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December President's Column

Do you know why December is an important month in the history of firearms?

The NRA is having its 2017 Annual Meeting April 27 – 30, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. Hotel rooms close to the site of the meeting are filling up quickly so you may want to get your reservations as soon as possible. The 2017 SHOT Show is January 17 – 20, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The NRA Annual meeting is open to the public. The SHOT Show states on its home page that:

“The SHOT Show is a trade only event. Attendance is RESTRICTED to the shooting, hunting and outdoor trade and commercial buyers and sellers of military, law enforcement and tactical products and services ONLY. The show is not open to the public, and NO one under age 16 shall be admitted (including infants).”

If you would like more information about either event, please go to their websites (<https://www.nraam.org/>) or (<http://www.shotshow.org/>). If you are attending either one of these events, please consider taking notes and photos, and then write a short article for the TCSL Newsletter, “On Target”.

If you are considering going to gun shows in 2017, then go to <http://www.migunshows.com/> where you can see some of the upcoming shows.

If you go to the NRA Annual Meetings, the SHOT Show or to any gun shows in 2017, you are enjoying your Second Amendment right, a right that Americans value and cherish. So, why is December an important month in the history of firearms? December 15, 1791 the Bill of Rights was adopted after having been ratified by three-fourths of the states. The Second Amendment is included in the Bill of Rights and it states:

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.”

The right to bear arms has been controversial for decades. It is likely that the debate over the right to bear arms and gun control will continue to be a hot topic for years. We will see what the future holds as at least one new Supreme Court Judge will join the United States Supreme Court during the next four years. Show your support for the Second Amendment and attend at least two more gun events / gun shows then you did in 2016.

President's Column (Cont.)

~ As the year winds down, it is the time when nominations for a seat on the TCSL Board or a TCSL Officer seat will be accepted. If you are currently sitting on the TCSL Board, then at the December 2016 Board Meeting you will need to announce your decision to run for an officer position. Article 3 Section 9 of the TCSL Bylaws states:

“Any Director who shall elect to run for an office or any Director who cannot remain seated for their full term shall resign their Directorship at the December Board of Directors meeting effective the end of the membership year.”

If you decide to run for an officer position, you will still sit on the Board until February 28, 2017, then your term will end and if elected you will take over as an officer at the TCSL March 2017 Board meeting.

At the January 2017 TCSL Board meeting the Bylaws require each committee chair to make a report to the TCSL Board. It is helpful to know what your committee accomplished in 2016, what you would like to accomplish in 2017, what needs your committee will have in 2017, etc. Each committee report should be 5 minutes or less. If you need help getting your report together, please feel free to ask for help.

Lance Monroe is the club manager. It is important to keep Lance up-to-speed on events or activities at TCSL. It is difficult / impossible for Lance to answer questions on the phone or in person if he is not kept informed. If he is going to need to do shopping (e.g., groceries, paint, etc.) he is better able to manage / schedule his time if he knows what is going on. If Lance is changing the street sign or he needs to remove something, he needs to do what is scheduled. If volunteers are needed for upcoming events, he can inform members of possible opportunities to earn hours. Since Lance is frequently the “face of TCSL” we all look better and give a better impression if he is kept up-to-date

The holiday season is upon us and a New Year is rapidly approaching. Give yourself some downtime and spend some extra time relaxing and with your family, including, your TCSL family. Happy Holidays to everyone and I hope to see you at the club. Steve Reed

Memorial and Well-being

Lee Scheicher TCSL member passed away the week of 11/19, Hank Morris father of TCSL member Jeff Morris passed away in early November and Doris Timmons, mother of Dick Timmons a TCSL member, passed away. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers. Notify us of illness, loss, or good news by email at newsletter@tcsl.org.

York Township News



Congratulations to Chuck Tellas TCSL member and former vice president of TCSL. Chuck has been elected to serve as the new York Township Supervisor. Good luck in your new position Chuck! Give Chuck a high five when you see him!

The Waterfowl Decoy

Presentation and Hands-On Demonstration
Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.



TCSL member Larry Darling will give a presentation and hands-on demonstration of carving wooden waterfowl decoys. Larry has been recognized as the North American and World Champion maker of waterfowl decoys and his carvings are truly works of art. He will bring plenty of examples of his work. We will meet in the upper level classroom at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 14. Members and guests are welcome

***Following is an article on the Risks of using Lead Shot. At our last board meeting there was a discussion on the subject of protecting the creek that runs through the club from lead contaminants. Thought this article might be of some interest. ~ John Kidle/Carol Parent**

Risks Associated with Lead Shot

Lead shot was banned for waterfowl hunting in 1991. However it continues to be used widely for shotgun shooting sports (trap, skeet, sporting clays), in ammunition for upland hunting and in fishing tackle.

