



# THE MANUAL

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## FROM THE EDITOR

This month, we would like to thank all of our volunteers, but also spotlight another intrepid soul who has stepped forward to help make the Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club great! Our newest volunteer is **Mike Ligenza**, who will be our new Outdoor Range Manager!

Speaking of the outdoor range, come on out, and check out our repaired shooter's shade for the 100-yard range! A team of volunteers recently put the shade up on blocks, and leveled it. Of course, this is an interim fix until we can rework all the outdoor ranges, which is in the works!

Also, as mentioned last month, we are always interested in improving this publication with member-provided content, so if you have any ideas, notes, rough drafts, finished pieces, etc... regarding the shooting sports, please don't hesitate to send anything and everything to us via email to [ClubPresident@fentonlakes.com](mailto:ClubPresident@fentonlakes.com) or [Newsletter@fentonlakes.com](mailto:Newsletter@fentonlakes.com). Finished pieces will be edited for grammar only, and all submissions will be attributed as requested.

Regards,  
Paul Taylor  
Editor – The Manual

## **CALLING ALL MEMBERS!**

Our Club runs on our volunteer efforts, and the more members who donate their time and effort to running the Club, the easier the effort for everyone, and the merrier time we have doing so!

We have a couple of specific volunteer event in the month of October:

The setup for the Cowboy Action Shooting Match on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30PM-5:00PM, and if there's a good turnout of volunteers, it'll be done before 5:00PM! The setup will be at the outdoor 25- and 50-yard range.

Then there's the setup for the Bowling Pin Fun Shoot, which will be at 5:30PM every *other* Thursday afternoon, beginning on October 17<sup>th</sup>, and don't forget to bring your favorite .22 rimfire firearm, and stick around for the Fun Shoot!

There is always, of course, the recurring events, such as the cleanup of the Clubhouse, from 8:00AM-11:00AM, every Monday, and again, many hands make light work. So come on out, get to know some of your fellow members, and have a good time making our Club a great place to enjoy the shooting sports!

Finally, we are always looking for members to volunteer as board members, and we especially want to hear from you about your ideas for new Club events. Attending a business meeting is the best way to get an idea of what that looks like, and to bring up ideas for new Club events.

So come to the next business meeting, see how we do things, let us hear your ideas for new events, and volunteer your time to help run our Club!

To volunteer for a specific task, you can just show up on the date and time, and we'll put you to work. To volunteer generally, contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator Bill Tocco at [Volunteer@fentonlakes.com](mailto:Volunteer@fentonlakes.com).

Finally, you can earn a discount on your membership fee by volunteering. So come on out, and lend a hand!

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **Junior Rifle**

This firearms introductory class for boys and girls 10-18 years of age continues on Tuesday evenings this month. Dates are October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM-9:30PM, in the lower level of the Clubhouse.

Please see our [Junior Rifle](#) program page, and the flyer below, for more information.

### **Fall PPC League**

It's back! The Fall Police Pistol Combat League starts this month, and continues on Monday evenings until the end of the year. Dates are October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00PM-9:00PM.

See our [PPC Shooting page](#), and the [NRA Rules page](#) for more details.

### **FSLC Business Meeting**

Our monthly business meeting will be held Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM, on the first floor of the Clubhouse. All Club members and the public at large are welcome to see how things get done, and have some input.

### **Junior Small Bore Rifle CMP Program**

The Junior Small Bore Rifle Civilian Marksmanship Program will continue this month, on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45PM-7:30PM, in the lower level of our Clubhouse.

See the CMP's [Junior Small Bore Rifle](#) page for more information

### **Cowboy Action Shooting Setup and Match**

The Single Action Shooting Society is putting on their last shooting match for 2024 on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30AM-12:30PM, at the 25 and 50 yard outdoor ranges. Setup for the Match will be on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30PM-5:00PM.

See our [SASS page](#), for more information.

