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President's Column

This year Women on Target had 90-degree temperatures during the event. Once again countless TCSL members volunteered in countless ways (e.g., registration, kitchen, ranges, guides, etc., etc.) despite the temperature. The women showed up and stayed all day to enjoy each event. I personally want to thank Carol Parent and Dondi Goerlitz for chairing this event again this year. We really don't appreciate all of the work that goes on behind the scenes but Carol and Dondi burnt the candle at both ends without complaining. Most importantly, the event was safely conducted from start to finish. The women participants in the event enjoyed the event and I have heard multiple positive comments from these women. Job well done to all of the volunteers!!

By the time this newsletter is released we will have a few days before Kids On The Range on July 9, 2016. Dondi Goerlitz is chairing this event too and it appears as if Dondi will have a full roster of children to participate. She still needs help on the ranges so contact her if you can help so that we can continue to try and expand the shooting sports to the next generation.

Lee Schleicher has reinstated TCSL gun raffles. Tickets are \$20 each with a limit of 100 tickets per raffle. There will be a drawing at the July 21, 2016 TCSL Board meeting. Tickets are available behind the bar. Help support the club and buy a ticket or better yet buy two tickets. The July 2016 gun is a Henry Golden Boy Rifle.

On October 22 and 23, 2016 we will once again have the NRA TCSL RSO class. At the end of the class, graduates will be a NRA Range Safety Officer, a TCSL Range Safety Officer, and certified in AED/CPR training. Block the two days out now on your calendar so you can come. The two-day class is offered at "no cost" to the participants (TCSL members only) except the fees charged by the Saline Firefighter that teaches the first aid/AED/CPR training. Class size is limited.

Do you have any new ideas that you would like to see implemented at TCSL? Perhaps a change on the ranges, a new event, clubhouse changes, etc. My guess is that a lot of members have some great ideas that we could try but we have fallen into a rut and resist change. Let's challenge each other and think outside the box. If we want to continue to be a local leader in terms of sportsmen clubs, we need to actively use a continuous improvement mindset...

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President's Column (Cont.)

and be willing to try different proposals. If you have a change on a range, contact the chair of the range (Names for each range chair can be found on www.tcsl.org). If there is another type of change, contact me. Frankly, it may be easier for new members to see the opportunity for changes so don't be bashful.

We are less than a half a year until the deadline to have your hours in is here. Since renewal applications are mailed out in December, all volunteer hours must be by November 30, 2016. So, work your hours and make sure you get credit for the time you worked. Keep in mind that 25 volunteer hours gets you \$25 off an annual range pass, 50 volunteer hours gets you \$50 off an annual range pass, and 75 or more volunteer hour gets you a "free" annual range pass. If you are leading an event, please make sure you get your groups volunteer hours to Al Lamoreaux, membership secretary, promptly after your event. It helps Al if you put each volunteer's TCSL membership number in when you submit the hours to him.

Enjoy your July 4th holiday!! Have some cookouts, light some firecrackers, go out on your boats, but don't forget to come out to TCSL and use our ranges. Be safe and take a moment on July 4th to reflect upon the history of the United States. I hope to see you at TCSL. ~Steve Reed

Summer Trap Hours



The trap range is always open to members and the public on Sunday afternoons from noon to 3pm (or when finished). During the summer months (June through October)

the range is also open from 5pm to 7pm (or when finished) on Wednesdays. Come out and shoot some clays! The cost is \$4.00 per round (twenty-five targets) for members or \$4.50 for non-members. Ten round cards (250 targets) are also available at the discounted price of \$35 for members or \$40 for non-members.



Shots from Ladies Only Trap Shoot on June 25

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:

We are still in the process of confirming that we have enough volunteers for Kids On the Range Day (KORD), which will be held on Saturday, July 9th (hours will be approximately 8:30am-3:30pm). We need range help, range safety officers, and team guides. If you plan to volunteer that day, please email Dondi Goerlitz at dmgoerlitz1@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 517-414-3437. The last KORD planning meeting will be on Tuesday, July 5 at 6pm.



On behalf of Tri-County Sportsmen's League, Carol Parent and Dondi Goerlitz would like to send a BIG thank you to all of the committee members, range leads, range volunteers, team guides, kitchen staff, photographer, and all of the other people who so tirelessly worked with us to make Women On Target 2016 a huge success. Without your help and your willingness year after year to volunteer your time, firearms, ammunition, skills, and abilities, we would never be able to host an event of this size that truly "takes over" the entire club for a whole day. We also would like to thank our sponsors, and especially our kitchen staff, who stepped up to help us late in the game—as always, the food was excellent; and Dick Cupke for continuously advertising and advocating for WOT on his radio show each week. Each year we learn new ways to improve the event and make it more safe, seamless, and enjoyable for the participants. We look forward to working with you on next year's event—**Mark your calendars for WOT on JUNE 10, 2017!!!**

Military Rifle Match Held

A Military Rifle Match using standard regiment (prone-sitting-standing) was held on Saturday, June 18th, 2016. Rifles represented at this month's match included M1 Garand, M1A, AK-47 and AR-15. The winner of the match was Ed Benko who had a score of 345, 2nd place to Gerry Marken with a score of 294, and in 3rd place Tom Meadows with a score of 274. Congratulations and thanks to all the participants for competing.



(L-R) Tom Meadows, Paul Siska, Tom Lewandowski, Ed Benko, Gerry Marken, Mark Smokowicz.

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, July-16, 2016. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the 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 slings 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.

Please Note: You need not be a military member to compete, as they are surely welcome, you only need to own a military style rifle.

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

Memorial/Wellbeing

Member Jerry Bolog's sister, Linda Kranz, passed away on May 28. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. 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.



