



Saginaw Field and Stream Club Monthly Newsletter

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Clubhouse Hours
Tuesday - 2 PM to 6 PM
Saturday - 8:30 AM to 12 PM

Hours may vary please call ahead (989) 642-8312



PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Spring is here! I hope that means warmer weather is upon us as our leagues and events resume after a long winter hiatus. Our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Bullseye, Cowboy Action, Muzzleloader, and Youth Small Bore will get things going. For more information, please see the respective event flyers within the newsletter. The club grounds will start to see additional usage so please be mindful of others. Leave the property as clean or cleaner than you found it. Be sure to review the range procedures and rules, which can be found online <https://saginawfieldandstream.com/clubhouse/> or in the clubhouse during business hours.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered and the archers that participated in our winter leagues. It sounds like we had good participation in all the leagues. We look forward to seeing you enjoying the outdoor range and 3D shoots throughout the summer.

A few items to report on from the March Board of Directors Meeting. The clubhouse loan is officially RETIRED! Thank you to everyone that donated in addition to their dues so we could pay off the debt early saving the club lots of interest, all further donations will be applied to the F.I.R.E.A.R.M. range loan. The other big piece of news is that we welcomed a new director to the board. Steven Witten stepped up to fill one of the 6 vacancies. If you are interested in helping lead the club into the future, please contact me to discuss the opportunity.

In February, I wrote about proposed gun legislation. In typical political fashion, many politicians used recent tragedies to successfully push their gun control agenda. In March, the Michigan legislature passed several bills under the guise of preventing additional tragedies but reading the bills you realize they are nothing more than a direct attack on the Second Amendment. If you are not concerned that Michigan gun laws are on par and in some cases more restrictive than California, you should be. I encourage all of you to contact your representative so we can try to stop these from getting through the house. Here are the bills that passed through the Senate:

- Red Flag Gun Confiscation Orders: SB 83, SB 84, SB 85, and SB 86
- Mandatory Firearm Storage: SB 80, SB 79, SB 81, and SB 82
- Universal Background Checks: SB 78, SB 77, and SB 76

Read the bills in their entirety so you can make an informed decision as to how they will impact you, our 2A Rights, and generations to come. If these laws are enacted the likelihood of them ever being repealed are somewhere between none and zero.

Come out and Enjoy Our Little Piece of Up North.

Patrick Craig
President
Saginaw Field and Stream
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<p>Next Membership Meeting May 18th, 2023 Dinner Starts at 6PM</p> <p>Presentation Starts at 6:45PM</p>	<p>February Raffle Winner's Super Raffle - Roger Seavolt</p> <p>50/50 Raffle - Jason Drown, donated back to club</p> <p>Door Prize - Robert Leaym was not present to win \$375</p>	<p>DOOR PRIZE</p> <p>\$400 could be yours if you are in attendance at May's Membership Meeting</p>	<p>SUPER RAFFLE</p> <p>\$200 GIFT CARD</p>
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Mike Meyer

New Membership: 7

General: 7 Associate: 0

TOTAL Membership: 1209

General: 1070 - Associate: 66 - Life: 73



FEBRUARY - New Members:

Cody Jean, Devan Jekel, Seth, Kern, Gregory Louks, Adam Nauman, Gary Ross, and Christopher Wolff

No new members to report for March because the new membership orientation for took place after the March Board of Director's Meeting needing approval. March new members will be listed in the May newsletter.

Interested in becoming a member you must attend our Membership Orientation Class

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Please visit our website and online calendar to confirm dates.

If you are unable to make one of the scheduled Tuesday's please contact me to make arrangements

* If your membership has expired you must attend the orientation class.*

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

- **SHOOTERS** - Please police your brass you may keep your brass but all other brass belongs to the club. Place unwanted brass into the provided receptacle's. The club derives money from brass collected. Please assist in maintaining the cleanliness of our ranges. Paper targets only on all ranges. All brass left behind is the property of The Club and is considered stealing from the club. If your caught stealing brass the board will subsequently perform an investigation to determine the appropriate recourse, which may include expulsion from the club and the pursuit of criminal charges and civil liability.
- **RANGES SAFETY OFFICERS NEEDED** - If your are interested in becoming a Club Safety Officer please contact Carl Hubinger @ (989) 642-5487 for more information.
- **CLUBHOUSE FOR RENT** - Celebrating a special occasion, planning a party or having a organized meeting and need a Hall to rent. As a member you are able the rent the clubhouse. If interested please contact Building Manager Greg King (989) 928-7177 for more information.

