



KENT COUNTY CONSERVATION LEAGUE Sportsman

SKEET • TRAP • RIFLE • PISTOL • SPORTING CLAYS • 5-STAND • ARCHERY

From the Manager....

I don't know how many of you know that we are going to start our 87th year soon. KCCL has always been known to be the best club in West Michigan. I have either been on the BOD or the manager for 20 years. As we look back at our history, at least for the last 20 years we have had our ups and downs. I remember just before I became the manager we lost quite a bit of money in 2007. So my goal has been to build a membership that would support this enterprise. We have come to the conclusion that in order to do that, we need to be able to be financially stable on what our membership dues here, This would put us in a proactive position, rather than continue to be reactive. I for one want this club to be here for my grandkids. We truly are "The Premier Shooting Sports Facility in West Michigan" and want to stay there.

**Thank You,
Tim Wiley**

Board of Directors

Thru March 2017	Thru March 2018
Tim Kraai	Doug Bacon
Larry Mennetti	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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>December 2016</i>				Open 12-10 1	2	Open 10-5 3
Open 10-5 4	5	Open 4-10 6	Open 2-8 7	Open 12-10 8 Rifle Range Closed 12-3	9	Open 10-5 10 CPL Class 8 am - 5 pm
Open 10-5 11	12	Open 4-10 13	Open 2-8 14	Open 12-10 15	16	Open 10-5 17
Open 10-5 18	19 Membership & BOD Meeting 7 pm	Open 4-10 20	Open 2-8 21	Open 12-10 22	23	Closed 24
Closed 25 Merry Christmas	26	Open 4-10 27	Open 2-8 28	Open 12-10 29	30	Open 10-5 31

STOCKING STUFFERS FOR YOUR FAVORITE SHOOTER:

Don't know what to get for your shooter? Come visit us here at KCCL and we can help you out. Our Pro Shop is stocked with new merchandise, shooting cards, and Gift Certificates. You are sure to find something for that shooter in your life.

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.

If you can not make it this weekend, sign-ups will continue thru January and you will still get one ticket for the Gun Drawing.

STORMY KROMER

10% thru December

All new inventory. We have hats, men and women, headbands, mitts, winter vest, and stockings.



Jake Lotterman - 15 years old took this 9pt with his muzzle loader. He studied patterns and put in food plots by himself. He bought his own bow and gun. He was out in his stand ever minute possible. Shot smaller 8pt in first picture with his bow. I am proud of him for his kills (and the meat in the freezer) but more of his dedication and the sportsman he has become. He shot this big 9pt as the deer was on the run, which was pretty impressive alone.

CPL UPCOMING DATES:

Co-Ed:

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 8-5

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017 8-5

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 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 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

Meeting minutes for 11/21/16

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm

MUCC was not present at meeting

Membership meeting

First part of meeting was to discuss the proposed annual dues increase with membership.

Doug Bacon chairman of the finance committee gave a PowerPoint presentation

Some of the reasons for increase were:

- Minimum wage up
- Property taxes up
- Range officers hired
- More employees to cover more demand
- Maintenance costs up (more people, more costs)
- Increased hours (Wednesdays open November-May)

With a surplus, we can have a rainy-day fund and be proactive not reactive

Since our last board meeting, the board has explored ways to keep from increasing the annual dues. Mark Jacobson explains why we need to increase dues.

After much give and take, the membership wants more transparency in the financial area of KCCL. Originally this portion of the meeting was to consume no more than 30 minutes, instead we took over 100 minutes with the membership present. There were roughly, 11 members present. Is club solvent? Yes Debt? Banquet hall, Kubota, and RTV. Two large expenses last year-new parking lot, and road foundation rebuilt In short, the winter league and outings make us \$150K.

Email communications are a problem

We ask members to be responsible on checking emails coming from KCCL. You should be getting at the least the newsletter in the first few days of every month. If you do not receive the newsletter please look in your spam, junk, or promotions folders. If you still do not see anything, please go to our website at kccl.org at the bottom right and sign up for the newsletter. We would like to make sure our members are getting all of our emails.

From 2009 to 2015 our income is up 54% and our payroll is up 2%

Vic brought up that he has tried to get old members to join the Finance committee, but to no avail.

Craig Priebe brought up that the reason we brought in outings was to keep dues down.

It was pointed out that revenues generated were: Year to date

- Trap -15K
- Skeet - 21K
- Sporting clays - 58.5K

Next we discussed upgrade to the outdoor lights by installing LED lights. Grainger will warranty their lights for 7 years if they get the contract. The biggest discussion was that there is a lack of financial transparency. Also, as we grow we are going through growing pains.

