



NEWSLETTER

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DON ACKERBERG

The entire Board of Directors would like to take time out to recognize an outstanding board member, Don Ackerberg, for 53 years of service to the club. Don resigned as a board member in June 2007. Don has worked many hours at the club cutting trees, building skeet fields, trap houses, our sporting clays course and even burying septic tanks by hand! Whenever we needed a tractor, Don was there. The snow plowing for the past 6 years plus has been done by Don at all hours and cost to his truck including a transmission this past year. Just for the love of the club and his fellow shooter to be able to shoot their favorite sport. Don has found a way to make it happen every time we needed him. A great example for a positive thinker who never said “no” or “it can’t be done”. You might have got a grumble or straight-forward opinion, but it gone done. So take time to thank the man, Don Ackerberg, who was here for the club 53 years as one of the “great mighty volunteers”!
Dennis Blankenship

Welcome New Members!

Dave Fendt
Kevin Lombard
Larry Eggebrecht

IMPORTANT NOTICE

2 Board Member positions are open. Nominations will be held at the August 8th Board meeting. Voting will be done at the September 12th Board meeting. The term of these positions will expire in May 2008.

If you are interested in being a board member, please contact a current board member.

CONGRATULATIONS RANDY HERLIEN!!

We had a fantastic day for the Pheasants Forever Youth Event. Over 361 kids attended the event! ScentLok, Cabelas, Preston Pittman, WMUS Radio and other celebrities were in attendance to support such a great cause. We appreciate the hard work volunteered by all our members. Randy Herlien did an awesome job in charge of the event and we applaud everything you have done!

Trap Shooting

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNE REGISTERED TRAP SHOOT WINNERS!

Class A – Tom Maxson 98x100

Class B – Michael Daly 97x100

Class C – Paul Zandee 96x100

Handicap:

19 – 23 – Donald Aldrich 91x100

24 – 27 yd – Tom Maxson 94x100

Doubles:

Mike Rademacher 92

Don Sandel 87

President's Corner

Wow! Where has the summer gone? It's July and so much is happening at the club. This week as we speak SEAWAY GUN CLUB is being featured on TV! Michigan Out-of-Doors TV crews were at the club doing a promo for the MUCC shoot coming up in September and covering the Pheasants Forever Youth Day. If you weren't there, you missed it! 361 youths went through the club and had a great event. It will be showing on WGUV in this area and across Michigan on other stations. **Positive** promotion is what the Board of Directors is striving for. Building a positive atmosphere for you to enjoy your favorite shotgun sport at SEAWAY GUN CLUB.

As most of you know, we have cut back on labor at the club. This is giving us room to cut workers compensation costs, insurance, as well as, payroll. There will be trappers at the club on Sundays and Wednesdays for a limited time. "Pull your own" is the trend across the country and Seaway is one of the few clubs to have trappers as often as we did. Ever-rising cost on insurance (which has tripled in the last 4 years) and the cost of clay targets have put the crunch on clubs all across the state. Targets four years ago were \$4.50 a case and we now pay \$8.00 a case. Why? Clay targets are made from petroleum pitch hauled from refineries in Ohio to the factory in Indiana and Pennsylvania. We use to buy 4-6 pallets at a time, any time, if we had the money and paid COD. Now we are forced to buy 24 pallets or pay the higher price of \$9.20 a case. The refineries shut down more often which makes a shortage on product. Just like the gas we see going higher. We now are ordering targets two months in advance at a cost of just over \$11,000.00 a load COD. This is all to keep your shooting cost down to an affordable rate. And you thought we were just a club! It is a full time business keeping the birds flying (pardon the pun) at Seaway, all done with a voluntary Board of Directors. This leads me to the next item.

We now have 2 openings on the board to fill. This will be done within the next 60 days, so if you are interested please let us know as soon as possible.

Board meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. We will be running them by an agenda schedule so if you have a point of interest that needs to be brought up, it must be on the agenda three days prior. This is done by calling Sharon Prus or I and getting your request on the list. This will help the meetings be conducted in a timely manner so we can shoot more!

From the President's Corner, I'm Dennis Blankenship wishing you a fun, safe time at Seaway! Be safe and see you at the club!

Upcoming Events

Jim Schillaci Shoot – July 21st

ATA Shoot – July 28th

Sporting Clays Shoot – August 12th

ATA Shoot – August 25th

Want to Shoot Sporting Clays anytime?

You can purchase your birds in advance, 500, 1000 or 1500 birds. A \$100 deposit is required for your own personal clays counter and keys to the gate. You shoot any time you want!! See Jeff or Dennis for more details.

JIM SCHILLACI SHOOT

Jim Schillaci was a long time friend and fellow shooter to many of our members. Jim loved shooting and in his memory, a fund was set up by his wife Leora at the Muskegon County Community Foundation and an annual memorial shoot is scheduled for the next ten years. Our annual Jim Schillaci Memorial shoot will be held on Saturday, July 21st and Sunday, July 22nd. Jimmy Bronson has been working very hard cooking and collecting donations to the shoot. Thank you Jimmy.

