

# The Quiver

**Michigan United Conservation Clubs Region 7 Monthly Newsletter**

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## Biden will decide fate for archery, hunters' safety programs in schools

**By Nick Green**

September 28, 2023

In early August, conservation and shooting sports organizations learned of an improper interpretation of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) that prevented schools from receiving federal funding if they have archery or hunter safety programs.

Knowing how important these programs are to childhood maturation and safety, conservation nonprofits across the country immediately called for a reinterpretation.

MUCC and other conservation stakeholders nationwide sent a letter to Department of Education Secretary Cardona urging a re-issuance of guidance. The letter was also sent to the entire Michigan congressional delegation urging a permanent fix to the problem.

On Tuesday, the United States House of Representatives voted 424-1 to fix the misinterpreted language within the BSCA, followed Wednesday by a unanimous vote in the Senate. The new language now heads to the President's desk for approval.

"These programs teach life-long skills and are critical to engaging youth in our outdoor heritage, and tens of thousands of kids benefit from them, grow through them and take away confidence and personal responsibility," Trotter said. "Congress overwhelmingly agrees with this assessment, and these vital programs will now continue to operate in our schools. We appreciate their swift and decisive action to fix this."

To ensure our natural resources remain protected and managed thoughtfully and our outdoor heritage defended, join Michigan United Conservation Clubs today: <http://bit.ly/JoinMUCC>.

### **Michigan United Conservation Clubs**

**Founded in 1937, our mission is to unite citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage**

## ON THE GROUND PROJECT AT KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN BATTLE CREEK



By Kristian Kennedy

Photo compliments of MUCC

On Wednesday, September 12, a group of students, faculty, staff, and alumni volunteers gathered outside the Davidson Building on Kellogg Community College's (KCC) Battle Creek campus to join On the Ground in creating important pollinator habitat. After just a couple hours of work, volunteers planted and mulched an 80-foot garden bed just outside the entrance to the campus building,

habitat for pollinators like songbirds, butterflies, and bumble bees.

Some of the native species that were planted include bee balm, black-eyed Susan, columbine, milkweed, goldenrod, spicebush, and nannyberry. Volunteers also spread 20 cubic yards of natural hardwood mulch throughout the garden.

The partnership between MUCC and KCC was sparked after each organization (along with Battle Creek's Willard Library) received generous donations from the estate of late KCC professor and conservationist, Dean Barnum. At this event, we celebrated the life and legacy of Dean and took this opportunity to improve habitat while beautifying this spot on campus. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who spent the morning with us improving pollinator habitat on campus.

I got a chance to participate in this project. It was a step back in time for me because I attended KCC back in the late 60 and early 70's when Mr. Barnum was there and before I went to WMU. I vaguely remember Dean Barnum but have learned to respect his legacy that he left for the love of the outdoors and education. I know at MUCC we are very grateful for this generous donation of 1 Million Dollars. Dean was a true conservationist and enjoyed participating in Michigan's Outdoor Heritage.

Kudos to Kristina and the rest of the staff. The morning was well organized and lots of fun and great teamwork. The outcome was a beautiful improvement to the area.

### MUCC's Federal Priorities 2023-2024

#### Recovering America's Wildlife Act

#### Full Funding for Brandon Road Lock and Dam

#### Modernize the Endangered Species Act

# Recap of September NRC Meeting

By Justin Tomei

September's Natural Resource Commission meeting was the first for new director Scott Bowen.

Bowen introduced himself to those in attendance, highlighting his experience at other state agencies, stating that the DNR will by far be the most interesting.

Commissioner Dave Nyberg spoke on a fisheries amendment related to steelhead he is working on and intends to provide language at the October NRC meeting in Escanaba.

Nyberg said his amendment would change steelhead regulations along the lines of his 2021 amendment. No draft language was proposed at this time, but he did provide a statement to the commission.

NRC Chair Tom Baird announced that beginning in 2024, there will be a deer workgroup convened for a pair of meetings to discuss longer-term deer management in the state. The group will be composed of traditional stakeholders, agricultural interests and the public.

Commissioners adopted four warmwater fisheries order amendments. More information on each order can be found in MUCC's August preview [HERE](https://mucc.org/august-nrc-preview-2/). <https://mucc.org/august-nrc-preview-2/>

Commissioner Dave Cozad provided an amendment to Fisheries Order 206.23A. The Cozad Amendment would add four additional lakes to the list of lakes with a pike slot limit. The commission tabled the amendment and proposal until the October meeting for the public to have time to review the amendment.

Up for information this month was a number of cold water regulations. These proposed orders are available for action by the commission in October. More details on the orders can be found in MUCC's preview of the September meeting [HERE](https://mucc.org/september-nrc-preview-2/). <https://mucc.org/september-nrc-preview-2/>

Preceding the meeting of the whole, MUCC presented the results of its 2023 Annual Convention to commissioners. The presentation highlighted the resolutions that passed within or adjacent to the NRC's purview. MUCC Vice President Rob Miller sat in on the presentation alongside MUCC staff.

