

# Happy Holidays

from the  
*Sterling Sportsmen's Association*

December 2011



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## Activities for the New Year

*Please mark your calendar*

(Dates are tentative)

- Jan 2 Evening Spot League starts  
(Mondays at 7 PM until March 19th)
- Jan. 3 Big Buck Night & Photo Contest
- Jan. 4 Morning Spot League starts  
(Wednesdays 10 AM until March 21st)
- Jan. 7-8 Hunter Safety
- Jan. 15 4-H Youth League begins  
(Sundays 1:30-3:30 until March 4th)
- January 28 Snowmobile Safety
- February 24-26 SVAA Shoot
- March 10-11 Hunter Safety
- April 14 Kids' Sucker Tournament
- April 21 19th Annual Spring Banquet
- June 2 ORV Safety
- June 5 Big Turkey Night
- August 4 Walleye Bonanza
- August 11-12 Hunter Safety
- Sept. 4 Region 10 MUCC Meeting
- Sept. 8-9 Hunter Safety

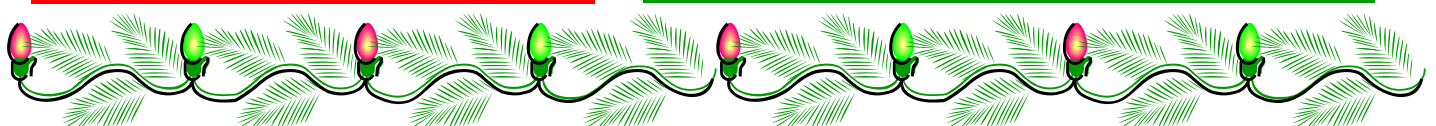
To schedule an activity or use of the  
Clubhouse, contact **Event Coordinator:**

**Tom Knochel (989) 860-2330**

General Membership meetings are on the  
**first Tuesday** of each month at 7:00 pm

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

President:		
	Matt Klump	942-4934
Vice President:		
	George Wissmiller	873-6540
Treasurer:		
	Lee Hartwick	653-2263
Secretary:		
	Glenn Seidel	654-3361
Range Officer:		
	Keith Trout	345-5682
Event Coordinator:		
	Tom Knochel	836-2739
Trustees:		
	Dave Cox	873-3859
	Steve Hoag	654-2828
	Dave Mason	846-0637
	Charlie Morton	654-3115



## Walleye Bonanza

This year's annual event was, once again, a big success thanks to organizer **Tom Knochel**. There were 33 boats participating.



**1st Place (14.43 lbs.)**  
\$670.00  
**Steven Anthony & Dan Van Dewater**



**2nd Place (14.40 lbs.)**  
\$502.50  
**Michael Reasner, Rob Belanger, & Jerry Sapp**



**3rd Place (13.8 lbs.)**  
\$335.00  
**Trevor Soule and Crew**



## HELP WANTED (and needed)

We're looking for someone who would like to maintain the Club's website (through GoDaddy.com). Please contact Linda Seidel at 654-3361 or lkseidel@aol.com if you're interested.



## FACEBOOK (Sterling Sportsmen's Association)

Our FB page contains the most up-to-date info about classes and events. It also is where photos and news can easily be posted. Check us out, "like us", and pass the word.



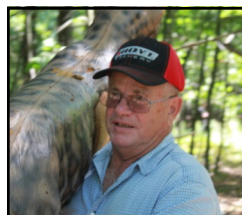
## Club Improvements

- ◆ The inside range was totally repainted.
- ◆ The insulation has been brought up to code.



## 3-D Benefit Shoot

45 people participated in this year's shoot to benefit the Arenac County's Relay for Life (American Cancer Society). The 2-day event took place on Aug. 20-21 at the old Rifle River Muzzle Loaders Gun Range. The course was diverse and well-laid out. Participants enjoyed its challenge as well as the hot dogs, chips, pop, and water that were provided by the Club. Everything ran smoothly thanks, in part, to the planning of **George Wissmiller** and to those who helped before, during, and after the shoot. We are hoping to work with the Eastern Arenac Sportsman's Club on future 3-Ds.



## Member Appreciation Picnic

About 60 Members and their families attended this year's pig roast. King of the BBQ, Keith Trout, started preparing the pig at 6 AM. By 1:30 the meat was done and added to the buffet of many delicious side dishes. During the afternoon of fellowship and eating, the drawing for a night's stay at the Soaring Eagle Resort took place. The big winner was **Joe Miano**.



