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July 2017



July President's Column

Remember there isn't a July 2017 or August 2017 TCSL Membership meeting; however, there is a TCSL Board Meeting in each month. We won't have any Hamburger nights in July or August since there are not membership meetings.

It has now become a tradition for the July President's Column to reflect upon the Women On Target Event that was conducted in June and this year won't be any different. Suffice it to say that once again TCSL members stepped up to the plate and donated a lot of volunteer hours so that the event was a success both for the women and the volunteers. Carol Parent and Sharon Burkhardt co-chaired the event. Carol and Sharon were the puppet masters and as a result of their efforts not only was the event a success but even more importantly it was "safe". I would like to thank everyone that helped in one-way or another, your efforts continue to make TCSL stand out as a great sportsmen's club and one that continues to try to spread the shooting sports.

All volunteer hours for each year need to be earned by November 30th. We are more than halfway through the volunteer hour year. Please turn in all of your earned hours to Al Lamoreaux, membership secretary, as soon as possible. It is easier for Al to enter the hours throughout the year, as opposed to getting all of the hours at the end of November. In addition, check to make sure you have received credit for all of your volunteer hours. It is less stressful to earn a few hours over the next five months then it is to find out at the end of November that you are short a few hours. Also, keep track of your volunteer hours so that you can receive a free or discounted range pass for 2018 - 2019. If you are having trouble finding a project you would like to work on to earn your volunteer hours then ask Lance Monroe, club manager, or me and we will point you in the right direction.

The next time you are out to TCSL, take a peek into the men's bathroom on the first floor. Sharon Burkhardt decided to tackle the men's bathroom after she finished the women's bathrooms. Sharon did a nice job of sprucing up three of the bathrooms. Only one more to go.

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.Also as you enter the club from the first floor take a minute to watch the video playing on the monitor that is mounted directly in front of the first floor doors. The monitor was Jerry Chie's suggestion of the year last year, Lance Monroe mounted the monitor and Mark Smokowitz created the video clip that is playing on the monitor. If you have announcements that should be added to the monitor video let Mark know.

If you have been out to the club recently you have seen flyers promoting Kids On The Range Day 2018. Valarie Kabat has been busy getting everything set for next year's events and she has been busy conducting events to raise money to fund KORD. The next Pancake Breakfast to raise money for Kids On The Range will be Sunday July 9, 2017. Come out, have breakfast and support KORD. Valarie and her husband, Mark Kabat, are the owners of Haabs Restaurant in downtown Ypsilanti. Haabs has conducted fundraisers for KORD by donating a per centage of purchases on a specific day to KORD. Contact Valarie to see when the next fundraiser is at Haabs, then go have dinner at Haabs.

On October 21 and 22, 2017 there will be another TCSL/NRA RSO class. If you are interested in taking the class contact me. The course is limited to TCSL members only and the NRA RSO class is offered at "no charge" to TCSL members. If you had to pay to take the NRA RSO class you would pay \$75 - \$150, so being able to take it at no costs is one of the benefits of being a TCSL member. Part of the course is taking CPR/AED training and each member does pay Kevin Cornell, the Saline Firefighter, for this portion of the class (It has been \$30 in the past). The TCSL/NRA RSO class has only been in effect for a few years and I am not sure if it will continue when a new president is elected in February 2018 so you should make every effort you can to take it in October if you are interested in becoming a TCSL/NRA RSO. On August 25 - 27, 2017 the NRA will be conducting its first NRA Carry Guard Expo and it will be at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There will be seminars, workshops, special events and exhibitors. The event sounds promising and some TCSL members are going to attend so look for them on the Expo floor.

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Enjoy Independence Day and enjoy your family's Independence Day traditions (e.g., cookouts, fireworks, etc.). Don't forget to take a few minutes on Independence Day to reflect upon how fortunate we are since we are Americans. Come out and enjoy your club before winter sneaks up on us.

Women on Target

Sharon and I would like to take this time to thank all of the volunteers at TCSL once again in supporting the Women On Target event. We have said numerous times how this event would not be successful without the volunteers but it cannot be said often enough. Over the years the participants have always enjoyed the day and have expressed how wonderful and supportive the volunteers. To those of you who do not know of the time involved, there is at least 20 hrs if not more for many of the volunteers preparing for and working the event. This is a true commitment to not only the event but to TCSL fellowship. Thank you also to all of our generous donors: Reed Law Group, Jim Mouton, Mike Manchester, Monroe Bank and Trust, Natures Garden Center, Ann Arbor Arms, Johnsons Sporting Goods, Parent and Associates for donating ammo for trap range and Cabela gift cards, Mullins Auto, Dick Cupke for sponsoring an attendee, Rick Parsons for always getting us numerous raffle items from very generous Saline businesses. Sells, Lodi, Pinter's, Banotai and Parran's nurseries for donating 19 plants which the ladies always look forward to winning! See you all next year! Carol and Sharon

Upcoming Trap Events

July 1st	Women Only Trap
August 12th	Doubles Trap
Sept. 30th	Women Only Trap
October 7th	Doubles Trap

Memorial and Well-being

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

Military Rifle Match 2017

A **Military Rifle Match** was held on Saturday June 17th. Rifles represented included multiple **AR-15s**, an **M1 Garand** and an **M14**.



