

Check out the SKSC web site for news and info about the club. The web address is: [www.sksc.org](http://www.sksc.org) or email us at [info@sksc.org](mailto:info@sksc.org)

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:**

Membership meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 8 PM. Future meetings are on Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, & Nov 13. The open board meeting begins before the membership meeting at 7 PM. 50/50 drawings are also held during membership meetings. Please email a copy of any item you wish to bring before the board or discuss at the membership meeting to the email address above. All motions must be submitted in written or printed form. If you need help, contact us at the email address.

**VP PHIL WAUBEN PASSES:**

It is with heavy hearts that we tell you that our vice president, Phil Wauben, passed away in May. A memorial service was well attended by SKSC members who came to pay tribute to a wonderful person. Phil was a major force at South Kent for the last 30 years. He served on the board in several capacities, including President & Vice President. He was a fantastic PR guy and was always an excellent spokesman for SKSC. Many of you will remember him as a guy who was always friendly & encouraging, he made everyone feel welcome. His list of accomplishments is immense and I could never list them all... he ran the MUCC District shoots, always went overboard getting door prizes for annual meetings, put on fun events for the kids, brought in new members, kept board meetings in check, it goes on and on. He and his wife Sue (who we know as 'Cherokee') organized & ran the SKSC annual picnic back when the picnic was a big event and lots of members brought their families out, they did a great job! Phil was a force to be reckoned with on the Trap Field as well. He traveled all over shooting Trap competitions and used the opportunity to promote SKSC at every turn.

South Kent and shooting sports have lost a Titan. His leadership, demeanor, and ability to bring people together is something we could all aspire to emulate. He will be sorely missed. Chris Kettler, President.

**NEW SKSC VP:**

The passing of Phil Wauben created a vacancy in the vice president position which the board has chosen to fill by electing Rich Corey. He will serve the remaining year and a half of Phil's term. Rich served previously on the board as vice president and is also the current newsletter editor. He is also the 500 meter range officer supervisor.

{I want to thank the board for asking me to fill this position. I feel it is an honor and privilege to serve SKSC. I am looking forward to helping us continue to grow and improve all aspects of SKSC. }

**2017 SKSC CLUB PICNIC JULY 30:**

The annual club picnic will take place in the club house on Sunday July 30. Trap and Skeet shooting starts at 10 AM as usual. We then gather in the club house at 12:30 to eat. The club provides roast pork, ice tea, lemonade, and water. You please supply a dish to pass and your own table service and any special beverages you wish to consume. There will be door prizes and shooting games to follow. The new club house provides ample space for all to sit inside and eat. There are picnic tables outside under the North patio for those who wish to eat outdoors. Bring the family and enjoy a day with your fellow club members. Trap and skeet resumes after the door prizes are handed out.

**2017 WORK DAYS:**

The Saturday work days for 2017 are: Jul 29, Aug 26, Sept 30, & Oct 28. Each work day begins at 9AM at the Club House and ends at 1PM. Bring general purpose tools such as shovels, rakes, pruners, etc. and wear gloves. The July 29<sup>th</sup> work day will be dedicated to cleaning up the grounds and club house in preparation for the club picnic the next day. We will be cleaning the floors, putting covers on the tables, setting up containers for the beverages, etc. Outside work will consist of raking, sweeping, and removing debris from around the club house and nearby grounds. Many hands make this easy work. Best of all, you get work credit for doing it.

**JULY 22 YOUTH DAY AT SKSC:**

We are sorry to announce that the 2017 Youth Day plans had to be put on hold. Many difficulties getting everything implemented to make this event happen caused us to decide to delay until next year. Look for this fun event to take place next year about this same time.

**SWAP MEET AT SKSC AUG 5:**

2017 SKSC Sportsman's Swap Meet.

When: Sat. Aug. 5 Set-up starts at 8:00 am

Meet runs from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Where: SKSC Clubhouse and Parking Lot

Everyone welcome: member or nonmember.

Gather up anything you don't use or just want to get rid of such as: Guns, shooting accessories, optics, reloading, ammo, archery, hunting, fishing etc.

Bring your own tables, tarps, umbrellas for your display.

Lunch will be available:

Coffee, rolls, hotdogs, burgers.

## **500 METER RANGE SCHEDULE:**

The 500 meter range is now scheduled for membership shooting every Saturday and Sunday except for Labor Day weekend and the hours during the NRA Silhouette Saturday matches (8AM to 4PM). There will be a three hour morning session that starts at 9AM on Saturday and 10 AM on Sunday. There will also be a 3 hour afternoon session each Saturday and Sunday that starts at different times to stay in sync with the changing sunset. This schedule is good through Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. Check the 500 m range calendar on this web site for more detailed times. Also check that same calendar for weekday open shooting. To see the 500 meter range calendar, go to the home page. Scroll down to the link that sends you to the 500 meter range page (this new web page) and click. On the 500 meter range page, scroll to the bottom of the page where you will find; "500-meter Range Calendar". Click the word "here".

