



Cedar Rod and Gun Club

Purveyors of the Shooting Sports

NEWS

Spring 2026

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2026 Events

SUMMER SHOTGUN OPPORTUNITIES

By Andrew Frank, CRGC Vice President

The winter seems to have finally left us and we can now break out our scatter guns to break some clays. Currently we are shooting Skeet and 5 Stand on Wednesday morning from 10-2 and Saturday mornings from 10-2. Keep your eyes on Facebook for updates on Trap and Sporting Clays as they will be opening as soon as the snow is gone, the ground is dry, and we have a nice day to set up the traps.

We have 4 sporting clay shoots scheduled for this season.

June 7th North Country 100 SxS Sporting Clays Shoot - \$75

SxS only, handicap for sub-gauge, Lunch included – Please contact Rick Nelson 231-492-2222 or Andrew Frank 248-229-6726 to sign up as this shoot normally fills up

July 12th Leelanau 100 Sub-gauge Sporting Clays Shoot - \$65

20ga, 24ga, 28ga, 32ga, or .410 ONLY – Larger handicap as your barrels get smaller – Lunch included

August 2nd CRGC Annual Breakfast Sporting Clay Shoot - \$50

You're only shooting against yourself, hit special-colored birds, win breakfast food! Lunch included

August 23 rd Jim Westlake Memorial Doubles Shoot - \$60

Our annual doubles shoot against Manton (Shoot at Action Shooting Sports on August 22nd). This was Jim Westlake's favorite shoot. Come out and shoot doubles and support our club! Lunch included.

Youth Trap will start **April 26th** with a Safety meeting and will be on Sundays following.

SPRING CRGC CLEAN UP

By Micah Deegan, CRGC Secretary

It is that time of year again that we get ready for the Annual Clean Up day. **This year's event is May 2nd @8am.** We will need workers to clean up the Clay target debris and spread wood chips. We will need some folks to bring rakes, leaf blowers, shovels and other tools to accomplish this task. **This event is going to happen rain or shine.**

We will need some folks to help out at the pistol range: painting target stands and installing new foam on them.

We always need folks with access to tractors to show up. We can always use a York rake, or Tractor Broom and loader buckets to take care of the loads of clay targets. We also could use something to help spread mulch. A Quad with a small trailer or a Side by side with a dump box would all be greatly useful. Please reach out to Rick Nelson if you have an ability to bring a tractor or equipment of that nature President Rick Nelson 231-492-2222.



We always have projects for folks whether it's cleaning the clubhouse or sweeping up in the shotgun building.

This is the one time in the year that we must have volunteers to accomplish the clean-up goal. I hope to see you there!

Once again Lunch will be provided at this event. It is usually Pizza but if Rick finds a better offer, he may change it up.

SEASON OPENER

By Rick Nelson, CRGC President's Desk

On March 14th CRGC hosted our season opening St. Patrick's shoot. The good lord blessed us with a beautiful day for the event. People enjoyed shooting Skeet, Five Stand and the Longbird. Everyone enjoyed eating a great corned beef lunch, provided by Hampel's Gun Co. Thanks Rodrigo! The Skeet and 5 Stand traps had intermixed green clay targets. When you broke a green target, you had a drawing for a prize. Thanks to Hampel's, Field Sport and CJ Bachelder Gun-smithing, for donating the prizes that were given away.



Rodrigo, Bryan and Carson are always big supporters of this shoot. Thanks guys!

It was a very busy day as 78 rounds of Skeet and Five Stand were shot along with many people shooting the Longbird. Thanks to Larry Laxton for running the Longbird and to Herman Radtke for running the Skeet. Thanks to Mark Sierzputowski for running the desk

and keeping it organized in the clubhouse. Thanks to all of the shooters for making this season opening shoot a huge success!! We look forward to seeing all of you this summer season at CRGC.

MEMBERSHIP

By Debi Stephens, Membership Coordinator

Currently there are 603 CRGC Memberships accounted for. There are still a number of individuals who have not renewed. Please note; once I turn off your gate access key the process to reactivate the key card may also take a month or longer depending upon my summer travel plans. **CRGC's Board of Directors utilize annual renewal fees to schedule regular and routine maintenance, pay insurance and taxes, and general Club upgrades.** I will also be providing the Rifle Range building staff a list of members who have not renewed for 2026 so if you are coming out to shoot they will be able to charge the correct prices. 2026 Members – PLEASE make sure you **have your wallet card in your wallet or shooting bag if you are purchasing punch cards.** The punch card is a benefit to members who frequent the Club.

