

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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TRAP SET

By the time you read this, trap should be up and running. Dave Wiatrowski and Paul Bruce will be handling Wednesday night trap. Jim Fisher is taking the Sunday morning trap shooting. Wednesday night trap starts at 6:00 pm. We will continue shooting until 9:00 if there are shooters. If not, trap will be over as early as 7:00. The same reasoning applies to Sunday as well. If you don't get there by 11:00 am, it is likely that Jim will have packed his tent and left. When we had lots of folks shooting trap, this was no problem. But today it is unreasonable to expect an unpaid volunteer to sit around for 2-3 hours on the odd chance that someone will show up at quitting time to shoot a round or two.

MUCC TO VISIT

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) wants us back. They have been working to find out what clubs want. MUCC State wide Vice President, Don Meixner will be attending our May 8 meeting. Paul Earl, MUCC Region 3 Vice President may also attend. John Robertson, who spoke to us last year is planning on attending, also. These folks will have researched all the reasons why we should re-affiliate. If you have problems, or concerns with MUCC, this is the meeting to attend.

One of the problems we have re-affiliating with MUCC is the method of payment. Under the 'A' plan, ten of us join through the club and the Club is affiliated. For the past few years, the same ten people paid their MUCC dues whether they wished to be MUCC members or not. Perhaps we ought to have the club pay the MUCC dues for the Board of Directors, and three others to be determined by the board. (There are currently three Life members, for example.) One thing this would do, is provide small reward for serving as an officer? The other thing this would do, is get us past the apathy about joining MUCC, and let us focus on the real reasons, if any, for not re-affiliating. Think about it.

WORK DAY

We were supposed to have a work day to clean up the outside range on April 22-23. The threat of rain must have scared everyone off. No one showed up. As it turned out, this was OK, as the DNR didn't allow any burning that weekend. We really need to burn the brush pile, and burn old target frames and other debris that is littering the grounds. We will try this again, but we need some rain first. Since we cannot predict rain, the clean-up day will be held on short notice. If you would like to help, call Paul Bruce at 637-4127, or send me an e-mail pfbruce1@comcast.net I will call or e-mail as soon as a date is set.

"I just got done looking at all the beautiful people in People magazine and I didn't see myself in there so they must be wrong."
--Walt Harry

BYLAWS

We didn't discuss the bylaws changes at the last meeting. We may at the next. It depends on how the discussions with MUCC go. The changes will not be repeated here. If you have lost your copy, or would like the full 14 pages, please call Paul Bruce at 637-4127, and I will try to get the information to you. The changes are generally straight forward. I just reviewed the new bylaws for the Watervliet Rod & Gun Club, and they are about the same as ours.



Straw

Jim Fisher wanted to know about the straw by the trap range. Here it is in use. In January, when the Boy Scouts were holding their Klondike, they used straw for insulation under their tents. As you can see by the picture, there was no snow. However it was still cold. The wind was rather strong that weekend.

NEXT MEETING

May 8, 7PM

At the next meeting we will have MUCC folks for guests. Time permitting we should discuss the new bylaws changes. We will also need to discuss the swap meet. As in, are we going to have one?



Lake Michigan Chapter Membership Information

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

SWAP MEET

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. No date has been set. If you have a preference, let us know. We do have people interested in coming to it.

WEB SITE

Wow! Thanks for the feed back. I got a few responses on web site providers. It's good to know that there are happy users out there. Because there are sooo many. I can't believe that they are **all** the best.

The big differences that I see are in the help you get. Some providers charge an arm and a leg, they do a lot of set up, debugging, etc. We haven't needed that with the Netfirms freebie, so I think we can use one that only charges from 60¢ per week to \$4 per month.

PRESENTATIONS

At the March meeting, we had a presentation by David B. Goodyear on hearing loss. Some of us found it very informative. We could use some feedback. Would you as a member like to see more of these presentations at the general meetings?

RANGE CHANGES

We moved the target stand up to 25 yards from the pistol benches. Last year, some folks thought it would be OK to shoot on the rifle range while folks were shooting pistol some 100 yards down range (but off to the pistol side). So on the odd chance that this might be a common thought, we decided to move the target frame up. This way both groups can shoot. They still need to coordinate their down range activities. But I would hope that this would be obvious.

The wood we put on the 4x4s is pretty old. It will last longer if targets are hung such that the bulls eyes are located over existing holes. Yeah, I know that if you make Xerox copies of targets, the paper tears unless it has backing. Glue it to cardboard, or have Dan order some real targets for you.

That also applies to the rifle range frames. The frame's target area was not made large enough for you to hang two or four targets. It was made large enough that , **if you put your target in the center**, you would not shoot up the frames with your lousy marksmanship.

Last, but not least, any piece of wood stuck in the ground, whether permanent or temporary, is not a target. Nor should it be used for hanging targets. These things generally support other pieces of wood that are used for holding targets. That is where the targets go. If this is too complex an idea for you, call me, and I'll try to send you a picture.

REASONABLE AMMO

Earl Akehurst is planning a trip to Camp Perry. He can get 30-06 ammunition for about 21¢ per round. Call Earl at 637-5303 if this interests you. For details see: www.ODCMP.org

LIVE AMMO

I think we burned up the rest of the live ammunition that was dumped in the burning barrels. However, we are still finding live rounds on the ground. If we can find out who is doing this, I will personally recommend that we revoke his membership. It doesn't matter whether he is blind, drunk, or inattentive. These types of conditions make him unfit to be handling firearms. We don't want him handling them here.

ADDRESS CHANGES

When you have address changes, please send them to Emily Jacobs at emkjacobs@comcast.net She is the current Secretary of the club. E-mail changes should be sent to Emily also. If you copy me, I will get the newsletter distribution list updated sooner. But, **always** send any of your statistical information to Emily. For those of you who are unconnected, it's:

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Thanks.

HI POWER RIFLE

High power rifle shooting will resume this year. Once again, this will start at 1:00 pm. On the fourth Sunday of the month. If you have suggestions, or conflicts, call Scott Vincent at 637-7958.

Once again, this is a military type shoot from prone, sitting, and offhand positions. Portions of fire are timed, so you need a repeater. Single shot rifles won't be fast enough. It takes about 60 rounds to complete the course.

Club Calendar for May 2006

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

30	1	2	3	4 Action Pistol	5	6
7	8 Meeting 7:00	9	10 Trap	11 Action Pistol	12	13
14	15 4H	16 Pistol	17 Trap	18 Action Pistol	19	20
21	22 4H	23 Pistol	24 Trap	25 Club Night AP	26	27
28 Hi-Power Rifle	29 4H	30 Pistol	31 Trap	1 Action Pistol	2	3

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 – May 8, 2006 7:00 PM

Gun Show – Kalamazoo – Fairgrounds – April 29-30

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