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

Next Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 17th, 2009
7:00 PM

No meetings, June, July and August

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Beware of The Devil's Rope

I reckon you're thinkin' you got this article all figured out. The Devil's Rope? Why, must have something to do with hangin' them bad hombres, right? Well, folks, not so fast. Read on. It's Old West educatin' time.

From the beginning, it seems like folks have always been putting up barriers for one reason or another. ... either to keep something in or something out. In the Old West, livestock grazed wherever their hungry bellies led them. This wasn't too much of a problem until the "Go West Young Man" movement had people settling the land, to farm and ranch.

Well, those farmers and ranchers didn't want livestock roaming all over their land and we all know necessity is the mother of invention. Wooden fences were costly and there weren't many trees, or even rocks on the prairie. Their answer came in the form of one strand of wire, but when the cattle got that "grass is greener on the other side of the fence" mentality, the ranchers and farmers ended up the losers in their "Texas Hold'em" game.

Nope, they jest had to invent something a bit more durable and controversial. The barbed wire fence, patented in 1868 and again in 1874, was soon dubbed "The Devil's Rope". Sure, it kept the livestock in, but the injuries they received caused a justified ruckus among many folks. Free range grazers hated the new barrier and trail drivers worried their herds would be blocked by the settler's fences. Settlers and farmers, on the other hand, needed to protect their crops and livestock. When these opposing views clashed, conflict occurred and the Fence Cutter Wars ensued. It was a violent time, all because of that old Devil's Rope. But, eventually, large ranches took to fencing and, with eventually 2000 variations of barbed wire, the words to "Don't Fence Me In" drifted into the Western sunset.

Now, our cowboys at Field & Stream never would think of fencing you pards out. Why, at our May 30th shoot, we let in 79 shooters and broke our attendance record. They cleaned up the bad guys mighty fine. We had 16 pards with clean matches and even earned \$122 for the Gillary Charity. Saginaw cowboys in the Top Five Ladies & Gents were Bad River Marty, Katie Callahan, and Laporte Lil. I'll fill you in next month on our Freedom Days event held over July 3rd & 4th.

So folks, now you know the story of The Devil's Rope. Sometime this summer, Bad River Marty and I need to fix our horse fences around the old spread. You can bet Sweet Sally's saddle, we won't be using The Devil's Rope for our 4-legged friends. Sure wouldn't want to cause any injuries. Brings to mind lost or broken friendships along the trail. Maybe your words or someone else's cut like that old Devil's Rope. Well, jest git yerself some wire cutters and work on fixin' that fence that separates you. It's a job well-worth the effort, pard!

Happy Trails,



Katie Callahan, SASS #23077

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 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.

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Financial Report

James L. De Clerck, Treasurer

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Checking Account: \$ 9,276.31

Building Donations

\$ 40,492.00



Membership Report July, 2009

Mike Meyer, Membership Secretary

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1652
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Membership

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Saginaw Field and Stream Club Planner for July 5 – August 8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 5	6 Black Pwdr Shotgun 6:30PM Bulls Eye Pistol 5 PM	7 Trap & Skeet 4 PM Black Pwdr Rifle 6:30 PM	8 Broadhead Archery 6 PM Cowboy Pistol 5 PM Youth Shotgun 7 PM	9 Broad Head Archery 10 AM	10 Broad Head Archery 10 AM	11 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
12 RC Boats on Lake 8 AM	13 Black Pwdr Shotgun 6:30PM Bulls Eye Pistol 5 PM	14 Trap & Skeet 4 PM Black Pwdr Rifle 6:30 PM	15 Broadhead Archery 6 PM Cowboy Pistol 5 PM Youth Shotgun 7 PM	16 Broad Head Archery 10 AM 1:00PM Christian Youth Rifle	17 Broad Head Archery 10 AM	18 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
19 3-D Archery 8AM– 4PM	20 Black Pwdr Shotgun 6:30PM Bulls Eye Pistol 5 PM	21 Trap & Skeet 4 PM Black Pwdr Rifle 6:30 PM	22 Broadhead Archery 6 PM Cowboy Pistol 5 PM Youth Shotgun 7 PM	23 Broad Head Archery 10 AM	24 Broad Head Archery 10 AM	25 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
26	27 Black Pwdr Shotgun 6:30PM	28 Trap & Skeet 4 PM Black Pwdr Rifle 6:30 PM	29 Broadhead Archery 6 PM Cowboy Pistol 5 PM Youth Shotgun 7 PM	30 Broad Head Archery 10 AM Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM CEC Bldg	31 Broad Head Archery 10 AM	August 1 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
2	3 Black Pwdr Shotgun 6:30PM	4 Trap & Skeet 4 PM Black Pwdr Rifle 6:30 PM	5 Broadhead Archery 6 PM Cowboy Pistol 5 PM	6 Broad Head Archery 10 AM	7 Broad Head Archery 10 AM	8 Trap & Skeet 11 AM

The Trap & Skeet Field



Trap & Skeet Report by Mike Meyer

On June 6th & 7th the Saginaw Field and Stream Club hosted the Michigan Zone IV Trap Shooting Championship. Over 90 shooters participated in the two day event and here are the results.