## Classes:

### Snowmobile Safety

Jan. 28

Contact **Marty Schman** at (989) 654-3317



### Hunter Safety

Jan. 7-8

March 10-11

Aug. 11-12

Sept. 8-9

Contact **Randy Yocum** (989) 327-4511



### ORV Safety

June 2

Contact **Cy** at (989) 697-3482

Check our Facebook page for updates and details

## New Hunters' Safety Vests

Participants in Club sponsored Hunter Safety classes will now be presented with a special orange vest upon completion of the course. Thank you to the following for in-"vest"-ing in our youth:



D's Party Store

Eagle Valley Outfitters

Owen Moore Insurance

Richardson Chevy-Buick-Ford

Standish Lions

Sterling Operators

T.R. McTaggart

White's Canoe Livery

## SVAA Shoot

Our Club will be hosting a Saginaw Valley Archery Association shoot during the weekend of Feb. 24th-26th.

(Fri. 7PM; Sat. 1PM, 5PM; Sun. 9AM, 1PM)

For pre-registration call **Keith Trout**  
989-345-5682

## Spot Leagues

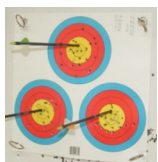
### Monday Nite (7:00PM)

Starting Dec. 19, 2011

Ending March 19, 2012

Call **Keith Trout**

989-345-5682



### Wednesday Morning (10 AM)

Starting Dec. 21, 2011

Ending March 21, 2012

Call **George Wissmiller** 989-980-4663



## MUCC Region 10 Meeting

The September SSA General Membership Meeting was extra special this year as we hosted Region 10 of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. The meeting was extremely informational with presentations about the recreational passport, hogs and invasive species, Asian carp, cormorants, freshwater jellyfish, Chinook salmon management, the Saginaw Bay Fish Survey, and information about deer baiting according to the law. In addition to our own Board and Members, were the MUCC Chairperson and Director, representatives from the DNR, Saginaw Field and Stream Club, Bridgeport Gun Club, and the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. We will be again hosting the September meeting of the MUCC Region 10 next year. Mark your calendar now and make it a point to attend.



## 24 Gun Raffle

The 2010 24 Gun Raffle continues to make winners twice each month. Winners are posted on the website after each drawing. Recent lucky winners are:

June: Charlie Morton (284)—Sterling  
Chad Kitson (568)—Standish

July: Bill Hartwick (220)—Sterling  
Bill Bell (484)—Sterling

August: Marvin Yenglin (261)—Gemfast  
Joe Lucas (405)—Dearborn

September: Chris Rataczak (353)—Sterling  
Chris Robinson (996)—Flint

October: John Stratton (478)—Sterling  
Bill Swaffield (332)—Fraser

November: Joe Mousseau (281)—Sterling  
Roy Gildner (210)—West Branch

December: Dave Cox (943)—Sterling



## Sad News

On Nov. 1st, Club Member **Mike Parker** fell out of his tree stand and broke his neck in 3 places. He has been on a respirator and is battling low blood pressure, a blood infection, pneumonia, and the loss of mobility. A benefit dinner was held on Dec. 10th to help with Mike's medical expenses. The SSA donated a package of broadheads for the benefit auction at the dinner and also made a cash donation of \$100. Those wishing to make a personal donation to help Mike and his wife and their two young daughters can send a check to the Club (PO Box 473, Sterling, MI 48659) made out to *Crystal Parker*. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be sent to this family.

## Special Thanks Go Out To:

### Range Painters

Doug Colgrove      Matt Klump  
Dave Cox            Charlie Morton  
Steve Hoag          Keith Trout  
Dave Klump         George Wissmiller

### Christmas for Kids Shoppers

Jack Slusser and Wylene Goodroe  
(SSA donated \$200.)

## 4-H

Young archers ages 9-18 will once again be meeting on Sundays (1:30-3:30) beginning on Jan. 15th. Parents are encouraged to attend. Contact **Lee** (653-2263) for more information.



## Big Buck Nite

Don't forget to join us for the January 3rd General Membership meeting and Big Buck Nite. Entrants must be current SSA members and should bring the antlers of their **Michigan** deer.

Also at the January meeting



1st and 2nd Place prizes will be awarded in each category (trail cam & regular camera)

Photos will be judged at our "Big Buck Nite" Jan. 3, 2012 7PM

### Rules

1. Photographs must be taken in 2011 and follow an outdoor theme (wildlife, landscape, outdoor activities, etc.)
2. Both color and black & white prints are eligible. They need not be framed or matted. Size of prints should be a minimum of 5 X 7 and a maximum of 11 X 14.
3. Photos to be entered and judged should be brought to the Club for judging on Tues., Jan 3, 2012 between 6:45 and 7:00 PM.
4. A maximum of 3 photo entries per person will be accepted

For more information call **Tom** (989) 836-2739 or

**Charlie** (989) 654-3115

## Newsletter

We're always looking for news, ideas, and articles to include in our newsletter. Please submit any and all by emailing them to [lkseidel@aol.com](mailto:lkseidel@aol.com) or by sending or dropping them off at the clubhouse.



Working the gate at the Arenac County Fair

Annual Memberships begin April 1st.  
Feel free to renew anytime.

