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April 2016



Dinner at TCSL April 15

President's Column

Don't forget you can win a \$250 gift card to Cabela's if you win the "Suggestion of the Year" award. The criteria being used to select the winning suggestion are as follow:

1. Most likely to increase the number of members/membership retention.
2. Most likely to increase the income or decrease the expenses for TCSL.
3. Most likely to increase the number of volunteer hours the members put in each year.

Once you have your suggestion, drop it in the suggestion box, which is inside the front doors on the wall next to the bulletin board.

It is time for the board/officer walk-around of the property to inspect ranges and grounds. Feel free to join us on the walk-around. The walk-around will be Saturday April 2, 2016 starting at 8am. We will meet at the clubhouse so we can sign in and then do our walk-around. The walk-around will continue to help us identify maintenance that needs to be conducted and to prioritize those projects.

This is a great month to earn volunteer hours since there is a lot going on. We will need set-up, kitchen help, and cleanup help at the April 15, 2015 Friends of NRA dinner, as well as at the April 23, 2016 MUCC Fundraiser and Dinner, and at the May 21, 2016 Bolog Wedding.

As the warm weather comes and we start spending more and more time outside enjoying Michigan, here are a few interesting Michigan facts that may help us understand how fortunate we are to live in Michigan:

- Michigan has more than 4,000 miles of snowmobile trails.
- Michigan ranks 3rd in the nation in licensed hunters at over 750,000.
- Michigan ranks first in state boat registrations.
- Michigan has more shoreline than any other state except Alaska.
- Michigan has 116 lighthouses and navigational lights.
- Michigan has the longest freshwater shoreline in the world.
- Michigan has the largest State Forest system in the nation.
- Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes and more than 36,000 miles of streams/rivers.
- Michigan is the only state that touches four of the five Great Lakes.
- Four flags have flown over Michigan—French, English, Spanish, and United States.

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President's Column (Cont.)

- The city of Novi was named from its designation as Stagecoach Stop #6 or No.VI.
- The State Motto (written in Latin) translates to, "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look around you."
- Forty of the state's 83 counties adjoin at least one of the Great Lakes.
- For 77 years, Tri-County Sportsmen's League has called Michigan its home.

We are heading into a busy time of the year for the club. We have Turkey Shoot, Kids on the Range, Sunday trap, IDPA, youth air rifle, multiple hall rentals, youth trap league, military rifle shoot, pin shoot, Women on Target, NRA classes, etc. Part of our driveway is being re-paved. A new house/shed is being built at the Trap Range. Repairs are being made on the pistol ranges and rifle ranges. The volunteer opportunities are countless. In order to continue to be able to have so many activities and to maintain an attractive looking club, volunteers have stepped up year after year. This year is no exception; volunteers are rolling up their sleeves and helping. Currently we are in need of a Grounds Chairperson and a Chairperson to be in charge of our monthly Steak Fry nights. Get in touch with me if you are interested in filling one of these spots.

Spring is here, so come out to the club and enjoy our ranges/facilities now that the warmer weather is returning. If you see me at the club, let's talk. I would like to hear what members would like to see changed at TCSL. I also would like to thank you for being a member of a terrific sportsmen's club. ~Steve Reed

Safety Update

Last month I mentioned a few reminders of some of TCSL safety rules. I talked about rules for bring firearms to the firing line, procedure for going down range, and types of targets. This month I would like to continue with some reminders of TCSL range rules and procedures.

Target Placement—Target placement is very important in helping to assure the bullets stay contained within the TCSL property. All targets must be placed in front of the proper backstop. On the Rifle, Pistol, and Action ranges, this means the earth berms.

On the Pistol and Rifle ranges, the firing line is at the fixed location. Shooters may not shoot from any other position, other than the firing line. On the Pistol range and 50-yard rifle range, target distance may be varied by moving the target closer or farther from the firing line. On the Action Range, the... *Continued* ↓

Military Match (Cont.)

target should be placed as near to the berm as possible. The shooter may vary the distance by moving their firing position closer or farther from the target. However, in no case should the shooter's firing position be beyond the wooden walls. Also, on the 100-yard and 200-yard Rifle ranges, the target placement is to be nearest the berm as possible.

Another consideration in target placement is the vertical positioning. On the 100-yard and 200-yard Rifle ranges, a general rule of thumb would be not to place the target any higher than 5 feet off the ground. This should allow an adequate view of the target, from the firing line, and assure the bullets impact the berm.

On the Action range and Pistol range, targets should be placed no higher than eye level of the shooter. Remember that "eye level" is determined by the shooter height AND shooting position. For example if targets are set for being shot from a standing position, and then the shooter decided to shoot from seated, the target MUST be lowered to reflect this lower shooting position. This target placement is important in assuring that the bullets impact the berm and not the ground, the shoot house structure (cross beams) OR go over the berm.

