

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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2005 REVIEW

Action pistol continued to grow in 2005. In spite of some speed bumps early in the summer (no range captains showed up a couple of times) more folks were showing up to shoot. This is now a year round event. During the winter we shoot Action Pistol two nights per week. - We hosted for the Boy Scouts' Klondike last year. There wasn't much snow, and the rifle range was flooded. So they did a lot of improvising. - MUCC was dropped last year. Shortly after Mr. John Robertson came out to talk to us, we could not get ten members willing to sign up through the club to re-affiliate. This was relayed to MUCC. They started laying some ground work to get us back. - Sporting Clays was not set up this year in anticipation of timber sales. The timber folks never showed up in 2005. - The restriction to conventional handguns no longer applies on the inside range. With the introduction of high velocity .17 caliber ammunition, and large caliber hunting handguns, it requires a little discretion on what you can shoot inside. We found that .17 HMR will crater the backstop, and 500 S&W will dent it. - Women in the Outdoors was a success again last year. It was the best ever. - We held one Hunter Safety Class in 2005. It used new materials and took a significantly longer time to teach than the old course. Twenty four students got their certificates. - The club had a presentation by the Bangor South Haven Heritage Water Trail folks. The river will be opened up along club property. We need to improve our backstops on the outdoor ranges before that happens. – The club picnic was a little bigger than the previous year. This event is slow in catching on. – Youth day was impacted by an early morning thunderstorm. Although the weather cleared by 9 AM and the day was perfect, only 13 kids showed up. It was the lowest turnout we ever had. - The Fun Shoot was not well attended either. The only significant participation was by the National Wild Turkey Federation. We concluded that we need to do a better job in getting the word out. We had some folks show up after it was over, wondering when it was going to be. – The Club's fall banquet was a growing success. As a fund raiser we broke even. As a good time out, and collecting dues early, it was very successful. – Rifle sight-in day had one shooter show up. - It was a mixed bag last year. Not everything went well. We hope for better things in 2006.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The volunteer of the year for 2005 was Scott Vincent. Scott is the driving force behind youth rifle in the winter time. And he's the ramrod for the high power rifle shoots in the summer. He has been the club Vice-President for the last 6 years. Scott has worked rifle shooting for youth day, rifle sight-in day, and participated in the Fun Shoots. Scott is a very active member of the club. Congratulations, Scott, and thanks for all your efforts.

FREE MEMBERSHIP

Drawing of the free membership was won by Dave Aviles. Congratulations , Dave!

NWTF BANQUET

February 16

The National Wild Turkey Federation banquet will be held at the Lawrence Conference Center on February 16. The doors open at 6:00 pm. For tickets call Neil Perry (269-621-4250) or Dick Bodfish (269-637-3976).

As banquets go, they tell me this is one of the better ones. The NWTF was our biggest support at the Fun Shoot last year. Support them if you can.

WILD GAME DINNER

March 25

This will be pot luck. Bring a wild game dish to pass. If you don't have any game, you still have the month of February for hunting squirrels, and February and March for rabbits. ☺

NEXT MEETING February 13 7:00 PM

We expect to have some proposals on the bylaws. We should start thinking about the schedule for the coming year. What are the events and when? We should also hear more details on just what is a 3 gun shoot.

MICHIANA ARCHERY SHOOT

South Haven will host archery February 11, and March 18. Archers take note. Contact Dave Overhiser, 637-5005, for further details.



Lake Michigan Chapter Membership Information

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

DONATIONS

We thank the folks who added a little extra while paying their dues.

Tim Bonge, Brad Carrier, George Carrier, Brian Cosgrove, Brian Dell, Barry Donovan, Bob Gates, Todd Heavin, Tony Maita, John Matthews, Mike Orlikoff, Robert Pirsein, Carol Roe, Richard Shafer, Craig Vanderveer and Marv Winkel. Thanks, friends. It helps.

TRAP & BREAKFAST

It's a good year for shooting. The weather has been nice. The menu has expanded. We have raffled off two guns so far. While this is not a cabin-fever type winter, try a Walt Harry breakfast for a change of pace. It's good for the liver, cures the skizzy wogs, and makes you a generally better person.

