



WATERVLIET ROD & GUN CLUB

May 2024 NEWSLETTER

May 1 is the Membership Meeting at 7:30pm

President's Page

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Tim Lucker who passed away. Tim served on the board of directors over many years and was an avid trap shooter. I understand that he was a part of the trap group that traveled to other clubs for trap events for several years. He would bring his grandson out to shoot with us and then go to the Dairy Queen (pre Dairy Corner) for a treat afterwards. He always had something good to say about the club and its members. He convinced me to run for the President position years ago, and he was always willing to lend a hand. He was always willing to clean and maintain the trap machines on work days, or maybe he just wanted another donut! He is and will be missed!

Trap has been up and running since April 1st. We have not had many shooters, but then we have not had the best of weather. It has been raining or it has been cold or both. I anticipate as things start to warm up, the number of shooters will increase.

Club Work Day is May 4th, and we will have a lot of rock to move and several backer board supports to replace. Bring your shovels, rakes, and hammers and plan to lend a hand! Work day is from 9am to about 2pm and ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED.

The automation of the gate will probably happen this next month as things have dried out and it has gotten warmer. We have to run the electric and the computer cable out to the gate and then it will take a short time to get it up and running. Watch the newsletter and emails to see how you obtain your new gate card. Once the electronic system is in place then just using a combo, as we know it now, will not work.

Check out the rest of the newsletter and I hope to see you at the club. Shoot straight, keep them in the bull, and do it safely. Jim



Club Calendar

May	
1	Membership meeting 7:30pm
4	Club Work Day 9:00am - 3:00pm
4	SW Michigan Friends of NRA Event
6	Trap 6:30pm
11	Ladies Day Event
12	Mother's Day
14	CPL Registration 6:00pm
14	T2G Shotgun & Pistol 6:00 - 9:00pm
16	Bullshooters 10:00am
16	CPL Class 6:00 - 10:00pm
18	CPL Class 8:00am - 4:00pm
20	Trap 6:30pm
27	Memorial Day
28	T2G Rifle & Pistol 6:00 - 9:00pm
29	Board Meeting 6:30pm
June	
3	Trap 6:30pm
5	Membership meeting 7:30pm
8	Appleseed Pistol Clinic 7:00am - 6:00pm
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9	4-H Youth & Trap 2:00pm
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25	T2G Rifle & Pistol 6:00 - 9:00pm
26	Board Meeting 6:30pm

Club Officers

President Jim Harner 269-470-9191

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Ladies Day

Basic Firearm Safety and Training Class

Saturday, May 11, 2024 8:00am - 4:00pm

at Watervliet Rod and Gun Club
3413 Hennessey Road Watervliet, MI 49098

Ladies, Here's your chance to learn to safely handle and use firearms, learn about different kinds of ammunition and firearms. Have the opportunity to shoot them on the range with 1:1 instruction. .22 caliber handguns, rifles, and 20 gauge shotguns.

Lunch, Firearms & Ammo provided.
Bring Eye and Ear Protection

Cost is \$30.00

For Information: Call (269) 470-9191
or (269) 861-5156

www.watervlietrodandgunclub.org

Project Appleseed Events at WRGC

For the 14th year in a row, WRGC will host Project Appleseed events. 2024 will bring two marksmanship and history events.

The Rifle Marksmanship Event that was held on April 21-22 was well attended with 20 participants, and 4 instructors.

The Pistol Marksmanship Event will be held on June 8-9.

With nearly 300 people participating in these events at WRGC alone, Project Appleseed teaches the fundamentals of rifle and pistol marksmanship while reminding participants of their American heritage through stories of the founding of our country. To learn more and to sign up for an event, go to Project Appleseed's national website.

<https://appleseedinfo.org/schedule/?qstate=MI&state=Michigan>

Project Appleseed is a 501c3 non-partisan non-profit. Since its founding in 2006, over 140,000 people have sent 35 million rounds down range safely while improving their skills and knowledge of what makes America great. Kris Rich



Bullshooters

On April 18 we had 13 people attend our monthly gathering. There was some good conversation and some items were brought for show and tell. 11 people went to lunch at The Bend. We will meet again on May 16 at 10:00am for coffee and donuts.



Trap Program

The trap program started up again on April 1st. If the trap program is going to continue, we need help. Jim Harner and Dick Moeckel have run the program for years and it is time for someone else to step up and run it. It doesn't mean you have to be at every shoot, but rather ensure someone is at the club to open the houses and run the event. If you are interested in taking over the program or helping out, please contact Jim Harner. The trap shoots will be the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 6:30pm, and the Sunday shoots will be the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 2:00pm

Hunter Education Program

Watervliet Rod and Gun Club would like to have a Hunter Education Program. We are looking for volunteer instructors. If you have a passion for hunting and would like to help ensure the future of outdoor recreation in Michigan please see this link for more information.

[Volunteer Recreational Safety Instructor \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/hunterseducation)

If you are interested please contact John Andrasi at 269-861-1824 for more information.

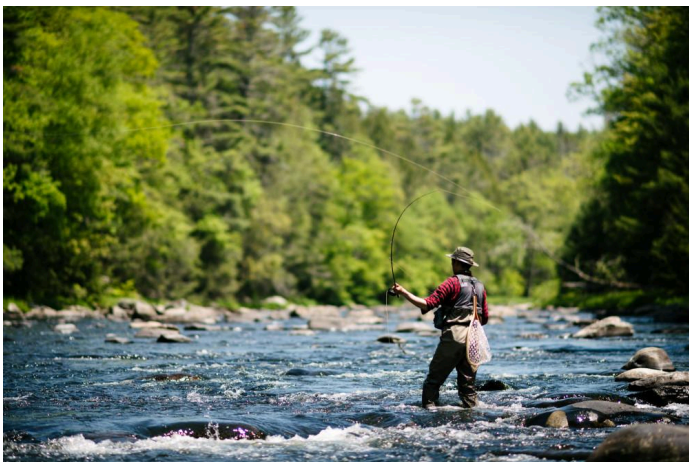


Steel Targets on the 200 Yard Range

Thanks to those who contacted the club about the used firehose and other materials to hang the steel targets on the 200 yard range.

Someone dropped some used conveyor belt material by the club. I'm not sure who it was. I plan to try that out and see how it works.

Kevin Schneider



Straight Shooters 4-H Club

Straight Shooters 4-H Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2:00 - 4:00pm from April through October excluding holiday weekends!
Julie Holtsclaw



Steel Target Plate Rack

The Steel Target Plate Rack that was installed in 2021 has been a nice addition to the club property. There has been some damage that has been observed to the steel plates. Please follow the Steel Plate Rack Safety Rules.

Minimum distance to safely shoot the steel plate rack is 30 feet.

Allowed: Pistols, Pistol Caliber Carbines, Shotguns using #6, #7.5, or #8 lead shot, Rimfire Rifles and Pistols.

Not Allowed: High Power Rifles, High Power Pistols, Shotguns using slugs, buckshot, or steel shot. Kevin Schneider



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