Terry Tobias resigned as our resident agent/attorney

BOD MEETING

Roll Call

Present: Thad Bembenista, Mark Jacobson, Liz Helmer, Russ Luke, Vic Scudder, Scott Treichel, Larry Mennetti, , Mike Daly, Doug Bacon, Mike Daly, Ryan Quinn, Brian Siebers, and Cameron Meyer.

Excused: Tim Kraai, Adam Nelson

Dale Ringerwole sent an email in saying he would like to be on the Finance committee. Vic praised the BOD members and finance committee for their hard work on getting the books in order and believes the dues should be raised the 50% increase.

We then discussed our dues increase, and went over our wish list. Generator was number one on the list as if the power goes down it could be three days until we knew there was a problem, and we could lose thousands of dollars' worth of meat, etc., from the freezers. Further, that the last time the power went out, we were having a big Spectrum event, and not only did the machines not work, but also the toilets wouldn't work as the water pump house wasn't running.

Tim was asked by members at the first membership dues meeting to bring in an outside business/accounting firm to look at our books to see where we stand financially. Tim contacted Sarah from Norris Accounting Services to come in and look over our books.

The BOD authorized Sarah, to continue to go over our books at between \$300-500 per month. Issue carried unanimously.

Elizabeth Helmer resigned as of Dec. 31st from the BOD and as the club's bookkeeper due to family health issues and being too busy with her other jobs. Liz will greatly be missed. Thank you for all your hard work that you did for the club over the past 5 years.

President Report: none

Managers Report:

Tim discussed corporate outings, the budget, having the ability to use quick books with Sarah's guidance.

Tim then brought up that there is an NRA school in Indianapolis, Indiana that is all about running a gun club, and he and James would like to attend.

Update on neighbor who is trying to limit us to 6 outings/year not 6 outings on Fridays. Someone mentions changing the term event to something else.

Discussed changing fiscal year from Jan1-Dec. 31 to July 1 to June 30.

Finance committee is to meet on Nov 30

Now it was time to vote on what to do with dues increase.

There were options to consider. The BOD decided to rescind the increase until after the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 11/30.

Meeting closes at 10:40pm.

2016-17 WINTER LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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

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Sign up Thursday – Sunday Dec. 1st, 3rd, 4th 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 6th, 2016
- *Last Day of Shooting: Sunday, March 26th, 2017
- *Banquet Date: Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 (Deer Run- 6 p.m.)
- *Club Championships: Sunday, April 23rd, 2017
- *4 Rounds must be in by: Sunday, January 29th, 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 1st 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 discussion via three member meetings and porch conversations, the board of directors have listened to the members' voice and reconsidered the dues increase noticed in November. The board maintains the direction to reduce the club's dependency upon corporate and special events to fund portions of the operating budget and to look for opportunities to reduce ongoing operating costs. Currently the corporate and special events subsidize an operating cost gap of approximately \$150,000 – which is used to maintain the quality of the club that members expect.

Recognizing inflation over the course of the last 12+ years since the last dues increase equals 20% and our membership has more than doubled in that time, an adjustment of dues is still warranted. While the revised member rates fall short of closing the operating cost gap and rates if adjusted by inflation, the board voted 12 to 2 to approve this compromise.

The rates will apply to all renewals and new memberships starting January 1, 2017 as follows:

- **Family Membership** = \$295.00 + \$100 initiation fee for new or expired memberships
- **Senior Membership** (65 yrs +) = \$225.00 + \$100 initiation fee for new or expired memberships
- **Winter League Only Membership** = \$200.00 (December – April only)
- **Corporate Memberships** = Starting at \$400.00
- **Daily Membership** = \$20.00/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!

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Grand Rapids Chapter 2017 Youth Hunt

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

Pine Hill Sportsman's Club
3329 Johnson Road
Belding, MI 48809

(East M-91 in Belding, MI. Off Belding Road)



Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Shooting Warm Up: 9:15 a.m.

Main Event Shotgun Start:

1st Flight: 9:30 a.m.

2nd Flight: 10:45 a.m.

(Flight assignments TBA)

Lunch: 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30/Hunter

**Participation is limited
to 18 youths.**

(12 to 17 years of age)

We will provide instruction, warm-up clays, a guided three-bird hunt and lunch. An orange hat, orange vest, and protective eyewear is required for each hunter, as well as a valid small-game license. All youths must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

To register or for more information, contact

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