

SPORTSMAN

KENT COUNTY CONSERVATION LEAGUE



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Thank you valued members of KCCL for your patience this summer as we are continuing to do updates around the club. We are EXCITED to announce that we have hired 2 new managers! Please join us in welcoming John Hersrud and Dave Scott who will be co-managing at KCCL.

They started on Tuesday, August 7th and have hit the ground running. You can learn more about them in this newsletter. In the meantime, however, please make sure the next time you visit that you stop by the clubhouse (you will probably also see them working around on the grounds) and welcome them to the KCCL family. We are excited to welcome them and to start this new chapter at the club.

We have some events coming up this month and we will once again be looking for some volunteers to help out with pulling, scoring and a variety of other tasks. Please keep on the look out for more details about how you can help out. To those of you that have helped out this summer on our other events, we are tremendously appreciative!

Thanks for being part of the KCCL family!

Sam Yeo



Member Spotlight

Craig Priebe

Junior Member Spotlight

Lannie Wester

Staff Spotlight

Ken Groenveld

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: David Held

Vice President: Mark Jacobson

Chairman of the Board: Sam Yeo

Co-Chairman: OPEN

Treasurer: Natasha Versluys

Managers:

John Hersrud & Dave Scott

Directors:

Gordon Anderson

Bradley Strouse

John Goodrow

Chris Kropf

Mike Novy

MEET THE MANAGERS

JOHN HERSRUD

John Hersrud is a new co-manager of KCCL. John is an accomplished manager with 30 years of dedicated public service in military and federal law enforcement. John has a proven record of leadership, having strong organizational and critical decision-making ability, with extensive experience in training, execution, and team building.

John plans to use his extensive experience and love of shooting, and shooting sports in general, to help KCCL board of directors continually improve member experience, constantly strive for excellence in community standing and grow the sportsman community.

John comes to us having recently retired as a Senior Federal Air Marshal after 20 years of service and more than 6,400,000 air miles. Prior to 2002, John served as Waterfront Supervisor for the City of Grand Haven beginning in 1999. John began his Coast Guard Career in 1987 and came to West Michigan in 1988.

When not working, John enjoys the subtle frustration of an elusive well-set clay target, pistol shooting, motorcycles, and the occasional cigar. Admittedly not without faults, John suffers from the well-known, but rarely talked about addiction to the smell of freshly fired paper shot shells. When pressed, John will also admit he is somewhat of a pistol trigger snob, but he has assured us he has this under control.



Please join the KCCL Board in giving John a warm welcome to the club!

MEET THE MANAGERS

DAVE SCOTT

With a resume that ranges from Public Safety Officer to coach to shooter, I am passionate about shooting sports and coaching others. I am dedicated to shooting safely and teaching others to do so as well. I am also dedicated to having a positive shooting experience for club members, families, and guests.

I received my double Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Fire Science from Lake Superior State University in 1996. After graduation I began my career as a Public Safety Officer in Grand Haven, MI, where I am a lifelong resident. I was a Law Enforcement Lead Firearms Instructor for 20 years with special training in basic SWAT operations, tactical firearms instruction, sniper operations and active shooter instruction through Blackwater and ILEETA. I also held the position of Corporal level senior officer responsible for covering Sergeant positions when needed. I retired in 2022 with just over 26 years in the field.

I have been a competitive NSSA shooter since 1998 with just under 100,000 registered targets. I was the 2013 12 gauge World Champion, along with making several All American teams and 11 state championships. I have been on the Michigan HOA All State Team for 10 years and was entered into the Michigan Skeet Association Hall of Fame in 2018.

I have been a coach and instructor for skeet shooting with an NSSA Level II



instructor certificate for 9 years with many shooters having positive results. They include recreational shooters, upland game and waterfowl hunters, NSSA competitive shooters and SCTP youth shooters (including KCCL's own Orange Crushers).

