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President's Column

January is an important month in the history of firearms. John Browning was born on January 21, 1855 in Ogden Utah. Historians frequently refer to Browning as the "father of modern firearms". Since he designed the 1911, the Browning M2 machine gun and the .50 BMG cartridge it seems as if the nickname was earned.

It was not a surprise to Browning's family when John started designing his own guns and working on guns since his father, Jonathan Browning, was a gunsmith. He made his first firearm when he was 13 years old. On October 7, 1879 Browning was awarded his first patent when he was only 24 years old. By the time Browning passed away, he had designed 128 gun patents.

Browning's first patent was for a rifle and it was put into use by Winchester in its Single Shot Model 1885. Winchester was so impressed with Browning's skill that they asked him if he could design a lever action repeating shotgun. John did but he felt a "pump action mechanism" shotgun would work better and in 1888 he patented his first pump action shotgun.

All of Browning's designing efforts had one common denominator, which were his attempts to increase speed and improve reliability so that multiple shots could be fired in seconds. Slowly as Browning was successful in improving the manual repeating firearms he began to understand that the human component was the limiting factor in terms of how fast the gun could be operated. In 1889 Browning starting testing various designs for an "automatic firearm". By 1892 he had patented his first automatic firearm. The automatic mechanism used the gases from the muzzle when a round was shot to automatically load another cartridge into the chamber. He continued working on the automatic mechanism and by World War I many of the U.S. troops were using Browning Automatic Rifles as well as Browning machine guns.

At least 80 firearms were designed by Browning. His efforts were not limited to designing firearms since he also designed cartridges. The last gun Browning finished designing was an over-under shotgun. Originally the shotgun had two triggers; however, as the result of his son's work on the firearm it was modified to a single trigger shotgun.

Initially, Browning sold his first patents and worked exclusively with Winchester.

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President's Column (Cont.)

Ultimately, he would sell his patents to Remington, Winchester, and Colt. Here's a short list of some of the guns he designed:

Single-shot rifle (Winchester 1885); Lever -Action rifles (Winchester 1886, 1892, 1894 and 1895); Blowback-Operated Semi-Automatic rifle (Browning .22 semi-auto); Recoil-Operated Semi-Automatic Pistols (US M1911, Colt 1902); Gas-Operated Machine guns (Colt M1895); and countless other guns.

Browning was a practicing Mormon who believed in polygamy and he had 22 children from his three wives. On November 26, 1926 the 71 year old Browning died when he had heart failure while working at a workbench in his son's design shop. At the time he died he was working on designing a self-loading pistol. Since Browning's death to today there have not been any fundamental changed in the firearm industry.

TCSL Elections are on February 18, 2016. Help is needed from noon to 5 pm on Election Day to oversee the voting and around 8 pm to help count the ballots. If you can volunteer and you are not running for a position on the board or an officer seat, please contact me (steve@reedlawgrouppc.com) [This is a good way to earn volunteer hours and remember 75 volunteer hours gets you a free range pass for 2017]

Let's have a great 2016!! Let's spend a lot of time on the ranges!! Let's help expand shooting sports in Washtenaw County!!

~Steve Reed

Superbowl Party at TCSL



Sunday February 7, 2016 at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to pass. There will be a Friends of NRA Raffle Drawing for a Glock 43 or Henry 44 magnum rifle (the first

winner has his/her choice and then the second place gets the other one). Raffle tickets available at the bar now, \$10 each.

Join TCSL



Process: Stop by the clubhouse and pick up an application, or download a copy from the [website](http://tcsl.org).

Completed applications must be accompanied by a \$20 non-refundable application fee, and be endorsed by two existing members in good standing. The Membership Committee reviews applications monthly, and presents completed applications to the Board at the monthly Board of Directors meeting.

Dues: First year dues are \$165: \$125 towards dues, plus a \$40 initiation fee (your \$20 application fee goes towards your initiation, if you application is accepted). Dues thereafter are \$125 per year, payable by or before December 31st. The dues year is from March 1st to the last day of February. There is a pro-rated dues schedule for first year members.

