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February President's Column

Elections are Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 12 noon until 8 pm. On February 16, 2017 starting at 5 pm we are having Hamburger Night, followed by a Board Meeting and the Membership Meeting. There are two contested seats so voting is important. The **Region One Director** seat for three years is contested between **Dennis Osborn and Tom Lewandowski**. In addition, the **Region Three Director** seat for three years is contested between **Doug Goerlitz and Larry Darling**. No one put their name onto the ballot for **First Vice President** so in an effort to make sure that financial issues are not ignored, I have installed **Carlos Soto** in as **"Acting First Vice President."**

At the January 2017 board meeting the following awards were given out to some very deserving members:

Suggestion of the year went to Jerry Chie

Member of the year went to Charlie Unbehaun

Associate member of the year went to Margie Knechtel

Leadership award of the year went to Mark Smokowicz

If you will recall, TCSL had a November 2016 Membership contest and the sponsors' names for all new member applications submitted in November 2016 were entered into a drawing for a 4 hour charter fishing trip on the west side of the state during 2017. Dennis Osborn won the charter.

At the January 2017 TCSL membership meeting Ron Burris, past president of MUCC, gave a very moving description of the events surrounding his heart attack at a 2016 dinner at TCSL, his extended hospital stay and his full recovery. Ron also made a significant financial donation to TCSL in appreciation of TCSL's efforts. If you see Ron, thank him for supporting TCSL.

If you are interested in becoming a NRA and TCSL Range Safety Officer you should attend both the Saturday March 4, 2017 and Sunday March 5, 2017 class. The class is for TCSL members only and there is 'NO CHARGE' for the NRA RSO portion of the class. Since it is not uncommon for students to pay \$75 - \$150 to take the NRA RSO class, this is a great benefit you get as a member of TCSL.

President's Column (Cont.)

Saline Firefighter Kevin will once again provide the CPR/AED/First Aid training. Each member will need to pay Kevin \$30 for his course. Class will run 8 am - 5 pm each day and all participants will receive 16 volunteer hours for attending. Contact Steve Reed (steve@reedlawgrouppc.com) if you are interested in taking the class or if you are interested in assisting teaching at the class. If your CPR/AED rating is expiring, this is also an opportunity to get your credentials renewed.

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 NRA Annual meeting is open to the public. For more information go to <https://www.nraam.org/> If you are attending please consider taking notes and photos, then write a short article for the TCSL Newsletter, "On Target". Keep your eyes open during the meeting since it sounds like there are several TCSL members going so take the time to chat with your TCSL family members.

If you have an idea for a new shooting activity at TCSL, I would ask you to be willing to lead the event and to get it rolling this year. New events will increase income to the club and potentially club membership. How about a monthly women's night on the pistol range? How about a monthly youth archery workshop? What about a fly tying workshop during fishing season? Perhaps a monthly shooting contest with "new shooters" and "experienced shooters" divisions followed by an award at the end of the contest. We have an outstanding club with great ranges that allow us to conduct events that others cannot have on their ranges so let's get new events going that allow us to maximize the use of our ranges.

Saturday April 1st 2017 starting at 8 am will be the annual Board/Officer/Members walk around the property and ranges. We will inspect our ranges and grounds to identify 2017 projects. Earn volunteer hours and enjoy fellowship with other members. The inspection will be completed by 10 am so that the ranges can open on time.

See you at TCSL on February 16, 2017 when we are voting and enjoying another hamburger night!!! Think SPRING!!!

President's Column (Cont.)

Pictured below are our 2016 TCSL Award Winners :



Mark Smokowicz, Jerry Chie, Sue Chie (standing in for daughter Margie Knechtel) and Charlie Unbehaun. Congratulations!!

Good News

Great to meet Ron Burris and his wife Margaret pictured below with Steve Reed. Everyone was moved by Ron recounting his hospital stay and recovery. We are very happy to see that he is healthy!



Memorial and Well-being

Sadly to report that we have lost another TCSL member. Harold Holcomb passed away 1-14-17 and Jim Anderson recently lost his mother. Bill Bond's wife is having health issues as well is Pat VonHofe. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers. We could really use some good news to publish, so dig deep and send me an uplifting message!

Email announcements to the newsletter at: newsletter@tcsl.org.