IDPA/UML Report by David Anderson


Let my aim be true and my hand faster than those who would seek to destroy me. Grant me victory over my foes and those that wish to harm me and mine. Let not my last thought be "If I only had my gun"; and Lord if today is truly the day that You call me home, let me die in a pile of empty brass.

'Tis that time to clean of the dust and knock off the rust! Defensive Gun practices begin **Thursday, May 4th** so come showoff all your offseason improvement. As we did last year, we will alternate Thursday practices between International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) and United Multi-Gun League (UML) also known as 3-Gun (pistol, rifle, shotgun).

We have a couple of major matches scheduled this year with the first one being the 17th Annual Great Lakes Regional a Tier-2 IDPA match **May 19th - 20th**. If you are interested in volunteering, we are light on help to oversee the food, transporting shooters from the lower ranges to the action bays, set-up, and a photographer. Please contact David Anderson @ 989.928.9821 or danderson@rwbaird.com for additional information.

We will host practice every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. May through October. If you have questions or would like additional information, please call:

Tony Nothelfer 989.498.9954 or David Anderson 989.928.9821

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Club Rules</u></p> <p>All members are required to present their membership card up on request.</p> <p>All memberships expire December 31 of each year. Membership renewal is available online between Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st visit our website for details.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Club Shooting Hours</u></p> <p>Are as follows, 8 AM until sunset, use the hunting guide to determine sunset. Organized events under lights may go to 10 PM. Lights on all ranges are for organized events only.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to know Range Rules!</u></p> <p>Range Rules are available on the clubs website print off copies for your range bag. Check back occasionally as they may get updated.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Electronic Gates</u></p> <p>The electronic gates open and will close 30 seconds after fully open, if the gate begins to close and about to hit your car stop immediately. The gate will stop once it touches your car and retreat backwards without causing any damage. You will damage your vehicle if you continue. The club is not responsible!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Guest</u></p> <p>Is defined as anyone 18 years of age and older who are not an immediate family residing in the same household as the general member. Guests are required to pay the \$5.00 guest fee for each range used. Mailboxes are located on each range. Immediate family is defined as your spouse and children. Youth ages 17 and under shoot free while accompanied by a general member.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Civilian Marksmanship Program</u></p> <p>Saginaw Field and Stream Club is affiliated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: right;">Refer to Our Number: 56200</p>

TRAP & SKEET REPORT by Mike Meyer

Our Saginaw team was again victorious in the Winter Traveling Trap League and will retain the trophy for another year. The Shiawassee and Brant clubs put forth a valiant effort but could not overtake our Saginaw shooters. By the time you read this, we will have had our banquet, with BBQ ribs by Clarence Huebner, and our awards ceremony at the club house.

Our High School trap teams are starting up their spring league. We are again sponsoring Nouvel Catholic Central and Valley Lutheran teams at our club. This year, several Freeland High School shooters will be partnering up with the Nouvel team. We will have about 35 young shooters in all for the spring league.

One Freeland shooter, Ryan Quackenbush, was recruited by Lake Superior State University, and signed a letter of intent to compete on their clay target shooting team after graduation from High School. He will be attending LSSU to study Fisheries and Wildlife Management. A complete write-up about Ryan by the Freeland Athletic Association can be found in the Saginaw Field & Stream Page on Facebook.



Skeet and Trap open year round.
 Tuesday 2-6 PM
 Thursday 2-5 PM Skeet only
 Saturday 8:30 AM - 12 PM

Shooters who broke 25 straight or better:
 Trap:
 (25 Straight): Josh Koester and Ken Putnam
 (50 Straight): N/A
 Skeet:
 (25 Straight): Danny Rosales

Bullseye--Precision Pistol Fundamentals by Brian Miller

1. Stance—The stance is primarily perpendicular to the target while making it comfortable. Rotate your stance so your red dot or iron sights are centered in the Bull.
2. Grip—The grip must be firm like a firm handshake but not to the point of causing tremors.
3. Sight Picture—This must be consistent each and every time whether it's a center of bull alignment or a 6 O'clock hold.
4. Trigger Pull—must be an uninterrupted pulling of the trigger until the pistol fires *while not moving the sight picture*. Generally, if you take the shot when it looks right the shot will be somewhere outside of the black. Usually low, left.

