



Dowagiac Conservation Club

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A LITTLE ABOUT THIS YEAR

As with most everything in our lives, activities at the club have been quite changed this past year. Fortunately, Wednesday Trap Shooting, 3-D Archery, and Monthly Calcutta shoots, being mostly outdoors, were able to take place with proper distancing. The Rifle Range has been open, and seen a lot of use.

We had one fish fry and a few breakfasts before the shutdown started, which really hurt the income for the club overhead expenses. There are no plans yet for dates this year, since we don't know what the limitations will be.

The Club was fortunate to receive a grant to purchase a professional grade zero turn lawn mower this year. Jim reports it is working very well, and has cut his mowing time considerably.

The Club Sign on M-51 North is being replaced after being twisted off in the freaky wind storms last year. It will be nice to have our landmark back up again.

YOUTH FUND EFFORTS TO SERVE OUR YOUTH

Efforts continued this year, with some changes. The Michigan-Out-of-Doors Summer Camps were all cancelled. MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs) provided a way to bring camp activities and education home to the kids with a very well done Camp at Home kit. We obtained 100 of these kits for kids, and added an additional kit, such as a "build your own bat house", free of charge for interested kids. MUCC's Tracks magazine was also provided to the elementary schools as we have done in the past. The community "Little Libraries" continue to be supplied with outdoor themed books for kids, and have been used a lot during this year.

MEMBER MEETING DATES

January 11

7:30 PM

February 8

7:30 PM

March 8

7:30 PM

2021 NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Club Vice- President, Secretary, and one 4-year board member will be elected at the annual meeting on February 8th. Nominees must have been a member in good standing for at least one year. If you would like to nominate someone, and have their permission, call Mark Smith 269.591.2067.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership dues are due Feb 1st.

Annual Membership \$55.00

Spouse Annual Membership \$45.00

If you have volunteered at least 15 hours in 2020, you may deduct \$10 from your renewal fee.

HUNTER SAFETY

Classes did not take place in 2020 due to COVID restrictions, and no schedule for 2021 has been determined, for the same reason. When things change, notification will be posted on the website, Facebook, and e-mails. Anyone interested in becoming a Hunter Safety instructor, please call Annette 269-782-9478 for more information.

MAKE A NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

HUNTERS RENDEZVOUS RAFFLE – A raffle only is being held this year, since we are unable to hold the big in-person event. Tickets are \$10 donation each, with only 1000 ticket being sold. The prizes are: 1st prize – Freezer filled with Meat, 2nd prize – Ruger .350 Legend Go Wild w/Leupold Scope, 3rd prize – Expedition Archery DLX Compound Bow, 4th prize – Camouflage Recliner, 5th prize – Oklahoma Joe's Barrel Smoker. The drawing will be held at the club **Saturday February 6, 2021** at 12 P.M. You need not be present to win. For tickets, call Adam 269.340.2358 or Craig 269.876.7998.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS - February 8, 2021, 7:30. The offices of Vice-President, Secretary and one 4-year board of directors' member are on the ballot this year. If you would like to nominate someone for any of these positions, complete the enclosed nomination form and return to the club. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the February meeting. Call Annette 782-9478 if you have questions about what these positions entail.

BYLAW REVISION CHANGES PRESENTED TO MEMBERS - March 8, 2021, 7:30. Every four years the Bylaws must be reviewed for necessary changes. This year the review was very thorough and efforts made to make the bylaws easier to read, resulting in more suggested revisions than we typically have. A vote by the members present, to accept or reject the proposed Bylaw Revisions will be held at this meeting. The proposed revisions can be found on the website under BYLAWS in the Menu at the left. If you can't view them on the internet, they are in a 3-ring binder in the club bookshelf. Call Annette 269-782-9478 if you want to read them in paper form.

OTHER EVENTS: The Squirrel Hunt and Youth Pheasant Hunt are still TBD at this time. More information will come as soon as we have it.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Fish Fry

Annette Lyons: 269.782.9478
Kathleen Morse: 269.782.8297

Breakfast

Carol Name: 269.782.6993

Trap Range

Gene Stockwell: 269.782.4038

Rim Fire & Gun/Outdoor Show:

Ron Hartline: 269.718.4636
Mark Smith: 269.591.2067

Archery & Bow Fishing

Adam Maxey: 269.340.2358

Hunter Safety

Furmer Reed: 269.646.9839
Richard Atkinson: 269.424.5186
Skip Herold: 269.782.6463

Youth Fund

Stephanie Lyons: 269.876.6053

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Ron Hartline - 269.718.4636

Vice President

Craig Lyons - 269.876.7998

Treasurer

Annette Lyons - 269.782.9478

Secretary

Susan Szymonski - 269.782.9161

4 Year Board Members

Skip Herold – 269.782.6463
Adam Maxey – 269.340.2358
Mark Smith- 269.591.2067
Charlie Blue – 269.782.2201