Range News

Rifle Range: Dave Vandermark reported there were 10 military shoots in 2016. Brass recovery amounted to \$600. Repairs have been made to the 100yd backstop, the “eyebrow” was removed and new target stands have been placed.

Pistol Range: The dirt berm was repaired and the damaged wood was replaced as well as the “do not shoot” sign. Metal roofs were completed. A new safety gate is planned for 2017.

Trap Range: Range was open 45 Sundays and 21 Wednesday evenings in 2016. Over 1,200 rounds (25 targets each) of trap were shot.

Archery: New arrows will be purchased in 2017 since the new arrows would not stick in the targets. Roof repairs are planned for 2017.

IDPA: Income of \$10,316 from IDPA matches. IDPA events will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month starting in March.

Upcoming Trap Events

June 3rd Handicap Trap
July 1st Women Only Trap
August 12th Doubles Trap
Sept. 30th Women Only Trap
October 7th Doubles Trap

*More information to follow in future newsletters

Military Rifle Match 2017

Our first winter Military Rifle match for 2017 was held on Saturday Jan. 21st at the 100-yard rifle range with 9 shooters. Firearms represented included multiple AR-15's, Model 1894 Mauser, M1 Garand, M1903 Springfield and a M39 Mosin Nagant. Special Thanks to John LaBlanc (not shown) who was our time-keeper. Results of the match:

Iron Sight Division:

1st Place Mark Smokowicz 98-2x
2nd Place Dave Vandermark 93-3x
3rd Place Gerry Marken 92-2x

Scoped Division

1st Place Mike Johnston 100-4x Perfect Score
2nd Place Jim Szocik 99-4x
3rd Place Joe Linke 94-2x

Our next Winter Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, Feb 18th and is open to TCSL members and guests. Registration starts at 9am and the match begins at 10am. A short safety briefing will be held prior to the match. Fees for the match will be \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. You can compete with any military style rifle, foreign or domestic, modern or vintage, with iron sights or scope.

The winter matches are conducted from the bench rest and course of fire is 10 rounds sight-in over a period of 5 minutes followed by 10 rounds for score over a period of 10 minutes. Highest score wins. Bring 20 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, hearing protection, registration fee and

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appropriate warm clothing. A spotting scope is useful, and you may also bring rests or other positioning gear. Some blocks and sand bags are available. For further information or questions contact Mark Smokowicz at marks@comcast.net, (734) 276-2514.



(L to R) Joe Linke, Tom Lewandowski, Dave Vandermark, Rob Ashley, Chris Leite, Jim Szocik, Mark Smokowicz, Mike Johnston, Gerry Marken.

Women on Target

Registration for Women on Target will be April 1, 2017. The cost is \$75 the same as last year. The registration forms will be available online and also at Tri-County closer to the registration date. The first two weeks – April 1 -15th will be for first time attendees, after April 15th it will be open registration. In order to be registered payment must accompany the application. We are also trying something new this year for the raffle. I have different baskets for anyone who would like to sponsor a themed basket. You can pick the theme and arrange the basket or you can donate money towards a basket and we will purchase the items. Please let Sharon or I know if you are interested. And as always we are looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of the event. Our next meeting is Feb 13th at 6pm in the upstairs classroom. We would like to have the Range leads attend so we can get needed information for the ranges. **email me: cbrklich25@hotmail.com**, or call Carol at 734-417-6895 or Sharon at mudiblues@att.net.

Superbowl Party at Tri-County

Sunday, February 5th, 4PM

Come join us for a Superbowl party at Tri County, FREE admission if you bring a dish or \$10 for a hamburger/hot dog and fixings meal. Also 50/50 Raffle. For more information contact Maudie @ 734-429-9561



Steak Fry

Come join us on Friday, Feb. 24, for a Flame broiled Steak Fry. Dinner is served from 5:00 pm - 7:00 PM. Steak, Salmon or Chicken. Open to the public so bring family or friends. We now offer kids meals with a choice of hamburger or hot dog with mac and cheese included. Main meal includes salad, roll, potatoes, vegetable, baked beans and desert. Steak \$15, Salmon \$13, Chicken \$9, Children (12-5) \$6, under 5 Free.