The ban on lead shot for waterfowl hunting was to reduce the hazard to waterfowl (especially bottom feeders) through direct ingestion of spent lead shot, or through consumption of wounded or dead prey containing lead shot, bullets or fragments. To some degree, our aging creek cover does serve to discourage any waterfowl from feeding from the creek bottom.

Lead from spent ammunition (or lost fishing tackle) is not readily released into aquatic and terrestrial systems, however under some environmental conditions it can slowly dissolve and enter groundwater, making it potentially hazardous for plants, animals and perhaps even people if it enters water bodies or is taken up in plant roots. It is my understanding that the water in the creek, downstream from the creek cover, is periodically tested for lead, and that no measurable lead has been detected.

The primary risk of lead to humans is lead entering drinking water when service pipes that contain lead corrode, especially where the water has high acidity or low mineral content that corrodes pipes and fixtures (i.e. Flint water system). The most common problem is with brass or chrome-plated brass faucets and fixtures with lead solder, from which significant amounts of lead can enter into the water, especially hot water.

Another significant risk of lead to humans is ingesting paint chips and inhaling lead paint dust.

The issue with using steel, tungsten or bismuth shot at our trap range is that many shotguns and/or chokes are only compatible with lead shot. Also, these non-toxic alternatives are significantly more expensive.

Women on Target

After hosting Women on Target for several years, there is a good possibility Tri-County will not be hosting the event in 2017. We no longer have co-chairs for next year. Women on Target have been a fun event and we have always had a waiting list. Women are so excited to spend the day learning about the sport of shooting. I am hoping someone will be interested in taking on the Women on Target event. The day of the event is a fun and rewarding day, the women participating enjoy themselves immensely and learn a great deal about safety and shooting, but the preparation for Women on Target is time intensive and requires two people to organize the many aspects of having a successful day. If you find yourself needing to take on this great event please email me: cbrklich25@hotmail.com



Turkey Shoot

Turkey Shoot Organizer Needed – We need someone to chair / lead the Turkey Shoot event. After years of taking charge of the Turkey Shoot event, Dale Radak is stepping down. Contact Steve Reed (steve@reedlawgrouppc.com) if you are interested.





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Coach AJ Berning-Matell is a TCSL member.

Other News

- **Breakfast** - December 4th
- **Hamburger Night** - January 19th 5pm
- **Steak Fry**—Next one is January 27, 2017.
- **"I Support Blue" Signs**—The October Board approved sale of "I Support Blue" signs as a TCSL fundraiser. Watch here for details or check at the bar. Thanks to Ed Benko for developing the idea!
- **Mi-HUNT**—Find the perfect fall hunting spot with DNR's interactive, online mapping tool. Click [here](#).
- **Friends of NRA Dinner** is April 14, 2017. Volunteers are needed. If interested, please call Gary Knechtel at 734-218-0381, or email garyknechtel@reagan.com.

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

WINTER HOURS NOW IN AFFECT

December 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	1 Thursday	2 Friday	3 Saturday
Contact Jerry Chie for hall rental information at sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435, or call the club at 734-429-9561						
4 TCSL Breakfast 8-11:30am Two Gun Shoot 1pm Trap Noon-Done	5	6	7	8 Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm	9 Saline School Christmas Party 4pm – Midnight	10 Wicked Jeeps Upstairs Rental 3pm-Midnight
11 CCW/CPL PPIH 8am-5pm Bill Towler Party 3-10pm Trap Noon-Done Two Gun Shoot-1pm	12 Safety Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	13	14 Duck Decoy Presentation 7PM	15 Board & Member Meetings 6:30pm	16 Veterans & Friends Dance 6-10pm	17 New Member Orientation 9am-Noon
18 Lindemann Party 9am-6pm Two Gun Shoot 1pm Trap Noon-Done	19	20	21	22	23	24 
25  Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve

January 2017 TCSL Event Calendar

1 Sunday	2 Monday	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday	6 Friday	7 Saturday
	Safety Committee Meeting 7pm					CCW/CPL PPIH 8am-6pm
8 Two Gun Shoot 1pm Trap Noon-Done	9	10	11	12 Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm	13	14 Basic Instructor Training 8am-6pm New Member Orientation 9am-12pm
15 Trap Noon-Done Two Gun Shoot 1pm	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19 Hamburger Night 5pm Board & Member Meetings 6:30pm	20	21 Military Rifle Match 9am
22 Two Gun Shoot 1pm Trap Noon-Done	23	24	25	26	27 Steak Fry 5pm – 7pm	28
29 Two Gun Shoot 1pm Trap Noon-Done	30 6:30pm Safety Committee Meeting	31				

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!