



# THE CLEANING RAG

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“You kind of took it for granted around the Yankees that there was always going to be baseball in **October.**” - Whitey Ford

“All things on earth point home in old **October**; sailors to sea, travelers to walls and fences, hunters to field and hollow and the long voice of the hounds, the lover to the love he has forsaken” - Thomas Wolfe

“There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in **October**” - Nathaniel Hawthorne

## Fun Shoot was FUN! - Dave Waitrowski

The Fun Shoot although lightly attended (12 shooters) was just that "FUN". All those who attended had a great time, weather was beautiful and targets were of course quite challenging.

Brian Doherty had the high score followed by Richie Harsch and Bill Halamka. They received certificates from Clementines and Maria's Restaurants who supported our fund raiser with their donations. After the shooting we had a

wonderful lunch of BBQ Pork Sandwiches, chips and dessert prepared by our Chef Walt Harry.

The pain wasn't over yet though since Earl Akehurst had a little side thing going on to raise a few more dollars called the Trifecta, the shooting of a three barreled Drilling consisting of a 16ga shotgun, 22 mag and 8mm rifle with Ted Jones taking the top honor. Although the turn out was light we still netted approximately \$260.00 for the club

and had a hell of good time doing it.

I want to thank all who helped with the shoot and setup, Earl Akehurst, Paul Ballard, Paul Bruce, Brian Doherty, Dave Pasquith, Joe Ferrero, Mike Cucinella and his side kick Joe V. and if I missed anyone just give me a swift kick and let me know. Of course I want to thank the shooters who participated, because without them there would be no event. Thank you all.

## Banquet is Oct. 3rd: RSVP by Oct. 1

This years Banquet is all most here. And we are down a few members and guests. Not sure if it was the date change or the economy but that is the way it is. For all those that make it this year we will have a lot of good items for you to carry away. We have spent over \$3000 so

far in prizes. So come on out and try to carry away as much as possible.

And Yes this year there will be "ROD" stuff!

Dan has said he has a new twist for the "Let's Make A Deal" game, so what are you waiting on get your tickets now before the

Banquet is over.

The last day to call and make your reservation is Oct. 1st. Call Vern @ 269-214-0170 and you will be able to pay at the door.

Remember if you reserve a dinner and do not show up, the club still pays for the dinner.

## Elections are coming!!!!

It is all most that time of year again when we railroad a few more suckers into office. Opps I mean elect our esteem Board of Officers for the coming year. Our annual elections are held in December, Nominating starts in

October and closes at the December meeting.

So if you feel like you want to throw your hat in to the ring or shove someone elses in there let an officer know or just show up at the next

meeting And then speak up.

If you do not like how things are going then this is YOUR chance to help make the changes need to keep Our Club running and moving in the right direction.



## Doors and Locks

### Items for the next Meeting:

- Building Repairs
- Banquet Report
- New Members
- Pending Laws update

Newsletter running a little short this month. Maybe I should use bigger type. Or maybe someone could send in some items that we could place in the newsletter, that could work.

It seems we have been getting quite a lot of traffic at the Club this last month. (Must be the weather?) This is a good thing. It is good to have activity at the Club. It shows that people actually use the Club for more than a dues depository. However this time of year also brings out the non-member crowd. The guys that do not want to pay dues but they want to use the facilities. With this thought WE have to re-

member to make sure the DOORS ARE LOCKED. Recently we have found the Main Door, the Back Door and even the outside Club Room door unlocked. Not to sure how or why that one was left unlocked but WE have to remember to LOCK ALL the doors before WE leave the building. It does not take a lot of time, just do a quick walk through before you leave.

**Next Meeting:**  
Oct 12th @ 7pm

**Meal:**

**Orientation:**

Nov. 9th @ 6pm

Remember to get a key to the Building you must attend an Orientation.

Can't make it, email [shrgc@comcast.net](mailto:shrgc@comcast.net) for weekend meeting.

## OCTOBER 2009

| Sun                     | Mon                      | Tue                          | Wed                          | Thu                      | Fri             | Sat                 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|                         |                          |                              |                              | 1<br>Bow Season<br>Opens | 2               | 3<br><i>Banquet</i> |
| 4<br>Trap<br>10am-12pm  | 5                        | 6<br>Target<br>Pistol Night  | 7<br>Action<br>Pistol Night  | 8                        | 9<br>Club Night | 10                  |
| 11<br>Trap<br>10am-12pm | 12<br><i>Meeting 7pm</i> | 13<br>Target<br>Pistol Night | 14<br>Action<br>Pistol Night | 15                       | 16              | 17                  |
| 18<br>Trap<br>10am-12pm | 19                       | 20<br>Target<br>Pistol Night | 21<br>Action<br>Pistol Night | 22<br>Club Night         | 23              | 24                  |
| 25<br>Trap<br>10am-12pm | 26                       | 27<br>Target<br>Pistol Night | 28<br>Action<br>Pistol Night | 29                       | 30              | 31                  |

## Pushers in the Club?

I heard a Talk Radio Personality talk about this one and had to pass it on. It is one of my biggest pet peeves and so it was with him. Now the old slang for Pusher meant the guy was dealing drugs but thanks to Al Gore and his invention of the Internet we now have a new type of "Pusher". They are the dreaded email Pusher. They get an email with an alarming message and before they even think about what the email is about they forward it to everyone in their address book.

The Radio Person was talking about an email he received from someone on his staff concerning the death of actor Matt Damon. The email basically said the Matt had died in the desert while hiking. And it was reported by TMZ a gossip network. Well before the person confirmed it or even looked at any other news source, he just sent it along. Come now Matt Damon is a pretty big star, his death should have made the news. Well in less than 5 minutes the Radio guy checked TMZ website (no news), other valid news websites and still no news on the death. Well yes it was a hoax!

