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Black Powder

Back in March, just before the war started, we had the March Woods-Walk. It was well attended, with about 6 or 8 shooters. I decided to bring my flintlock as the regulars are frequently urging me to do. Now I have a very nice flintlock that was made for me by Jim Klein in the style of Jacob Dickert. I have shot it a few times and was beginning to think I was getting the hang of it. Well, I am, but not as fast as I thought. At the woods walk, I simply couldn't get the darn thing to go off. Sparking was excellent and there was a lot of "flash in the pan". Then I noted that it was difficult to pick the vent hole.....

THIS IS WHEN I LEARNED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOULING SCRAPER TOOL IN FLINTLOCK MAINTAINENCE. A scraper is a fitting for your ramrod that is basically a rectangular piece that fits the bore size. A typical one is shown here. It lets you scrape the fouling from the bottom of the barrel. And boy, did I scrape a lot of foul-

ing. Now gentle reader, please note that I am adept at cleaning modern firearms and that I have no issues with my percussion gun either. In the case of the percussion gun, I use the plastic tube that fits in place of the nipple and allows a scrubbing motion in hot soapy water through the breech area. I get it clean. The evidence shows that in the few times I have been shooting my flintlock my cleaning has not been effective. I used patches and a brush. I thought I was getting everything clean. It turns out that this was not the case. I was doing a great job getting it about 90-95% clean. Unfortunately, that other 5-10% was getting compacted in the breech. This did not really affect performance until this hard cake of carbon reached the vent hole. Then I was doomed as described above at the Woods Walk. After much work with the scraper (Thanks, Marty), I was able to get a lot of hard crusted carbon out. But it wasn't until I

got home and disassembled the rifle that I could really clean it. I put stockless barrel in a soapy water solution such that the vent was in the solution and was able to clean ala the percussion rifle cleaning method. As I cleaned, I even found a piece of a brass brush stuck in the carbon cake! The breech is now perfectly clean. It is not good practice to take your fancy flintlock apart like this

on a regular basis. So, the moral to the story is you need a scraper with your flintlock kit to make sure you get all the carbon out. Flintlocks, there is so much to learn!



Walter Opdycke

Rifle

Well, a lot has happened in the last month and most of it has not been good. The country has been reeling from the effects of a sneak attack by a new enemy, a deadly virus, COVID-19. Now, the whole population is hunkered down in their personal bunkers waiting for this viral barrage to slow or cease. It has been mostly a defensive battle with first responders, health and hospital workers fighting a desperate rear-guard action. Despite their heroic efforts, we continue to lose lives. We all hope and pray that a vaccine and effective medicines will be found so we can get out of the bunkers and counterattack this

evil virus.

Usually in this space I am writing about the upcoming activities on the rifle range. Indeed, the leagues should just be starting up. As of this writing, we are still closed but we hope that once the storm has passed, we can get back to some semblance of normalcy. Since you are stuck in the basement anyway, it's time to get all that reloading done. I've basically been doing that. For each cartridge type that I reload, I am loading until I run out of components. When we finally do get to go out and shoot, I should be set for a couple years.

Walter Opdycke

New email for P & K submissions

dscpkemail@gmail.com

Please send in original format only

**Next General
Membership Meeting
June 3 @ 8 p.m.**

**ALL DSC SCHEDULED EVENTS are subject to Michigan's
Stay at Home Order. Please confirm each event
with it's organizers.**

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10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Wed & Thur 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sat & Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

(Jun-Sep)

Wed & Thur 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sat & Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Sat & Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Association
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USA Archery
USA Shooting

May Black Powder RSOs

Monday 5:30 p.m. -

5/4	Uwe Pearl	Gerry Ridener
5/11	Greg Campbell	Dave Pierce
5/18	Mark Mendola	Jeff Meier
5/25	Closed	

Thursday 6 p.m. -

5/7	Mark Mendola	Rod Stumpf
5/21	Jim Estes	Rod Stumpf

Thursday 6 p.m. -

5/14	Larry Mullen	Dave Lidgley
5/28	Ken Ross	Don Hugdahl

2020 Clinton River Muzzleloaders Events

B.P. Woods Walks are for traditional muzzleloaders.

