



Saginaw Field & Stream Club Newsletter



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Membership Meetings
are at the Crooked
Creek Banquet Ctr.
9387 Gratiot Rd.

Next Meeting

*Thurs, December
17, 2009, 7:00 PM*

Program

*Christmas Program
With a Magician*

*Randall R. Mey was not
here and he missed \$200*

*December is worth \$220
If your in your seat!*

*Tim Galarno won a \$300
Gift Certificate*

Decembers Prize

\$300 Cash

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DUES!

It's that time of year again. Don't forget to renew your membership dues. Your 2009 membership in Saginaw Field and Stream expires on Dec. 31 2009. Although we allow you an extra month to renew, until Jan 31, 2010, this grace period is only to avoid paying an initiation fee again. Your membership EXPIRES December 31, 2009. This means, if you have accumulated a number of years of membership, and are working toward obtaining a lifetime membership after 45 years of continuous membership without lapses, you may have to start over if you don't pay by Dec. 31st.

While you're paying your dues, you might also consider other family members and friends that are interested in belonging to our club. Saginaw Field and Stream memberships and associate memberships make great Christmas presents. As a reminder, an Associate membership is a second membership in the same household as a general member (usually for a spouse or kids).

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mike Meyer
Membership Secretary

Club Shooting Hours

Are as follows, 0800 AM until sunset, use you hunting guide to determine sunset. If there is an organized event under lights, that may go to 10 PM. The lights on ranges are for organized events only.

Guest's

Anyone who is not immediate family is considered a guest and is required to pay the \$5.00 guest fee. Tubes are located on each range. Immediate family is defined as, spouse, and minor children.

Club Administrative News

Financial Report

James L. De Clerck, Treasurer

Income: \$18,045.36
Expenses: \$14,106.32
Savings Account: \$183,254.63
Checking Account: \$12,178.48

Building Donations

\$45,452.00



Membership Report December, 2009

Mike Meyer, Membership Secretary

1695
General
Members

63
Associate
Members

1758
Total
Membership

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Saginaw Field and Stream Club Planner for December 6—January 9, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 6 PSE Archery CEC 11AM- 3PM Meeting	7	8 Trap & Skeet 4:00 PM	9	10 Skeet 5 PM	11	12 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
13	14	15 Trap & Skeet 4:00 PM	16	17 Skeet 5 PM Membership Meeting 7 PM	18	19 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
20	21	22 Trap & Skeet 4:00 PM	23	24 Skeet 5 PM	25 Merry Christmas To All!	26 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
27	28	29 Trap & Skeet 4:00 PM	30 Board of Direc- tors Meeting 7 PM CEC Bldg	31	Jan 1 Happy New Year!	2 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
3	4 Indoor Arch- ery 10AM and 7PM	5 Trap & Skeet 4:00 PM MUCC Dist 10 Frankenmuth 7 PM Indoor Arch- ery 12 & 7 PM	6 Indoor Arch- ery 7 PM	7 Skeet 5 PM	8 Indoor Arch- ery 7 PM	9 Black Powder Rifle Shoot 10 AM Trap & Skeet 11 AM

President's Commentary

These Comments are entirely mine unless otherwise noted!

I can't believe we are near the first of December already. This year has flown by. I hope that all of you had a most enjoyable hunting **season. I personally didn't get that much field** time, but what I did get I enjoyed tremendously. I got to see my son take his first deer and then watch him as he negotiated cleaning it. First rate job!

A guy really has time to reflect when he is sitting in the deer blind. After the magic time of first light my thoughts get to wandering and wondering. The enjoyment of just being there, fantastic! Wondering what the future holds for the outdoorsman. Wondering what the people in Lansing are thinking when they turn their backs on conservation and pass legislation that will allow a few to dominate the many. I am talking about the absolute dung of a bill that will allow horses on public land. This law passed by the house of representatives will take over 20 million dollars away from conservation so a few can ride their horses on public ground. This is the biggest travesty purported on the Michigan Sportsman in years. Everyone who signed or supported this bill should be recalled. (HB 4610) Most of the land that these people want to ride their horses on was bought with money from hunting and fishing licenses. The clean fresh air of our forests will now reek of horse dung. I personally do not have anything against horses or their owners. But they are a real minority and should not have the power over the rest of us.