All newsletter submissions are due by 6/5/2026
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2026 CRGC ANNUAL MEETING

By Micah Deegan, CRGC Secretary

We had our CRGC Annual meeting on January 16th, 2026. We had a pretty good turnout for the meeting. I always appreciate those that come to learn more and participate in the ongoing activities of the Club. We had some basic agenda items to deal with at the meeting: giving an overview of 2025, establishing the budget for 2026, roundtable discussion of what members are looking for from the club, and lastly holding the election for the CRGC board and announcing the results.

With regard to the overview of 2025, things mostly went pretty well. We had an addition to our pole barn built. We are constantly looking for new twists to make the shooting better at the Club. One key item that took quite a bit of discussion was the slow decline in shooting revenue. We have a drop in shooting over all platforms, some as much as 10 percent. That is not novel to just CRGC. Every other gun club that we spoke to is feeling the same thing. We had a discussion as to the reasons behind this drop. Most of it speculation but with some solid common sense. We are working hard to unravel this mystery and try and get our shooting venue into a growth mode.

The budget was basically pretty simple, and Rick did a nice job of just adding in some inflation into our 2025 budget with no major construction being planned this year.

Our roundtable discussion of what most club members were looking for from the CRGC Gun Club: **Most are just looking for a place to shoot, not looking for instruction, not looking for competition, just a clean and safe place to shoot. Many wondered what would need to happen to get more shooters? Some wanted to know the breakdown on the shotgun sports side of member shooters to non-member shooters? Many also still wanted Hunter Safety to be offered at the club.**

The election results of 2026 were thus: President Rick Nelson, Secretary Micah Deegan, Director Jake Eaton, and in a first for me, we had a tie for the second director seat. This has also never happened in the 30 plus years that Rick Bechtold was Secretary. With the bylaws being silent on how this would work.... we dealt with the tie at our next CRGC Board meeting. Casey Noonan and Josh Chandler were both tied so at our meeting we flipped a coin for the

seat. Casey Noonan was the winner of the 2-year board seat. Thank you all for your votes and participation. I appreciate you all.

P.S. We will be dealing with some items from the Club By-Laws this coming year. Therefore, next year we will have a By-Law vote in 2027.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

For 2026 CRGC is going to try something new. **CRGC is going to offer free rounds of clays to members willing to volunteer to help with opening the clays course, filling traps, closing the clays course, and running the desk.** Every day the sporting clays course is open we will have two spots available for volunteers, one to help with opening followed by running the desk for half the day, and a second shift to finish out on the desk and help with closing. Filling targets will be as needed. Each shift worked with earn 50 clays that can be used on any venue.

If interested please contact Andrew Frank by phone text or email 248-229-6726 emt0608@gmail.com

DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

By Micah Deegan, CRGC Secretary

It is with reluctance that we had a CRGC Board director resign. Shari (Prevost) Lanzesira is one of the busiest human beings that I know. She had to make the difficult decision to resign her seat. Shari has been very generous of her time to the Club while she was on the Board. Shari was the driving force behind the Ladies Shooting Day, an event that was well received by all that attended. Shari also was the person running many of the sign up's for the Sporting Clays events, and also the individual calling people to help with various things while they were on the Working Club Membership. It was very nice to have a female voice on the board and an astute business person. Her wisdom will be missed. Thank you for all that you did, Shari. Best of Luck on all of your future endeavors, Shari!

In light of Shari's resignation, it was incumbent on the CRGC board to elect a member to fulfill her seat. President Rick Nelson nominated Josh Chandler who lost a coin flip for a seat on the election for director. Josh has been a board member for 2 years already. His nomination was confirmed and Josh is now fulfilling Shari's seat and will seek re-election at the 2027 Election.

