

# **SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB**

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## *Newsletter July 2008*

By: Dave Wiatrowski, [bigboredave@yahoo.com](mailto:bigboredave@yahoo.com) News and event information welcomed.

**By-Law** revisions and additions have been included with the mailing of this newsletter for your review and input at the next meeting. The July meeting will have more discussion on these items and most likely a vote of the membership will be held to put them into place. Your attendance would greatly be appreciated by the board in their effort to organize and standardize the club's operation and governing.

**Action Pistol** continues on Wednesday night's starting at 6:30 p.m. The fellows have been shooting reactive targets with some friendly competition and elimination rounds. Come on out and see what's up

**Sunday Clays** have started this season, so come out and shoot a few rounds of trap or sporting clays. The crew is there and started by 10:00a.m. and it is generally up to the shooters which type of clays or both they would care to shoot.

**Rifle Matches** are being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 12:00 Noon on the Lower Rifle Range, this months match will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Dust off that military style rifle for Scott's own little Rattle Battle.

*Club Picnic will be held this month July 26<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 5:00p.m. The club will again be furnishing the meat so please bring one of your favorite dishes to pass, however the club is asking for a \$5.00 donation to help defer the expense. I hear there will be things for the kids to do like a casting contest with fishing rods and there has been some talk about shooting so clays before hand or afterwards so bring your guns.*

**Youth Shooting Sports Day Camp** will be held on August 16<sup>th</sup> with registration at 8:00a.m. followed by the mandatory 9:00 a.m. orientation and safety meeting. Spread the word in the community to all your friends or relatives who have young children that would benefit from this event. Earl also says he and Scott need some help not only on the day of the event but before hand in dropping off flyers and posters, so if you can help give them a call. Earl 637-5303 and Scott 637-7958

**Fun Shoot** will again be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September on Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> with sign in at 9:00a.m. . Mark your calendar and call your friends for this club event and "Fun-d" raiser. There will be some changes in the format this year with more information to follow. We of course could use your help with this event so if you can lend a hand call Dave Wiatrowski 269-207-7277 or any board member

**Club nights** are the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday and 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, for those who are interested in a little cards and conversation. Bring your beverage and snacks and of course clean the change off your dresser. It's a fun night.

**Next Membership Meeting** will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

For those of you who may not know, the Supreme Court has handed down a favorable opinion in a landmark gun control case. A brief portion is quoted below. A very happy day for gun owner rights.

*"That history showed that the way tyrants had eliminated a militia consisting of all the able-bodied men was not by banning the militia but simply by taking away the people's arms, enabling a select militia or standing army to suppress political opponents" -- U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 2008.*

Article III

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES (continued)

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall act as an investigating committee for all perspective **and renewing** members. The investigating committee shall make its report on all perspective **and renewing** members at any regular club meeting. The investigating committee has the right to refuse any membership the reason need not be stated.

Section 16: e: All members are to protect, preserve and use wisely the property and resources of the Club. Theft and vandalism of Club property or another member's property will not be tolerated. **To prevent any misuse; All members must have permission from the Board or Club Manger or General Membership to remove, modify, enhance, or work on any Club property.** Lost and found property should be reported to any Club

**Section 19: All new members or renewing members shall fill out a membership form as provided to them from the South Haven Rod & Gun Club. This form shall be forwarded to the Investigation Committee for recommendation to the Membership. Not submitting a signed membership form may be grounds for refusal of membership.**

**Section 20: All new members shall have a one (1) year probationary period from date of membership.**

- a: **During this period any violation of any Club Rules or By-Laws shall be grounds for dismissal.**
- b: **At any Regular Club meeting, by a vote of the Membership for the "Good of the Club" a Member in their probationary period can be expelled from the Club. The Member in question has a right to appeal at the next Regular Club meeting.**