Governor Granholm is another one who is selling out our natural resources. Political appointments smell just as sweet as the above comments. When your serving at the pleasure of someone, they tend to be quick on the kowtow. Conservation has taken it in the neck. Without clean water, soil and air, how are we supposed to survive? With almost 200 invasive species in the great lakes, our lakes have been turned into toilet bowls. Our politicians are concerned for our children. The environment goes hand in hand with the economy. What good is a job without clean air to breath and clean water to drink?

We will fill in all the wetlands, pretty soon we will be like Holland, start reclaiming land from the great lakes in the name of progress. We **don't need all that water anyway. All that its** good for is raising Asian Carp anyway. What is it going to take to wake people up? We have a good voice with MUCC and the law makers in Lansing ignore us when we speak, and do what they want. I think we need a house cleaning down there also. I think the older I get the more impatient I get. Michigan outdoorsman are not under attack, they are just being ignored. Conservationists are not under attack, they are being ignored. People who care are being ignored.

Now I need to get with another subject. Saginaw Field and Stream Club exists for the **enjoyment of it's membership. The member-**ship owns the club and your board of directors is the caretaker for the membership. We have openings on the board of directors. It is a commitment to at least 21 meetings a year. The duty of any board of directors is fiduciary. Or, managing the assets of the club. Requirements are that you are a member in good standing and have been a member at least one full year and be a free thinker. If you would be interested, contact any board of director or officer.

A reminder! Please ask people on the ranges for a membership card. We have people coming onto the grounds when the gate is open and using the ranges. This is your club, if asked you are required to show a current membership card.

I hope to see you out there.

From the Board of Directors,
And Myself
Merry Christmas to
All and a happy
New Year!

Tom Heritier, President



The Trap & Skeet Field



Our Fall Fun Leagues are winding down. All of the shooters have completed the required 16 rounds of skeet or trap. We will find out who the winners are when we draw for teams at the awards banquet, Dec. 2. The winners and final standings will be announced in our next newsletter.

Our Traveling Winter (SnowBird) Trap League will be starting in January. Every other Sunday we will meet at Chesaning, Shiawassee, Brant or Saginaw Field and Stream to shoot 2 rounds of Trap. Call or stop out at the Club grounds for details.

We will remain open thru-out the winter for trap and skeet shooting on Tuesdays, Thursdays (skeet only) and Saturdays. I hope that Santa brings everyone that new shotgun they've been wishing for, or at least a couple of bags of shot.

To you spouses out there: Shoot cards make great gifts. Only \$30 for 10 rounds of skeet or trap.

Here are the shooters that broke 25 straight or better from October 29th thru November 24th:

Trap

50 Straight

Larry Plowman

25 Straight

Larry Plowman - 2

Jim De Clerck - 2

Dan Moore

Skeet

25 Straight

Bruce Karow - 2

Don Seeley - 2

Jerry Cliff

Tom Cox

Brian Armstrong

Gary Yackel

On behalf of our trap committee, Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!

CPL CLASSES NEW AND RENEWAL

What's a CPL? That's the proper name for a CCW. (Concealed Pistol License)

The next CPL class for those people who do not already have a CPL license will be a weekend event on January 22, 23, and 24, 2010. You must attend all three days. The times for the classes are 7pm to 10pm on Friday, 8am to 5pm on Saturday and 1pm to 4pm on Sunday. The cost is \$110. Lunch on Saturday is included.

The class will include fundamental gun safety, pistol knowledge and safety, ammunition knowledge, fundamentals of pistol shooting, defensive shooting, firearms and the law, home safety, violent confrontations, and basic handgun skills. The legal ramifications of the CPL law will also be presented. The instructors are NRA certified.

Each participant will need 100 rounds of ammunition and eye and ear protection. There will be an exam at the conclusion of the class. The class will be held on the club grounds.

