



"Nature is not a place to visit. It is home."
Gary Snyder

Ottawa Sportsmen's Club

"The purpose of this club shall be:
To further and advance the quality of the environment and promote conservation of our natural resources.
To perpetuate and conserve fish, wildlife, mineral, air, water, forest, and land resources.
To encourage multiple use of our forest and land resources.
To promote conservation education programs.
To protect and defend the right of our citizens to own, keep and bear arms."

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*****Feb 21 &Feb 22**
Sat and Sun
Concealed Carry Pistol Class
9:00 am
Call Jeff Stroud (906) 370-8288 ottawaccw@att.net

*****Feb 23**
Mon Board Meeting 7:30 pm

*****Feb 27 Feb 28 Mar 01**
Fri Sat Sun
Boy Scout and Cub Scout Klondike Weekend
hosted by Michigan Tech Chapter of Alpha

Phi Omega coeducational service fraternity
Call Betsy Kruppe 630-862-8090 aposcoutingchair@gmail.com

*****Mar 02**
Mon Membership Meeting



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Annual News and Dues Letter and Members Only Raffle Ticket

The annual news and dues letter was mailed on January 26 and included members-only raffle tickets for a Smith & Wesson M&P Sport 15™ rifle in 5.56 NATO caliber. The deadline for dues payments is April 1, and the deadline for raffle ticket payments is April 11. The winner of the rifle will be drawn at the Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, April 11.

Members-only Rifle Raffle

Members-only raffle for a Smith & Wesson M&P Sport 15™ semiautomatic rifle in 5.56 NATO caliber. This is an AR-type rifle that has captured the fancy of many shooting enthusiasts and hunters.



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Committee rosters are being revised

Committee rosters are being revised, and members are urged to sign up on a committee that interests them. Current committee lists and personnel are posted on the club's website

www.ottawasportsmen.org.

Sign up for committees at the clubhouse or send an email to President Rob Aho at ottawa_sportsmens_club@yahoo.com.

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Three wolf-related resolutions were considered at the February 2 membership meeting. The following resolution on state funding of wolf management will be forwarded for consideration by the regional MUCC conference in Munising on February 7:

STATE OF MICHIGAN FUNDING FOR WOLF MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS: The State of Michigan has a well-researched wolf management plan which cannot be implemented because wolves are listed as an endangered species and are under the management of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; AND

WHEREAS: The State of Michigan is spending State funds and sports-person dollars to provide protection for wolves, investigate wolf depredation claims, trap and relocate nuisance wolves, assist in the arrest and prosecution of persons involved in the illegal taking of wolves, and engage in other matters related to wolf management which should be under the auspices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Michigan United Conservation Clubs follow the lead of other States and advocate, at all levels of State Government that no State of Michigan funds be spent on wolf management or protection other than the biennial census of wolf populations as currently being conducted.

OTTAWA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, February 2, 2015

In addition, the members endorsed 2 external resolutions regarding the relisting of wolves as a federal endangered species after a federal judge's ruling last December. OSC President Rob Aho will write letters conveying the OSC's endorsement to state and federal legislative delegations, the Michigan DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Governor Snyder, and President Obama.

The first resolution endorsed was a resolution written by the Executive Board of Michigan United Conservation Clubs. It calls on the U.S. Congress to codify the delisting of wolves in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota from the federal endangered species list into federal statute and prohibit judicial review of such delisting. The text of the resolution is available on the OSC website.

The second resolution that was endorsed was Senate Resolution No.7, which was introduced by state Senator Thomas Casperson on January 27 and approved by the Senate Natural Resources Committee on January 29. Action by the full Senate is pending. It supports federal legislation to lift federal protections on the Western Great Lakes gray wolf population so they are no longer considered endangered. It also calls on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to appeal the recent federal court ruling that returned gray wolves in the Great Lakes region to the federal endangered species list.

The text of the resolution is available on the Michigan legislature's website, [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(jkloga45iogt4b3r424n4v55\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2015-SR-0007](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(jkloga45iogt4b3r424n4v55))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2015-SR-0007).