- Junior Member: 1/5th of the regular dues (age <18) (requires signature of parent or guardian)
- Young Adult: 1/2 of the regular dues (ages 18-22)
- Regular Member: Regular dues
- Associate Member (spouse of member): 1/5th of the dues
- Senior Member: 1/2 regular dues (age 65 +15 years as TCSL Member)
- Military: Free while on Active Duty

Work Hours: First year (probationary) members must provide 20 hours work/participation on committees or work projects during their first year of membership. Regular members must provide at least ten hours of work or committee membership per year.

Committee Chair: Dondi Goerlitz (<mailto:membership@tcsl.org>) (734) 429-9561

Membership Meetings are the third Thursday of every month at 6:30pm.

Wanted:
Chairperson for the Rifle Committee

Contact Steve Reed to Volunteer
president@tcsl.org

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Michigan DNR News Release

Dec. 15, 2015

DNR to auction surplus public land starting Jan. 12; most parcels located in eastern U.P. and northern lower Michigan



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources today announced it will offer surplus public land for sale by sealed-bid auction between Jan. 12 and Feb. 10, 2016. The auction will feature 22 parcels located in counties mainly in the eastern Upper Peninsula and in northern lower Michigan, including Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Gladwin, Mackinac, and St. Clair.

Properties range in size from less than an acre to 240 acres. These lands are isolated from other DNR-managed land, are difficult to manage and provide limited public recreation benefit. Several of the parcels are forested and have riverside or lake frontage and are better suited for private ownership. In particular, this auction is highlighting six parcels amounting to more than 680 acres in Adams Township, Arenac County.

Information on the auction, including the minimum bid price, property descriptions, and conditions of sale is available at www.michigan.gov/landforsale. Property listings will not be available for bid until the auction start date (Jan. 12). At that time, instructions for submitting a bid and printable bid forms will be provided at www.michigan.gov/landforsale. Sealed bids must be postmarked by midnight Feb. 10 and will be opened Feb. 22.

Additional properties remaining unsold from previous auctions also are listed for sale at the former minimum bid price. Click on [DNR Surplus Land to BUY NOW!](#)

Printed property information may be requested from the DNR Real Estate Services Section, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948. For general information about the sale of surplus, state-managed public land, contact Patricia Harlow at 517-284-5940.

Most properties offered at auction were acquired through tax reversion; the proceeds provide future outdoor recreation opportunities in keeping with the mission of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

MUCC 2016 Youth Camp



Contact Jerry Chie (sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435) for information on this year's camp. TCSL funds the camp experience for first-time attendees.

Club Election Update

Key Election Dates:

- January 18, 2016—Deadline for receipt of written requests for absentee ballots. Send SASE to W. Bond PO Box 2229 Ann Arbor, 48106.
- January 21, 2016 Membership Meeting—Nominations can be made from the floor. Final ballot announced.
- February 18, 2016—Election Noon–8pm.

Current Nominees:

- President - Steve Reed
- 1st VP - Mike Brown
- 2nd VP - Jerry Chie
- Treasurer - Bob Parent
- Membership Secretary - Dondi Goerlitz
- Recording Secretary - Steve Jolliffe
- Board Members:
 - Region 1—Maudie Abraham, Ken Ross
 - Region 2—Nick Sitarski
 - Region 3—Mark Smokowicz, Doug Goerlitz
 - Region 4—Phil Hemenway, Stuart Berry

Election Help Needed

Bill Bond needs a couple of volunteers to help with this year's election on election day (February 18). One person is needed at the club from Noon to 5pm to oversee voting. Another person is needed at 8pm to help count ballots. Contact Bill Bond spcoal@sbcglobal.net to volunteer, or call the club.

Clubhouse and Range Hours

Rifle and Pistol Ranges:

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Noon-Dusk
Wednesday through Saturday 10am-Dusk

Clubhouse:

Sunday through Tuesday Noon-6pm
Wednesday thru Saturday 10am-6pm

Winter Hours in Effect—
Be Alert, Stop Shooting by Dusk

2016 Trap

Support the sport of trap shooting and earn volunteer hours. Your Trap Range is operated by a committee of five, two-person teams, plus three substitutes who donate their time to keep the Trap Range running smoothly. In 2016, we will again have five teams, but need some substitutes to fill in occasionally. If interested, talk to any committee member or call Steve Jolliffe at 734-944-5678.

