

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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BYLAWS CHANGES

There were no comments on the proposed bylaws changes at the last two meetings. If no further comments are received we will be adopting these changes at the next meeting. Copies are available at the club. A condensed version of the changes was printed in the April newsletter; a smaller version is included inside. Since most of the changes were editorial/common sense, the lack of comments is probably appropriate.

MUCC RE-AFFILIATION

Don Meixner and John Robertson from Michigan United Conservation Clubs came to our last meeting. After some explanations on where MUCC stands today, and the problems they are addressing, the club voted to re-affiliate. However, instead of begging to get ten members to join, the club will pay for ten memberships. The recipients of the subscriptions will be assigned by the board of directors. Some of the expected recipients have stated that they would pay the \$18 back to the club.

The main reason for supporting MUCC is the work they do to keep the state from trying to sell off all the public lands every time the state gets in a financial bind. They also do other things that you may or may not agree with. But in general they are worth supporting.

Dick Kriner volunteered to be the club's MUCC contact. He is very much an advocate of MUCC.

YOUTH SHOOT -- AUGUST 19

Yup! It's only June. But, it isn't too early to start talking up the Youth Shooting Sports Day in August. Last year, if you recall, we had some nasty weather that ended just as the activities began. Because of this, the turnout was poor. We need to get the word out this year. With only thirteen kids shooting last year, word-of-mouth is not likely to get us a lot of kids **this** year. If you have any family or friends from 8 to 18 years of age that may enjoy a day getting acquainted with shooting sports, let them know about the Youth Shoot, August 19. It is free – no admission charges. Adults are welcome to spend the day or any part of it observing.

MOVING DIRT

The Bangor/S. Haven Water Trail folks are making great progress. They are much further along cleaning the river than anyone expected. Because of this, we need to move dirt to improve our backstops and make safety berms. We can't wait to sell trees, or have a ton of fund raisers. When we replaced the roof, we got donations. How about it? Can we raise another \$6000 to keep our shooting ranges? We have the dirt. What we need is equipment and diesel fuel to move. If you are willing to donate, contact Dave Overhiser 637-5005.

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This is a summary of the significant bylaws changes. The proposed changes make for a 14 page collection of bylaws. Many of the changes are cosmetic word changes.

First: Classes of membership are defined. Regular members (age 18-64) and senior members (65 and up) have all rights and privileges of the club. Junior members (17 and under) have no voting rights or key privileges.

Second: Dues have been better described to reflect September discounts. Special rates are defined: seniors 50%, juniors 20%, special members 50%, and life memberships are 20 years of dues.

Third: Failure to renew by the February meeting, results in a dropped membership. This will become significant if the club reaches the 225 member limit.

Fourth: Rights of members are defined.

Fifth: Member privileges are defined. These sections discuss keys, family privileges, guests, event participation, borrowing club property etc.

Sixth: Duties of members are defined. Duties include promoting the founding purposes of the Club, keeping officers informed of matters affecting the Club, report safety violations, theft, vandalism, etc. Responsibilities include attending meetings, participation in activities, and volunteering time or services.

Seventh: A section on obligations was added. Member obligations include paying dues in a timely manner, being members of the NRA, abiding by the bylaws/rules/laws, donate a workday, preserve club property, and being safe.

Eighth: Release of liability added. This includes a yearly re-affirmation at renewal time. Members must assume liability for guests, and parents must sign for junior members.

Ninth: No member of the club is to be paid for performing club functions. No salaries.

Tenth: Officers duties are defined, and include maintaining records and reports concerning membership, finances, facilities, and activities. The President conducts meetings, oversees all operations, and presents a "State of the Club" address. The Vice-President fills in for the President when necessary, and has maintenance responsibilities. The Secretary maintains minutes, is responsible for all correspondence mailings, membership lists and press releases. The Secretary fills in for the President and VP when necessary. The Treasurer maintains financial records, collects dues, and pays bills. The Treasurer provides an annual financial statement. Directors fill vacancies for offices that become vacant at the direction of the Board of Directors.

Eleventh: Officers must be 21 or older, a member in good standing, a resident of the state, and have no felony convictions. Officers should have a hunter safety certificate, a concealed pistol license, attend meetings, and do the job.

Twelfth: Officers are nominated in the fall and elected at the December meeting.

Thirteenth: Meetings are to follow Roberts Rules of Order. Guest speakers appear by invitation. Order of business is established with a set meeting agenda.

Fourteenth: Other meetings include special meetings, committee meetings, an "annual" meeting (usually in April), and election meetings.

Fifteenth: Last, but not least, the bylaws provide for the disbanding of the Club. All assets are to be liquidated and debts paid. Any surplus will be sent to the Michigan Friends of the NRA, or a similar organization.



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.

SURVIVOR

Due to the popularity of the Survivor's shows, Northern Michigan is planning to do its own, titled "Survivor - Michigan Style".

The contestants will start in Traverse City, travel over to Kalkaska and on to Grayling. Then they will head north to Gaylord, Mackinaw City, and Sault Ste Marie. From there they will proceed west to Iron Mountain and Copper Harbor. Then they will go southeast to Escanaba and St Ignace, and the final leg will be back to Traverse City.

Each will be driving a pink Volvo with California License plates and a large bumper sticker that reads, "I'm gay. I'm a Vegetarian. Beer is harmful to your health. Republicans suck. Hillary in 2008. Deer hunting is murder, and I'm here to confiscate your guns."

The first one that makes it back to Traverse City alive wins. Good luck to all contestants!

TRAP SHOOTING

Trap is running again on Wednesday nights. We had a little speed bump a week or two ago. Dave and I thought the weather was too bad for shooting trap. The shooters that showed up, didn't feel that way. Our apologies. It has been a while since we had shooters that show up in questionable weather periods.

SUNDAY TRAP

Jim Fisher says that turnout for Sunday trap has been somewhat light. We have decided to run Sunday trap only on the first and third Sundays of the month. It is unreasonable to expect a volunteer to sit at the club every Sunday just because someone **might** want to shoot some Sunday. If you really want to see Trap available every Sunday, you probably ought to come out and shoot on Sundays. If this is a hardship for you, give Jim a call at 637-5887, or stop by the club on a Sunday around 10:00 am.

RANGE WORK

Dan has done some disking down range from the pistol benches. This will hopefully provide some earth to snag bullets. The existing ground gets pretty hard as it dries out during the summer. Thanks , Dan.

LEGISLATIVE STUFF

The NRA has pointed out a group of bills that need support.

H.R.5092 is a bill to prevent abuses by BATF in implementing the law.

S.2599/H.R.5013 prevents confiscation of guns by the Ray Nagins of this world.

S.1082/H.R.1288 restores gun ownership rights to D.C. citizens.

H.R.4547 requires state recognition of out-of-state Right-to-Carry permits.

H.R.5005 & H.R. 1384 clean up some unnecessary restrictions and remove some errors in the federal firearms laws.

If you contact your lawmakers, please urge them to promote these bills

Club Calendar for June 2006

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

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

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 – June 12, 2006 7:00 PM

Gun Show – Grand Rapids – Delta Plex – June 10-11

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