



# THE SENTINAL

Edwardsburg Conservation Club

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## Club Officers Elected at December Meeting

There are a few new faces among club Officers & the Board of Directors this year. Scott Hardy was elected President for 2008. Scott is an avid big game and upland bird hunter. He attended college studying conservation law and forestry. Scott enjoys spending time in the outdoors with his wife, Jane and son Coleman and wants to help assure that we pass on to our children and grandchildren the outdoor opportunities that we all love and share. Debbie Reese will be serving as Treasurer during 2008. Debbie was born and raised in Waterford township, MI. She and husband Paul reside in Niles. Debbie's experience in-

cludes 18 years in patient care, medical billing, & accounts receivable/payables specialist for Wm. Beaumont Hospital system. She is also a past treasurer of American Business Women's Association-Troy, Mi Chapter.



Other officers elected to serve in 2008 include Vice President Dave Mortimer, 2nd Vice President Dick

Chubb, Membership Secretary MaryAnn McCormack and Recording Secretary Brenda Mortimer.

Directors for this year include Fran Yeager, Vicki Presswood, Frank Kujawa, Kathy Lemna, Jereme Sharp, Chad Ranft, Mark Jones, Chuck Wemberly, Sherrie Weller & Paul Clark.

Scott Hardy and Debbie Reese will be attending MUCC Leadership Training at the Ralph McMullen Center in Houghton Lake later this month. Please bring ideas and concerns to your club meetings along with a good attitude, as we all work together to provide facilities & activities of interest to all our members.

## www.edwardsburgconservationclub.org

The club calendar of events is now available on line at [www.edwardsburgconservationclub.org](http://www.edwardsburgconservationclub.org). Please visit there often for updates to the schedule and to receive other info of club happenings, as well as happenings around the state. It is much quicker and easier to update the website than it is to mail newsletters via "snail mail". **We realize that not everyone has access to the internet, but we will only be mailing a printed newsletter to those members requesting it after**

**this letter. We can save approximately \$1500.- \$2000.00 per year by doing this and members can receive more up to date info by accessing the website.** Gate combination changes and perhaps a few necessary postcard reminders will still be mailed. Flyers will also be posted in an enclosed information board to be positioned outside the rifle range building.

At this time there is no need to Log in to see anything other

than what is available to everyone to see. We will be working toward adding a section for members only which may include newsletters, meeting minutes, blogs, etc. Currently the only thing available there is member names and addresses. Members will be able to enter phone numbers and e-mail addresses if they choose to share that info with other club members. Please continue to provide feedback re: the website. Notify Brenda Mortimer if you want to continue receiving a printed newsletter.



### CONSERVATION PLEDGE

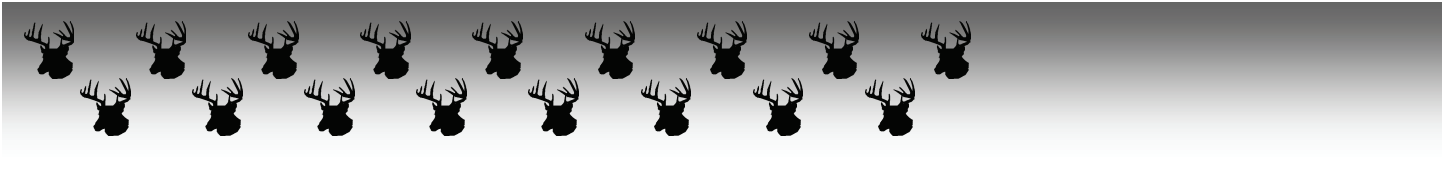
I GIVE MY PLEDGE  
AS AN AMERICAN  
TO SAVE AND  
FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM  
WASTE  
THE NATURAL RESOURCES  
OF MY COUNTRY  
ITS AIR, SOIL AND  
MINERALS,  
ITS FORESTS, WATERS,  
AND WILDLIFE.

### 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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## Sherrie Weller-Member of the Year

In order for organizations to grow and be healthy, new ideas should be considered, discussed and acted upon. It takes someone who is committed and will see a project through to the end. When a person can get others excited about, and draw them into the project, success is often had by all. Last year's Member of the Year Award recipient Paul Clark did that with the rifle range building project and this year's Member of the Year Award recipient, Sherrie Weller, is the type of person who does just that.

Many of us enjoy various shooting range, archery and trap shooting activities. We enjoy introducing youth to hunter safety programs and sometimes even to their first hunting experience. Rising costs of fuel, utilities, insurances (property, liability, etc), maintenance & other day to day costs affect our club just as they affect our households.