I hunt waterfowl, upland birds, deer, and elk. I enjoy training my German Short-haired Pointers for top prize in North American Versatile Dog hunting tests and working with them on hunts in Kansas, South Dakota, and Michigan. I also enjoy hunting with my father in Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Kansas, and South Dakota for elk, antelope, and deer.

Please join the KCCL Board in giving Dave a warm welcome to the club!

BOARD MINUTES

August 2023

KCCL BOD MEETING 8-1-2023

I. Meeting Details

Chairperson: Sam Yeo

Secretary (Temporary Fill-In): Amanda Wildman

Time: 7:00pm

II. Roll Call

Attendees: Sam Yeo, Natasha Versluys, Gordon Anderson, Brad Strouse, Chris Kropf, John Goodrow, Mike Novy, Mark Jacobson, Dave Held

III. Call to Order

Motion to start the meeting 7:52pm

Moved: Sam Yeo

Second: Natasha Versluys

9 for, so moved.

Motion to approve agenda (attached)

Moved: Sam Yeo

Second: Natasha Versluys

9 for, so moved

A. Agenda Items

1. Staffing

-Natasha needs payroll information

-Carra to schedule staff only 30 minutes prior to opening to get duties done.

2. Financials—We are setting up with a new reference from VanderLugt, Mulder, DeVries & Elders as a CPA

3. Ammunition – Net 60 terms and working with Chris Serne to help coordinate based on availability

4. Township Response – John has sent a letter on our behalf. We directed them to have any/all communications through John's office

B. President's Update

1. There was no president's update

C. Manager's Report - Presented by John Goodrow

-talk about an incident with James getting a minor injury.

-Will work to get some training videos & guidelines for staff as new staff are coming

-during shoots on Skeet or Trap fields, members can go to the Rifle Range, put it on the calendar, it will be on FB, website, white board, TVs, Sportsman Newsletter

-Getting some training for how to make sure that the Rifle Range is managed and watched

-Move the portable storage shed to the other side of the parking lot, move it and eventually determine what they want to do with storage perhaps. Marty said he will help with getting it moved, pull Gordy in to it to help as well.

BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 2023

KCCL BOD MEETING Con't.

-Lockers, do we want to move to an electronic style lock since we don't have spare keys for most of them. Replacement keys are \$10, we can do an electronic style one for \$20. We could do 10 at a time to start and try it out and eventually switch them all out.

Motion to approve a first phase budget to not exceed \$400 for the upgrading of the lockers from a key system to an electronic lock.

Moved: Sam Yeo

Second: Natasha Versluys

9 for, so moved

Discussion of Range Officers:

-could this be a cost savings to not have them and instead do cameras

-Can staff 18 years or older be trained

-Asked Amanda to provide a proposal for a camera system, suggest an owned NVR system.

-Mark will work with Ed & Carl to make sure we are utilizing our RSOs better

-Create an updated safety video briefing that all members will watch and answer a few questions on.

Ongoing Outings:

-Salvation Army for their event, need to review & verify their contract paperwork

-KUIU event on the 19th. Do we need to do anything better on the course to prepare?

Punch Card Status:

-We have numerous cards outstanding and we have changed from this system two years ago, it is time to sunset the remaining cards.

Motion is to sunset the historic use of punch cards, with the decision by the board to have a date of August 31st to redeem at the front desk not to exceed \$250 and they are non-transferrable. With each punch being counted at the current price.

Moved: Chris Kropf

Second: John Goodrow

9 voted in favor, 0 against, so moved

House Accounts:

-Currently at \$7400 outstanding, need to get settled in full within 30 days. Policy to be determined by the board in the future to set up a daily tab.

-Old Business

-Look to review and update the age restrictions at KCCL to reflect our bylaws. Dave will have a write up by the next board meeting to bring it to a vote. August 18th

-Currently we have 55,000 of skeet & trap targets left, we are in good shape.

-Snow plow & lawn mowing was handled by the manager, looking for a quote from a variety of options.

