

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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CLUB PICNIC – JULY 22

The annual club picnic will be held July 22 at the club. There will be pork tenderloins on the grill and fresh sweet corn. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite beverage. You also need to bring paper and plastic (plates and utensils), unless you wish to haul your good china out to the club. ☺



John Arends, Emily Jacobs, and Richie Harsch, some corn huskers from last year.

MOVING DIRT

We have a party interested in moving the dirt. But we need some assurances from the Department of Environmental Quality that they are in agreement with what we wish to do. After our case has been demonstrated to be still active (although way down at the bottom of the pile), not many folks would touch that dirt with a ten foot pole without some concurrence from the DEQ. El Presidente, Vern Hosier thinks he can get what we need from the DEQ with a little help from our legislators. The project is to build better backstops for public safety. It is hard to argue against public safety.

YOUTH SHOOT -- AUGUST 19

Youth Shooting Sports Day is next month. If you know of some 8 to 18 year olds who would like to have an exposure to archery and firearms, tell them about our Youth Shoot. Lunch is provided. Every thing is free, provided as a community service by the Club. Last year we had a very poor turnout because Mother Nature provided us with a thunderstorm that ended precisely at 9:00 AM when the activities were starting. There will be little word-of-mouth advertising by last years shooters. Help us spread the word. Thanks.



Our first group of Youth Shooters (35) in 2001



Lake Michigan Chapter Membership Information

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

BYLAWS CHANGES

The proposed bylaws were approved at the last meeting. They will be effective in September. This gives us time to get them printed up and filed on the web site. You should not see many changes as a result of the new bylaws. The changes mostly add better definitions of benefits, duties and responsibilities.

NEXT MEETING

July 10, 2006

The next meeting we will be planning some of the Youth Day events. We need to plan what we will be offering, and who will be available to help.

We should also look into the question of moving to a paid web site. If we do this, it will be for the purpose of selling advertising. Our current web site already has advertising that is provided by the web host to cover site expenses (and make a profit for the host).

We are still take money for moving dirt. Although we now have someone interested in doing the job, diesel fuel still costs money.

President Vern Hosier will also be asking for a volunteer to head up the Club Banquet committee. He hasn't resorted to begging yet, but he is getting close.

TRAP SHOOTING

We are having some repair problems with our trap machine. We need a special spring made. What we have been doing is adapting readily available springs to the machine. These haven't been working well. But, we will keep patching up the machine until we can fix it right.

Until then, if the machine breaks, we plan on going to the other trap house. This has a manual machine that requires a trap boy to set birds. This is no problem on Wednesdays (because Dave and Paul should normally both be there). Jim may need some help on Sundays. He can't both pull and set birds. He'll need help.

CLUB BANQUET

The Club's Annual Banquet is different from most animal club banquets. It is not our primary fund raiser. However, it does get folks to pay their dues early, which helps out with the winter gas bill.

Our banquet is primarily for the members to get out, eat, have a chance on some raffles, and see some old friends.

The chairman of this event will be responsible for menu and prize selection. He is not responsible for making a million gazillion dollars.

HUNTER SAFETY

The club will teach a Hunter Safety class this summer from July 18 to July 21. The course will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. The course is free, however for those who can afford it, donations up to \$5 will help offset the expenses of new teaching aids. Teaching aids, like films, are not provided by the Michigan DNR for free. Each instructor has to dig up the money for these. The last time we upgraded, we spent over \$300.00 for new films.

ELECTION YEAR

It is an even-numbered year again. We get to pick a governor, and send Fred back, and vote against Debbie. There isn't much in the way of choices except the governor contest. We know about Granholm from the way she has been voting. I think that her voting record alone should get her high marks from the NRA.

Yes, I know she vetoed the "no-helmet" bill. So a true freedom-fighter she is not. But she has not derailed any significant gun legislation that I can recall. I think she signed everything we wanted.

Dick DeVos on the other hand is amazingly silent on firearms, fishing, and hunting. Maybe he thinks he can't compete with Jenny's record. Or, maybe, he is willing to let the voters make assumptions, while he has a different agenda. It will be interesting to see the NRA ratings when they come out.

In the meantime, if anyone knows the DeVos position on firearms, please let me know. I'll pass it on. Thanks.
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RANGE WORK

A few weeks ago Ted Jones, Shelly Waxman, and Paul Bruce cleaned up a lot of shooting debris and torched the old brush pile. It was a fair day's work.

Then later, a bunch of Hosiers went down and did some brushing along the road and other clean up work. They were Dan, Vern (not El Presidente, the other one), Joshua and Jonathon.

Now this might sound like a coordination problem, but we never turn down help. If another group comes out tomorrow, and wants to do some cleanup on the range, they are most welcome.

Most of all guys, thanks for the help. It does look a lot nicer down below. A clean range is a happy range.

Club Calendar for July 2006

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

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

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 – July 10, 2006 7:00 PM

Club Picnic – July 22, 2006 – 12:00 Noon

Gun Show – Grand Rapids – Delta Plex – August 5-6

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