

# SPORTSMAN

## KENT COUNTY CONSERVATION LEAGUE



### FROM THE MANAGER

Thank you valued members of KCCL for your patience as we are in the process of updating our communications with you. As you are able to see here, our Sportsman Newsletter is getting a little bit of a face-lift. In addition to these updates, we will be updating our social media on Facebook and Instagram for the club as well as our email list. You do not have to subscribe to all of these forms of communication, we will just be offering information on all of them so that you may choose how you learn about what is going on at the club.

We will also be offering many opportunities in the future to get involved. The Board of Directors is currently working to provide a list of committees that we would welcome you to volunteer on. Immediate needs are help with Building & Grounds, Finance, Manager Search, Events, Communications & HR. Please let Mat or Hunter know if you are interested in volunteering in one of these areas and they will pass your information along to the appropriate people.

Thank you for your continued membership and please feel free to ask any questions as these changes develop.



#### Member Spotlight

Roger Hill

#### Junior Member Spotlight

Jason Stephens

#### Staff Spotlight

Carra Couturier

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: David Held

Vice President: Mark Jacobson

Chairman of the Board: Sam Yeo

Co-Chairman: OPEN

Treasurer: Natasha Versluys

Manager: Mat Peabody

Assistant Manager: Hunter

Derenski

Directors:

Gordon Anderson

Bradley Strouse

John Goodrow

Chris Kropf

Mike Novy

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## ROGER HILL

Roger has been a member of KCCL since 1973 and this past season he celebrated his 49th year shooting our Winter League! We asked him to tell us a little bit more about himself:

### What types of gun(s) do you shoot?

I shoot a Remington 1100 for skeet and Browning Citori, but I prefer my 1100. For trap, I shoot a Franchi over and under gun.

### What is your FAVORITE discipline to shoot?

Although trap was always my favorite, I think now skeet is my number one!

### What is your FAVORITE thing about KCCL?

I love seeing and talking to my friends and even making new ones. I am honored to have shot with and become friends with some great KCCL members like Jack Norton, Bill Teesdale, Cart Hyser, Red Shepard and many more!



ROGER HILL PICTURED (RIGHT) WITH FRIEND SAM YEO (LEFT)

### What got you into shooting?

A good friend of mine, Jack Norton brought me to the club and coached me on shooting. His father was one of the original members of KCCL.

## ROGER'S FAVORITE SHOOTING MEMORY

My FAVORITE shooting memory is when our trap team broke 1435 out of 1500 targets during Winter League! That was (and still is) the record!

I am also tied with 3 others for breaking 295 in the Winter League trap competition!

THANK YOU ROGER FOR SHARING YOUR MEMORIES AND FOR BEING A VALUED MEMBER OF KCCL!

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# BOARD MINUTES

MAY 2023

## KCCL BOD MEETING 5-23-2023

Attendees: Sam Yeo, Natasha Versluys,

Absent: Mark Jacobson

Motion to start the meeting 6:50pm

Moved: David Held

Second: Natasha Versluys

3 for, so moved.

Motion to enter into executive session

Moved: David Held 6:53 pm

Second: Natasha Versluys

3-0 so moved

Motion to Move to general session.

Moved: David Held 7:30pm

Second: Sam Yeo

3-0 So moved.

AGENDA: Members meeting 7:35

-Marty Boltres: The league needs to get a handle on our payroll, and this will be key to cashflow.

Board Response: This is a conversation the board is reviewing

Board Response: We are working on addressing these concerns.

-John Goodrow: Where are the trap speakers? We need to get these working again and addressed.

-Gordy: Have we collected the data from the field card readers?

-Craig P.: The readers need to be wiped and establish a process on how to pull this data. This may need to be done on a weekly basis or monthly.

-Natasha: We need a mission statement that directs our organization.

-Marty Boltres: We need to be more member focused.

-Chris Kopf: We need better management.

-John Goodrow: Where are we at in the manager search?

-Sam: Step one; figuring out what we need in a manager. Once that is established, we will then work with a search committee to find a manager.

-Brad: What is the current plan to announce to the members the changes recently?

-Brad: We need to have more transparent financials.

-Craig: We need to have a monthly Sportsman. To include minutes and updates.

-Craig: Communication needs to be more polished and informative.

Board response: Agreed.

-Sam: We hear your concerns and where we can make it better going forward and we will.

-Mike: Are the contracts for club use up for review?

Board Response: Yes, we will be reviewing contracts and policies that address the areas of concern.

-Mike: People generating revenue off of our facility need to have a contract.

Board Response: Yes, we will be addressing these. We need to address the urgent issues first.

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Marty: What is the current makeup of the board.

Board Response: David Held is the acting President, Sam Yeo is the acting Chairman, Natasha is the acting Treasurer, Mark Jacobson is the acting Vice president.

