



# KENT COUNTY CONSERVATION LEAGUE Sportsman

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## *From the Manager....*

I know this is the time of year most of us have been waiting for. The ducks migrating, along with the Grouse, Woodcock, and the Deer are starting to rut. I hope all of you have a great hunting season. With most of you I hope that it's about the hunt because we all know the anticipation is always greater than realization. Good Luck to all and a Safe hunting season.

**Thank You,  
Tim Wiley**

### Board of Directors

Thru March 2017	Thru March 2018
Tim Kraai	Doug Bacon
Larry Menetti	Mike Daly
Scott Treichel	Cameron Meyer
Adam Nelson	Ryan Quinn
	Brian Siebers

### KCCL Officers

Thad Bembenista	.....President
Mark Jacobson	.....Vice President
Liz Helmer	.....Treasurer
Russ Luke	.....Secretary
Vic Scudder	.....Past President

### KCCL Mission

To promote all shooting sports and sound environment, conservation, fish and wild-life management.

### Rifle Range Closed the 17th, 12-3 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<i>November 2016</i>		Open 4-10 <b>1</b>	Open 2-8 <b>2</b>	Open 12-10 <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Open 10-5 <b>5</b>	
	Open 10-5 <b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Member Information Meeting 6:30 to 8	Open 4-10 <b>8</b>	Open 2-8 <b>9</b> Member Information Meeting 6:30 to 8	Open 12-10 <b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	Open 10-5 <b>12</b> CPL Class 8 am - 5 pm
	Open 10-5 <b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Membership & BOD Meeting 7 pm	Open 4-10 <b>15</b>	Open 2-8 <b>16</b>	Open 12-10 <b>17</b> Rifle Range Closed 12-3	<b>18</b>	Open 10-5 <b>19</b>
	Open 10-5 <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	Open 4-10 <b>22</b>	Open 2-8 <b>23</b>	Closed <b>24</b> Happy Thanksgiving	<b>25</b>	Open 10-5 <b>26</b>
	Open 10-5 <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	Open 4-10 <b>29</b>	Open 2-8 <b>30</b>			

# SCTP UPDATE

We are starting the 2017 season off on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30pm with our parent meeting. For anyone who is interested in joining or finding out more information on the program please attend the parent information meeting. Any questions please call me at 616-581-0471.

Thank you,  
Tim Wiley  
Head Coach

## Special New Member Sign - up Weekends

Dates: - December 3rd and 4th or December 10th and 11th  
We will waive the \$100 initiation fee to all new members who sign up for Winter League!

## WINTER LEAGUE SIGN-UP WEEKEND

Thursday – Sunday – Dec. 1st, 3rd, 4th

Sign up those dates gets you 2 tickets to the Winter League Gun Giveaway and your 4 punch practice card.

We will also be running a Long Bird Contest. When you sign up for Winter League you get 3 chances to hit the long bird. For every target you hit your name will go into a drawing for a chance to win a prize.

## *A Big Thank You*

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered and helped us get thru our outing season. We could not make these outings successful without everyone's help. We greatly appreciate all of our members help and your understanding on the days we are busy when you are shooting.

## Winter League Warm-Up

Let's practice up before Winter League stars!!!

150 Bird – Skeet or Trap or 5-Stand

Cost is \$35.00 per Event

You can shoot your six lines anytime you want during the month of November.

10-punch card will be awarded to the highest score in each event.

(Need at least 4 shooters in each event for awards to be given)

You can shoot as many events as you wish!!!!

## CPL UPCOMING DATES:

### Co-Ed:

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016 8-5

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 8-5

We are also available for private sessions and basic firearm safety classes as well as personal defense classes upon request. Please contact us at [info@todaysweapons.com](mailto:info@todaysweapons.com) to sign up for any class.

## Sale

All summer merchandise on sale the months of November and December.

## NEW MERCHANDISE

Stop by and check our new shipment of long sleeve tees, sweatshirts both men and women, and new hats.

## *Corporate Outings Available*

Schedule your outings or the 2017 season to assure you get the date you want.

Call Tim or Julie for details - 616-581-0471

## Professional Skeet Instruction

from *Target Solutions*

Coach and Instructor for Jr. All Americans, Jr. World Champions, World Skeet Champions, Skeet State and National SCTP Champions.

Call Tim Wiley at 616-581-0471

## *Orange Crushers 100 Club*

Please consider sending in your tax deductible \$100 donation to help sustain our youth shooting program. You will get a great lapel pin to wear on your shooting bag or vest. These kids are the future of the shooting sports.



# Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Present were Thad Bembenista, Mark Jacobson, Liz Helmer, Russ Luke, Tim Kraai, Scott Treichel, Larry Mennetti, Adam Nelson, Mike Daly and Brian Siebers. Excused Doug Bacon, Ryan Quinn, and Cameron Meyer. Not excused Vic Scudder.

**Membership meeting:** Adrian Coombes was present

He had questions about club policies and how exactly things get accomplished or executed. After a prolonged discussion, most of his questions were answered and now has a better understanding of policies.

**MUCC** discussed that Ticks and Lyme disease are around.

They discussed that there is a proposed law that will result in property tax reduction by providing 45 days of youth education, which may be worth exploring. We should all be calling Lisa Lyons our Michigan State representative to push this bill forward. Keep free land free.

**Presidents report:** nothing to report

**Managers report:**

We had 10 outings in September.

