

DOWAGIAC CONSERVATION CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

DOWAGIAC CONSERVATION CLUB, established in 1947, is a 501c3 organization promoting outdoor education and conservation.. Our 87 acre club, with frontage on Cook Lake lies one mile north of Dowagiac on M-51.

OUR MISSION

To stimulate interest in and advance the cause of conservation in all phases, promote sound management of Michigan's natural resources and environment, and promote sportsmanship, boating safety, hunter safety and gun safety education. To be non-sectarian and non-political.

GOVERNMENT

A Board of Directors governs in accordance with established bylaws. One full year of membership is required to be eligible to run for a board position.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applications for membership are available at the club location, and printable application forms are on the website. It is recommended the applicant be sponsored by a current club member and be present at the club meeting when the application is presented to the membership for approval.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Second Monday's 7:30 p.m. at the Dowagiac Conservation Club, 54551 M51 North, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

269-782-5508. (leave a message)
Email: dowagiacconservationclub@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The membership year begins each February 1. Annual renewals are due no later than April 1 of each year. New membership cards will be Issued on receipt of payment.

-\$55/yr. Regular Membership
-\$40/yr. Spousal Membership
-Free membership for Youths age 17 and under.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Should be carried by members when using club facilities.

GUEST POLICY

Adult members may bring one guest for use of lake or range and are responsible for their actions. Encourage your guest to become a member.

NON-MEMBERS

Club sponsored events are open to everyone. A non-member is welcome to use the shooting facilities when ranges are open if accompanied by a member. If you enjoy the experience we encourage you to join.

RENTAL

Anyone may rent the club. We can accommodate 250 people. For rental information phone or email.

EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Check the Newsletter, Website and Facebook for details and changes.

FOOD EVENTS

-ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET
On most Sundays
-ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY
Featuring Alaskan Pollack
Monthly March through November

SHOOTING EVENTS

-3-D ARCHERY
Summer
-YOUTH ARCHERY
Summer
-RIMFIRE RIFLE SHOOT
Summer
-TRAP SHOOTING
Summer
-CALCUTTA TRAP SHOOT
Monthly all year.

SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENTS

-HUNTERS RENDEZVOUS
January
-SQUIRREL HUNT
January
-GUN SHOW - April
-YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT
March
-DEER CHECK STATION
November
-GUN & SPORTSMAN'S SALE
April

WAYS WE SERVE OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

-HUNTER EDUCATION
Certification classes FREE TO ALL

-WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER
Presentations by Howell
Nature Center in Cass
County schools

-MUCC's TRACKS MAGAZINES
Made available to all fifth grade
classes in Cass County Schools.

-MUCC SUMMER CAMP
Camperships available to Cass
County youths

-YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT,
At Rolling Hills Hunting Preserve.

-SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN
COLLEGE Endowed Scholarship
for students in the natural
science areas.

-YOUTH RATES
for club shooting events

-MEETING PLACE provided for
youth groups focused on
shooting and outdoor
activities.

-RANGES made available to area
Law Enforcement for
qualifying purposes.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Fishing and boating access to Cook Lake. Electric trolling motors only allowed. No swimming.
- Handicapped accessible dock.
- Sheltered ranges:
 - 10 yard handgun/rifle range
 - 25, 50, 100, 200 and 300 yard rifle ranges
- Two lighted shotgun trap ranges.
- Member rates for club shooting events
- Play area for Kids
- Membership in MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs)
- Online access to Michigan Out-of-Doors Magazine
- Club logo window decal.
- Member rates for clubhouse rental after one year as a member
- Adult member's in good standing may bring one guest to use lake or range.
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Public website, check the calendar for range closures
- Facebook Page

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read and follow the bylaws, range rules, state laws and posted signs. On the lake, follow DNR rules including personal flotation wear.
- Volunteer once or twice a year.
- Attend at least two meetings a year.
- RANGE HOURS***
Ranges are open from 9 a.m. to dusk Mon.-Sat., and noon to dusk Sundays unless closed for events or rentals. The printed quarterly newsletter dates are current when mailed. Check the website calendar for additions and changes. Unannounced range closures may occur for mowing, maintenance purposes, and 3-D Archery set up and take down.
- Read and follow the Range Rules posted on the website. Be safe, use accepted targets placed properly inside the sand filled bunkers. Pick up empty casings and misfires. Dispose of targets in the dumpster. Cooperate with others using the ranges.

LEAVE THE CLUB AND GROUNDS BETTER THAN YOU FOUND THEM.

WILLFUL MISUSE OR DESTRUCTION OF RANGE PROPERTY OR FAILURE TO OBSERVE RANGE AND SAFETY RULES MAY BRING ABOUT SUSPENSION FROM THE CLUB.

HELP YOUR CLUB BE A VOLUNTEER

The Hunter's Rendezvous and Squirrel Hunt proceeds are dedicated to funding our efforts to serve the youth and community. All provided by Volunteers.

Income to maintain the club and grounds comes from dues, club rentals, and income from volunteer staffed events. Please volunteer.

A member may earn a credit toward the next year's dues by volunteering at least 15 hours during the current year.

To inquire about ways you can volunteer leave a message at 269-782-5508, email us through the website at CONTACT US, or email dowagiacconservationclub@gmail.com.

CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country, it's air soil and minerals, it's forests, waters and wildlife.

VISIT THE WEBSITE

www.dowagiacconservation.org for printable membership applications, current club calendar for events, range closures and a variety of information about the club and club events.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/Dowagiac-Conservation-Club