Saturday June 6th - 16 Yard Event

<u>CLAS S</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RUNNERUP</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
AA	Earl Munson	99	Bill Otter	97
A	Jon Mrozinski	95	Ronald Yurenka	94
B	Laurence Grubbs	96	Clarence Van Camp	95
C	Jim De Clerck	91	Lyle Gardner	90
D	Ben Wallace	92	Caral Turner	89

Handicap Event

<u>YARDAGE</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RUNNERUP</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
19-21	Clarence Van Camp	96	Lyle Gardner	87
22-23	Terry Sprowl	90	Mark Ozana	82
24-25	Robert White	91	Larry Grubbs	87
26-27	Earl Munson	87	Bill Otter	82

Doubles Event

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
B	John Mainguy	<u>89</u>
C	Clarence Van Camp	86

Sunday June 7th - 200 16 yd

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RUNNERUP</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
AA	John Mainguy	194	Earl Munson	191
A	Josh Turner	198	Ron Turner	195
B	Johnathan Adams	188	Lawrence Grubbs	186
C	Ryan Ewing	188	Alwin Moreland	185
D	Caral Turner	184	Shirley Hayes	178

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Hi-Lady	Ruth Mainguy	186
Veteran	Earl Munson	191
Junior	Collin Wietfeldt	186
Sub-Junior	Brandon Armstead	172

Here are the shooters that broke 25 straight or better from May 30th thru June 23rd:

TRAP

50 Straight

Bill Otter 2
 Andy Zeek
 Jim De Clerck

25 Straight

Andy Zeek 4
 Larry Fehn 4
 Mike Meyer 3
 Bill Otter 2
 Tim Mitin 2
 Jerry Zariski 3
 Collin Wietfeldt 2
 Collin Wietfeldt (Hillbilly Bunker) 2
 Rick Pastor
 Kyle Ferguson
 Rob Petro

SKEET

50 Straight

Don Seeley
 Jerry Cliff
 Don Seeley 2

25 Straight

Jerry Cliff 3
 Don Seeley 3
 Tom Cox 2
 Frank Wendzik 2
 Mike Kusowski
 Bruce Karow
 Brian Arm
 Phil Lakies
 Rev. Popard
 Jerry Zariski

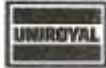
August 1st we will be starting our “Straights of August” Tournament. The rules are simple: It costs \$20 to join. Your 10 best scores for the month of August will be tallied to determine the winner. We’ll hold a cookout and award a trophy.

The board of directors has decided to build a second skeet field due to the increase in demand for skeet shooting!

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President's Commentary

These comments are entirely mine unless otherwise noted.

Here we are the first of July. This year is really flying by. Pretty soon those old geese decoys will **be calling "it's time to go". Then the whole year will simply unfold into the best time to be out doors.** As I write this, I close my eyes and I can smell and feel the predawn dampness, I can feel the anticipation of first light. The magic of an opening day of whatever season. I really pity the poor folks who have never had the experience, I feel real sadness that kids do not get the chance either because of parents or a **parent who isn't into the out doors. It's been a year now since I put old Butch down.** This will be the first **time in 15 years I'll be without a dog on the opener** of bird season. It was utterly amazing the transformation from family pet to a true hunter and back again.

I guess I have to count myself as truly fortunate to have had a buddy and companion like old Butch. A truly great dog. I think a lot of you guys know how I feel.

In Jim De Clerck's article you will read about House Bill 4610. This is one of big fecal sandwich and we are all going to take a bite of it. I have nothing against horses or the people who ride them. This bill will ruin a lot of opportunities for the sake of a few. Land purchased with sportsman dollars will be given to the horse people and we will lose. Call your senators and representatives and tell them what you think. This past Saturday while driving west on M-55 out of Tawas, I ran into four horses loose on the highway. They had traffic backed up in both directions while people tried to catch them. **I didn't see any license plates on them either.**

Michigan United Conservation Clubs held it's annual convention in Mount Pleasant Michigan. Of course we were well represented. We had a resolution for consideration about getting ammunition manufacturers to make biodegradable shotgun shells. It was shot down in flames. People were worried about the high cost of ammunition. Well I guess the slobs won that one. A number of resolutions were considered and passed. Not much earth shaking here.

