



# The Quiver

Michigan United Conservation Clubs Region 7 Monthly Newsletter

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Front and Center



Its hard to come up with ONE issue that deserves Front and Center for this month. I like to pick the most critical issue that Michigan Sportsmen and Women are facing. The truth? It's a bit to early to tell. We are kind of in a wait and see what our legislators are going to come up with.

We got a sneak preview in the Governors State of the State address. Our own Justin Tomei (MUCC Policy Assistant) described it as "it's not better or worse, it's just different." In the latest issue of our Award Winning magazine Justin summarized that "Conservation is one of the few issues in our current political climate that will still unite people. For decades, both sides of the aisle have been able to come together and formulate good conservation policy." Well ! said Justin

What will be different? The fact that the House, Senate, Executive branch are all now under Democrats control. It has been "Decades" to be exact 40 yr. since the democrats have had total control in what direction our state will take in regards to the kitchen table issues that Sportsmen and Sportswomen find so important. I have lived and hunted and fished for over 50 yr in this great state. I have voted in every election since. What is the Big difference? This is not the democratic party that I remember. 40 yrs. ago.

Will we be legally able to keep a loaded gun, that is easy to get to, in our home? Can we count on Scientific management of wildlife? Will we be able to buy and use, in the field, an AR-15? Will we ever be able to hunt Sand Hill Crains? Will we be willing to give up another slice of our 2nd amendment in the name of compromise? Will we be required to register all our long guns and pay an annual fee for each? How about Wolf management? Sterilization? Nothing would surprise me. Buckle up Buckaroos.

All that being said, what I do know for sure is that MUCC will stay in the fight for our 2nd amendment rights, Scientific management of wildlife, keeping our state one of the best environments for Sportsmen and Sportswomen and uniting citizens to Conserve, Protect and Enhance Michigan's natural resources and Outdoor heritage.

How can you help? Consider becoming a member of our Outdoor Heritage council. Buy tickets for the Gun a Month Club, Send a check to headquarters as a donation. Every dime will count on help to make MUCC's voice loud and clear. We will need to be very loud and very clear.

# Don't miss the Convention March 24-26

On March 25th and 26th we will once again meet for the 86th time to gather discuss and decide about our accumulated resolutions and by law amendments that individuals, clubs and directors have made in the past year. Just getting one of those to the floor of the convention is a amazing vetting process. From a club meeting to a Region meeting to a Policy Board meeting the original resolution or by law amendment may change several times or may make it all the way to the convention.

Along with resolutions and by law amendments that are discussed and voted on there will be voting for new leadership. This year The odd number regions will decide on who will be their regional director. If you want to get more involved in the region, policy board committees let me know. I will be running again as your region 7 director and would appreciate your vote.

If you are attending the convention for the 1st time make sure you find me in the crowd and let me know that your there. If you are attending the convention again make sure you find me and let me know that you are there. Friday evening there will be a get together of all attendees that are there. Its always a great time.

I always feel that I would like to remember MUCC's 1st meeting by putting the first paragraph of those minutes to remind us just where we came from.

**MICHIGAN UNITED CONVSERVATION CLUBS  
OWOSSO, MICHIGAN  
November 9,1937**

*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 affiliated 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 arguments to break up the organization. Majority should count at all times as just and right. Small local problems should ot interfere with progress of the state organization, but should be thrashed out in the local club.*

Hope everyone got the message that our Region 7 meeting that was scheduled for Feb. 26th to March 5th because of ice storm and no electricity. Same time, Place and Guest Speaker. Don't miss this one.

### **Jackson County Outdoor Club**

#### *Natural Resources Commission by Nick Green*

The next NRC meeting is Thursday, March 9 at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. The agenda can be found [HERE](#). Look for an MUCC preview of the meeting later this week. Bear regulations and quotas are up for action, and waterfowl seasons and off-lead dog tracking are up for information.

#### *Legislature By Nick Green*

An 11-bill gun control package has been introduced in the Michigan Senate, and a hearing is expected later this week. Senate Bills 76-80 and 83-86 would institute universal background checks on firearms in Michigan, mandate home storage requirements and create a "red flag law" in the state.

Senate Bills 81-82 create a sales tax exemption on gun safety devices and MUCC supports these two bills as separate standalone legislation.