### **Junior Rifle New Shooter Training**

This two hour safety and familiarization class is required for anyone interested in our [Junior Rifle program](#).

This month's training is on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00PM-8:30PM, in the indoor range, in the lower level of our Clubhouse.

### **Bowling Pin Fun Shoot**

It's back! Our fun, inexpensive shooting event for the whole family is back for the fall/winter season!

The Fun Shoot starts on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00PM-8:00PM, in the indoor range, in the lower level of our Clubhouse. Bring your .22 rimfire chambered firearm, rifle and/or pistol, and lots of ammo! Cost is a mere dollar for each “run”!

See our [Fun Shoot page](#), and [here for rules](#). Contact [John Wiley](#), our Chief Firearms Instructor, if you have questions.

### **Sporting Clays 3 Bird Competition and Fundraiser**

We will be putting on another 3 Bird Competition, with the proceeds going to our former President, Keith Morris. The shoot is on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00AM-3:00PM, weather permitting, at the outdoor Sporting Clays course.

See the flyer below for more details.

### **Steel Challenge**

The Steel Challenge will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00AM-2:00PM, at the outdoor ranges.

Pre-registration is required. See our [Steel Challenge page](#) for more information, and the registration link.

There's always lots to do for the whole family at the Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club, so stay in touch, come on out, and let's all have fun!

## **THE BUTCHER BUTTE GANG IS FIXIN' TO RIDE OFF INTO THE SUNSET!**

### **The Last Cowboy Action Match of 2024**

*by Jim Twesten*

The last Cowboy Action match of 2024 at FLSC will be on Sunday, October 13. Registration for the match will begin at 8:45 that day and will continue until match time: 9:30. Registration is in the Clays House.



The September match had 8 competitors. Even though a couple of the



stages were a little difficult, there were 3 clean match shooters. A clean match is defined as one in which there are no missed shots or any other penalty. Those who shot the match clean are to be congratulated since the match required 50 shots from the rifle, 50 shots from the revolvers and 18 shots from the shotgun. Those who shot a clean match are: **Longshot Lillian, Leadfoot Luke and Rip Rocker.**

Leadfoot Luke took top honors with times of 18.93 seconds on stage 1; 21.78 seconds on stage 2; 19.91 seconds on stage 3; 27.68 seconds on stage 4 and 23.38 seconds on stage 5 for a total time of 111.68 seconds. Not bad for shooting 118 rounds and moving between shooting locations.



The October match is written so it will not be difficult. There will be some pretty fast times. Come out and join us. The charge for those who have never shot a cowboy match at Fenton is only \$5.00. Of course, there is no charge to watch. Just be sure to bring eye and hearing protection

with you. And contrary to popular belief, it is not necessary to dress in “cowboy” clothes. All that is required is a long sleeve shirt, a pair of jeans and a pair of boots; hat is optional (no baseball type caps).



Photos courtesy of Keith Morris Photography

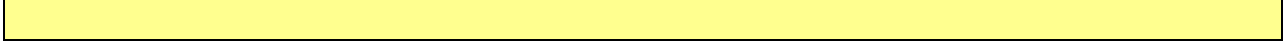
*Jim Twesten is the FLSC's Membership and Cowboy Action Manager.*

## THE JUNIOR RIFLE LEAGUE IS LOOKING FOR NEW FACES!

The Fenton Lakes Junior Rifle League is getting started, there is a new shooter training scheduled (see Upcoming Activities, above), so now is the time to bring the kids out to our Club, and get them started in what could be a lifetime of enjoying the shootings sports!