## **JOHNNY APPLESEED MARKSMANSHIP COURSE AT SKSC:**

There will be a Johnny Appleseed marksmanship course at SKSC on September 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. General information is available at [www.appleseedinfo.org](http://www.appleseedinfo.org) and email is [MI@appleseedinfo.org](mailto:MI@appleseedinfo.org) or call Kris Rich at 269-277-6194.

## **CPL CLASSES AT SKSC:**

Jay Rankin is currently conducting CPL classes at SKSC. For class information please contact Jay at 616-890-5940. His email is: [jayrankin357@gmail.com](mailto:jayrankin357@gmail.com)

## **HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES AT SKSC:**

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a certified instructor, please contact: Jimmy Jamieson -- 616 328-1942 or Lynn Siebers-- 616 457-1723. The next classes are Aug 9 & 12 and Sept 6 & 9. Check the web site calendar for times. Pre-register no more than 30 days before the first class session. Each class is limited to 50 students age 10 and older. Parents must accompany students 10 and under.

## **SKSC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS:**

You might have noticed several changes around the club. There are new fences, flowers, cleaner trap and skeet fields, reduced brush, a new fire pit, improved parking, and a great new sign at the entrance to the club. All these improvements have been put together by the board and the generous donation of equipment, labor and time from many of our members. We greatly appreciate how nice you have made it look and what a pleasure it is to use the club. Thanks!

## **SKSC AT MUCC CONVENTION:**

SKSC was represented at the MUCC convention by Dan Dial and Doug Pastoor. Excerpts from the convention recap follow.

### **2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION RECAP**

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) hosted its most important event of the year this past weekend in Owosso: our Annual Convention. Delegates representing MUCC's 46,000-plus members and 250-plus affiliate local sportsmen's clubs voted on what hunting, fishing, trapping and conservation policies we will pursue, honored dedicated conservationists, elected officers and even improved local wildlife habitat!

New conservation policies adopted by MUCC's membership (and their sponsors) this weekend included:

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- . Support the removal of regulations for suppressors from the National Firearms Act of 1934 and work with legislature to allow the purchase of a suppressor to follow the same guidelines currently in place to purchase firearms through the NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) program (South Kent Sportsman's Club)

Thank you Dan and Doug for representing SKSC and getting MUCC to adopt this very important resolution.

There is a rumor that another SKSC board member was also there but he was carrying a different fur banner. Right Chris K.?

## **SKSC BOARD FORMS NEW COMMITTEES:**

The board has formed the following committees to help with the administration and planning for the club. The committees are:

- FINANCE COM.
- RANGE COM.
- FACILITIES COM.
- TRAINING AND SAFETY COM.
- INCIDENT COM.

Each committee is currently creating a charter and holding startup meetings. Their charter and other information will be added to this web site as they become available. The important thing for members to know is that each committee will be responsible to create/prepare recommendations and plans that the board can consider for implementation. This will help reduce the delay often experienced getting work started on projects at the club. This should also help members determine who to contact concerning a question or problem the member has. Members should begin to see means to make suggestions, request changes, etc. Each committee will also be a direct access point to the board that should help get problems or changes implemented in a timely manner. If you want to learn more about each committee, locate the bulletin board in the main club house on the West wall. You can also hear them report during board meeting.

### **NEWSLETTER FORMAT CHANGES:**

Those of you reading this newsletter already know that this format of the newsletter is different than the one we mail to non-email using members. Because we can update this format electronically, we will try to update it monthly so that current news can be seen by the membership. The old format is still being produced but it will only be updated two or three times per year. We strongly urge all of you to use this format especially since it saves a great deal of time, labor, and money. I know, I know. I'm preaching to the choir, but perhaps one or two of you are still getting the printed version, and we would like to encourage you to switch to the all-electronic form. We also encourage you to send any items you have for the newsletter to: [info@sksc.org](mailto:info@sksc.org)

### **WATCHING EACH OTHER:**

SKSC, like most other shooting facilities, has an obligation to provide a safe place for people to shoot firearms. We try to accomplish this mission by asking all members to attend safety video briefings. We also try to remind members about safe practices and policies via articles like this in the newsletter. Try as we might, we are not able to ensure that every person follows and practices all the safety procedures every time. We are humans, and we do sometimes forget or sometimes don't really know, what the correct procedure is. This is why we ask every member to be on the lookout for improper procedure and practices whenever they are at SKSC. We know that a gentle reminder helps even the most experienced of us correct a potentially dangerous condition. Since we don't want, nor can provide, constant personal monitoring, we ask that each member provide this form of oversight by watching what is happening around them all the time they are here. We also know that some folks are not convinced to change by gentle reminders. Therefore, we ask that a member who encounters resistance fill out an incident report and submit it to the board via the incident committee. Incident reports should also be filled out when damage or broken items are encountered on the ranges. You can find the incident report form on the home page of this web site. Ask for help if you have trouble with the form or what to say on it.

Remember, you are a range officer any time you are at SKSC. It is your obligation to correct any malpractice or improper procedure when you see it. We do this because we are all obligated to provide as safe (and clean) place to shoot for ALL the members.

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