

LOVELLS HOOK AND TRIGGER CLUB

8405 Twin Bridge Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738-7180

Our Objectives

- To enhance and encourage the participation of its members in the stewardship of the natural environment
- To promote the improvement of better hunting and fishing opportunities in the Lovells area
- To cooperate with the MDEQ and MDNR in the enforcement of their laws
- To establish and maintain cooperative community relationships with other environmental and other organizations in Lovells Township, Crawford County, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America
- To promote fellowship and social relations among our members

Membership Information

Join us by selecting your membership :

- ☐ Regular \$10.00
- ☐ Joint (Spouses or parent and child) \$15.00

Return to:

Lovells Hook & Trigger

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Or at any meeting or event!

Member T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, and Club patches are available for purchase at each meeting or by contacting Darlene Brantley (989-348-9567)

Member Name(s)_____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

☐ Permanent address

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Alternative Address _____

City/state/zip _____

Alternative Address Dates _____

☐ I prefer postal contact only

☐ E-mail _____

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“The View”

Our Newsletter is One Year Old . .

. . .and what a year it has been!

Unlike “The View. . .”, each of us has skipped yet another birthday, but we have hopefully grown one more year wiser.

The past year has seen the federal government step up its battle to stimulate the economy and so has Lovells. We have new paving around the Township Hall; we’ve a new roof on the Historical Society’s school house building; and many of us privately have completed a few painting and maintenance projects around our property.

During the past year, we’ve seen the struggles with climate and weather by everyone across the country and world. But our crazy cool Summer, while it doesn’t compare with forest fires, earthquakes, floods, and drought, we can still be thankful for the blessings this area brings us.

Everyone of us has struggled with our tomatoes and gardens this past year, but we have had a chance to share our extras with friends and neighbors.

Along those lines, Hook and Trigger has voted to support those less fortunate than us this coming Christmas season by making a donation to support the efforts of those working to make the season a l i t t l e brighter.



Its been an good year for Hook and Trigger and “The View. . .” And while we don’t know what the future will bring, “our newsletter” will be here to share in it.

Programs—Club History, Birds, Land Stewardship

Our monthly meetings of pot-lucks and presentations have presented members with a wide variety of information this year, and our Summer meetings were no exception.

Member and history professor, Roger Fechner continued his discussion of the club’s history with his presentation in July. Reviewing club minutes, Roger lead a lively discussion by members of the period leading up to the more recent years of the club.

August gave us a return by member Dave Soderquist with a presentation and slide show of “Summer and Fall Birds” of the area . A promise was made

to return again next Spring with a presentation of Spring Wildflowers.

The last meeting of Summer in September featured Abby Smith, Conservation District discussing property stewardship opportunities for members.

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From the Bridge

Weather aside, the community has been fortunate to have enough “ORVers”, hunters, fisherpersons, snowmobilers and visitors to see us through the current economic times. The economic times may have hard on some of us, our friends, and local businesses, but just like in the past, we’ll make it through by sticking together and helping out where we can.



We’ve had a few friends pass away and a few move to other areas, but we’ve also had some new folks move into the area.

The controversy over the county-wide ORV ordinance has passed and Lovells Township is continuing to discuss issues of importance to our residents. The Township is beginning a township-wide web site that will include a place for organizations like Hook & Trigger. This website will hopefully provide the residents with access to information while here in the area as well as world-wide via the Internet.

From the Volunteers —”Stewardship, what you can do?”

Hook & Trigger has several volunteer Stewardship Projects. These include our Adopt-a-Road and Adopt-a-Forest efforts coordinated by Otto Brantley and Bob Chumack respectively. Additionally, Gerry Lake conducts an annual Brown Trout Redd Survey and Glenn Eberly leads our Invasive Species Control Project.

Abby Smith, our speaker in October, presented several other opportunities for members to participate individually in stewardship practices. Many of us own a patch of the surrounding woods. Our management of these areas

Because we are surrounded by forests and the North Branch of the Au Sable River, we should continue to support the stewardship of these areas. Our Adopt-a-Road and Adopt-a-Forest efforts help to address this.

