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## TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

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### March 2009 President's Report

Rob Bolog

Last month I promised to tell you what we need to do to move Tri-County ahead. Here are three things that we all need to do. If you think they sound familiar they are not that much different from what I started working on a year ago.

**Cut expenses:** We have made some progress this year on expenses; there is not much fat left to cut. We restructured the Club Manager Position and newsletter. We have also looked at expenses one by one and made adjustments where possible. We will continue to look at expenses and trim where possible but this job is about done. Tri-County has fixed costs that we cannot get away from; that is why they call them fixed. We are not likely to eliminate property taxes or reduce insurance costs much more, the clubhouse is a wonderful resource but it costs money whether it is open or closed. We choose to keep it open because it is also one of the things that set us apart from other area clubs. We are going to try and do a better job of spreading the cost information out to the members so we all understand the data. Each activity is also going to have to sharpen their pencil to make sure the benefits to the members and financial return merit continued support. We cannot cut our way to prosperity. This leads us to the next phase.

**Increase Revenue:** We are open to about any idea someone wants to try. Put it on paper and we will talk. We are exploring some exciting new firearms training programs. There is a market for both classroom and live fire training. Tri-County has some outstanding individuals who possess the ability to create a line of business that will reinforce our core values as a shooting club, increase revenue and promote the shooting sports. There is an effort being made to train new instructors, upgrade the alcove upstairs and set up some training courses that we can offer for a fee. We have range facilities and a safety program that will help us set up and monitor the shooting portion of the programs. Hopefully we can create a catalog of courses at TCSL College.

We are also going to take a hard look at what becoming a 501(c)(3) organization would mean to us. The main incentive is the ability to solicit grants from foundations and provide tax incentives for donations. More on this as we learn how it would impact our club.

**Increase Membership:** This is essential to success at TCSL. We cannot reach our full potential without a membership increase. One approach is to create a financial incentive to join the club. Each activity we run should

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provide some type of incentive for the members vs. the non-members. That does not mean we lose money on the members but rather charge the non member a higher fee. Each chairperson should analyze the activity and figure out how to achieve this. Range fees are an example where this is being done already. We will be following up throughout the year with those who run the activities.

The main thing each of us needs to do is recruit members. Ask a friend of family member to join, give a membership as a gift, and promote your club wherever you can. We need to build the membership up to a level that would cover our fixed costs. Presently it takes about \$110,000 **minimum** to run our operation. Check the membership numbers in the newsletter and do the math. We have a long way to go. We can start one member at a time.

### Save the Date!

70th Anniversary Bash at TCSL  
Saturday, May 30, 2009

### Wild Game Wanted

The club needs wild game or fish for the April game dinner. Chef John Wirtz is ready to go but the freezer is a touch light. If you have some freezer ready game to donate please stop by the club and drop it off. Appropriate work hours will be credited.

### Officers and Directors for 2009

The election of Officers and Directors for Tri-County was conducted on February 19, 2009. The following members were elected with the number of votes noted in parentheses:

- President - Rob Bolog (48)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Chuck Tellas (48)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Jerry Chie (48)
- Treasurer - Bob Parent (46)
- Membership Secretary - Mike Moehl (45)
- Recording Secretary - Jim Pryce (46)
- Region 1 Director - Lance Monroe (48)

In addition to those listed above, the following directors will continue in their positions for 2009:

Mark Payeur, Bob Bethune, Lawrence Miller, Mike Brown, Jon Rule, Earl Austin, Gerry Marken, Jeff Morris, David Chie, and Joseph M. Chie.

### February Membership Meeting

Chuck Tellas reported on a meeting of the York Township ad hoc committee on zoning for shooting ranges. Cindy Austin reported on the financial condition of the club. Mike Moehl reported total membership of 826. Jim Pryce reported the news from MUCC (see below). Renee Tellas announced a planning meeting for this year's Women On Target (see notice on last page). Jeff Morris predicted a record turnout for April's FNRA Banquet and encouraged all members to buy tickets and bring a friend, spouse, or other family member to this great event. Bill Feight reported that the grounds were dark and cold (at least during the meeting). He could still use additional volunteers to help with the bar. John Gary reported that the club renewed its membership in MUCC's Range Stewardship Program. The officer and director election results were announced (see article).



