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June President's Column

Change is never easy but it is necessary in order to survive. The dinosaurs weren't good at change and they are now extinct. Part of the reason TCSL has remained such an outstanding club over the decades is its ability to accept and make changes. Changes haven't been easy all of the time but TCSL has accepted change, which has kept us from following in the footsteps of dinosaurs. Let's identify some of the changes in the recent past:

1. Requiring members to take Orientation in order to go to the ranges without a Range Safety Officer;
2. Allowing open carrying north of the creek;
3. Establishing the volunteer hour program that allows members to earn a free or discounted range pass;
4. Eliminating monthly euchre;
5. Implementing an on-line calendar to track events as opposed to the paper calendar behind the bar;
6. Having industry recognized experts such as Rob Pincus conduct classes at TCSL;
7. Installing dry wall on the upstairs walls;
8. Shotgun shooting on one action bay;
9. Removing the moose head from the wall;
10. Remodeling the bathrooms;
11. Allowing applications for membership to be submitted on-line;
12. Constructing the 185 foot rifle range;
13. Putting an addition onto the kitchen with a new cooler; and,
14. Constructing a new storage shed on the trap range.

Despite concerns, these changes have occurred and TCSL has continued to exist. The sky has not fallen in as these changes were implemented. In fact, these changes have improved TCSL and allowed it to maintain its status as a top-notch sportsmen's club. Spirited debates often existed as changes were considered but that is to be expected when you have a membership that cares a lot about TCSL.

The time has come for another change at TCSL. It is time to revise the TCSL Bylaws. It has been my belief for years that the TCSL Bylaws needed a major revision. I have intentionally waited until now to propose these changes. The proposed bylaws if approved will not benefit me at all as president. I am in my last term as president pursuant to the term limitation provisions in the bylaws. By the time the bylaws are changed I will have less than five months to remain in office.

Presidents Column con't

However, the changes are necessary and will help future officers, directors and members. Let me explain some of the changes that are in the proposed bylaws. In order to be the president, 1st vice president or 2nd vice president, it is currently necessary to have been a TCSL member for five years and served on the board or in a committee for two years. Jerry Chie, Steve Jolliffe and I are all unable to run in February 2018 due to term limits. Carlos Soto is sitting as Acting 1st vice president since no one ran for that position. Bob Parent is ready to turn over the Treasurer's Office. The result is that these positions will need to be filled at the 2018 February election. By requiring five years of membership, we are excluding a lot of members who have been extremely active since they joined the club but they don't have five years as a member. In an effort to get candidates to fill all of the board positions and officer positions the president takes the responsibility of identifying members willing to make the commitment to serve in these positions. I have had several occasions where the five year requirement made it difficult or impossible to get candidates (e.g., Mike Brown's position as 1st Vice President). So the proposed bylaws change the requirement from five years to three years. This is necessary to keep new faces and new ideas on board and as officers, not to mention to avoid burnout for those members who too often rotate from one seat to another seat. When Mike Brown passed away or when no one ran for the 1st vice president position the existing bylaws did not have a process to fill the vacancy. I asked and the board approved the appointment of Carlos Soto as "acting" 1st vice president. The existing bylaws don't allow an appointment for an "acting" officer. The proposed bylaws allow the president to appoint a member who will serve until the next election. Since the president works closely with the officers, it seems important that the president be able to select his team as opposed to the Board of Directors selecting the appointee when an officer seat is vacant. Currently the bylaws require any change in the bylaws to be read at two membership meetings. If you attended the May 18, 2017 membership meeting and you stayed around to listen to the proposed new bylaws you know it took more than 30 minutes.

The proposed bylaws require the changes to be posted on line for two months, distributed at