Fenton Lakes Sportsmans Club  
4-Position Smallbore  
Jr Rifle Team  
**Has open positions**  
Youth 10-18  
Tuesday nights during school year  
Fall required training session will be  
**Tuesday October 15 at 7:00 PM**  
Next training  
January 21, 2025  
More info on club website  
or at [lanejk@aol.com](mailto:lanejk@aol.com)  
If you know anyone that might be interested  
have them email  
[lanejk@aol.com](mailto:lanejk@aol.com)  
Parents do not have to be members  
for youth to participate







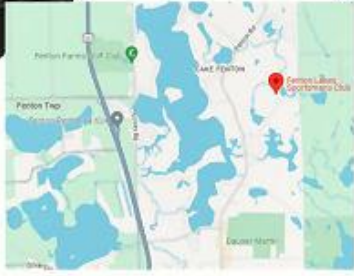
# 3 Bird Shoot

What's a 3 Bird? Shooter loads 3 shells  
Calls "Pull!" - 3 clays fly - Bang, bang, bang

**Saturday  
Oct 19th  
9am to 3pm**

**\$40** **75 CLAYS**  
**PER SHOOTER** **ALL TRUE TRIOS**  
**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**FENTON LAKES  
SPORTSMAN'S CLUB**



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**LEGAL NOTES**

By Paul C. Taylor

Our Club's reason for being is the support of the outdoor sports of firearm and bow, and given that an integral feature of that is the ownership and use of firearms, and we are distinctly an *American* sportsman's club, it follows that the right to keep and bear arms and to self-defense via the use of those arms are vital to that purpose.

So in support of our Club's efforts, this column offers information, news and commentary relevant to the state of the law in Michigan, as it relates to the right to keep and bear arms.

While it would be inappropriate, and even sanctionable, for this author to offer advice as to any particular course of action without the appropriate attorney and client relationship, it is appropriate, and beneficial to share knowledge of the state of the law, pertaining to firearms, in Michigan. As the old saying goes, knowledge is power, and shared knowledge is king. Thus, please consider the foregoing, which will be a series of articles on the trend of bringing criminal prosecutions against the parents of minor children who use firearms in violation of the law.

### **SHOULD PARENTS BE PROSECUTED FOR THE CRIMES OF THEIR CHILDREN? THE CASE OF JAMES AND JENNIFER CRUMBLEY**

This begins a series of Legal Notes which will examine the legal proceedings against the parents of the fifteen-year-old boy who shot seven people and killed four people in Oxford Township, Michigan, in 2021. This case is significant in that it presents a considerable change in the criminal laws of Michigan, especially in the context of the possession of firearms by people who are the parents of children under the age of eighteen years old.

This month, will merely be an introduction to the subject, given its complexity. The underlying theme, or basic question, is expressed in the subtitle above. The question arises because this author's experiences as a citizen and an attorney has made him keenly aware of the potential for harm to the general public that is posed by a government that is not properly limited.

The complexity of the issue requires a preliminary discussion about some general principles and realities of the establishment, and the administration of the law.

### **OVERINCLUSION/UNDERINCLUSION**

This idea describes a dynamic of all law, criminal and civil. The idea is that regardless of legislator's and judge's best intentions, there will be people who will suffer under the law who do not deserve to suffer; i.e., overinclusion; and there are people who do *not* suffer under the law, who deserve to suffer; i.e., underinclusion. The discussion in legal circles is generally that it is better to work to limit the effects of overinclusion and underinclusion by careful formulation and administration of laws, so as to reduce the effects of both.

However, overinclusion is often seen as the most concerning effect, as it seems to offend our sense of justice more when an innocent person is punished, especially given the harmful effects of imprisonment. This concern is best expressed in a well-known legal maxim known as



[“Blackstone’s Ratio”](#). To wit, It is better that ten guilty persons escape than that one innocent suffer. This principle underlies the presumption of innocence, and the prosecutorial burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt, in the criminal law context.

Given that a criminal prosecution is in itself the source of suffering for the person prosecuted, it also underlies the idea that it is profoundly unjust to prosecute the innocent. This is relevant to the issue at hand, because the prosecution of the Crumbleys for manslaughter is unprecedented.

It is also why we should not let an emotional issue motivate the government in deciding who to prosecute.