In addition the Michigan DNR has public Management Plans for these areas. It is a part of our responsibility to be aware of these plans and to provide comments to the DNR regarding them. There are several forest sections near us that are included in future management planning. This includes additional clear cutting and prescribed burning in sections near Town Line Road in 2011. Details are available from the Grayling DNR Service Center and on the Internet.

The Watershed Restoration Plan for the North Branch has been approved and implementation phase will be starting in the near future. Details of this plan are available from Huron Pines and on their Internet website.

becomes an important part of the fabric that makes up the entire forest.

Several conservation practices that each of us can implement are important to the natural area around us. Butterfly gardens, rainwater management, and agriculture or gardening practices are just a few we all can do.

Details of programs and individual efforts are available from Abby at the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District in the Roscommon County Building.

Meetings and Events

Date	Time	Event
November 5	6 PM	Watershed Plan
December 3	6 PM	Christmas Potluck

Meetings of Lovells Hook and Trigger take place on the first Thursday (unless it falls on a holiday) from May through December. The meetings begin with a social and potluck hour starting at 6 PM with the presentation and business meeting to follow . Meetings are held at the Lovell’s Township Hall as announced.

From the Sky

Date	Event	Temperature
August 31	First Frost	26.6 degrees
October 10	First Snow	10 minute flurry
October 18	Coldest Fall Day	12.7 degrees
September 9	Hottest Fall Day	94.8 degrees
October Rainfall	4.53 inches	3.42 inches average

From the Bookshelf

Many of us enjoy a good book to read and are members of various “Book Clubs”. As winter approaches, if you’re looking for a good read, here are the books read this past year by the “Lovells’ Book Club”:

Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracey Chevalier; Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin; The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls; Peace Like a River by Leif Enger; Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See; The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows; The Shack by William P Young; Whistling in the Dark by



Leslie Kagen; Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini; Shadow Divers by Robert Kurson; and Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford.

Other recommendations might include In Defense of Food by Michael Pollan; It’s a Long Road to a Tomato by Keith Stewart; Flights Against the Sunset by Kenn Kaufman; Farm City by Novella Carpenter; Local Flavors

by Deborah Madison; Birdwatcher by Elizabeth J Rosenthal; and Small is Possible: Life in a Local Economy by Lyle Estill

From the Editor’s Desk

As I sit at my computer writing this anniversary issue of ”The View. . .”, its hard to miss yet another day of cool rainy weather. This has been a year of record breaking weather in the Au Sable area. A record low number of hot days, late and early frosts, cool temperature days, cloudi-

“October saw 24 days below the average high temperature and 15 days below the average low, with more gray days and rain than average.”

ness, and sporadic, but heavy rains, have all added to what makes Lovells an “up north paradise”.

Gardeners have had to battle the

cool, sunless days and ripened tomatoes indoors on the counter. On the upside, cool season greens have had a banner year.

And I can’t forget the reputation that the Chickens have developed with their overwhelming supply of eggs this Summer. Fortunately, I’ve had lots to share with friends and members. Unfortunately, the slow season is here and egg “production” is waning until next Spring. The “Girls” have settled into their new house and are awaiting the coming Winter and its passage into next Spring.

Dave Soderquist, (sods3072@earthlink.net)

Hook & Trigger Officers and Contact

Lovells Hook & Trigger are served by many volunteers serving as officers and project leaders :

Chuck Gillece, President (989-348-9484)

Roger Fechner, Vice President, North Branch Watershed Restoration Committee Chair (989-348-4880)

Jack Hipchen, Secretary (989-348-1329)

Carolyn Swift , Treasurer (989-348-2843)

Bob Chumack , Adopt-A-Road Project Leader (989-348-8514)

Otto Brantley, Adopt-A-Forest Project Leader (989-348-

9567)

Gerry Lake, Trout Redds Survey, Beaver Management, Projects Leader (989-348-1709)

Glen Eberly, Purple Loosestrife Project Leader (989-348-3084)

Dave Soderquist, Research Projects Leader (989-525-4565)

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