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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 dusk  
Wednesday  
3:00 pm to dusk (D.S.T.)

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**Notices**

Next board meeting: Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm. Open to all members.

Somebody a member not getting their news letter...let Judy know! 269-763-2079

Club House Rental - Did you know that members can rent our club house for \$125, non members for \$275. Ask Judy for details.

**DATES**

**Registered Skeet**

April 22, 23 & July 15, 16

**Registered Trap**

4/16, 5/14, 6/11, 7/16, 8/6

**Refuse To Be A Victim-** 2/17

**Chicken Shoot-** 2/18 & 19

**Socialistic Clay Target Program Shoot** - 5/13

**Hunter's & Shooter's Rummage Sale** - 5/20

**Close Range Gun Fighting #1-** 9/2 & 3 (Suarez)

**Women in the Outdoors** - 9/23

**Urban Rifle/Carbine Training** - 9/30 & 10/1 (Suarez)

**CCW** - 4th Friday & Saturday of each month

**Star Spangled Banner Dinner**

Mark your calendars, save the date - Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006

Tickets are selling fast, don't miss celebrating with Centerline the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Herbert Hoover signing in to law our country's national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner. Centerline's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Star Spangled Banner Dinner will be held on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, and the official end of winter with Bar B Q beef brisket and all the fixings plus a big heaping of fun. Tickets are \$20 per person, and are available for purchase at Centerline or call Judy Monday through Friday at (269) 968-6415, or e-mail [CenterlineManager@comcast.net](mailto:CenterlineManager@comcast.net).

Don't forget the challenge - date and another couple you would like to introduce to Centerline. Hurry, seating is limited.

**Membership Drive**

We are having a membership drive. In a effort to encourage members, and reward them for their efforts we will do the following: When you bring a prospective member in to shoot, they would get one round free. If your guest joins during the month, you would be rewarded with two free rounds. The member who recruit the most new members will receive a free lunch from Judy and a shooting card for 11 free rounds. Good luck and good selling!

**Special Thanks**

Centerline would like to thank Fred Whitmire for buying the replacement parts for the voice activated pullers. Fred is a long time member and accomplished Trap shooter. Fred spent \$500 of his own money and time in repairing the voice activated units. We have collection can at the counter. The next time you see Fred, show him your appreciation!

**Winter Leagues Results**

Congratulations to the winners of the Winter Leagues.

**Skeet**

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Marv Rush     | 293 |
| 2. Ron Thornhill | 291 |
| 3. Bob Carr      | 290 |
| 4. Jerry Monroe  | 282 |
| 5. Jim Morgan    | 272 |

**Trap**

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Fred Whitmire | 302 |
| 2. Gary Everhart | 289 |
| 3. Tey Youmans   | 277 |
| 4. Dave Stiver   | 260 |

**Centerline is "Online"**

[www.centerlineofcalhoun.org](http://www.centerlineofcalhoun.org)

**Board Meeting 2/7/2006**

The first Tuesday of each month is your standing invitation to join us at 7:00pm for Centerline's monthly board meeting.

February's board meeting was conducted in less than 1 1/2 hours.

Agenda topics included treasures report; committee chair reposts; training classes, membership growth and upcoming events.

If you have items that you would like to see on future agendas, please contact Judy Robinson, or Al Lassen. The success of Centerline depends on your involvement.

The next board meeting will be on March 7, at 7:00pm in the clubhouse.



Attendees at the January board meeting.



**Custom Shotguns**

Owner Dennis DeValt of NCP Products, Inc., of Canton, Ohio brought some of his beautiful line of custom shot guns for members to try out and even purchase on January 27th & 28th.

NCP Products, Inc. has been in business since January 2, 1992 with the idea of product development for specialized markets. Its purpose was to create new products by using a small number of hand picked, highly skilled technical personnel. Dennis has been involved with the development and manufacturing of products and services for the past 25 years. Beginning his career as an apprentice machinist, his knowledge and expertise in the field has led him to owning and operating several industrial companies. A background of engineering, metallurgy, machining and product design, is giving Dennis the opportunity to pursue his dream and career in the shooting sports. His love and passion for hunting and trapshooting since the age of 12 has driven Dennis to design and manufacture his own shotgun, the MachOne. Special thanks to Pat Onofrio for inviting Dennis to Centerline. We plan to have Dennis back in the future and will publish in advance in a future newsletter.



Bill Lindsay, Certified NRA instructor, at the CCW class held on 1/27 & 28.

**CCW Classes**

Centerline conducted a CCW (or CPL) class on January 27 & 28. Approximately 10 students were in attendance.

Our classes are instructed by a team of certified NRA instructors with law enforcement experience (Calhoun County Sheriff Department), and legal experience (practicing attorney), that have many years of training.

Class are held on the 4th Friday and Saturdays of each month. Call our

Continued... see CCW



Students at the January CCW class ask questions.

**In Memory of .....**

Centerline acknowledges and thanks our members who have passed on. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. God bless them and their families.

