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President's Column

I was almost done writing this month's column but I decided to throw it away and instead write this column. I am writing the column the evening of Saturday April 23, 2016. I just returned to my office after having been called to TCSL since a guest at the MUCC dinner had a heart attack. The TCSL AED machine was used when his heart had stopped. Members stood at the road and in the driveway to direct HVA and Saline Fire Department to the proper door to enter at the clubhouse. Saline Fire Department and HVA responded extremely fast to the 911 call. Two nurses were on site and they did CPR/AED on the individual that was down. When HVA arrived, they quickly unplugged our AED machine and hooked our pads/cable up to their machine. The patient left TCSL property with his heart beating and stable respiratory readings registering. If our prayers are answered, the TCSL guest will make a full recovery. This article will be in print before any update on his status is provided.

Every single TCSL member, past and present, should be extremely proud of how the entire incident was handled from start to finish. First of all, TCSL is fortunate to have an AED machine on site and one that uses the same cables as HVA and the Saline Fire Department. Second of all, our AED unit has been properly maintained so it was fully charged and functionable. Third of all, getting the AED upstairs quickly and into the hands of the two nurses/guardian angels that were at the MUCC event was critical. Fourth of all, having TCSL members go to the street and stand in the driveway to direct the Fire Department and HVA to the proper door so they could quickly provide assistance saved minutes off the time that was needed for help to get to the TCSL guest. Fifth of all, TCSL members walked among the 100 plus guests and kept them calm, asking if anything was needed. Fifth of all, one of the HVA paramedics said, "It doesn't go any better than this." as he left the property.

The foresight of TCSL members to get an AED unit on the TCSL premises, as well as to properly maintain it allowed the nurses to start his heart when it had stopped. The training of TCSL members so that they knew to get volunteers out to direct the emergency vehicles was the result of the training TCSL members get at Orientation, in NRA classes, and at the TCSL RSO class. Finding and using individuals with medical training, as well as quickly getting... *Continued* ↑

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the AED unit to the nurses was also the result of training received in countless TCSL activities. Checking on the status of our other 100 plus guests helped keep things calm so the medical providers could work was important.

While properly handling the emergency was impressive, the most impressive conduct was the compassion that every single TCSL member showed to our guests and each other. You read about incidents where there is an emergency (e.g., a member of the public being assaulted, an injured person falling to the ground, etc.) and not one single person steps forward to lend a helping hand. Walking throughout both floors and the parking lot, it became obvious that countless TCSL members were helping (e.g., holding doors, getting water for guests that were stressing out). It is that compassion that exists with TCSL members that makes the club special and a family. It is easy to miss the TCSL family attitude when you are short volunteers, or other members disagree with you, or TCSL rules are not followed (e.g., not signing in at the clubhouse). Tonight you could see the TCSL family attitude throughout the entire club. Other examples of the TCSL compassion exist when TCSL members call to check on members who are sick, members that have lost a family member, the birth of children/grandchildren, etc. Tonight's event was tragic but the TCSL family attitude was present in all locations. Pat yourself on the back. Puff your chest out. Walk a little taller. You have every right to be proud to be a TCSL member. Tonight's demonstration of TCSL compassion was inspiring and we should all be proud of it. You never know, I may even trade in a Harley shirt for a TCSL shirt.

Enjoy the warmer weather and have an enjoyable Memorial Day!! Don't forget to take a break on Memorial Day for the National Moment of Remembrance which encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3pm local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to our nation. ~Steve Reed

"I give my pledge, as an American, to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife."



Women On Target is fast approaching! We have 50 participants signed up already, so if you are still interested, get your registration and payment in as soon as possible.

We are still in need of volunteers who would like to be roamers, parking directors, kitchen help, and whatever comes up the day of! Our next meeting in May 3, 2016 at 6pm upstairs.

If you would like to donate to our participants and volunteer auction, you can drop the items off at the club with your name so you can be acknowledged. Also, we are still looking for sponsors to offset the cost of Women On Target. If you or anyone you know are a business owner and would like to sponsor a team or a range please contact Carol at: cbrklich25@hotmail.com. All sponsors receive advertising for their business posted on the ranges, a business card size ad in the club newsletter for two months, and acknowledgement during our opening and closing activities.

Memorial/Wellbeing

Mike Brown is having serious health issues. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. There was a death in the family of member, Jim Walter. We extend our condolences to Jim and his wife. On the plus side, Ted Windish reports he has a new nephew! 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.

Website News from the Membership Meeting

Steve Jolliffe reported that a task force of six to eight members has been formed. A meeting was held on April 2 to review the five bids that we solicited. LT Design Studio was selected to update our website. The goals for the new website are to help increase membership, make it easier to attract and track volunteers, and to provide for on-line membership renewals. Additional features may include an on-line store from which members can purchase TCSL apparel. A site structure has been proposed and a temporary website is up and running. We will be taking photographs for the website in the next few weeks and members with good photographs are encouraged to share them. Send them to secretary@tcsl.org.