The class will be limited in size. Advance registration is required.

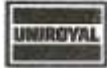
If you already have a CPL license which is about to expire and need a renewal class, there will be a Renewal Class Saturday, February 20, 2010. The time will be 8am to noon. This class will satisfy the legal requirements for renewal of your Concealed Pistol License. This will include three hours in the classroom and one hour on the range. The cost is \$25.

Each participant will need 100 rounds of ammunition and eye and ear protection. For more information or to register for either class, please call **Dan Burch** at 781-2703.

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Natural Resource Commission Meeting November, 2009

I sit on the Lake Huron Citizens Advisory Council which met the day before the NRC meeting. There have been a number of reports of large schools of smelt and emerald shiners. This could indicate an improvement in the forage base of the lake which has been a great concern. If any members have seen these schools I would like to hear from them. The DNR is experimenting with Atlantic salmon. These salmon are difficult to raise in the hatchery but seem to have a very good survival rate when released. There seems to be an abundance of lake trout and, of course, walleye but reports are kind of thin on everything else. During the budget process the legislature has historically included a requirement that the hatcheries be kept open and running. Keep operating but you get no money – seems logical to me. This has **limited the DNR's ability to meet budget constraints. The current budget legislation does not contain this boilerplate. Probably an oversight.**

Before the NRC meeting there was a gathering at MUCC headquarters to meet Bruce Rasher – the DNR/DEQ consolidation guru. Mr. Rasher presented his background which seemed quite fitting for the assignment. He is an angler, camper, canoeist, kayaker and hiker. However, he made no mention of belonging to any outdoor organization, which led me to believe he had no experience dealing with the legislature from our side. I explained the need for the NRC and the other committees, commissions and groups (including our club) as buffers between the management of our natural resources and the legislature. We are under constant battle with our elected officials over funding and use of our natural resources. He did not react to my comments until they were supported by others in the room. He is well aware of the demand to have the DNR director appointed by the NRC and not the governor. I think he will eventually understand the need for the other organizations as well. Whether that is reflected in the final consolidation remains to be seen. You need to express your feelings to the legislature and the governor so the executive order can be changed, overrode or withdrawn. There is a place on the DNR web site to make comments on the **consolidation. It wouldn't hurt to put your comments there as well.**

Some of the legislative activity I am referring to includes: Allowing horses in the Pigeon River area which will cost us \$25 million in lost federal revenue every year and require a payback of over \$100 million in federal revenue for the purchase of the lands (passed by the House); Selling state land to build a golf course in a state that has the most golf courses of any state in the country (many of which are going broke) in an area saturated with golf courses; Allowing veterans to purchase lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for \$15.00 each – I would not deny our veterans their due, but this could devastate the DNR funding; Not charging for hunting and fishing licenses when a purchase is attempted when the licensing system is down or on furlough days.

It almost seems like there is an attempt, by the legislature, to destroy the DNR and allow them to use the **natural resources as they see fit. That's why we need the NRC and the commissions as buffers against the attacks of the legislature. That's also why we need to stand up** and let our representatives know we will not accept any loss of our natural resources.

The DNR Facebook and Twitter applications were demonstrated. Those of you who are into these innovations should take advantage of this opportunity.

The wildlife and fisheries committee reviewed the recommendations of the Deer Advisory Team. There are 44 recommendations which will be incorporated into the deer management strategy. There are plans under way to license bear and elk guides. This is something I have been after for some time. Anyone making money from the use of our natural resources should pay a fee. For that matter, anyone using the natural resources should **pay a fee but we haven't got to that yet.**

Some of you may have heard about the brouhaha over walleyes in Mullet Lake. This is the first I have heard about a problem with the agreed distribution of fish and game between the tribes and the citizens of Michigan. Both parties seem to have reached the max which means **both have to make adjustments. I didn't get into the details** as there was a tremendous amount of misinformation being spread with, of course, the DNR being blamed. There is an agreement with the tribes to study the situation over the next couple of years as neither party feel they can rely on the information available. During the public appearance there was agreement with the plan.