Discussion of outings.

The costs involved in outing are targets, ammo, labor, guns, and food.

Next we discussed health care premiums for Tim, Julie.

Club pays for 50% for Julie and Tim's medical insurance. In Tim's case that is \$300/month. Tim is about to switch over to Medicare. Tim wants us to pay the entire Medicare amount of \$287/month. That action will save us \$13/month or a savings of \$156/year. Julie will stay on the current system. The executive committee voted unanimously to

approve the measure to pay for Tim Wiley's portion of Medicare, but not to exceed \$350/month.

Tim gave accolades to all members who volunteer, which helps balance our bottom line.

**Treasurer's report:**

Liz gave her report and stated that we are about on the same track as last year at this time.

**Pistol Committee:**

We are going to close the pistol range for up a week to repair/replace rotten roof area. There was a discussion about installing Lapendary Panels on the upper walls to absorb sound around the pistol range.

**Old/New Business:**

Raising the annual dues

The entire rest of the meeting was the discussion by the executive committee regarding the increase of the annual rates. In a unanimous vote the committee agreed upon the following increases to the annual fees.

In short, new rates:

Family membership	\$385
Senior membership	\$300
Winter League	\$260
Corporate membership	\$475/450/425/400
Daily rate	\$25

It was pointed out that although some shooting clubs in the area may be less expensive; they insist upon much more member commitment in time and volunteerism. Also, there was some discussion on and when to put a possible cap on the number of memberships the club can handle. Tabled and will discuss more in the future.

*Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.*

# 2016-17 WINTER LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

Browning Cynergy CX  
12 ga. 30" barrels  
Crossover  
\$1800

## "GUN GIVE AWAY"

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12 ga. 30" barrels  
Crossover  
\$1800

**Sign up Thursday – Sunday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and receive 2 tickets to the Winter League Gun and a 4 punch practice card. The extra ticket and practice card is only for this weekend!!!**

## NEW LOWER WINTER LEAGUE PRICES!

### Important Dates:

- \*Start Shooting: Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- \*Last Day of Shooting: Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- \*Banquet Date: Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 (Deer Run- 6 p.m.)
- \*Club Championships: Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017
- \*4 Rounds must be in by: Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Events:

Skeet, Skeet Doubles,  
Trap, Sub-Gauge, Pee Wee,  
5-Stand, Sporting Clays,  
Triple Crown, Side x Side  
(need at least 5 participants)  
Parent/Child, 2 Man Teams

### EVENT FEES:

First Event: \$40.00  
Second Event: \$30.00  
Other Events: \$10.00  
Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Event: \$35.00  
Junior other Event: \$10.00  
Parent/Child Event: \$10.00 each  
2 Man Event: \$10 each  
Partial Membership - \$260 (Dec. thru Apr.)

### PUNCH CARD PRICES:

Skeet & Trap: \$66.00 (12 rds)  
5-Stand: \$72.00 (12 rds)  
Sporting Clays: \$114 (6 rds of 50)  
Junior Punch Card: \$48.00 (12 rds)

**This year we will be reinforcing the old rules for winter league. You can only shoot 4 wks ahead and you cannot fall behind. You will lose 1 bird per week you are behind. The weeks run from Tuesday to Sunday.**

**Weekly Dinner Specials!!!!**



# Kent County Conservation League

**Dear fellow KCCL Member:**

After many months of intense discussion, with our Board of Directors and an outside accounting specialist, we sadly have come to the conclusion that we need to raise our annual dues. Our financial position is such that we cannot guarantee our viability with the current dues structure. The rates will apply to all renewals and new memberships starting January 1, 2017.

## **Why –**

Membership dues have increased only \$20 in the last 12 years. Over that time, KCCL is proud to have provided numerous enhancements to your experience & benefits – including upgrades to the rifle and pistol range structures, adding steel reactionary targets, the sporting clays stations, providing new skeet machines, developing the archery 3D target course, and expanding the kitchen menu. These improvements have resulted in a welcomed increase in members and fun, yet have also caused a significant increase in operational costs and the need for more paid staff to meet the club demands. Other increases include energy costs, insurances, equipment costs and repair, among others.

## **What Else -**

The Board of Directors and your Management Team have been and will continue to look for opportunities to reduce costs by finding efficiencies in the administration of your club benefits, continuing to improve the value of the POS system reporting, and reducing our tax liability based on our not-for-profit status. However, despite our efforts to control costs, the reality is we need to increase dues to meet increased costs so we can continue to provide a safe, high quality Five Star shooting experience.

## **Have Questions?**

All members are invited to meet with your Board of Directors and Management Team during two special membership meetings being held on Monday (11/7) and Wednesday (11/9) at 6:30-8pm in the club house.

The new dues rates will be posted as follows:

- **Family Membership** = \$385.00 + \$100 initiation fee for new or expired memberships
- **Senior Membership (65 yrs +)** = \$300.00 + \$100 initiation fee for new or expired memberships
- **Winter League Only Membership** = \$260.00 (December – April only)
- **Corporate Memberships** = Starting at \$475.00
- **Daily Membership** = \$25.00/day (*up to 2 days maximum to try out the club before joining*)
- **Required volunteer hours** = NONE, come out and enjoy your five star club as awarded by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) last April.

Thank you to you, our members, for making this club West Michigan's Premier Shooting Facility. We look forward to seeing you out on the range soon!

Thank you,

KCCL Board of Directors

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