

The Quiver

Michigan United Conservation Clubs Region 7 Monthly Newsletter

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WELCOME 2023

A New Year and a fresh beginning. What Region 7 has planned so far for 2023 is: 4 Region meetings throughout the region starting with Feb. 26 at Jackson County Outdoor Club. Our 4th MUCC fundraiser Shoot Out at Grand Valley Cap and Ballers in July. 12 issues of our Region 7 Newsletter. "The Quiver" The opportunity to draft resolutions and run them by region members at any one of our 4 region meetings before a Policy Board meeting.

Sad News: Pat King, one of our loyal region 7 members passed away at end of November 2022. Pat was a real special member always making it to our region meetings wherever we had it. Pat was a participant in our Fundraiser Shoot Outs and walked away with Women's First Place trophies 2 times. A special thanks for Pats special friend and Member, Dave McMurry, for making sure Pat always made it to our events.



Donations can be given to Grand Valley Cap & Ballers in Pats Name. Send to Grand Valley Cap & Ballers 1680 Peach Ridge, Kent City Mi. 49330

Policy Board Committee Responsibilities

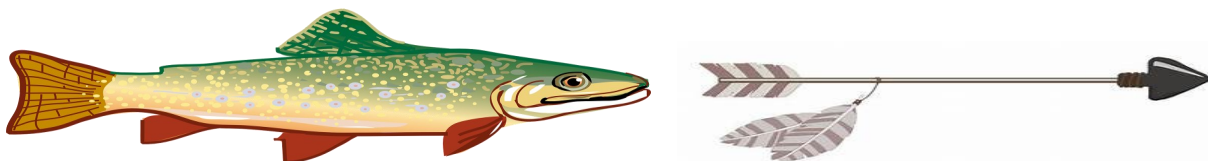
Been thinking about getting more involved? Here is a way.

Individual Committee Members Charge (All Policy Committees)

- Understand MUCC Policies and representing them in various forums, including external advisory committees you might serve on.
- Participate in your committee meetings in person whenever possible. Via email or other electronic method if you cannot attend in person.
- Attend training when offered.
- Policy Committees will meet (at a minimum) at the beginning of each policy board meeting. More meetings may be called by the committee chair on an as need basis.

Fisheries Committee Charge

- Assist in the implementation of existing MUCC fisheries, water protection, Great Lakes restoration, and aquatic invasive species policies
- Identify state policy needs and develop or refine MUCC's fisheries policies, including providing comments on proposed fisheries resolution.
- Assist staff in monitoring the implementation of the DNR's 2018-2022 Fisheries Division Strategic Plan.
- Monitor public engagement processes (NRC and DNR Committees etc.) on fisheries and aquatic habitat issues and comments on their effectiveness.
- Should have diverse representation both geographically and by specific Angler/aquatic resource interests, committee should help recruit people to fill open positions accordingly.
- Identify individuals or groups worthy of MUCC recognition.

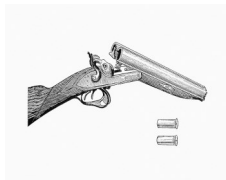


Wildlife Committee Charge

- Assist in the implementation of existing MUCC wildlife, hunting and trapping, habitat and forest management policies.
- Identify state policy needs and develop or refine MUCC's policies, including providing comments on proposed wildlife resolutions.
- Assist staff in monitoring the implementation of the DNR's 2021-2026 Guiding Principals and Strategies-Wildlife Division's Strategic Plan.
- Monitor public engagement processes (NRC and DNR Committees, etc.) on wildlife and forestry issues and comment on their effectiveness.
- Should have diverse representation both geographically and by specific wildlife/forestry/habitat/method of take interests, the committee should help recruit people to fill open positions accordingly.

Firearms, Sport Shooting and Ranges Committee Charge

- Assist in the implementation of existing MUCC's sport shooting range and 2nd Amendment policies.
- Identify state policy needs and develop or refine MUCC's policies, including providing comments on proposed sport shooting range and firearms policies.
- Monitor public engagement processes related to sport shooting ranges and firearms.
- Identify educational needs of MUCC members related to sporting shooting ranges.
- Identify individuals or groups worthy of MUCC recognition.
- The Committee should have diverse representation geographically and should recruit members accordingly





Parks and Recreation & Trails Committee Charge

- Assist in the implementation of existing MUCC policy for parks, recreation, and trails.
- Identify states policy needs and develop or refine MUCC's policies, including providing comments on proposed resolutions.
- Monitor Parks and Recreation Strategic plans and comment on their effectiveness.
- Assist staff in monitoring the implementation of the DNR 2017-2022 parks and recreation strategic plan.
- The Committee should have diverse representation geographically and should recruit members accordingly



Youth and Education Committee Charge

- Monitor and assist with Michigan Hunter Education Program implementation and changes to help to ensure the highest quality opportunities possible
- Receive and review regular reports on DNR license sales data.
- Examine trends in recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3) and consider policies to reduce barriers and or expand opportunities for new or returning hunters, trappers angles, and recreation shooters.
- Seek to sustain and improve recreational safety education programs and look for opportunities to expand MUCC's outreach and educational initiatives.
- Understand MUCC's educational curriculum and programming Provide feedback on new and expanded opportunities.

