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Dear Friend of SJVCC,

Great things have been happening at SJVCC and we feel it is important to bring you up to date. In late September, SJVCC launched the Aiming Higher Campaign to address the critical structural repairs needed on our clubhouse. Since that time, contributions towards our goal have progressed with the generous help of a relatively small number of our members and benefactors of the SJVCC. To facilitate the fund raising process, we have solicited contributions from a broad range of sources including associations, foundations and trusts. We have filed all of the necessary paperwork with the Federal Government to receive our 501C3 tax exempt status and have been notified that our approval should be received within the next 90 days. Response to our efforts has included unexpected help from supporters outside the club such as Harry Michelson (NSSA World Class Referee) from Ohio and from inside the club from the long-time members of the Yarnelle family who purchased field sponsorships in the very early weeks of the program. These generous contributors, along with many other benefactors helped to kick-off the campaign with high expectations.

As additional potential contributors became aware of plans to renovate the existing 60 year old building, it became increasingly apparent that we should consider expanding into a new annex attached to the current building, allowing us to find new uses for the existing structure.

During the fund raising process we began to meet with an individual in Michigan who has unexpectedly offered a significant donation through his personal Trust. Throughout the last few months we have kept this exciting news under wraps but we are now both proud and grateful to announce that our benefactor is Robert Considine. His gracious contribution will enable us to achieve or even surpass our goals without increasing our original club goal of \$200,000.

We had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Considine, in late October to describe our plans in detail. The result of the meeting was his commitment to fund and build a new clubhouse annex adjacent to our current building. His interest in our club stems from his desire to support many of the programs currently sponsored by SJVCC. SJVCC will now be able to continue to attract, train, and retain young shooters. Our AIM, 4H, Boy Scout, DNR Youth Education programs and on-site certified instruction will help create lifelong supporters for all disciplines of the shooting sports along with great activities that can be enjoyed by the entire family.

Mr. Considine would like to ensure SJVCC's continued interest and support of youth involvement by contributing funds to build this new facility so that our existing building can be expanded to include indoor archery and pistol/rifle air-gun ranges and training areas. This addition to our current building will establish SJVCC as both a recreational and an educational center for today's and tomorrow's youth, ensuring and expanding on its shooting sports legacy established in 1950. To further enhance the SJVCC experience Mr. Considine is donating a large collection of wild game trophies, including a polar bear, brown bear, and full mount African lion. Mr. Considine had the privilege of acquiring these awesome trophies several years ago from skeet shooting legend, Howard Confer.

To secure this extraordinary funding opportunity, the Aiming Higher Campaign must achieve our original goal of \$200,000. Contributions need to reflect donations by a majority of the current SJVCC membership along with other interested club supporters. Therefore, your contribution, regardless of size, is critical in helping us to renovate and expand the clubhouse so that we can maintain the tremendous value our club offers to current and future shooting enthusiasts.

By helping us with your timely consideration and contribution, you will enable SJVCC to begin construction in the early spring of 2011. If you prefer to make a pledge with payment at a later date, we ask you to return the enclosed card with your amount and anticipated date noted. Please have your pledge and contribution fulfilled no later than August 1, 2011 which is the targeted completion date.

Should you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact a board member or campaign committee member for details. Thank you in advance for your generous support in keeping SJVCC moving forward.



Sincerely,  
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