Dr. Seth Herbst presented to the fisheries committee on Michigan steelhead management, highlighting ongoing research and complications surrounding managing the species.

The October meeting is on Thursday, October 12, at Bay College in Escanaba. At the meeting the DNR will present a long-awaited decision related to wolf management should the state regain management following a federal delisting of wolves.

MUCC will be on hand to stream the meeting as technology allows.



# Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council

Formed in 2015 the Michigan Legislative Sportsman's Caucus Advisory Council was established to advance Michigan's outdoor heritage through science-based wildlife and fisheries management and the wise use of our state's natural resources, and to protect and advance the rights and traditions of Michigan citizens to hunt, fish recreationally shoot and trap by engaging in an open dialogue with the Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus

In this role, the Advisory Council interacts with the Caucus by:

Assisting in the facilitation of meetings and events between the sportsman's community and the Caucus, including fundraising to cover events costs and administrative needs of the Council;

Assisting Caucus leadership in the development of Caucus priority policy issues as well as providing briefing materials on pertinent legislation;

Assisting Caucus leadership in the development of legislative strategy including rallying grassroots support, and;

Serving as the informational link to the hunting, angling recreational shooting and trapping community on activities of the Caucus.

## 2023-2023 Michigan Legislative Sportsman's Caucus Advisory Council Officers and Members

Chair: Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs - Vice Chair: Kyle Rorah, Ducks Unlimited  
Treasurer— Justin Tomei, Michigan United Conservation Clubs Secretary—Nic Buggia, Ruffed Grouse Society

### Members

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Michigan Bear Hunters Association

Michigan Hunting Dog Federation

Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association

National Wild Turkey Federation

Ruffed Grouse Society

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Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen's Association

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### Next Region 7 Meeting

December 10th 2023 Lunch 11:30 Meeting at 12:15

Hamilton Rod and Gun Club

3252 50th St Hamilton Michigan 49419

### Next Policy Board Meeting

December 2nd 2023 Perch Point Conservation Club

Committee's meet 10AM Board Meeting 11:00AM

7930 Meisner Rd. Casco Mi. 48064



## **Sportsmen Against Hunger** welcomes new executive director Lisa Walker

*"When I was told about the job opening and that I should apply. I didn't hesitate for a second. Hunting and the outdoors are not just my hobbies but also my true passions. I have always had a strong desire to help those in need. So when this opportunity came to combine these two loves of mine and turn them into "a job" I knew I wanted to pursue it."*

Last Year for Sportsmen against Hunger worked with:

22 Counties                      And distributed 99,676 lb of venison  
29 Processors                      &  
104 Agencies                      398,704 Meals Provided



Hats off and Good  
Luck Lisa Walker

### **DNR Fish Report: Lake Michigan SW Mich. Region 7 for late September**

#### **Southwest Lower Peninsula**

**Muskegon:** Boat anglers trolling for salmon found the action to be slow. A few immature salmon were caught 60 to 120 feet down in 100 to 175 feet of water. Using a white paddle with green or white flies was the bait of choice among anglers.

**Grand Haven:** Salmon action was slow for boat anglers. A few immature salmon were caught 75 to 120 feet down in 120 to 200 feet of water. Pier anglers also found the salmon action to be slow. A couple were caught early in the morning while casting glow spoons. Anglers reported that glow spoons and white paddle/flyes worked well for salmon.

**St. Joseph:** Boat anglers reported that salmon fishing was on the slow side. There were a few fish caught in well past 100 feet of water, but overall, it was slow. Pier fishing was slow for all species, but fishing pressure was very low as well. Perch anglers caught a few. The fish were reported to be very deep and scattered. Anglers were fishing from 50 to almost 80 feet of water. Anglers did report catching salmon in the lower St. Joseph River and at the Berrien Springs Dam.

**South Haven:** Salmon anglers had slow fishing; however, there were a few fish caught in around 110 feet of water. Pier fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure for perch was low, but those who made it out reported slow fishing. Anglers fishing the Black River for salmon also had very slow fishing.



# Happenings Around the Region

## Open to the Public Events October 2023 around our region

**Grand Valley Cap & Ballers :** Sept 9th Archery Blanket Shoot , Sporting Clays Oct 14th. (last on for the year.)

**Fennville Rod and Gun Club:** Open Trap and Skeet shooting every Sat. afternoon 12-5 PM \$4 per round. Sept & Oct always 2nd Sunday of the month, Pancake breakfast 8-11. Basic CPL Class Oct. 22nd 8am-5pm Class contact Skip Coryell 269-835-5586. or skipcoryell@hotmail.com See Web site for the many events and details. Sept 18th Adopt a Highway. 5PM at What-Not Inn restaurant. Egg Shoot Sept 1 & Oct 15th 9AM Calcutta Every 2nd Sunday of month Sept & Oct. protection at 10AM Shoot starts at 12 noon.

