

ATA SHOOT PROGRAM & SCHEDULE:



St. Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Inc.

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2024 ATA TRAP SHOOTS

- ♦ Mar 17 – **St. Patrick's Day**  **ATA Shoot**
- ♦ Apr 21 – **April Open ATA Shoot**
- ♦ Aug 25 – **Last Chance 500-Doubles Plus Singles**
- ♦ Oct 13 – **National Trapshooting Day Shoot**
- ♦ Plus 8 BIG 50 Registered Shoots! see page 8

TROPHIES for All 4 ATA Shoots!

Call 269-483-6803 to pre-squad free for any shoot

REGISTRATION – OPENS AT 8:30 AM

- Practice traps open at **8:30** am.
- Event 1 starts at **10:00** am (*more or less.*)
- Event 2 starts at completion of Event 1
- Event 3 starts at completion of Event 2, etc.

SHOOT PROGRAM RULES

These are invitational shoots and the Club Directors reserve the right to reject, refund, or disqualify any contestant who, in their judgment, interferes with the harmony of the shoot or violates ATA or safety rules and regulations. ATA rules govern all events and referees will make decisions in accordance with them. Targets and target settings will comply with ATA rules. A shooter may win only one trophy in each event. See **“Special Categories”** and **“Make-ups & Shoot-offs”** for more information on declaring categories and trophy eligibility.

Classification – Singles and Doubles: Shooters will be classified according to their known ability and must have their current average card and ATA membership card with them to enter. Unless otherwise stated in a specific shoot in this program, the following 4-class system is used:

Singles (4)	Doubles (4)
A 95% and over	A 90% and over
B 92% and < 95%	B 85% and < 90%
C 89% and < 92%	C 78% and < 85%
D Under 89%	D Under 78%

Handicap will be ATA assigned yardage. Any shooter who shoots in a class or a handicap yardage higher or lower than the assigned class or yardage will be subject to disqualification and are not eligible for trophies or Lewis purse winnings.

Special Categories: Shooters may only declare one special category (example: lady or junior, but not both). For the purposes of trophies, Veteran and Senior Veteran may be combined in the Singles and Handicap events. For Singles the other Special Categories generally are Sub-Junior (under 15 years), Junior (15 –17 years), and Lady (Lady I and Lady II are combined). Handicap and Doubles may have anywhere between one to four special categories depending on the shoot, or there may be no special categories (*see the specific shoot for details*). These categories must be declared at registration before shooting. Special Categories take precedence in awarding trophies over class or yardage, “if high in their category”. See **“Ties”** on next page for more information on shoot offs.

Minimum Class Assignment: Unless a shooter's known ability can be established (example: 500 registered targets in the current and previous years combined per ATA, or known practice scores, etc.), they will be assigned a minimum of class B (class C for Ladies and Juniors, class D for Sub-Juniors) for the singles & doubles events. There will be no penalty yardage assigned to the handicap events. Shooters will shoot their assigned ATA handicap yardage (19 through 27 yards).

Make-ups & Shoot-offs: Any shooter missing all or part of a round, should report to Registration for make-up. This must be done before the next event starts and before last event ends for the day. Contestants in shoot-offs will be called over the PA system. Those who fail to show within 10 minutes of second call for a shoot-off, forfeit rights to that trophy. Shoot-offs are conducted after the last event of the day.

Ties: Any shooter who is tied for event Champion, Runner-Up, or Third Place (providing the event has such) may shoot off for the Champion, Runner-Up, or Third Place trophy. If a shooter fails in these championship trophy shoot-offs and has declared a special category, the shooter will fall back to the declared category **if high in their category** (i.e. cannot "shoot off" for Class or Yardage Group). If shooter loses in their category shoot-off, but are the lone score (i.e. only shooter) in their Class or yardage (e.g. only 25-27yd shooter), they may take Class/yd trophy. If shooter is NOT high in their category, they may shoot off for Class or yardage.

Fees: (Subject to target price changes. Any changes will be posted at the shoot.)

➤ **Free Pre-squadding will be available for all shoots. Call 269-483-6803 to pre-squad.** There is no fee for this service, but it's helpful to us for shoot management, staffing, and food planning.

