



Michigan United Conservation Clubs Region 7 Monthly Newsletter

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Since 1937, MUCC has been Michigan's first voice for the outdoors. From protecting our resources to preserving our outdoor heritage to fighting for the conservation of Michigan's wildlife, fish, forests and the rights of those who love the outdoors. Our history is impressive

Our History, a Snapshot in Time Continued

- 1966: Supported passage of U.S. Clean Water Protection Act.
- 1967: Supported and assisted in introduction of salmon to the Great Lakes.
- 1968: Campaigned for \$436 million Clean Water Bond and Quality Recreation Bond in Michigan
- 1970: Supported passage of Treat Lakes Shorelands Protection Act .
- 1970: Supported implementation Hunter Safety Training in Michigan
- 1972: Supported legislation to stop indiscriminate dredging and filling of Michigan's inland waters.
- 1973: Led battle to ban large-mesh gill nets in the Great Lakes
- 1974: Supported passage of Farmland and Open Space Preservation legislation in Michigan.
- 1974: Supported passage of Michigan Endangered Species Act.
- 1975: Supported establishment of a separate muzzleloader hunting season for Michigan .
- 1976: Provided leadership to establish Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, designating oil and gas revenue from state lands for recreation .

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\$1,000.000.00

Do you have a spare million dollars? Not only did **Dean Barnum** have a spare million dollars to donate to MUCC he also gave one million dollars to Kellogg Community Collage where he was a teacher for many years. He also gave one million dollars to the Battle Creek Willard Public Library.

Dean was a conservationist all his life and a member of MUCC. His close friend and retired attorney Michael Rae ,now serves as the executor of his Barnum's estate, said Barnum was always concerned about the environment. Richard Scott, chief financial officer at KCC remembers that Barnum loved to play basketball and also had an intense interest in the community. Scott was also surprised to find out that Barnum had an estate.

MUCC's information officer Nick Green , passed on to membership, a special summary of Dean Barnum's life story written by a close friend Chris Lamphere. What an incredible gift to MUCC. The article, in the latest Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine, tells the whole story about this very generous man. If you do not get a magazine with your membership you need to. The subscription is only \$20 per year. Contact headquarters for info.

If you would like to leave a conservation Legacy and wish to know more about planned giving to MUCC, please contact Amy Trotter at headquarters. 517-346-6475 By the way, it doesn't have to be a million dollars.

Region 7 News from Hillsdale College

To promote the natural sciences both at Hillsdale College and throughout the country, Mr. **Alan Taylor**, president of the Nimrod Society, has made a generous gift to establish and endow the in Areas of Consumptive Sport and Recreational Hunting and Fishing, known simply as the **Nimrod Education Center**. It will educate the public about the societal benefits of consumptive sports such as hunting and fishing, as well as recreational and competitive shooting sports.

Find out more about this wonderful opportunity for younger and older folks alike at our **next region meeting in February 13th at Hillsdale County Conservation Club. 3835 Bird Lake Rd. S . Osseo, Mi. 49256**



Happenings Around the Region

CPL CLASSES Contact Skip Coryell at 269-838-5586 or skipcoryell@hotmail.com

Skip puts CPL classes on all around SW Mich. at many of Region 7 Clubs.



Some Open to the Public Events: Dec. 2021

Grand Valley Cap & Ballers : Sporting Clays 2022 schedule will be : 3rd Sat in April, May, June, July, Sept. and the 2nd Sat in Oct. MUCC fundraiser July 16-17 2022

Fennville Rod and Gun Club: CPL class Dec. 26th 8AM Contact Skip Coryell at 269-838-5586

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

Hillsdale County Conservation Club: Tip up town Jan 28, 29.30. 2022 Open to the Public

New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club Wed. night trap games at 7 PM Sunday Trap practice 10AM

Dowagiac Conservation Club: Deer head check Dec. 15th Wed, 5-7 269-782-5508

Paw Paw Conservation Club Trap Shooting every Monday year round. \$4 for 25 birds. For info call (269) 657-8949 after 4:30 on Monday's

Our Condolences go out to Crazy Dave Mcon's family upon his death on August 6th. Dave was a loyal attendee at our Region meetings. Dave represented Paw Paw Conservation Club

Edwardsburg Conservation Club : Meat Shoot 1st Sunday of every month Dec-March 2022. Shoot starts at 10AM Call Jerry Bolock at 574-298-6730 Muzzle loading shoots on the 4th Sunday 10-4 year round

Did You Know?

Common Loons breed in Michigan north of Saginaw. Our current population is between 500-775 nesting pairs. While this is up from the estimated 220 pairs in the early 1980's there are still thousands of suitable lakes without nesting pairs. Loons are diving birds with their legs placed back toward its tail.

The average age of a loon in the wild is 30 years.

A loon can dive more than 200 ft while searching for food.

Migrating loons have been clocked flying at speeds more than 70 MPH



Club of the Month: New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club

10487 Kruger Rd. New Buffalo Mi. 4117

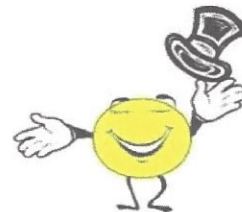
Established in 1937, the New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club (NBRGC) is a beautiful facility located on the Galien River in the harbor county of Southwestern Michigan

NBRGC hosts many activities for its members and guests; IDPA matches, trap, 3D archery, firearms safety and environmental awareness seminars, basic marksmanship, self-defense, and gun handling classes, sportsmen-hunting swap meets, and social functions.

NBRGC became affiliated with the IDPA in 2003, and runs an active IDPA program with matches scheduled 12 months a year, weather permitting. In addition to the monthly matches, the club holds periodic back up gun, classifier, tactical shotgun, and three(3) gun matches.

Facilities include 6 Shooting bays available for the matches normally consist of 6 to 7 courses of fire with a round count of 85 to 100.

Hats off to New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club. Our "Club Of The Month"



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Here is wishing everyone a safe and joyful Christmas

