



KENT COUNTY CONSERVATION LEAGUE Sportsman

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From the Manager

Dear Valued KCCL Members,

As we head into March, I can't help but get excited for some warmer weather soon, fingers crossed. February has blown by and it's hard to believe that Winter League will be coming to an end this month. The Winter League Banquet is set for April 22nd, here at the Clubhouse. The time is to be determined, so keep an eye out for an email regarding that. I can't wait to recognize all the dedicated shooters we've had participate in the 2022 Winter League season.

As the weather gets warmer, I anticipate the updated Sporting Clays course will stay quite busy. This is exciting as we've put countless hours into perfecting this course for all of you to enjoy! We have more exciting additions for the course coming soon, so please keep an eye out for any updates via email.

I look forward to the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. This is a great way for all members to get involved in the future here at KCCL. There are three board positions up for election this year. We encourage you to submit any nominations to info@kccl.org. There is much greater detail about this election and important dates below.

Please continue to spread the word to other shooters about the registered Skeet shoots and registered Sporting Clays shoots we have coming up in 2022. The dates are listed in subsequent pages of the newsletter. We want maximum participation from our members and hope for very successful events this year. There is more information posted throughout the Clubhouse regarding these shoots as well.

I am deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Matthew Kooistra. He was a longtime member of KCCL and showed everlasting faith and love in all he did. He blessed the lives of many, and I know his legacy will live on through his wife and children.

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: Open
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.

WINTER LEAGUE SCORES

Go to KCCL.org and click on the Leagues tab 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 Mat if you have any issues or concerns about your scores.

Please remember that every week you shoot Trap or Skeet late, you will lose a point on your score. Current weeks are always updated and posted on the chalkboard in the Clubhouse.

PRICE CHANGES COMING SOON

Beginning April 1st, 2022, prices for Trap, Skeet, 5-stand, and Sporting Clays will be increasing for all members and nonmembers because of an increase in supply cost. More information will be available within the next couple of weeks via email.

IMPORTANT WINTER LEAGUE DATES

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

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

ANNUAL ELECTION IS COMING UP!

The Annual Meeting was noticed on 2/1/22 to be on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm EST at the Clubhouse.

The record date for members entitled to notice and a vote is March 1, 2022.

Each member is invited to submit nominations (a maximum of one per seat per member) for each available Board seat. Nominations must be received by close of business on March 9th, 2022, to be included on the ballot.

There are three board positions up for election, which are three (3) year terms (April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2025). Those that are elected will join the remaining six members on the Board. Candidates will be expected to attend all monthly boards and at least one committee they will be appointed to.

Nominees will need to provide a headshot picture and a brief paragraph description by February 27th to be included in the nominee information sheet that will accompany the ballot. Please forward any nominations to info@kccl.org by the above deadline.

Dates to be aware of:

- 2/1/22 – Notice regarding annual meeting and elections
- 2/15/22 – Request for nominations
- 2/27/22 – Nominations deadline and Candidate Description/Photo deadline for ballot info sheet.
- 3/1/22 – Record Date for members entitled to notice and a vote
- Election Ballots are open starting Tuesday, March 1st and close Tuesday, March 15th at 4:00pm EST. (Watch your email for the electronic ballot.)
- 3/15/22 at 7pm – Annual meeting at the KCCL Clubhouse



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
- **Winter League Banquet**
April 22 - Time to be Announced

PULLER OF THE MONTH

We are so excited to be able to recognize a different puller each month who showed stellar work ethic, dedication, and exceptional hospitality to our members. In February, we put Lilly Kooistra in the spotlight to give her the recognition for all her hard work!

Lilly is currently a senior at Lowell Senior High School. She's been working here at KCCL with us for ten months now and enjoys shooting skeet when she can. Her favorite thing about working at KCCL is meeting and interacting with all the members. When she's not at the club, she enjoys playing sports and spending time with her friends. After high school, Lilly plans on going to college for psychology and pre-med.



Thank you for all you do, Lilly!