On the Action range, there is an option to shoot a plate rack. The rack has been set into a location closest to the berm and a shroud has been placed overhead. It is important that the shooters DO NOT move these from their position. The placement is set to allow for the most efficient containment of splatter from bullets impacting the plates. Also, it is important that the shooter be no closer than 10 yards to the plate rack. This is approximation the distance of the reset pull cord. The purpose of this distance is to reduce the shooter being hit from splatter. Finally, with regard to the plate rack, it is designed to fall from the hit from ONE bullet. DO NOT DOUBLE TAP the plates. Doing so causes the second hit to strike while the plate is in a falling position and the splatter may not be contained by the shroud.

Thanks for taking the time to read these reminders. If there are any questions you would like to pose to the Safety Committee, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached via email at safety@tcsl.org.

~Tom Lewandowski, Chairman
Safety Committee

Spring Grounds Cleanup at TCSL
Saturday, April 30—9am to 4pm
Many Volunteers Needed
Bring Garden Tools

Summer Military Rifle Matches

Begin April 16th

The final Winter bench-rest Military Rifle Match was held on March 19, 2016. Due to attendance two relays were held. Rifles represented included; AR-15's, M14, M1A, FN SCAR 16, M1903 Springfield, Russian Mosin-Nagant, m/96 Swedish Mauser and a Lee-Enfield Mk III.



(Standing) Jon Jaeger, Chris Leite—Hey! Is that finger loaded?, Bob Webb, Gerry Marken, Ted Meadows, Jim Jackson, James Szocik (Kneeling) Jacob Leite, Dave Vandermark, Rob Ashley, Tom Meadows.

Tom Meadows was the overall winner of the match with a score of 95 out of 100, followed by Ted Meadows with a 94 and Mark Smokowicz with a 92. All shooters used iron sights. Thanks to Dave Vandermark, Gerry Marken, and Jon Jaeger for assisting at the event.



Special Operations Forces Combat Assault Rifle (SCAR)

An FN SCAR 16 was used in the match, which is the semi-auto only version of the newest special rifle of U.S. special operators - **Special Operations Forces Combat Assault Rifle (SCAR)**. It is a gas-operated (short-stroke gas piston) self-loading rifle with a rotating bolt and is constructed to be extremely modular. The SCAR-L, for "light", is chambered in the 5.56×45mm NATO cartridge and the SCAR-H, for "heavy", fires 7.62×51mm NATO. Both are available in Long Barrel and Close Quarters Combat variants. Light, fast-handling and quick shooting, features a free-floating, cold hammer-forged MIL-SPEC barrel with chrome-lined bore, with fully-ambidextrous operating controls and a telescoping, side-folding polymer stock and three MIL-STD 1913 accessory rails for mounting lights, lasers, etc. The military version has a quick-change barrel feature, which is not offered on the civilian model. Another military variant is the (EGLM) **Enhanced Grenade Launching Module**, a 40mm grenade launcher. This is the rifle that the U.S. Army said it wanted, finding that the FN SCAR was almost 4x more reliable than the M4.

Our first **Summer Military Rifle Match** will be held on Saturday, April 16. Registration begins at 9am and the...

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Safety (Cont.)

match starts at 10am. The match is open to members (\$10) and guests (\$15). To compete all you need is a military style rifle (non-automatic), domestic or foreign, vintage or modern, sporterized or customized, scoped or iron sights. You will need 45 rounds of safe ammunition, a shooting mat or something to lie on, safety or shooting glasses and ear protection. Spotting scopes and sling are helpful.

The course of fire for the event shall be: (5) rounds of slow fire in the prone position for sight-in within 5 minutes. For score: (10) rounds slow fire in the prone position, (10) rounds of rapid fire in the prone position, (10) rounds rapid fire in the sitting position and (10) rounds of slow fire in the standing unsupported position. For the Slow fire portion, single fed rounds are fired within 10 minutes, while Rapid fire is within 80 seconds with a magazine or stripper clip change. There will be a short safety briefing prior to the match.

For more information contact Mark Smokowicz, marks@comcast.net or (734) 276-2514.

Membership Problems?

If you haven't received your TCSL annual membership renewal form or you misplaced it, please e-mail membership@tcsl.org and another one will be sent out to you.

Memorial/Wellbeing—Past member & past archery chair, Warren "Cheese"

Cheesewright, died March 20. First VP Mike Brown is having continuing health issues. Notify us of illness, loss, or good news by email at newsletter@tcsl.org. Send military updates to newsletter@tcsl.org; and photos for the website to webmaster@tcsl.org.



Women On Target for 2016 is moving full steam ahead!

This year's event will be held June 11, 2016. Registration will begin April 1, 2016 with registration forms available at Tri-County Sportsmen's League and can be downloaded from our website and mailed in with the payment. We are accepting registration this year as first come first serve so if you are a new shooter get your registration in early. All registrations must be accompanied with your payment in order to secure a spot. The cost for this year's event is \$75.00 which will include breakfast, lunch, a T-shirt, and a fun-filled day of shooting!