Gifts to Tri-County

Steve Reed announced at the November Board meeting that a donation to the club had been received from Member Bob Schrock.

A donation was also received from Mike Moehl's family in memory of Mike. TCSL's Mike Moehl Archery range was dedicated in October 2015.

Thanks to Bob Schrock and the Moehl family for their generous support of TCSL.

Photo of the Month!



The crew that braved the frigid (63 °) December temps to install the plastic and doors on the Pistol House on Sunday the 13th. Thanks men!

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Other News

- **Good and Welfare**—Members Jerry Marken and Jerry Schmidt are dealing with health issues. Former member, Bob Grant, passed away. Member John Stanowski is rehabbing from knee surgery. Past President Pete Urbaniak passed away. Dick Moehl, father of past member Mike Moehl, died December 28. Call the club to notify us of illness, loss, or good news; or email rob@thebologs.com or newsletter@tcsl.org. Send updates on members, family, and friends currently serving in the military to newsletter@tcsl.org; and photos for the website to webmaster@tcsl.org.
- **Huron Valley Friends of NRA Dinner at TCSL**—Friday, April 15, 2016 at 5:30pm. Tickets \$40 each. Available online now at this [link](#).
- **Euchre**—Euchre is played at TCSL every second and fourth Tuesday of each month throughout the year. Dinner is at 5:15pm and we start playing at around 6:15pm. Price of the dinner is \$5 and Euchre is \$2 per person for high games, and lone hands. Come join us.
- **Club Breakfasts**—Next breakfast is January 3. Open to the public. Cost: \$7 adults, \$3.50 children 12 and under (kids under five free).
- **TCSL Monthly Gun Raffle**—Be sure to buy your tickets for the TCSL monthly gun raffle. Cost of a ticket is \$20 with 100 tickets being sold for each drawing. Member Doug Goerlitz won a Youth Package in December's drawing. Watch the newsletter for announcements of items being raffled and results, or check at the bar.

York Township Meetings

Planning Commission, January 11; Board of Trustees, January 12; Zoning Board of Appeals, no meeting. The meetings all start at 7:30pm at the York Township Hall, 11560 Stony Creek Rd., Milan. Members attending can receive work hours credit.



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January 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

31 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday	2 Saturday
	Contact Jerry Chie for hall rental information at sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435, or call the club at 734-429-9561				<i>New Year's Day</i>	
3 Breakfast 8-11am Trap Noon-Done	4	5	6	7	8	9 CPL/CCW 8am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-4pm
10 Trap Noon-Done	11	12 Euchre 5-9pm	13	14 Education Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	15	16 Military Shoot 9am-1pm
17 Trap Noon-Done	18 Safety Committee 6:30pm <i>MLK Jr.'s Birthday</i>	19	20	21 Board and Member Meetings 6:30pm	22 Steak Fry 5-7pm	23 New Member Orientation 9am-Noon
24 Trap Noon-Done	25	26 Euchre 5-9pm	27	28	29	30 NRA Basic Pistol 8am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm

February 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday	5 Friday	6 Saturday
						CPL/CCW 8am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm
7 Superbowl Party and Friends of NRA Auction 5:30pm Trap Noon-Done	8	9 Euchre 5-9pm	10	11 Education Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	12	13 Volunteer Recognition Event 4-11pm
14 CPL/CCW 8am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm Trap Noon-Done <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Safety Committee 6:30pm <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16	17	18 Board and Member Meetings 6:30pm Club Election	19	20 Military Shoot 9am-1pm New Member Orientation 9am-Noon
21 MUCC District 4 Meeting at TCSL 8am-3pm Trap Noon-Done	22	23 Euchre 5-9pm	24	25	26 Basic Instructor Training 10am-4pm	27 NRA Instructor Pistol 8am-6pm Day 1 NRA Instructor Shotgun 9am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm
28 NRA Instructor PPIH 8am-6pm Day 2 NRA Instructor Shotgun 9am-3pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm Trap Noon-Done	29	Do you have news that should be in the club newsletter? Would you like to advertise in the newsletter? If so, contact Editor John Kiddle at newsletter@tcsl.org .				

See the club's Google Calendar at <http://tcsl.org> for the latest updates. Add it to your Google Calendar and never miss a TCSL event!