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August 2009

HURRY! LAST MONTH! WIN THE 3-DAY HUNTING TRIP OF A LIFETIME AT MEDICINE CREEK PHEASANT RANCH! \$2,150.00 VALUE!

For each new member you sign up between now and August 31st, both you and the member you sign up will be entered in the drawing to win this fabulous prize. Here's what you'll get if you win:

- 3 days of first-rate pheasant hunting.
- Expert guide service.
- Cleaning and freezing of birds.
- 3 night's accommodations at the ranch.
- 3 delicious home-cooked meals per day.
- Full use of the lodge with an open bar, hot tubs, pool tables, and more.
- Satellite TV and internet access.
- Complimentary transportation to and from the Pierre, SD airport.

Located near Vivian, South Dakota on nearly 10,000 acres of farm and rangeland, the Medicine Creek Ranch is open from the first part of September to mid-December.

If you want to find out more, visit the ranch website at
www.medicinecreek.com

Remember, the more new members you sign up, the more chances you have to win. Don't forget to tell prospective members that the \$100 initiation fee is waived all summer for this special promotion. Any questions? Call Tim at 676-1056 or email him at kccl@iserv.net.

Hunter Safety Class

WHERE: KCCL, 8461 Conservation NE, Ada, MI.

WHEN: Three required sessions—Thurs., Aug. 27 from 6-9 pm, Fri., Aug. 28 from 6-9 pm, and Sat., Aug. 29 from 9-4 pm.

Cost: \$10 materials and registration fee (non-refundable).

Snacks and drinks available for 25¢ to 75¢.

Bring pen and notepad, a lunch for Saturday. Lunches will also be available at cost from the KCCL clubhouse.

This class is designed for students 10+. Parents are encouraged to attend, pending seating availability. Adults hunting out West may be required to have a Hunter Safety Certificate. Class size is limited to the first 45 registrants. The state requires that you attend ALL three sessions to earn a certificate.

Get professional skeet instruction from ... **TARGET SOLUTIONS**

Certified Skeet Instructor,
Tim Wiley

Individual and group lessons for beginner to advanced shooters

**Call Tim at
616-581-0471**

From The Manager's Desk

This is the last month to take part in our summer membership drive. Don miss out on the chance to win the \$2,000 pheasant hunting trip which has been donated to the club as a prize. Sign up a new member today!

The Mercantile Bank Shoot is Friday, August 14th. I still need some volunteers to help out. If you're available, please give me a call. I'd appreciate it.

KCCL is pleased to be hosting the biggest sporting event of the year—the West Michigan Sporting Clays Championship—on August 8th and 9th. Come on out and shoot. Or, if you don't want to shoot but would like to help out, we can sure use you.

We also have a new game to shoot the KCCL long bird! It's set up on field number 5 with four different machines with birds from 40 to 60 yards. Come on out to give it try.

Till next month,

Tim

August 2009

KCCL Board of Directors

Thru March 2010	Thru March 2011
Ed Eckleberry	Barry Ott, Chair
Larry Mennetti	Pete Peterson
Terry Tobias	Brian Schwalm
Roger Hill	Red Shepard
Carter Huyser	Rich Smith
Steve Erickson	Sam Yeo
	Paul Zandee

KCCL Officers

Vic ScudderPresident
Open1st VP
Roger Hill2nd VP
Ralph RaderTreasurer
Bruce FordSecretary

KCCL Mission

To promote all shooting sports and sound environment, conservation, fish and wildlife management.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
On Saturday, August 15th, the pistol range will closed from 11 am-5 pm. If you need to use the range, please do so between 10 am and 11 am. Thank you.						1 Open 10-5
2 Open 10-5	3	4 Open 4-10	5	6 Open 12-10	7	8 Open 10-5 NSCA Shoot
9 Open 10-5 NSCA Shoot	10	11 Open 4-10	12	13 Open 12-10	14	15 Open 10-5 Pistol Range closed 11-5
16 Open 10-5	17	18 Open 4-10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20 Open 12-10	21	22 Open 10-5
23 Open 10-5 Handgun Clinic	24 Open 10-5 KCCL Challenge	25 Open 4-10	26	27 Open 12-10	28	29 Open 10-5 KCCL Challenge
30	31					

Minutes—KCCL Board of Directors Meeting July 21, 2009

PRESENT: Scudder, Hill, Rader, Ott, Eckleberry, Men-
netti, Tobias, Erickson, Schwalm, Shepherd, Smith,
Yeo and Zandee

EXCUSED: Huyser, Peterson and Ford

Chairman Ott called the meeting to order at 7:15
pm. The absence of the secretary necessitated the
appointment of a scribe to record the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the June
16, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with-
out change.

FINANCE REPORTS: The Finance reports prepared
by the club's new accountant, consisting of a Profit
and Loss Statement and a Balance Sheet reflecting
an audit of club finances through June 30, 2009 and
a Profit and Loss statement were received and re-
viewed without further action.

MUCC REPORT: The report was delivered by Mrs.
Patricia Klott and copies of the relevant documents
will be posted in the rear clubhouse.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Tim Wiley updated the board
on the following items:

A. An inventory of retail sale items and clay targets
was recently completed through June 30, 2009.
Wiley noted that most clothing items for sale were
not included in the inventory because these items
are provided by two different vendors who agree
that the items may be sold by consignment and are
not the property of KCCL.

