

# SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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## Super Bowl Party

On February 4, 2007 the Bears will play the Colts in Super Bowl XLI. I made the mistake of predicting a lopsided victory for the Bears. I was immediately challenged with \$5 on the Colts. On second thought, considering the way the Bears beat the Seahawks, and the Colts beat the Patriots, this could be a close game. Both teams have the ability to make it happen. The club will be hosting a Super Bowl party that day. It is a BYOB affair. Bring snacks or munchies to share, but not too much. We usually have way too much for the folks who show up. We hope to get a dozen this year.

Dan has a projector and a silver screen that he uses for hunter safety classes. The view is nice. It would be ideal for a typical half time show. But somewhere in the course of the last 40 Super Bowls, the audio/visual treat of watching precision formations formed by talented marching bands was replaced by the electronically augmented croakings of yesterday's rock stars. The influence of television, I suppose. Yet even if the game turns into a rout, and the half time show sucks, the new commercials are usually fun to watch. And if watching football is not your favorite pastime, you may find a few folks willing to play some card games -- like poker.

## FROM MCRGO

FACT: Police response time. Percent distribution of incidents where police came to the victim, by police response time and type of crime. source: U.S. Dept of Justice, 2005. (see table below)

Response Time	Within 5 min	6-10 min	11 min to 1 hour	Within 1 day	Longer than 1 day	Length of time unknown
Crimes of violence	28.9%	27.9%	34.0%	3.8%	1.9%	3.6%
Robbery	29.4%	24.0%	31.2%	4.0%	5.0%	6.4%
Aggravated assault	30.5%	29.7%	34.8%	3.5%	0.0%	1.6%
Simple assault	26.9%	29.0%	34.8%	3.7%	1.7%	3.9%
Property crimes	10.0%	18.2%	48.7%	15.0%	1.6%	6.4%
Household burglary	8.5%	20.9%	51.7%	12.5%	0.8%	5.6%
Motor vehicle theft	7.9%	21.7%	43.7%	19.6%	0.5%	6.7%
Theft	11.3%	15.9%	48.0%	15.5%	2.3%	6.9%

No comment necessary – ed.

## **NEXT MEETING**      **February 12, 2007**

The next meeting we need to be planning the events for the coming year. And looking for volunteers for things both new and old.



### **Lake Michigan Chapter Membership Information**

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

### **PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET**

The local chapter banquet of Pheasants Forever will be held on March 14th of this year — that is not far away! This will be the 22nd Annual Lake Michigan Chapter Banquet. It will still be at Lakeside Entertainment in South Haven.

### **NWTF BANQUET**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet for the National Wild Turkey Federation will be held February 15, 2007 at the Lawrence Conference Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Contact Neil Perry (269-621-4250) for further information. Please note that the Turkeys were the only organization that supported our Fun Shoot last year. If you can only attend one banquet this year, I would suggest you make it this one.

### **MICHIANA ARCHERY**

The next Michiana archery tournament to be held at the South Haven Rod & Gun Club will be on March 3. As always, if you need more information call Dave Overhiser at 637-5005.

## **SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

My calendar shows that we have a very full day on Saturday March 3. Youth Archery in the morning, followed by Youth Rifle in the afternoon, followed by the Michiana Tournament in the evening. Now would be a good time to remind the users of the club that cleaning up after your activities makes it easier for the next guy. Whenever you use the club, pretend it is a day like March 3. The next group will appreciate it.

### **TRAP & BREAKFAST**

Turnout seems to be going well for Trap and Breakfast. We have the usual gun raffle. The last one was a combo gun. A single shot with interchangeable barrels. One each of .22 long rifle, 20 gage, and .243 center fire.

Winter will be half over by the time you read this. If you haven't made it out by now, you owe it to yourself, just to halt your impending case of cabin fever. Act now, while there is still time. ☺

### **WEB SITE**

Our new web site has been up for a while. It seems to be doing well. We have added links to Pheasants Forever and the Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club. It is time to start seeking paid advertisements. I envision these as links similar to the ones mentioned above. If you know of anyone interested in a paid link on our web site, have them contact Paul Bruce 637-4127 or [email me](mailto:Paul.Bruce@kalamazoo-rod-and-gun-club.com) at the address at the beginning of the newsletter.