two membership meetings, announced in the newsletter so it isn't necessary to read them out loud during the meetings. Similarly, the proposed bylaws require the distribution and approval of the minutes from board of directors' meetings and the membership meetings but there would no longer be a requirement to read the minutes orally at the start of each meeting prior to their approval. If you will recall two years ago when the TCSL well went dry, the well was replaced and then after a new well was installed we discovered it was necessary to replace the pump, pressure tank, water heater and water softener. The proposed bylaws allow decisions to be made by e-mail votes from the board and officers as opposed to trying to get a quorum to show up for an emergency meeting. There have been suggestions to eliminate the regions and to just allow directors to be elected from the membership at large as opposed to being elected for the region where they reside. In all honesty, there were times when it was very difficult to get a candidate for one region or another and it would have been much easier to just get a member to run without worrying about where they reside. However, I will tell you that I believe having the diversity established by four regions has been very beneficial for TCSL. The regions help avoid getting any specific group from controlling the entire club. So the proposed bylaws do NOT change the regions and requirement to have three directors from each region. In November of each year the president is to appoint five members to be the "nominating committee" and the board is to approve the appointments. We have not been able to get five members to accept this responsibility so the proposed bylaws change it to two members on the "nominating committee". Take some time and read the proposed bylaws. They are located in the Members' only section of our TCSL webpage or at the clubhouse in printed form. Give me your feedback and let's adopt a new set of bylaws. The proposed bylaws were read at the May 2017 and will be read again at the June 2017 meeting. At the September 21, 2017 membership meeting a vote will be taken to approve new bylaws. Summer weather is here so take a break and come out to the ranges and the club. In addition, take some time this summer to consider running for a TCSL Officer seat or TCSL Board seat at the February 2018 election. Get in touch with me if you have any questions concerning an officer or director position.

Military Rifle Match 2017

Our Military Rifle Match was held on Saturday May 13th. Rifles represented included multiple AR-15s, an M14 carbine and a HK. Ed Benko won the open sights division with a score of 331 out of 400, Chris Leite took 2nd with a score of 319 and Jerry Marken took 3rd with a score of 304. In the optics division David Harris took 1st with a score of 332 and Chris Lavery took 2nd with a score of 293 Congratulations to all participants.



(kneeling) Chris Lavery, Ed Benko, David Harris (standing) , Chris Leite Paul Siska, Jerry Marken, Mark Smokowicz

Our next **Military Rifle Match** will be held on **Saturday, June 17th, 2017**. 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, 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.



Firearm enthusiasts generally love talking and reading about our sport. There is a wealth of information out there to fuel our passion. It is interesting, technically challenging, fun and valuable when it comes to learning new ideas about shooting methods and safety. As an IDPA Member, I receive a periodic Newsletter / email from IDPA called The Tactical Brief that features really good articles written by international experts on a wide variety of topics like;

Is pocket carry safe?

- How to make dry fire less boring
- Gun owners must take aim at learning the law
- Are women shooters better than men?
- Tips for car carry

If you are interested in reading the Tactical Brief, go to <http://multibriefs.com/briefs/IDPA/> and scan through the topics. It is really quite good.

The Great Lakes Regional Match

The annual Great Lakes regional was held May 19-21 at the Linwood Bay Sportsman's Club in Munger/Linwood MI. Ted Beauchamp and Steve Hockman, the IDPA coordinators at the club, said attendance was 10% higher than last year with 231 shooters making it the best turnout yet for the regional match. While it was a Michigan regional event, shooters from Canada and as far away as Italy were in attendance. It featured 10 stages designed to make a fun and challenging match with creative ideas coming from club SO's, shooters and even one stage designed by the Italian participant. Ted writes "One of my favorite stages was the Back in the Saddle Stage. The stage designer and SO for this stage was kind enough to provide the "Horse" and saddle. The fact that the saddle was a youth saddle made for some interesting comments from some of the shooters as they took their seat on it! Seeing a squad member mounted on a barrel with a child's rocking horse head and tail attached always seems to bring a smile!" Pam Hasselbach from our club pointed out that the participants and scoring can be found at the Practice Score website;

<https://practicore.com/results/new/0ea59b87-c1da-47d7-ae71-c51f18490352>. I found a good compilation video created by a shooter who regularly comes to TCSL IDPA Mingran Qian. He did a good job capturing many of the stages on camera and did very well at the match himself, coming in 2nd overall! Congratulations Mingran! His video is at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_ShJ_q_ocA

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The April match was very well attended with 103 shooters! The match May 27th was had fewer shooters (83) due to the holiday weekend. I worked as and SO since my return from my winter home and received numerous unsolicited, genuine compliments: "we like shooting here because the stage designs are so creative and you have long bays which some clubs do not" and "the people here are so friendly and great to work with". So, keep up the good work everyone! Watch our club calendar for IDPA classes at Tri County.