### MUCC News

MUCC and the DNR will host eight regional meetings across the state for local input on Michigan deer issues. The last (and closest) meeting will be held March 3, 2009 at the Avalon Lansing West Hotel (formally Best Western-Midway Hotel), 7711 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. Dates have been announced for the 2009 MUCC Camp for Kids. Contact Jerry Chie at [Sgchie@comcast.net](mailto:Sgchie@comcast.net) for info.

### 14th Annual Huron Valley Friends of NRA Event

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at TCSL; 5:30 P.M. Social Hour; 6:30 P.M. Dinner.

**Dinner:** Prime Rib, Boneless Chicken Breast, Red Skin Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad, Rolls, and Desert

**Dinner Tickets:** \$35 Each; Tables of eight, \$250 (save \$30)

**Sponsor:** \$250 - Includes Sponsor Sculpture, Hat, Pin, Traditions Magazine, \$200 in raffle tickets. Preferential reservations for sponsors; reserve now.

**Big Shooter Package:** \$75 - Includes \$140 in Raffle Tickets.

**Super Shooter Package:** \$250 - Includes \$500 in Raffle Tickets and One Chance on the Super Shooters Gun of the Year Raffle.

**Tickets Available From:** Jeff Morris 734-621-2093, or at the club 429-9561.

Have an item to donate? Want to sponsor an auction item? Call TCSL at 734-429-9561. The NRA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

## IDPA

### Great Match in January!

A special thanks to all the IDPA SO's who came out to help run a great winter match in January. We had some new SO's come out and help run stages (Nick Bies, Jae Hotaling, Carlos Soto and Tom Welgosh). The weather was cold and sunny, and Tom Hammond did a great job cooking burgers and brats for all the hungry shooters that day.

The next winter match will be on Saturday, March 28 (no match in February). Registration will open up on the 1st day of the month for the match (on the web site). Go to <http://tcsl-idpa.org/> after March 1st to sign up for the March match.

### New Scoring Software for IDPA!

A special thanks goes to Greg Panzl for donating new IDPA scoring software, and to Jae Hotaling and Carlos Soto for donating the laptop and laser printer for scoring. I think the shooters enjoyed seeing the scores go up during the match, and having the final scores ready at the end of the day! We are now using the same software used at IDPA sanctioned matches (regionals and nationals)! Thank you all for your generous donations.

### IDPA Match Schedules

IDPA matches are on the 4th Saturday of the month (except February). New shooters (including CCW holders) are welcome to attend. Please register on the web site <http://tcsl-idpa.org/>, and show up to the match 30 minutes before your start time. You may choose from the following start times: 10:00am, 11:15am, 12:30pm, or 1:45pm. Food (burgers, brats) and soft drinks will be available. Cost to shoot the match is \$20, and if you wish to shoot again, it is \$10. Plan to bring your defensive carry pistol and equipment, and 150 rounds of ammunition.

### Intro to IDPA Session

For those who have never shot an IDPA match, and would like to try it out—we recommend signing up for the "Intro to IDPA Session". This session will teach you all the rules of IDPA, and let you try shooting IDPA scenarios without being scored. The focus will be to practice the skills needed to shoot simulated defensive scenarios (i.e. drawing from holster, moving while shooting, using cover, tactical-reloads, emergency-reloads, etc.) If you are interested in participating in the session, please send an email to [michael\\_barrera@hotmail.com](mailto:michael_barrera@hotmail.com). The next "Intro to IDPA Session" will be offered in March 2009 at LCSA (located in Brighton). TCSL will offer our "Intro to IDPA Session" in May or June 2009.

### Volunteer Needed

We need a volunteer to represent TCSL at the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce events. Contact Rob Bolog ([rob@thebologs.com](mailto:rob@thebologs.com)) or Jeff Morris ([jeff.m262@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.m262@gmail.com)) for a description of duties.

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 28 Johnson/Miller Wedding  
Mar. 1 Breakfast; Trap  
Mar. 5 Board Meeting  
Mar. 6&7 CCW  
Mar. 8 Trap  
Mar. 10 Euchre Night  
Mar. 14 Youth Shoot & Lunch  
Mar. 15 Trap  
Mar. 19 Membership Meeting  
Mar. 21 NRA Class  
Mar. 22 NRA Class; Trap  
Mar. 24 MUCC Mtg.; Euchre Night  
Mar. 27 Steak Fry  
Mar. 28 IDPA  
Mar. 29 NRA Class; Trap

## Events Requiring Help

### Jerry Chie, Hall Reservations Chairman

Get your hours in—thanks in advance for your help!

