



SOUTH HAVEN

Rod & Gun Club Inc.

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Well, here we are starting another year, I'm excited. There are a lot of things going on, a shelter to be built over the benches on the rifle range and Indoor Winter Rimfire Benchrest Rifle League just to name a few. We saw the year start with a newly elected board, Earl Akehurst President, Jim Emenhiser V. Pres., Dave Overhiser Treasurer, Craig Massey Secretary, Directors Craig Lewis, Walt Harry and Dave Wiatrowski. When you see these guys just say "Thank you and what can I do to help" it will be much appreciated.

From the Middle of the Down Range Table- By President Earl

2012 The reset year for the Mayan Calendar, 20 dozen (288) more the our membership limit. the year social security sends out more than it takes in, just because I started taking out.

Rifle Range drainage improvement, and shelter are NOT huge projects, but will tax our volenteer group.
You CAN DO IT, I can direct.

Our main challenge for 2012 will be the mundane and boring "recurring Maintenance" with our new caretaker coordination system. This is because of the clubs lose of Dan Hosier as full time caretaker. After many years of hard work both outside and in the club house Dan is leaving as caretaker. All members of the club should appreciate all the classes given, events managed, and grass cut. Thanks Dan and good luck at your new job.

The club started 2012 with a great (26) turn out for Sunday AM Breakfast & Trap (8) and 15 for indoor .22 rifle match. If you have missed out, Sunday AM Breakfast is the Best/cheapest food for at least 50 miles. Plenty of space for you, your elbows, your friends, great service, and FREE coffee refills.

Lastly, due to the low change-over in club administration it has been recommended that we do what we can to have a major change in Washington D.C. for 2013.

Let's all work for a SAFE and fun filled 2012 the Mayan GODS are counting on us.

TMotDRT (Earl)

Membership Renewals- As most of you know, membership renewal dues are way past due if you didn't renew at the Fall Banquet. For those that didn't get your membership card with this newsletter you will find a Membership Renewal Form. Just fill this out with your current information including email contact information (if you have it) attach a check and send it in. March 1st will be the magic end date for your renewal, after that your entry card will be deactivated.

Caretaker- Our caretaker of many years has resigned and will be moving his home and possessions off the property starting Nov.01, 2011 and should be done by Spring Cleanup. Now the hard part, the membership will have to step to window and assume the duties, such as cut the grass, remove the trash, do snow removal, clean the club room, bathrooms and upkeep the entire building and grounds in general. Currently, we could use someone to coordinate the efforts and put together a schedule for mowing, etc with volunteers. If you can help with this, step forward and let one of the board members know. For the rest of you members it's time to do your part in making your club look good, so volunteer some time.

Friends of NRA Grant- Our club has been awarded a grant this year, consisting of six .22 Target Rifles, ammunition, targets and a gun storage cabinet for our Junior Shooters. This is a very generous grant and I hope you get a chance to see the rifles in action with our junior shooters and future members. Remember this was made possible from the hard work that the Friends of NRA do in Michigan when it comes time for their fund raisers. These dinner events and raffles provide the funds which are pooled and awarded to various groups for shooting and related needs, ie, education, firearms and other good uses, so please try and attend one of their events, your support is needed. Visit their local website (www.SWMIFNRA.org) for updates and join in.

Rifle Range- The range committee has put together and presented a long term plan for upgrading the outdoor rifle and pistol ranges. Part of this plan is to bring the ranges into one plane or line with various distances from backstops to firing points. In addition the plan calls for building better backstops, side barriers, level fields and better drainage.

The first thing proposed was a cover and expansion for the existing rifle bench area at the 200 yard range. This would allow the shooters and viewers to use the range during rain, excessive sun and other uncomfortable weather for events without having to cancel. This shelter was voted on by the membership and passed that the club would put up \$2,500 for construction with the committee raising the remaining funds necessary. The committee has been busy getting donations for posts and rifle rests which will have the donors name attached. There is still room for more members with a donation of \$100.00, this will get your name put up in brass for all to see and envy, so get in touch with either Ted Jones or Dave Wiatrowski for information and donations. The building will have a concrete slab, open walled post frame construction with trusses, shingled roof and equipment shelves.

Indoor Rimfire Benchrest League- This year's league is off to a great start, shooting Unlimited/Hvy, Sporter and Iron Sight classes. The league is averaging about 12 competitors per match, shooting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month into April. The shooters are coming from as far as Holland and Zeeland to compete in this winters matches. The shooters scores are being compiled and tallied each week with the shooters competing for top positions and a shooters pot. The prizes will be awarded at an end of season dinner following the last match.

Outdoor Benchrest League- Again, this year there will be a 50 Yard Outdoor Rimfire League starting in May. This league will have the same classes and format as the Indoor League, although the "Green Monster" will most likely be target of choice for these matches.

Egg Shoots- These matches are also scheduled to begin in May with three classes, 200 yard Centerfire, 100 yard Rimfire with Optics and 50 yard Open / Iron Sights using any reasonable caliber rifle. These matches have three relays of five little white Grade A Large targets each, guaranteed to explode if hit solidly.

Starting dates for these outdoor events will be dependent on weather and range conditions, so stay tuned to the website for more information. www.shrgc.org

REMEMBER- Our shooting events are open to the Public, so invite someone!

Action Pistol- This event is held every Wednesday night at 7:00 in the indoor range or outside when weather and shooters agree. Course of fire alternates each week with Centerfire Defensive Scenario's being shoot one week and the 22lr Rimfire Re-active targets being shot the next. You can verify which week it is by checking the calendar and website. This activity welcomes shooters of all skill levels with helpful hints for beginners to competition for the more advanced. So, get your handgun off the shelf or your carry gun and get a little practice in, we all can use some, besides it will put a smile on your face.