At the last board meeting it was decided on to build another skeet field. The use has picked up tremendously and now we have way more people wanting to shoot skeet than anything else. We will accommodate the need. Also the CEC Building is going to get a new roof. Not much going on with the building at the moment. We are waiting on the water line.

The US Fish & Wildlife Service has once again **showed what it's made of. Jelly for a spine. They** have caved into the animal rights people by re-listing the Grey Wolf. This ought to make our neighbors in the U P just as happy as they can be. It appears that the animal rights people have more **pull than we do. What's wrong with this picture?** What I fear will happen is that wolves will not be managed, but will commit suicide at an alarming rate. What good will that do? Animals have rights, they deserve not to suffer, they deserve to be free **from torment, and every animal has it's place. Right** next to the mashed potatoes and gravy! Well, Mr. Saginaw Field and Stream Club Member, what have you done recently to further the conservation cause? Or, is it the other guys responsibility?

I will ask you, how much longer will as outdoors people survive? How much longer before we are voted out of the field by the uninformed, emotional majority? We need to guard every area of our interests. We cannot afford to loose ground in any area of our interest. Right to our firearms freedom, free from our elected wisdom. Clean air and water, our forests to remain intact through proper management. Our Natural Resources Trust Fund to remain **intact and used for it's intended purpose.**

Right now there is a dredging operation going on in the Saginaw River. Millions of dollars of tax payer monies to aid about five (5) private business in that part of the river. I believe that it would be **cheaper to relocate those business's closer to the** mouth of the river. Look at the Zillwaukee bridge, millions so the I75 travelers would not be held up for a bridge opening. Millions for special interest. When will it stop? Only when we make more noise than those in power.

There is a large oak tree near the CEC Building. In this tree lives a raccoon family. Recently Dennis Burns lived trapped a adult raccoon. He drove it out East Street and let it go. Before doing so he sprayed the raccoons tail orange. Guess what? The raccoon **made it's way back to it's tree at the club. What** does this animal know? Field and Stream Club is a great place to be. Tell your friends, membership is a great deal for what we have and will have. I hope to see you out there.

Tom Heritier,
President

Natural Resources Commission Meeting, June 2009

The Wildlife and Fisheries Committee reviewed and accepted the state-wide bear plan. Under the furbearer regulations the bobcat season was reduced by one month and the coyote season was reopened in zone 2 during the fire-arm deer season. There was discussion about body gripping traps and the potential of catching non-targeted animals. By placing the trap in a box with a small hole the problem would be corrected. The conflict at the field trials was resolved by increasing the communications between the parties. All they have to do now is maintain a civil relationship. Deer took up most of the meeting with discussions on how deer are managed and the 2009 antlerless quotas. Looking over the antlerless quotas by deer management unit, I saw a couple of reductions but most licenses were held at last years level or increased. There were changes to the waterfowl regulations in the managed areas. The maximum shot size is BBB and the number of shotshells you are allowed to carry is limited. Only persons hunting or trapping will be allowed in the area during the waterfowl season.

The Committee on Land Management had a lengthy discussion on trails. This was prompted by the horse riders requests for inclusion in the planning. The question of multiuse trails rather than specifically assigned trails came up. As a result there will be a gathering open to all trail users with the intent of determining the possibility of combining the use of our trails.

I have heard Michigan doesn't charge a high enough rate for gas and oil royalties. In a review of 20 states, Michigan charges the same as most states and comes in slightly on the high side of center. Texas and Oklahoma were the only ones with higher rates.

The Finance Committee reviewed the monthly spending plan, which has not improved. Both the state and the feds audit the DNR spending to make sure the monies are spent in accordance with the legislation that established the fund. One of these audits is going on right now. The Treasury presented an investment overview. There was a slight improvement over the previous report with suggestions that the market outlook is favorable.

The Committee of the Whole had a legislative update. I will go into more detail on this at the end of this report. There was a review of the "Conservation Officer's Job Analysis". This study covered the duties, responsibilities, tasks, and, the knowledge, skills, abilities and traits of the CO's. I always thought these folks had to be good, but when you see the job in detail it is mind boggling. If you want to catch a poacher (the real violator not the incidental violator) you need to have great knowledge of the violator's targeted species, human behavior, terrain and be invisible. And you will probably be working alone with no backup in sight. I give them credit and thank them for being there.

