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Next General Membership Meeting April 1, 7 p.m.

Pistol

Hello all, some work bees sound real easy until you dig into the amount of work needed to complete these tasks. Refreshing the pistol range backstop was one of the work bees that sounded easy, but, required many club members to complete the job.

To start we ordered 16 bags of rubber. Each bag was 4' x 4' x 6' and weighed 1 ton to have on hand ready to go.

Next we hired a company to vacuum out the lead and rubber out of the backstop. With a few problems, the backstop was empty in two and half days.

We then had to remove the sound deadening the material from the sides of the backstop and replace with steel to protect the basement walls. So we measured, cut templates and then cut the metal sheets. Next drag them into the basement, bolt and weld them in place.

One last step was to paint the fresh metal and then move new rubber into the backstop area. We had people outside shoveling rubber from bags into a chute down to two wheel barrels in basement. A wheel barrel filled with rubber isn't really heavy but can be challenging to move rubber up 12' into the rear wall of the back stop. So we had people manually moving shredded rubber in the backstop area and leveling it out to be 2' deep.

Winter in the basement range, dealing with black snow.

One problem came up, getting the rubber to the very top. An idea was pitched and sounded out of this world to help in moving the shredded rubber faster. Hence, a snow blower was carried down the stairs and we started dumping shredded rubber into snow blower and it did heavy lifting of moving shredded rubber into the upper area of backstop.

To recap, it took 4 hours to move 3 bags of rubber during Sunday and Monday we moved 13 bags of rubber in 10 hours for an overall total of 16 tons into the backstop.

The team did an outstanding job in getting this completed in a short time. We cleaned the pistol range floor and shooting area and were open for business next day. Within next couple of days, a fresh coat of paint was applied to backstop ramp and the chute, which had been used to move the rubber down the stairs, was disassembled.

I cannot say THANK YOU!!!! enough to all that helped in each of stage of the project. We should take a moment to reflect on all of the good things, we as a club, can do if we work together…. Thank you again…..

Devin Koski
Pistol Chairman

Additional photos on page 7.

Member of the Month

January member of the month, Devin Koski accepts his award from President Bill Saylor.

Save the Date

The annual DSC baseball game fundraiser for our junior programs at United Wholesale Mortgage Field (formerly Jimmy John's) will be Friday Aug. 14. Watch the P & K for the flyer when tickets can be purchased.

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(Apr. - Sept.)
Wed. & Thur. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri. 4-8 p.m. or dusk (May—Oct.)
(Year Round)
Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
586-739-3502

Sporting Clays & 5-Stand
586-739-2210
(Year Round)
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
(Nov. - Mar.)
Wed. & Thur. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Apr. - May & Oct.)
Wed & Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
(June - Sept.)
Wed. & Thur. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Clubhouse ~ *Ellen Studer*
Wed.—Fri 5 - 10 p.m.
Sat. 11 a.m.- 6 p.m., Sun. 12 - 6 p.m.
586-739-3501

Kitchen ~ Closed looking for a cook

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Clinton River Watershed Council
Ducks Unlimited
Gun Owners of America
Int'l. Practical Shooting Confed. (IPSC)
Michigan Archers Association
Michigan Assoc. of RVs & Campgrounds
Michigan Bow Hunters
Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners
Michigan Gun Owners
Michigan Rifle & Pistol Association
Michigan Skeet Association
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National Rifle Association
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P & K Submissions are due the **10th** of every month. Editable format only accepted. **dscpkemail@gmail.com** Photos make the paper.

Pete Taucher

Pete, a member from 2007, was very active with the rifle & pistol committees. Also he was an active law enforcement range officer.

Pete would often change his plans for the day if he was needed at the club.