(standing) Chris Leite, Joe Linke, Tom Lewandowski, Gerry Marken, Jeff Gage, Paul Siska (kneeling) Ed Benko, Mark Smokowicz, David Harris.

Results of the match: 1st Place with a score of 323 out of 400 was Jeff Gage, 2nd place went to Chris Leite-322 and in 3rd place was Gerry Marken-309. In the optics division 1st place went to Joe Linke-299 and 2nd place to Tom Lewandowski -213.

The next Military Rifle Match will be held on **Saturday July 15th, 2017**. For more information contact Mark Smokowicz, marks@comcast.net or (734) 276-2514

MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS NEWS

June 16-18, 2017 the Michigan United Conservation Clubs held their annual convention. The convention was the 80th & was held at the Shiawassee Conservation Association & the Comstock Center in Owosso, Michigan. Shiawassee Conservation Association is where Michigan United Conservation Clubs held their very first convention.

A lot of good work was done for Michigan's Natural Resources.

On Saturday evening June 17, the 2017 Conservation Awards Banquet was held.

The Past Presidents' Award was presented to Tri-County Sportsmen's League's Kris Matthew & his wife Jody. Kris & Jody have eagerly volunteered their time & talents to MUCC for nearly 2 decades. Most recently, they were the driving forces behind the acquisition of the Crystal Waters LLC property, a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund project that will provide 800 acres of fishing & hunting land in Southeast Michigan where there was no public hunting land in the past. One of the great characteristics of MUCC is the energy & generous spirit of MUCC members. Few people embody that spirit better than Kris & Jody. Congratulations !!!

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(Kris and Jody Matthews)

Special Conservation Awards were presented to 6 individuals: 1 of the 6 is Gerald Chie. Jerry was unable to attend the banquet. Jerry & the others were acknowledged on their substantial contributions to the MUCC Michigan-Out-Of-Doors Youth Camp. Over the last decade the 6 gentlemen of the Camp Facilities Committee dedicated themselves to thousands of volunteer hours at the camp to ensure a safe, comfortable, and restored camp facilities in the service of outdoor education that will benefit generations to come. It was Jerry who stepped up 10 years ago & basically said " It will be a cold day in hell " when the Kid's camp will shutdown. (that is a nice way to say it) In recognition of their accomplishments, a plaque will hang in The Lodge at Cedar Lake Outdoor Center. It is MUCC's hope that all who pass by that plaque will forever recognize their years of selfless service .Last year, Jim Pryce was presented the 2016 President's Award & in 2014 a Special Conservation Award. TCSL members are doing a great job representing our great club to all of the other MUCC clubs in the State of Michigan!



LEO's and IDPA

I remember when I first saw the acronym for a shooting classification on the IDPA website, LEO; Law Enforcement Officer! When I first began shooting IDPA I kind of assumed a lot of the folks I was shooting with were LEO's but It was hard to know because everyone is in civilian clothing. I just figured that IDPA would be such a valuable opportunity for LEO's to practice essential skills, potentially useful in their work that they would naturally be out on the range with us. Alas, it is not so. Estimates are only about 1 to 5% of the shooters at any given IDPA match are LEO's. I was curious about this so I asked some of the LEO's who shoot with us at TCSL if they would answer some questions for me to use in this article. Shawn Stallard, (SS) of the Detroit Police special response team and Patrick Bell, (PB) former Washtenaw County Deputy Sheriff and also works for GM as a tactical response officer, were able to contribute. Thanks! SS and PB have been shooting IDPA for 6 and 10 years respectively. They both learned about as they were seeking to improve their skills outside of their basic training. **PB**; "I started doing research into IDPA, IPSC and USPSA and decided that IDPA was a better fit to offset my training. Especially since it allowed me to wear my duty gear for competition"

Both had good experiences in their first IDPA classes and matches. **PB** took an IDPA Intro class "... The instructors were very patient...I enjoyed myself and got to meet a lot of nice folks who made me feel welcome". **SS** "...My first impression was that as a LEO I need to be doing this! I got beat by a 70 year old my first match and that was after being on the police department for 10 years! But I stuck with it and recently won the 2016 SSP Expert classification at Nationals in Cresson Texas"

Question; Why don't more LEO's shoot IDPA?