Advertising Opportunities

Place a business card size ad in our newsletters – 12 issues for \$50. Please contact Sharon for more info.
231-670-1647

Place an ad on our new website!

FUN SHOOT RESULTS!!

SPORTING CLAYS

A great time was had by all who attended the Fun Shoot. We would like to thank everyone who signed up and here are the winners!

Trap – Mike Dykstra 48
Mike Allen 48
Larry Frontjes 48

Skeet – Mike Ohrling 48

Trap Doubles – Adam Sorenson 46

5 Stand – Mike Dykstra 43

Sporting Clays – Mike Dykstra 42
John Robinson 42
Kim Bowen 42

Congratulations everyone!

Congratulations to the June Sporting Clays Tournament winners!

Tom Mack – HOH – 96

Master Class

Joe Huf – 92

Jason Huf – 91

Dan VandenHeuvel – 90

AA Class

Rich Shinew – 87

A Class

Marc Stolk – 79

B Class

Mike Dykstra – 88

C Class

Randy Evans – 82

D Class

Dave Bolen – 77

E Class

Sandra Reimer – 71

An 8' high shooting platform has been built on Station #6. Anyone interested in donating monies, please see Dave Bolen or Mark Trent. We appreciate the hard work Dave & Mark have put in to building the platform!

WEBSITE.....WEBSITE!

The board approved and hired our very own trapper Patrick Bowen to create our website! This will be up and running very soon! We'll keep you posted!! To see what the home page will look like visit www.pkbowen.com/seaway!

2007 Registered Shoot Dates

ATA Shoot Dates:

January 14, 2007

February 4, 2007

March 4, 2007

April 29, 2007–500 singles

June 2, 2007

July 28, 2007
August 25, 2007
September 22 & 23, 2007
October 21, 2007
November 4, 2007
December 2, 2007

Sporting Clays:

March 11, 2007
April 14, 2007 – 1st club -Ironman comp
April 22, 2007
May 27, 2007
June 10, 2007
August 12, 2007
September 8, 2007

Thought of the Month

Instead of spending time griping about a man, spend the same time to talk with him and make him a better person. Be positive, be different, and lend a hand!

WE NEED ADDRESSES FOR:

Jim Cooper David Duff
Dean Evans Paul Early
Terry Lohman

ARTICLES FOR SALE:

Browning Citori 525 12 ga. L.H., 7 choke tubes (2 skeet, 2 Imp., 1 Imp. Mod., 1 Mod and 1 Full), hard case. 1 ½ yrs old, like new. \$2,300 – Mike Evans – 616-212-5887

Remington 11-87 "Premier", 2 ¾ -3", extra full trap & mod tubes. Excellent condition. Call Phil @ 231-894-6892

Ruger 77 – 7mm mag, Synthetic Stock/Stainless, Fox River Muzzle Brake, Nikon scope. 231-557-2408

Remington 11-87 20 ga. Sportsman. New – only 100 rounds shot. Black synthetic. \$480 OBO – Tony 719-1128

Krieghoff K-80, AAA Kolar Sub gauges, 410-28-20. Adjustable comb, Briley cased. Nice wood. \$5,300 OBO Dave 616-842-3398

Springfield Armory, 45 cal. \$450 Call John Lavigne 924-3018 evenings.

Ruger SP 101, 357/38, 5 shot, 2 inch, great shape with 650 rounds. Factory reloads to police specs. \$325 call 616-531-0862 days.

Ruger Red Label, 28 ga. o/u, c/t (sk/sk) great shape w/wads, powder, lead, 600 loader, 16 boxes shells (5 boxes once fired reloads, 11 boxes new Winchester) \$1,150 call 616-531-0862 days.

Sigarms Tr 20 - O/U 20 ga. Perfect shape with hard case. \$1,500 call Ray @ 828-5058

Remington 870 TC – call 231-557-5241

Browning 525 Sporting 12 ga 30" barrels. \$1,950 – call Mike @ 616-899-2644 days or 616-453-8995 evenings.

Winchester Select Energy 12 ga. 28" barrels. \$1,450 – Call Mike @ 616-899-2644 days or 616-453-8995 evenings

Sig 12 ga 32 inches O/U – very good condition. \$1300 Call 231-750-0019

S & W 357 Mag Airweight, 12 oz snub nose \$500 excellent bond, Call 231-750-0019

SEAWAY GUN CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Dennis Blankenship – 893-4510
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Trustee – Mike Allen – 861-5858
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*****Next board meeting is July 11, 2007**

If you have any news articles, items for sale or pictures to add to the newsletter, please send them by email to sp74gto@aol.com or drop them off to Jeff at the counter.
Thank you

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

To help reduce the cost of mailing the newsletter, please send your email address to Sharon Prus at sp74gto@aol.com. Thank you.

Also – if we have made any errors in your name or address, please notify us immediately so it can be corrected. Thank you.