CPL CLASS

February 25-26

There will be a class on personal protection suitable for applying for a concealed pistols license. This will be held February 25-26. You should pay in advance. The fee is \$100. You will also need to provide a pistol and ammunition for Sunday, as shooting is part of the instruction. You may sign up Saturdays and Sundays from 9 to 10 am.

SWAP MEET

The club is thinking of holding a swap meet. Would you rent a table to get rid of (sell) some of your old stuff? We have 16 six foot tables at \$10 each. And 6 four foot tables at \$5 each. And, if you have a lot, we have a couple of eight foot tables at \$13 each. The items should be related to fishing, hunting, shooting, reloading, etc. No knick-knacks, clothes, or other typical yard sale stuff. Let us know.

THREE GUN SHOOT

So far the proposed 3 gun shoot will be held outside. It's because of the rifle, if that's not obvious. And it will not start before April or May to allow for flooding. With the snow we have had so far, I wouldn't be worrying about it. Some scenarios may require the use of two different guns, e.g. rifle/pistol or shotgun/pistol. Ranges could reach up to 100 yards. This is still in the planning stages. If you want your 2 cents put in, try to make the next meeting.

A PLUG AT SCHOOL

"Archery will be from 10-noon and rifle from 1-3 at the South Haven Rod and Gun Club on 8th Ave., just west of 68th street, Saturday morning January 21 and then every other Saturday. Cost is \$2.00 for archery and \$3.00 for rifle."

- email from RWLinderman to the district

Thanks, Bob, it's nice to have friends in high places.

FROM MUCC

"Paul

We had the meeting today and I believe that your letter has opened a lot of eyes as to the problem the club's are having.

MUCC John Roberts is to start attending all 20 districts meeting and would hope that any club's that have a problem bring it to the district meeting. I think that your club has got Lansing aware that South Haven exists."

- Furmer Reed, MUCC

I wonder if John Roberts is the same guy that talked to us earlier. **His** name was John Robertson, I thought.

SCOPE RINGS

I ran into Ted Jones while shooting on the range a while back. During the conversation, he gave me a pearl of wisdom. Ted says he never puts good hardware or expensive scopes on guns until he tries them out. If he likes shooting the gun with a scope, then he will put better gear on it. OK, Ted you convinced me. So, I have everything I need but scope rings. Where should I go to get them? I looked at Brownells, but.. well don't even ask. At Midway I found some for \$30 and up. So I went to Cabela's and found some for \$20. Thinking I could do better, I tried an internet search and found some for \$5.97. Neato! And only \$9.37 shipping and handling. ☺

Then, for whatever reason, I caught the sight Amazon.com on the edge of my computer screen. Checking them out I found scope rings for \$6.25, but only \$5.95 shipping and handling. Thinking Ted would approve, I ordered them.

Moral, sometimes you find bargains in unexpected places. When buying gun parts, I suspect very few people look at Amazon.

LAST CALL FOR RENEWALS

The February meeting will be the last opportunity you have to renew your membership for 2006, by paying the reduced fee. After the meeting all dues will revert back to \$50 for regular memberships. Save an eagle, pay now.

And, lest I forget, I did promise to point out that senior dues (for those over 64) are half the regular dues. Junior dues (under 18) are 20% of regular dues. There is no incentive for young whipper-snappers or old geezers. These folks have so much on their minds that they probably wouldn't remember the second Monday in February anyway.

Club Calendar for February 2006

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

29 Trap & Breakfast	30 4H	31	1 Action Pistol	2 Action Pistol	3	4 Youth Bow/Rifle
5 T&B Superbowl	6	7 Pistol	8 Action Pistol	9 Action Pistol	10	11 Michiana Shoot
12 Trap & Breakfast	13 Meeting 7:00	14 Archery	15 Action Pistol	16 NWTF AP	17	18 Youth Bow/Rifle
19 Trap & Breakfast	20 4H	21 Pistol	22 Action Pistol	23 Club Night AP	24	25 CPL Class
26 T&B CPL Class	27 4H	28 Archery	1 Action Pistol	2 Action Pistol	3	4 Youth Bow/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 – February 13, 2005 7:00 PM
Gun Show – Holland – Civic Center – February 11
Gun Show – Grand Rapids – Delta Plex – March 4-5

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