a non-printable comment about how the river was going to get me yet. And stopped exactly at the waters edge. My nephew says, "That was graceful." Yeah, about as graceful as a turtle sliding on it's back.

I didn't get wet, but the clay was buttered up the back of my newly Scotch-Guarded coat. While others are stowing gear, I'm scraping this goo off my coat that reminds me of some diapers I have scraped.

Well, I suppose it is like falling off a horse. You just have to get back on. I'll probably try it again next year.

## WEB SITE

The web site for the club has been changed. We are no longer updating the old web site. So if your computer pulls up the shooter and the archer, you are still at the Netfirms web site. You need to change it to [www.shrgc.org](http://www.shrgc.org) in order to see the Club handbook. You are at the right place if the link in the upper right corner takes you to the local Pheasants Forever chapter.

## PREVENTING CWD

HB 6245 is a bill that would help properly regulate what is arguably the number one potential pathway for CWD into the state-captive cervid facilities.

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal disease affecting the nervous system of cervids (elk, mule deer, and whitetail deer). Michigan is still a CWD free state, but the disease continues to move into other states near us. It has been found in Wisconsin, New York, West Virginia and Kansas. The disease is readily transported through the movement of captive deer, elk and moose. A recent DNR audit of Michigan's captive cervid facilities revealed numerous serious violations that put the health of Michigan's wild deer and elk herds at risk. Regulations have been drafted into HB 6245.

We need the House to vote on this bill before the end of session.

Call your State Representative...

Tonya Schuitmaker 517-373-0839

Fulton Sheen 517-373-0836

And another tidbit. "Officials from the Michigan Departments of Agriculture (MDA) and Natural Resources (DNR) encourage hunters with a valid hunting license of any type to shoot feral swine (free-ranging wild pigs) in ... Arenac, Bay, Baraga, Clinton, Cheboygan, Gladwin, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Isabella, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Roscommon, and Saginaw counties. ... To help eliminate these pests, the DNR encourages hunters to take any legal opportunity to shoot feral swine."

--from Dick Kriner/MUCC

<I spent Thanksgiving hunting in Cheboygan and didn't see one feral pig. Darn!>

### Club Calendar for December 2006

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

3	4	5 Pistol 6:00	6 Action Pistol 7pm	7 Archery 6:00	8	9
10	11 <b>Meeting 7:00</b>	12 Pistol 6:00	13 Action Pistol 7pm	14 Archery 6:00	15	16
17	18  4H	19 Pistol 6:00	20 Action Pistol 7pm	21 Archery 6:00	22	23
24	25  Christmas	26 Pistol 6:00	27 Action Pistol 7PM	28 Archery Club Night	29	30
31	1 New Years Day	2 Pistol 6:00	3 Action Pistol 7pm	4 Archery 6:00	5	6 <b>Y. Archery Y.Rifle</b>

### 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 –December 11, 2006 7:00 PM**  
**Gun Show – Grand Rapids Delta Plex – December 16-17**

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