

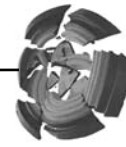
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Centerline Monthly

Michigan's Finest Family Sport Shooting Facility



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Hours:

Saturday & Sunday's
10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Wednesday (D.S.T)
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm



I'll be Back!

Newsletter Returns!

After several months in hiatus (October 2007 was the last newsletter), we are now back in business. Sorry for the long delay, but life sometimes gets in the way. Many members do not do the internet, and thus require mailing a paper newsletter. While the printing is donated, the postage cost about \$200. Past newsletters were sent due to the generosity of donors, lately they are hard to find. This month we owe our thanks to **Tom Hibiske**. The newsletter is an essential marketing component for Centerline.

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2008 Wall Calendar



Flying Pigs?

Flying Pigs... I don't thing so. We couldn't decide on chicken or pork, so we will be having both. Mark your calendar, **Saturday, May 10**, noon to 5 pm. We will be having grilled chicken, brats, and of course Joann's cheesy potatoes. Hope to see ya there! Cost is \$10/person. Proceeds help the club.

The majority of the club events planned for 2008 will be on the calendar. Support Centerline with a \$20 donation. They will also make a nice gift for friends, relatives, and businesses. Now in stock! Stop by the club and pick up your copy today.



Targeting Success

Remember the meeting of October 2005?

It's just that important.

We can't control escalating fuel costs, target costs, utility costs, ammo and component costs; but we are looking at ways to reduce them. One of Centerline's big costs is our mortgage expense, about \$25,000 a year, based on last month's interest payment.

We looked at re-financing – found we have about as good a deal as we can get with Portage Commerce, so no option there. We've kicked around a number of ideas and we think we have found one that will appeal to you. We are very excited about it and hope you'll take a long, hard look.

We have scheduled a couple of general meetings at Centerline on Sunday April 27th at 7:00 pm and on Thursday May 1st at 6:00 pm to get the ball rolling. All of your questions about Centerline are welcome and you can learn how we can pay off our mortgage and grow. If these dates don't work for you just call and we'll schedule something that will, we need everyone's participation. Its up to you to ensure Centerline's future.

This program will save Centerline about \$120,000 over the next 10 year and eliminate our mortgage also. That will give us money to put back into Centerline right away, completing much needed maintenance and repairs, replacing and upgrading our fields and ranges, and providing a cushion for the slow winter months. Centerline will be a place where you can bring family and friends, a place that will be around for generations to come.

We won't be asking for donations, but we will need your participation. Please make time to come to one of the meetings. It is important; it can make the difference in whether Centerline thrives or not!

Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 27th
at 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 1
at 6:00 pm

North American Amateur Shotgun League

On March 29th, the North American Amateur Shotgun Leagues (NAASL) and Centerline of Calhoun County held the 2007 NAASL awards banquet for the winter 2007 skeet league. The banquet consisted of a fantastic meal including an awards ceremony where trophies were presented. Twenty four shooters participated in the 8 week competition.

Awards were given for the following:

- 1st Place **Al Halbert** of Bellevue and **Steve Shepler** of Athens.
- 2nd Place **Bill Pastor** and **Jeff Hargus**, both of Battle Creek.
- 3rd Place **Steve Hatch** and **Joni Hatch**, both of Battle Creek.

- Female Most Improved Shooter **Sarah Rodeheaver** of Battle Creek.
- Male Most Improved Shooter **Paul Rose** of Battle Creek.
- Most Consistent Shooter **Al Demaso** of Battle Creek.
- The Sportsmanship Award **Russ Bohlinger** of Marshall.
- High Overall Female **Joni Hatch** of Battle Creek .
- High Overall Male **Steve Shepler** of Athens





Cracking Up

This is a close up of the beautiful Flag Memorial stone work that has been undermined by gophers. It is really starting to sag. Is there anyone who has both the time and the talent to repair it? Russ Jones, who was in on the construction, will be happy to act as a consultant. Contact Judy if you can help with this.

