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August President's Column

Removing and replacing the Creek Cover has been a topic in newsletters several times over the past few years, as well as at Board and Membership meetings. We now have received three estimates. One estimate is \$96,824, one estimate is \$44,052 and one is \$43,859. It doesn't seem that TCSL can afford any of these estimates. What are possible solutions to the creek cover issue?

- Permanently close the trap ranges?
- Get volunteers to tear all of the creek cover down and replace it?
- Get volunteers to tear down one-half of the creek cover this year and only use one of the range houses until the second half can be tackled next year?
- Only allow steel shot to be used on the trap ranges?
- Increase annual membership dues \$50 per year?
- Start tackling the project at the 2017 Fall clean-up?
- Put a pond in at the trap range and stock it with fish (This would mean closing the trap ranges)?
- Give volunteers double the actual volunteer hours for work done removing and replacing the cover?
- Are there other options?

The purpose of bringing this topic up in the newsletter is to help us make a decision and start working on it right now. Sticking our heads in the sand is not an option. TCSL must tackle this project or shut the trap ranges down. The officers, board and members need to roll up their sleeves and once again work together to come up with a practical, affordable solution and that decision needs to be made right now.

We must look forward, consider our options, make some decisions and implement the decisions. It is not helpful for us to spend any time discussing what should have been done in the past. Instead, recognizing the inability to change the past, our focus needs to solely be on problem solving and implementation of an answer.

President's Column con't

There been a few discussions trying to come up with a "fix" but those discussions have not been fruitful so far. We need to now have more discussions, make a decision and implement it. Our membership brings a wealth of knowledge to TCSL. It hasn't been effective to have the TCSL Board try and come up with a solution so we are reaching out to the entire membership for ideas, implementation of any decision, etc. When the trap range is closed walk down to the creek and inspect the entire cover, then put your "thinking cap" on and let's come up with a workable solution. Let's get going on this so the next TCSL president does not inherit the creek cover at the start of his/her term!!

The NRA Carry Guard Expo is in Milwaukee Wisconsin on August 25 – 27, 2017. Go to <https://www.nracarryguardexpo.com/> and check out the seminars, workshops, exhibitors, special events, etc. The site recently posted all of the details concerning each activity so pick out which ones interest you the most and go enjoy yourself.

The 2018 Annual Shot Show is being held in Las Vegas January 23 – 26, 2018. The show is not open to the general public so go to shotshow.org to see if you meet the requirements to attend. If you do meet the requirements it will give you the opportunity to keep-up-to-date and also enjoy some warmer weather.

May 4 – 6, 2018 the NRA Annual Meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas. If you would like to stay at a hotel close to the site, now is a good time to book your room. For those who have never been to a NRA Annual Meeting, you really should try and make it. If you go you will have a great time, learn a lot and most likely bump into some TCSL members.

Come out to the ranges and bring a guest. Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend and get ready for football season!!

Upcoming Trap Events

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

Doubles Trap

At Tri-County, we usually shoot singles trap from the sixteen-yard line. But there are other versions of trap shooting that we schedule from time to time. On some occasions we shoot handicap trap – this means that we step back from the sixteen-yard line and shoot singles at longer distances. During our June 3rd. handicap event we started at 20 yards and worked our way back to 25 yards (that's where it became apparent who was experienced in handicap trap).

Another version of trap shooting is doubles. The shooter stands sixteen yards behind the house that releases the targets. Two targets are released simultaneously from the house. They follow set paths, usually 35 degrees to left and right of straightaway. The shooter takes one shot at each target. One round consists of 25 pairs, or fifty targets.

To shoot doubles you obviously need a gun that can shoot two shells. Those fancy, single-barrel, break-action trap guns won't do the trick! A pump gun could be used, but it takes a pretty good shooter to rack the action between shots and still hit the second bird. Double barrel and semi-autos are the best choice for doubles.