B. A proposal to change snowplowing service to
Lawns of Distinction was received and unanimously
approved. Snow removal, which had cost the club in
excess of \$2,000.00 annually will now be provided
in exchange for membership and shooting privileges
through a credit system monitored by the manager.

C. Negotiations continue with the Madison Square
Sportsman Club to sell the Canterbury voice release
system. Discussion revealed that this system did not
function well and the BOD had previously author-
ized disposal by sale.

D. The BOD approved the manager's vacation be-
ginning on July 24 and returning on July 28. In his
absence, James VanderLaan will be responsible for
club management.

E. The manager seeks member assistance to conduct
the West Michigan Sporting Clays Championship on
August 8 and 9 as well as the Mercantile Bank
Shoot on August 14. If you are able and willing to as-
sist, please contact Tim or Julie.

F. The BOD reviewed and approved a proposal to
complete the painting of the exterior of the rear
club house that will include the repair of loose or
deteriorating siding.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of the sale of the Canterbury release
system reflected in the Manager's Report.

B. Erickson requested that all materials (except BOD
minutes) for subsequent issues of the Sportsman be
submitted prior to each month's BOD meeting so
that the newsletter can be produced and mailed for
receipt by members the first week of every month.

NEW BUSINESS:

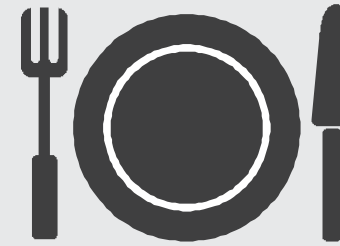
A. A request has been received from Ada Township
for an easement for 10-15 feet in the area between
the gravel drive and the southwest corner of the
KCCL property. Ada is constructing a non-motorized
trail and believes this small section is necessary to
allow the trail to traverse from the north side of Con-
servation to the south side. The request was tabled
to allow for consideration by BOD members with
input from club members.

B. A brief discussion occurred regarding the poten-
tial for changing the corporate status of KCCL from
it's present 501(c)(4) status of non-profit & non-
charitable to 501(c)(3) status of non-profit charita-
ble. No action taken pending further information.

C. A request was unanimously approved for the ex-
penditure of up to \$400 from the club maintenance
budget to replace backer boards on the rifle range.

D. Yeo reminded the members of the Long Range
Planning Committee that a meeting would be held
immediately following the BOD meeting.

Submitted by Terry E. Tobias



From our kitchen ...

Tuesday Wing Night

The second and fourth
Tuesdays will be "wing
nights" at KCCL. In addi-
tion to special pricing,
we'll be offering 6 differ-
ent flavors of sauces.

Steak & Shrimp Thurs- days 5:30-9:00 PM

Enjoy a steak or 12 garlic
shrimp, baked potato, gar-
lic bread, and salad every
Thursday night for only
\$12!

Of course Julie also has a
dessert for you. You won't
go home hungry.

NO BREAKFASTS UNTIL FALL!

Shoot Dates for 2009

Sat. & Sun. Aug. 8 & 9—NSCA
Tu. Sept. 8— West Michigan Blast
for Conservation
Sat. & Sun. Sept. 12 & 13—NSSA

THE KCCL CHALLENGE

August dates: 29th & 30th

125 targets: 25 skeet, 25 trap, 25 five-stand, and 50 sporting clays.
Price: \$35 members; \$45 non-members. Targets & Lunch included.

The first place winner for the weekend will receive a \$50 gift
certificate for an area restaurant. If there are more than 10 shoot-
ers, there will also be a \$25 gift certificate for second place.

Schrems West Michigan Blast for Conservation on September 8th

Please join us for the Schrems
West Michigan Trout Unlimited
2nd annual shooting event on
September 8th. This year's out-
ing is to benefit our Salmon in
the Classroom program. The
event is located at Kent County
Conservation League 8461 Con-
servation Rd. NE, Ada, MI 49301.

The Salmon in the Class-
room program teaches youth
about the importance of cold-
water conservation while they
hatch, raise, and care for salmon
in their classroom during the
school year. In the spring, stu-
dents release the salmon into
local streams. Trout Unlimited
helps provide schools with the
necessary equipment and assists
teachers with training. To learn
about Salmon in the Classroom
please visit www.swmtu.org.

25 Five Stand & 50 Sporting Clays

4:30 pm check-in, 5:00 pm start

Cost: \$50 per shooter

Burger & brat dinner

New shooters are welcome. Tim
Wiley will be on hand to teach
the fundamentals of the sport.

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE KCCL HANDGUN CLINIC



On August 23rd from 1-3 PM,
Chuck Vandenberg will be run-
ning a handgun clinic for inter-
mediate or better shooters. No
beginners, please. There will not
be time to train beginners or
help novices. The cost for the
clinic is \$10, which will go di-
rectly to the club for pistol
range maintenance.

Shooters will learn the finer
points of body position, grip,
and sight alignment. Those who
have taken Chuck's course have
really improved their shooting.

The course will be fired at
50 feet using a 25-yard bullseye.
Shooters should bring the one
handgun you shoot most but no
large, hyper-velocity calibers
such as .454 or .50 S & W. One
hundred rounds of non-mag-
num loads are required. Also
bring a stapler and staples, note
pad, pencil, muffs, and eye pro-
tection.

To sign up, please pick up an
application and range command
information sheet at the club.
But hurry! The course is limited
to the first 12 who sign up.

For more info, or if you have
a particular problem you want
Chuck to address, email him at
Seavan@triton.net. Please put
KCCL in the subject line.