DSC 90 Years

DSC website link for additional event photos

Clinton River Muzzleloaders 2026 Calendar of Events

7-Feb	Winterfest*	9-Aug	BP Woods Walk
8-Mar	BP Woods Walk	15-Aug	Centerfire Pistol WW*
12-Apr	BP Woods Walk	13-Sep	BP Woods Walk
3-May	BP Woods Walk	19-Sep	22 RF Rifle Woods Walk*
16-May	George Wildrick Service Rifle WW*	11-Oct	Memorial Shoot
14-Jun	BP Woods Walk	24-Oct	Centerfire Lever Action WW*
20-Jun	22 Pistol Woods Walk*	8-Nov	BP Woods Walk
12-Jul	BP Wood Walk	13-Dec	BP Woods Walk

*In case of cancellation, the makeup date will be the following Saturday

The Detroit Sportsmen's Congress and Clinton River Muzzleloaders are proud to present:

Winterfest 2026

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026 Registration from 10 a.m. - Noon
15-Shot Match featuring Primitive and Novelty Targets,
Tomahawk and Knife Throwing—Rain out date Feb. 14, 2026

Delaney Park, BP range, Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
49800 Dequindre Rd., Shelby Township, MI 48317
Phone: 586-739-3500 Web: www.dscweb.org
Day of Shoot: 586-382-9015

Other Black Powder events at DSC:

1 Mini-Rendezvous… Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Shoot 'N Food 'N Fun.
2 Indoor Range Shooting in the Shotgun Building Basement
Most Mondays from October through April, 6-8 p.m.
3 Open Shooting on the Rifle Range Mondays from 5:30 p.m. - dusk -- May through September.
4 Open sight-in and practice on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays during the summer months,
starting at 6p.m. on the Cowboy 50-yard Range.

CPL/CCW Refresher Course

LOCATION: Detroit Sportsmen's Congress, 49800 Dequindre Road, Utica, MI 48317 Phone: 586-739-3500 (Shotgun range building)

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 7 - 10 p.m. ☐ Feb. 17 ☐ Mar. 10 ☐ Apr. 21 **check box for desired class.**

COST: Non DSC Member $75 DSC Member $60 Add $25, if gun and ammo are required and check box.

REGISTRATION: REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CLASS SIZE 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 Or Email: rmsavo@ameritech.net

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Winterfest 2026

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026 Registration: 10 a.m. - Noon
15 Shot Match featuring: Primitive and Novelty Targets,
Tomahawk (Hawk) and Knife Throwing
Rainout Date is Feb. 14, 2026

Detroit Sportsmen's Congress 49800 Dequindre Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48317
Phone: DSC Office - 586-739-3500
Day of Shoot: - 586-382-9015 Web: www.dscweb.org

Rifle

Silhouette shooting started in Mexico as siluetas metalicas, which dates back to the early 20th century, where game animals were staked out at varying distances and shot at. Over time, this evolved to metallic silhouettes of animals starting in 1948. By the 1970s, the sport was quite popular in the southwest U.S., enough so that the NRA sponsored its first rifle silhouette match in 1973.

The metallic silhouettes of today are chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. Targets are generally set in rows—"banks"—of five targets, with two banks for each animal. This works out to a 40-shot course of fire. Chickens are the closest bank, with banks of pigs, turkeys and finally rams at increasing distances. All shooting is done from the standing position and the object of the game is to knock down the most targets. You have two and half minutes for five shots at each bank of animals.

The sport has expanded to include various types of firearms. Those include smalbore, highpower, cowboy lever action, pistol and air gun. We shoot two of those here at the DSC, smallbore and air gun, both pistol and rifle. The Cowboy committee also holds a special silhouette shoot once a year. Currently the winter air gun silhouette league is running through April. Smallbore silhouette shooting is one of the DSC rifle leagues shot from May to October on the rifle range.

For the air gun league we are shooting at paper silhouette targets in the DSC Dean Burnett archery range Tuesday evenings. Air rifles are shot at 30 yards and air pistols are shot at 18 yards. This is a fun league and most any air gun can be used. See the league flyer elsewhere in the P & K.

The smallbore league is shot on the small mounds on the right side of rifle range. Chickens are shot at 40 meters, pigs at 60 meters, turkeys at 77 meters and rams at 100 meters. You shot one animal and then rotate, so you shoot all four animals. We shoot two days a week, Tuesday and Saturday evenings, so there is plenty of time for practice.