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DNR Workshop

OSC President Rob Aho attended a workshop on DNR recreation grants on January 13. Unfortunately, the club is not eligible to receive a grant for replacement of the collapsed pavilion at the club's Courtney Lake campground. However, the Village of Baraga is now revising its 5-year recreation plan, a necessary step for the Village to qualify for future DNR recreation grants. The second draft of the plan is available for review and comment at www.upea.com/baraga. The Village Council will conduct a public hearing on the 5-year plan and future grant applications at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

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Do you know of any OSC member who passed away in 2014?

Do you know of any OSC member who passed away in 2014? If yes, please send his/her name to OSC President Rob Aho (phone 201-2451 or 353-6207, email ottawa_sportsmens_club@yahoo.com, mail PO Box 475, Baraga MI 49908). A remembrance plaque at the clubhouse will be updated with this information. Thank you.

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NRA Membership Renewed

The OSC has renewed its NRA membership for a 5-year period.



There are so many area's that OSC needs help. There are new programs we could implement with the help of our members. If you have the time and would like to help out or just have a suggestion for something new - just drop us a line!



U.P. Muzzle Loader Shoots

Starting Jan 3, 2015 -
First Sunday of the month ~ 11 AM
Contact Jerald Glisson
906-338-2822 jeardglisson@hotmail.com



Recipe: A series of step-by-step instructions for preparing ingredients you forgot to buy, in utensils you don't own, to make a dish the family won't eat.

Classic Jaeger Schnitzel



Jaeger schnitzel means “hunter’s cutlets” in German, and the dish was originally made with venison or wild boar backstrap, pounded thin. It is now normally made with pork, and the Texas specialty chicken fried steak is believed to be an outgrowth of this dish brought to the USA by German immigrants.

Jaeger schnitzel at its core is a thin cutlet of meat served with a mushroom gravy. Potatoes — boiled, mashed or in a salad — are a traditional side dish. It is a manly meal, and the only green thing allowed is, occasionally, parsley.

This is an ideal recipe for venison backstrap, but it will be just as great with wild boar medallions, wild duck breast — and venison heart. Yes, venison heart. You open up the heart like a book and trim away any vein-y stuff, then pound the heart thin the same way you would with any other meat. It is absolutely delicious. Try it sometime. You’ll thank me later.

Traditionally you would not flour or bread a cutlet for jaeger schnitzel, but sometimes I like a light coating of flour. Do not bread it, though. That's wiener schnitzel, or milanese. Both are good, just different.

What mushrooms to use? Historically you would use regular button mushrooms plus chanterelles. I say use anything you want, but use a variety of mushrooms. I like those "chef's sampler" packs you can get in the store.

This is a great dish to have memorized, as it is perfect for a cold night in camp after hunting.

Serves 4

4 venison or wild boar medallions, duck breasts, or 2 venison hearts
Salt
1 to 1 1/2 pounds mixed fresh mushrooms, cleaned and roughly chopped
1/2 yellow onion, roughly chopped
5 tablespoons bacon fat, lard or butter, divided
Flour for dusting (optional)
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup venison, duck or beef stock
2-4 tablespoons cream
Black pepper to taste

1. If you are using venison hearts, cut them open from top to bottom and trim off any fat or vein-y bits. Trim any excess meat so the heart lays more or less flat.
2. Place the heart — or venison or boar medallion, or duck breast — between two pieces of plastic wrap and pound until the meat is about 1/4 inch thick. Do this firmly, but don't wail on the meat or you will tear it. Trim the cutlets to an even shape if you want.
3. Pour the stock into a small pot and bring to a simmer.
4. Set a large saute pan over high heat for 1 minute, then add the mushrooms to the hot, dry pan. Shake them around so they don't stick too much and cook the mushrooms until they give up their water, about 3-4 minutes.
5. Add 2 tablespoons of the bacon fat and onions and stir-fry them until the onions begin to brown, about 3 minutes. Remove the mushrooms and onions and set aside.
6. Dust the cutlets in flour if you want to. Add the remaining bacon fat to the saute pan and let it heat up over medium-high heat for 1 minute. Do not let it smoke. Sear the cutlets for 90 seconds on the first side. Keep them from curling up with a spatula. Flip the cutlets and sear another 90 seconds for medium doneness. Remove the cutlets to a plate.
7. Add the 2 tablespoons flour and mix with the fat in the pan. Turn the heat to medium and let the flour-and-fat mixture cook for 3-4 minutes, until it is the color of coffee-with-cream. Whisk in the hot stock, plus any juices that have come off the cutlets while they rest.

