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## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS!

Congratulations Sporting Lands Alliance on a successful 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraiser! Over 400 people attended the event at the Royal Park Hotel on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Among those present were small children and young adults; for whom our group encourages involvement in outdoor activities.

There was plenty to see and do for everybody. Approximately 30 vendors displayed their wares in booths around the ballroom offering such things as free caricatures and massages. There was a laser shoot to keep the kids, and grown-ups who want to be kids, busy. The event was well organized, ran like clockwork, and ended promptly at 9:00 p.m.; quite an achievement for a "First".

The highlight of the evening was a special guest appearance by former Detroit Red Wing and Stanley Cup

Champion, Ted Lindsey, who auctioned off his autographed jersey.

We managed to raise over \$60,000 as a result of all those who attended and/or supported the auction. Special thanks goes out to our guest speaker, former Detroit Lion, Marc Spindler. He gave a moving speech about how important the outdoors is to him and to preserve those resources.

Jimmy Gretsinger of Michigan Outdoor News attended and filmed part of the event for a future television show. Keith McCormack was an excellent emcee, Paul Weisenbach did an outstanding job as auctioneer, Jerry Hadrill of Jerry's Gun Shop donated 6 new guns, and The Royal Park Hotel hosted with superb efficiency. Thank you all as we look forward to next year.

Hank's Fly Fishing of Novi and Lake Orion is now offering special discounts to SLA members. For more information call  
**248-393-1500**

If you are not a SLA member yet, there's more reason to join than ever before!

Membership cards are being made right now that will allow holder to receive said discount.

Memberships start at \$25/year so sign up your whole family today!

### IRS APPROVES NON-PROFIT STATUS

The SLA is pleased to announce that on September 8, 2005 the Internal Revenue Service approved our application for a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Your charitable contributions, bequests, devises, or transfers of gifts are now tax deductible.

For more information contact Jerry Carvey, Treasurer at: 248-601-1241 or [donations@sportinglandsalliance.org](mailto:donations@sportinglandsalliance.org)

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The ballroom of the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester was full of life the night of the fundraiser. Over 400 people attended the auction/dinner.

## IN THE NEWS

- **HUNTING** - Several of our members are now joining forces to lease recreational properties for hunting purposes. If you are interested in hunting opportunities please contact Bill Vandercook. Space is limited.
- **KATRINA RELIEF** - Two of our board members chose to be good samaritans and help out the victims of Hurricane Katrina. They drove down to New Orleans on three separate occasions to deliver food. We are very proud to have people like them be part of our organization.
- **KATHY REWOLD CERTIFIED** - SLA member Kathy Rewold is now certified through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement in wildlife rehabilitation. Congratulations Kathy!
- **MORE HUNTING** - Wheeling Team 457 is a disabled hunting organization that asked our director to locate hunting ground for a special MDNR two-day deer hunt on Oct. 15-16. He successfully located three farmers that willingly provided over 1,600 acres of land for the hunt. A big congratulations goes out to all of the farmers and volunteers helping to give others some hope. Contact Ray Brown Pres. W. T. 457 for further information at 989-225-9259.
- **NEW SLA LOGO** - Thank you to John Rios of Grafix Jam, Ltd. for creating our new logo. John is a talented artist from Hadley, MI. He provides services ranging from graphic design to printing and can be reached at 810-797-5001.

### UPCOMING SLA EVENTS

- **Fall Horseback Ride - Sunday, October 23, 2005**  
• **SIGN UP NOW!** We are limited to only 50 riders. Our last horseback riding event filled up fast, reserve a spot for you and your family today.
- **Winter Cross-Country Skiing - Saturday, January 14, 2006**
- **Spring Fishing - Saturday, June 3, 2006**
- **Summer Shoot and Picnic - Saturday, July 15, 2006**

Call Bill Vandercook or check the website for information on these events.

Contact info below.

## NICE DAY FOR A PICNIC

On July 16, 2005, SLA members, families, and friends showed up at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Metamora for our family picnic. Although there were many no-shows due to the incessant rain, over 70 people who did attend enjoyed themselves for the entire afternoon.



Many went shooting on the fantastic sporting clay course and wobble trap station, while others saw the rain as an opportunity to catch a lot of fish. We ate good food, played cards, and enjoyed each others' company. We are looking forward to the next picnic in July '06... hopefully with a little less rain.



## LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

It really doesn't matter whether you are the president of the SLA or a member. Your continued support is vital to the growth and development of our organization. We are very pleased that so many of our members are offering assistance, from recruiting to helping with outdoor activities and fundraising events.

If you are interested in volunteering your time for the preservation of thousands of acres so that our children may enjoy outdoor recreation... call me today! Or, if you just want to enjoy the outdoors with some friends, don't miss the opportunity to lend a hand as well.

The success of the Sporting Lands Alliance is dependent on YOU!

Warmest Regards,

Bill Vandercook  
Executive Director, SLA

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