All you need to get started is a .22 rifle with a scope and standard velocity lead bullet ammunition. High velocity and copper bullets will damage our targets and are not allowed. Iron sights are legal but not recommended because the light on range in the evening, makes it hard to see the targets without a scope. They are two types of rifle categories, hunting rifle and standard rifle. The hunting rifle is your basic .22 rifle, while the standard rifle is more of a purpose built competition rifle. You can use a hunting rifle in the standard category, but not the other way around. There are more rules and if you want to shoot actual matches, your rifle would have to conform to those rules. Here at the DSC, we will let you shoot a non-conforming rifle. Here is a link to the NRA rule book.
https://competitions.nra.org/media/9996/2025-silhouette_rifle_rulebook.pdf

Each year the DSC hosts the State Smallbore Silhouette Championship and this year it is the last weekend in August. This is a match where all rules must be met.

If you are interested, stop by a rifle committee meeting or come to one of the league nights and check it out.

Corey Salo

2026 DSC VALENTINE SHOOT

PRECISION RIFLE SHOOT

Sunday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. - Noon

Rimfire precision rifle shoot. All firing will be off sand bags, no bipods. Front rest only. Rear of the rifle has to be self-supported.

Equipment: Any rimfire either .17 or .22 caliber is allowed. Scopes highly recommended. Iron sights probably won't be able to see the target.

Course of Fire:
2 shots per "heart", 25 shots per target @ 50 yards
Shoot as many targets as you like.
Additional targets are $2 each.

Fees: Adults $10, Juniors $5

Open to the public

Questions: More information contact me directly. Corey Salo 586-944-3600
corey@cdsdes.com

DSC website

Hosted by the D.S.C. Rifle Committee

DSC 49800 Dequindre, Utica, MI 48317
DSC Office: 586-739-3500

2026 DSC WINTER INDOOR SILHOUETTE AIR GUN FUN LEAGUE

January through April

Get out once a week and shoot some air guns with friends. This is a 16-week fun league for both air rifle and air pistol. Instead of the traditional steel targets, we will be shooting paper targets.

Air rifle will be shot at 30 yards. Air pistol will be shot at 18 yards. All targets are sized for stated distance. All shooting is done from the standing position. There will be white or black targets to use, whichever the shooter prefers.

Location: Dean Burnett Indoor Archery Range.

Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. First night, Jan. 6, last night to record a score April 21. Banquet Thursday April 30.

Equipment: Any air gun of either .177 or .22 caliber is allowed. Sights can be iron or scope. There is no limit on magnification. Red dots are allowed. Pellets only, no BB's. No shooting jackets other than a shotgun vest and no slings allowed.

DSC Website

Course of Fire: Pistol is 10 shots per animal, four animals per target, 40 shots per target. The animals are chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams.
Rifle is five shots per animal, with two of each animal, 40 shots per target.
Scores are strictly hit or miss, so 40 is top score on a target. Any shot touching the target line will be scored a hit. Four half hour relays an evening are planned. No time limit, shoot at your own pace. Sighting targets are also included, as needed.

Divisions: We have four divisions. Optical and iron sights for each, rifle and pistol.

Fees: League $20, $25 for nonmembers for first division. Additional divisions at $5 each. Range fees are the normal rifle / pistol fees (member $8, member w/work hours $6, junior $5 and non-member $20). The league fees will go to prizes and a simple end of season banquet consisting of pizza, sandwiches or something similar.

Competition: Competitors must have eight scores submitted in their division to be eligible to win a prize. There is no limit to the number of scores that can be submitted. Winners will be determined by their eight highest scores. There must be at least two competitors per division to win an award. **You must beat someone.**

Rules: As is this a fun league, the rules are fairly lax. Basically shoot what you have and have fun. If you are interested in the official rules, here is the link: https://competitions.nra.org/media/8911/2023-silhouette-rifle-rules.pdf The rules cover all forms of silhouette shooting not just air gun.

Questions: More information contact Corey Salo 586-944-3600 corey@cdsdes.com

Notes: If you want to just come out and shoot an air gun that is fine as long as we have room. League shooters have precedence.