Throughout the past few years we have often asked ourselves "What can we do to bring more income into the club so that we can continue to be a viable organization?" "How can we reach out to more members and to non-members?"

During 2007 Sherrie Weller suggested an Annual Spaghetti Supper and our first combination Chili Supper/Silent Auction fundraiser. Both were a success, with the Silent Auction evening being the No. 2 fundraiser of 2007 following only the Annual Corn Roast in net profit. Sherrie has a way of getting people excited about an idea. She makes phone calls, isn't afraid to ask members for donations of time, food, auction items, etc. and puts her entire being into a plan. She's already been working on a new idea for the past two-three months that is tentatively scheduled to be held on April 19th. This event will be a 1950's

Sock Hop featuring 50's music, decorations, clothing, if you choose, and burgers and fries. (Check the website for updates).

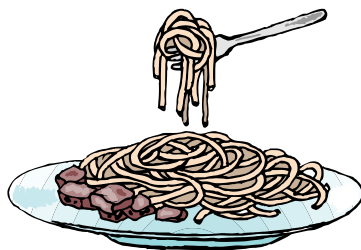
Sherrie, as a single mother at the time, brought her 12 year old son Cody who was interested in hunting and fishing to an Outdoor Extravaganza held at the club about 5 years ago. She met a lot of new friends, including husband Jeff Weller and his Brittany "Tanny" and she's been a fixture here ever since!

Thank-you, SHERRIE  
and *Congratulations!*

A big Thank-you also to Hank Jourdan & Loretta Ostrom for once again preparing the Swiss Steak for the banquet and to Dick & Beth Chubb for setting up and supplying the door prizes for the evening!

## 2nd Annual Spaghetti Supper

Last year's Spaghetti Supper was such a success that we are going to do it again. SATURDAY MARCH 8th is the date, so mark it on your calendar. Tickets will be available in advance at the clubhouse on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. \$5.00 per person 12 and older—\$2.50 per child under 12. If



you would like tickets to sell ahead of time stop out and pick some up. (Selling in advance really helped us plan the correct amount of food last time around!) Tickets will be available at the door for a cost of \$6.00 per person 12 and older and \$3.50

per child under 12. All You Can Eat Spaghetti will be served with salad, garlic toast & dessert. Hopefully we can get the same kitchen crew as the last time! The Mortimer-McKay spaghetti sauce was out of this world (or so we've been told). Chair Sherrie Weller is also looking for volunteers to help with desserts, set-up and clean-up. See you on MARCH 8th!

## Welcome New Members

Chris Celichowski	Mark Beam
Maichael Faunce, Sr	Ben Hendershott
Todd Schrock	Marty Pace
James Temple	William Toth

## '07 YE Treasurers report

December 2007 Year End Treasurer's Report

Dec. YTD Income	\$ 57,122.13
Dec. YTD Expense	\$ 52,898.42
Dec. YTD Net Profit	\$ 4,223.71

*Debi Bailey-Outgoing Treasurer*



## 2008 Planned Events

ARCHERY SHOOTS: Will be held on the 2nd Sat. of the month May through Aug & on Sept 13th and 20th. Unlimited shooting in the wooded range for a minimal fee. The Sept. 20th shoot will be a Trophy Shoot.

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Last shoot starts at 2:00 p.m. Chr-Bob Clark

CENTERFIRE SHOOTS: Will be held on the 1st Sat. of the month April through October. There will be a minimal fee and sign up starts at 8:00 a.m. for all shoots. 30 minute timed relays.

Co-Chr-Paul Clark & Jereme Sharp

MUZZLELOADING SHOOTS: Will be on the 4th Sunday of the month 10 am-4 pm

EXCEPT March & December

Mar 30th (5th Sun) Dec 21st (3rd Sun)

2 DAY 1/2 Nuts Shoot- Jan 26th & 27th

2 DAY SHOOT- Oct 25th & 26th

2 Day Shoots consist of a Woods Walk on Sat. and an aggregate shoot on the range on Sunday. Chr-Dick Chubb

TRAP SHOOTING:

Year round-Sundays noon-?

Starting in March- Tues 6-10pm

Game Shoots, Practice & Wobble. New Chr Mark Jones is ready to see more Game Shoots and is working on some other event ideas for this year.

ANNUAL HAM SHOOT-March 16 (Palm Sun)

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT-November 2 (1st

Sun) Both Shoots 10 am -?

Breakfast served 9-11 am at both shoots

EASTER EGG HUNT Mar. 22nd 2 pm (day before Easter) Open to the public!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER- Sat. Mar 8th 5 pm

'50's SOCK HOP- Tentatively Sat. Apr.19

JIMMY BUFFET DANCE- Sat. May 17th

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES- Jul, Aug, Sept


ANNUAL CORN ROAST- August

SATURDAY LADIES DAY-EARLY SUMMER?