YOUTH TRAP LEAGUE

Spring always marks the time when CRGC hosts the Youth Trap League. Kids from the ages of 12 - 18 enjoy shooting clay targets in this five week league. Everything is provided at no cost by CRGC's Education Foundation. I believe this is the 18th year the foundation has sponsored this fantastic event with the club hosting it. This year we already have 46 boys and girls registered for this event. Youth compete in three different divisions: juniors, intermediates and the seniors. The participants compete for score for 4 weeks to eventually crown the champion of each division. The banquet and awards and drawing for prizes takes place at the end of the league with the grand prize of a drawing for a gun in each division.

Carson Bachelder, the CRGC Education Foundation & CRGC each donate a gun to be given away.

The safety and orientation meeting will take place on Sunday, April 26th, at 1 PM at the main clubhouse. One parent or guardian must attend this meeting to fill out registration paperwork.

This league is one of the highlights for us every year at CRGC and it's wonderful to see so many young people interested in Shooting Sports and we at CRGC are excited to be a part of on-going safety in shooting sports education.

We look forward to seeing all of the parents and participants on April 26th.

FOR SALE: MEC 650 Shotgun reloader and MEC 600 Junior shotgun reloader, manuals for the reloaders and manuals with assorted recipes, assorted smokeless powder and primers, a banker box of shotshells (mostly 12 gauge with some 10 gauge), bushings, and varies parts. \$300 Contact Dan at 231-883-2091

SHOTGUN SHOOTING RATES

	Member	Non-Member	Please feel free to contact
Skeet	\$7	\$10	Rick Nelson 231-492-2222 or
5-Stand	\$7	\$10	Andrew Frank 248-229-6726
Trap	\$7	\$10	with any questions.
Sporting Clays	\$15	\$25 - New Rate	

RIFLE RANGE UPDATE

By Jeff Grimshaw

As the snow dissipates and the club is opening up the range is looking good. I'm sure once the temperature agrees with us the activity on the range will increase. The 100 yard target stand is on the agenda for replacement soon. The old posts have had it. **Please keep the targets away from the posts as much as possible to avoid shots from contacting the posts.**

New members should be aware there are limitations to range use. Please use the club calendar to check availability. When the range is available for use shooting cannot start before 10:00 AM and ceases at dusk. Our rifle range is made up of 25, 50, 100, 200, and 275 yard target stands. You may shoot at paper targets on these stands only. No cans, bottles or clay targets. No targets on the backstops and No exploding targets allowed. When the range is hot (shooters loaded and ready to fire or firing) you are to stay behind the firing line at all times. Once shooting has ceased, guns have been cleared and racked, only then can you venture forward of or in front of the firing line.

As a reminder, in general we may not like the use of handguns on the rifle range as we have a separate handgun

range specifically for that purpose, HOWEVER, we do recognize there are handguns used for both hunting and long range shooting purposes. We would like to clarify the club's position. **For both safety purposes and avoiding unnecessary damage to the facilities, handguns meant for close encounters or self-defense should not be used on the rifle range at all.** Please use the handgun range when practicing with these weapons. In the hands of a skilled shooter, the rifle range will allow the use of hunting handguns or specialty handguns meant for longer range shooting. We ask that you please become proficient at the maximum distance our handgun range has to offer (50 yards) before venturing over to the longer distances provided by the rifle range.

When you do use the range clean up after yourselves. Clean up all empty cartridge cases and place them in the appropriate buckets provided. This includes the cartridge cases forward of the firing line. All targets are to be pulled down when finished and placed in the trash and don't hesitate to take care of trash regardless if it is yours or not.

Be aware, unfortunately there are gun owners and probably some new members out there who may have never gone through a safety course or been taught what safe gun handling is. If you are witness to unsafe gun handling on the range call out a cease fire, have them clear the chamber(s), empty the weapon(s) and rack them. At that point you can have conversation as to what was witnessed and what should be done to avoid such in the future. If you find yourself falling short on firearms safety there are quite a few courses available online. Please check them out at your earliest convenience; no one needs to get hurt. There are plenty of safety related postings around our firing line as reminders to us all, take some time to read them. As always, PLEASE BE SAFE, and good shooting to all,

REMINDER: Range fee for each guest is a \$5.00 donation per gun and as your guest YOU are responsible for their actions. Targets are provided at \$.50 each or 3 for \$1.00 please deposit the donations in the appropriate donation box.

A GREAT OPENING DAY 2026!