Trap- Every Sunday during breakfast the trap field is open and the birds are flying. There has been a nice group each week including some young shooters and ladies. Come on out, shoot a round, grab a hot cup of coffee and then shoot some more. Be ready for Spring, keep your skills sharp, "PULL"!

Sunday Morning Breakfast- On Sunday mornings Vern and the crew open the kitchen, fire up the stove, put on the coffee in order to put out one of the best dang breakfast around. All you have to do is show up with an appetite, place your order for some eggs, pancakes or Beth's famous waffles, grab a cup of coffee and enjoy. The feeding frenzy starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 11:00 a.m., so come on out.

Website- If you haven't been to the website lately, you should, it is being "remodeled" to make it more user friendly, provide up to date information on events, monthly calendar, newsletters and more. You are now able to go there to get current information and competitor standings for shooting events and more.

Some Butt chewing- This should go without saying but, remember this is all our club. If you take out a target stand put it back, if the wastepaper baskets are full empty them, watch the thermostat turn them back, pick up after yourselves. Burn all the waste paper, ammo boxes and targets in the burn barrel (no garbage or empties). Treat the club room as if it is your living room, keep it clean, picked up and the furniture in its place. Grab a snow shovel and clean the walks, there is ice melt in the tub by the door use it, be a "good" member. Do not abuse Action Pistol targets, use the archery backstops as intended, no broadheads and NO BULLETS.

Lately there has been a epidemic of careless, sloppy behavior around the club. Remember, we now have a computerized door entry system that can tell when you use the club, so if you vandalize or make a mess and it can be pinpointed your membership will be in jeopardy. The same holds true for the outdoor ranges, don't leave your trash for someone else to take care, shoot only approved targets, watch what you hang your targets on. OK, enough for now, just police yourself and other members, by the way if you are on the rifle range and there is someone you do not know, introduce yourself and ask if they are a member and have a card.

CPL CLASS- A CPL class is being planned for May, if you would like to attend or know someone who might, keep a eye on the website for more details as we get closer to the date..

Club FFL- If you would like to take advantage of this economical service to buy a gun or have one transferred, give Vern Hosier a call (637-8782) and he will do his best to help you out.

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THE FOUR RULES OF FIREARMS SAFETY

Unfortunately, we've had some recent incidents that prove that not everyone remembers the basic rules of firearms safety. Most incidents only result in some embarrassment, but they can result in personal injury or worse. Remember, the best safety device we all have is the one between our ears.

To that end, here are the rules, courtesy of Col. Jeff Cooper, late of Gunsite Ranch:

1. All guns are always loaded. Even if they are not, treat them as if they are.
2. Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy.
(For those who insist that this particular gun is unloaded, see Rule 1.)
3. Keep your finger off the trigger till your sights are on the target.
This is the Golden Rule. Its violation is directly responsible for about 60 percent of inadvertent discharges.
4. Identify your target, and what is behind it. Never shoot at anything that you have not positively identified.

2012 Officers and Directors

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February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Action Pistol 6:30 Centerfire Defensive Scenario's	2	3	4 Junior Rifle 1:00
5 Breakfast 9:00 Trap 9:00 <i>Indoor Rimfire Rifle League 1:00</i>	6	7	8 Action Pistol 6:30 22 Rimfire Reactive	9	10 Club Nights Cards	11 Michiana Archery League 6:00 p.m.
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March 2012

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SHRGC Membership Renewal Form

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ (home) _____ (cell)
Email: _____

Membership Dues: Regular \$50.00
Senior \$25.00
LEO/Mil \$25.00

Make checks payable to: SHRGC
Mail to: South Haven Rod and Gun Club Inc.
68611 8th Ave.
South Haven, MI 49090

I, the undersigned, Releasor, being of lawful age, in consideration of being permitted to participate in the shooting sports at the South Haven Rod & Gun Club., do for myself, my spouse, legal representatives, heirs, and assigns, hereby release, waive and forever discharge the South Haven Rod & Gun Club, its agencies or departments, its officers, agents, service members and employees in their official and personal capacities, their heirs, administrators and executors, from any and all liability for any and all loss or damage, and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatever kind of nature, either in law or equity, arising from or by reason or death, or any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, or property damage resulting or to result from any incident which may occur during my participation in the South Haven Rod & Gun Club or any activities in connection with the South Haven Rod & Gun Club, whether caused in whole or in part by the Releasees or otherwise.

I HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE DUE TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE WHILE AT THE SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB, WHILE SHOOTING, OFFICIATING, WORKING, SPECTATING, OR FOR ANY PURPOSE PARTICIPATING AT THE SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB. I AGREE THAT THIS RELEASE CONSTITUTES THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB AND THE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE ARE CONTRACTUAL AND NOT A MERE RECITAL, AND THE SAME SHALL CONTINUE IN FORCE AND BE APPLICABLE TO ALL EVENTS I ATTEND WHICH ARE CONDUCTED BY THE SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB UNLESS REVOKED BY ME IN A WRITING SERVED UPON THE SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB BY CERTIFIED MAIL AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE UPON WHICH SUCH REVOCATION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

I agree that this Release Agreement is intended to be a broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, the balance hereof will, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE TERMS. I EXECUTE THE SAME VOLUNTARILY AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

In accepting membership to the South Haven Rod & Gun Club, I agree to abide by the Club's Bylaws, Rules, and Standard Operating Procedures. I also abide to agree with all Federal, State, and Local Firearm / Wildlife laws while using the Club's facilities. I also understand that I am responsible for any Guest that I might bring to the South Haven Rod & Gun Club. I also state that I have not been convicted of a Felony.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Printed Name: _____

This form must be received no later than March 1st

