



FLAT RIVER

Conservation Club Newsletter

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MEAT SHOOT

Meat Shoot

Saturday June 25th - 9 am till noon

Flat River Conservation Club

Shooting 10 shot - Trap - Skeet - 5 Stand
Shotgun "Bullseye Target"

1st Place Steak - 2nd Place another meat
Fun for All - Bring your friends

Flat River Conservation Club -- 8 miles North of Geenville, MI
on M - 91



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What has been happening out here.

The 5 trees that threatened the roof of the East clubhouse have been taken down.



The blocked drain in the woman's restroom in East clubhouse has been repaired and a new stool installed.



The Board has approved a lighting project for the East clubhouse that will upgrade failing fixtures, brighten the place up and is projected to save on the energy bill at over \$300 a year.

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The first **Wild game Dinner** held last March was a huge success. Those in attendance enjoyed a wide array of wild game offerings. A fun auction was had held by a new auctioneer. Proceeds from the event were in the area of \$1,700.



The East clubhouse is open for 22 cal. shooting on Weds. Mornings.

By the time you receive this first Lead Removal on the rifle/pistol berms should be complete. We e mailed those members who have provided an e mail address in advance of the project and it was discussed at recent meetings.



The "Ducks Unlimited" shoot provided a good return to the club.

Thanks to all the volunteers that helped pull this off.

The new 7 yard pistol range is up and running and looks like it is being used. A roof will be placed over the shooting area this summer.

Rotomill (ground asphalt from M-91) has been placed on the driveways.

The Sporting Clays course has been opened up in the woods.

There is some new signage up on the West side advising those that pull in of the times the club is open for shot gunning, who to contact to rent the hall, how to get a membership or sign up for a CPL/CCW class and that the rifle / pistol range is for members only.

Access to the shotgun range is now denied anyone that pulls in when we are not open, a gate has been installed and much of the fence is in.

New volunteer operators are running Sporting Clays on Sunday, thanks Tiff for running it in the past. The course will be changed monthly.

The Scholastic Clay Target "Skeet" team has been performing well. Erick Deiters was the HOA shooter at a recent event in the Detroit area. A couple of very promising new shooters have joined the program.



Recent Rifle event generated enough funds to purchase two .22 cal rifles to be used in the Hunter Safety Classes.

Our first Registered Skeet shoot is under our belt, we had some shooters even though it rained.

With the help of several volunteers we pulled off our leg of the first 400 target Michigan Sporting Classic, participation wasn't what we hoped for but we made some money.

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The Concealed Pistol License classes (CCW classes) are held on the second Saturday of each month except December and March. This is accomplished with a total volunteer effort. Hands on range time offers 1 on 1 range instruction. Members enjoy a real price break for this class.

The 5 Stand course made it through its first winter. It is up and running and will be changed no less than monthly. The course offers Sporting Clays in a compact 25 target format. We have five different shooting levels starting with something for the beginner to the more accomplished.

Even though times aren't the greatest, our bank balance looks pretty good for this time of the year. We are meeting our expenses and are able to spend on maintenance and improvements.

Thanks again, to those that volunteer to keep the club up and running.



What is on the horizon?

"A Taste of Italy" We are fortunate to be able to provide members and guests the opportunity to enjoy some authentic Italian cuisine, not something out of a box or jar. Featuring the "Pierantoni" family recipe for Spaghetti and Meatballs and the "Dovich" family recipe for Baked Ziti.

This is a potluck fundraiser (they furnish the entrée) and will be held in our air conditioned East clubhouse on Saturday July 23rd. Details follow and reservations are required. Contact anyone running any event if you would like to donate something for the auction or raffle.

"Where is the Beef" ----- by golly it's right here. A **Meat Shoot** will be held on Saturday June 28th starting at 10 am. Will be shooting Trap – Skeet – 5 Stand and some still targets where luck is more of a factor than skill. Bring you skill and luck and friends to meet up at this fun event. Will try our best to see that everyone can take home some meat.

We hear there may be a **Big Pig** visiting the club this fall and being served up on a plate.



A Members Appreciation day will be held on Saturday July 9th from 9 am to 2 pm. at the West clubhouse with 5 Stand – Skeet – Trap available at \$3.50 a line.

Thank You!

There will be something to eat. Come out and bring someone that may be interested in learning what it is too shoot these fun events and see what a complete shotgun facility we have. Prior members will be invited.

Side by Side Sporting Clays Shoot Sunday July 31st

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3 Shot Sporting Clays Shoot Sunday September 18th

Expanded Summer Hours for Shot-gunners – open 10 am to 2 pm on Wed. for 5 Stand – Skeet – Trap.



In addition to the normal Wed & Thur. 6:30 till 9 Sundays 9am to 2pm for Sporting Clays – 5 Stand - Skeet

Leagues will be forming for shot-gunners

Did you know that you are in the minority?

