

CALEDONIA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

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NOVEMBER ELECTION

Club members, do not forget to vote YES FOR SPORTSMAN on both proposal 1 and 3 this month. Take a moment and educate those non sportsmen closest to you on these issues. We must be willing to educate those around us if we want to protect our right to hunt and fish in Michigan. If we sit back and do nothing, we allow the antis to make the laws for us.

Proposal 1 would constitutionally protect funds from a multitude of outdoor related activities and keep them from being diverted into unrelated areas. These funds include hunting & fishing licenses, boat and snowmobile registrations. Proposal 1 would require the funds from these activities to remain available only for the activities there were intended.

Proposal 3, better known as the dove bill, will ask voters to uphold a law that designates doves as game birds, as they are designated in the majority of the United States. MUCC supports this measure and is heading the campaign for its passage. Proposal 3 boils down to one key issue: Science and freedom vs. Ignorance and intolerance.

Get out and vote on November 7th.

SIGHT IN DAYS

The club will once again be hosting sight in days this month. The following are the dates, times and fees.

Saturday, November 4th 10am to 4pm

Sunday, November 5th 12pm to 4pm

Saturday, November 11th 10am to 4pm

Sunday, November 12th 12pm to 4pm

Fees will be as follows: Members \$5 per 1/2 hour and Non-members \$10 per 1/2 hour.

Charters please note that if you wish to use the range during these times you will be charged the above members rate. This is a very busy time and we are looking for some volunteer help with these two weekends. If you can lend a hand please contact Lance Kingma. If anyone has a spotting scope that they would be willing to let us use, it would be a great help.

Charters that are scheduled to work on these weekends, please note that 2 of you are scheduled as outside to work on the range, dress accordingly.

MOCK STATE SHOOT RESULTS

For a short notice event, we had 44 Trap shooters and 14 Skeet shooters. We were hoping for a few more Club people, but all in all, things went well. Everyone had a great time and the weather was good (a bit chilly but good). After the shoot we had a delicious Steak dinner with all the fixings. Later in the evening we went down by the pond and had a big bonfire. All was very good. Congratulations go out to our winners for the day. Wayne DeWitt: Hi Overall and Hi Skeet. Bruce Rogers: Hi Trap. Dakota Kingma: Hi Jr Trap. Jake Lloyd: RU Jr Trap. Jake Dinges: Hi Jr Skeet. Thanks to Bruce DeMull, we were able to have 3 guns to raffle off. The winners of the guns were: Dakota Kingma, Al Potas and Steve L. A BIG Thank you goes out to all the Shooters, Pullers, Counter people, Kitchen help, Bar help, Steak cookers and in general everyone that was there. Without the help, we couldn't have had such a great event. THANK YOU ALL!

MEMBERSHIP

Charter	106
Associate	356
Total	462

ARCHERY NEWS

The indoor winter archery leagues begin in early January 2007. The traditional archery equipment league will commence on Tuesday, January 2nd. Compound bow shooters will start on Thursday the 4th of January for practice and team/evening assignments—Wednesdays will also be used for league, dependent on the number of shooters. Both leagues will conclude on March 20th and 22nd respectively with the combined banquet slated for the 30th of March. Details on league fees and contact information will appear in the December club newsletter along with further details on trial memberships which will be available with any league sign-up. So please think about who you might recruit as a new member and league shooter.

For those who entered the archery Big Buck contest, mark your calendar for the judging and awards on Sunday January 7th at 2:00 pm at the club. There are 35 in the hunt (but 10 still need to cough up the \$10 entry). At this point in time, Kevin Bloem & Patrick Petroff sit atop the leader board as 1st & 2nd. Also congrats to Jeff Harris who now has a tender doe in his freezer.

