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DNR Acts to Implement CWD Surveillance and Response Plan

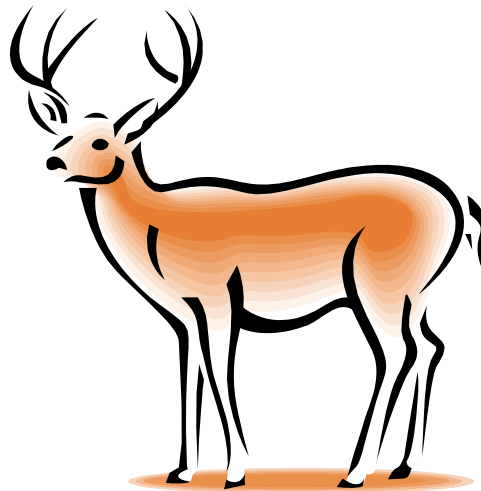
From the DNR Website:
August 26, 2008

In the wake of Monday's announcement that Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been confirmed in a three-year old privately-owned white-tailed deer in Kent County, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is acting immediately to implement provisions of the state's Surveillance and Response Plan for CWD.

Among the provisions is an immediate ban on all baiting and feeding of deer and elk in the Lower Peninsula. DNR conservation officers will step up surveillance and enforcement efforts on baiting. Baiting and feeding unnaturally congregate deer into close contact, thus increasing the transmission of contagious diseases such as CWD and bovine tuberculosis. Bait and feed sites increase the likelihood that those areas

will become contaminated with the feces of infected animals, making them a source of CWD infection for years to come.

DNR officials reminded citizens that, to date, there is no evidence that



CWD Found in Captive Deer Herd in Kent County, MI

CWD poses a risk to humans, nor has there been verified evidence that the disease can be transmitted to humans.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects deer, elk and moose. Most cases of the disease have been in western states, but in the past several years, it

has spread to Midwestern and eastern states. Infected animals display abnormal behaviors, loss of bodily functions and a progressive weight loss. Current evidence suggests that the disease is transmitted through infectious, self-multiplying proteins (prions). Prions are normal cell proteins whose shape has been transformed, causing CWD. The disease is transmitted by exposure to saliva of infected animals. Susceptible animals can also acquire CWD by eating feces from an infected animal, or soil contaminated by them. Once contaminated, soil can remain a source of infection for many years, making CWD a particularly difficult disease to manage.

More information about CWD is available on the State of Michigan's Emerging Diseases Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0,1607,7-186-25806---,00.html>.



CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I GIVE MY PLEDGE
AS AN AMERICAN
TO SAVE AND
FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM
WASTE
THE NATURAL RESOURCES
OF MY COUNTRY
ITS AIR, SOIL AND
MINERALS,
ITS FORESTS, WATERS,
AND WILDLIFE.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT

"A WELL REGULATED
MILITIA
BEING NECESSARY
TO THE
SECURITY OF A FREE STATE,
THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE
TO KEEP
AND BEAR ARMS,
SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED."

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Hunter Safety Course Planned for September 2008

We have one more planned Hunter Safety course for this calendar year. Registration is required. The course is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 13 & 14, 2008 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm both days. Successful students **MUST** attend both sessions. A \$10.00 fee is required and covers lunch for both

days, as well as ammunition. For additional details & registration call Jereme Sharp (269) 506-9879 .



Hunter Safety To Be Offered in Sept.

BENCHREST SHOOTS

The Benchrest shoots have been going well. Two more are currently planned for this year; Saturday September 6th and Saturday October 4th, 2008.

Sign up starts at 8 am. Competitions include rimfire and centerfire shoots. Shoots are open to the public. For more information contact Paul Clark 574-77-2470.

3D Archery Shoots

The club continues to be open on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm for club members and the public to use the 3D Archery range. Unlimited shooting in a nice wooded walk through range with lifelike hunting situations and two elevated stands is available for a minimal fee of \$5.00 per person. TWO MORE SATUR-

DAY SHOOTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 13 and SEPT 20. SAT SHOOTS START AT 9 am AND END at 3 pm. Hunting season is quickly approaching and we invite everyone to come and try out our range and get ready for the upcoming season.

Thanks to Bob & Jean Clark for heading up this year's shoots!

Please Welcome New Members Who Have Joined Your Club This Summer:

Roy Fox	David Stone
David Alberding	Ken Focht, Jr
Juan Galvan	Daniel Mahaffey
Timothy Rigby	Loys Steve Weldy
Malcolm Fraser, Jr	
Charlie Gibson	Issac Hudgen
Dan Minter	Mark Moore
Marv Selge	Matt Selge
Richard Tripp, Jr	

Treasurer's Report

July 2008 Year to Date:

Income	\$45,500.73
Expenses	<u>\$43,162.06</u>
Profit	\$ 2,338.67



TWO DAY MUZZLELOADING SHOOT COMING IN OCTOBER

The October Two Day shoot is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday October 25 & 26 from 10 am to 4 pm both days. Saturday events will include a woods walk and Sunday events will include the Aggregate shoot. There are always lots of good prizes available & campers are welcome! Other muzzleloading shoots for 2008 are Sunday September 28,

Sunday November 23 and Sunday December 21st.