If the Bullseye shooter performs these fundamentals for each and every shot, it will be a good scoring shot. This can also be applied to any shooting discipline not just Bullseye. Hope this helps other shooters.

Use for Building and Range Donations

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND PRINT CLEARLY:

The amount of your donation \$ _____ Payment type: Check _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

Name to Appear on the Donor Display _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

THE COWBOY'S CORNER by Barb Bell



A couple more weeks and the cowboys will be rollin' their gun carts down to Cowboy Town as our 2023 Cowboy Action Shooting season begins. Some pards may be trying out that new Christmas gun; others are just anxious to hear the sound of lead hitting steel. Some may have a few glichés they need to work on with their gun (s). And some just want a few good laughs. Whatever the reason, they'll find their answer at the bottom of the hill.

This month I thought I'd cipher a bit on the guns we use and the ones we highly recommend. I'll keep it simple and try not to steer you wrong. Cowboy Action shooters use two, single action revolvers. They can be .32 caliber up to .45 cal. We've found that .38's/ .357 are the most popular in Cowboy Action Shooting and that's what we use. They are readily available and cheaper to reload than the larger calibers. On most stages, you will use 10 rounds of pistol ammo... 5 rounds per gun. Over time, it's amazing how many rounds you will put through your pistols and how much better you will become, the more you shoot.

Now, this is just our choices and it's going to be your personal preference...there's no right or wrong on this. Bad River Marty recommends Ruger Vaquero's with 5 1/2" or longer barrels. I have grown fond of my 6 1/2" Vaquero's. Another option are Colts and Colt clones.

As far as rifles, they are pistol caliber, lever action, or pump action. Most shooters today shoot 1873 Winchester or Winchester clones. Some use Marlins and Lightning pump action rifles, too. Any lever action rifle from 1860 Henrys to 1892 Winchesters or clones are legal. Even the modern Henry is now legal to use in Cowboy Action Shooting. Bad River Marty shoots a 24" barrel .357 1873 Uberti clone. I rotate between a Marlin and my 1873 Winchester...I love them both.

Shotguns can be a Winchester 1897 pump or clone, double barrel, double barrel hammer, or 1887 Winchester lever action. Bad River Marty uses a Churchill, single trigger, double barrel. I love my old original 1897 Winchester shotgun. A lot of shooters have developed a speed system of having multiple shells in their hand when loading. I have resolved that I am in the category of "can't teach an old dog new tricks". Of course, it could be I am just too lazy to learn. But, it sure is fun to watch a seasoned shooter pop them in like candy.

Next month maybe we'll cipher a bit about gun leather and gun carts...two vital accessories to any cowboy shooter. Practices are Wednesday nights (5pm-dark) and is the perfect time to mosey on down and see and hear for yourself.

Until then, have a blessed Easter, a time for us to celebrate our Risen Lord. Until next time, remember to live life....give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Katie Callahan



The Hysham Kid

April 2023

Activities at Saginaw Field and Stream Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 26	27 Archery Spot League 10AM Animal League 7PM	28 Trap & Skeet 2PM Archery Animal League 7PM	29 Archery Spot League 7PM	30 Euchre 1PM-4PM Skeet 2PM-5PM Thomas TWP Archery 12PM to 8PM	31	1 Youth Small Bore 8:00AM - NOON Trap & Skeet 8:30AM - 12PM 
2	3 Bullseye Pistol 5PM	4 Trap & Skeet 2PM Muzzleloader 6PM	5 Cowboy Action 5:30PM	6 Euchre 1PM-4PM Skeet 2PM-5PM	7	8 Youth Small Bore 8:00AM - NOON Trap & Skeet 8:30AM - 12PM Easter Egg Hunt 11AM 
9 Easter 	10 Bullseye Pistol 5PM	11 Trap & Skeet 2PM Muzzleloader 6PM	12 Cowboy Action 5:30PM	13 Euchre 1PM-4PM Skeet 2PM-5PM	14	15 Youth Small Bore 8:00AM - NOON Trap & Skeet 8:30AM - 12PM
16	17 Bullseye Pistol 5PM	18 Trap & Skeet 2PM Muzzleloader 6PM Membership Orientation 7PM	19 Cowboy Action 5:30PM	20 Euchre 1PM-4PM Skeet 2PM-5PM	21	22 Youth Small Bore 8:00AM - NOON Trap & Skeet 8:30AM - 12PM
23	24 Bullseye Pistol 5PM Board Meeting 7PM	25 Trap & Skeet 2PM Muzzleloader 6PM	26 Cowboy Action 5:30PM	27 Euchre 1PM-4PM Skeet 2PM-5PM	28	29 Youth Small Bore 8:00AM - NOON Trap & Skeet 8:30AM - 12PM
30 UML Monthly Match 8AM-6PM	1 Bullseye Pistol 5PM	2 Trap & Skeet 2PM Muzzleloader 6PM	3 Cowboy Action 5:30PM	4 Euchre 1PM-4PM Skeet 2PM-5PM UML/IDPA 6PM	5	6 Youth Small Bore 8:00AM - NOON Trap & Skeet 8:30AM - 12PM