Period Dress is encouraged. Black Powder events :

Mini-Rendezvous... Every Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Shoot'en N Food N Fun.

Black Powder Cartridge Practice: Rifle Range, Mondays from 5:30 p.m.-dusk going May thru Sept. Black Powder Sight-in and practice Thursdays during the summer starting at 6 p.m.

		15-Aug	Special WW (CF Pistol)
3-May	BP Woods Walk	13-Sep	BP Woods Walk
16-May	Special WW (Service Rifle)	26-Sep	Special WW (22 Rifle)
14-Jun	BP Woods Walk	11-Oct	Memorial Shoot
20-Jun	Special WW (22 Pistol)	24-Oct	Special (Lever Action)
12-Jul	BP Wood Walk	15-Nov	BP Woods Walk
9-Aug	BP Woods Walk	13-Dec	BP Woods Walk

Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Outdoor JOAD Archery Class

Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) is a program of USA Archery that helps archers to enjoy the sport recreationally or progress to the excitement of competition!

Are you interested in archery?

Then sign up for our summer archery JOAD class. We have certified USA Archery instructors to help you and your family learn about archery. Instructors provide insightful lessons that are fun and safe. We teach range rules, proper shooting techniques, equipment, and much more. Grab a friend and family member and come sign up for an entertaining summer. No one is too young or too old to shoot archery.

This class is for everyone - Youth & Adults

DATES: 1st half: May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25,
2nd half: July 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27
Aug. 27 is a special shoot and awards banquet.

Class Times: 6-7 p.m. Beginners ~ 7-8 p.m. Advanced

FEES: DSC Members \$125 Non-Members \$200
(Payable on the first day of class)

LOCATION: DSC outdoor range behind the clubhouse.
Meet at the clubhouse.

EQUIPMENT: All archery equipment (including personal safety equipment: arm guard, tab or glove) will be provided.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Recommend archers & guests bring a chair, sunglasses, hat, sunblock and a water bottle.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

E.C. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Beginner: _____ Advanced: _____

DSC Member No.: _____

USA Archery Member No.: _____

**RANGE OPEN
SHOOTING HOURS**

Archery 3D

(Apr - Sep)
Sat & Sun
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Black Powder

Tue 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Mon 6 p.m. - Dusk

Cowboy Action

(Apr-Oct)
Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
(Nov-Mar)
Sat 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
(May-Sep)
Wed 6 p.m.-Dusk

Pistol

Fri 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sat-Sun 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
586-739-3502

Rifle

(May-Sep)
Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Dec-Apr)
Sun 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
(Oct-Nov)
Check website or sight-in
flyer for dates and times

Skeet /Trap & Pro Shop

Wed-Thur 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sat-Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
586-739-3502

Sporting Clays/5-Stand

(Nov-Mar)
Wed, Thur, Sat & Sun
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Apr-May)
Wed & Thur 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat & Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Jun-Sep)
Wed & Thur 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat & Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Oct)
Wed & Thur 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat & Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO GOVERNOR'S ORDERS</p>	<p>PLEASE CALL FIRST</p>	<p>SEE PAGE 2 FOR CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS</p>
3	4	5
<p>Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Open Pistol 10am-2pm PO Sporting Rifle 9am-11am RR Open Rifle - CLOSED</p> <p>Woods Walk Reg 10am-11:30am</p>	<p>Black Powder 5:30-Dusk DP Open Pistol 6pm-Dusk PO</p>	<p>Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP USPSA Practice 5pm-8pm PO SB Sil & Sr Small Bore 5pm RR Sporting Rifle 6pm RR</p> 
10	11	12
<p>Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Open Pistol 10am-2pm PO Open Rifle - CLOSED</p> 	<p>Black Powder 5:30-Dusk DP Open Pistol 6pm-Dusk PO</p>	<p>Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP USPSA Practice 5pm-8pm PO SB Sil & Sr Small Bore 5pm RR Sporting Rifle 6pm RR</p>
17	18	19
<p>Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Open Pistol 10am-2pm BR Rifle - CLOSED</p> <p>Jr. Rifle Match 8am-4pm RR USPSA Match 8am-4pm Cowboy Match 8:30am</p>	<p>Black Powder 5:30-Dusk DP Open Pistol 6pm-Dusk PO</p> <p>BOD Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP USPSA Practice 5pm-8pm PO SB Sil & Sr Small Bore 5pm RR Sporting Rifle 6pm RR</p>
24	25	26
<p>Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Open Pistol 12pm-2pm PO Sporting Rifle 9am-11am RR Open Rifle 11am-4pm</p> <p>CB Wild Bunch Match 8:30am .22 Steel Match 9am-12pm PO</p>		<p>Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP USPSA Practice 5pm-8pm PO SB Sil & Sr Small Bore 5pm RR Sporting Rifle 6pm RR</p>
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We try to be accurate with this Calendar. Changes are sometimes missed, please call to verify before heading out to the club.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2 Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Open Pistol 10am-2pm PO USPSA Practice 2:30pm-5:30pm PO Service Rifle 9am-11am RR Smallbore Sil 4:30pm RR
6	7	8	9
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13	14	15	16
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20	21	22	23
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27	28	29	30
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	BA - Barn BR - Basement Range CG - Campground CH - Clubhouse DP - Delaney Park PO - Pistol Outdoor RR - Rifle Range SG - Shotgun		



