



The Quiver

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 MISSION

Uniting citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage

Since 1937

OUR WORK

Since 1937, Michigan United Conservation Clubs has been the voice of hunters, anglers, trappers and conservationists in Michigan

OUR LEGACY

The Quivers

1 yr Anniversary Issue



I hope everyone finding the information and comments helpful. Just know without you and your involvement in all things outdoors, MUCC would not exist. Its imperative that you stay involved and get others involved and live up to the pledge always on the last page of the Quiver. Stay Safe.

Grassroots Advocacy 2021 Conservation Report

Bills Tracked
125

Bills
Engaged
60

Policies
Enacted
7

Lobbying
Hours
278

Conservation
Projects
2013 168 2021

Acres
Impacted
3,334
2013 to 2021

Number of
Volunteers 3,372
2013 to 2021

Volunteer Hours
15,750
2013 to 2021

More than 58,000 youth have shot their first gun, saw their first star, paddled their first canoe and became hunter safety certified at our Youth Camp since 1948

Camp Facilities
Improved \$4,000

In a normal year, OTG completes more than 25 projects. Due to COVID-19 OTG was scaled down in 2020 and 2021

In 2021 MUCC enlisted 208 volunteer who completed 821 volunteer hours improving 142 acres of habitat

What's Chillin ?



Orange Almond Sparkle

Carol Kasdorf



1 Can (6-oz) frozen lemonade thawed

(chilled)

2 Cups of water

Combine lemonade, water and extract.

1 (1oz) bottle Pure Almond Extract

Stir well and keep mixture chilled until ready to serve. Place sherbet by spoonful's into punch bowl. Slowly add ginger ale. Serve im-

1/2 gal. orange sherbet softened

2 (2 liter ea.)bottle of ginger ale

This recipe was from the latest MUCC Recipe Book thanks to Judy VanRhee for spearheading the project.

Convention Highlights

The 2022 convention was a great success. Region 7 was heard loud and clear. We had 17 attendee's from Region 7 at the convention and all seemed to be having a great time. Our resolution on Hunters Safety classes passed with no amendments and unanimously.

Thanks to all who call with comments, phone calls and emails while I was putting together the resolution. A special thanks to Fran Yeager for her help at the beginning of the process. Fran is Region 7 treasurer MUCC Past President and also MUCC cooperate treasurer for many years. After her treasurer's report at the convention she formally announced she was stepping down as treasurer to concentrate on future convention registration and in our own region 7. Thanks So Much Fran for your constant attention to the financial success of our organization in good times and bad. WELL DONE FRAN!! We look forward to Frans continued support in Region 7 and to a smooth registrations at convention for years to come.

The convention, as always happens every 2 years, ushered In new President and Vice President and Past President. Thanks Greg Peter for an outstanding 2 years and Good Luck Tim Muir , I know you will do a great job as President. Our new VP is Rob Miller will be great VP. Like with Greg , now Tim and Rob, we at Region 7 have your back.

Passing of the Gavel



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Resolution 1,2,3 4,5,7,8,9,10 passed some with amendments. Resolution 6 advocating for the use of drones for the recovery of legally hunted big game animals Did Not Pass.

Keynote speaker was Tom Baird NRC Chair and guest speaker Dan Eichinger DNR Director. In brief summary My takeaway: I feel both reminded us just how special our state's is and how important conservation of its air, soil, water and wildlife and of course Outdoor heritage are. Eichinger and Baird assured all that the DNR and the Natural Resources Commission are on the same page even though sometimes the page has a few wrinkles they are both working well together.

THE CONSERVATION AWARDS BANQUET : After a great happy hour with lots of raffle tickets sold and silent auction bidding, we made our way into the banquet room. The meal was Prime Rib with mashed potatoes and green beans. Tasty. The awards followed and Later George Linquist won the Gun Raffle
Awards: Conservation Hall of Fame Rebecca Humphries.....Unsung Hero Sue Pride50 yrs of Conservation Jim HammillOn the Ground Conservation Partners Bruce Barlow and Corey Brooks.....Educator of the year Justin LazarSpecial Conservation Award Steve Sharp

You could write a book on each on of these award winners, their accomplishments and passion about what they do and have done. All very deserving of their award. The Conservation Hall of Fame award is rarely giving out but this year it was well deserved with Rebecca Humphries. Her accomplishments are much to numerous to mention her but here is just a few; Former Michigan DNR director and current Chief Executive Office of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Her 32 yr career with the Michigan DNR finished with 7 years as Director. In 2011 she became Director of Conservation Programs with Ducks Unlimited. In 2013 moved to the National Wild Turkey Federation where she is currently.



