

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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YOUTH SPORTSFEST CAMP – AUGUST 19

The national Rifle Association's Youth Sportsfest camp is being presented by the Club on August 19, 2006. This is for Young people from 8 to 18. activities run form 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. There will be demonstrations and hands on experience with instructors. The Sports include archery, shotgun, muzzleloader and small bore rifles.

Everything is free. The Club furnishes juice and breakfast snacks, lunch, and a camp T-shirt. To guarantee a shirt, shooters are asked to pre-register. To pre-register, or get more information call Earl at 637-5303 or Scott at 637-7958.



Youth Sportsfest 2004, a beautiful day for shooting!



Lake Michigan Chapter Membership Information

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

FUN SHOOT - 2006

South Haven Rod & Gun Club will hold its 8th Annual Wildlife Fun Shoot on Sept. 17th, 2006. Registration starts at 10am with warm-up shooting. Event starts at 11:00am.

This Fun shoot raises money for local Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, & Wild Turkey Federation Groups. This is a Sporting Clays style shoot with a few twists. YES, the BOAT station will be back again this year. You do not have to be a member of these organizations to participate, however shooters are broken into groups representing each organization for the competition. Prizes will be given for High Overall Shooter and top shooter in each Group.

There is also a small raffle. Shooters may purchase additional tickets, but they will be awarded 1 ticket for each clay broken. Some of the shooters may want to plan on purchasing tickets.....

Cost: \$60.00 at the Door , \$50.00 Pre-Registration, Includes a Steak dinner. Non-Participants may purchase a Steak Dinner for \$15.00

To Pre-Register contact Vern at 269-639-8782 or Dan at 269-214-6727 or by email to shrgc@comcast.net

NEXT MEETING August 14, 2006

The next meeting we will be just a few days before the Youth Sportsfest Camp. Last minute volunteers are welcome.

The following month will be the 8th Annual Fun Shoot. We will need a preliminary line up of volunteers for this event. Usually it is possible to both help out and shoot. It depends on the turnout.

Vern is still looking for help on the Banquet Committee. He wants a Chair.

We may have a line on some sand for the bullet traps at the next meeting.

TRAP SHOOTING

After a short Internet course on spring making 101, we got some good springs in the trap machine. This means you can come out and shoot trap without having to volunteer to be a trap boy. The trap machine should be all set for another year.

For backup, Jack Corbett says there is an aftermarket turret that can be installed on our old Winchester machines. He thought the rig was relatively inexpensive. He is checking into it.

CLUB BANQUET – October 21

The Club's Banquet committee is still looking for a chairman. I assume since there is not a big line of folks looking to volunteer, we all think Dan and Vern are doing an excellent job.

HUNTER SAFETY

It was a really light turnout for Hunter safety class. We only had five students. Dan seems to think that nobody wants to spend four days in class. As more folks discover the Internet class, I suspect that our Hunter Safety offerings will be reduced to testing sessions. Maybe this is OK, but my initial reaction is that we shouldn't be messing with a very successful program.

CLUB PICNIC

The Club's annual picnic had the usual turnout. Which means there will be leftovers for the volunteers at the Youth Sportsfest Camp.

The Honorable Tonya Schuitmaker attended this years picnic. Fresh from an amazing string of legislative victories, I hope somebody remembered to thank her. Tonya is definitely a keeper.



Picnickers patiently waiting.

THREE GUN SHOOT

I think we can only stretch Dan so thin. The Three Gun Shoot will have to wait until next year. With a new job, and no relief from other tasks, Dan is finding that some things just can't happen.

MUCC DUES

Dick Kriner would like to remind everyone that joining MUCC through the Club is a large savings.

Normal MUCC dues for folks who do not belong to a club total \$25. If you join through the Club they are \$18. This makes sense when you consider that MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs) was originally set up as an organization of clubs. The other thing you may wish to note is that folks joining later in the year get their dues prorated. Dick should have the information on that.

TREES

It seems we are unable to find anyone interested in our timber. Apparently, they do not want to stage the logs twice before shipping them. However, the club needs the parking lot, so perhaps we won't get a good price for timber this time.

FIRST DOVES THEN DOES

Dick Kriner reports from MUCC that the anti-dove hunting crowd plans to attack bow hunting next. Assuming they are successful with the doves. The bottom line is that once they get one type of hunting stopped they will continue on to another.

Personally I can't imagine dove hunting in Michigan. When I lived in Virginia, large flocks of doves would come down the flyway. The shooting was fast and furious. Here I rarely see more than three doves at a time. I think you really have to work hard for a little bit of meat.

But the important thing is not to step on somebody else's hobby. That is how the anti-hunting crowd divides and conquers.

MUCC has created the Camo Coalition for political activism. You might want to check them out. They are supposed to have a list of organizations to beware of.

DIRT

Nothing is happening with moving dirt yet. It appears the DEQ is avoiding us. Well maybe it is just Larry Pointer. But so far we have not been able to corner these people. I suspect that they are anticipating what we will ask. And since it is not their solution, they are stonewalling.

RANGE WORK

President Vern says he is still working on some sand for the bullet traps in the range. We want to repair the wood at the base and paint the kitchen at the same time. But for now, we need sand.

NEW WEB SITE

We just set up a paid web site. By the time you read this, you should be able to go to www.shrgc.org. And see the web pages without advertising.

Club Calendar for August 2006

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

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

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 –August 14, 2006 7:00 PM

Youth Sportsfest Camp – August 19, 2006 – 12:00 Noon

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