MUCC Executive Director Amy Trotter released the following statement in response to the legislation:

*Michigan United Conservation Clubs grassroots, member-driven policy supports enforcing existing firearm laws and opposes new regulations on our members who are responsible, legal gun owners. Our membership consists of thousands of hunters, anglers, trappers and shooters. Many of our affiliate clubs and members are active in recreational shooting sports where many of our clubs operate firearm ranges.*

*Federal excise taxes on firearms and ammunition fuel wildlife conservation in Michigan and nationwide. As a leader in Michigan's conservation circles, we certainly encourage, educate and promote firearm safety in all that we do in the outdoors and beyond. MUCC supports enforcing existing gun laws and the brave men and women in law enforcement who enforce them.*

*MUCC believes these proposals infringe on the rights of lawful firearm owners within our membership.*

MUCC will be at the committee hearing and testifying in opposition to the gun control package.



# What's Cooking ?

## UP Pasty

Submitted by Jack Lehto



**Filling: 7 1/2 lbs. potatoes (peeled)**

**1 1/2 Lg onion chopped**

**1 lb. rutabaga (2 Cups) cubed**

**1 lb. carrots (2 cups) Tbsp. pepper**

**1 lb. pork sausage (gr. Lg.)**

**1/2 lb side pork (gr. Reg)**

**4 lbs beef (gr. Lg.)**

**Crust: 9 cup sifted (8 cups unsifted) flour**

**1 lb. lard (room temp) oz of crust with 10 oz of filling.**

**2 tsp. salt**



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### *Great Lakes Consent Decree*

*Article from Conservation Insider by Nick Green*

A federal judge has scheduled oral arguments on objections and responses to the Proposed Consent Decree for May 24. Michigan United Conservation Clubs is a Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources member – a collection of conservation and angling organizations fighting to keep gill net expansion from harming our Great Lakes fisheries.

The State of Michigan reversed its stance on decades-long management strategies related to gill nets and agreed to expansion in popular recreation areas in a proposed decree that was submitted to the court on December 11, 2022.

A Go Fund me page has been started to help the Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources with legal fees as the fight continues to protect Michigan's Great Lakes fisheries. Here is the link. <https://api.neonemails.com/emails/tracking/click-link/KnibLF6v6Z47-FAjq1tSFpiZ4TWUAWk8Ea9R2gb99Xk=/p1e8g6iTpVOflk1-Jgi59C3f9BgUvPEgO7RM-7uX4Hk=>



# Happenings Around the Region

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

**Grand Valley Cap & Ballers** : Sporting Clays Modern Shotguns, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th, July 15 & 16th MUCC and GVCB both days. Sept. 16 Oct. 14th. 9AM to 2:00

**Fennville Rod and Gun Club**: Calcutta shoot 2nd Sunday 12-4pm Open to the Public. Basic CPL Class 26th March Call Skip at 269-838-5586 Open Trap and Skeet shooting every Sat. afternoon PM. See Web site for the many events and details.

**Grass Lake Sportsman Club**: Bushytail Challenge March 18th 7AM to 7PM go to facebook for updates.

**Hillsdale County Conservation Club**: EVERY THUR Indoor Archery 6PM-9PM

**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**: Fish Fry all you can eat March 10th 4:30 to 8PM Wild Game Dinner March 18th 4-7PM Adults \$12 children \$6 Raffle for .410 Turkey Gun

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

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**Bend of the River Conservation Club**: Monday March 6th Basic Pistol Training 12pm-4pm \$5. Contact Sunne Beaty 312-618-3588. or Call Larry Hupp 269-240-3123 March 25th Open to public Gun Show Vendor Setup 7am to 9am Doors open at 9am \$5 entry per person . March 31 Fish Fry 6-9

**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. \$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 \$100 Contact Kelly Adams 269-783-6570 Year round Trap shooting event Games on Saturdays 10-1PM Practice and Games Sundays 1-4 PM

### 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

Next Region 7 meeting will be at

Jackson County Outdoor Club

March 5th Lunch 11:30 Meeting at 12:15

3550 Hart Rd. Jackson Mi 49201

Program: Dave Vanlopic : Chairman MUCC's

**Firearms, Sport Shooting and Ranges Committee**

Along with many things Dave will review MUCC's resolution current and in the past about laws pertaining to Gun legislation. Don't miss this one. !!

**Ultimate Sports Show March 9-12**

**Grand Rapids DeVos Place**

**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

