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## WHY JOIN THE SLA?

By: Frank Rewold, President

Since I have been on the Board of Directors for the Sporting Lands Alliance, one question has been presented to me over-and-over again – Why should I become a member of the Sporting Lands Alliance? The answer is very simple, **YOUR KIDS AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN CAN NOT AFFORD FOR YOU NOT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SPORTING LANDS ALLIANCE!**

Over the Fourth of July weekend I picked up a copy of the magazine, Petersen's Hunting. After reading the magazine, it became clear to me the SLA is needed more than ever. Here are some excerpts, which should motivate you to get involved:

"The time is at hand when there will be fewer and fewer young hunters because of the lack of places to go and the cost of the gear. We will never again see the days when a young hunter can get started by going out to the back-forty with a single-shot-22 and hunt rabbits or squirrels."  
-John Kelly *Brazoria, TX*

*Environmental Group Buys Territory – Hunting Rights Will be Suspended in the Area.* Summarizing this article: a Canadian environmental group bought the commercial hunting rights to a 7,722 sq. mile area along British Columbia's Pacific

SLA member Jacob Allen shows off one of many catches from Camp 24



Coast. Although the group is not anti-hunting (hmm?), they would immediately seize all carnivore hunting in the territory. Leonard Elise who sold the hunting rights said, "the increase in non-hunting tourists signaled an end to the regions strong hunting heritage."

...*The Mouth of Babes* by Duncan Dobie. A young taxidermist stated on the Paula Zahn Show, "sport hunting as we know it today is in dire jeopardy of disappearing in America in the very near future if drastic measures are not taken right away to recruit young people into its dwindling ranks."

The bottom line is the developers are not going to stop developing. The anti-hunting groups are not going to stop their crusade. In fact, they are gaining momentum and **CONTINUED...**

**30 MILLION**

Estimated number of Whitetail deer in the U.S.

**1.5 MILLION**

Number of deer/auto collisions across the U.S.

**\$3 BILLION**

Amount of money hunters & fishermen contribute to Michigan's economy per year

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Auction is almost here! We're planning on topping last year's success.

What YOU can do:

- 1) Buy/Sell auction tickets
- 2) Donate auction items
- 3) Buy a vendor booth

CALL US TODAY!

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Check out the deer crossing the creek! Moments like these are absolutely priceless.

## GREAT WEBSITES

Michigan United Conservation Clubs  
[www.mucc.org](http://www.mucc.org)

MUCC Camp For Kids  
[www.mucc.org/campforkids.html](http://www.mucc.org/campforkids.html)

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Michigan Travel  
[www.michigan.org/travel](http://www.michigan.org/travel)

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
[www.trcp.org](http://www.trcp.org)

# IN THE NEWS

Malinda Grose joined us mid-June 2006, as a permanent part-time administrative assistant. She will be handling the office organization and assisting Bill Vandercook. Please be nice to her on the phone.

## Trout Fishing Weekend at Camp 24

Two board member took up the 2 groups that purchased the trout fishing trip for 4 at last year's auction. It was a huge success as a total 13 people caught over 250 brook trout in a remote stream while enjoying great fellowship food, cards, a sporting clay shoot, and a delicious brook trout dinner. Special thanks to Jack London for donating Camp 24, which is located just north of Curin, MI. This weekend getaway will once again be available for purchase at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Auction on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## SLA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

On May 10, we held our first ever awards dinner at Kalloway's Restaurant in Oxford. We enjoyed great food, fun, and a fantastic turnout (over 100 people!). Jimmy Gretzinger of MUCC's Michigan Out-of-Doors was the featured speaker. Mary Moerdyk was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award and Charlie Mann of Hunter's Creek Club received the President's Award. The board also recognized two Preservation Award recipients: County of Lapeer, Purchase of Development Rights Program and Rochester Hills Save Our Open Spaces. Thanks to these fine individuals and groups we can keep growing and doing what we do. Also, great many thanks to all volunteers, partners, exhibitors and table sponsors. Let's keep preserving and enjoying the Michigan outdoors.

## Michigan Out-of-Doors Features an Article About the SLA

The latest issue of MUCC's magazine, Michigan Out-of-Doors (July/August 2006), features a great article about the Sporting Lands Alliance. The author, Tom Huggler, informs readers on the issue of development and sprawl throughout Michigan and talks what the SLA is doing to stop it. The article *Stopping the Sprawl*, found on page 17, also features an interview with our very own Bill Vandercook. Check it out while it's still on the news stands.

## Hank's Fly Fishing Supports Breast Cancer Awareness

[Hank's Fly Fishing](#) is sponsoring a women's fly fishing event to benefit breast cancer awareness. Six women who have never fly fished will be filmed in the act before and after lessons from Hank's staff. All proceeds go towards breast cancer awareness. The show will be aired on Michigan Out-of-Doors with Kelly Gotch in the near future.

## Thank You For Your Support!

The Wolverine Retriever Club is now a partner member of the SLA. They are working with our organization to ensure that there are open spaces available throughout Michigan to train, trial, and campaign their retrievers in field trials and hunt tests. For more info contact: Jerry Younglove (810) 688-8500 or Jim Kaier (586) 983-3753



"It is not what we have that will make us a great nation; it is the way in which we use it."

Theodore Roosevelt  
Dakota Territory speech, 1886

## UPCOMING SLA EVENTS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Picnic / Clay Shoot - Saturday, July 15, 2006  
Huntsman Hunt Club - Dryden, MI 10:00 a.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraiser - Monday, September 18, 2006  
Royal Park Hotel - Rochester, MI 6:00 p.m.

• Watch for:  
Special Horseback Riding Events, Canoe Outings, and Nature Hikes

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

## COME VISIT OUR BOOTH AT:

- Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Weekend - September 8<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>  
Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds - Imlay City, MI

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have a lot of money to back-up their causes. Anti-hunting groups have targeted the anti-dove hunting referendum, which will be placed on the November 2006 Michigan Ballot for voters to decide. The referendum is aimed at amending the House Bill No. 5954 to not include mourning doves. Rumor has it; if the referendum is passed these groups will be going after several other areas of hunting in Michigan. Factually, most of the anti-hunting propaganda is funded by out-of-state groups.

At the Sporting Lands Alliance we believe whole heartedly in protecting our rights to hunt, fish, camp, hike, and enjoy the great outdoors. We also believe we need to maintain those rights for future generations. If we do not get involved and take an active role those rights will be long gone by the time our kids grow up.

Come check out the Sporting Lands Alliance. While preserving our out-door rights, we organize some great events. The next Sporting Lands Alliance event will be held July 15, 2006. The event will be a Family Day Picnic at the Huntsman Hunt Club. During this event we will be fishing, hiking, biking, trap shooting, and enjoying good food... and most importantly we will be with our children and families – what a concept!

Sincerely,

Frank Rewold,  
President  
Sporting Lands Alliance

SPREAD THE WORD! • WE NEED MEMBERS! • GET INVOLVED!

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