

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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ACTION PISTOL MOVES

Because of conflicts with some of our more regular shooters, Action Pistol has moved to Thursday nights. The exception is the fourth Thursday which is club night. That night there will be no Action Pistol. AP starts at 6:30 PM. We have also moved outside. This allows greater freedom in scenarios. And you don't have to sweep the floor! ☺

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Here is another rule change by the State of Michigan. It seems that some Hunter Safety students can become unruly. Therefore the state has deemed it necessary for Hunter Safety instructors to work in pairs. It's for their own good, of course. Apparently, this prevents claims of physical handling by miscreants that are in desperate need of it. The State further requires a third instructor for classes with more than 25 students.

What this means, for the club, is that we need more instructors. Certification is not terribly difficult. If you are interested, please contact Dan Hosier at 269-214-6727. Currently we have Dan and Vern Hosier as instructors. If we can not certify more, we will have to limit class size to 25. Our classes normally run about 40 students.

CLEANLINESS

It has been a long time since we have had a clean up discussion. Perhaps we have enough new members that a general discussion of responsibility is in order. If you come out to shoot, you are expected to clean up after yourself. That means sweep the floor, pick up your brass, targets, pop cans, fast food trash, and any other stuff you have brought with you. In civilized circles, we call this being "house broke".

Leaving it for the caretaker is unacceptable. The caretaker's job is to mow the lawn, shovel snow, do minor repairs, keep the restrooms clean and stocked with paper, etc. He is not expected to clean up after every slob shooter who leaves a mess. He won't blow your nose or tie your shoes, either.

On the outside ranges, we have additional requirements. We just got a new mower deck for the tractor. We do not need to mow wire frames from campaign signs, fragments of bowling pins, bottles, cans, and other trash. If you bring something to shoot at, pick it up when you are done (unless it is made of ice).

NEXT MEETING

June 11, 2007

At the next meeting, we should have a second opinion on the trees. There will also be a discussion of activities for the club picnic in July. And we need to discuss how to get better publicity for the Youth Sportsfest. Word of mouth doesn't work when the turnout isn't large enough to generate any. The last two years were not well attended.



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.

CLUB PICNIC

The club's annual picnic will be held on July 21. Lisa Mansker-Gilliam has some ideas for youth activities. Dave Wiatrowski would like to shoot. Shooting would start at 11:00 AM. The idea is to make the picnic more attractive for more members. If you have some thoughts on this, please try and make the next meeting.

As usual the club provides the meat, usually pork. And often sweet corn is provided. Attendees should bring table settings for themselves and a dish to pass. Bring your own drinks, unless you wish to use the pop machine in the club room. We eat about 1:00 PM.

VACANCIES COMING

The club has some vacancies coming up. Vern Hosier has said that he will step down as President the end of this year. Emily Jacobs, our Secretary, is going back to school to be a pharmacist. Dan Hosier says this the last time he will be banquet chairman. Think about what you would like to do if you were running things. We can use new ideas. If you would like to do something that someone else is doing, say so. Most of us would gladly give you the job. That is one good way organizations get new ideas. You can even write this newsletter if you wish.

CHAIRMEN

The Chairmen problem has been solved for this year. Dan Hosier has volunteered to chair the Banquet Committee once again. Dave Wiatrowski will head up the Fun Shoot. And I believe Earl Akehurst is still the man for the Youth Sportsfest.

BANQUET IDEAS

Dan says long about August or September he will be looking to form a Women's Committee for the banquet. The idea is to get some raffle prizes that will be of interest to both sexes. The purpose of the committee is to find prizes that will attract more of the non-shooting family to the banquet. So, if your wife has ever said, "There is nothing here I want." We have a job for her.

HOW TO START EACH DAY WITH A POSITIVE OUTLOOK

1. Open a new file in your computer.
2. Name it "Hillary Rodham Clinton"
3. Send it to the trash.
4. Empty the trash.
5. Your PC will ask you, "Do you really want to get rid of "Hillary Rodham Clinton?"
6. Firmly Click "Yes."
7. Feel better.

PS: Next week we'll do Nancy Pelosi

RANGE BUILDING

The inner room of the range building is going to be locked. With action pistol moving out doors, the targets have been moved to the range. Since we have folks who help themselves to anything that isn't out of reach, we are putting these out of reach. The action pistol shooters shouldn't have to rebuild all their targets each time they come out to shoot.

If this causes you some hardship, see Dan Hosier or Dave Wiatrowski for a key.

GRANT APPLICATION

The Club has applied for a grant from the Friends of NRA. The purpose is to provide rifles, ammunition, and other shooting accessories for youth shooting programs. Thanks to Earl and Dave for their work on the application.

FROM MCRGO

Q: When legislation first came about to allow MI gun owners to apply for a CPL license, I went down and went through the red tape and obtained my permit. Now I do not have a problem with following the latest rules to apply for my permit. But the problem I am running into is that there seems to be no regulation on the cost to enroll in one of these courses. The local fellow in this area (Michigan's U.P.) charges \$275 when I last checked for a week end course. But I have seen the same course offered in lower MI where our son lives for as little as \$135. Why is there such a \$ difference in these CPL courses? ...

A: The law says the required class must be certified by the State of Michigan or a national or state firearms training organization.

The only organization affiliated with the State of Michigan is MCOLES (police). MCOLES does not allow its instructors to teach to civilians.

That really leaves only the NRA as the organization that certifies instructors to teach the class. There are two NRA classes that meet the MI criteria for a CPL; 1) NRA Personal Protection in the Home, and 2) NRA Personal Protection outside the Home. An instructor must be certified by the NRA and teach to NRA standards...

Instructors can charge whatever they want to. The State cannot tell a private instructor how much he can or cannot charge. This is good. Supply and demand sets the price. I am an NRA instructor in Traverse City and I charge \$150 for a one-day class. Perhaps the class is not worth that but I won't give up my weekends for peanuts. I have better things to do.

South haven is still a deal! <ed>

TARGET HOLDER



If you really cannot see your self picking up targets, frames, etc, we have a job for you. However, if you inspect our present frames, you might want to rethink this job. At our club this guy would soon be missing fingers and kneecaps.

NOT ALL REPUBLICANS ARE...

Anti-gun New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (R) is at it again. A recent *New York Post* article detailed how, at a breakfast sponsored by Ladies Home Journal, he took a swipe at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) for its support of the Tiahrt Amendment, which prohibits the disclosure of confidential firearm trace data except in the course of a bona fide criminal investigation. "It is one fringe organization," charged Bloomberg.

LINKS FROM DAVE WIATROWSKI

<http://pinblasters.tripod.com/index.html>

<http://www.shootinggallery.tv/schedule.htm>

<http://www.downrange.tv/>

http://www.shootingusa.com/PRO_TIPS/pro_tips.html

Club Calendar for June 2007

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

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

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 11, 2007 7:00 PM

Gun Show – Grand Rapids Deltaplex – June 23-24

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