

MARION COUNTY SPORTSMEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Fall 2022

To the Membership:

Each year, the Club sends our newsletter out to communicate information to the members to enhance member's experiences at the club, announce new/updated things to do, as well as address safety issues. It also shares how your membership fees and other income is spent. Sometimes the same thing gets put in the newsletter every year because it is so important that every member needs to follow policy to protect yourself and the club. Please refer to the "Club Rules" or "FAQ" section on our website.

The gate needs to be closed and locked by spinning the numbers after entering and leaving the property every time a person comes into the club unless a club activity is under way. Locking the gate protects your investment and helps ensure your safety while using the club. This has been an ongoing problem for many years with the front gate being left wide open, both with and without people on the property. This is a private club and you folks have paid good money to be a member. Also, please remember not to drink alcohol while on club property unless there is board approval.

When you are at the club next time, you may want to notice the 2 maple trees planted at the edge of the pond and parking lot in memory of Roy Kinkaid. Roy was a long time member of the club and his memorial was given upon his death to the Club. We also gave back to the community this year by awarding one \$500 scholarship to an area High School senior, donated \$500 to English River Outfitters (a veteran's support organization) and donated \$200 to the 4-H to help with the Marion Co Fair.

A new activity at the Club on select Public Shoot Wednesday nights is 5-Stand Trap. It is similar to trap and skeet using five stations, or stands and six strategically placed clay target throwers. Shooters shoot in turn at various combinations of clay birds coming from different directions and patterns. It is challenging and very interesting to watch!

We have had some issues about what can be fired on what range. We have four firing ranges: a new pistol range put in in 2021 to be used for pistols ONLY, the rifle range for long guns and pistols, the trap field for trap and 5-stand only, and the skeet field for skeet and the trap manual thrower only. All guns and pistols are to be fired on their respective ranges, no exceptions. As a reminder, the ranges are closed while the Trap range is being used for safety reasons.

Club communications throughout the year are done using our website www.mcsporthsman.com and Facebook page. Both sites contain announcements and news about the club but the most information is on the website. The website contains the activity calendar, Club rules to review before signing your application each year, FAQ's (frequently asked questions) information about activities available at the club, and a copy of the latest newsletter. The activity calendar changes about twice monthly. Please "Like" and "follow" us on Facebook if you have it to ensure you receive the posts.

The annual Chili Feed for members is scheduled for November 17th with Social Hour & 2023 Membership sign up beginning at 5:30pm, a meal at 6pm and voting on board members following the meal. There will be some prizes given out during the meal. If you are planning to come, we would appreciate you “liking” the post on Facebook if you have it or by sending an e-mail to us so we can plan accordingly for food. Meetings were “standing room only” prior to Covid but we had lots of food leftover last year so we would appreciate a head count for this year.

Yearly dues are \$50 if received by December 15th and will be mailed before Christmas. Dues received after December 15th but before January 1st will still be \$50 but will be mailed sometime in January. Dues received after January 1st will be \$75. We appreciate receiving membership application/renewals by December 15th so a large mass mailing to our 500+ members can be done early and let club volunteers enjoy the holiday season. Your check will be cashed in January 2023. At this time we do not accept credit/debit cards.

We get requests for memberships as gifts around Christmas time. If you want one for a gift, please write “Gift” somewhere on the front of the envelope and a note on the inside so we make sure we open it and get it sent out to the right person and don’t spoil the gift! We also have hats and tee shirts available.

The club would like to extend a “Thank You” to Jim Ide and Lysle Chilcote for heading up the Rimfire shoot. You may see the new protocol by accessing the website and select rifle/pistol range/Rimfire shoot on the left menu. Also, thank you to the volunteers who run the shoots, do the paperwork, keep the grounds up, load the trap and skeet houses, clean the clubhouse, come out for clean-up day, keep the mowers maintained and running, and all the running and support stuff that keeps the club running and fun for us all.

Thanks,
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