Friday Nights

The next few Friday evenings, 5 to 8 pm, are set aside for work days at Centerline. Please call to make sure I know you are coming. Bring rakes, gloves, etc. We'll be cleaning in the sporting clays, raking stones back into the driveway, raking up broken clay targets on the skeet and trap fields, and other stuff as I think of it. I'll make sure we have something to throw on the grill for supper, too. RSVP to Judy

Annual Dues

This is the first notice for payment of your Centerline membership dues. As you know our dues are structured to coincide with the principal payment on our mortgage due date. Please send or drop off your dues payment soon. Every single member's dues are crucial to collecting the \$16,000 needed. Regular family memberships are \$100 per year, seniors over 65, active military, law enforcement and fire fighters are \$50. Thank you for acting now.

Thanks!

This months newsletter is courtesy of

Tom Hibiske

Coming Attractions

Centerline is committed to providing quality firearms training classes. If you would like to take a specific class please let John Townsend or Judy Robinson know. The following classes have been scheduled. For more information about classes or to reserve a spot contact Judy.

CPL Program 2008 is going to be the best ever. Enhancing our CPL classes held the fourth Friday evening and Saturday morning each month will be six unique, very affordable classes designed to teach you the skill sets you need for concealed carry; instructor Bill Lindsay and Mike Disher.

Suarez International has set the following dates for 2008. May 24 & 25 Basic Pistol, June 28 & 29 Close Range Gun Fighting, July 25, 26 & 27 Force on Force, and August 23 & 24 Combat Shotgun; instructor Gabe Suarez and Bill Lindsay.

Kid's Rifleman's Shoot will be on Sunday, June 1st. Free to kids 9 to 13, Centerline members are providing the 22 cal. Rifles and ammunition. It should be a fun time. If you want to help let Judy know, we could use all the help we can get, if you want to see the fun come on down noon to 4 pm.

Centerline 3-D Archery welcomes everyone back for our second year open. Shoots are scheduled on May 18th, June 15th, July 13th, August 17th, September 7th & 28th

Ladies Night. Centerline is starting a Ladies Night on one or two Wednesdays a month. If you are interested please let Judy know. Angie Gresley will be heading up this activity and we'll have instructors available.

Shooting Card Drawing

Drawings took place for the shooting cards for the first quarter. Three winners were Roy Claar, Steve Hatch and Fred Whitmire from 197 cards in the can. Shooters Russ Bohlinger, Steve Hatch, Roy Claar and Mark Sutfin had the most cards in the can. Put your name on your cards when they are shot up and put them in the can for July 1 drawing.

Pistol/Rifle Range Fees

It has come up at several board meetings that we should start charging **members** to use the rifle and pistol ranges. No decision has been made. We'd like to hear from you. E-mail a.lassen@CenterlineofCalhoun.org, call Judy at home (269) 968-6415, or drop an anonymous note to Centerline at PO Box 36, Bellevue, MI 49021.



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2008 Calendar of Events

April

1 Board Meeting 7pm
12 A.C.T.S
19 Hand Gun 1
20 Shooting on the Move
20 3-D Archery
25 C.P.L.
26 C.P.L.
26 Marksmanship Fundamentals
26/27 Hand Gun 2

May

3 Basic Pistol—SAFR Fund raiser
6 Board Meeting 7pm
10 A.C.T.S.
17 Kid's Day - SAFR
18 3-Archery
23 C.P.L.
24 C.P.L.
24 Suarez-Basic Defensive Pistol
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31 Reloading/ Malfunctions

June

3 Board Meeting 7pm
7 Carbine 1
8 Carbine Movement

14 A.C.T.S.
15 3-Archery
21 Viking Tactical Carbine
22 Viking Tactical Carbine
27 C.P.L.
28 C.P.L.
28 Suarez Close Range Gun Fighting
July
1 Board Meeting 7 pm
11 Annual Meeting & Dinner
12 A.C.T.
13 3-D Archery Shoot
19 Shooting on the Move
20 Carbine II
25 C.P.L. Class
25 Suarez Combatives for Shooters
26 C.P.L. Range Time
26 Suarez International Gun Fighting/Force
on Force
27 Suarez International Gun Fighting/Force
on Force



Centerline's complete calendar listings can be found on www.CenterlineofCalhoun.org. Dates are subject to change, call or e-mail to verify events and activities. The rifle and pistol ranges are sometimes busy, especially the 2nd Saturday of the month, you can call ahead to check on availability. Organized activities are good for Centerline, bringing new friends and members. Along those lines we offer company or family parties complete with shooting and great eats; call Judy to schedule.