- Bascom "Tex" C Blont 2/1/28-11/19/05
- Charles Byrd 6/7/40 - 3/13/05
- Paulette Byrd 10/20/40 - 1/27/06
- George E McKay 7/5/20 - 12/6/05
- Dan Int-Hout 3/5/17 - 1/15/06

**Did You Know?**

Do you like the newsletter? It is our 4th since November. While the cost of the printing is donated by Insta Print, the postage cost us about \$150 each month. Bulk mail permit is not feasible due to our small mailing size. Your donation helps keep the club member informed. Consider being a sponsor for a month.

**YOUR AD HERE!** Want to advertise your company, or sell one of those guns you no longer want (or wife found out about), or just want to sponsor this website and future newsletters to help to defray costs. Contact Al Lassen at [alassen@comcast.net](mailto:alassen@comcast.net) or call Judy Robinson at the club 269-763-2079 during business hours or e-mail [CenterlineManager@comcast.net](mailto:CenterlineManager@comcast.net)



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## Club Notes

From Judy Robinson



Centerline joins Genessee Sportsman's Club, Island Lake and Detroit Sportsman's Congress in hosting one of only four state shoots for the Scholastic Clay Target Program. [www.nssf.org/sctp](http://www.nssf.org/sctp) We are expecting 10+ teams of kids to shoot both skeet and sporting clays. Centerline is putting together it's own teams. If you know of a young person, through 12th grade, who is interested please contact me. No experience needed, just a desire to learn!

Certified NRA instructors Harold Collier and John Townsend conduct 2nd day of CCW class.



CCW from front

Club house at 269-763-2079 for times and prices.



**CENTERLINE** is one of the best kept secrets in Michigan in regards to sport shooting facilities. I have traveled extensively in southwest Michigan during the last 3 years participating in various competitive pistol and revolver sports like USPSA, ICORE, bowling pin matches, and reactive steel target shoots. All the clubs that I have shot at are limited in the number of shooting disciplines that they can support due to limited acreage; and their facilities (i.e. clubhouse). Where else can you go and have 4 skeet fields; five trap fields; a 10 station sporting clays course; a 25/50/100 yard pistol & rifle range; and a 3 D archery course in development (more about archery next month); and a club house that is bigger and nicer than most. If its about the shooting sports, then its at **CENTERLINE**.

## A note from the President

Al Lassen

So why are there so many people, even in Calhoun County area, that have not heard of **CENTERLINE**, or know where it is. I was amazed at a presentation I made at January's CCGOA meeting (Calhoun County Gun Owners Association), when I ask the audience of firearm enthusiasts for a show of hands if they have heard of **CENTERLINE**. There was less than 50% of hands raised in the audience. So, let the secret be no more! Tell all your friends, relatives, neighbors, work associates, whoever you can think of! Bring them to **CENTERLINE** and show them all the fun that they have been missing. We don't want **CENTERLINE** to be a secret anymore.

I am encouraged by our recent increase in membership. When the new board took over in October 2005; we had approximately 180 paid members. I am proud to report; as of this printing of this newsletter, Centerline has over 241 paid members and growing. Congratulations to all of you. This is a result of your involvement in **CENTERLINE**. Would it be possible to get to 400 members? Just think of the things we could do with that many members; pay off the mortgage, take care of the parking lot, improve the Sporting Clays course and pistol/rifle range just to name a few.

Lets keep the momentum by everyone staying involved. There is always something to be done, and volunteers are always needed. We have many events planed in the coming months ahead; registered skeet & trap shoots; hunter & shooters rummage sale; SCTP, CCW & Refuse to be a Victim classes; Women in the Outdoors; Woman's instructional skeet league just to name a few. Check the club calendar, or the web site for the latest information on planed events, or just give a call. We want to hear from you. Remember.....**CENTERLINE** is your club! As always, **Keep Shoot'in**

## Centerline Board of Directors

.....and committee chairs



Officially for the record, here is your 2005-2006 Centerline of Calhoun County, Incorporated executive officers and board of directors:

### Board Officers:

AL Lassen, President  
Craig Jones, Vice President  
Judy Robinson, Treasurer  
Chris Jones, Secretary  
John Townsend, Past President

### Board Members and term length:

Bill Burgess - 1 yr  
Bob Carr - 2 yr  
Harold Collier - 3 yr  
Todd Dadow - 1 yr  
Paul Earl - 2 yr  
Joe Eldred - 3 yr  
Phil Hornberger - 1 yr  
Russ Jones - 2 yr  
Bill Lindsay - 3 yr

Nick Maricic 1 yr  
Ryan Pasman - 2 yr  
Luchio Pellin - 3 yr  
Madolyn Richardson - 1 yr  
David Richardson - 2 yr  
Paul Rose - 3 yr  
Syliva Rose - 1 yr  
Barry Saltzgaber - 2 yr  
Mark Sutfin - 3 yr  
Barb Townsend - 2 yr

### Committee Chairs

Sheet - Bob Carr  
Trap - Lester Williams  
Pistol/Rifle - Paul Rose  
Building/Grounds - Paul Earl  
Membership - Al Lassen  
Fundraising - Judy Robinson  
Firearms Educatn. - John Townsend  
Woman's Particip. - Judy Robinson  
Archery - Al Halbert  
Sunshine - Sylvia Rose

We are still in need of a sporting clays chairperson.

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