



# **SOUTH HAVEN**

## **Rod & Gun Club Inc.**

**Newsletter**

**April 2010**

### Presidents Corner

Wow, the first quarter of this year has been a good one for the club, here are a few examples:

The Sunday Morning Breakfast's were great, the kitchen crew worked like a well oiled machine. We owe them many thanks for their time and commitment. This is a wonderful fund raiser and provides a relaxed atmosphere for members to get to know one another.

Saturday Youth programs Rifle and Archery were well attended and provided a good experience for our future shooters and members. In my humble opinion, these are very worthwhile activities, promoting the shooting sports with our young people. It was just this type of activity I began my own association with the club, over some forty plus years ago, "seems like it was just yesterday."

What has been really great to see is the increased participation in our shooting activities, especially Trap and Action Pistol. We are building a core group of shooters who enjoy the challenge of the shooting, and of course there is always room for anyone who wants to just give it a try. I have to warn you however, once you start to shoot it is too late, the bug will have bitten and you will not even notice the bite, it's habit-forming.

With that said, the next few months will also be busy, Spring Cleanup, Rifle Range improvements and new activities. In addition to those items we will be starting work on repairing the facility's roofs. This is long over due and at a critical point where the building will sustain additional damage if the work is not started very soon.

### Spring Clean up

Mark your calendars for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 A.M.. You need to remember this date and keep it open for the annual cleanup of the club and grounds. Here is a list of chores which we want to accomplish, and some items that you may want to bring:

- ✓ Clean and restore Trap ranges (between walks) with topsoil and grass seed- shovels and rakes
- ✓ Cut weeds, trees and branches- weedwackers, chain saws, pruning shears (bring a trailer if you want the wood)
- ✓ Take down sporting traps for refurbishing-tools, wrenches, pliers, etc.
- ✓ Pick up lower ranges
- ✓ New burn barrel and clean out the grill-new barrel
- ✓ Haul junk to the dump- truck and trailer
- ✓ Club room, if the outdoor work is too strenuous for you-cleaning products, vacuum

Clearly, there is a lot to do in a day so bring your tools if you have them, lots of energy and plan to get the club in shape for the season. There will be coffee and rolls with plenty of sugar and caffeine to get you motivated and off to a good start. It's a full days work if you can lend a hand, if you can only help out for a few hours, we'll gladly take it and it will be appreciated.

## Roof Repair

We have a plan to repair the roof, it includes some help from members, some materials, scaffolding and some dry weather. I will be getting a notice out via email when things are about to come together and a date is picked, so be ready to come to the aid of your club.

## Rifle Range

The range committee has been working on a number of suggestions from a survey which was passed out and completed at the February meeting. Some of the things included a target stand system, a shelter over the benches and scheduled activities which include some competition and games. There will be further discussion on these items at the April meeting. Since time is of the essence we need to get moving on these suggestions. As you may have noticed I have designated a date on the May Calendar for the first rifle event, the schedule will continue with the last Sunday of the month as the day for the Rifle Program.

## Action Pistol

If your wondering about the different type of activities under the Action Pistol listing on the calendar, well here is what it's about. In addition to the usual Defensive Scenarios which are shot with your typical centerfire carry guns, we started to shoot the club's self healing reactive targets with .22 pistols. Generally that evening starts with timed shooting of the bowling pin targets, then the group sets up the falling plates and popper set up for two person eliminations. You know it amazing how even some of the best shooters falter a little when they go against the clock. Typically on Reactive Night we have about dozen shooters, but there is still room for more. So, come on out, get back to basics and have some fun, we have a nice group and the ladies are really giving the boys a run for our money. As the weather gets better we'll be heading over the hill to do some things outside with pins, balloons and the like.

## CCW Class

Kurt Keebler will be holding an NRA Basic Pistol and CCW/CPL Class on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, if you or someone you know is interested, Kurt can be contacted at 269-214-1521 or [keeb@i2k.net](mailto:keeb@i2k.net)

## Southwest Michigan Friends of NRA

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March with over 200 people in attending. The games were lively, the auction was fast paced and the raffles had some very nice items including three guns. Again there was a nice ratio of gun winners with one in nine people carrying out firearms that night. These guys do a great job with 50% of the monies staying in Michigan for local projects and the balance going to national firearms education programs. Visit their website ( [www.swmifnra.org](http://www.swmifnra.org) ), sign in and win free "stuff", there is a guest picked each month for a give away.

## Up Coming Events and Activities

Ladies Day, Ladies CCW Class, Youth Shooting Sports Day Camp, Hunter's Safety Classes

**Orientations** can be scheduled for Sunday mornings or other times by contacting Dave Wiatrowski by email [bigboredave@yahoo.com](mailto:bigboredave@yahoo.com) or calling 269-767-1078

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**Remember: Our shooting events are open to the public, so bring a friend and spread the word**

## SHR&GC - Club Event Calendar

### April 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 10:00 TRAP	5	6 6:00 Bulleye Pistol	7 6:30 ACTION PISTOL 22lr Reactive	8	9	10 CCW CLASS- Keebler
11 10:00 TRAP CCW CLASS- Keebler	12 7:00 Club Meeting	13 6:00 Bulleye Pistol	14 6:30 ACTION PISTOL Defensive Scenarios	15	16	17
18 10:00 TRAP	19	20 6:00 Bulleye Pistol	21 6:30 ACTION PISTOL 22lr Reactive	22	23	24 *CLUB CLEANUP * 8:00 A.M.
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30 10:00 TRAP 1:00 RIFLE SHOOT	31					

**\* COME ON OUT AND INVITE A GUEST - BRING A FRIEND \***

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