Detroit Sportsmen's Congress

49800 Dequindre, Utica, MI 48317 DSC Office: 586-739-3500 dscweb.org

DSC ARCHERY

Indoor 3D Shoot

Stay warm and shoot 30, 3-D targets indoors and get a bowl of

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026 **Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Registration starts 9:30 a.m. in DSC archery range

COSTS:

Adults $20

Youth $10 (under 16)

Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
49800 Dequindre Road
Shelby Twp, Mi 48317

Info Contact:
Don Przybilski
586 484-9563

Crew working on the steel for the sides of the backstop.

For printable and most up to date calendar go to the DSC website. http://dscweb.org/coming-events or use QR code. Click on: Club monthly master calendar at the top of the page.

RANGE HOURS

Archery 3D Outdoor
(Apr. - Sept.)
Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Archery Indoor
(Nov.—Mar.)
Sun. 2 – 5 p.m.

Black Powder
Hotline: 586-382-9015
(May.-Sep.) Mon. 6-8 p.m. R.R.
(Oct.-Apr.) Mon. 6-8 p.m. B.R.
Tue. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ~ BP

Cowboy Action
(Apr.-Oct.) Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
(Nov.-Mar.) Sat. 10 a.m.-Noon
(May-Sept.) Wed. 6 p.m.-Dusk

Pistol
(May-Sept.) Outdoor
(Oct.-Apr.) Indoor
Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Rifle
(May-Sept.)
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

Pro Shop
Skeet/Trap/5-Stand
586-739-3502
(Apr.-Sept.)
Wed. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(May-Oct.)
Fri. 4 - 8 p.m. or dusk
(Year Round)
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sporting Clays/5-Stand
586-739-2210 (Year Round)
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Nov.-Mar.)
Wed. & Thur. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Apr., May & Oct.)
Wed. & Thur. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(June-Sept.)
Wed. & Thur. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Clubhouse 586-739-3501

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1	GROUND HOG DAY 2	3
Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Open Pistol 10am to 2pm BR Rifle Open 11am-3pm Archery Work Bee 3-5pm **Intermediate CPL Pract 5p-7p BR** **Archery Chili Shoot 10am-3pm** **Groundhog Day Shoot 11am RR** **S&T Meeting 2pm SG**	SR Small Bore 2p-4p BR Open Pistol 6pm BR *Black Powder RO's available JOAD 10:30am-12pm **7-8pm Pistol Mtg SG**	Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP Air Gun Silhouette Lg 6:30-9 IA USPSA Open Shoot 5pm-8pm BR
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY 8	9	10
Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Rimfire Sporter 8am-10am BR Open Pistol 10am to 2pm BR Rifle Open 11am-3pm	SR Small Bore 2p-4p BR Open Pistol 6pm BR *Black Powder RO's available **JOAD Banquet & Fun Shoot** **10:30am-12pm**	Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP Air Gun Silhouette Lg 6:30-9 IA USPSA Open Shoot 5pm-8pm BR
15	PRESIDENTS DAY 16	MARDI GRAS—SHROVE TUESDAY 17
Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Rifle Open 11am-3pm OPEN PISTOL CLOSED **USPSA Match 8am-4pm BR** **Valentine Shoot 10am-12pm RR**	SR Small Bore 2p-4p BR Open Pistol 6pm BR *Black Powder RO's available	Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP Air Gun Silhouette Lg 6:30-9 IA USPSA Open Shoot 5pm-8pm BR **CPL Refresher 8pm BR**
22	23	24
Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Rifle Open 11am-3pm Rimfire Sporter 8am-10am BR Open Pistol 10am to 2pm BR **Beginner CPL Pract 5p-7p BR** **JR Rifle Match 8am-5pm BR** **Winter Fun Trap Shoot**	SR Small Bore 2p-4p BR Open Pistol 6pm BR *Black Powder RO's available **BOD Meeting 6:30PM CH**	Mini-Rendezvous 9am-3pm DP Air Gun Silhouette Lg 6:30-9 IA USPSA Open Shoot 5pm-8pm BR

Notice! This calendar may change after publication, please verify events with the venue and/or website. {See left margin.}

