



KENT COUNTY CONSERVATION LEAGUE Sportsman

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From the Manager

Dear Valued KCCL Members,

Thanks to all of you who have offered your insightful comments and support as I enter into my first Winter League in my new role as manager of KCCL. I have received a lot of positive feedback and some helpful suggestions to keep KCCL moving in the right direction.

As Winter League gets underway, I am thankful we were able to overcome ammunition shortages and find a short-order cook to contribute to a successful season. Our cook, Maison, is getting off to a great start and has expressed appreciation for the welcoming comments, patience, and member support he has received thus far. I would like to encourage our members and their guests to take advantage of having a functioning kitchen so that we may continue to offer this benefit. We are open to reasonable suggestions for additional food and beverage ideas.

I'm enjoying the colder weather and being able to warm up by a fire in the clubhouse. This is thanks to upgrades to the air makeup system and adds a nice, relaxing feel to our clubhouse.

2022 is starting out strong and will continue to be busy with the addition of four registered Skeet shoots and two registered Sporting Clay shoots, bringing our yearly totals to five registered Skeet shoots and four registered Sporting Clay shoots. Dates are listed in subsequent pages of the newsletter. Please spread the word to other dedicated shooters to ensure maximum participation for these events.

Thank you to those who wished my family and I a Merry Christmas; it was much appreciated. And, finally, thank you to the staff and volunteers who give their time and efforts to move this club forward on a path of improvement and success.

Best wishes,
Mark DeKam

BOD OFFICERS

President: James Widdis

Vice President: Carol Seacord

Chairman Of the Board: David Held

Co-Chairman: Open

Treasurer: Open

Secretary: Scott Treichel

Manager: Mark DeKam

Terms ending April of 2022:

Carol Seacord

Thad Bembenista

Adam Nelson

Terms ending April of 2023:

Mark Jacobson

Larry Menetti

Jim Widdis

Terms ending April of 2024:

David Held

Scott Treichel

Craig Priebe

KCCL Mission

To promote all shooting sports and sound environment, conservation, fish and wildlife management.

PULLER OF THE MONTH

Puller of the Month is back! We are so excited to be able to recognize a different puller each month who worked hard and earned this recognition. We made this decision by evaluating each puller's work ethic, attitude, and customer service skills. In January, we were thrilled to put Raven Adamczak in the spotlight!

Raven is 19 years old and has been working at KCCL for a year. He is currently in his first year at Grand Rapids Community College and plans on transferring to Michigan State University in the next few years to earn his bachelor's degree. His favorite part about working at KCCL is meeting new people and talking to the regulars. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family in his free time. He also enjoys many other outdoor activities, specifically golf.

Thank you for all your hard work this month, Raven!



GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS!

We created this segment of the newsletter to allow members to get to know each other and learn a little bit about the people we see hanging around the clubhouse on a regular basis! This month we sat down with long-time KCCL member, Bob Jordan.

QUESTION: HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU STARTED SHOOTING?

BOB JORDAN: "I WAS 12 YEARS OLD."

QUESTION: WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN THE SHOOTING SPORT?

BOB JORDAN: "I HAD A GOOD FRIEND THAT SHOT WITH MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY, AND HE INVITED ME OUT TO SHOOT AT WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, AND I GOT HOOKED AND WAS HOOKED EVER SINCE. NEVER LOOKED BACK."

QUESTION: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER AT KCCL?

BOB JORDAN: "BETTER PART OF 30 YEARS."

QUESTION: HOW IS YOUR SHOOTING CAREER CURRENTLY GOING?

BOB JORDAN: "IT'S UP AND DOWN. THE OLDER YOU GET, IT'S MORE CHALLENGING. MORE GOOD DAYS THAN BAD DAYS THOUGH."

QUESTION: WHAT'S SOMETHING THAT GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT COMING TO THE CLUB?