Article VII

MEETINGS

- 6. Report of committees
  - a: Standing committees:
    - 1: Membership
    - 2: Education
    - 3: Youth Programs
    - 4: Breakfast
    - 5: Banquet
    - 6: Youth Day
    - 7: Picnic
    - 8: Budget**
  - b: Special committees

## **Article VIII**

### **Finances**

#### **Section 1: Budget**

- a: The club shall operate on a balanced budget.**
- b: The Budget Committee shall submit a budget for the upcoming year to the general membership for approval at the September Regular Meeting. If the budget is not approved it will be amended and resubmitted at the next Regular Meeting.**
- c: If a budget is not approved by the December meeting then the Club shall operate under emergency authority requiring ALL expenditures to be approved by the Membership until the budget is approved.**
- d: The Yearly Budget shall have provisions for the following:**
  - 1: Facilities**
    - a: Utilities**
    - b: Maintenance**
    - c: Repairs**
    - d: Improvements**
    - e: Taxes**
  - 2: Equipment**
    - a: Operation**
    - b: Maintenance / Repair**
  - 3: Programs**
  - 4. Activities**

#### **Section 2: Expenditures**

- a: All checks must have the signature of the treasurer or authorized Board Member.**
- b: Upon approval of the budget, the Treasurer is authorized to make disbursements on accounts for expenses provided for in the budget.**
- c: The treasurer shall make emergency expenditures as are approved by the Board of Officers. Emergency expenditures are expenditures required for continued operation of the Club between special or regular meetings. Approval shall require a majority vote of the Board of Officers at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Officers. . The Board of Officers can approve Emergency Expenditures up to \$500.00.**
- d: Any Club member may present a request for expenditure to a member of the Board of Officers for consideration by the Board of Officers.**

## Article VIII

### Finances (continued)

**Section 2: e:** The treasurer shall keep a true and accurate record of income and expenditures of the Club. The treasurer shall present a detail of the previous months income and expenses at the monthly meeting. The treasurer's statement shall be available for examination by all Club members at regular meetings. Within 30 days of the end of each quarter, the treasurer will submit a financial statement on the activities of that quarter to the Board of Officers. Each fiscal year, during the month of December, the treasurer shall compile a financial statement on the activities of the previous year. The Board of Officers shall verify the financial statement. The financial statement shall be presented to the membership at the January Regular Meeting.

**f:** All expenditures outside of the Approved Yearly Fiscal Budget must be approved. The Board of Officers can approve expenditures outside the budget up to \$100.00. All other expenditures must be approved by the Membership.

### Section 3: Funds

**a:** The Treasurer shall maintain only one (1) Bank Account in the Clubs' Name. All Funds / Revenue shall be place into this account.

**b:** The Treasurer shall maintain a BOOK account separate for the General Fund and all Programs / Activities.

**c:** All Membership Dues shall be placed into the General Fund.

**d:** Revenue from any Activity or Program shall be placed into the account for that Activity or Program in order to fund said Activity or Program. With the exception of 30%, this will be placed equally into the General Fund and the Building Improvement Fund.

**e:** Funds can be transferred from any account to the General Fund to cover the expenditures of the Club with Membership approval at any Regular Meeting. Transfer shall be spread equally among the accounts so not to affect any one account solely.

**f:** Donations can be made from any person for a sole purpose or activity. These funds shall be place in to a BOOK account for that purpose or activity. Any General donation will be placed into the General Fund with the exception of 25% to be placed into the Building Improvement Fund.

## ARTICLE ~~VIII~~ IX

### DISBANDMENT OR DISSOLVEMENT

**Section 1:** In the event this Club is disbanded or dissolved all assets and debts of the Club shall be liquidated and title to any surplus shall be vested in the Michigan Friends of the National Rifle Association and / or any other organization that has similar objectives as stated in Article 2

## Article ~~IX~~ X AMENDING BYLAWS

**Section 1:** These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club or any special meeting called for that purpose. Provided that the general membership has been advised of said amendments at least thirty days in advance of the amendments being voted in.