If interested in planning event sign up at club

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DAY

ALL MEMBERS INVITED!!!  
Membership dues are due March 1st, 2008. Once again Membership Secretary MaryAnn McCormack will be on hand in the clubhouse from noon until 4:00 p.m. ON SUNDAY, February 24, 2008 to take your dues for the coming year. To speed things along in the process, bring your completed renewal

form  (found below) and cash or a check. Your renewal fee is listed on the application. If you are a LIFE member please disregard this notice. If you joined September 2007 through December 2007, please disregard this renewal notice-You have paid your dues through February 2009. Check your membership card or

call MaryAnn at 574-266-5709 if you have any questions. Also be thinking about a committee or event that you are willing to help with. Committee Lists will be available for you to sign up on during renewal.

FOOD AVAILABLE

DOOR PRIZES FOR EARLY BIRDS RENEWING ON 2/24/08

<b>Membership RENEWAL</b>	Membership Card _____
Edwardsburg Conservation Club	MUCC Mailing List _____
P.O. Box 435, Edwardsburg MI 49112	(For Office Use Only)
(269) 663-2776 Member. Sec: MaryAnn McCormack (574) 266-5709	
Name (s) _____	_____
Address _____	_____
City/State _____ ZIP _____	_____
Phone _____ Date of Birth _____	_____
Occupation _____	_____
NRA Member Y ( ) N ( ) NMLRA Member Y ( ) N ( )	_____
Activity Interests: Trap _____ Rifle _____ Pistol _____	_____
Muzzleloading _____ Archery _____ Social _____	_____
Other _____	_____
I agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the	
Edwardsburg Conservation Club. (Membership Expires 3/ 1/09)	
Signature _____	Date _____
FEES: Single Renewal \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Family Renewal \$75 <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Edwardsburg Conservation Club	
P.O. Box 435, Edwardsburg MI 49112	
(616) 663-2776	
Membership Sec. MaryAnn McCormack (574) 266-5709	
Membership Paid through February 28, 2009 for	
Member name _____	_____
Single Renewal \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Family Renewal \$75 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Received By _____	_____
Gate Combination _____	_____

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Edwardsburg, MI 49112

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Mailing Address Line 2  
Mailing Address Line 3  
Mailing Address Line 4  
Mailing Address Line 5



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NRA & NSSF

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#### Club Officers 2007

Pres. Scott Hardy (269) 240-1377  
Vice Pres. Dave Mortimer (269)662-7595  
Treasurer Debbie Reese (269) XXX-XXXX  
Membership Secretary MaryAnn  
McCormack (574) 266-5709  
Recording Secretary Brenda Mortimer  
(269) 663-7595  
2nd V.P. Dick Chubb (269) 695-3336

#### Board of Directors

1 yr. Fran Yeager (573) 266-3035  
Vicki Presswood (269) 662-3328  
Frank Kujawa (269) 445-5105  
Jereme Sharp (574) 506-9879  
Kathy Lemna (574) 266-5709  
2 yr. Paul Clark (574) 277-2470  
Mark Jones (574) XXX-XXXX  
Sherrie Weller (269) 445-2297  
Chad Ranft (269) XXX-XXXX  
Chuck Wemberley (XXX) XXX-XXXX

LADIES!!! Are you interested in learning to shoot a shotgun, pistol or rifle? What about fishing, outdoor cooking, camping, hunting? If you would like to spend a day at the club with other ladies doing some of these things or are willing to attend a planning meeting to organize a Ladies Day, sign up in the clubhouse. Member Sandy Wilhoit has already made contact with Lynn Marla of the DNR Becoming an Outdoors Woman program for guidance in planning an event. We would like to hold an event sometime between late Spring and early Fall. We need your input!!!

#### WATCH THE GAME WITH US ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Trap Shooting will take place as usual on "SUPER BOWL SUNDAY" February 3, 2008. Since we're already open, the clubhouse will remain open during the Super Bowl Game and members are welcome to come out and watch the game. The bar will be open and sandwiches will be available. Everyone is invited to bring

## REMINDERS

#### 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.**

#### Trap Shooting: Sundays noon-?

Youth under 18 shoot free noon-1 p.m.

**Muzzle Loading Shoots 2008:** 4th Sunday of the month except March (5th Sun) & December (3rd Sun).

**Membership Renewal Day :** Sun Feb 24th

**Spaghetti Supper: Sat. Mar. 8, 2008**

**ANNUAL HAM SHOOT: SUN MAR 16th**  
10 AM-? BREAKFAST 9-11 AM

Caption