-Marty: We need to have Michelle Jacobson help with communication of organizational changes.

-Dale: We need to have a good handle on finances

Board Response: We are actively working to get a full handle on finances. While we are working on those concerns we have identified the need for a cost accountant.

-Dale: We need operational guidelines for our staff.

Board Response: This will be addressed.

Motion to close the members meeting 8:25pm

Moved: David Held

Second: Natasha Versluys

3-0 so moved

Motion to move to BOD meeting 8:25pm

Motion: David Held

Second: Natasha Versluys

3 For 0 Against: So moved.

Motion to approve Agenda:

Motion: David Held

Second: Natasha Versluys

3 For – 0 Against: So moved.

Agenda:

Review of current state of BOD

During the course of the 5-16-2023 BOD meeting the makeup of the board was changed following motions and votes of the members present during that meeting.

Motion to fill the open positions / Nominate and Fill 5 Open Board positions.

Motion: Sam Yeo

Second: Natasha Versluys

Discussion: 3 For – 0 Against: So moved.

Motion to fill position ending in 2024 with Mike Novi

Motion: Sam Yeo

Second: Natasha Versluys

Discussion: 3 For – 0 Against: So moved.

Motion to fill position ending in 2025 with Gordy Anderson

Motion: Sam Yeo

Second: Natasha Versluys

Discussion 4 For – 0 Against: So moved.



# JUNIOR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## JASON STEPENS

Jason has been a member of Kent County Orange Crushers for 4 years and shooting for 5. He recently graduated from West Michigan Aviation Academy. He has also worked at KCCL for 2 years. We asked him to tell us a little bit more about himself:

### What types of gun(s) do you shoot?

I shoot a Beretta 694 with a TSK Stock

### What is your FAVORITE discipline to shoot?

My favorite is skeet, I like the consistency of it and I can really focus on it.

### What is your FAVORITE thing about KCCL?



I like that we have a great community, we all share similar interests and the area out here is really pretty too.



JASON SHOOTING THE SPORTING CLAYS COURSE AT NATIONALS

### What got you into shooting?

I have been shooting since I was a kid and I didn't really get into other sports. I thought I'd try this and I really liked it and got pretty good at it, so I continued all through high school.

## JASON'S FAVORITE SHOOTING MEMORY

My FAVORITE shooting memories are when I go pheasant hunting with my family!

We go with the whole family, my dad, my grandpa and uncles. The last time we went out, we got 28 birds all together, it was great fun and some awesome memories!

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Motion to fill position ending in 2025 with John Goodrow

Motion: David Held

Second: Natasha Versluys

Discussion 5 For – 0 Against: So moved.

Motion to fill position ending in 2025 Brad Strouse

Motion: David Held Discussion

Second: Natasha Versluys

Discussion 6 For – 0 Against: So moved.

Motion to fill position ending in 2026 Chris Kropf

Motion: Sam Yeo

Second: John Goodrow

Discussion 7 For – 0 Against: So moved.

Letter to seek mediation to be sent 5-30-23 and cost of mediator.

Motion: The motion is the fund the reimbursement of Jim Widdis in whole ASAP either through a loan from a member or bank, or terms agreeable to Jim Widdis, and to enter into mediation as it relates to the resolution of his position on the former board.

Motion: David Held

Second: Natasha Versluys

Discussion 8 For – 0 Against: So moved

Motion: For Natasha to approach LMCU and Mercantile for a line of revolving credit in the amount of 40k. Were that to not be productive Chris Kropf will be asked to approach GreenStone Credit Union.

Moved: David Held

Second: John Goodrow

Discussion Vote: 8-0

Motion to approve Minutes from 5-16-23 meeting.

Moved: Sam Yeo

Second: Natasha Versluys

Discussion Vote: 8-0

Manger's report To be submitted by email. Per Mat Peabody.

Motion to provide a check for targets to Doug Sales for expected target Delivery

Moved: Gordy Anderson

Second: Sam Yeo

Discussion Vote: 8-0

Manager search kickoff

Motion: Sam to formulate a search committee of members and BOD members. Chaired by Sam Yeo. Members to be nominated and appointed by the BOD and to be further reviewed and addressed via email. The committee would develop a search process and finer details as it relates to the League's projected needs for management,

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their duties, and job description(s). The committee will be 5 members in total.

Moved: Natasha

Second: David

Discussion Vote: 8-0

Motion to table remainder of the agenda

Motion: Items found in the remainder of the agenda.

New business

Old business

Moved: David

Second: Natasha

Discussion Vote: 8-0

Schedule next meeting 6-20-2023

Motion to adjourn 9:40pm

Moved: Sam

Second: Natasha

Vote: 8-0

To do items:

Manager: Pull long range data and clear machines for accurate data process to begin 6-1-23

Manager: Fix and reimplement the trap speaker system

Manager: The Sportsman needs to be done monthly

Manager: List of upcoming events and need for support from members.