Daily Fees: \$7.00 (ATA \$4.00, MTA \$3.00) paid once per day only

MTA Target Assessment Fee: \$2.00 per 100 targets (shoots held in MI)

Adult (≥ 23 years) Targets & Trophies: \$25.00 each event (per 100 targets)

➤ National Trapshooting Day Targets and Trophies: \$30 per 100

Youth (≤ 22 years) Targets/Trophies: \$20.00 per event (per 100 targets)

➤ National Trapshooting Day Targets & Trophies: \$25.00 per 100

ATA Trap Practice rounds \$5.00 (adult and youth)

Options: Lewis Class is offered at most of the registered shoots and events. Payout is 2 classes with a 60/40 split of the monies per class, however in the event there are less than 10 entrants, there will be only 1 class. Minimum of 4 entrants is needed to hold the Lewis. Monies will be returned if there are less than 4 entrants in an event. Other options may be offered, see specific shoot information for details (example: Class Purse).

Breakfast and Lunch are available at all ATA shoots.

ATA Registered Shoot Certificate



St. Joseph County Conservation and Sportsman Club, Inc. is an affiliated club of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and is authorized to hold ATA Registered trap shoots on the dates listed in this booklet. ATA Club #27-0202.

Throwing White Flyer targets. Using the ScoresR scoring program, with 4 PAT Traps, and Canterbury Voice releases.

Directions to the Club:

From Sturgis MI, and points east, drive west on US 12 to Shimmel Road. Turn Right (North) on Shimmel and drive to Featherstone Road. Turn Right (East). Club is on the left about ½ mile. See map below.

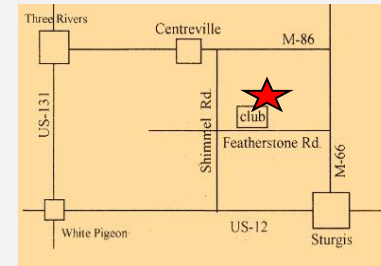
From points west (Edwardsburg, Niles), drive east on US 12 to Shimmel Road. Turn Left (North) to Featherstone Rd. Turn Right (East). Club is on the left ½ mile.

From Ohio, Indiana: Take Interstate 80 / 90 to the Howe, IN exit 121. Go North to Sturgis, MI turning Left (West) onto US 12 and follow the Sturgis Directions above.

From the North: Take M86 to Shimmel Rd south to Featherstone, Turn left (east)

Accommodations: Hotels located in Howe, IN (I 80/90), Sturgis, MI, and Three Rivers, MI. *Handicap accessible indoor restrooms are located in the clubhouse.*

SJCCC CLUB LOCATION & MAP:



**23640 Featherstone Road
Sturgis, Michigan 49091**

Club Phone: (269) 467-7128

Web page: www.conservationsclub.net

ATA CLUB CONTACTS:

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Waiver and Release Agreement: By attending and paying entry fees to participate in any trap shoot held by or at The St. Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Inc (i.e. the "Club"), Sturgis MI, the participants agree to the following:

I acknowledge and understand that trapshooting has inherent risks and dangers for anyone attending this function. I am voluntarily attending or participating in this shoot with full knowledge of the inherent dangers to myself (and to others) and hereby assume and accept any and all risks of injury, up to and including death, to myself and to others. I, and my heirs, hereby knowingly and intentionally waive, release, and hold harmless the "Club", its officers, the ATA, & trap help volunteers from and against any and all claims, suits, expenses, and dangers sustained or incurred by myself or which I cause to others, that are related to or arising from my participation in or attendance at this trap shoot.

"Grab your gun and have some fun!"

MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY ATA SHOOT

● **EVENT 1: 100 Singles** Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20

9 Trophies: Champ, High each class (A-D), Lady, Vet, Junior, Sub-Junior.

Optional Lewis Purse:\$10

2 Classes, 60%/40% (ties divide money)

● **EVENT 2: 100 Handicap** Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20

6 Trophies: Champion, Runner-up, Third, Lady, Vet, Junior (combined w/SJ).

Optional Lewis Purse:\$10

2 Classes, 60%/40% (ties divide money)

● **EVENT 3: 50 Pair Doubles** Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20

4 Trophies: Champion, Runner-up, Third Place, Junior (combined w/SJ).

Optional Lewis Purse:\$10

2 Classes, 60%/40% (ties divide money)

● **High Over All: Ayres-Oak Insurance HOA Trophy**

1 Trophy: Individual with the highest combined score. Must shoot all three events (300 targets) to be eligible.

2023 Champs and HOA



(L-R) Henry Bahr (SNG Champ), Glen Rhyner (HDC Champ), and Jason Marzette (HOA and DBL Champ)



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APRIL 21 – APRIL OPEN ATA SHOOT

● **EVENT 1: 100 Singles** Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20
9 Trophies: Champ, High each class (A-D), Lady, Vet, Junior, Sub-Junior.

Optional Lewis Purse:\$10

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Optional Lewis Purse:\$10

2 Classes, 60%/40% (ties divide money)


● **High Over All: Sturgis Bank HOA Trophy**

1 Trophy: Individual with the highest combined score. Must shoot all three events (300 targets) to be eligible.



April 2023 HOA Champion Matt Davis (left). Glen Rhyner (middle), Caden Fritts (right).