Visit www.saginawfieldandstream.com, for updates to the monthly calendar. The website calendar takes precedence over this calendar, please check the website for any up dated information.



CLUB SCHEDULED EVENTS - 2023

[CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR DATE, TIMES, AND UPDATES](#)

[SEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FLYES FOR FULL DETAILS ON EACH EVENT](#)

- Archery Leagues: January 2nd thru March 31th:
 - Monday: Morning Spot 10AM, Cost: \$5
 - Monday: Night Animal 7 PM, Cost: \$7
 - Tuesday: Night Animal 7 PM, Cost: \$7
 - Wednesday: Night Spot 7 PM, Cost: \$5
- Youth Archery: January 7th - Mar 25th, Saturday, 8:30 AM @ Indoor Archery Building, Cost: Free
- 23rd Annual All Outdoor Sports Banquet April 1st, 5:30PM @ Horizon Center
Cost: Tickets \$65 ea. or \$600 table of 10 - Purchase tickets at clubhouse or any board director.
- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 8th, 11 AM, Cost: Free
- Youth Small Bore: April 1st - May 13th, Saturday, 8:00 AM - 12 PM @ 100 Range, Cost: Free
- Cowboy Action: April 5th - October 25th, Wednesday, 5 PM @ Cowboy Range, Cost: \$5
- Muzzleloader: April - September, Tuesday, 6 PM @ Rifle Range, Cost: \$5
- Bullseye Pistol: April - September, Monday, 5 PM @ Pistol Range, Cost: \$8
- UML Multi-Gun/IDPA Practice: May 4th - September 26th, Thursday, 6 PM @ Action Bays, Cost: \$5
- IDPA Great Lakes Regional : May 19th and 20th, 8am to 8pm @ all Firearm Ranges.
Cost: See www.facebook.com/Great.Lakes.Regional.IDPA
- IDPA Monthly Match: May - October, 9am @ Action Bays, Cost: \$20
- UML Monthly Match: May - October, 9am @ Action Bays, Cost \$25
- .22 Rifle League: June - August, Thursday, 5 PM @ Rifle Range, Cost: \$7
- IAA Outdoor 3D Archery Shoot - Tentative August, 8 AM to 8 PM each day
- 4nd Annual Open House Event - Tentative August 19 @ 10 AM to 4PM, Cost: Free
- Rinehart R100: August, 11th - 13th, 7 AM - 5 PM Check-in at the clubhouse.
Cost: See R100 Website at www.r100.org
- 100 bird Shoot: August 20 @ 9 AM to 2PM, Cost: Register at the clubhouse
- Sight in Days: November, 4th - 12th, 8 AM till 4 PM @ 50 YD and 100 YD Ranges
Cost: \$5 per firearm for members and non-members during event hours.
- Euchre: Year Round, Thursdays , 1 PM -4 PM @ Clubhouse
- Shotgun: Year Round
 - Tuesday: 2 PM- 6 PM @ Trap, Skeet, & Wobble Ranges, Cost: \$5
 - Saturday: 8:30 AM - 12 PM @ Trap, Skeet, & Wobble Ranges, Cost: \$5
 - Thursday: 2-5 PM @ Skeet Range, Cost: \$5
- Club Dinner Meeting Months: February, May, September, and December in Clubhouse
6PM Dinner - 6:45 PM Speaker - 7:30 PM Announcements/Q&A - 7:45 PM Raffles

NOTE:

- ⇒ All events are open to members and non-members.
- ⇒ Event cost to be paid by both members and non-members.