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	**5**	**6**	**7**
Sporting Clays 10am-4:00pm PPC 6pm-9pm BR JOAD 6pm-8pm Archery Spot Lg 8-10pm **General Membership Mtg Cancelled**	Sporting Clays 10am-4:00pm Open Archery 4pm-5:30pm Archery Spot Lg 6-8pm Bullseye 5pm BR **Rifle Committee Mtg 7:30 CH**	Open Pistol 10am - 2pm BR Jr. Pistol 6-7:30pm BR Jr. Rifle 7:30pm BR	Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Open Pistol 10am-2pm BR USPSA Open Shooting 2:30-5:30pm BR Cowboy Practice 10am-12:30pm Basic Archery 11am-1pm **BP Winterfest Reg 10am-12pm**
11	**ABE LINCOLN BIRTHDAY 12**	**13**	**VALENTINES DAY 14**
Sporting Clays 10am-4:00pm PPC 6pm-9pm BR JOAD 6pm-8pm Archery Spot Lg 8-10pm	Sporting Clays 10am-4:00pm Open Archery 4pm-5:30pm Archery Spot Lg 6-8pm Bullseye 5pm BR **WOA Meeting 7:00 SG**	Open Pistol 10am - 2pm BR Jr. Pistol 6-7:30pm BR Jr. Rifle 7:30pm BR	Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Pistol CLOSED USPSA Match Setup 8am-4pm BR Basic Archery 11-1pm IA **Cowboy Mtg 10am CH**
ASH WEDNESDAY 18	**19**	**FISH FRY 20**	**21**
Sporting Clays 10am-4:00pm PPC 6pm-9pm BR JOAD 6pm-8pm Archery Spot Lg 8-10pm **BP Meeting 7pm CH**	Sporting Clays 10am-4:00pm Bullseye 5pm BR Open Archery 4pm-5:30pm Archery Spot Lg 6-8pm	Open Pistol 10am - 2pm BR Jr. Pistol 6-7:30pm BR Jr. Rifle 7:30pm BR **PRE-ORDERED Fish Fry 5pm-8pm CH**	Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Open Pistol 10am-2pm BR USPSA Open Shooting 2:30-5:30pm BR Cowboy Practice 10am-12:30pm Basic Archery 11-1pm IA **Junior Rifle Match 8am-5pm BR**
25	**26**	**FISH FRY 27**	**28**
Sporting Clays 10am-4:00pm PPC 6pm-9pm BR JOAD 6pm-8pm Archery Spot Lg 8-10pm	Sporting Clays 10am-4:00pm Bullseye 5pm BR Open Archery 4pm-5:30pm Archery Spot Lg 6-8pm	Open Pistol 10am - 2pm BR Jr. Pistol 6-7:30pm BR Jr. Rifle 7:30pm BR **PRE-ORDERED Fish Fry 5pm-8pm CH**	Sporting Clays 10am-3:30pm Skeet/Trap Open 10am-4pm Pistol CLOSED Cowboy Practice 10am-12:30pm Archery Work Bee 1:30-3pm

DETROIT SPORTSMEN'S CONGRESS ~ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Jan. 7, 2026