The Western Lakes Chapter of the Vintage Gunners

Midwestern by design, we formed in 2021 to connect folks who love the double gun.
Our Chapter Shoots pop up at the finest clay courses, in any state that touches Lake Michigan;
Our next stop is Ada, in West Michigan

Chapter Shoot Kent County Conservation League March 22nd, 2022 5:00 – 7:00

Whether your collection is aspirational or inspirational, this is a great venue to meet other enthusiasts.
We'll gather for multiple rounds of 5-Stand on a Tuesday Night.
Socialize around the fire before, during and after

An RSVP is not needed, but say hello in advance by contacting Steve Norkus (Chapter President)
stenorkus2000@yahoo.com (248) 914-0770

Chapter Shoots are on your dime, please register at the desk and follow all venue rules
If you enjoyed yourself, send me an email and I'll put you on the mailing list.

MARCH 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		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 10	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 ORANGE CRUSHERS FUN SHOOT
13 OPEN 10AM-5PM WINTER LEAGUE WEEK 11	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 CPL COURSE @8AM-5PM
20 OPEN 10AM-5PM WINTER LEAGUE WEEK 12	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 STEAK NIGHT @ 5PM	25	26 OPEN 10AM-5PM CPL COURSE @8AM-5PM ORANGE CRUSHERS FUN SHOOT
27 OPEN 10AM-5PM	28	29 OPEN 4-10PM	30 OPEN 3-8PM 4:30-8 PM 5-STAND & FIELDS 4-5 FOR SCTP ONLY	31 OPEN 12-10PM LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR WINTER LEAGUE		

IN MEMORIAM...

All who knew Matthew Kooistra would agree that he had a vibrant zest for life that was contagious to all who were near. Faith was a cornerstone in his life, and never was that more evident than when he faced a cancer diagnosis later in life. There was no greater gift in his life than his family, and he was so proud to watch the children he shared with the love of his life become extraordinary people of their own. Matt lived to love and serve others, touching the lives of so many along the way. Life will never be the same without Matt here, but he leaves behind a timeless legacy that his loved ones will proudly carry on in his footsteps.

Outgoing, talkative, and friendly, Matthew Kooistra was the sort of person who never met a stranger. He was a helper, a planner, and a fixer who loved sharing his dreams and passions with his loved ones. Matt's devotion to his family was unmatched, and his unwavering love and support were an inspiration to all who were near. Deeply loved, he will be forever missed.

KOOISTRA – Matthew A. Kooistra age 47, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 18, 2022. He was preceded in death by his father, Ron Kooistra. Matt is survived by Carrie, his wife of 25 years; children, Bretton (Lauren) Kooistra, Connor Kooistra, Lilly Kooistra and Annabel Kooistra; mother, Marsha Kooistra; In-laws, Don and Karen Marema. Also surviving are his siblings, Michael Kooistra, Sarah (Pat) Groves, and Dave (Nichole) Kooistra; sisters-in-law, Melissa (Eric) Nelson and Katie VanHaven; 9 nieces and nephews and many special friends. Please visit www.heritagelifestory.com to read Matt's life story, submit a favorite memory, photo or to sign the guestbook.

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

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

Saturday, April 9, 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

CLUB HOURS

Tuesday: 4:00-10:00pm

Wednesday: 3:00-8:00pm

Thursday: 12:00-10:00pm

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

SPORTING CLAYS UPDATE

Now that the new LongRange remotes are installed on the course, the old EZPull cards won't work. If you have an EZPull card with birds still on it, please see the front desk so they can get you transferred to a new card!

We are also allowing members to purchase their own LongRange Sporting Clays card that allows you to preload up to 4,000 birds. The card is a one-time fee of \$5 which you can then reuse and load birds onto it as you wish. This is a great resource for avid sporting clays shooters to take advantage of!

However, we do ask that anyone planning on shooting Sporting Clays please check in at the front desk in the Clubhouse before hitting the course, regardless of whether you already have a card or not. We want everyone to have fun and take advantage of this beautiful course, but safety is our top priority.

HELP WANTED

KCCL is looking for a BOD Secretary. If you are interested, please email us at info@kccl.org.

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