Feb. 28 Miller/Johnson Wedding  
Mar. 1 Breakfast  
Mar. 10 Euchre Night  
Mar. 24 Euchre Night  
Mar. 27 Steak Fry

## Hall Reservations

We specialize in parties and fundraisers. The TCSL catering team is first rate. Custom menus and a variety of price points available. Please contact Jerry Chie for more info. [Sgchie@comcast.net](mailto:Sgchie@comcast.net) or 734-483-8435

## Clubhouse and Range Hours

The clubhouse is open with volunteer staff Sunday through Tuesday Noon-6:00pm, and is also open Wednesday through Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm. Please consider volunteering for Sunday, Monday or Tuesday clubhouse coverage. Call the club or Bill Feight 734-717-8112 for more info.

## Trap News

Trap is inviting people to volunteer to help with trap shooting. Folks would begin with scorekeeping duties. Contact Roger Sacks at 734-429-3457 (leave message) or stop "up on the hill" on a Sunday to discuss volunteering. There are some changes happening in the trap program so stay tuned. The Trap Range is now open every Sunday from Noon-3 p.m. (note new hours). Saturday trap has been suspended for the time being.

## Hunting for a Moose?

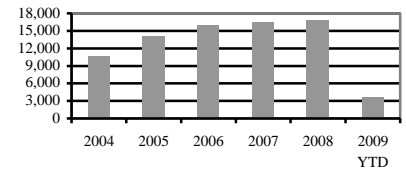
President Bolog is accepting bids on the moose that has been upstairs at TCSL since 1966. The bidding has been active—high bid so far: 210 bucks. Contact Rob at [rob@thebologs.com](mailto:rob@thebologs.com) or 734-276-6499 to put in a bid. Stop by the club to see the moose.



## TCSL Needs You

Lance has a list of chores for folks to get their hours in. Please stop by the bar or call 734-429-9561 to volunteer. The new year for calculating work hours started December 1st.

### Total Hours Contributed



## Doug Esch's Half Rack

### A True Story, Really

I finally took a picture of the Buck I shot in November. The European mount came out pretty good with a lot of help from the Sheats brothers Terry, Dennis and Mike, and I thank them for their help with my "Trophy". I also have to thank my friend Dale, were it not for him one half of the rack would have never have found the other half, and I thank him for giving it up so freely.

This buck's rack would have placed 2nd in the Sheats Brothers Big Rack Contest had the two halves been together when it was harvested at 125-3/8". It had a 19-1/2" inside spread. But reconstruction of the broken rack was not allowed in the contest. It field dressed at 175 lbs. after a week of hanging and is one of the top 3 bucks I have harvested. It is estimated to be 3-1/2 or 4-1/2 years old.

The parts of the rack were put back together by Mike and me (mostly Mike) by using hose clamps, drill press, headless nails, epoxy, duck tape, shoe polish, brown stain, paint and a lot imagination by Mike. Shoot, we could have fabricated a new state record if we would have had enough antler/bone.

After attaching the rack, Dennis helped me by sharing some secrets on skull mounts and "dipped" it for me in some secret formula that takes a freedom of information act request to get the MSDS sheet. I needed all of my personal protection equipment—goggles, vented area, gloves, etc. It turned out great with the very bleached look.

In all honesty, it was the broken antler from the buck that was attached. No funny stuff. Again I want to thank my friends for their help and friendship; you know who you are.

Doug



## Military Member Update

Kenny Bowen, Saline area resident and friend of member Gary Mathis was seriously wounded in Afghanistan where he is serving in the military. He is being treated in Germany.

## Good and Welfare

Russ Payeur, life member of TCSL and father of Mark Payeur recently had back surgery. Louise Rioux, Cindy Austin's mother, passed away. Ray Gronemeyer recently had knee surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bob Grant, Co-Chairman of the trap range, who fell and broke his shoulder and leg. Keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. Please call the club to notify us of an illness or loss 734-429-9561 or 734-429-2274.