NOTICE

Become a NRA & TCSL RSO at the same time. Saturday March 4 and Sunday March 5, 2017. 8am-5pm each day.

The NRA RSO class is “FREE” to TCSL members. Participants will pay for the AED/CPR portion of the class. Class is restricted to TCSL members and limited to 20 participants. Contact Steve Reed if you want to register for the class steve@reedlawgroup.com.

22nd NRA DINNER

The 22nd annual Huron Valley Friends of the NRA Dinner will be taking place on Friday April 14th at 4:30 PM. Guns, prizes, raffles, auctions, food, fun, and more guns! Beef Roast and Baked Cod will be served. Individual tickets are \$40 each, table packages are \$300.. Tickets also available at <http://friendsofnra.org/>. Please come on out and support the shooting sports in your community. Please call 734-218-0381, or email garyknechtel@reagan.com for additional information, or to buy tickets



Women's Clothing Sale

Saturday, Feb. 25th, 10am – 3pm
Open to public! No admission fee

Join us for a big LuLaRoe shopping day. This is a multi-consultant event, which means tons of LuLaRoe clothing. The event will be held upstairs at Tri-County Sportsman League. LuLaRoe is a comfortable and fashionable clothing line for girls and women. Sizes 00-3XL. Shirts, skirts, dresses, and of course butter soft leggings.

Any questions can be sent to lularoelindseytrott@gmail.com

Hall Activity Dates can be found in the newsletter calendar for each month, if help is needed an “H” will appear next to the event. Volunteering for an event is the best way to get your volunteer hours.



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Other News

- **Breakfast** – February 5th 8am
- **SuperBowl Party** – February 5th 4pm
- **Hamburger Night** - February 16 5pm
- **Steak Fry** - February 24th, 2017.
- **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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February 2017- TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	1 Wednesday	2 Thursday	3 Friday	4 Saturday
	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					
5 CPL- 8am H-TCSL Brkf -8am Trap - Noon Two Gun Shoot-1pm H-Super Bowl Party 4pm	6	7 Youth Air Rifle – 6pm	8	9 Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm	10 Veterans and Friends Dance 6:30pm	11 NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home-Instructor Courses 8am – 6pm
12 NRA Personal Protection Class – Instructor Courses-8am Trap Noon-Done Two Gun Shoot	13 6:30pm Safety Committee Meeting	14 Youth Air Rifle – 6pm  Valentines Day	15	16 TCSL Elections Noon – 8pm Hamburger Night 5pm Board & Member	17	18 Military Rifle Match 9am New Member Orientation – 9am
19 Two Gun Shoot 1pm Trap Noon-Done	20	21 Youth Air Rifle – 6pm	22	23	24 H- Steak Fry 5pm – 7pm	25 Basic Shot Gun – 8am LuLaRoe Sale – upstairs – 10am-3pm
26 Two Gun Shoot 1pm Trap Noon-Done	27	28 Youth Air Rifle – 6pm	Feb 1	2	3	4
Contact Jerry Chie for hall rental information at sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435, or call the club at 734-429-9561						

March 2017 -TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	1 Wednesday	2 Thursday	3 Friday	4 Saturday
	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					4 Saturday NRA TCSL RSO Course(TCSL members only) 8am-6pm
5 8am NRA TCSL RSO H -8am Breakfast Noon Trap 1pm-Two Gun Shoot	6	7	8	9 5pm Veterans and Friends Dance Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm	10	11 Basic Instructor Training 8am-2pm
12 Trap Noon-Done 1pm Two Gun Shoot	13 6:00pm Women on Target Meeting	14	15	16 Hamburger Night 5pm Board & Member Meetings 6:30pm	17	18 8am-CPL/CCW Personal Protection in the Home 9am-Military Rifle Match 9am -New Member
19 8am- Chief Range Safety Officer Course Noon -Trap 1pm-Two Gun Shoot	20	21	22	23	24 4pm IDPA Prep All Pistols – Ranges Closed H-5-8pm American Heritage Girls Steak Fry/Silent Auction	25 8am Basic Shot Gun 8am IDPA Match – All Ranges Closed All Day
26 Noon - Trap 1pm- Two Gun Shoot H -Wedding Anniversary-upstairs	27	28	29	30	31	1 8am Board/Officers Walk Around TCSL Property/Ranges

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!