

## August 2019 Newsletter

### August Meeting:

- Cooler & Membership donated to Sportsman For Youth Banquet.
- Cooler & Membership donated to Fruitport Conservation Club.
- Spoelman, Hovingh & Feldt, Inc. will no longer be entering our weekly & monthly finances for reporting. They will, however, still be our accounting firm for quarterly reviews, annual tax preparation, etc. The Membership has passed a motion to obtain a license of QuickBooks software for keeping track of our data in a similar fashion to what we are used to. Joe Lucht is donating a refurbished laptop for this software and worked to be performed. Thank you, Joe.
- RCC firearm ranges are still closed to the public pending further review and research. Current members are still welcome to shoot under the club rules.
- RCC is currently accepting a volunteer(s) to write our monthly newsletter. Joe James has been doing this for the past several years and is ready to pass the torch onto the next member. Joe, thank you for all the work you have put into this.

### Past Events:

August 3, 2019 - Crockery Creek Cleanup.

Brandon Nutt organized the first annual Crockery Creek Cleanup. This was a great idea and huge success. There were 22 people show up to help with the efforts of picking up trash along the banks of Crockery Creek and painting over graffiti on the bridge at Thatcher Park. Several bags of trash, along with a tire and box spring, were pulled from the creek. A special thanks to Carl Harris for donating the sacks to carry trash, and Ravenna Lumber for donating the paint to cover the bridge.

July 12, 2019 - Crockery Creek Manure Spill.

There has been a manure spill into the North Branch of Crockery Creek. Most, if not all the wildlife living in the creek in the affected areas has died. RCC is working to obtain more information about this and the efforts into cleanup. As information comes in, we will pass it along.

### Upcoming Events:

Sportsman For Youth, Youth day is fast approaching. RCC has been a long-time sponsor of this event and is still in need of volunteers. Here are the dates and locations you can help.

August 21, 2019 @ Whitlow's Banquet Hall (4610 Airline Rd, Muskegon, MI 49441). The SFY group will be here at 10:00 am to fold over 1800 T-shirts and stuff into bags, along with numerous other items, to be given away at Youth Day. Extra help is always needed, just show up.

September 6, 2019 @ Muskegon County Fair Grounds (6621 Heights Ravenna Rd Fruitport, MI 49415). This is setup day for the Youth Day Event and starts at 9:00 am. RCC has a booth at the event every year and needs some members to help setup. SFY requests that a minimum of 2 representatives from each organization help with the setup. If anyone can make the setup, please just show up and let the organizers know you are from RCC.

September 7, 2019 @ Muskegon County Fair Grounds (6621 Heights Ravenna Rd Fruitport, MI 49415) is Sportsman For Youth, Youth Day 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Again, RCC has a booth at the event giving away items to the kids, and any extra help is appreciated. If you can help for a short time, please do to let others take a break and grab some lunch. Otherwise, bring your kids out for a fun free day. For more information about the event, go to <https://sportsmenforyouth.com/>

### October 2019 - Archery Season

As most of you know, Michigan archery season is fast approaching. What some of you may not know, is that RCC has 3D archery course. Unfortunately for the past few years, we have not had volunteers to keep this going. This was previously a weekly evening event and a lot of fun. There are 25+ stations and targets that run along the creek behind the clubhouse. Volunteers would be challenged with setting up and taking down the targets, and possibly a little limb trimming. This does not necessarily need to be weekly but could possibly be a larger annual event to raise money for the club. If anyone is interested in leading our 3D archery course, please contact a board member or officer.

Reminders:

In efforts of conservation, the preferred method of newsletter distribution is email. All emails on file will receive the newsletter via email. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please let Andy Snoeyink (Membership Secretary) know, and be sure to check your current contact information. This can be done during our monthly meetings, or by emailing [rcc4membership@gmail.com](mailto:rcc4membership@gmail.com), or sending a letter to: RCC – Membership, PO Box 394, Ravenna, MI 49541. We have over 200 current members, so the more we can email, the less we spend in postage.

Our website has recently been overhauled. Please check out [www.ravennaconservationclub.org](http://www.ravennaconservationclub.org) to see the updates. If you have pictures, information,

articles, etc. you would like to have on the website, please email them to Andy Snoeyink [rcc4membership@gmail.com](mailto:rcc4membership@gmail.com) or Sue

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[ravennaconservationclub@gmail.com](mailto:ravennaconservationclub@gmail.com). Please leave pictures in the largest format as possible for the best display on the website. For images too large to email, please email Andy for a place to upload them. The website will be a constant work in progress and any questions, suggestions or ideas are gladly accepted.

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