**Grass Lake Sportsman Club:** go to Facebook for updates.

**Hillsdale County Conservation Club:** EVERY THUR Indoor Archery 6PM-9PM Outdoor 30 3-D target shoots. All Open to \$5 per person. 10am-1pm Public.

**New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club:** Wed. nights trap shoot 6:30 pm and Sunday Trap practice 10am to 1pm. NON-MEMBERS are welcome to attend all upcoming events! Nov. 21st. IDPA 9AM.

**Dowagiac Conservation Club:** Fish Fry all you can eat Oct 20th th 4:30 to 7PM Adults \$12 children 12 and under \$6

**Bend of the River Conservation Club:** Oct. 4th 12PM-4PM Basic Pistol Training \$5. Contact Sunne Beaty 312-618-3588. Oct. 14th Gun Show

**Paw Paw Conservation Club** Trap Shooting every Monday year round 4:30– 10:00pm \$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. Sept. Mondays 8am-1pm \$10 for non-members. See rules on web site above .

**Edwardsburg Conservation Club :** 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. Hunter Education Sept 16th-17th 8am-5pm CPL class SOct. 15th 8am-4pm. \$100. Call Kelly Adams 269-783-6570 or Paul Dodson at 269-462-2584

**Hamilton Rod and Gun** Oct 13th Calcutta practice at 5:30 shoots @7pm Food available. Trap Shoot every Wed. at 6:30 PM.

**Jackson County Outdoor Club:** Trap Shooting Wed's in Sept. 5PM. Thur. Sept 7th. Outdoor 3D Archery League starts at 6PM

**Bellevue Conservation Club:** Open Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand shooting every Sunday 2-6pm and Wednesday 6-10pm. We have 3 Trap/Skeet combo fields with lights. On the first Friday of each month we run a Calcutta and Trap games starting at 5:00pm. Indoor Archery league will start in January. 8484 Greenfield Highway, Bellevue, Michigan 49021.

**St. Jo Conservation Club.** CPL Class Sat Oct. 14th 8AM–5PM. Fall Trap League and ATA BIG 50's Sundays starting Sept. 24th through Nov. 19th (minus Oct 8) Starts a 9AM—12PM Not a member of the ATA? ( Amateur Trapshooting Association) You can join at this event. Adults \$20 for the full ATA target year, youth under 18 are \$12.



## Have A Safe Month

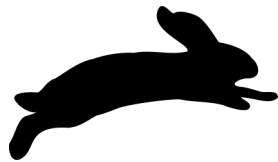
# What's Cooking?

## Simply Goose



This issue's receipt is from Fred Trost's Fish & Wild Game Classics 1989 /Lois Bohn, Sebewaing Mi.

1 1/2 Goose breast's skinned & ground up  
6 Tablespoons bottled Italian dressing  
1/2 teaspoon course ground pepper  
1 cup flour / 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt  
Olive Oil, (2 ) 4 oz cans mushrooms  
2Large onions  
Cheese, 1pkg Hemberger buns



Grind Goose breast with finest blade you have—it should look like hamburger. Add Italian dressing and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Let stand at least 1 hour or even overnight in fridge. Miz together the flour, remaining pepper, garlic powder, and seasoned salt. Spread on wax paper/ Form goose burger into a ball large enough for one patty. Flatten on flour mixture to form patty and drench. Flip over and do other side. Form rest of goose burger into patties. Fry patties in only enough olive oil to coat pan. Do not over fry . While burgers are frying sauté onions in 1 Tablespoon butter until transparent. Add mushrooms mixture and cheese. (Makes 8-10 burgers. Chef's comments: I've used ground turkey, duck, rabbit and squirrel . Enjoy.



**Good Luck Bow Hunters, Duck Hunters, Pheasant Hunters and Turkey Hunters. And any other critters that will be legal to hunt. Stay Safe**  
**"October" You got to love it!**





# **OUR STATE WIDE AFFILIATES**

- Bowfishing Association of Michigan
- Commemorative Bucks of Michigan
- Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs, Inc.
- Michigan Association of Gamebird Breeders & Hunting Preserves
- Michigan B.A.S.S Nation (Michigan B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation Inc.)
- Michigan Bear Hunters Association
- Michigan Bowhunters Association
- Michigan Charter Boat Association
- Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners
- Michigan Conservation Officers Association
- Michigan Coon Hunters Association
- Michigan Ducks Unlimited
- Michigan Gun Owners
- Michigan Hunting Dog Federation
- Michigan Resource Stewards
- Michigan Sharptail Grouse Association
- Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger
- Michigan Sportsmen's Defense Alliance
- Michigan State Chapter – NWTF
- Michigan State Fox Hunters Association
- Michigan State United Coonhunters
- Michigan Squirrel Dog Association
- Michigan Trappers & Predator Callers Association
- National Wildlife Federation
- Pheasants Forever – MI State Council
- National Deer Association – Michigan State Chapter
- Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society
- State Chapter – Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association
- Sturgeon For Tomorrow, Inc.
- Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association
- Bass Federation of Michigan
- Upper Peninsula Bear Houndsmen Association



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