

MARION COUNTY SPORTSMEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Fall 2017

To the Membership,

2017 has once again been a busy year for the club. We have two High School Trap shooting teams, Pella Christian and Knoxville, and one College Skeet team, Simpson College, practicing at our facilities in the spring. The club hosted six High School and Middle School shoots with as many as 300+ students shooting at any one event. We hosted a fundraiser for the MC Humane Society with 39 participants, and have shot approximately 238,500 clay targets this year. 4-H continues to use the club for various activities during each month. We hosted a muzzle loader shoot the first Sunday of each month from April through October, 3 Military shoots and 3 Varmint shoots. Simpson College will be practicing skeet on Wednesday nights after 5pm through February 2018.

We had some storm damage to some trees and the safety wall that separates the skeet and trap ranges. Replacing the wall is still work in progress.

There has been a procedure change this year for reserving the clubhouse. If you would like to reserve the Clubhouse, forms are posted on the website. Starting in 2018, the rental fee will be increased to \$50 to help cover the increasing cost of utilities.

We also have a new E-Mail address: mcsportsman@lisco.com effective immediately. The old one will still work for awhile. The new address will appear on your 2018 membership card. Our website hasn't changed.

The annual Member's Chili Feed/Membership Renewal/Board Elections is on Thursday, November 9th. Social hour begins at 5:30, meal at 6:30, and voting for board members after the meal. If you are interested in having your name on the ballot, please contact a board member or e-mail the club by Nov. 1st. Membership renewals for 2018 will be encouraged and accepted throughout the evening. Enclosed is a renewal form for annual or lifetime memberships for your convenience. Please take a moment to read the Club Rules and FAQ, located on the website and at the clubhouse, before you send in your membership application. When you sign your membership application, you agree to follow these rules. Please note: Non-spouse family members 21 years and older need to have their own membership. Membership renewals are due by December 15th for the 2018 year.

Protect the club and yourself by keeping non-members out. Lock the gate by spinning the dials after you enter AND leave every time unless the Club is holding an event, and do not share the gate combination with anyone. There is a phone number posted about membership issues at the gate and there may be a reason a person doesn't have the combination. Let a board member know if you see anything unsafe or out of the ordinary. Safety first, fun second.

Board meetings are on the first Tuesday night of each month at 7pm at the clubhouse unless otherwise stated on the calendar. The calendar is located on the website and club house bulletin board. All members are welcome.

A big "thank you" to the volunteers who have pitched in with their time and hard work to make this club a fun and safe place for everyone. Keep checking our website mcsportsman.com and Facebook page for activity and calendar updates.

Have a safe and happy Holiday season!

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