President (B. Saylor**):** Asked for a moment of silence for 2 recently passed members: Bob Ewart and Pete Taucher. Then he recognized the past presidents and life members present. Additional comments were: With winter weather here now, be cautious regarding snow and ice conditions. Each venue needs to ensure walkways, steps, ramps etc are cleared and treated (salt) – and help at the clubhouse and office if you can. Additional salt is available – contact the office as needed – or just go pick it up. Still need help with snow removal including helping Al McGee at sporting clays. Note, there will not be general membership meetings in February and March due to weather and safety considerations.
1st Vice President: (J. Klobuchar) Reinforced President Saylor's caution about ice and snow conditions – be safe.
2nd Vice President: (R. Plante) Not present, no report.
Secretary's Report: (T. Crockatt) Reminded members that the Dec. meeting minutes are in the P&K and in the clubhouse.
Treasurer's Report: (R. Savo) Nov. financials: BOD approved (also posted in the clubhouse). Nov.: income = $54,032; expenses = $89,157; net = $(35,124) YTD: income = $985,139; expenses = $909,911; net = $75,228. Mr. Savo commented that Nov. expenses will get adjusted once determinations are made regarding capital expenses. He also cautioned that 2025 has seen rising expenses throughout the year affecting net revenue.
Trustee: (T. Murphy) No report.
Trustee: (E. Silarski) Indicated he'd have the individual committee budgets distributed by next month.
Trustee: (C. Salo) No report.
Chairman's Report: (J. Lupi) The BOD met Dec. 15 with first order of business being President Saylor swearing in the newly elected directors and trustee. Mr. Lupi was then elected BOD chairman. Chairman Lupi announced the formation of the SOP committee and requested committees submit their SOP changes for review. He also briefly reported on the financial study team that's been meeting for 3 months (studying expenses and revenues). These business items were then discussed: Motion to approve DSC 2026 Budget was approved. Motion to approve pilot DSC podcast with $250 cost annually was approved. The suggestion to hold a committee chairman meeting with the Life Member committee is being planned.
Elections: Mr. LaBounty's motion to destroy the 2025 ballots was approved.
Operations Manager: Ms. Palmer reminded that committee inventories are due ASAP – especially for sellable items.
Member of the Month: December member of the month is Devin Koski.
New Members: None present.
Committee Reports:
Archery: The December work bee volunteers were thanked. Winter JOAD is on-going through March on Wednesdays. Indoor spot league starts in January on Thursday. 3-D Chili shoot will be held feb. 1. Basic archery class begins in January on Saturdays. A super Sunday shoot (includes bowl of soup) is planned for Jan 18.
Black Powder: No report.
Camping: Closed until April 1.
Clubhouse: Mr. Klobuchar reported a trivia night (with dinner) is planned for Jan 30. Questions on six subjects with a $5 per team entry fee – winners take the entry fee pot.
Life Member: The 2026 committee meeting schedule is now set.
Cowboy: Cowboy is practicing outdoors Saturday's 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – dependent on weather/temperatures. No matches until next spring. Mr. Estes is always looking for help painting – so contact him to help. Get salt as needed for your venues/ranges.
Membership & Show, Conservation: Next new member is Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. in clubhouse – there will be no February orientation. Numerous conservation topics from DNR, the highlights are: (see Mr. Duey for additional info). DNR has a multitude of webinars available on topics such as: EGLE wastewater information and guidelines. EGLE composting info. Not my species info. DNR has identified another invasive mussel that attacks "good" mussels. DNR has completed collection of trout and salmon eggs – 16 million. DNR has made additional public land acquisitions – 8500 acres in pigeon area. DNR seeking a resident artist for the Porcupine area. Multiple DNR 5k runs are being planned. DNR January meetings are on website. EGLE great lakes report on accomplishments is posted on DNR website. DNR has posted recommendations on what food and water to store (safely) in event of a power loss. DNR has designated January as Radon action month – recommending testing every 2-5 years depending on the area. Radon prone/affected areas have been identified (map on website). Feb. 7 starts sturgeon lottery. Weekend of Jan. 9-11 is free trail riding (snowmobiles). DNR January newsletter has info on ice fishing and where they are seeking summer season volunteers.
Education: CPL classes in January are Jan. 12, 13 & 19 – with CPL– refresher Jan. 20. CPL classes are also planned for February and March. Metallic cartridge reloading class is Saturday Mar. 14. Junior rifle class is Mar. 28 & 29. See website education tab for the specific class dates.

