



Saginaw Field & Stream Club Newsletter



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October

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

Next Meeting

*Thurs. October 15,
2009, 7:00 PM*

Program

*Off. John Borkovich with
his Poaching Program*

*Rod Witherell was not in
his seat and did not take
\$380 home. \$400 is wait-
ing for you at the next
meeting!*

*Stan French won a nice
cross bow*

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CPL CLASSES RENEWAL

If you have a CPL license which is about to expire and need a renewal class, there will be a Renewal Class Saturday, October 17, 2009. 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 a handgun, 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.

Deer Hunters Sight In Days

October 31st thru November 10th

8 AM to 4 PM

\$5.00 per gun

**If you don't want to pay, git'er done before
hand**

Contact Dennis Burns at 792-0693

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: \$23,289.00
Expenses: \$11,225.69
Savings Account: \$156,421.05
Checking Account: \$5,655.75

Building Donations

\$40,962.00



Membership Report October, 2009

Mike Meyer, Membership Secretary

1658
General
Members

61
Associate
Members

1719
Total
Membership

New General Members for Balance of 2009

Kelly J Curnutt
Earl W Settle

Larry V Lundahl
David B Wade

Greg V Remer

New General Members for 2010

Roselyn Argyle
Ronald L Calhoun
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Bryan G Freed
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Mark R Russell
Patrick D Smeaton
Thomas A Ward

Juan R Bush
Fred N Golden
Benn J Hinds
Erin McDonough
Rick Schwartzly
Karen Stamann

New Associate Members

None



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Saginaw Field and Stream Club Planner for October 4th - Nov. 7th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 4	5 Trap & Skeet 4 PM	6	7	8 Skeet 5 PM	9 BSA 345 Camp Out	10 Trap & Skeet 11AM BSA 345 Camp Out
11 BSA 345 Camp Out	12 Trap & Skeet 4 PM	13	14	15 Skeet 5 PM Membership Meeting 7 PM Crooked Creek	16	17 Trap & Skeet 11AM CPL Renewal Class 8-12PM
18	19 Trap & Skeet 4 PM	20	21	22 Skeet 5 PM	23	24 Trap & Skeet 11AM
25	26 Trap & Skeet 4 PM	27	28	29 Skeet 5 PM Board of Direc- tors Meeting 7 PM CEC Bldg.	30 Rifle Range Clean Up 10-2PM	31 Sight in Days 8AM-4PM Trap & Skeet 11AM
November 1 Sight in Days 8AM-4PM	2 Sight in Days 8AM-4PM Trap & Skeet 4 PM	3 Sight in Days 8AM-4PM	4 Sight in Days 8AM-4PM	5 Sight in Days 8AM-4PM Skeet 5 PM	6 Sight in Days 8AM-4PM	7 Sight in Days 8AM-4PM Trap & Skeet 11AM

President's Commentary

These Comments are entirely mine unless otherwise noted!

On September 10th at 10 AM I was in line waiting for a shot at a left over doe permit. I had actually arrived 40 minutes early to ensure myself a good spot in line. Well I was eighth in line. Not bad considering. When the bell rang and sales commenced the seven in front of me were buying three or four apiece for their friends. While I was waiting an individual came in and when he saw the line up started complaining about it and how the DNR had their heads up their backsides. He then started in on why should you buy a doe permit. He went on to explain if everyone hunted on Fridays that the Conservation Officers were **on furlough, you don't need a permit.**

This low life excuse of a human being thought it **was a big joke that the CO's have to take unpaid days off. Idiots like this who think it's all right to steal from the rest of us. The jerks who think it's OK to violate game rules and bag limits are no better than burglars and bank robbers. Sell their soul for one more fish or a deer on someone else's property. After all, whose going to miss the fish or the deer. The state only manages and does not keep up the inventory. They are the thieves among us. We need to clean house of these vermin.**

Our first Jaeger Meister went off without too much of a hitch. We sure could have used a better attendance. We gave about 24 guns away. More on this next year. Our hunter safety program was down this year. 150 kids. Who is going to take over? All the anti hunters and gunners have to do is wait and they will get their way. We had 98 people at the last membership meeting, that is down also. At the next meeting on October 15, you are in for a real treat. Conservation Officer John Borkovich will put on his deer poaching program. I saw this program back in February and it is fantastic. You will not be disappointed.