THE INTERNATIONAL DEFENSIVE PISTOL ASSOCIATION
TCSL IDPA News by S. Graf, Member

Greetings—This article is the first of a series about IDPA at Tri-County Sportsmen's League! Unless you are an avid handgun enthusiast or have seen our monthly matches, you may not know much about our IDPA sport.

About IDPA—The International Defensive Pistol Association is headquartered in Berryville, Arkansas and was founded in 1996. It is a shooting sport that was created to help participants learn and practice defensive pistol techniques—drawing from a holster, moving, proper use of cover, and reloads to name a few. The equipment required are practical handguns and holsters that are most common for self-defense use by most people. The scenarios or stages participants shoot are designed to simulate potential life-threatening situations where self-defense measures are required. The sport encourages new or inexperienced shooters by coaching from Range Safety Officers, but is also an exciting sport for more experienced shooters. It is 'loads' of fun and a real 'blast'! IDPA has over 20,000 members worldwide and growing.

IDPA and TCSL—IDPA shooting started at Tri-County in 2002 when members Jack Allen, Karl Andrews, Robert Finegan, Chris Brenner, Bruce Christie, and Mike Cowhy became interested in the sport, learned the game rules, and studied to become IDPA safety officers. The action ranges north of the pistol hut were built in response to the growing number of people coming to IDPA shooting events. Today, matches are held the last Saturday of each month attracting about 80 people on average.

My IDPA Story—I remember standing in a bay at an indoor range shooting at a static target when I got a phone message from an old friend, John White in Linden, MI. He asked if I ever shot IDPA and I asked, "what the heck is that?" He invited me to the Linden Sportsmen's Club where he would introduce me to the sport. He told me what equipment to bring and I showed up not knowing what I was getting myself into. Well, I remember shooting my first stage. My adrenalin was up and I was hooked. This was so much more fun—and valuable to my desire to practice defensive shooting skills—that I have not been back to an indoor range/bay since! I became committed to the sport and took the SO class by Mike Barrera and became a certified safety officer soon after.

What are the two best things about IDPA? The first for me is learning and practicing defensive shooting methods. No other event offers the wide variety of scenarios to learn, develop, and practice these essential skills. The second is... the people! The folks that shoot IDPA are all ages and from all walks of life. And like other shooting sports, they are all friendly, helpful and love sports shooting!

So... come shoot IDPA! You don't have to be a 'member' of IDPA or TCSL to participate in practice nights or to shoot a monthly match. Club rules and safety are strictly enforced of course!



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Other News

- **York Twp. Meetings**—Planning Commission, July 11; Board of Trustees, July 12; Zoning Board of Appeals, July 19. The meetings all start at 7:30pm at the York Township Hall, 11560 Stony Creek Rd., Milan. Members attending can receive work hours credit.
- **Steak Fry**—Fourth Friday in July, August, September, and October.
- **Event Volunteers Needed**—Sign up at the club.
 - July 9 Kids on the Range Help needed
 - July 9 MHS Class of 1981 Help needed
 - July 30 Fletcher Wedding Reception Help needed
 - August 12 Towler Rental Downstairs
 - August 20 YHS Class of 1961 Reunion Help needed
 - September 16 Ypsi – Ann Arbor Chamber Help needed.

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Clubhouse and Range Hours

Rifle and Pistol Ranges: Sunday through Tuesday Noon-Dusk,
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July 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

31 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday	2 Saturday
Johnson Basement Rental Noon-8pm Trap Noon-Done	Gun Raffles Are Back! Tickets available at the bar—only 100 per raffle The July 21 drawing is for a Henry Golden Boy Rifle					
3 NO Trap	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 Kids On The Range Day Meeting 6pm	6 3-Gun Competition Practice 4-7:30pm Trap 5-7pm IDPA Practice 5-8pm	7	8 Setup for Kids on the Range Day All Ranges Closed 5pm-Closing	9 Kids on the Range Day 10am-5pm All Ranges Closed 9am-5pm Milan HS Reunion 3pm-Midnight
10 Bowling Pin/Steel Plate Shoot Noon-5pm Trap Noon-Done	11	12 Euchre 5-9pm	13 3-Gun Competition Practice 5-8:30pm Trap 5-7pm New Member Orientation 6-9pm IDPA Practice 5-8pm	14 Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm	15	16 CCW/CPL 8am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm Military Shoot 9am-1pm (100yd Range Closed)
17 Trap Noon-Done	18 Safety Committee 6:30pm	19	20 3-Gun Competition Practice 5-8:30pm Trap 5-7pm IDPA Practice 5-8pm	21 Board Meeting 6:30pm No Member Mtg.	22 Steak Fry 5-7pm IDPA Setup 4-9pm Pistol Ranges Closed	23 IDPA Match 10am-6pm Pistol Ranges Closed
24 CCW/CPL Class 8am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm Trap Noon-Done	25	26 Euchre 5-9pm	27 3-Gun Competition Practice 5-8:30pm Trap 5-7pm IDPA Practice 5-8pm	28	29	30 Basic Shotgun 8am-5pm Hunter Safety Signup 1-3pm Fletcher Reception 5-11pm

August 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday	5 Friday	6 Saturday
		August Primary Election 7am-8pm	3-Gun Competition Practice 5-8:30pm Trap 5-7pm IDPA Practice 5-8pm			Hunter Safety Class 9am-5pm
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28 Trap Noon-Done	29	30 Towler Shower 1-5pm	31 3-Gun Competition Practice 5-8:30pm Trap 5-7pm IDPA Practice 5-8pm	Contact Jerry Chie for hall rental information at sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435, or call the club at 734-429-9561		

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!