Team: Update the website

*Congratulations!* **To our graduating Seniors!**

**Kaitlyn Dyer** - Rockford High School

**Nick Huffman** - Forest Hills Eastern High School

**Jack Jeppesen** - Northview High School

**David Johnston** - Lowell High School

**Wyatt Kooistra** - Grand Rapids Christian High School

**Mark McIntire** - Rockford High School

**Andrew Schwalm** - Home School

**Jason Stephens** - West Michigan Aviation Academy

**Kiera Troost** - Lowell High School

**Reece VanderPlow** - Rockford High School

**Tyler Weller** - Lowell High School



# KENT COUNTY ORANGE CRUSHERS



Kent County Orange Crushers are about halfway through a very FUN season! If you'd like to know more about what the team is up to, please add your email to our newsletter list or follow the team on Facebook or Instagram at @KC\_OrangeCrushers.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement to all of our athletes!

## Next Events:

June 3: Fun Shoot at KCCL

June 9-11: State Skeet & SC at MTA

June 24: State Trap at MTA



## MEMBERSHIP DUES

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - \$395.00

Includes spouse & anyone living in the home 22 years and younger

### SENIOR MEMBERSHIP - \$295.00

65 years and older

### STUDENT MEMBERSHIP - \$275.00

Proof of current student ID required

### CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

Allowed to bring guests  
Pistol & Rifle Range Fees are Free

1st Membership - \$525.00

2nd Membership - \$500.00

Extra Memberships - \$475.00

**INITIATION FEE - \$100.00**



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## CARRA COUTURIER

Carra has been a member of the KCCL staff for 7 months and she was an athlete on the Lowell Red Arrows team. She will be moving on to new opportunity at KinderCare. We thank her for her time working hard here at KCCL, but before she leaves, we asked her to tell us a little bit more about herself:

### What types of gun(s) do you shoot?

I shoot a Kolar Max Skeet

### What is your FAVORITE discipline to shoot?

I really like both sporting clays and skeet

### What is your FAVORITE thing about KCCL?

I really love the community and all of the support! I'm especially thankful for my dad, TC Couturier, Bob Jordan, Vic Scudder, Craig Priebe, Ken Groeneveld and Joe Eckelstafer who were always very helpful and supportive. They have always been willing to help me to succeed.



CARRA SHOWS OFF HER MANY AWARDS DURING HER SCTP SHOOTING

### What got you into shooting?

My father, TC was the one who introduced me to clay target shooting and spent time taking me to the club. He also helped me to discover that it was a varsity sport option at my high school, Lowell High School where I graduated in 2022.

## CARRA'S FAVORITE SHOOTING MEMORY

My FAVORITE shooting memory was my senior year competing down at the Detroit Gun Club for State Skeet and Sporting Clays!

I shot a 95 and made the All-State Skeet Team as a female.

I shot 25/25, 24/25, 23/25 & 23/25

THANK YOU CARRA FOR SHARING YOUR MEMORIES AND FOR BEING A VALUED MEMBER OF THE KCCL STAFF!



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3:  
KC Orange Crushers Fun Shoot

June 7:  
Gun Girl Training 5pm

June 8:  
Rifle Range Closed 12-5pm

June 11:  
Gun Girl Training 10am

June 15:  
Spectrum Health Outing

June 17:  
NSCA Registered Shoot with MSCA  
Today's Weapons Class 8am

June 20:  
KCCL Board Meeting 7pm

June 25:  
Today's Weapons Class 8am








July 8:  
NSCA Registered Shoot with MSCA

July 13:  
Rifle Range Closed 12-5pm

August 10:  
Rifle Range Closed 12-5pm



## 2023 JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 <b>OPEN</b> 10-5 
4 <b>OPEN</b> 10-5	5	6 <b>OPEN</b> 4-10	7 <b>OPEN</b> 3-8 	8 <b>OPEN</b> 12-10 	9	10 <b>OPEN</b> 10-5
11 <b>OPEN</b> 10-5 	12	13 <b>OPEN</b> 4-10	14 <b>OPEN</b> 3-8	15 <b>OPEN</b> 12-10 <b>Event</b>	16	17 <b>OPEN</b> 10-5 
18 <b>OPEN</b> 10-5	19	20 <b>OPEN</b> 4-10 	21 <b>OPEN</b> 3-8	22 <b>OPEN</b> 12-10	23	24 <b>OPEN</b> 10-5
25 <b>OPEN</b> 10-5 	26	27 <b>OPEN</b> 4-10	28 <b>OPEN</b> 3-8	29 <b>OPEN</b> 12-10	30	1 <b>OPEN</b> 10-5