MDNR is offering a Pure Michigan Hunt. Enter as many times as you like for \$4.00 each. Three lucky winners will get elk, bear, antlerless deer, turkey and opening day at managed water fowl areas. This is quite a deal. Whether you an avid hunter, or a part timer I wish you well this fall and I hope to see you out there.

Tom Heritier, President



The Trap & Skeet Field



Jerry Zariski was the winner of our August Straights tournament with 10 straights. No shoot-off was even necessary, as no other contenders were able to shoot 10 straights for the month. Jerry received his trophy at a cookout held at the trap field. Prime rib-eye grilled in the round and sliced to order, along with corn-on-the-cob, potatoes and other dishes were served. The meal itself was easily worth the tournament entry fee.

The Fall Fun League for trap and skeet has begun and runs through Nov 28. There is still plenty of time to join us. Shooters will shoot 16 rounds whenever they wish, but they must designate the round a "league" round prior to shooting. The top shooter in trap, and in skeet will each receive a trophy. The remaining shooters will be randomly paired up and their 16 actual scores will be tallied for a final team score. Trophies will be awarded at a banquet in early December.

Here are the shooters that broke 25 straight or better from Aug 27th thru September 22nd:

Trap

75 Straight
Jerry Zariski

50 Straight
Greg King
Rick Pastor
Andy Zeek

25 Straight
Jerry Zariski - 4
Larry Plowman - 2
Larry Fehn - 2

25 Straight
Dan Moore - 2
Gary Yackel - 2
Bob Moskal
Tom Heritier
Bill Otter
Jim De Clerck
Tim Mitin
Greg King

Skeet

50 Straight
Jerry Cliff

25 Straight
Don Seeley - 3
Gary Yackel - 2
Bruce Karow - 2
Mike Meyer
Frank Wendzik
Tom Cox
Clay Engwis

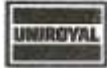


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Natural Resources Commission Report September 2009

The day started with a tour of the John and Marnie Demmer Shooting Sports Education & Training Center on the MSU campus. This facility is located on Jolly road between Hagadorn and College. It contains an indoor archery range (about three times the size of ours); two pistol/rifle indoor ranges and, class rooms and offices in the main building. There are two outdoor archery ranges. These facilities are planned for the MSU teams and are state of the art for national competition. The facility is planned to be used to promote the shooting sports. Unfortunately there are no plans currently for outdoor rifle and shotgun ranges. The manager said there is room but no plans. If you are in the area stop in, **it's worth the time, and you can give them some encouraging word about those outdoor ranges.**

The Finance Committee met to discuss various audits that were in process or expected to start. So far nothing of consequence has been noted. The monthly spend plan was reviewed. The original appropriation for 2008/2009 was \$275 million. That was cut by \$9 million through appropriation adjustments. The DNR held back **\$15 million because of a lack of revenues. That's \$24 million** in lost spending mainly due to lost revenue. The fund balances are pretty much used up which will effect next years spend plan.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Committee reviewed a number to fishing regulation changes. Most removed regulations which is a move in the right direction.

There was a presentation on tracking wounded deer with a dog. The recovery rate is quite high, however, you cannot dispatch a deer if you use a dog to find it. Even if you have a concealed pistol permit, you cannot use your pistol to dispatch the deer. The presentation ended with a request to change the law.

The big issue was a proposal to move the firearm **deer opener to a Saturday. Now don't groan until you** have heard the reasoning behind the proposal. First, there would be no impact on the resource. Second, there would be no change in the available field time. Resource impact and field time impact are two measures I use when analyzing hunting and fishing regulation changes. So this proposal passes the first two tests. So why do it?

Whenever the opener falls on a Saturday the license sales go up – more revenue for the DNR. With the falling participation and rising costs this is important. Another important reason revolves around recruitment and retention. If the license sales go up that means more people will be involved and more will be retained. More fathers and mothers, not to mention grandparents, means more kids will also participate – more opportunity for family participation. It was noted that those kids who participate in school sports have coaches who penalize them for missing a practice. This also pertains to missing classes. It is interesting that when I was going to school in Macomb County, we got the pheasant opener off. And I understand the kids in the U.P. get the deer opener off.