All three of the above pictured winners have participated in (or are still participating in) the youth shooting sports programs held at our Conservation Club, including SCTP, 4-H, ATA's AIM Program, and the Michigan High School Clay Target League.




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Aug 27 – “The Last Chance” 500-DBL & 100-SNG

● EVENT 1: 50-Pair Doubles 1

1 Trophy: Champion Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20

● EVENT 2: 50-Pair Doubles 2

1 Trophy: Champion Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20

● EVENT 3: 50-Pair Doubles 3

1 Trophy: Champion Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20

● EVENT 4: 50-Pair Doubles 4

1 Trophy: Champion Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20

● EVENT 5: 50-Pair Doubles 5

1 Trophy: Champion Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20

● EVENT 6: 100 Singles Targets & Trophies \$25, youth \$20 (Singles **will** run concurrent with **Doubles events**)

9 Trophies: Champ, Classes (A-D), Lady, Vet, Junior, Sub-Junior

Optional Lewis Purse:\$10

2 Classes, 60%/40% (ties divide money)

500 Doubles Champion & Runner Up Trophy to the highest and RU combined scores of the 500 Doubles; only awarded if all 5 DBL events are held. Must have a minimum of 3 shooters in order to hold each event, per ATA rules.



(L-R) David Peace, “500-DBL Runner-Up” and Thomas Wilson, “500-DBL 2023 Champion”.

BIG 50 SHOOTS

Running concurrent with our Fall Trap League

- 2024 Fall Dates – 2025 ATA Year

Sept 22

Sept 29

Oct 6

Oct 20

Oct 27

Nov 3

Nov 10

Nov 17

Shoot Program:

- A. Big 50 will offer 2 rounds each of Singles and Handicap, and 1 round of Doubles (50 targets each event) each week.
- B. If the club does not get a sufficient number of shooters (minimum of 3) to shoot an event, that event(s) won't be held.
- C. **Target Fees:** Adult \$10.00, Youth \$8.00 per 50-Target Event.
- D. **Big 50 Daily Fees:** ATA \$2.00, MTA \$1.50, MTA \$1.00/50-Target
- E. ATA membership is required to register your Big 50 targets with ATA; therefore, your ATA card is needed for registration. You can join ATA at any regular ATA or BIG 50 shoot.
- F. All shooters are Class A for Singles (and Doubles if applicable). HDC per ATA assigned yardage, if applicable.
- G. Big 50 will be conducted per ATA rules. Scores will be turned into ATA only for those entered and competing in the Big 50.
- H. There are no trophies or options offered for these Big 50's.

Shoot Procedures:

- 1) ATA entry cards/forms *may* be used for registration. Therefore, ATA plastic cards are needed for imprinting on the multi-copy forms. *(If you don't have your card, we still need your ATA Number. Alternatively, ScoresR computer system may be used.)*
- 2) Big 50 ATA Registration must be declared prior to shooting and appropriate fees must be paid before shooting Big 50.
- 3) Registered and non-registered shooters may shoot together on same squad, so bring your friends.

2024 SHOTGUN IRONMAN COMPETITION

Best Overall Shotgunner in Combined Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand Sporting Clays, and Wobble Trap

Sunday, October 6th at 12:30pm

(or when open trap shooting ends, whichever is later) we will hold our annual Shotgun Ironman competition and hot dog lunch. This will be 1 round each of non-registered 16-yard trap, wobble trap, skeet, and 5-Stand for a total of 100 targets. Best total combined score wins the Club Title of 2024 Shotgun Ironman. *(Event to be held Rain, Shine, or Snow)*

- **Cost:** \$30 per person; \$25 youth* under 19
- **Open to the public** (*non-registered shoot*)
- **Hot Dog Lunch** (*included*) at Noon
- **Can use same shotgun or may use discipline-specific shotgun** (*a 410 competition may be added*)
- **NO heavy or hunting loads!** Must use standard target loads (size 7½ to 9 shot) for all events.
- **Winner gets trophy and Money Pot** (amount based on number of entrants).
- **If more than 10 participants, there will be a money Runner-up.** *Separate youth trophy.
- **Sign-up early or just come on out to the shoot!**

Contact 269-483-6803 for info or to sign up

YOUTH SHOOTERS are VERY WELCOME !



St. Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Inc. promotes the shotgun shooting sports through several active youth programs. Our county-wide club team is the **St. Joe County Straight Shooters** and has 5 certified shotgun coaches. The youth involved range in age from 9 years old (4H) to 22 years old (AIM), depending on the specific program. We believe the future of our sport will continue if we help our youth become responsible, active participants. The teams have received NRA Foundation and MidwayUSA Foundation Grants and donations from Pheasants Forever and SCTP to help support youth participation in these youth development programs. Call 269-483-6803 for details on these youth programs.

- **4-H Shooting Sports (Trap & Skeet)**
- **Scholastic Clay Target Program (Trap, Skeet, Sporting)**
- **AIM – Academics, Integrity, and Marksmanship (Trap)**
- **Michigan State High School Clay Target League (Trap)**





National Trapshooting Day – Oct 13

Shamrock Leather Trophies

● EVENT 1: Larry Dow Singles

100 Singles Targets/Trophies \$30, youth \$25

9 Trophies: Champion, High each class (A-D), Lady, Vet, Junior, SJ

Optional Lewis Purse:\$10

2 Classes, 60%/40% (ties divide money)

● EVENT 2: Jared Bennett Handicap

100 Handicap Targets/Trophies \$30, youth \$25

6 Trophies: Champion, Runner-Up, Third, Lady, Vet, Junior (*incl. SJ*).

Optional Lewis Purse:\$10

2 Classes, 60%/40% (ties divide money)

● EVENT 3: David Peace Doubles

50-pr Doubles Targets/Trophies..... \$30, youth \$25

4 Trophies: Champion, Runner-up, Lady, Junior (*incl. SJ*).

Optional Lewis Purse:\$10

2 Classes, 60%/40% (ties divide money)

● High Over All: National Trapshooting Day HOA Trophy

1 Trophy: Individual with the highest combined score. Must shoot all three events (300 targets) to be eligible.



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2023 National Trapshooting Day Champions



Larry Dow (SNG Champ), Jared Bennett (HDC Champ), David Peace (DBL Champ)



OPEN TRAP & SKEET – YEAR ROUND

- **TRAP** St Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club trap is open to the public “year-round” on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am and Tuesday Evenings at 6pm (*usually Mar - Nov*).
- **SKEET** The Club also has a Skeet Field open Sunday 9am & Tues 6pm (*on Tuesdays skeet usually runs Mar through Nov*).
- **5-STAND & Sporting Clays** The Club’s 5-Stand range has 8 machines, throwing Standard, Rabbit, and Midi targets. Open Sun 9am & Tues 6pm, weather permitting. (*5-Stand is closed in winter.*) **Some monthly Sporting Clays are planned in 2024.**
-  **Like us on Facebook!** See “**St. Joe County Conservation Club Trap Skeet 5-Stand**” for upcoming events and photos!

FALL & WINTER TRAP LEAGUES & BIG 50’S

St Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club Inc. runs both Fall and Winter Trap “Money Leagues”. Fall runs Sept – Nov; Winter runs Jan – Feb/Mar. Concurrent BIG 50 Shoots may run during the leagues. Go to the ATA website on-line at www.shootata.com for scheduled dates and program or call 269-483-6803 for more information on these Big 50 shoots.



ABOUT THE SJCCSC CLUB

The St. Joseph County Conservation and Sportsman Club, Inc. (SJCCSC) was established in 1937 to promote conservation, fishing, hunting*, and safe, ethical participation in the shooting sports. It has a non-profit 501 c (4) tax status. It has no paid employees. **However, there is no hunting on club property.*

The Club totals 182 acres and offers a wide range of amenities. There are 10 ranges for a variety of shooting opportunities, including trap, skeet, 5-Stand Sporting Clays, 100 and 200/300-yard rifle ranges, two handgun ranges, Cowboy Action Shooting, a 4-H target archery range, and a 3-D archery course. The Club holds IDPA shoots, cowboy action shoots, muzzleloading shoots, high-power and smallbore rifle shoots, and registered ATA trap shoots. CPL classes are available. The Club supports youth involvement through Hunter Safety Education classes, 4-H Shooting Sports, Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) & AIM shotgun teams, and a Scholastic Rifle & Pistol (SASP) team. The club also hosts several high school trap teams that participate in the Michigan High School Clay Target League.

The clubhouse contains a break room, meeting/classroom, and has indoor handicap assessable restrooms.

Our club is affiliated with MUCC, Michigan United Conservation Clubs. For 80+ years, MUCC has been the First Voice for Michigan’s Out-of-Doors. MUCC speaks for hunters, anglers, conservationists and the wild animals, wild places and wild adventures they love. MUCC is the only conservation organization in Michigan that works on all the top conservation and environmental issues facing the state. Their policy focuses work in 5 areas: -Sportsman’s Heritage, -Restoration, -Habitat, -Access, and -Protection.