SPORTSMAN'S BANQUET

On Friday, January 26, 2007 the Club will host a very special Sportsman's Banquet. This event will be the first of its kind for us and it is something we hope to repeat annually. The aim is to start accumulating sufficient financial resources to enable the preservation of the Club's shooting sports legacy. Ultimately this could involve purchasing adjacent land, taking other actions to safeguard the rights and privileges of our members or to otherwise improve the club. The Club needs to be prepared for the uncertainties and challenges that will likely come so that we are positioned to pass our heritage on to our successor members. The event will be limited to a maximum of 110 guests (all club members and non-members alike are welcome to attend). The ticket price of \$100 covers an incredible sit-down multi-course dinner prepared by chef Fred Ruehs, an open bar, a commemorative gift, and one chance for the grand prize of the evening. Various raffles, auctions and other fundraising events will be held throughout the evening as well. This will surely be an exciting and enjoyable night—one to remember! Please keep this date in mind and don't forget to spread the word to your friends (especially the ones with deep pockets!). A flyer will be sent with the December newsletter. It will contain the final details and an order form for ticket purchases.

RENEWAL INFORMATION/EMAIL ADDRESSES

Renewal information will be in the mail early this month for all associate members. Please read over your letter carefully. We have made some changes to types of memberships that are now available (different from last year), and we have a new member application card to be filled out. We will be requesting email address information and date of birth info. The email information is so that we can begin to send the newsletter via email to our members, thus saving postage. The date of birth information is required if you wish to purchase one of the memberships that require that you be a certain age to qualify for it. All this information will be explained in your renewal letter.

On the issue of the email addresses. The cost involved to print and mail the newsletter cost the club thousands of dollars each year. In that regard we are asking for your email address. Please use your membership renewal card to give us this information. For those who do not have computers or prefer hard copy, copies will be available at the front counter. The process of changing from hard copy to electronic will take some time, but we hope to get it in place beginning with the first of the year.

SKEET CLINIC

Watch the bulletin board for information concerning an upcoming Skeet clinic. Tim Wiley would like to hold a clinic in December if there is enough interest. A sign up sheet and information will be posted.

CCW CLASSES

The next scheduled class is Saturday, December 2nd

If you need information concerning this upcoming class, contact:

Lee Zeidler at

616 538-0510

X-MAS IDEAS

Looking for some Christmas ideas? How about a Club jacket or something with some embroidery on it. There is a book available at the club with embroidery designs that are available. If you are interested in ordering embroidery items, contact Deb Rogers @ 616 455-4535. Some other Christmas ideas may be Shooting cards or Club Memberships, which are available at the counter.

WORK LIST

Saturday November 4

Scott Buckley

Dave Risner

Lance Kingma Outside

Jim Vander Wall Outside

Sunday November 5

Sandy Kingsland

Doug McCarty

Todd Grinage Outside

Brian Trumpie Outside

Saturday November 11

Bill Mervau

Mike Schaendorf

Kevin O'Brien Outside

Robin Wanzer Outside

Sunday November 12

Frank Schirmer

Jim Tolan

Jim Bloem Outside

Gordon Meyerink Outside

Saturday November 18

Bob Bergy

Rich Fennema

Sunday November 19

Mike Mervau

Craig Bailey

Saturday November 25

Sam Barton

Jerry Clark

Sunday November 26

Bill Roush

Bob Netzel

Outside People: You will be helping on the Rifle Range for Sight-In Days, be sure to dress appropriately.

OTHER CLUB INFORMATION

NOVEMBER
 MEMBERSHIP
 MEETING
 HAS BEEN
 CANCELLED

CLUB HOURS

Wed. 6 pm to 10

Thurs. 6 pm to 10

Sat. 10 am to 6 pm

Sun. 12 pm to 6 pm

CLUB CLOSED

The club will be closed on **Thursday, November 23rd** for **Thanksgiving**.

The club wishes everyone a great Turkey Day.

NEW TRAP IS IN

We have recently purchased a new trap for Trap field #1. With this new machine, we now have the capability to shoot "Wobble Trap". If any of you have heard of or seen this game, you know what a riot it is. If you haven't, come on out and take a look, or give it a try. You will be surprised at some of the shots. The cost for a round of "Wobble Trap" is the same as a regular line of Trap.

Need Skeet Instruction?

Tim Wiley
Certified Skeet Instructor

Individual lessons,
Group lessons
For Beginner to Advanced

Call to schedule times
Tim @ 616 581-0471
Or see club manager
