

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

MUCC led supported or assisted almost every conservation victory in Michigan in the last 85 years.

MUCC's 2022 Annual Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel Lansing in Lansing, MI from June 24-26!

*Registration forms and club authorizations **must** be received by MUCC no later than June 6, 2022. If you cannot mail in time, contact Mikayla Carter at mcarter@mucc.org and bring your forms to the door. Copy and paste following links into your browser.*

<https://mucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Attendee-Registrant-Form-2.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact Justin Tomei at jtomei@mucc.org or 517-371-1041.

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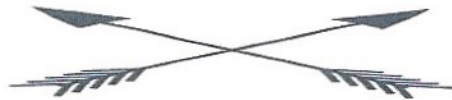
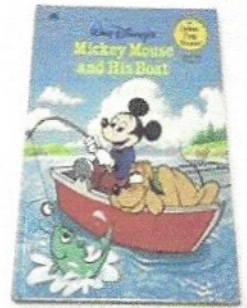
Affiliated Club Members \$20 per year

Included with full membership \$35 to MUCC

A Gift of Simplicity

If you haven't yet received or purchased the latest copy of Michigan Out-of-Doors Magazine then when you do make sure you read the article with the title The Gift of Simplicity. By Robert Kennedy on pg. 70. His use of the children's book "**Mickey and His Boat**" was perfect pick for the theme for this article and really makes me realize what can or has already happened to all of us. My grandsons will be visiting us this month from Florida, ages 6 and 8. So when I read this article it really hits home. They love to go fishing with a hook, bobber and worm even if it was attached to a stick.. One of my favorite sentences from the author is "If we look at the fishing era we are in today, the most simplified and fundamental method of fishing is with a simple hook, live bait and a bobber or indicator.." and admits later that the largest crappie he ever caught was while using a bobber and worm presentation. It's a great read don't miss it. If you do not have a subscription Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine yet your are missing articles like this one and may others.

Do a YouTube search on your phone or computer for this book and listen to the 4 min narration an you will understand why the author of this article used this child's book as the theme .



Quick Summary of Region 7 meeting at Jackson County Outdoor Club

Jackson County Outdoor Club was once again a great host. 17 members in attendance. After Pulled Pork with all the trimmings our guest speakers from Jackson County Conservation District, spoke about their organization and on the topic of invasive species. In doing so, we all realized how MCD's have some of the same goals and priorities that MUCC does. A special Thanks to President Greg Peter attending our Region 7 meeting again. He spoke on some of the issues that MUCC is dealing with today....Emergency Resolution , Kids Camp still looking for staff to be able to open camp this year. If you or your club knows of any older youth who would be willing to work at the kid camp this summer please call headquarters ASAP. ([Update we are ready to open](#)) Jack VanRhee reviewed the resolutions that we will be voting on at the convention good discussion on all 10 of them. An interesting bit of information was discussed, that this is the fewest number of resolution to come to convention in recent memory. Thanks to all for showing up and many driving long distances to do so.

What's Cooking ?





Calico Beans

Submitted by: Dave Vanlopik



3/4 lb bacon

1 lb gr beef or venison

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup ketchup

1 large can of Pork & Beans

1 Tbsp vinegar

1 Tbsp. mustard

1 can lima beans

1 can Kidney beans

Brown bacon , Ground Beef or Venison and onions.

Add remaining items, mix well. Bake 200 degrees oven for 1 1/2 hours. Dave's comments: I like to add extra bacon and beef to taste.

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

 Michigan Conservation Districts

Michigan's 75 Conservation Districts (CDs) are the local providers of Natural Resource management services -- similar to your local fire, police, health, and school services. We're also your neighbors, dedicated to helping our fellow Michiganders conserve their lands and waterways so our environment can be as clean, healthy, and economically robust as possible.

created by the USDA in response to the 1930s Dust Bowl, Conservation Districts (CDs) are **local units of government** that utilize state, federal and private sector resources to solve today's conservation challenges. Because best conservation practices vary widely depending on the region they're practiced, Conservation Districts were formed so that **decisions on conservation issues could be made at the local level, by local people**, with additional technical assistance provided by government-affiliated organizations.