8. You should have a thick gravy. If it is thin, let this boil down a minute or two. If it is really thick, turn off the heat, wait for the sauce to stop bubbling and stir in the cream. Add salt and black pepper to taste.

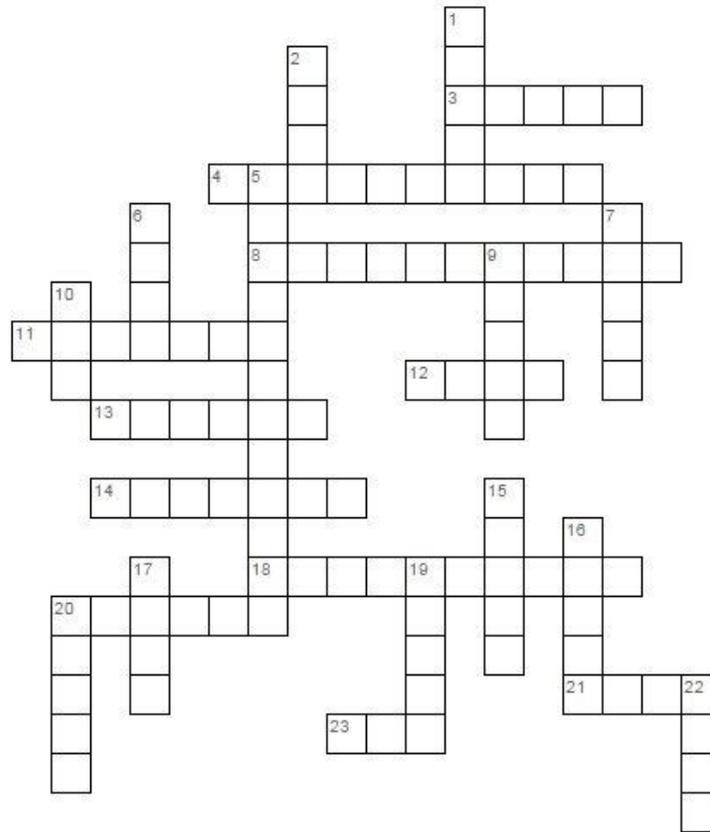
9. Add the mushrooms and onions back to the pan and toss to coat in the sauce. Pour this over the cutlets and serve at once.

Have a favorite wild game recipe? Just send it to me at : OSCNewsletter@aol.com



Sportsmen

Hunting and Fishing Terms



Across

- 3 to try to catch fish using a fishing line tied to the back of a boat
- 4 the activity of fishing through a hole in the ice on a river or lake
- 8 fishing that damages a river or an area of sea because too many fish are caught
- 11 to catch an animal
- 12 to kill animals for food or for their skin or other parts, or for sport
- 13 to use dogs to chase rabbits or hares as a sport
- 14 large wild animals such as lions that people hunt as a sport
- 18 a period of time when the law allows people to hunt particular animals or to catch fish
- 20 a period of the year when a sport that involves catching or killing animals is allowed
- 21 the amount of fish caught in a net
- 23 to catch a fish or other animal in a net

Down

- 1 to stop an animal, bird, or insect and prevent it from escaping, especially using a trap
- 2 if a fish bites, it eats the food that you have put on the hook in order to catch it
- 5 the period of the year when it is illegal for people to kill animals or catch fish for pleasure
- 6 to put food on a hook or in a trap in order to attract and catch fish, birds, or other animals
- 7 to catch an animal using a wire or other device
- 9 the smell that an animal or person has, which some animals can follow
- 10 to catch and kill an animal that you are hunting
- 15 to hunt a animal by following them without being seen
- 16 to illegally catch or kill an animal, bird, or fish on someone else's property
- 17 wild animals, birds, and fish that people hunt, usually for food
- 19 to hunt animals using guns, or to fire guns for pleasure
- 20 the smell or signs that an animal leaves on the ground
- 22 to catch a fish and pull it out of the water



"In hindsight, chaining ourselves to bears to keep hunters from shooting them was a pretty dumb idea!"

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