Thanks to everyone who has donated prizes for this year's shoots!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES ARE CLOSED TO OTHER SHOOTING DURING THESE HOURS / DATES.



HALLOWEEN DANCE FUNDRAISER

The 3D Archery Shoot committee is planning a Halloween Dance to be held Saturday evening October 25th. Costume prizes will be awarded! So start planning your wardrobe now. The committee plans to upgrade our 3D range & purchase 3D targets with the proceeds. Check back at the club and on the website for more info and details. **If interested in planning the party and getting in some of your work commitment hours for the year, contact Bob & Jean Clark 574-596-7256.**

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER-
Nov. 2, 2008.**

The day begins with breakfast served 9-11 am and the shooting starts at 10:00 am. Events include trap shooting and various rifle and pistol events. 'Got an idea for a sporting contest for the day? Bring it to the meeting—We need some NEW ideas!! For more info and/or to volunteer to help call the club at 269-663-2776 or contact Mark Jones 574- 340-8450, Paul Clark 574-277-2470 or Dave Mortimer 269-663-7595. **THIS IS ANOTHER WAY TO GET IN SOME WORK HOURS FOR THE YEAR.**

PAPER OR WEBSITE????

The Members Only section of the club website has been implemented. Go to: www.edwardsburgconservationclub.org At the bottom left of the Home Page is a sign-on area. Your user name is your first initial and last name GWashington

123456	5/31/2008
George Washington	
PO Box 987	
Our Town, MI 55555	

Your password is the same as your user name followed by your membership number: GWashington123456

[IF THAT DOES NOT WORK USE YOUR ENTIRE FIRST NAME-GeorgeWashington- BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE HAS THE SAME FIRST INITIAL AND LAST NAME] Your membership number can be found on the address label of your Michigan Out Of Doors (MOOD) magazine. It is the 4 to 6 digit number above your name and to the far left of the label. Once you have signed in you can go to the Membership page and enter your address, phone # change your e-mail, etc.

The real benefit of the sign in is that you can then go to a page and read the newsletter, Membership Meeting minutes, special announcements, etc. This part of the site will be available ONLY to members with passwords.

Member names continue to be entered into the system so if you can't get into the Member's Only page send an e-mail to the contact e-mail found in the website & we'll get you entered.

Please use the club e-mail to communicate success or failure w/the system. **NEW MEMBERS-IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE PRINTED NEWSLETTER vs. using the website PLEASE notify Brenda at 269-663-7595 and leave your name & request for a printed newsletter. THANKS!**

IF YOU KNOW of a member not receiving the printed letter who wants it please have them contact Brenda. Limited Copies Also Available at the Club.



SILENT AUCTION/ CHILI SUPPER COMING SOON

Mark your calendar for Saturday evening November 8, 2008. That's the date for the 2nd Annual Silent Auction and Chili Supper. Last year's auction items consisted of something for everyone with everything from numbered Wildlife prints to lead to hunting knives to gift baskets to lamps to shotguns. Check back at the club and on the website for additional details or contact committee chair Sherrie Weller at 269-445-2297. **DO-NATIONS OF ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED & MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AND TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.**

Corn Roast & Visitors From Vegas

If you missed the August 9th Corn & Sausage Roast this year you missed out on some *excellent* corn grown by Miller's (South of Union, MI), some great sausage (made by Shafer's Meat Market in Cassopolis), good music and some plain old fun. Corn Roast chair man Frank Kujawa thanked all who helped that were present at the Aug. membership mtg. A few special Thank-you notes to others include Mike & Brenda McKinley of Harmony Acres, Cassopolis for providing the Bounce House for

children, Scott & Shelley Butrick, Dowagiac, MI of the Community Action Group for the use of the large tent that provided shade and cover from the rain showers. Also to Norm Shefsick for providing the buns, to Tony Gaul of OK Distributors for providing banners/signs and to members Gordon & Renae Carr who traveled from Las Vegas to attend and also brought items for door prizes. A special Thanks to Renae who made a \$250.00 donation to the Youth & Education Fund! Thanks to All!!!!

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**Nominations &
Elections
Of 2009 Officers**

Nominations of club officers for 2009 will be taken at the October and November Membership Meetings followed by Elections of Officers at the December Meeting.

Elected Officials include :

- President**
- Vice President**
- Treasurer**
- Recording Secretary**
- Membership Secretary**

If you are interested in holding an office or know someone who is interested PLEASE attend the membership mtgs and volunteer or make a nomination. This is your club, so bring ideas and your expertise! We look forward to seeing everyone the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7:00 pm.

Membership Meeting
3rd Tuesday 7:30 p. m.
Carry-in Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meetings
1st Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

New Member Orientation
3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

CLUBHOUSE OPEN EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON & TUESDAY EVENING. ALSO WED EVENING THRU OCTOBER.

Trap Shooting: Tuesdays 6-10 pm & Sundays noon-?
Youth under 18 shoot free noon-1 p.m.

Muzzle Loading Shoots 2008: 4th Sunday of the month except December (3rd Sun).

Bench Rest Shoots: First Saturday of the month 8:30 am signup

3D Archery Shoots: 2nd Saturday of the month 9 am- 3 pm Wed evenings 5 pm-dark thru October.

UPCOMING EVENTS-Halloween Dance-Annual Turkey Shoot-Silent Auction/Chili Supper