The public appearance included the Mullet Lake situation and the related impact on the other lakes in the chain. One person wanted to limit the youth hunt to **does only. I don't understand this fear that these young people** are going to take all the bucks and leave none for the regular seasons. I know this, if I were in a blind with a twelve year old and a 10-point showed up I would not suggest it be passed up – the disappointment in that kids face would be unbearable. There was a twelve year old who talked about his hunt and thanked the NRC for being allowed to hunt. When asked if he would mind taking a **doe before taking a buck he said he wouldn't mind. But** then, he was sitting in a conference room and not in a deer blind.

At each meeting the Director presents a Partners in **Conservation Award. Normally I don't comment on these** as their relationship to our club is fairly distant. This month the recipient was a close friend and member of our club. Dennis Muchmore was honored and much deserved the award for his long-standing effort in protecting our natural resources, in particular his effort as executive director of MUCC. Our congratulations Dennis.

Jim De Clerck

Christmas Traditions

It's that time of year when we cowboy-up fer Christmas. Lots of pards have traditions they keep every year, like hanging their empty holsters up in hopes Santa will fill them with new guns. Some even go to extremes and hang empty shotgun shells on their tree. Mighty purty! And we certainly can't forget the tradition of sending Christmas cards. Many create their own, as we do, complete with a special family photo. This sounds like a simple project, right? Well, it usually is 'cept fer that one year...

It was time to take pictures for our annual Christmas cards.

It's just something we like to do that makes 'em special for our pards.

Now, that job should be easy and not be a hassle at all...

Just stand in front of the camera, suck your gut in and look real tall.

That's not a hard task to do, but here's what happened, as I recall.

I brought out fuzzy, red reindeer horns. That's when things began to stall.

Hubby was first to speak his mind and made it clear right from the start.

Why, he'd have to be plum crazy...wearin' those, he'd have no part!!!

So, I turned to dear Sonny Boy. I was certain he'd play along.

But, alas! He laughed at me. Boy, things were really going wrong.

By now, this photo session had come to a screechin' end When I suddenly took notice of our loyal, family friend. He patiently stood near us and didn't think my request weird.

He shook his head in agreement. He'd wear them! He wasn't a'feared.

The guys shook their heads in disgust as our friend stood proud as could be.

It's not every day the family dog becomes a Christmas celebrity.

He wagged his tail in excitement, waiting for this game to begin.

He wore them antlers like a pro and I swear he wore a grin.

You see, when those cards went out, everyone thought him just so sweet

And even Santa got involved and left that old dog a treat!

Oh, there is one other thing, just something I'd like to add...

Hubby & Sonny Boy got coal that Christmas. It sure don't pay to be bad!!!

The moral to this story? What you wear is not the test.

It's what you're willing to do for family that brings out your very best!!!



We hope that your Christmas traditions bring you many fond memories. May we all reflect on the past

year, our triumphs and our trials, and see in them, the truth that Christmas brings. Our prayers are with our troops, our families and friends. From all the Saginaw cowboy shooters (and their spiffy dressed dogs), we wish you and yours a most blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy, New Year. God bless!



Happy Trails,
Katie Callahan

Archers Arc

With the end of 2009 in site, that means the indoor archery leagues will be starting the first full week in January. If you happen to have a new bow or want to improve your skills, come on out and enjoy some laid back atmosphere and have some fun shooting your bow. The leagues run for 12 weeks and either you can shoot at bullseye style or animal replica targets, or in some cases both.

A handicap system is used to keep it competitive so all skill levels are welcome. Non-members are also welcome. Members cost are \$3.00 and non-members cost \$5.00

Hope to see you out there. If anyone is interested in running the Animal morning league please contact me ASAP. Any questions call Dave Moeller @ 793-2485

2010 Schedule

Monday morning league (Bullseye) 10:00 am

Monday night (Animal) 7:00 pm

Tuesday night (Animal) 7:00 pm

Wednesday night (Bullseye) 7:00 pm

Friday night (Animal) 7:00 pm



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