Youth Small Bore Lessons

1296 N Gleaner Road, Saginaw, MI 48609-9495

Clubhouse Phone: (989) 642-8312

Date: Every Saturday Starting April 1st through May 13th.

Time: 8:00 am till 12pm - Show up anytime during these hours.

Location: Saginaw Field and Stream Club

Lesson Goals: Teach youth students: GUN SAFETY and Proper Shooting Techniques

Available to Who: All youth students ages 10 to 17 years of old.

Equipment:

Eye and ear protection, targets, ammo, and .22 cal rifles will be provided by the club for students to use.

Youth students may use their own equipment if they would like to, the club will still provide the targets and ammo.

This is a fantastic opportunity for youth students to learn to handle a rifle safely, improve their target skills, and range etiquette .

Cost: FREE

For more information please contact one of the following:

- Richard Singer: (989) 928-1120
- Patrick Craig: (989) 721-0664
email: president@saginawfieldandstream.com



Saginaw Field and Stream Club

Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday April 8th, 11am until all eggs are found.

Saginaw Field and Stream will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt. Event is only open to membership, family, and friends.

Peter Cottontail will be hopping along the trails to hide as many of his eggs as possible. Last year he hid over 1,000 plastic eggs on the trails how many will he hide this year. Amongst the hidden eggs will be a few golden eggs bring one to the prize table for a special prize. Once you are finished hunting eggs return to the prize table, return your eggs and pick one prize off the prize table.

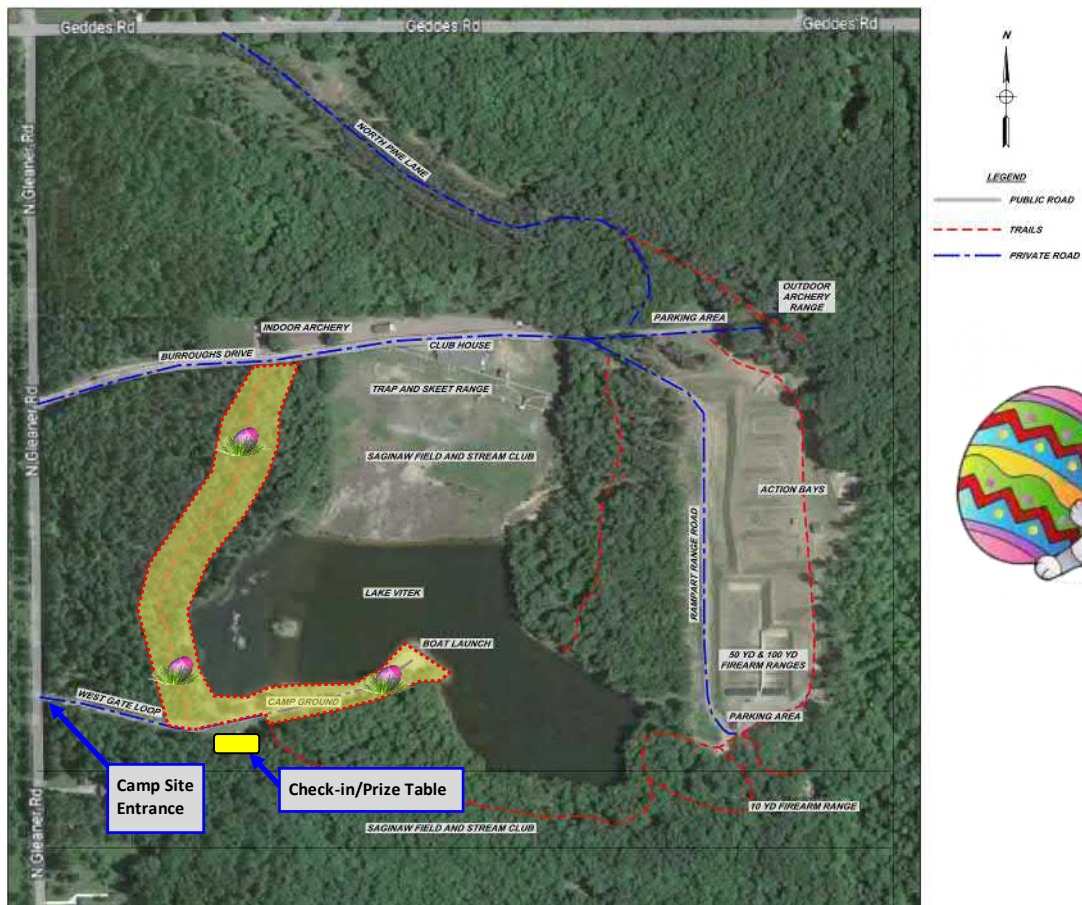
There will be a guessing game for total number of eggs hidden. Guess the exact number of eggs hidden and win a prize.

