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ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS!

By: Jerry Carvey

Kalloway's Restaurant in Oxford once again provided the ideal location for our 3rd Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. This year's theme was "It's All About Kids". The event featured several hands-on activities for all the youngsters attending, including Laser Shot and Shot Shell Loading.

Charlie E. Creelman, our featured speaker, geared his talk to the young and the young at heart. He strongly urged all parents to get involved with their children in the great outdoors: "We are losing licensed hunters and fishermen in this great state of Michigan. It is essentially to introduce our upcoming generations to the wonderful heritage of outdoor sporting activities." He challenged us to become involved today!

Our award winners for 2007:

Volunteer of the Year went to Rob and Jennifer Gunderson. One of their many invaluable contributions was hosting an outstanding Hunters Safety Training Camp last summer.

Land Preservation Award was presented to Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy (formerly the Oakland Land Conservancy). They have expanded to include Macomb County and parts of Lapeer and Livingston Counties in their efforts of preserve more open space!

Kurt Kurtenbach received the President's Award. Kurt serves on the Sporting Lands Alliance Advisory Board and hosted the Handicap Hunt last fall. Everyone enjoyed Kurt's wife Chi-Chi tell about her first turkey hunting expedition.

Door prizes were also awarded to our young guests. Jason Morgan won a half day guided hunt, and JP Hodges accepted a scholarship to this summer's Hunter's Safety Training Camp.

The winners in the gun raffle were drawn at the event. Marty McClure, a relatively new member won the Hatsan Arms Escort AS Magnum Semi-Automatic 12 gauge shotgun. Mike DeMars entered his 3-year-old daughter Kennedy's name on a winning ticket for the Remington Model 7600 Pump 243 Rifle.

Family Picnic, Trap Shoot, and Fishing Day

Join us on Saturday, September 13 from 9:30am-3pm for a fun-filled day of great prizes, trap shooting, fishing, and a picnic lunch at Hunters Creek Club in Metamora, Michigan. The Club is situated on 1,400 acres of beautiful, preserved land with its own 60-acre lake stocked large quantities of bass, pike, bluegill, and crappie. The Club also features a state-of-the-art, fully automated 12 station sporting clays course, as well as trap shooting. For more information about the Hunters Creek Club, visit www.hunterscreekclub.com.

Participants can choose to participate in one of three options at great discount prices. Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. **RSVP by September 5!**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Number of Participants

Option 1: _____ x \$30/person

- 50 Rounds of Sporting Clay Targets
- Fishing in Stable, Flat-bottom Motorboats
- Lunch (Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drink)

Option 2: _____ x \$15/person

- 25 Trap Shooting Targets

•Fishing •Lunch

Option 2: _____ x \$10/person

•Lunch Only

TOTAL: \$ _____ Circle One: VISA MC Check

Credit Card # _____ Exp. ____/____

Signature: _____

Make checks payable to Sporting Lands Alliance.
Enclose Registration Form and payment to: Sporting Lands Alliance, 333 E Second Street, Rochester MI 48307.

GREAT WEBSITES

Michigan United Conservation Clubs
www.muicc.org

MUCC Camp For Kids
www.muicc.org/campforkids.html

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Travel
www.michigan.org/travel

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
www.trcp.org

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IN THE NEWS

Executive Director Bill Vandercook Steps Down

At the conclusion of April, the Sporting Lands Alliance Board of Directors said farewell to Bill Vandercook as Executive Director of the SLA. The Board expressed their gratitude for his dedication and hard work over the years. Bill plans to maintain his relationship with the SLA as a trustee and secretary. Bill is continuing to preserve Michigan's lands by launching the state wide land consulting business Full Spectrum Conservation Planning(c) and joining SKBK Sotheby's International Realty of Birmingham. Bill specializes in marketing and consulting owners of forest, agricultural, recreational, and conserved lands throughout Michigan. You can contact him at 810-614-0899 or bvandercook@gmail.com.

A New Face in the SLA Office

Amanda Holt was hired in April as Administrative Assistant to replace some of the duties of the Executive Director. She graduated from Rochester College in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in English and a minor in professional writing. She is an outdoor enthusiast who has worked previously with the SLA as a volunteer. Amanda will assist the Board with various tasks such as the SLA website, Newsletter, event fliers, and mailings.

Send Your Photos

The SLA would like you as its members to send in your outdoor recreation photos. They can be pictures of hunting, fishing, skiing, biking, etc. We will be including them in the newsletter for other members to see.

GET YOUR OFFICIAL SLA OUTDOOR APPAREL!

For the outdoors enthusiast, official SLA golf shirts and jackets featuring the Sporting Lands Alliance Logo. Call (248) 601-1241 to reserve your shirt or jacket while supplies last!



SLA SPORTING JACKET - \$60
AVAILABLE IN XL, 2XL, 3XL

SLA GOLF POLO - \$10
AVAILABLE IN S, L, XL

We accept Visa or Mastercard, or checks payable to the Sporting Lands Alliance. Shipping is an additional charge of \$10 for jackets and \$5 for polos. Apparel can be claimed for no extra charge at our office.

UPCOMING SLA EVENTS

•Canoe Trip - Sunday, August 16, 2008

Huron River - Milford, MI 2:00 p.m.

The SLA is hosting a 2 1/2 hour summer canoe trip on the Huron River. \$40 covers canoe or kayak rental and pick-up downstream. \$18 covers one canoe or kayak pick-up if you bring your own. Parking requires a State Park Sticker or \$6 day pass. To reserve your canoe or kayak for the trip, the SLA must receive your payment before August 10! Bring your own snacks and water bottles, and come ready for a river adventure!

•Hunter's Safety/Outdoor Education Camp

Saturday-Sunday, August 23-24, 2008

D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

880 E. Sutton Road, Metamora, MI

The SLA is hosting another two-day educational Hunter's Safety camp at D-Bar-A-Scout Ranch. Located a little over an hour's drive from Detroit, the Ranch is situated on over 1,700 acres of wilderness. The accommodations provided by the Ranch and the experience and dedication of volunteer staff have made this educational camp a fun and successful event. Youth from age 10 and up are invited to participate. Certified instructors teach campers survival skills, gun safety and shooting basics, archery techniques, and much more.

Openings are still available. \$35 a person covers overnight accommodations and four meals. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited, so register today! For more information or to register, visit www.sportinglandsalliance.org or contact Jennifer Gunderson at (734) 878-0852.

•Family Picnic, Trap Shoot, and Fishing Day

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Hunter's Creek Club - Metamora, MI 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

•2nd Annual Kurt Kurtenbach Pheasant Hunt for Disabled Hunters

Saturday, December 13, 2008

Kurt Kurtenbach, one of our members, hosts this special pheasant hunt for the members of the Wheelin' Team 457 in Marlette, Michigan. Guides will take four groups of disabled hunters into several hundred acres of private farmland for pheasant hunting. Afterward, hunters and their families will enjoy a meal back at the barn. This opportunity is made possible by the generosity and hard work of Kurt, his family, friends, and the SLA. If you are interested in helping, or donating, please contact Jon Hodges at 248.830.4654.

CALL US OR CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS.

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK ON WHAT EVENTS YOU

WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN OR HELP WITH!

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

Questions, comments, or to
become a member...

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