See if we have a contract and if it includes snow removal. Green-Ops currently

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Manager Search Update:

- Several conversations with Dave Scott & John Hersrud.
- Search team had a conversation with them for about 2 hours.
- We walked away with positive thoughts, we made an offer to them they have accepted
- It would be a joint management between the 2 with each of them being a salary position.
- The lessons that they give would stay with North Ottawa for the time being and we would work to develop policies about training or lessons.
- They can start as of next Tuesday.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the search committee to extend the position of manager as a management team position to Dave Scott & John Hersrud as recommended.

Moved: Chris Kropf

Second: John Goodrow

All voted in favor, with 0 against. Unanimous

9:35 motion to close.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals to help out on some of the new committees we are forming. Are you interested in helping out in the following groups:

Grounds Committee

Finance Committee

Events Committee

Please contact John or Dave and they will help get you connected!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CRAIG PRIEBE

Craig has been a member of KCCL for many years. We asked him to tell us a little bit more about himself:

I was born 8-25-1962 at 8:04pm. This explains why I am a night owl, and shooting early in the morning is not my forte. Early on in life I was good at art, music and interested in astronomy. I played trumpet with the Blue Lake International Jazz band touring in Scandinavia and started playing with the Aquinas College jazz ensemble my Senior year in high school. I went on to play professionally doing studio work, lead trumpet in many jazz bands and numerous blues, funk & rock bands. In college, I majored in architecture and music, but ended up owning my construction business.

What types of gun(s) do you shoot?

My first skeet gun was a Remington 1100. In honor of my grandfather, who was from Germany, I now shoot Krieghoff K80's. One for each discipline: 30" pro skeet with Briley sub gauge tubes, 32" sporter and 34"/32" trap combo. I am fortunate to be married to a wonderful wife! 😊

What is your FAVORITE discipline to shoot?

My favorite discipline is skeet with the .410. Surgical precision and confidence are the secrets to success, IMHO with the little gun.

What is your FAVORITE thing about KCCL?

The historic Winter League and the 5 man 'team' concept over the years. I am lucky to have fantastic teammates to shoot with and relaxing by the fire pit!



Craig at the Marion Shields Shoot

What got you into shooting?

I joined KCCL in 1976 and shot Winter League. We had a team of Juniors, but there was no SCTP back in those days. The clubhouse was packed, around 400 shooters and I shot through high school, off and on through college and quit in 1993 after losing Winter League AA Skeet on the 12th week. I rejoined in 2006.



CRAIG'S FAVORITE SHOOTING MEMORY

My FAVORITE shooting memory would have to be the 2022 State Shoot with Bob Jordan in the two man team events. We were running back and forth changing tubes for all the shoot-offs as fast as we could!

It was a weekend I will NEVER forget!

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

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBER, JUNIOR MEMBER OR STAFF SPOTLIGHT BY COMPLETING A FORM IN THE LOBBY. A DIFFERENT MEMBER, JUNIOR MEMBER AND STAFF SPOTLIGHT WILL BE CHOSEN EACH MONTH!

JUNIOR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LANNIE WESTER

Lannie & her family have been KCCL members for 4 years and she has been shooting for 3 years on the Lowell Shooting Team. We asked her to tell us a little bit more about herself:

What types of gun(s) do you shoot?

I shoot a 12g Remington 3200.

What is your FAVORITE discipline to shoot?

My favorite discipline to shoot is Bunker Trap, but when that isn't available, I love to shoot Skeet!

What is your FAVORITE thing about KCCL?

My favorite thing about KCCL are the friends and connections I've made here and the skills I've learned from those both older and younger than me. I treasure the friendships I've made with all generations!



LANNIE SHOOTING SPORTING CLAYS AT THE 2023 SCTP NATIONALS

What got you into shooting?

My older sisters and dad got me into shooting. I actually used to despise shooting until my family brought me Skeet Shooting at the club. I fell in LOVE with the sport! This sport has become a family tradition for all of us. However, it is my dad who is the one that pushes me to do my absolute BEST shooting!