We have subcommittees this year and are still in need of a committee head for the kitchen, if anyone would like to take on that position please contact Carol at 734-417-6895 or email me at cbklich25@hotmail.com or Dondi at dmgoerlitz@gmail.com. We are still in need of four more team guides, people to help direct traffic, a volunteer to man the sign-in table to check in the volunteers for the ranges, and you can also let us know if you would like to help on the ranges the day of the event.

Our next meeting dates will be: March 22 at 6pm, April 12 at 6pm, May 3 at 6pm, and May 24 at 6:30pm (this time may change due to other conflicts at the club). The May 24 meeting will be our dinner meeting. Please feel free to contact Carol Parent or Dondi Goerlitz if you have any questions.

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Other News

- **York Twp. Meetings**—Planning Commission, April 11; Board of Trustees, April 19; 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.
- **MUCC Fundraiser and Dinner at TCSL**—April 23rd; Tickets \$20; Table of Eight \$150; Contact Jim Pryce for Tickets at jpryce@aol.com.
- **Friends of NRA Dinner**—Friday, April 15, 2016 at 5:30pm. Tickets \$40 each. To purchase tickets go to FriendsofNRA.org or email garyknechtel@reagan.com or call 734-218-0381. See flyer in last month's newsletter for details.
- **Club Breakfasts**—Next breakfast is April 3. Open to the public. Cost: \$7 adults, \$3.50 children 12 and under (kids under five free). *Last one until fall so come out and enjoy it! Thanks to Rob Bolog and crew!*

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April 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday	2 Saturday
Flint Water Crisis <i>TCSL is a collection point for donating water. Water contributions should be dropped off at the bar.</i>					Women On Target Sign Up Day	CCW/CPL 8am-5pm Board/Officer Walk-Around 8-10am (Open to All Members)
3 Breakfast 8-11am Upstairs Rental 1am-6pm Trap Noon-Done	4	5 NRA Meeting 7-9pm	6	7	8	9 Basic Instructor Training 8am-3pm Phase II Basic Pistol 10am-4pm Pistol House Closed 12:30-4:30pm
10 CCW/CPL 8am-5pm Trap Noon-Done	11 Youth Rifle 7-9pm	12 Women On Target 6pm Euchre 5-9pm	13	14 Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm	15 Friends of NRA Dinner 5:30pm 	16 NRA Basic Rifle 9am-6pm Military Shoot 9am-1pm (100yd Range Closed) New Member Orientation 9am-Noon
17 NRA Basic Rifle 9am-6pm Trap Noon-Done	18 Youth Rifle 7-9pm Safety Committee 6:30pm	19 Yorkshire Assoc. Meeting (Lower Level) 7-9pm	20	21 Board and Member Meetings 6:30pm	22 IDPA Setup 4-9pm Pistol Ranges Closed	23 Shotgun Instructor Course 8am-7pm MUCC Fundraiser and Dinner 5pm IDPA Match 8am-9pm Pistol Ranges Closed
24 Bowling Pin/Steel Plate Shoot Noon-5pm Trap Noon-Done	25 Youth Rifle 7-9pm	26 Euchre 5-9pm	27	28	29	30 Basic Shotgun 8am-5pm Spring Grounds Cleanup 9am-4pm

May 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

1 Sunday	2 Monday	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday	6 Friday	7 Saturday
	Youth Rifle 7-9pm	Election—All Day Women On Target Meeting 6pm				CCW/CPL 8am-5pm
8 Trap Noon-Done <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10 Kids On Range Meeting 6pm Euchre 5-9pm	11 3-Gun Competition Practice 4-7:30pm	12 Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm	13	14 Youth Only Shotgun 8am-5pm
15 Bowling Pin/Steel Plate Shoot Noon-5pm Trap Noon-Done	16 Safety Committee 6:30pm	17	18 3-Gun Competition Practice 4-7:30pm New Member Orientation 6-9pm	19 Bolog Setup 5-10pm Board and Member Meetings 6:30pm	20 Bolog Setup 8am-10pm	21 Bolog Wedding 8am-11:30pm Youth Basic Shotgun 8am-5pm Military Shoot 9am-1pm (100yd Range Closed)
22 NRA Basic Rifle 9am-6pm Trap Noon-Done	23 Youth Rifle 7-9pm	24 Women On Target Meeting 6:30pm Euchre 5-9pm	25 3-Gun Competition Practice 4-7:30pm	26	27 Combat Focus Shooting Course 9am-6pm IDPA Setup 4-9pm	28 Combat Focus Shooting Course 9am-6pm IDPA Match 8am-9pm Pistol Ranges Closed
29 Knob Creek Event 3-9pm NO Trap	30 Youth Rifle 7-9pm <i>Memorial Day</i>	31	Contact Jerry Chie for hall rental information at sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435, or call the club at 734-429-9561			

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