The public appearance portion included a group protesting the noise at Island Lake Shooting Range. I think Keith is going to give them a permanent spot on the agenda. The

trappers supported the new furbearer regulations. There continues to be people who want to eliminate the baiting and feeding ban. The reasoning is mainly their financial situation. I don't understand why they don't understand what's at stake. On one side you have the potential of severely impacting, if not destroying, the deer herd (and other species) and the long term financial impact on a large portion of this state's recreational industry. On the other side you have the losses suffered by the growers and retailers. Not a difficult decision.

Before I get into the legislation I need to mention a couple of givens. The DNR spending is controlled by funds and further by revenues generated into those funds. They cannot spend money outside the requirements of the funds nor more than the fund generates. There is little flexibility in how the money can be spent. I question how two departments can manage one eco system. The DNR DEQ split hasn't helped protect our natural resources. Some recent changes include the pay-in lieu-of-taxes (property tax paid by the DNR) portion of the general fund being transferred from the DNR to the Treasury department. In addition, the state historical activity was transferred to the DNR with some funding. This included Mackinac Island and some other museum activities. Now the legislature has a few new ideas.

House bill 4202 and House Joint Resolution H are an attempt to raid the Natural Resources Trust Fund. Fortunately this will take a vote of the people.

Senate bills 599 through 603 move the management of the state forests to the Department of Agriculture. Now we would have three departments trying to manage an eco system. If I am not mistaken there is a loss of fed money if this passes. The bills also eliminate the pay-in-lieu-of-taxes. That's a raid on the townships.

House bill 4411 would allow anybody over 60 or disabled to ride ORV's anyplace on state land. That ought to drive the CO's nuts. Can't find out how old they are until you catch them. And once a trail is cut it is open to anybody to use. No additional funding is proposed.

House Bill 4460 would allow a tax credit for a loss of income due to the baiting ban.

This is a loss of income not a loss of profit.

House bill 4610 allows horseback riding on state land and trailways. This one will cost about \$25 million in lost fed money and the state may be required to pay back the monies used to purchase the land. Senate bills 496 and 578 require the DNR to establish a fund to be used for horseback riding trails, set bridle fees and establishes an equine trailways commission.

NRC Report continued

Missing from the commission's responsibilities is the clean up of the trails.

House bill 5031 states: "The Department shall keep land under its control open to hunting regardless of whether there is adequate staff or funding to manage that land". And "If, because of a state government shutdown, an individual is not able to purchase a hunting, fur harvester, or fishing license, that individual may hunt, trap, or fish during that state government shutdown and for 1 day following that shutdown without purchasing a license." A shutdown is described as a direction from the Governor, a power outage or a computer shutdown. Note there is nothing about drivers licenses, license plates, ATV or boat registrations. How do you enforce this?

House bill 4501 changes the definition of a pistol from less than 30 inches in length to less than 26 inches. I guess it's too difficult to carry a 30 inch concealed. Then House bill 5038 grandfathered in the 30 inch guns owned before the passage of House bill 4501. I'm a grandfather so I guess I can carry a 30 inch gun concealed.

House bill 5049 says certain land fills accepting less than 200 cubic yards of un-compacted solid waste are not subject to the construction permit or operating license requirements. Dig a hole and dump whatever you want regardless of the impact on the aquifer.

I would normally have some type of closing quip, but I'm too disgusted to think of anything.

Jim De Clerck



Friends of Shiawassee NWR

Our Refuge was established in 1953 primarily as a stopover resting site for birds during migration. We generally think of it as used only by Migratory Waterfowl, however it also is used by thousands of song birds and any other type of birds that migrate both in the spring and fall. The Refuge also provides important habitat for nesting birds as well. In fact, recent fieldwork for the Michigan Breeding Atlas documented that the greatest diversity of nesting birds in the state occurs at the Shiawassee Refuge. The diversity of the Refuge's habitats provided the recording of a total of 134 species of nesting birds.



The other migrations that the Refuge is concerned about are those of the other "critters" found in the Refuge. Most of the wildlife does not only stay within the sanctuary of the Refuge, but also migrate into similar areas around the county. Most of these animals travel the Green Corridors afforded them by our great river system. As these travels take place, there is a need for resting places to be provided and that is one reason that your Refuge is expanding to acquire parcels along our river systems. These resting places could become great observation sites for you to see wildlife as our Townships develop observation platforms adjacent to them.

The Friends of Shiawassee NWR encourage all of you to enjoy our Refuge by using the walking trails on the ends of Curtis Road, Stroebel Road, and at Green Point ELC at the south end of Maple Street in Saginaw.



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