LANNIE'S FAVORITE SHOOTING MEMORY

My FAVORITE shooting memory was at the 2023 SCTP Nationals when I shot my personal best in Skeet. When I ran off the field both of my parents were there and I could see that they were extremely proud of me.

They are my biggest supporters and are always cheering me on!

I am forever grateful for them!

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WITH THANKS...



Thank You



**Twin Lakes
Nursery**

The weekend of July 28-30th, KCCL hosted the Annual Marion Shields Shoot!

It was well attended by National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) Members from around the state.

We'd like to give a BIG thank you to all of the volunteers that came out to support the event and also to Twin Lakes Nursery for sponsoring the lunch and to Fred & Ron Cook, Bill Melvin, Vic Scudder & Bob Jordan for their generous donations to the purse for the event!

Thank YOU!

To J & H Family Stores!

KCCL recently had a donation of some AWESOME snacks from the crew at the J&H Family Stores!

Thank you to all of the supporters of KCCL!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

KEN GROENVELD

Ken runs KCCL's maintenance department. He grew up in Grand Rapids enjoying hunting and fishing. He's been married for 45 years and he has 2 sons and 3 grandkids. He was a tool & die maker for General Motors until his retirement in 2020. We asked him to tell us a little bit more about himself:

What types of gun(s) do you shoot?

I shoot a variety of guns from Browning to Beretta to Krieghoff, but my favorite right now is a Browning 625.

What is your FAVORITE discipline to shoot?

My favorite is shooting Skeet and Trap. Lately however, I'm really enjoying Sporting and 5-Stand.

What is your FAVORITE thing about KCCL?

I like KCCL because of the guys I hang out with, the Ring of Fire. I especially enjoy our Top Gun Tuesday. There are many members of other clubs that have joined us too. One line of Skeet, trap & 5-stand...and bragging rights to the winner!



KEN SHOOTING SOME SKEET

What got you into shooting?

My brother introduced me to KCCL when he was shooting Winter League with friends from Autodie. We were shooting practice lines and I managed to hit 3 birds on my first skeet line. I was hooked....this games was not going to beat me! I joined KCCL then in 1986.

KEN'S FAVORITE SHOOTING MEMORY

My FAVORITE shooting memory was on that I had at KCCL when I had just bought a new Browning 20/28 combo set.

The first time I shot that gun, I ran 99 out of 100, only missing my 100th bird!

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AND FOR BEING A VALUED MEMBER OF THE
KCCL STAFF!



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KENT COUNTY ORANGE CRUSHERS



Kent County Orange Crushers just went to Nationals! 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!

Please Note:

We have a **NEW** website!
Please visit

www.kc-orangecrushers.com



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5:
MI Sporting Clays Shoot (NSSA) 8-5pm
August 6:
Gun Girl Training CPL Class 8-5
August 10:
Rifle Range Closed 12-5pm
August 15:
KCCL Board Meeting 7-9pm
August 19:
KUIU 3-D Archery Shoot 10-7pm
August 25:
Red Shield Sporting Clays Event 10-5pm
September 8:
Miller Welding Event
September 14:
Rifle Range Closed 12-5pm

September 16:
MI Sporting Clays Shoot (NSSA) 10-5pm
September 19:
KCCL Board Meeting 7-9pm
September 24:
Gun Girl Training CPL Class 8-5



2023 AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 OPEN 4-10	2 OPEN 3-8	3 OPEN 12-10	4	5 OPEN 10-5 
6 OPEN 10-5 	7	8 OPEN 4-10	9 OPEN 3-8	10 OPEN 12-10 	11	12 OPEN 10-5
13 OPEN 10-5	14	15 OPEN 4-10 	16 OPEN 3-8	17 OPEN 12-10	18	19 OPEN 10-5 
20 OPEN 10-5	21	22 OPEN 4-10	23 OPEN 3-8	24 OPEN 12-10	25 	26 OPEN 10-5
27 OPEN 10-5	28	29 OPEN 4-10	30 OPEN 3-8	31 OPEN 12-10	1	2 OPEN 10-5