Conservation Districts 6 Core Resources

1. Water 2. Wildlife 3. Soils 4. Farms 5. Forests 6. Dunes

Any of these sound familiar?

Region 7 Voting Members at Convention

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

Ronald Burris: Past President IM Region 7 Director

Jack VanRhee : Past President

Fran Yeager: Past President and Current MUCC Treasurer



Happenings Around the Region

Open to the Public Events June 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 June Trap and Skeet \$4 a round 12PM to 5PM Open to the Public. Every Tue. In June Trap and Skeet. Open to the Public.

Grass Lake Sportsman Club: Trap Shoot every Sunday @10AM \$4 per round Open to the Public Check Facebook for updates. 734-368-8239 Pistol Shoots 10 AM \$5 June 4th Women Pistol Shoot June 18th @10AM \$5 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, Reverse cash raffle drawing to raise money for legal defense fund to "Save our aquifer" must have a ticket to enter (((\$35) St June 11 doors open at 5PM dinner included call Ted 517-320-4782. 27th the annual Hillsdale County Conservation Club and Kiwanis club Kids fishing derby at the Lewis Emery Park FREE Prizes , lunch, bait and fish poles will be provided June 25th walk through the woods on the club property will be held. Adults a small fee kids free.

New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club: Wed. nights trap shoot 6:30 pm and Sunday practice 10am to 1pm Open to the public. 269-469-5990. IDPA Shoot June 18th

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 3-D Archery June 12th 8AM –12PM \$10 Adults Free under 16 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 last Saturday of month contact Kelly Adams 269-783-6570

Hamilton Rod and Gun : Trap Shooting every Wed. @ 6:30 / June 10th Calcutta practice at 5:30 shoots @7pm

Jackson County Outdoor Club: PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2nd Sunday of each month June 12th, 2022. Adults \$6 children under twelve \$4. Serving begins at 8 AM and ends at 11 AM. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Rising Stars of Conservation



Congratulation Amy Trotter MUCC's executive director. In the latest Michigan Out-of-Doors Magazine a very deserving tribute is laid out in a 6 pg. spread of Michigan notables and conservations from all over the state. This wonderful article, by Chris Lamphere, shows how Amy has become not only an inspiration to our organization as well as many others but also to future generations of Michigan's outdoor

enthusiast. Great Job Amy!!

Stop by your favorite newsstand and pick up a copy OR for \$20 affiliated club members can get a 1 yr. subscription.

Call headquarters for more info.

MUCC Region 7 Fundraiser

\$35.00

- ♦ Shoot Sat. or Sunday **July 16th and 17th our 3rd year**
- ♦ Donation Lunch **Grand Valley Cap & Ballers**
- ♦ Raffle, Trophies **2562 136th Ave Dorr Mi. 49323**

Sporting Clays
Info : 269-209-1770
or 616-836-5760



Asian Carp

Did you know that it was in **1963** the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services imported grass carp from Eastern Asia to Arkansas for federal research on controlling aquatic vegetation in aquaculture ponds. The first wild sighting of Asian Carp in Arkansas was in **1976**. In **early 90's** heavy flooding allowed more carp to escape from fish farms in the Mississippi and they have since migrated in to the Missouri and Illinois rivers. **Late 2002** Biologists found Asian Carp 21 miles downstream of the experimental fish barriers about 50 miles from Lake Michigan. July **2010** Asian Carp are found in Indiana's River, a major tributary of Lake Erie.

The current estimated cost to construct the Brandon Road Project barrier is just shy of **\$900 Million Dollars**. In Jan of this year the Army Corps of Engineers were allocated \$225 Million for the project from the Feds. That is considerably less than the estimate. If the rest of the monies can be found from adjoining states to Lake Michigan, the best case scenario to finish the project would be in 2030.

To little to Late? Lets hope Not!



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.

WE ARE
CONSERVATION

MUCC