If you want to know more about Committees and how to get involved, drop me a note or give me a call 269-209-1770 and I will point you in the right direction.

What's Cooking ?

Dowagiac Slopy Joes

Submitted by Annette Lyons



2 lb. Hamburger (80%) lean gives best flavor. Skim fat before you serve if you want, or use a good slotted spoon.

1 green pepper

1 onion

1 cup catsup

2 T mustard (like French's)

2 T white sugar

1 T cider vinegar

1/2 tsp salt

1/4 tsp ground cloves (critical ingredient)

Chop the veg, throw everything in a pot and cook 20 min stirring often.

There you have it, no special ingredients, ready to eat in half an hour, delicious.

This recipe was given to me by Annette Lyons from Dowagiac Conservation Club at our last region meeting in Dec. The club furnished lunch for the members attending . I just had to ask her permission to share it with our region. One of the best Sloppy Joes recipe I've every had. Thanks Annette for sharing your special recipe and Dowagiac Conservation Club for your hospitality . Next issue "Corn beef from Goose Breast or Venison



Titles of 2022 Resolutions going to Convention in March 2023

- Easier Access to Michigan's Recreational Passports
- Wolf-Dog Conflict Reporting
- Establishing Turkey Harvest Reporting
- Wake Boat Regulations
- Natural Resources Commission Meeting Locations.
- Expansion of Michigan Pheasant Release for Hunting Recruitment.
- Retention of Bear Points
- Reaffirm MUCC's opposition to Camp Grayling expansion
- Recreational Vehicle Education
- Green Solar Energy on Private Lands.
- Game Tracking Dog use
- Mandatory Deer Harvest Reporting Requirements

Happenings Around the Region

Open to the Public Events January 2023 around our region

Grand Valley Cap & Ballers : Club Shoot 1/1/23 and 2/5/23 Public is always welcome including club meetings. Meeting follows Feb 5th shoot. See Calendar of events on web page.

Fennville Rod and Gun Club: Calcutta fun shoot 2nd Sunday 9AM to 4PM Saturdays 12-4pm Open to the Public. . See Web site for the many events and details.

Grass Lake Sportsman Club: Trap Shoot every Sunday in Jan. @10AM 1PM \$4 per round Open to the Public Check Facebook for updates.

Hillsdale County Conservation Club: Saturday Jan. 28th—29th Tip Up Festival. For details call 517-523-3990. Angola IN. to host Public meeting on water availability study Jan. 18th 6:30-9 PM further discussion pertaining to hydrology and relationship between lake levels, stream discharge, ground water levels and water withdrawals in the region Call Ted Lopresto for details. 517-320-4782

New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club: Wed. nights trap shoot 6:30 pm and Sunday practice 10am to 1pm Open to the public.

Dowagiac Conservation Club: CPL Class Jan 7th 8AM-5PM Meet shoot Jan. 15th 9AM-2PM for details call Craig Lyons 269=876-7998

Paw Paw Conservation Club Trap Shooting every Monday year round 4:30– 10:00 \$4 for 25 birds. Free round for anyone who shoots a perfect round (25) For info call (269) 657-8949 after 4:30 on Monday's Phone # 269-657-8949 The finest groomed 3-D archery course in SW Mich. \$10 for non-members. See rules on web site above <http://www.pawpawconservationclub.com/> for availability call phone #'s above

Edwardsburg Conservation Club : CPL classes Last Sat of the month contact Kelly Adams 269-783-6570 Year round Trap shooting event Games on Saturdays 10-1PM Practice and Games Sundays 1-4 PM & Tuesdays 5-7 50 Bird program 2nd & 4th Sunday Must sign up by 2PM

Hamilton Rod and Gun : Jan 13th Calcutta practice at 5:30 shoots @7pm Food available.

Jackson County Outdoor Club: Winter Archery Leagues start Jan 4th then Animal League Jan 5th thru March 9th 2023 6:30 PM A wed. night and Thur. night league is planned. Youth Archery Sundays

St Jo Conservation Club : CPL Class Jan. 14th 8AM. Need to register with Jeff Brazo 269-689-0200 Winter Money Trap League will run on Sunday mornings from 1/8/23 to 3/5/23 starting at 9:00am

Bend of the River Conservation Club. Jan. Basic Pistol Class Mondays & Wed. Classes are from 8-5 and include live fire. The class is open to club members and the general public. Fee \$10 Call: 269-240-3123

Voting Region 7 members at Policy Board Meetings and Conventions

Robert Kruger: New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club

Tony Hofsetter: New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club

Justin VanRhee: Hamilton Rod and Gun Club

David VanLopik: Region 7 IM Representative

Alan Kasdorf : Chair of Parks and Recreation Committee , St Joseph Conservation Club

What's ahead of law abiding gun owners in Michigan when the new congress is seated this month. It has been 40 years since democrats have had both houses and the Executive branch.

MUCC has strong wording in resolutions standing firm on
Gun rights.



Next Region 7 meeting will be at

Jackson County Outdoor Club

February 26th Lunch 11:30 Meeting at 12:15

**2023 Annual Convention March 24-26 Mt Pleasant
Confront Inn and Suites Hotel and Conference Center**

Conservationist Pledge: I give my Pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, it's Air-soil and minerals, it's forests water and wildlife