Amy Trotter presenting
Conservation Hall of Fame
Award to Rebecca Humphries

Opening Minutes of 1st meeting of MUCC November 9th 1937 Owosso, Michigan

Harry Gaines of Grand Rapids Presiding: Mr. Gaines opened the first meeting of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs with a request that each club represented announce its name and location. He thanked the clubs for attending, stating that he could see no reason for clubs not affiliating as a state organization in the same manner that individuals affiliate in a small club. He said that purpose of organization was for cooperation with state department of conservation and for the good of conservation in general. He urged the clubs not to permit small petty grievances to interfere with the proper function of organization, that they keep an open mind, with candid open discussion at all times and not allow argument to break up the organization. Majority should always count at all times as just and right. Small local problems should not interfere with progress of the state organization, but should be thrashed out in local the local club.



Happenings Around the Region

Open to the Public Events July 2022 around our region

Grand Valley Cap & Ballers : Sporting Clays 2022 schedule will be : 3rd Sat until Oct. MUCC fundraiser . sporting clays, July 16-17 2022. Questions and info call: 616-836-5760 / 269-209-1770/ 269-370-0095. August 4,5,6,7 Frontier Shoot. If you like Black Powder you will love this. Open to the Public.

Fennville Rod and Gun Club: 2nd Sunday of Month Pancake Breakfast. 8 AM- 11:00 \$5 for adults \$3 for children Every Sat in July Trap and Skeet \$4 a round 12PM to 5PM Open to the Public. Every Tue. In July Trap and Skeet. Open to the Public. July 24th CPL register with Skip at 269-838-5586

Grass Lake Sportsman Club: Trap Shoot every Sunday @10AM \$4 per round Open to the Public Check Facebook for updates. 734-368-8239 Take a kid Fishing 9AM to Noon. Grass Lake County Park . Horse Shoes 5:30 every Thur. Ev. June 2nd –Sept 1st.

Hillsdale County Conservation Club: Every Wed. Open Trap Shoot 5PM-dusk. July 9th 10-1P Midwest Varmint Shoot Call Mike or Stempien for questions 517-639-7191 Military & Sniper Shoot July 16th 1-3PM / Rimfire Egg Shoot July 2nd and Aug 6th 1-3PM / AR Bench Rest July 23rd. 1-3PM / Rimfire Falling Plates July 20th 6-8PM / Women's Shoot July 12th 6-8PM / Center Fire Falling Plates July 27th 6-8PM Archery: 3 D Shoot July 24th 9-1PM / Youth Archery Every Sunday from 5-7PM April – September.

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: TRAP SHOOTING. Shooting rounds of 25 clay targets and Games. Bring your shotgun and ammunition. Eye and Ear Protection Required. Adults \$5 per round, Youth \$2 per round Second and Fourth Wednesdays 6 p.m.-9 p.m. April 22, through September 23 July 15th Fish Fry 4:30-7PM July 12th Hunter Safety Class Part 2 July 22 6-9PM President; Ron Hartline 269-224-1032

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 Phone # 269-657-8949 3-D Archery \$5 members \$10.00 Non-Members Discounts for Whitetails Unlimited and Michigan Bowhunter Members . Hunter Ed. Aug. 26 th and 27th.

Edwardsburg Conservation Club : 1st Sat April-August American Rimfire Association (ARA) match 9AM. 3rd Sat. April-October 9AM Rimfire Centerfire-Military Rifle matches. CPL classes contact Kelly Adams 269-783-6570 July 13th Trap Shooting 6-9PM

Hamilton Rod and Gun : Trap Shooting every Wed. @ 6:30 / July 8th Calcutta practice at 5:30 shoots @7pm

Jackson County Outdoor Club: Traditional Archery Rendezvous Shoot July 28th, 29th,30th, 31st. 517-764-3415 for details.

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

Next Policy Board Meeting Sept 17th at Big Bear Sportsman's Club

Kaleva, Mi (villageofkaleva.com)

S subject to Executive Committee approval 7/6/22

3rd Year



MUCC REGION 7 FUND RAISER

SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIP

HELD AT GRAND VALLEY CAP "N" BALLERS

3506 26th. Street, Hopkins, MI 49328

Saturday & Sunday, July 16th & 17th , 2020. Starts at 9:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM.

Must supply own ammo No shot size larger then 7 1/2 allowed

Must be 14 years of age to participate in event. Open to the Public

\$35 per 50 Bird Match GVCNB Rules apply

***Suggested donations for lunch is \$5.00**

***First Place Trophies for Women, Men, Youth (Girls & Boys)**

***1st place Team Trophies for top 4 shooters on a 5 person team.**

***Trophies will be given on Sunday after the event.**

***Camping available for Shooters & Family \$5.00 per night elec.& air \$5.00 more**

***The Fundraiser is for sponsoring MUCC many programs including Michigan Out of Doors Youth Camp.**

For More information call: Ron Fernwalt : 269-836-5760

Dave MC Murray 269-370 -0095

Ron Burris 269=209-21770

Conservationist Pledge

I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY DEFEND
FROM WASTE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY-ITS AIR, SOIL
AND MINERALS ITS FORESTS WATERS AND WILDLIFE