I'm glad the U.P. hasn't changed but it sure has changed

down here. The greatest supporters of the resources of **this State are hunters and anglers. The schools don't seem to understand that. Maybe they don't understand** the need for the resources to be supported and protected.

The bottom line is that funding, and recruitment and retention will benefit from a change to a Saturday opener. It seems like a no brainer business decision to me and should be applied to all hunting and fishing openers. I expressed that thought during the meeting.

The first indication of opposition came from the Michigan Bow Hunters whose representative said no to the proposal because it would interfere with the bow season. This was made before there was any discussion about how the Saturday opener would be determined. And, obviously, without any consideration as to the benefits.

The second indication of opposition came at our club meeting. I explained the impacts and benefits, suggested the Saturday closest to the 15th as it would afford an even exchange of days over the years with the bow hunters, and suggested all openers be on Saturday. The result was about half for the Saturday opener and half against. The other two suggestions met with the same results.

After the meeting a working age fellow asked me if I noticed who voted against the proposals. I had not, I only looked at hands. He said it was all the retirees. Now I suspected some opposition from the archers because of perceived field time loss but the retirees was a surprise to me. This working age fellow said it was **cause the retirees didn't want more people in the woods.** I have heard the same comments from archers.

You have heard me rant about the public appearances at the NRC meetings, now my own club falls into the **"I want, I want, gimme, gimme category. And retirees, of all people, who get discount licenses and the very people who I have been praising for bringing the youngsters along for the hunt and perpetuating the sport. Well OK it's a free country and everybody is entitled to their own opinion.**

The truth of the matter is:

- If the DNR doesn't get more funding the resource will be hurt if it hasn't been already.

- If we don't increase the membership in the hunting and fishing fraternity we will not have the support we need in future hunting and fishing decisions, if it isn't too late already.

The Commissioners will hear the opinion of the Saginaw Field and Stream Club because they get a copy of the news letter and to make sure I will send this write-up to each of them.

However, as for me, I will express my opinion that this is a business decision and as a result a Saturday opener is needed, for all openers.

Jim De Clerck

Archer's Arc

Well, another archery season is upon us and it seems like summer never arrived. This year will be an interesting one for sure. This is the first time crossbows will be used in the woods by anyone over 50 and over the entire zone 3 hunting area. What the outcome will be I don't know, but one thing is for sure, the State of Michigan should have put a tax on crossbows to get them out of their financial troubles. Just kidding! Seriously though, I have talked to some retail stores and they tell me that they can't keep them in stock. I see all the catalogs are offering several now with a large price range. Some "you get what you pay for" I guess.

I know that crossbows being allowed can be a touchy issue but I hope the differences are not the demise of our sport, the one I enjoy so much. I have read several articles and comments on this and have my own opinion. As for the resource, I don't think it will be too detrimental because there are plenty of deer in most parts. It will definitely get put more people in the woods and from studies I read, mostly rifle hunters crossing over, which I believe is the true reason there is an uprising. I fall in this category. I admit it. I enjoy archery season because of the lack of hunters affecting my one on one chance with nature. I feel I will get encroached on. That is my biggest hangup with rifle hunting. I can scout an area for weeks and come November 14, some Gomer shows up and wants to ride a quad all over and place a stand 100 yards away. He starts opening day a 1/2 hour after daylight, smokes, coughs, pees 6 times and takes 4 breaks during the day. Then shoots at the first 3" spike he sees and can't figure out if he hit it or not. Then he bitches that the DNR screwed up the deer herd because he don't see anything. Well, wonder why. I think the savior here will be the lack of baiting. It won't be so easy to shoot a deer now. So everything will even out.

I had a recent conversation with some co-workers about: Are "factory sharp" broadheads sharp enough? In the old days it was very hard to find a truly sharp broadhead and manufacturers readily explained how to sharpen their blades like Bear, Zwicky & Magnus. Most people say yes they are sharp enough but I tend to be on the other side of the fence with this, most of the time. The industry has gotten better at honing broadheads, that is for sure. Many manufacturers are concerned with "good enough" sharpness trying to get them out the door quickly. Every bow hunter should be worried about their broadhead sharpness.

So the question is, How sharp do broadheads need to be? I, like most serious bowhunters would say is, shaving-sharp, at a minimum. If you can't shave the hair on the back of your arm, it should not be in your quiver.