This same thing happened recently with a TAX on Guns. The email was regurgitated from a spoof that happened about 8 years ago. Well the NRA & MCRGO broadcasted the all clear and this is a hoax. But 1000's of people still passed it on warning others of the gun grabbers.

So next time you get a piece of email before you PUSH it on, check the facts! There are several places on the internet to do this like SNOOPES.com. WE do not need to contribute to the junk mail in others mail boxes. Every time I open my mailbox and see a pile of junk mail, I face east towards Washington D.C. and thank Al for the internet.

To quote a band a few of us like "WE won't get fooled again".....Or will we?

## It is the Season

Well I was out and about the internet looking for filler, for those not keeping up, not very "News Worthy" items. (I digress) Anyway I thought let me look up some "Hunting Quotes", boy was that a mistake. So without further ado, for better or worst;

### From Thinkexist.com

"Hunting is not a sport. In a sport, both sides should know they're in the game." - Paul Rodriguez

"One of my favorite clothing patterns is camouflage. Because when you're in the woods it makes you blend in. But when you're not it does just the opposite. It's like "hey, there's an asshole."" - Demetri Martin

### From thehighroad.org

Become one with Nature..... Then Marinade it.

There is plenty of room for Gods Creatures.....right next to the mash potatoes.

One moment you're flying south for the winter, then - BANG - gravy.

A bad day hunting is better than a good day at work.

Hunting is not life and death. It is more important than that.

Take your kids hunting and you won't have to go hunting for your kids.

'there ain't many things that can't be fixed w/ \$700 and a 30-06' - Jeff Cooper's daughter

"The most terrifying sound in nature is not the roar of a charging lion, nor the whistle of a descending bomb; rather it is a click when you expect a bang." - Peter Hathaway Capstick.

### From finestquotes.com

"If some animals are good at hunting and others are suitable for hunting, then the Gods must clearly smile on hunting." ~ Aristotle

There is a passion for hunting something deeply implanted in the human breast. ~ Charles Dickens

**As I said filler...If you do not like filler submit something to the editor, after all this is your newsletter.**

Well it is that time of the month again for me to rant and rave , well and just blow off some steam .

Well to say the least there has been very little at the Club to rant about lately. It's a good thing it is easy to look else where to find things to Rant about.

So the topic of this rant shall be ANTI-STUPID! It seems that there are stupid people out and about. The thing we have to remember is not to confuse stupid with ignorant people. There is a difference, ignorant people have the capacity for learning, the problem is they just have not been taught yet. Stupid People no matter how many times they have been taught or how many mistakes they make they will never learn, NO capacity for it.

So why are we here, discussing being anti-stupid people.

For those out of ear shout, I will recap an incident that happened in South Haven on 09/13/09. An Open Carry Picnic was held in South Haven that fine day. The scheduled location was River Front Park. For us locals we know that this is that nice piece of grass that runs between Water Street and the river. The group got lost and the event was held at the South Beach by the restroom facilities. The picnic went as planned, information was passed out, food consumed, and fun had by all.

After the picnic a few attendees (non-MI Open Carry members) went back to their transportation.

At the vehicle one of the attendees removed their pistol and prepared it for transportation. Said attendee did not have a CPL and there fore had to store said firearm for transportation back to Kazoo. That is were events went bad. You see as this person was unloading their firearm it just went off!

A few facts.....firearm = Springfield XD-40, has grip safety similar to a 1911, has internal firing pin safeties similar to a Glock. What does this mean? The firearm can not just go off, the firearm must be held to compress the grip safety and the trigger must be pulled to allow the firing pin to come forward to strike the primer of the cartridge. So can anyone tell me how the firearm just went off? STUPID! The firearm was said to "just go off" when it was being unloaded. Since forever I was told when unloading a firearm if possible remove the source of ammo, then remove the round from the chamber, then after checking that there is no round in the chamber, lower the hammer to the down position.

In my opinion (I know the saying, but it is my Rant) the firearm was unload like this; cartridge removed from chamber, slide closed, removed the magazine, oh the hammer is back I need to pull the trigger, BANG! The bullet did not magical appear in the chamber. It was loaded from the magazine that was still in place.

Now if the person would have unloaded properly I would have nothing to Rant about this month.....right!

Because of this incident and the reporting of the facts as I know them I have been labeled by a few as being anti-gun and anti-Open Carry. It would seem they do not know me very well. What I am is Anti-Stupid. You see as a Firearm Owner we owe it to our community, neighbors, friends and family to be extra, extra careful when we are out and about carrying our firearms whether Open Carry or Concealed.

So to dispel any rumors; I am anti-Stupid! Not anti-Gun or anti- Open Carry.

This would be a nice place for some filler if I had any. You see it has been a quite month and my rant went short. So now we have a blank hole to fill and I have nothing.

Blame Bill for the short newsletter  
No story this month.

Want to submit an item for the newsletter?

Send it to  
**SHRGC@comcast.net**  
Deadline 4th Wed. of Month



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**Classified Ad & Announcements**

For Sale:

- FNP-9** - 9mm - Like New, Box, papers, 3 mags \$525
- Ruger MKII Target** - 6 7/8" Barrel, 2x Tasco Scope, 2 Mags \$325
- Ruger MKII Gov't Target** - 6 7/8" Barrel, 2 mags \$350

Contact : Paul Ballard at 269-214-8260

Paul says the ads worked!!! As you can see he has reduced the inventory. Got something to sell? Maybe an ad?