Promotion & Photography: Mr. Pierce commended Mr. Silarski for his efforts to keep the website and Facebook page updated. Reminder to contact Mr. Pierce for photos of your events to be posted on web and Facebook.
Pistol: The new pistol chairman, Devin Koski. He thanked all the volunteers for the very successful basement range backstop refurbishment – completed a day ahead of schedule.
P&K: Articles and photos (captions and full names) are always needed for the P&K - submissions due by tenth of the month.
Rifle: December cookie shoot had 15 shooters: 1st (score of 25) Russ Bradford, with Corey Salo & Jim Rhodes going 1st (5) and 2nd (4) for the pot. Poker shoot had 9 shooters: 1st Alexandra Mikitchook, 2nd Jaxon Fisher, 3rd Dean Papadolos (all 3 Juniors!). Jan. 18 is biathlon shoot at 50 yards (25 bench & 25 standing, $10 adults & $5 youth – 10 a.m. – noon). Feb. 1 is annual ground hog shoot: bring six 2-liter bottles of water or diet soda (only diet!); adults shoot at 200 yards, youth can shoot half liter bottles at 50 yards - $10 adults/$5 youth). Rimfire sporter league shoots select Sundays 8 – 10 a.m. in basement. Air gun league is on-going through April. Open shooting is now Sundays 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Check the P&K and website for more information. Next committee meeting is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.
Skeet & Trap: Mr. Klobuchar summarized the busy December activities just concluded (Toys 4 Tots shoot, team 5-stand, and Dec. 31 black light shoot). 2026 will see a monthly fun shoot on fourth Sunday of the month (up to December) – with drawing held at the end for regular participants. Then spring will see other shoots as well. The BOD approved plans to enclose 5 stand are progressing.
Sporting Clays: President Saylor confirmed the Wed., Thurs., Sat. and Sun. open days - see P&K for times. SCTP will re-start in March and additional juniors are always welcome. The annual SCTP Michigan banquet is Jan. 24 and is already sold out. He noted that the money generated stays in Michigan to support the program.
WOA: No report.
Website & Facebook: Mr. Silarski reminded all committees to submit articles and photos (with captions). Currently the DSC Facebook page has 2,500 followers and Mr. Pierce commented that with constant Facebook updates we could boost the number of followers. Also remember to report committee changes to website (Mr. Silarski) and P&K.
Work Hours: Done and available next 1-2 days. Reminder to print full name legibly, fill in all entries, and use correct member number! Both the hard and electronic copies of the work sheets need to be submitted. Submit sheets monthly!
Member Comments: Mrs. Christine Tonegatto-Salo reported on the Toys 4 Tots shoots: Archery 99 toys; Rifle 90 toys; and shotgun and the range building also collected toys – thanks to everyone. She also confirmed that the 2026 Jimmy Johns baseball game fund raiser will be Aug. 14.
Old Business: None.
New Business / Member Comments: The rifle biathlon shoot was corrected to be on Jan. 18.
Monthly member drawing: James Glavin – was not in attendance.
50/50 drawing: Won by Mathew Moses.
Meeting Adjourned: Motion approved at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by:
Terry Crockatt, Secretary

Archery

The Basic Archery class also began last month with 11 participants and the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) continues Wednesdays through March 11. Outdoor JOAD is scheduled to begin at the end of April.

The Archery Committee also began the Indoor Spot League Thursday, Jan. 8 after some last-minute turmoil regarding fees. This issue was resolved a day before the league started but resulted in increased league shooting rates. Due to the increase, there are several confirmed drops from the Archery Spot League due to the non-member rate.

The Archery Committee saw a similar reduction in weekend open shooting participation last summer. Based on feedback from non-members, this was largely due to the archery open shooting rate increase for non-members implemented last April. Overall, there is a poor outlook for Archery Committee revenue in 2026. The archery committee is committed to doing our best to improve the situation and we have been working on proposed solutions. Stay tuned :).

Jamie Ploof

SHOTGUN WINTER FUN SHOOTS

Jan. 25, Sunday ~ SKEET
Feb. 22, Sunday ~ TRAP
Mar. 29, Sunday ~ 5-STAND

NO EVENT FEE

EVENT: 50 TARGETS (2 rounds)
WHERE: Shotgun Range Building
WHEN: See above dates
TIME: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
49800 Dequindre Rd, Shelby Twp. MI
ProShop: 586-739-3502

24th ANNUAL

DSC Groundhog Day Shoot

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026

Kids and Adults

Youth, .22 rifles at 50 yards
(6) 16-oz. hanging plastic soda bottles
Kids can shoot off the bench

Adults, any rifle at 200 yards, offhand
(6) 2-liter hanging plastic soda bottles
Kids can shoot the adult course
No Slings

DSC website

Fees

$10 adults, juniors $5
Money Pot ~ $5
Cash only

Two categories of prizes

Lowest number of rounds fired
Shortest amount of time
You can only win one.

DSC Rifle Range, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Open to the Public

Adults please bring six 2-liter soda bottles.
Juniors please bring six 16-oz. soda bottles.