### **DUES**

Remember that February 12 is the last day to get your membership renewed at a discount. Do it now. After the meeting, renewal will be \$50.00.

## **BATF INSPECTION**

We have been advised by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms that we will be receiving a compliance inspection soon. We had one of these a few years ago. As I recall it was no big deal. I can't imagine too many gun clubs involved in illegal gun running. Perhaps things are slow at the BATF.

## **TRAP MACHINE**

Apparently our trap machine is in need of repair, maintenance, a good cleaning, or all three. We had a offer some time ago from someone who would refurbish our machine. We may need to investigate this if there are no members who can tackle the job, and have the time to do so.

An alternative is to consider a new machine. The last I checked, a new Promatic would cost about \$2300. Since trap is one of the few shooting activities that brings significant amount of revenue, perhaps we ought to invest some money to keep it that way.

A third alternative is to return to the use of the old Winchester machine, and manually load birds. Though, I don't think many would want to hand set birds in the winter time.

## **MUCC**

It seems we had a bit of a mix up on our way to re-affiliating with Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC). We didn't get our paper work in, and so our joining is a tad late. This has been rectified and I believe the check actually is "in the mail."

Dick Kriner is our MUCC representative. He is in the sunny south right now, but we anticipate having this all ironed out by the time he gets back. I hope so. Otherwise he may have to "take us to task." I'm not sure what that means, but I'll bet it isn't a trip to the Dairy Queen for ice cream.

## **DEALS THAT AREN'T**

Bass Pro Shops Online had a deal that appeared to be made for rod & gun clubs. All we had to do is put a link to Bass Pro on our web site. Then when anyone visiting our web site linked to them, we would receive a commission if they bought anything. After some investigation, it turns out there is a "middle man" called Commission Junction (CJ). In the fine print, it appears that CJ expects to make money all the time. If we haven't generated enough sales to meet CJ's requirements, they will charge us an unspecified amount (and compound it at 1.5% interest) until we either pay them or have enough sales through our web site link to pay off this unknown amount.

I questioned the folks at Bass Pro about this, and they referred my question to CJ. The deafening silence so far tells me I am reading it right. Signing up for this deal is essentially giving CJ a blank check.

Sometimes you are the bug, and sometimes the windshield. But if you are a bug, it is best not to play on the highway.

## **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

We have been getting more folks writing to say that getting the newsletter at our web site is fine, and to stop sending it by mail. We are doing that, but it may not happen immediately. We still use the newsletter to send out the stamped self addressed envelopes in December, and the membership cards at other times.

You should also realize that the editor of the newsletter and the secretary are two different people. So requests to drop the hard copy newsletter to me are forwarded to Emily Jacobs to save the stamp. Requests sent to Emily are forwarded to me so that I can add your email address to the distribution list. To send to either or both use the following links: [Paul Bruce](#)  
[Emily Jacobs](#)

### Club Calendar for February 2007

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

28 Trap & Breakfast	29 4H	30 Pistol 6:00	31 Action Pistol 7pm	1 Archery 6:00	2	3 Y. Archery Y.Rifle
4 T & B Superbowl	5	6 Pistol 6:00	7 Action Pistol 7pm	8 Archery 6:00	9	10
11 Trap & Breakfast	12 Meeting 7:00	13 Pistol 6:00	14 Action Pistol 7pm	15 Archery 6:00	16	17 Y. Archery Y.Rifle
18 Trap & Breakfast	19 4H	20 Pistol 6:00	21 Action Pistol 7PM	22 Archery Club Night	23	24
25 Trap & Breakfast	26 4H	27 Pistol 6:00	28 Action Pistol 7pm	1 Archery 6:00	2	3 Michiana Archery

#### 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 12, 2007 7:00 PM**  
**Gun Show – Kalamazoo Fairgrounds – February 17-18**  
**Gun Show – Grand Rapids Delta Plex – March 3-4**

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