Memorial and Well-being

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

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 newsletter

Steak Fry

Come join us on Friday, June 23rd, 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.

Women on Target

There is still room to register for Women on Target to be held on June 10th. The cost is \$75 the same as last year. The registration forms are available online and at Tri-County. In order to be registered payment must accompany the application.. email me: cbrklich25@hotmail.com, or call Carol at 734-417-6895 or Sharon at mudiblues@att.n

"H" will appear next to the event when extra help is needed. Volunteering for an event is the best way to get your volunteer hours.



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Thank you in advance for your support!

All you need to do is EAT!

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

All-you-can-eat pancakes served with sausage, juice, coffee, and milk.

**Three Sundays:
June 4, July 9, August 6
8-11:30 am**

adults \$6; kids 5-12 \$4;
kids under 5 free


**Don't want breakfast?
How about lunch or dinner?**

HAAB'S RESTAURANT

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**Sunday, June 11
11 am-9 pm**

10% of ALL sales on that day will be donated to KORD.



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WANTED

Range Coaches for Women on Target
June 10th – Sat

Rifle Range
Contact Mark Smokowicz
734-276-2514


High Caliber Pistol
Contact Nathan Yost
734-726-4242

Trap
Contact Steve Joliffe
734-944-5678

Other News

- Pancake Breakfast for KORD – June 4th 8am
- Hamburger Night - June 15 5pm
- Steak Fry – June 23 5pm
- Pancake Breakfast for KORD July 9th – 8am

June 2017- TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	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						11am Handicap trap – Open to the public 12pm Finance Cmt meeting
4 8am NRA Basic Pistol 8am Pancake Breakfast 12pm Trap Shoot 1pm Multi Gun	5	6	7 4pm WOT set up 5pm Multi-Gun practice	8 8am Police Bicycle Instructor School 4pm WOT set up 6pm Veterans Dance 6:30pm Education Mtg	9 4pm WOT set-up	10 8am – 5pm Women on Target
11 12pm Trap Shoot 12pm Babcock Grad Party 1pm Multi Gun	12 6:30pm Safety Committee Mtg	13	14 FLAG DAY 5pm Multi-Gun practice 6pm New Member Orientation	15 5:00pm Hamburger Night 6:30pm Board Mtg and Membership Mtg	16	17 8am Personal Protection Outside the Home 9am Military Rifle Match 12pm Membership Task Force 1pm Diana Grad Party
18 8am Personal Protection Outside the Home 12pm Trap Shoot 1pm Multi Gun Shoot	19	20	21 12pm Bowling Pin 5pm Multi-Gun practice	22	23 4pm IDPA Prep ALL RANGES CLOSED 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Fry 6pm AHG Camp - upstairs	24 8am IDPA Match ALL RANGES CLOSED 10am Basic Instructor Training
25 8am CPL/CCW Personal Protection in the Home 11am Bowling Pin 12pm Trap 1pm Multi Gun	26	27	28 5pm Multi-Gun practice	29	30	1July

July 2017 -TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8am NRA Basic Pistol Instructor 10:30am Women Only Trap
2 1pm Multi Gun	3		5 5pm Multi-Gun practice	6	7	8 8am Personal Protection in the Home 8am Rifle Instructor 12pm Finance Cmt meeting
9 8am PPIH 8am Rifle Instructor 8am Pancake Brkft 12pm Trap 1pm Multi Gun	10	11	12 5pm Multi-Gun practice 6pm New	13 6pm Veterans and Friends Dance 6:30 pm Education Mtg	14	15 8am CPL/CCW PPIH 9am Military Rifle Match
16 8am Instructor Lead Basic Pistol 12pm Trap 1pm Multi Gun	17 6:30 Safety Committee Mtg	18	19 5pm Multi-Gun practice	20 6:30 Board and Membership Mtg	21 4pm IDPA prep – All Pistol Ranges closed	22 8am IDPA Match All Ranges Closed H-10am Larson Wedding – both floors
23 11am Bowling Pin 12pm Trap 1pm Multi Gun 30 12pm Trap 1pm Multi Gun	24	25	26 5pm Multi-Gun practice	27	28 5pm Flame Broiled Dinner	29
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!