PISTOL RANGE

By Micah Deegan, CRGC Secretary

It is that time of year again! Time to dust off that pistol and get out to the range. While this time of year can have some weather issues, cold temps and rain can dampen your shooting spirit....It can also be one of the times when no one else is using the range!

Safety is always paramount when shooting at CRGC. Common sense goes a long way in safety. Watch that muzzle. Remember to be courteous of other shooters when there. Please reach out if there are items missing, targets, garbage cans, targets nails (for securing targets to

foam target stands).

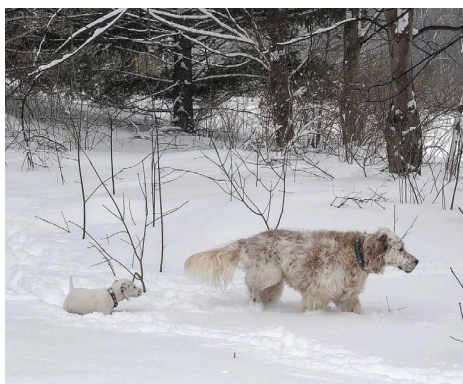
For those of you with a CPL, remember that shooting is a perishable skill! Also remember that shooting with a full size handgun does not always translate well to that small compact carry handgun. Shooting your actual CPL is very important. Remember that a pocket pistol or gun carried often can get lint and other debris in the firearm. A good cleaning and lubrication can go a long way towards reliability. Your life may depend on it.

We have a very nice facility and we would like to keep it that way. Please pick up after

yourselves. Take care of your targets and paper in the trash receptacle provided. Please take the target stand back into the shed. Pick up your brass (this includes those small .22lr) so that someone else doesn't have to deal with it. Put your ammo boxes in the trash as well.

I thank you for your help in keeping the club and grounds clean for all to use! I hope to see you at the Club shooting soon! If you do see me? Please say hello and comment to me what your thoughts are on the club grounds, amenities, and what the club can do for you in the future.

WINTER MEANS DOG TRAINING TIME



By Debi Stephens

Winter is still dog training time at our house. Left: The two dogs are Dixie backing Katy. Middle: The big dog and little dog- still one of my favorites from Dixie puppy days and her Manny Cori. Right: Dixie with her orange vest on.

GLEN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM

By Elizabeth Mikowski

Hello. This season our team consists of:

Beth Mikowski: Head coach/RSO

Doug Boitz: Assistant coach

Rick Nelson: Shooting coach/CRGC President/RSO

Team Members:

Jax Braden: freshman, has experience from the CRGC Foundations Youth spring league.

Lola Eaton: junior, has experience from the CRGC Foundations Youth spring league and Glen Lake High Schools team.

Reilly Kinnee: senior, has experience from the CRGC Foundations Youth spring league and Glen Lake High Schools team.

Edward Miles: senior, has experience from his previous school.

Eddie Noonan: senior, has experience from the CRGC Foundations Youth spring league and Glen Lake High Schools team.

Gregory Plamondon: sophomore, has experience from the CRGC Foundations Youth spring league and Glen Lake High Schools team.

Henry Plamondon: Senior, has experience from the CRGC Foundations Youth spring league and Glen Lake High Schools team.

Oz Schut: sophomore, has experience from the Glen Lake High Schools team.

Owen Verschaeve: sophomore, has experience from CRGC Foundations Youth spring league and Glen Lake High Schools team.

We are looking forward to a great year for our team. They have been working on improving their focus and stance.

Our team knows that safety comes first, then having fun and when we end up being competitive, it's a win. With our roster this season we hope to place in our conference.

2026 Spring League

- April 17: Reserve Week
- April 24: Competition Week 1
- May 1: Competition Week 2
- May 2: Cedar Rod and Gun Club Clean-up Day/Fundraisers
- May 4: State Tournament registration closes at noon CT
- May 8: Competition Week 3
- May 15: Competition Week 4
- May 22: Competition Week 5
- May 25: Season results posted by 5:00pm
- May 29: Fun Week
- June 5: State Practice
- June 19: State Practice in Mason Michigan
- June 20-21: State Tournament Mason Michigan



Photo by Dave Stellingworth who had a great day out with Tim Stein and Tim's new dog, Mr Wick.

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