## Youth Activities

As the winter yields to spring, so too does this year's air rifle season draw to a close. Last session is on April 29. We had a great turn out this year and attendance has increased every year of the program. All our youth activities are made possible by the efforts of our member volunteers, without whom we couldn't function, and the generosity of grants from the NRA Foundation, without whom we couldn't afford the program. Folks, I know times are rough now, but if you can, make an effort to get out to this year's Friends of NRA fundraiser. The future of our programs depends on it. ---Jeff



## 2009 Egg Shoot

WHO: TCSL members and guests (kids are encouraged and welcome)

WHEN: Saturday, 4/18/09

WHAT TIME: 10:00am to 2:00pm

WHERE: TCSL Rifle Ranges

HOW MUCH:

- \$3 - Kids through 12th Grade (With Member Affiliation)
- \$5 - Kids through 12th Grade (Without Member Affiliation)
- \$5 - Any Other Member
- \$7 - Any Other Non Member

THE DETAILS:

- Price includes Range and Shoot Fees
- Shooting classifications are based on the shooter's ability (beginner through pro available).
- 25, 50, or 100 yards based upon classification.
- Rimfire or centerfire.
- Rifle or pistol.
- Open sights or scoped (9X max).
- Any shooting position.
- Any type of rest that is not attached to the bench or returns the firearm back to battery.

EACH RELAY:

- 5 minutes to get set-up.
- 5 minutes to get sighted-in.
- 6 minutes to shoot 12 rounds at a dozen eggs. If you have eggs standing after 12 shots you'll be given reasonable amount of time to scramble them but it won't count towards score.

See the TCSL website forum or the flyer located at the club for more details.

## March 2009

1 Sunday	2 Monday	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday	6 Friday	7 Saturday
Breakfast 8am-Noon Prep starts at 6:30  Trap Noon-3pm			Air Rifle 7-9pm	Board Meeting 7pm	CCW	CCW Pistol Range Closed 'til Noon
8  Trap Noon-3pm <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	9  York Twp. Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm	10  York Twp. Bd. of Trustees Mtg. 7:30pm  EUCHRE NIGHT	11	12	13	14  Youth Trap Shoot & Lunch
15  Trap Noon-3pm	16	17  York Twp. ZBA Mtg. 7:30pm  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18  Air Rifle 7-9pm	19  Burger Night 5:30pm Membership Meeting 7pm	20  <i>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring</i>	21  NRA Class Action Pistol Range Closed Noon-7pm
22  NRA Class Action Pistol Range closed Noon-7pm  Trap Noon-3pm	23  York Twp. Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm	24  MUCC District 2 Huron 6:30pm  EUCHRE NIGHT	25	26	27  Steak Fry 5-7pm	28  IDPA Pistol and Action Ranges Closed
29  NRA Class Action Pistol Range closed Noon-7pm  Trap Noon-3pm	30	31				

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Something to say? Go to the Forum <http://tcsl.org/smf/>

## Membership Report

### Members are the Key to Success at TCSL

Type	10/16	11/6	11/23	12/18	01/08	02/17
Associate	34	34	35	34	35	35
Honorary	7	7	7	7	7	9
Military	17	17	17	17	18	20
Junior	21	21	21	21	23	25
Young Adult	5	5	5	5	5	7
Life	267	266	266	264	260	259
Senior	15	15	17	19	24	25
Probationary	77	77	79	78	84	89
Regular	358	361	359	358	356	357
<b>Total</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>826</b>
<b>Not Current</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Source: Membership Database (Online).

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### Women On Target

The Third Annual Women On Target Instructional Shooting Clinic is scheduled for June 13th. The organizational meeting is 7:00pm Monday, March 2nd at the clubhouse. Bring your ideas! Contact Renee Tellas (734) 439-1363.

### Thank You

- Thanks to Joe Butko and Roger Lockwood for the donations of wild game.
- Thanks to Luther Isaac for covering the ranges February 14 and 15 while we were all in NRA class.
- Thank you to all who worked the February breakfast. Special thanks to Gerald Bolog for his generous donation of pastries, bread, and ham. We served 95 at the last breakfast. Next breakfast March 1, 2009.
- Thanks to Warren Cheesewright for donating wild game
- Thanks to Vernon Souder for helping around the clubhouse on so many occasions.

### March NRA Classes

The NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Student and Instructor Courses will be conducted by Chuck and Lorena Tellas on Saturday March 21, and Sundays, March 22, March 29 and April 5 on the Action Pistol Range for experienced NRA Instructor candidates. This course is focused on safely drawing a handgun from concealment under varying circumstances. Each action is broken into segments and made smooth by repetition. Most of each class will be taught on the Action Pistol Range, which will be closed from noon to 7:00pm on each training day.

*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*

### TOP SECRET

**CLASSIFIED INFORMATION INSIDE. YOU MUST READ. THERE WILL BE A TEST!**



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