

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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SCHEDULE CHANGES

Spring is here and the winter schedules have ended. In past years we have moved Action Pistol to Thursday nights to accommodate the return of trap on Wednesday night. This year we are trying something different. Tuesday night will be pistol night, and the type of shooting will depend on who shows up, and what they wish to shoot. Trap and Breakfast has finished, but 10:00 Sunday Trap returns. The schedule looks like this:

Sunday 10:00 AM Trap
2nd Monday 7:00 Meeting / 3rd, 4th, 5th Monday 7:30 4h
Tuesday Pistol
Wednesday 6:00 PM Trap
Thursday-Friday-Saturday Open

RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS

We are anticipating the need for range safety officers. There is a class being offered in Muskegon on June 9, but we anticipate that Dan Hosier will be certified as an instructor by the end of summer. Then we can get this training locally. The goal will be to have all the folks who run the various shooting events trained as range safety officers. It is anticipated that the course materials will cost approximately \$30.

NEXT MEETING

April 9, 2007

The next meeting will be the club's first annual report. The kitchen clean up should be underway. We also need to be looking at the outside ranges and what cleanup we need there. I hope by the time you read this that the water is down.



Lake Michigan Chapter Membership Information

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

THANK YOU

The South Haven Jay Dees 4H group donated some money to help off set expenses. We thank you very much. Although we had a mostly mild winter, the cold in February certainly reminded us that we live in Michigan. Any help towards the heating bill is greatly appreciated.

CCW CLASSES

For those folks who would like the training for a permit to carry concealed pistols, there are a couple of classes coming up. April 28-29 and May 26-27 are currently scheduled. The one at the end of March was already full. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, contact Dan at 269-214-6727.

SPECIAL DAYS

This year's special events:

Club Picnic – July 21
 Youth Sportsfest – August 18
 Fun Shoot – September 16

HIGH POWER RIFLE

High power rifle shooting is expected to resume on April 22, if the water is down by then. As you may recall this event happens on the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. You need a repeating rifle and about 60 rounds of ammo. Call Scott Vincent (637-7958) for details.

NEW MOWER DECK

The club is looking for a replacement mower deck for our Farmall Cub. The present deck has deteriorated to the point where the cost of rebuilding the old deck is about the same as purchasing a second hand one. We just need to locate one that is for sale. If you have a lead on one drop me a line at 637-4127.

COACH TRAINING

We are seeing increased interest in shooting sports by some of our young people. There is training for this at Camp Perry in July and August. The cost is \$100-\$175 per trainee. We are currently contemplating covering the classroom costs if we get a volunteer or two to drive to Camp Perry for the sessions.

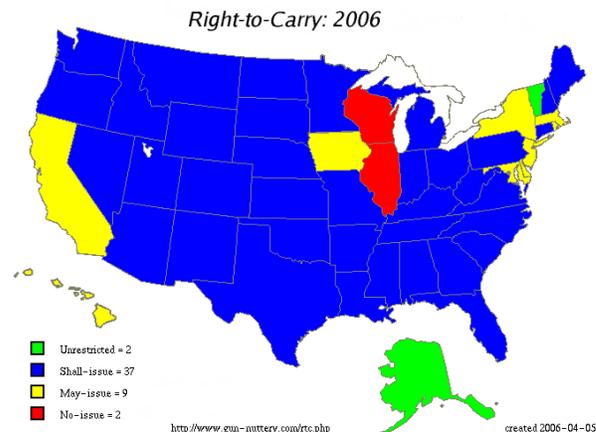
FISH BOIL

El Presidente, Vern Hosier says we are going to have a fish boil to kick off the April meeting. You should come early (by 6:30 at least) and bring your appetite. That's April 9, at the club, about a half hour before the meeting.

MUCC's 70th Anniversary

May 1, 2007, 6:30 PM
 The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center
 55 S. Harrison Rd.
 East Lansing, MI 48824

MUCC will honor the many that have made Michigan United Conservation Clubs first in conservation since 1937. Jimmy Gretzinger and the crew of Michigan Out-of-Doors™ highlight 70 years of conservation in Michigan. There will be silent auctions. RSVP by April 23, 2007 by calling 517-346-6475. Ticket price is \$30 and payments may be made in advance or at the door.