When shooting doubles, one strategy is to shoot the bird that appears to be more "straightaway" first, and then swing the gun to the bird going to the left or right. The bird that appears to be more straightaway changes as the shooters move from one position to the next. Watch the experienced shooters and see how they do it.

We will be shooting doubles on Saturday, August 12. Not many of us have shot doubles more than a couple of times so don't feel that you won't be competitive. We will shoot two rounds (2 x 25 pairs = 100 targets). This is a non-registered, fun shoot, for members and non-members. The cost is \$20 for the two rounds. To signup, send an email to trap@tcsl.org just so we have an idea of how many are coming. We will start at 10:30 AM and shoot until finished. If we have enough participants, we might follow up with an "Annie Oakley" competition – this type of competition is easier to do than to explain, so come on out to the trap range on Saturday, August 12.

Trap con't

We shoot trap every Sunday at Tri-County -- from noon until finished (usually around 3:00 PM). The trap range is open to members and non-members. One round (25 targets) is \$3.00 for juniors, \$4.00 for members and \$4.50 for non-members. Discounted 10 round (250 targets) cards are available. Check the Tri-County calendar for other times and special events on the trap range.

Military Rifle Match 2017

A Military Rifle Match was held on Saturday July 15th on the 100-yd rifle range. Rifles represented included multiple AR-15s, multiple M1 Garands, M14 and a French MAS Model 36.



(L-R) Mark Smokowicz, Rob Ashley, E Benko, Jeff Gage, Gerry Marken, Dave Vandermark, David Harris, Paul Siska

Results of the match: 1st Place with a score of 349 out of 400 was David Harris, 2nd place went to Ed Benko with a score of 345 and in 3rd place was Gerry Marken with a score of 326.

The next Military Rifle Match will be held on **Saturday Aug 19th, 2017**. For more information contact Mark Smokowicz, marks@comcast.net or (734) 276-2514.

Memorial and Well-being

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

Kitchen Help

Help is still needed for the upcoming wedding Aug. 5th. Contact Mark Smokowicz to sign up and help. You can easily get your volunteer hours with this event.



LEO's and IDPA (cont' from last month)

Here are the final questions asked of 2 local law enforcement officers Patrick Bell and Shawn Stallard about their experience and opinions about participation in shooting IDPA at TCSL and at other clubs. The first part of the article is available on line at <http://tcsl.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017-07.pdf> I encourage you to read it!

Question: Have you used any of the skills from shooting IDPA in your work?

PB: I think IDPA is one part of my overall training regimen that above all else, has given me confidence in my pistol shooting to know that I can survive and prevail in a real life encounter and not get tunnel vision. My draw, presentations, aim, grip and trigger press over the years have become so instinctive that I can focus on good sound tactics and not panic during critical moments.

SS: I would say the confidence I have gained in my shooting abilities has made me a better officer. I demonstrate shooting drills for members of my department when they attend our advanced firearms classes. That's really an attention getter as most officers don't realize just how fast and accurate you can shoot if you practice the right way.

Question: What can clubs or individuals do to encourage more LEO's to participate?

PB: I don't think that there is much more that local clubs can do to get law enforcement to participate in IDPA. I think it's one of those things the individual officer will have to ask him or herself, "what's in it for me?" I try to invite my co-workers just to come out, just for fun, and I also send them a video clip of stages to see what they're getting into and the challenging stages they can expect to see.

SS: As far as getting more LEO's involved we started a department pistol team this year. I submitted a request to the Chief of Police, James Craig, to start a team of 10 shooters. He approved our request and has been very supportive of our efforts. Our team gets assigned out from their parent command twice a month to shoot with the Special Response Team. Then they shoot local matches on the weekends when their time permits. The pistol team members really seem to love the training and experience. I wish we could involve more of them.

I wish to thank Patrick and Shawn for their candid and informative responses to the questions!