We will be using the camping site area again this year, please see attached map for entrance to the camp site and the Egg Hunting area. Once you arrive, please check-in at the prize table to pick up your egg basket.

Please be courteous on the number of eggs you collect so that other little egg hunters can find some eggs and join in on the fun, only one golden egg per child.

Come out and enjoy the club grounds while your children have fun finding eggs.

Please contact Patrick Craig at (989) 721-0664 for any additional information, volunteer, or donations.





UPCOMING PROJECTS

We would love to have your help!

SATURDAY, April 8th
Moving outdoor archery range
Start time, 10am

Saturday, April 22nd
Spring cleanup
Start time, noon

For more info call or txt
Tony 989-498-9954





WANTED

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTERS

*Spectators FREE & ALWAYS welcome!
A great time to learn the sport or get better at it!*

“Just for Fun” Practice Shoots

Every Wednesday Night, 5:00 pm - dark
April 19 thru October 25, 2023

Scheduled Cowboy Shoots

MAY 13, JUNE 10, JULY 8, AUGUST 26, & OCTOBER 28
Registration: 8:30-9:30 A.M.

SEPT. 30 - Oct. 1st, 2023 SHOOT OUT AT BLOODY PORCH
MICHIGAN STATE WILD BUNCH CHAMPIONSHIP

*“The **BIGGEST** targets in Michigan!!!”*

SAGINAW FIELD & STREAM CLUB

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THIS CORNER IS 1 MILE WEST OF
THE M-52 & M-46 INTERSECTION



BAD RIVER MARTY (989) 585-3292
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www.saginawfieldandstream.com
www.wolverinerangers.org

Saginaw six shooters cowboy action club – Home/Facebook

It's more fun than should be allowed.

Saginaw Field and Stream Club



2023 Schedule

4/30 UML

5/19 - 5/20 Great Lake Regional

6/10 IDPA

6/11 UML

7/1 IDPA

7/22 - 7/23 UML State Championship

9/2 IDPA

9/3 UML

10/7 IDPA Night Match

10/14 UML Haver Memorial Shootout

11/11 UML Night Match

We will host practice every Thursday at 6pm May through October. If you have any questions or would like additional information on how to sign up, please call:

Tony Nothelfer 989 498-9954

David Anderson 989 928-9821

Local Businesses that Sponsor and Support Saginaw Field and Stream

- * ACRA Cast, Inc. - Bay City
- * Al Serra Chevrolet - Bay Road
- * Beef O'Brady's - Saginaw
- * Boehler's Greenhouse
- * Cooper's Frame & Art - Saginaw
- * Cornerstone Fabrication
- * Duncan's Outdoor Shop - Bay City
- * Embry Electric
- * Farmers Home - Hemlock
- * Frosty's Freezer - Hemlock
- * G.E. Masonary Hammer Restoration
- * Great Lakes Bay Financial - Suellen Estes
- * Hoffman's Power Equipment, Inc.
- * The Anderson Group - Baird Wealth Management
- * Jim Redmond's Auto Repair - Saginaw
- * Lone Star Western Store - Saginaw
- * Monk's Tree Service, Inc
- * MidPoint Party Store - Hemlock
- * Mid-Valley Insurance - Tom Radewahn
- * Sullivan's Restaurant - Saginaw
- * Red Wing Shoe Store - Bay Road
- * Shapers Hair Salon
- * Spencers Restaurant - Saginaw
- * Spicer Group - Survey & Engineering
- * Totten Tire
- * Tri-City Chiropractic - State Street
- * Williams Gun Shop
- * Wohlfeil's Hardware - Saginaw
- * YMCA - Saginaw
- * Northwoods Outdoors - Pinconning
- * Michigan Paving and Material



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CLUB DIRECTORY

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From The Saginaw Field and Stream Board



Privacy Statement

Saginaw Field and Stream Club maintains information on it's membership consisting of name, address, telephone numbers, email address and date joined. We do not sell, furnish, or distribute this information to anyone. We guarantee the privacy of your information. Credit Card Numbers are not kept on file, they are destroyed after use.