Things we miss doing

The DSC lost three long time members recently.

Philomena Gehringer was a DSC life member and was a camper for more than 30 years. She was well known for her famous spaghetti & meatball fundraiser dinners.

Bill Mrdeza was a member of the rifle committee and long time range officer. He was active in many venues of the DSC.

Don Whiteside was a DSC life member and joined the club shortly after serving in WWII. He was very active. In the past, he ran the junior rifle program and was a hunter education instructor. Additionally, he was a camper and served on the DSC BOD as a director and first & second vice president.



CPL / CCW Refresher Course

LOCATION:

Detroit Sportsmen's Congress 49800 Dequindre Road, Shelby Twp., MI 48317 586-739-3500
(Shotgun range building)

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Class required for those who have a current CPL license to renew their license.

Recommend taking this class **3 months prior to expiration.**

Review changes to CPL and firearm laws.

Review fundamentals of handgun handling including, stance, aiming and shooting.

Includes structured practical handgun shooting exercises.

DATE & TIME:

One night class, **May 19** 7 - 10 p.m.

COST:

Non DSC Member \$75 DSC Member \$60 Add \$20, if gun and ammo are required and check box below.

REGISTRATION:

(PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED)

RETURN FORM TO ADDRESS BELOW, PAYMENT DUE AT CLASS

NAME: _____ **AGE: 21 or older** **SEX:** _____
(Name exactly as on your Driver's License)

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ (for confirmation/reminder only)

DSC Membership # : _____ **Return form to:** Bob Savo
53741 Tidal Lane, Shelby Twp., MI 48316 Phone: 248-651-8667

Start 5/19/20 Gun & ammo needed

Or Email back to rmsavo@ameritech.net



PISTOL SUMMER FUN LEAGUE

**.22 Caliber ON THE OUTDOOR RANGE
Monday evenings 6 p.m. to dusk**

May – Sept.

Course of fire

Five targets at 25 yards, Five rounds each.

10 sets of targets for the season

End of season banquet dinner

\$30 League Fee

**Nonmembers must also become
an Associate member for \$30**

Normal range fees for all

For information contact:

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Pat Anderson 248-227-1420

SKEET & TRAP

returns

FRIDAY NIGHTS

May – Oct . Every Friday night

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Open shooting for
members & nonmembers**

Unless posted otherwise

Regular range and ammunition fees.

Free instructions for

beginning shooters

DSC Scholarship Deadline

Extended until

1 June 2020

Call the office for more information

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Welcome New Members

The Detroit Sportsmen's Congress wants to welcome these new members. We congratulate you on your good choice in joining our club. Get involved in what you like and in what we have to offer. Getting involved does not mean work; it means enjoyment. We want each of you to be active in the years to come, making this a club for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for joining the DSC!

Fellow members please make them feel welcome!

LTC (Ret.) John	Walus
Patricia	Sanders
Matthew	Roberts
Christian	Burke

Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American,
to save and faithfully defend from waste,
the natural resources of my country,
its air, soil and minerals,
its forests, waters and wildlife.



P & K Submissions are due the **15th** of every month.
To: dscpkemail@gmail.com Please send in original format only.
Please include event photos.