You cannot get a broadhead sharp enough. The best example I ever saw was this. Most people know that arteries and veins are elastic. As a blade goes through an animal, your blade will push or roll off one of these if not sharp enough. Here is the example I was shown. Take a 2x4 and nail (2) 16 penny nails 4" apart. String several rubber bands between the two nails. Push your "sharp" broadhead through the middle of the rubber bands. It should be sending the rubber bands everywhere. If you only sever a few, that is what happens to arteries. You should see a definite hole through them. If not, you know what to do. I have spent literally hours sharpening blades for myself, brothers, in-laws, and my son. I feel a sharp broadhead can turn a marginal shot into a lethal one.

Last, good luck and be safe in the woods this archery season. Strap yourself in when sitting in your stand. There are no excuses for not doing so. I have heard too many stories of paralyzed hunters and injuries. Make sure you practice so when that opportunity does come, you shoot straight.

The R100 was another success. Thank you for all the help in putting this event on. We are the only club allowed in Michigan to host this event. Just under 500 people came to our grounds and participated. All comments I have seen on the Internet and from Rinehart have been positive. We are planning on hosting this again so look for it again next year.

Hope to hear your stories when you see me.

--David Moeller



John Walker, Retired Conservation Officer and Author

Setting Sun, Day is Done.....

Autumn has arrived and here we are watching summer gallop off into the sunset, but not without leaving us with some mighty fine memories. OK, all except those gun problems that plagued a few of us. But looking back, the fun times did out-weigh them all.

Our August 29th shoot was based upon stage scenarios from the upcoming Range War/Michigan State Shoot and everyone enjoyed getting some extra practice in before that shoot. We had 17 clean match winners out of a total 67 shooters. Saginaw shooter, Laporte Lil, was one of the five top ladies and Bad River Marty was one of the winning gents. The cowboys collected \$110 towards an automated external defibrillator the Gillary Charity donates to Michigan schools. We've been told that a couple lives have been saved in the past year from these donated defibrillators. We're mighty proud to be a part in saving lives!!!

We're also proud of our Saginaw shooters who participated in the Michigan State Shoot/Wolverine Rangers Range War. Held in Port Huron over Labor Day weekend, 241 shooters from Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina, Florida, and even Canada, joined our Michigan cowboys for a weekend of fun shooting.

Saginaw pards were smilin' as the sun set in the west and awards were handed out to the first 5 places.

- Ethan Callahan - Classic Cowboy, 2nd. & Michigan Champion, Duelist Speed Pistol, Cowboy Trap Top Shooter, Clean Match
- Avalanche Andy - Cowboy, 3rd.
- Gun Shy – Cowboy, 4th.
- Black River Bill – Gunfighter, 4th.
- Tacoma Tad – Frontier Carriage Duelist, 2nd. & Michigan Champion, Clean Match
- Laporte Lil - Lady Gunfighter, 1st. & Michigan Champion
- Katie Callahan - Lady Senior, 1st & Michigan Champion, Speed Shotgun, Clean Match
- No Buk Chuck - Senior, 2nd.
- Bad River Marty - Senior Gunfighter, 1st & Michigan Champion
- Duelin' Dylan - Young Gun, 2nd

Other Saginaw participants included: Kid Alfred, Duke Dakota, Goodshots Gettem, Kid Surrey, Riverview Rattler, B.W. Roe, Steamboat Kid,

Elsie Rose, Roxie LaRue, Lefty Wheeler, Secondhand Jack, & Red Keg Will. We'd like to note that the majority of these shooters are regulars at our practices on Wednesday nights. Our little cowboy town in the woods has some mighty fine shooters walkin' its streets. Check out www.wolverinerangers.or for lots of Range War photos.

Well, the days are growin' shorter and the sun has set on our Wednesday night practices, but I'm certain you'll hear that ping of steel somewhere down the trail this fall and winter. That reminds me... Halloween will soon be here. Don't forget to stock up on those sweet treats... and if'n ya happen to have a tall trick-or-treater come to yer door dressed in cowboy duds, jest remember that chocolate is always a cowboy favorite.

Happy Trails,
Katie Callahan, SASS #23077



Truck Bear Accident, 6 miles South of M-32 on M-65
9-4-09, taken by Leslie Hiser



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