



THE SENTINEL

Edwardsburg Conservation Club

Volume 63 Issue 4

Winter 2008

Elections Of Club Officers

Nominations for 2009 Club Officers were taken at the October and November Membership Meetings. Elections will be held at the December 16th Membership Meeting. The slate of Officers consists of the following:
President-Scott Hardy & Frank Kujawa
Vice President-Dave Mortimer

& Dick Chubb
Treasurer-Debbie Reese
Recording Secretary-Brenda Mortimer
Membership Secretary-MaryAnn McCormack.

Plan to attend the Dec. 16th meeting to cast your ballot!

Reminder-New Member Orientation is at 6 pm followed by a Carry-in Dinner at 7 pm and the Membership Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Come to the meetings, get to know other members, help plan an event, voice an opinion, share an interest or an idea, volunteer, get up-to-the-



SUNDAY MEAT SHOTS PLANNED

Meat Shoots will be held on Sunday December

7th and possibly again on Sunday January 4th, depending on participation. Shoots start at 10:00 am. Events will include, trap shooting, rifle and pistol events and pie

shoots. New for this year will be the PAPER TARGET SHOOTS.

Prizes will include turkeys for first place and events paying out 2nd place will have prizes of bulk sausage or brats. Meat is supplied by Shafer's Meat Market in Cassopolis, MI.

Breakfast will be available from 8-11 am and Lunch will be available after noon. The shoots go on rain or shine!

THERE WILL ALSO BE A BAKE SALE IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON THIS DATE!!!

TUESDAY EVENING TRAP CLOSED TIL SPRING DUE TO HISTORICALLY LOW PARTICIPATION DURING THE WINTER. THE CLUBHOUSE AND BAR/KITCHEN WILL REMAIN OPEN 6-10 PM

Fleece Blankets On Sale

The ladies at the club have been busy making some beautiful Fleece Blankets. These are great for use on bunk beds or to help keep you warm during those high school & college football games. They also make nice furniture

throws and would be a good addition to that winter weather emergency kit in your car, truck or camper. They also make nice gifts for that someone special on your Birthday or Christmas list .

Current Patterns include:

- Deer
- Moose
- Lodge
- Camo

COST \$45.00 EACH

OR PUT YOUR NAME IN A DRAWING FOR A BLANKET ON Sundays or Tuesdays.



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."

Inside this issue:

Awards Banquet	2
Breakfast	2
Bake Sale	2
Welcome New Members	2
Successful Fundraisers	3
Youth Day	3
Reminders	4



AWARDS BANQUET & WINTER PARTY

The Awards Banquet is planned for Saturday evening, January 17th. Doors open and Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. The club provides the meat dish & bread and members area asked to bring a dish to pass.

Following dinner we will present the Member Of The Year Award, as well as other recognition awards. Nominees for awards can be placed in the wooden box just inside the downstairs en-

trance to the clubhouse when the building is open or placed in boxes in the rifle range or Muzzle-loading building. Not all awards have to be of a serious nature. Think back on events that you participated in during the past year. Maybe someone de-



WINTER AWARDS BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2009

serves a DOUBLE GUN OF THE YEAR AWARD or something of that type. This is a fun evening, but we do want to recognize a few who have done something above and beyond to support the club and/or its purposes. See President Scott to volunteer to serve on an Awards Committee. See Debbie Reese or Kathy Lemna to volunteer to cook the main dish, help set up tables & chairs or clean up.



Edwardsburg Conservation Club

Now serving breakfast

Sunday mornings 8-11 am

If you can volunteer to help take orders, cook, make toast, wash dishes, etc contact Debbie Reese 269-683-1405.

Bake Sale

Holiday Cookies and Baked Goods will be on sale at the December Meat Shoot!!

If you would like to donate one of your specialties for the Sale contact Debbie Reese or bring them to the club December 7th.

Date: 12/7/08

Time: 10:00 am-3:00

No time to bake for your Holiday Parties?

Get your Goodies at the Edwardsburg Conservation Club.

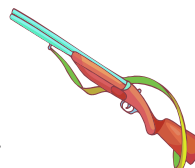


Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming new members and some returning previous members who have joined since the last letter!

- Richard Truex, Jr. * Greg Petko,
- Randy Wilcox * Jeff & Lisa DuBois
- William Grooms
- Bebbecca Garges-Dale & Jerry Dale
- Dale Helpingstine
- Mark Kamm * Bob Klose

- Shawn Klose * Randy Niswander
- Curt Paluzzi * C. A. Potts
- Jeff & Lydia Price
- Dennis Schumaker
- Alvino Villa * Mike Weber
- Michael Zorn * Steve Couchman * John Gallagher
- Jeff Glaser
- Dennis & Polly Lewis
- Jeff Schuh



HAPPY HUNTING

NEW CLUB SIGNS

Have you noticed the new sign that has been installed at the entrance to the club grounds? A special THANK-YOU goes to member Mike Tatay who worked on this project getting prices, doing the lettering and working with Scott Hardy to get the sign installed. It looks great guys! Hopefully folks will now be able to locate us more easily. A sign was also placed near the western boundary this past summer to help locate the club. Thanks, again!



SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS

Recent fund raising activities other than our usual Trap, Muzzleloading, 3D Archery and Rifle shoots and our weekly bar and kitchen revenues; included the Halloween Dance & Hog Roast held Oct 25th and the 2nd Annual Silent Auction & Chili Supper held November 8th. Both events were well attended.

