



# Seaway Newsletter

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Regular Hours:  
Wednesdays 10 am – 10 pm  
Sat & Sun 10 am – 4 pm

## CCW Class

Seaway is holding a CCW class on the evenings of December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, or to sign up for the class, contact Mike Bernethy at 231-750-0019, or Jeff at the Seaway counter. The cost is \$100.

## Work Bee

It is amazing how much the brush can overgrow in just one season! The branches are beginning to close in on our shooting lanes on the Sporting Clay Course. We have scheduled a work day to open things back up and improve the ease of machine setting. Before long, much will be hidden beneath the snow, only to be found when someone trips!

Lunch will be supplied to all who volunteer! So come out and join the "Fun". Bring your weed whips, chain saws, clippers, mowers, or any other useful tool.

When: **Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
during normal club hours.

## Lead Harvesting

We were happy to have Craig Strong from Lead Recovery Systems attend our October meeting. He reports that he has been able to pull two loads of lead off our grounds in September.

A load consists of 16 barrels that fit on a truck. Each shipment has to be individually weighed, but they hold approximately 43,500 pounds of lead. The club can expect our portion of the profit from September's loads to be about \$21,000.

There is still more lead out there to harvest, but how much we can actually pull depends highly on the weather. They are trying very hard, but at this point, nothing can be done because of the rain. Some additional equipment has just been brought in, but it is unknown yet how much it will help. So for now, all we can do is hope for a dry spell soon, before the company is forced to give up and move to more cooperative regions of the country for the winter.

## UPDATE:

Lead Recovery Systems was not able to make any progress and has left our facility. We expect them to return next summer.

## Fun Shoot

The next shoot is on the schedule!  
A breakfast of Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage will be served.

## **Sunday October 25th**

**\*Free Breakfast at 9:30 for participating club members\***

## 5 Stand

It appears that our shooters are pleased to have the 5 stand reopened. It is off to a good start with 61 rounds shot during the partial month since it reopened. It is still short a rabbit, but we are reviewing our options and hope to have a rabbit in place soon.

## Sporting Clay Shooters

The cold weather is upon us and all those batteries that showed a bit of weakness during the summer are failing us now. Please be patient while we differentiate between junk batteries and other machine issues. If the club is open, you can help by reporting dead batteries at the desk. New batteries are being ordered and should be in place soon. In fact, Craig Strong from Lead Recovery Systems has generously offered to buy our first 6 batteries for us. A big thank-you to Craig!

## Winter League

Winter League sign up will begin December 1<sup>st</sup>. The League will start December 30<sup>th</sup>. Details on the format will be in the November newsletter.

## Memberships Renewals

We are now renewing memberships for 2010. New memberships purchased from now until the end of the year include member privileges for the balance of 2009. Renew by January 31<sup>st</sup> to save \$10 and get your Regular Membership for \$60 or your Senior Membership for \$30.

## Welcome New Members

- Ted Tallefson of Muskegon
- Levi Haight of Spring Lake
- Loren J Ambrose of Marne

**Newsletter Mailings**

A cost cutting suggestion has been made to eliminate mailing the newsletter. The newsletter would still be sent out by e-mail and would be posted on the website. Paper copies of the newsletter would be available in the clubhouse. At this point, it is still just a consideration. If these options do not work for you, and you need to continue to receive the newsletter by regular mail, please let us know. Patti (231)-766-2617. To submit your e-mail address, contact us at seawaygunclub@gmail.com

**\* Thank You Members \***

Again, we are pleased with the large amount of member cooperation. Our club is run entirely by our members, so we can't stress enough how important each contribution is. No contribution is too small, and if you don't have time to take on a larger task for the club, remember that even picking up after yourself is a help. Thanks go out to all who have contributed their time and energy for the benefit of our club.

- Tom Maxon is donating sausage to the club shoot breakfast
- Mike Ohrling is now fixing the plumbing in the ladies room
- Don Ackerberg has done some clean up with the brush hog and last month he donated the straw for the skeet field
- Herb Huch and Jimmy Bronson helped at the Hunter Safety class
- Bob Morris and Jon Barnhardt have been picking up on the sporting clays course.
- Jeff Stokes is gathering information for club apparel and is helping organize the club shoots
- Roy Burch has volunteered for Saturday desk duty for the season
- Rob Huch used his backhoe to help in the fields during the lead project and has been available to unload our target shipments
- Mike Kane and John VanBerkum have volunteered to organize the winter league banquet
- Pat West spent Monday evenings all summer helping Don Sandel with the youth shooting program

A thank you to all those who bring their ideas to the monthly meetings and often leave with new items on their to-do list!

**2010 Schedule**

Mike Dykstra and Mike Allen have been able to secure the ATA and Sporting Clay shoot dates for 2010. Very Shortly, Mike Ohrling will be adding Skeet Shoot dates to this schedule, something we didn't have in 2009. Thank you to those who are committing themselves to organize and run all our events, and to any volunteers who help make these shoots work.

**Current Club Schedule**

Sun Oct 25	9:30 Club Fun Shoot
Sat Nov 7	Sporting Clay Work Day
Wed Nov 11	7:00 Meeting
Tues Dec 1	Winter League Sign up
Wed Dec 9	7:00 Meeting
Tues Dec 29	Winter League Begins

**Looking Ahead at 2010**

July 24 & 25 - Schillaci Shoot

**Sporting Clays-**

Sat Feb 20	Sp. Clay
Sat Mar 20	Sp. Clay
Sat Apr 24	Sp. Clay - Ironman 400
Sun May 30	Sp. Clay w/Kent Co. (200)
July 31 & Aug 1	- Grt Lks Championship
Sat Sept 18	Sp. Clay
Sat Nov 27	Sp. Clay - A.M./P.M. 100

**ATA SHOOTS**

Sun Feb 21	ATA
Sun Mar 7	ATA
Sun Apr 18	ATA - 500 Singles
Sat Jun 26	ATA
Sun Jul 11	ATA
Sun Aug 29	ATA
Sept 4 & 5	ATA Labor Day Shoot

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**Hunter Safety Class**

Our Hunter Safety Class went over well. Some students were brought in from another club to give us about 30 attending. Wesco donated doughnuts for a morning snack. Jimmy Bronson made sure everyone had a good lunch. Thank you to Don Khodl for holding this class at Seaway.

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