DIET SODA ***Mandatory***

For ease of clean up

More info: Corey Salo 586-944-3600

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2026 DSC NO FLY ZONE SHOOT

PRECISION RIFLE SHOOT

Sunday, March 1, 10 a.m. - Noon

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Rimfire precision rifle shoot. All firing will be off sand bags, no bipods. Front rest only. Rear of the rifle has to be self-supported.

Equipment: Any rimfire either .17 or .22 caliber is allowed. Scopes highly recommended. Iron sights probably won't be able to see the target.

Course of Fire:
2 shots per "bull", 20 shots per target. Shoot as many targets as you like. Additional targets are $2 each. Targets at 50 yards.

Fees: Adults $10, Juniors $5

Open to the public

Questions: More information contact me directly. Corey Salo 586-944-3600
corey@cdsdes.com

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DSC Office: 586-739-3500

NRA Basic Pistol/Personal Protection Course (May)

LOCATION: D.S.C., 49800 DEQUINDRE ROAD, UTICA, MI 48317 Phone: 586-739-3500 (Shotgun range building)

OBJECTIVES: Class designed for BEGINNERS & those having little or no firearms training. Geared for the instructional needs and concerns of women. Review handgun knowledge, safe gun handling, storage and child safety; review fundamentals of handgun shooting, practical range handgun shooting exercises, firearms and the law - **Includes CCW Certification**

Certified NRA & CCW instructors and a local attorney will teach this course. Review all of the fundamentals as well as practical range experience in proper handling, aiming and shooting of a handgun. Citizen's rights and responsibilities as it pertains to firearms will be addressed. State laws pertaining to purchase, transport and concealed carry will be taught. Attendance earns NRA & CCW certificates.

TIMES AND DATES: May 3; Basic pistol class segment 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the DSC clubhouse.
May 4, 5 & 11; CPL class segment ~ 7 to 10:30 p.m., Classes held in the DSC Shotgun range building.

COST: Non DSC Member $250 DSC Member $220

TO REGISTER: REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CLASS SIZE 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
Start: May 3, 2026 Phone: 248-651-8667 Or Email: rmsavo@ameritech.net

CPL / NRA Personal Protection Course (March)

LOCATION: D.S.C., 49800 DEQUINDRE ROAD, UTICA, MI 48317 Phone: 586-739-3500 (Shotgun range building)

OBJECTIVES: Class has been designed for those having prior handgun experience but no formal class. Review handgun knowledge, safe gun handling and storage, review fundamentals of handgun shooting, practical range hand gun shooting exercises, firearms and the law - **Includes CPL Certification.** Introduction to personal protection in the home.

Certified NRA & CCW instructors & local attorney will teach this course. Review all of the fundamentals as well as practical range experience in proper handling, aiming and shooting of a handgun. Citizen's rights & responsibilities as it pertains to firearms will be addressed. State laws pertaining to purchase, transport & concealed carry will be taught. Class attendance earns NRA and CPL certificates.

TIMES AND DATES: (3-session course) Evenings, Mat. 2, 3 & 9. All classes run 7 to 10:30 p.m., in the DSC Shotgun range building.

COST: Non DSC Member $100 DSC Member $80 Add $50, if gun & ammo are required and check box.

TO REGISTER: REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CLASS SIZE LIMITED. RETURN FORM TO ADDRESS BELOW, PAYMENT DUE AT CLASS.

NAME:_____ **AGE: 21 or older SEX:**_____
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Start: Mar. 2, 2026 Phone: 248-651-8667 Or Email: rmsavo@ameritech.net

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49800 DEQUINDRE ROAD
Shelby Twp., MI 48317

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL

Cowboy Range Schedule of Events

February 2026:

Feb. 14 – 10 a.m. Cowboy Committee Meeting
11 a.m. RO Training
Feb. 23 – 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

THE COWBOY RANGE IS OPEN FOR PRACTICE
EVERY SATURDAY 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.

Welcome New DSC Members

Members, please welcome them to the club and your committee!

Chaffin	Rhett
Chaffin	Owen
Clausen III	John
Kilgus	Todd
Kirchner	Charlie
MacDonald	Christopher
Petry	Jack
Romano	Leo
Wywierowski	Ethan

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.