BOB JORDAN: "JUST HANGING AROUND WITH THE PEOPLE. I'VE GOT GOOD FRIENDS OUT HERE. WATCHING NEW MEMBERS COMING OUT AND PROBABLY WATCHING THE KIDS DEVELOP INTO GOOD SHOOTERS."

QUESTION: WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO SEE HAPPEN AT THE CLUB IN 2022?

BOB JORDAN: "KEEP MOVING FORWARD LIKE WE HAVE BEEN. A LOT OF POSITIVE CHANGES. I THINK WE'VE GOT A GOOD, STRONG BOARD NOW; WE CERTAINLY HAVE A GOOD MANAGER AND I THINK THAT'S GOING TO PAY DIVIDENDS."

QUESTION: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE DIRECTION THE CLUB IS HEADING IN AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE TO THE SPORTING CLAYS COURSE?

BOB JORDAN: "I THINK IT WAS LONG OVERDUE. WE ALL KNOW SPORTING CLAYS IS THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE AND DOING WHAT WE'RE DOING AS FAR AS CLEARING OUT AND ADDING MACHINES, GETTING RID OF SOME TREES IN THERE TO MAKE IT A MORE USER-FRIENDLY COURSE, I THINK IT'S ALL POSITIVE."

IN MEMORIAM...

Winters, Edward age 74, of Grand Rapids, went to be with his Lord on Monday, November 29, 2021. He was preceded in death by his son, Brian; parents, Robert and Harrietta. Ed will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Sandi; son, Jeff (Michelle) Winters; stepchildren, Richard (Chris) Grant and Sissy (Craig) Koch; grand-children, Hope, Mason, Garrison, Gavin, Peyton, and Brenly Winters, Brayton (Desiree), Parker, Landon, Grant and Hanna Longman; sister, Nancy (Rob) Minnella; aunt, Marilyn Winters; mother-in-law, Pat Johnson. Ed enjoyed spending time with his family and a wide range of hobbies including fishing, cheering for the Spartans, shooting at the range and playing cards. Evenings were cherished with his wife, Sandi and cats, Lilly and Willy watching the latest dramas.

THE KITCHEN IS NOW OPEN

We welcomed Maison Gibbs as our new cook in mid-December! Maison comes to us with some restaurant experience but is looking forward to growing his skills and catering to the KCCL members! He is already off to a great start and expressed appreciation for the kindness of KCCL's valued members! We are looking forward to great things for Maison.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Family Membership \$395.00
Senior Membership \$295.00
Student Membership \$275.00

Corporate Memberships

1 Person \$525.00
2 Person \$500.00 each
3 Person or more \$475.00 each

Initiation Fee \$100.00

CLUB HOURS

Tuesday: 4:00-10:00pm

Wednesday: 3:00-8:00pm

Thursday: 12:00-10:00pm

Saturday/Sunday: 10:00am-5:00pm

WINTER LEAGUE IS IN FULL SWING

The 2022 KCCL Winter League continues to ramp up! We've been thrilled with the way this year's Winter League events have been running, and the participation from all members who signed up! We're heading into Week 5, which means we're working on finalizing teams and classing all Skeet and Trap shooters. Please see Mark, Sarah or Matt at the front desk if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT WINTER LEAGUE DATES

Week 5: 1/30/22 to 2/5/22
 Week 6: 2/6/22 to 2/12/22
 Week 7: 2/13/22 to 2/19/22
 Week 8: 2/20/22 to 2/26/22
 Week 9: 2/27/22 to 3/5/22
 Week 10: 3/6/22 to 3/12/22
 Week 11: 3/13/22 to 3/19/22
 Week 12: 3/20/22 to 3/26/22

Last day of accepted registered lines: 3/31/22

WINTER LEAGUE SCORES

Go to KCCL.org and click on the Leagues tab. Under that go to Skeet, Trap or Other scores to see all updated Winter League scores. Only the scores up to the current week will be posted here, so you will not be able to see any of the scores for future weeks. Updated scores will also be posted every Tuesday on the Clubhouse porch. Please see Mark, Sarah, or Matt if you have any issues or concerns about your scores.

FEBRUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
WINTER LEAGUE WEEK 5		1 OPEN 4-10PM	2 OPEN 3-8PM 4:30-8 PM 5-STAND & FIELDS 4-5 FOR SCTP ONLY	3 OPEN 12-10PM	4	5 OPEN 10AM-5PM
6 OPEN 10AM-5PM WINTER LEAGUE WEEK 6	7	8 OPEN 4-10PM	9 OPEN 3-8PM 4:30-8 PM 5-STAND & FIELDS 4-5 FOR SCTP ONLY	10 OPEN 12-10PM 12-5PM RIFLE RANGE CLOSED	11	12 OPEN 10AM-5PM CPL COURSE @8AM-5PM
13 OPEN 10AM-5PM WINTER LEAGUE WEEK 7	14	15 OPEN 4-10PM 7-9 PM MEMBERSHIP & BOD MEETING	16 OPEN 3-8PM 4:30-8 PM 5-STAND & FIELDS 4-5 FOR SCTP ONLY	17 OPEN 12-10PM	18	19 OPEN 10AM-5PM
20 OPEN 10AM-5PM WINTER LEAGUE WEEK 8	21	22 OPEN 4-10PM	23 OPEN 3-8PM 4:30-8 PM 5-STAND & FIELDS 4-5 FOR SCTP ONLY	24 OPEN 12-10PM	25	26 OPEN 10AM-5PM CPL COURSE @8AM-5PM
27 OPEN 10AM-5PM WINTER LEAGUE WEEK 9	28					

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **KCCL Winter League Ends**
March 26 @ 10:00am-5:00pm
- **Registered Skeet Shoots:**
 - **KCCL Spring Challenge**
May 21-22, 2022
 - **Tuesday 28 Gauge**
June 7, 2022
 - **Tuesday 410 Bore**
June 21, 2022
 - **Marion Shields 500 (Buckle Race)**
July 29-31, 2022
 - **KCCL 4X50**
October 8, 2022
- **Registered Sporting Clays Shoots:**
 - **NSCA Classification Shoot**
April 24, 2022
 - **NSCA Classification Shoot**
June 11, 2022
 - **NSCA Classification Shoot**
July 17, 2022
 - **NSCA Classification Shoot**
October 15, 2022

ORANGE CRUSHERS UPDATE

A message from the Head Coach:

The KCCL Orange Crushers are looking forward to another exciting and successful season. This year our team is made up of 39 shooters, with great growth in both new male and female shooters on the team.

The continued growth and success of this team would not be possible without the club, the members, the volunteer coaches, and parent volunteers that have so graciously supported this team.

As we venture into 2022, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all you have done and continue to do to support this team and its members. We are building the future of this sport, our club, and future leaders of our country.

Thank you,
David R. Held, KCCL Orange Crushers Head Coach

REGISTER FOR A CPL COURSE

Upcoming dates

Today's Weapons Classes

Please inquire at info@todaysweapons.com for more information and to sign up.

Saturday, February 12, 2022 @8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday, February 26, 2022 @8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday, March 12, 2022 @8:00am-5:00pm

Contact: **Mark Jacobson**, info@todaysweapons.com

We are also available for private sessions and basic firearm safety classes as well as personal defense classes upon request.

GUN GIRL TRAINING CPL CLASSES

One-on-one, couples or group beginner pistol classes by appointment only.

Find more at www.GunGirlTraining.com

Saturday, March 19, 2022 @8:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, April 10, 2022 @8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday, May 14, 2022 @8:00am-5:00pm

Contact: **Angela Diesel**, gungirltraining@gmail.com

CAUTION!

Please drive carefully when on the club driveway. The drive can quickly become hazardous as the weather turns. Please watch out for Sporting Clays shooters coming and going from the course.

Do you have feedback, suggestions, or an article for this newsletter?
Send an email to info@kccl.org