In recent years the 3D Archery Committee has held one dance a year to raise money to be used mainly toward the purchase of new 3D targets. Bob & Jean Clark (Archery co-chairs) and crew did a good job promoting the dance to other bow shooters and club members and brought in gross receipts of nearly \$1100.00 for the evening. Bob did a great job cooking the hog, as well. The majority of folks attending the dance came in Halloween costumes and did the "Monster Mash" to music provided and DJ'd by members, "Pimp Daddy" Don Henley, Jr. & Mark Jones, alias "Shrek". A

special Thank-you goes to member Mike McKinley for



OUR YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE

Saturday, March 28, 2009

has been chosen as the date that we will open up the club grounds to area youth. We are in the initial planning stages and would like to offer an introduction to various shooting and outdoor oriented activities for them to participate in during this one day event. Trap, .22 rifle, Muzzleloading, archery, fly tying, outdoor cooking, orienteering, trapping & tree stand use are some of the activities that have been mentioned.

Just about every outdoor publica-

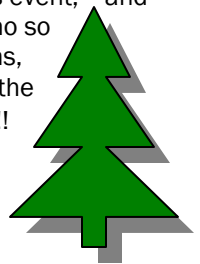
the use of his sound system. Thanks also to Jean & crew who helped prepare side dishes for the Hog Roast and helped decorate the hall for the festivities.



November 8th marked the date of the 2nd Annual Silent Auction & Chili Supper. Members donated items, new or gently used, to be auctioned. Attendees had a specific timeframe to silently bid on items while visiting with other members and friends and enjoying several types of chili (also 100% donated by club members). This event brought in \$2750.00 of which just under \$1900.00 came from the actual auction! A very special Thank-you to all who donated items, bid on & purchased items and came and ate & had fun. We actually had to put up additional tables for auction items and attendees during the event! Some of the items donated included a NWTF muzzleloader, art prints & paintings, gift baskets, a PSE compound bow, a model 59 12

gauge shotgun, pocket knives, lead bullets, a handmade log coffee table, vases, a VCR, homemade wine, hand worked leather goods, home décor, new turkey fryer, ice fishing pole, new fly fishing rod, new ceiling fan, new gasoline powered leaf blower, etc, etc, etc.....

Thanks so much to chair Sherrie Weller for organizing this event, and to all of the members who so generously donated items, purchased items during the auction and attended!!!!!!



LOCAL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. Please bring items to the clubhouse on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings now through the December 18th Membership meeting night.

YOUTH DAY IN PLANNING STAGES

tion that you open today mentions a decrease in the number of young hunters, fishermen, trappers and sport shooters. We think that by offering our local youth an opportunity to get some hands on instruction during a day designed for them that we may be able to kindle a small fire in the hearts of some of them and add to the ranks of outdoor enthusiasts.

If you would like to offer your help in planning, advertising, helping with demonstrations and / or instruction please contact Jereme Sharp or Scott Hardy. Also, bring your ideas and names of those who may be able to help to the membership meetings To

do this right we will need lots of help and input from our club members.

Treasurer's Report

October 2008

Year to Date:

Income	\$58,388.91
Expenses	\$ 56,234.53
Profit	\$ 2,386.49

Edwardsburg Conservation Club

PO Box 435
26524 Pine Lake St
Edwardsburg, MI 49112

Phone: 269-663-2776



Mailing Address Line 1
Mailing Address Line 2
Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5



An Affiliate Member of Michigan United
Conservation Clubs (MUCC), NRA & NSSF

Edwardsburg Conservation Club

Club Officers 2007

Pres. Scott Hardy (269) 240-1377
Vice Pres. Dave Mortimer (269)663-7595
Treasurer Debbie Reese (269) 683-1405
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
Bob Clark (574) 596-7256
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) 340-8450
Sherrie Weller (269) 445-2297
Chad Ranft (269) 362-3105
Chuck Wimberley

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

FLEECE BLANKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CLUBHOUSE-HAND TIED BY THE LADIES AT THE CLUB

GIFT CERTIFICATES for Edwardsburg Conservation Club. These may be used toward membership dues, shooting events, fundraising event entrance fees, for, bar, club hats, shirts, etc.

Early Dues Renewal Reminder from MaryAnn McCormack:

Dues are due March 1st each year. MaryAnn and crew will be in the clubhouse Sun. Feb 22, 2009 to assist you in renewing.

Please check your membership cards to see if your dues are up for renewal on March 1, 2009 or March 1, 2010.

The CLUBHOUSE & BAR WILL BE OPEN SUPER BOWL SUNDAY 2009- Join us for the BIG game!!! Bring some munchies!

Membership Meeting-ELECTIONS IN DEC!!

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.

BREAKFAST SERVED SUNDAYS 8-11 AM THRU THE WINTER

Trap Shooting: Winter hrs-Sundays noon-?

Youth under 18 shoot for reduced fee-\$1.75 per round.

Muzzle Loading Shoots 2008: Dec, 20, 2008-HALF NUTS SHOOT Jan 24 & 25, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS-

DECEMBER 7th Meat Shoot

January 17th, 2009 Annual Awards Banquet & Winter Get Together
JOIN US SUPER BOWL SUNDAY TO WATCH THE BIG GAME!!!

YOUTH DAY PLANNED FOR MARCH 28, 2009-Your help needed to do this event!!