### BAD FACTS MAKE BAD LAW

This subtitle is a common phrase in the legal field. It is a pithy expression of the idea that the formulation and administration of the law, especially the criminal law, should not be motivated by emotions arising from any particularly heinous crime or crimes.

The reason for this is that emotion in a legislator, or judge may cloud their judgement, which is necessary for the unbiased application of the law, and emotion in the public generally can lead to mob action, or the manipulation of the public by a demagogue. Neither of these situations are desirable, as history has shown that bad things result.

A prime example of this is the internment of Japanese-Americans during WWII. The fear of sabotage and spying was not unfounded, but the government’s response to it was enabled by poor judgment on the part of the public, and the government, caused by this fear. This idea is relevant to the issue at hand because the facts of the Crumbleys’ case are bad.

The foregoing sentence regarding the facts of the Crumbleys’ case should be accompanied by a caveat to the effect that what all of the relevant facts will certainly never be known by the public, and neither probably by the jury, the judge, or Michigan legislators.

### WE CANNOT KNOW WHAT WE DON’T KNOW

The reality of life is that what the media reports to the public is only part of the relevant facts of any case, and can often be presented in biased language, especially when the case involves a controversial issue, such as the ownership of firearms is today.

Furthermore, the reality of the legal process is that what is presented in court, civil or criminal, is only a part of what the public hears and sees from the media. This is because in a criminal case, the prosecution or the defense may ask the judge to forbid the defendant or prosecution from presenting certain evidence to the jury or the judge, and rules of evidence prohibit other types of evidence, such as hearsay.

Finally, this series will be limited in its knowledge of the facts of the Crumbleys’ case to what has been recited in one Michigan Court of Appeals decision. At this point, the only way to fully apprise what was presented at trial would be to obtain a transcript of the trial.

Indeed it is unnecessary for the purposes of this series to delve deeper into the facts of this case, as the issue is the application of the law, and what it portends for the parents of minor children, who also wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[Senate Bill 857](#) and [Senate Bill 858](#), which were discussed in the July Legal Notes, have been in the [Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety](#) since June 2, 2024.

There will be discussion and commentary other court cases and laws in future newsletters, so in the meantime, keep your head on a swivel, [don't talk to the police](#) without an attorney, and have fun at our Club!

*Paul C. Taylor is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan.*

## RANGE RULE HIGHLIGHT

This month, we would like to cover one of the rules general to our Club, which is General Rule #14, which may be found on page 3 of the Club handbook.

General Rule 14 reads “The use of alcohol or drugs on Club property before or while shooting is strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule may result in permanent loss of membership” The main reason for this is to protect everyone who uses the range from the improper use of firearms, and criminal prosecution.

It is hardly controversial that when someone is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, their impulse control, and capacity cognitive thought are impaired. It is also uncontroversial that firearms have a significantly greater potential to cause harm to people, and property. So when a person uses a firearm while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the danger of harm is generally speaking, so great as to be unacceptable at the Club.

These facts underlie this range rule, and the possibility of a permanent loss of membership.

It also is the rationale for the Michigan statute that makes it a crime to *possess* a firearm while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This subject will be discussed in a future Legal Notes.

The majority of the other rules have similar justifications. Please keep this, and the range rules in mind when you enjoy our Club's facilities.

So please remember the basic firearm safety rules, and if you have any questions regarding the range rules, please contact any member of the Club Board, or staff, but specifically, **Larry Andrykovich** is the indoor range manager, and he can be reached at [IndoorRngMgr@fentonlakes.com](mailto:IndoorRngMgr@fentonlakes.com) or (810)240-8610; and **Mike Ligenza** is the outdoor range manager, and he can be reached at [OutdoorRngMgr@fentonlakes.com](mailto:OutdoorRngMgr@fentonlakes.com) or (586)718-4503.

So come on out to our Club with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, anyone that would enjoy some range time, let's all be safe, and have fun!