Here is an interesting map. You can get a bigger view at www.gun-nuttery.com. Dark is good except for Wisconsin and Illinois. They are the two “**no carry under any circumstances**” states.

OUTDOOR PISTOL

Look for some new things this year on the outdoor range. We are looking at getting some bowling pin tables and making some reactive targets. These may be delayed by wood cutting, but I am expecting to see some new shooting activities later this summer. Thanks to Dave Wiatrowski who is finding and organizing the material to do this.

TIMBER SALE

By meeting time, we should have some word from timber cruisers on how much they value our standing timber. Depending on results and subsequent actions, certain activities on the outdoor range may be affected. We will keep you posted.

ANTI-TRAPPING LEGISLATION

Michigan Representative Lorence Wenke (R, Richland) has introduced legislation which threatens Michigan's trapping and outdoor recreation heritage. If passed, House Bill 4497 (Wenke) will eliminate the use of leghold traps in Michigan.

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) fully supports trapping as a means of both recreation and predator management in Michigan. Raccoons, coyotes, opossum, and many other species which can easily become overpopulated in areas where hunting and other population control measures are either not feasible or cost prohibitive. In these instances trapping is an essential mechanism to keep local populations in check and prevent them from becoming overly abundant.

--from Furmer Reed, MUCC

It's really easy to ignore something like this. I don't trap, and I'm not sure I know anyone who does. That makes it an easy target for the anti-hunting crowd. If this bothers you, whether you trap or not, you could drop a line to your legislators.

Tonya Schuitmaker -517-373-0839
Fulton Sheen -- 517-373-0836

CONGRATULATIONS DON

Don Verhage had the right number at last weeks meeting. He won a ticket for the Pheasants Forever banquet on March 14. The banquet was better this year, and I don't think Don was disappointed. Pheasants Forever was successful with this year's banquet.

FROM MCRGO TIPS

Q: My CPL has the box labeled "Exempt from Pistol Free zones MCL28.425o(4)" checked. How does this affect my carrying my firearm in an establishment which has a "No Firearms Allowed" posting?

A: Even those who are exempt from the Pistol Free Zones established in the statute must still honor the wishes of any party in control of real estate regarding the possession of weapons on the premises. If you disregard a sign or a verbal or written notice that guns are not allowed in a particular location, your legal status is that of trespasser. One of the results is that you are no longer covered by the "Stand Your Ground" law that went into effect late last year. The Stand Your Ground rule allows individuals to use proportional force in self defense without having to retreat, so long as they are in a place where they have a legal right to be. Even a CPL holder who is exempt from the Pistol Free Zones loses this legal protection while carrying in violation of a posted notice that guns are not allowed on the premises.

OK, so who gets to be exempted from MCL28.425o(4)? I could see some law enforcement types needing this. But I would hope that they would also know the limitations without writing to MCRGO for an interpretation. For some reason I find the appearance of this question on MCRGO's FAQ page a trifle unnerving.

#1 Reason to NOT Deed Your Range to the Government!

The Bureau of Land Management has announced its intent to close certain areas within Nye County, Nev. to recreational target shooting. BLM is citing rapid increases in population and growth of Pahrump, Nev., as the reason for closing the area to target shooting.

<2nd Friday is Club Night too, for owls.>

Club Calendar for April 2007

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

1 Trap 10:00 AM	2	3 Pistol	4 Trap 6:00 PM	5	6	7
8 Trap 10:00 AM	9 Meeting 7:00	10 Pistol	11 Trap 6:00 PM	12	13 Club Night Too	14
15 Trap 10:00 AM	16 4H	17 Pistol	18 Trap 6:00 PM	19	20	21
22 Trap 10:00 AM	23 4H	24 Pistol	25 Trap 6:00 PM	26 Club Night	27	28
29 Trap 10:00 AM	30 4H	1 Pistol	2 Trap 6:00 PM	3	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 – April 9, 2007 7:00 PM

Gun & Knife Show – Kalamazoo Fairgrounds – April 14-15

Gun & Knife Show – Grand Rapids Delta Plex – April 21-22

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