The National Shooting sented the results of This survey yields a 95 and has a sampling er-percentage points.

Out of the over 18 the United States 15 participates in some ing. (18.4% in the Mid-



Sports foundation has pre-their 2009 shooting survey. percent confidence level ror of plus or minus 1.08

years of age population in percent of the population type of target sport shoot-West)

The participation rate figures look like this:

11%	rifle target shooting	(12.7% in the Mid-West)
10%	handgun target shooting	(11.7% in the Mid-West)
3.3%	trap shooting	(5.5% in the Mid-West)
3.1%	skeet shooting	(3.7% in the Mid-West)
3.7%	sporting clays shooting	(4.5% in the Mid-West)

This same survey indicates that there are two identifiable age groups that do the majority of target shooting, those younger than age 35 and those people from 45 to 54 years old. Shooters are predominately from rural areas or small cities and towns.

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Hunter Safety Classes

We are fortunate to have three club members that volunteer and team up to teach these classes. Participants get some "hands on" firearm experience.

Two separate sessions to choose from: August 4th, 5th & 6th and September 15th, 16th & 17th. Must attend all three days

A session consists of Classes on Thursday & Friday from 6 pm to 9 pm and Class on Saturday from 8 to 4 pm

Go to flatriver.org for more information



Rifle / Pistol



There are many activities throughout the year.

In January the indoor .22 pistol league starts the first Monday and runs for 12 weeks.

The indoor .22 rifle league starts in May and runs through the middle of June. Another .22 rifle league starts in September and meets for 12 weeks in the fall.

This past March the rifle range committee put on an indoor .22 rifle shoot. We had pretty good turnout, with no less than 24 shooters. The money from that shoot will be used to buy two new single shot .22s to be used for Hunter Safety classes.

We have added a 7 yard – 21 feet pistol range for our members and we plan on installing a canopy later this summer.

Not many rifle ranges in West Michigan offer a 200 yard, 100 yard, 50 yard, 25 yard and 7 yard place to bring your rifles and pistols to enjoy the shooting sports.

Don't forget we hold an Annual Public Sight In Days the two weekends prior to deer season. Sight in days this year are November 4th and 5th and November 11th and 12th. This is a fun event that takes lots of volunteers. Come and bring your rifle and have a pancake. We will be having a pancake breakfast for a charge of \$5.00. Sight In Days are open both to the public and members.

For more information on all upcoming events please visit our website at:
flatriver.org

Ted Barber, Chair – Rifle Range Committee, member Board of Directors

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CPL/CCW Class - 2nd Saturday of each month except December and March
Advance Registration Required

Meat Shoot

10 Shot Trap – Skeet – 5 Stand & Shotgun “Bulls-eye”
Saturday -- June 25th
See flyer for more details

Members Appreciation Day

Skeet – Trap – Wobble Trap – 5 Stand
Shotgun “Bingo”
Hot Dogs on the grill
Saturday July 9th - 9 am to 2 pm

“a Taste of Italy”

Saturday – July 23rd
Potluck fundraiser with authentic entrée of Spaghetti and Meatballs and Baked Ziti
See flyer for more details

Side X Side Classic

74 Sporting Clays over 12 stations and 26 Wobble Trap
Sunday July 31st

Hunter Safety Class

August 4th, 5th and 6th

Registered Sporting Clays Shoot

Saturday August 6th

The Big Pig – Pig Roast

Saturday August 27th

Fall Indoor .22 cal Rifle League

Starts in September runs for 12 weeks

Possible Side X Side Event

Saturday Sept. 10th

Hunter Safety Class

September 15th, 16th and 17th

3 Shot Sporting Clays Shoot

Sunday Sept. 18th

Indoor Rifle Shoot - .22 cal.

Saturday Sept. 24th
\$15 for 3 targets

Registered Skeet Shoot

Sunday September 25

Public Sight In Days and Pancake Breakfast

November 4th & 5th and 11th & 12th

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“A Taste of Italy”



“A taste of Italy” Spaghetti & Meatballs and Baked Ziti from the “Pierantoni and Dovichi family recipes”.

*Flat River Conservation Club
Saturday - July 23rd
in our Air Conditioned East Club-
house*



*Happy Hour 4:30 (BYOB)
Dinner 6:00 Auction/Raffle follows*

*This is a potluck fundraiser for the club.
Adults \$6 - Children ages 12-6 \$3*



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We know what the “Pierantoni and Dovichi families” will be bringing but so that our Italian Chef’s may prepare the correct quantities we must have reservations from you and an indication of what you will bring, choose from: Appetizer – Salad – Dessert – Bread.

***Deadline for Reservations is Wednesday July 20th..** You may sign up at either clubhouse when open or call 616 548-5386 to make your reservation.*

Bring your table service. We need you and your food item and anything you might care to donate for the auction/ raffle.