

Ravenna Conservation Club

December 2019 Newsletter

What happened at the December meeting?

A very special thank you goes out to Ken Borgman and Phil Pike for their many years of service as Board Members at RCC. Their seats were up for election this year and they declined nomination to pass the opportunity. Thank you to Cliff Bennet, Paul Morton, Brandon Nutt & Ken Cook for accepting their nomination for election. Also, congratulations to Brandon Nutt & Ken Cook as our newest addition to the Board of Directors. As a reminder, there are (6) board members, (2) of which are elected each year in December. Nominations are taken at the November & December meetings.

Congratulations to Phil Pike as our 1st Membership Participation Raffle Winner! Phil won the \$1000 gift card for his efforts of volunteering at our club events and attending meetings.

An announcement from MUCC was made regarding the Michigan Spring Turkey Hunt. A resolution passed in 2016 at the annual state convention for MUCC to advocate our legislators for a Saturday hunt opener. This resolution recently passed as an amendment to the current regulations. All MI Spring Turkey Hunts will now have a Saturday opening day. As a reminder, applications run 1-1-2020 to 2-1-2020 and the first hunt opens on 4-18-2020.

Recent Events:

Rib Butt Cook-Off. Thank you to Gordy Courtade and Jen Mendham for organizing and running another successful cook-off! Thank you, also to all the volunteers that helped. Congratulations to Smokin' Bro's BBQ for the win!

Buck Pole. Thank you to Chad Cook for leading RCC's annual buck pole into another successful year for several of the area's successful hunters. Congratulations to the winners!! Traci Ruch for the ladies, Ashley Carr for the youths and Drew Galdeen for the men.

On November 7, 2019 RCC Club Member Denny McMahan was awarded Michigan DNR's Hunter Education Instructor of The Year for 2018. Denny has been a certified hunter education instructor since 1968 and has taught in the Saginaw area, statewide events and tradeshows, as well as Michigan United Conservation Clubs camps. Congratulations Denny! This is a great achievement.

Upcoming Events:

2020 Jim Borgman Memorial Predator Hunt. Sign-up on January 10th and weigh-in on the 18th. Further details will be posted on the website & Facebook as they come out.

Rabbit Derby. February 22, 2020. Further details will be posted on the website & Facebook as they come out.

Squirrel Derby. March 10, 2020. Further details will be posted on the website & Facebook as they come out.

RCC Membership Drive CPL Class. March 14, 2020. Further details will be posted on the website & Facebook as they come out.

Steelhead Tournament. March 21, 2020. Sign-up is on the 20th. Further details will be posted on the website & Facebook as they come out.

Hunter's Safety. March 24-28, 2020. Further details will be posted on the website & Facebook as they come out.

Wildlife Banquet. April 18, 2020. Further details will be posted on the website & Facebook as they come out.

Memberships:

Thank you and Welcome to our 101 new members for 2019! Most of these come from our Annual Membership Drive CPL Class held in March. We hope you all come in and continue your memberships.

Our current membership total is 211.

Membership fees are due April 1st, 2020.

- Regular Member \$35/year or \$90/3-years
- Senior (62+) Member \$30/year or \$75/3-years

MUCC Michigan-Out-Of-Doors Magazine is available to all members. This is a great quarterly magazine. Paper copies delivered to your home for \$18 per year, or electronic copies are available on the MUCC website free to members. For information on how to obtain either, please contact Andy Snoeyink rcc4membership@gmail.com.

Board of Directors:

The board of directors meets every month at 6:00pm before the regular 7:00pm membership meeting. As a reminder to all: if you wish to bring new business to the board, we ask that you be at the board meeting at 6:00pm to be added to the agenda.

The board of directors has also decided that monthly meetings do not allow enough time to resolve all of club's projects and issues. From time to time the board has decided to call for additional meetings outside the regular meeting night to further discuss some of the items. The next additional meeting is going to be held January 16, 2020 at 6:30pm at RCC. The board will not be accepting new business during these additional meetings. The higher priority items on our agenda are the following:

- Parking Lot Improvement
- Firearm Ranges
- Hall Rentals
- RCC Bylaws

Reminders:

The Michigan DNR has placed a deer head drop box in the corner of the parking lot at RCC. The instructions and tools are there if you wish to assist them in CWD research. MUCC and RCC are in full support of the research.

As always, RCC is looking for our existing membership to become more active and involved with the activities at our club. If there are changes or additions that could be made to help this process along, we would love to hear them.

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, 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 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 or Sue Cunningham 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.