Military Rifle Match Hed

This year's Military Rifle Match using standard regiment (prone-sitting-standing) was held on April 26, 2016. Rifles at this month's match included AR-15's, M14, AK-47, M1903 Springfield, and a French MAS 36/51. The winner of the match was Jim Szocik who had a score of 340, in 2nd place was Chris Leite with a score of 333 and in 3rd place Rob Ashley with a score of 316. Congratulations and thanks to all the participants for competing.



(Standing) Gerry Marken, Bob Webb, Chris Leite, Paul Siska (Kneeling) Tom Meadows, Rob Ashley, Dave Vandermark, Jim Szocik



Avtomat Kalashnikova (AK-47)

An AK-47 was used in this month's match. Its distinctive curved magazine and pistol grip are recognized even by those with little knowledge of guns. Its action is a gas-operated, rotating bolt, and chambered in a 7.62 x 39mm M1943 cartridge, and employs a curved 30-round magazine and adjustable iron sights. It was created for use in the severe climates of the Soviet Union. Mikhail Kalashnikov, a weapons designer, was recuperating from a shoulder wound from battle and a soldier in a bed next to him asked why do our soldiers have only one rifle between two or three men while the enemy has automatics? So he designed a machine gun for a soldier. The AK-47 was designed to be a simple, reliable automatic rifle and able to be manufactured quickly and cheap since it has only 8 moving parts. It possesses relatively generous tolerances and is able to function even if its components are fouled by debris. The Kalashnikov rifle is in the "Guinness Book of Records" as the most widely spread weapon in the world, with an estimated 100 million in use worldwide.

Our next **Military Rifle Match** will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the match starts at 10:00am. 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,

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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.

Fish Story

Four men from Tri-County braved the cold, freezing, windy seas of Lake Michigan on Sunday April 10. Brian Johnson, Ed Benko, Al Lamoreaux, and Mark Smokowicz caught their limit of Lake Trout on a chartered fishing trip out of South Haven. The weather was far from ideal, but the fish were biting.



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- ◆ Focus & Attention Issues
- ◆ Overall Health & Immune System



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Other News

- **York Twp. Meetings**—Planning Commission, May 9; Board of Trustees, May 10; 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.
- **Club Breakfasts**—Last one for the season was April 3. See you in the fall!
- **Steak Fry News**—Mark Smokowicz has volunteered to chair our Steak Fries in the future. There is no steak fry scheduled this month but they may resume in June. Thanks Mark!
- **Burger Nights**—Last one until fall was April 21.
- **Creek Cover Repair**—A program manager is needed. Please contact Steve Reed if you can head up this important project.

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Rifle and Pistol Ranges: Sunday through Tuesday Noon-Dusk,
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Clubhouse: Sunday through Tuesday Noon-6pm,
Wednesday thru Saturday 10am-6pm

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Coach AJ Berning-Matell is a TCSL member.

May 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

1 Sunday	2 Monday	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday	6 Friday	7 Saturday
Trap Noon-Done		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 Pistol Range CLOSED for Maintenance Youth Only Shotgun 8am-5pm
15 Pistol Range CLOSED for Maintenance 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	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 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31	Flint Water Crisis TCSL is a collection point for donating water. Water contributions should be dropped off at the bar.			

June 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	1 Wednesday	2 Thursday	3 Friday	4 Saturday
Contact Jerry Chie for hall rental information at sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435, or call the club at 734-429-9561			3-Gun Competition Practice 4-7:30pm			NRA Basic Pistol 10am-5pm Moore Rental 3-8pm
5 Trap Noon-Done <i>Mother's Day</i>	6	7	8 3-Gun Competition Practice 4-7:30pm	9 Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm	10 Women On Target All Ranges CLOSED 4-9pm	11 Gard Party—Upstairs Women On Target All Ranges CLOSED All Day
12 CCW/CPL 8am-6pm Trap Noon-Done	13	14 Kids On The Range Day Meeting 6pm Euchre 5-9pm <i>Flag Day</i>	15 3-Gun Competition Practice 4-7:30pm New Member Orientation 6-9pm	16 Board and Member Meetings 6:30pm	17	18 NRA PPOH 8am-5pm Military Shoot 9am~1pm (100yd Range Closed)
19 NRA PPOH 8am-5pm Bowling Pin/Steel Plate Shoot Noon-5pm Trap Noon-Done <i>Father's Day</i>	20 Safety Committee 6:30pm	21	22 3-Gun Competition Practice 4-7:30pm	23	24 Combat Focus Shooting Course 9am-6pm IDPA Setup 4-9pm	25 Basic Shotgun 8am-5pm IDPA Match 8am-9pm Pistol Ranges Closed
26 Trap Noon-Done	27	28 Euchre 5-9pm	29	30		

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!