PB "One reason may be that some of them just don't like shooting. Another, is that many of them volunteer or get asked to work OT shifts. A lot of agencies have decreased the size of their staff, but calls for service have increased and family time is precious! While most won't admit it, I think there are some officers who are uneasy in coming out and putting their skills on stage in front of "civilians" and they are concerned of possibly embarrassing themselves!

Question; What are the 3 most important aspects of IDPA for LEO's?

PB 1) IDPA more closely resembles what I do at work. I can wear my duty gear for local matches and engage targets that I would rarely see in most law enforcement training. 2) The ability to shoot from concealment, shooting on the move and shooting at moving targets. The majority of law enforcement shooting is very rudimentary and stagnant if they conduct any training at all. 3) Finally, I think shooting IDPA has taught me to shoot within my own limitations and it reinforces my need to be accurate first and foremost. I try to remember that IDPA is just a competition and not to let it follow me professionally. While a point down or a miss on a target in a match.it will penalize you, a miss out on the street can be potentially unforgiving. For example, during local matches I won't try and "game it" by dumping rounds unnecessarily. Doing that in the real world can potentially get you fired, face civil liability or get charged criminally. **SS**: 1) being placed under the pressure of time. Most LEO Qualification courses give generous par times to shoot small amounts of rounds. Real gunfights are the exact opposite. You have a small amount of time to shoot as many rounds as it takes to stop the bad guy. 2) In IDPA matches, you are required to use skills that you are going to use in a real life deadly encounter such as shooting on the move, shooting moving targets, reloading with speed, using cover, shooting from a variety of positions etc. Most LEO firearm qualification courses don't go beyond mere stationary marksmanship skills and 3) IDPA is a great way to seriously test your firearm skills. You don't realize how much you suck (I didn't) until you get out there and shoot with people who are much better than yourself! (**Series to continue next month.**)

"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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KIDS ON THE RANGE DAY



July 14, 2018

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Pancake Breakfast

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

Sunday, August 6
8-11:30 am

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



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Steak Fry

Come join us on Friday, July 28th, 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.

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Children (12-5) \$6, under 5 Free.

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Other News

- Breakfast – July 9th - 8am KORD Fundraiser
- Steak Fry – July 28th - 5pm.
- Doubles Trap – Aug 12th – 10:30am

July 2017- TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday July 30***	Monday July 31***	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	1 Saturday
12pm Trap		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				
2 12pm Trap Shoot	3	4 6pm IDPA Practice 	5 5pm Multi-Gun practice	6	7	8 12pm Finance Com Meeting
9 8am Pancake Brkft KORD Fundraiser 12pm Trap Shoot	10	11 6pm IDPA Practice	12 5pm Multi-Gun practice 6pm New Member Orientation	13 6pm Veterans and Friends Dance 6:30pm Education Mtg	14	15 8am CPL/CCW PPIH 9am Military Rifle Match
16 12pm Trap Shoot	17 6:30pm Safety Com. Meeting	18 6pm IDPA Practice	19 5pm Multi-Gun practice	20 6:30pm Board Mtg	21 4pm IDPA Prep ALL RANGES CLOSED	22 8am IDPA Match All Ranges Closed All Day 10am -(H) Larson Wedding
23 8am CPL/PPIH 11am Bowling Pin/Steel Plate 12pm Trap	24	25 6pm IDPA Practice	26 5pm Multi-Gun practice	27	28 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Fry	29

August 2017 -TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday 	Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday	5 Saturday
		6pm IDPA Practice	5pm Multi - Gun		12pm Upstairs wedding setup	10am(H) Stockwell wedding – up and down
6 8am NRA Basic Pistol Course Blended Training 8am Breakfast –KORD Fundraiser 12pm Trap	7	8 6pm IDPA Practice	9 5pm Multi-Gun practice	10 6pm Veterans and Friends Dance 6:30pm Education Mtg	11	12 8am Hunter Safety Class 10:30am Doubles Trap
13 8am CPL/CCW PPIH 8am Hunter Safety 12pm Trap	14 6:30 pm Safety Committee Mtg	15 6pm IDPA Practice	16 5pm Multi-Gun practice 6pm New Member Orientation	17 6:30pm Board Mtg	18	19 8am Military Rifle Match 10am Basic Instructor Training
20 8am Pistol Instructor 11am Bowling Pin 12pm Trap	21	22 6pm IDPA Practice	23 5pm Multi-Gun practice	24	25	26 8am IDPA Match All Ranges closed all day
27 12pm Trap	28	29 6pm IDPA Practice	30 5pm Multi-Gun practice	31	1 Sept	2
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!