August IDPA Match at TCSL

About 74 shooters showed up at our Match August 22nd in spite of the forecast of 90% rain! IDPA enthusiasts won't let getting wet deter a chance to shoot. A big thank you to all who volunteer to help make our matches happen!

IDPA Practice at TCSL is every Tuesday evening at 6pm. Arrive early to help set up please and if you are new to IDPA, come early to get coaching from one of our Safety Officers.

July Board Meeting News

TCSL can now be found under the Google search: **shooting ranges near saline michigan**. This will definitely give us more exposure and hopefully encourage more people to come out and enjoy Tri-County.

Tri-County is sponsoring two teams for the upcoming September Ann Arbor – Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce shoot. This is always a great day for all involved.

The New Member Task Force led by Mark Smokowicz has shared some of the recommendations for attracting new members:

1. A new brochure has been printed
2. A television monitor has been mounted in the lower level showing upcoming events.
3. Videos of the club activities will be produced.
4. Sponsors may be added to the website.

And another idea to help increase interest in Tri-County that was suggested: Have more sanctioned events and competitions.



"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 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, Aug. 25th, 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.

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Other News

- Breakfast - Aug 6th 8am -11:30am KORD Fundraiser
- Doubles Trap - Aug 12th - 10:30am
- Military Match - Aug 19th - 9am
- Steak Fry - Aug 25th - 5pm
- IDPA - Aug 26th - 8am
- 22 Rifle/PCC Pin Shoot - 12pm

August 2017- TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday	5 Saturday
		6pm IDPA Practice	5pm Multi-Gun practice		12pm Upstairs wedding setup	10am(H) Stockwell wedding – up and down 12pm Finance Com Meeting
6 8am Basic Pistol 8am Brkft –KORD Fundraiser 12pm Trap Shoot	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 10:30am Doubles Trap
13 8am CPL/CCW 8am Hunter Safety 12pm Trap Shoot	14 6:30pm Safety Com. Meeting	15 6pm IDPA Practice	16 5pm Multi-Gun practice 6pm New Member Orientation	17 6:30pm Board Mtg	18	19 9am Military Rifle Match 10am Basic Instructor
20 8am Pistol Instructor 11am Bowling Pin 12pm Trap Shoot	21	22 6pm IDPA Practice	23 5pm Multi-Gun practice	24	25 4pm IDPA Prep ALL RANGES CLOSED 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Dinner	26 8am IDPA Match All Ranges Closed All Day 3pm Class Reunion
27 12pm Trap 12pm 22 Rifle/PCC Pin Shoot (Pistol Caliber Carbine)	28	29 6pm IDPA Practice	30 5pm Multi-Gun practice	31	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	

September 2017 -TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday	2 Saturday
						
3 12pm Trap	4	5 6pm IDPA Practice	6 5pm Multi-Gun practice	7	8	9 8am Basic Shotgun 12pm Finance Committee Mtg 6pm Veterans and Friends Dance
10 8am Instructor Led Basic Pistol 9am KORD Brkft 12pm Trap	11	12 6pm IDPA Practice	13 5pm Multi-Gun practice	14 6:30pm Education Mtg	15 9am A2Y Chamber Shoot	16 8amCPL/CCW PPIH 9am Military Rifle Match 9am New Membership Mtg
17 10am Kanitz Reunion 11am Bowling Pin 12pm Trap	18 6:30 pm Safety Committee Mtg	19 6pm IDPA Practice	20 5pm Multi-Gun practice	21 5pm Hamburger Night 6:30pm Board and Membership Mtg	22 4pm IDPA Prep All Day – All Ranges Closed 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Fry	23 8am IDPA Match All Ranges closed all day 10am GOP Annual Picnic
24 12pm Trap 12pm 22Rifle/PCC Pin Shoot(Pistol Caliber Carbine)	25	26 6pm IDPA Practice	27 5pm Multi-Gun practice	28	29	30 10:30am Women Only Trap
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!