



## ON TARGET

TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE  
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December 2017



### DECEMBER PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

There is a Board Meeting and a Membership Meeting on December 21, 2017 starting at 6:30 pm.

As of January 1, 2018, membership dues are going up (See article in newsletter). Also, effective January 1, 2018 when a member or guest pays a range fee for a day it is one fee to use all of the ranges. Now if a member wants to shoot at the rifle range and pistol range, they would pay two range fees. Starting January 1, 2018 if a member wants to use the pistol range and rifle range they would pay one range fee (\$5).

Winter approaches as does the end of 2017. If you are one of those individuals who set New Year's Resolutions, you may very well have started working on your New Year's resolution. If so, how about including some TCSL resolutions on your list? Perhaps one or two of the resolutions listed below will appeal to you:

1. I will work one day every six months at the clubhouse to take visitors down to the ranges as my guest.
2. I will go to one board and membership meeting in 2018.
3. I will bring one of my friends or co-workers to TCSL in 2018 to shoot as a guest.
4. I will come to one steak fry in 2018.

Since we have a ten-hour volunteer hour requirement to meet each year, you would easily meet that requirement by adopting the first two suggestions. There are a lot of activities going on at TCSL throughout the year. The president's column, the newsletter, etc. doesn't keep you up-to-date on all of the activities (or proposals). If you adopt all four suggestions, you will learn what you are missing by not participating in these types of activities. In an effort to give total disclosure and to be as transparent as possible, part of my motivation for making these suggestions is that I am confident that if you do adopt them, you will enjoy the activities and the interactions with other members and you will be "hooked" and ready to jump into other events. The more you are at TCSL the more you will realize how diverse (e.g., age, skill set, employment, education, interest in shooting sports, etc.) the TCSL membership is and how interesting it is to learn more about other members.

### Presidents column cont

If you are at any of the ranges and you see some maintenance items that need to be addressed (e.g., the red bulb is burnt out on the rifle range) or you have a new idea for another activity at any of the ranges, contact the chair of each range committee.

If you go to the TCSL webpage, ([www.tcsl.org](http://www.tcsl.org)) and you click on the list **Boards and Committees** you will see the link to click on in order to e-mail the chair of any of the range committees. We have changed the rules recently allowing shotguns on the action range, pistol caliber carbines on the action ranges, drawing from holsters, et (See the specific rules to fully understand what has been approved.) with these modifications in the rules, there may be a new activity that we can now do at the ranges.

You can now go to the TCSL homepage or the members' only page and click on the list to order TCSL apparel and other items. Once you order the items they will be delivered to the TCSL clubhouse and you can pick them up there. Each item generates additional income for TCSL. Those members who have already purchased some of the clothing have commented on how pleased they are with the quality of the items.

January 23 – 26, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada is the annual Shot Show. February 3 – 11, 2018 is the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. May 3 – 6, 2018 is the NRA Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas. The NRA has not yet set the dates/location for their 2018 NRA Carry Guard Expo. If you have the opportunity to attend any of these events, please do so and I think you will enjoy them. In addition, if you attend any of these events consider writing a short article describing the event so that it can be included in TCSL's "On Target" newsletter. Finally, if you are going, ask around at TCSL to see if other members are going. It's nice to meet-up with members at these events and grab a bite to eat.

Enjoy your holidays!!! Enjoy time over the holidays with family and friends. Be safe and I look forward to 2018!!!



### INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP DUES / RANGE FEES

TCSL membership dues have not been increased in years and in large part, this has been due to the large number of volunteer hours that members work each year. Despite all of the volunteer hours, after looking into membership dues at other ranges/clubs, as well as the current costs to run TCSL, the Finance Committee recommended an increase in dues and the Board approved their recommendation.

### Effective January 1, 2018 dues and range fees will be as set out below:

**General Membership \$150**

**Young Adult \$75**

**Associate \$35**

**Junior \$30**

**Senior \$75**

**Past President \$25**

### Range Fees

Currently if you want to shoot at two ranges on the same day, you pay two range fees (one for each range). Now members pay \$3 per range and non-members \$5 per range. Effective January 1, 2018 there will be one range fee per day, which will allow you to shoot at more than one range. Starting January 1, 2018 members will pay \$5 per day for range fees and non-members will pay \$8 per day for range fees.

### Women on Target

Mark your calendars! Women on Target is scheduled for June 16, 2018. Sharon and I will be holding monthly meetings starting in February. The meetings will be held Monday evenings at 6:00pm upstairs in the classroom. The following dates are scheduled for Feb 2nd, March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Volunteer Dinner on June 4<sup>th</sup>. More information will be posted in the upcoming Newsletters. Registration will open on April 1, 2018.

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## Drawing From Your Holster

If you are interested in being able to draw from your holster/purse at TCSL, you must be a TCSL member and approved by one of the TCSL members who are approved to evaluate shooters. Contact Tom Lewandowski, Chair of the Safety Committee (tomlew01@gmail.com) if you want to meet with an evaluator.

## Trap

Trap is open to the public every Sunday starting at noon until 3pm.



## Congratulations

Looks like Earl Austin has the bragging rights for this year's biggest buck! Unless someone else steps up to show their prize buck or legal doe - Earl takes home the bragging rights!!



According to Earl the buck scored 163

## Women's Sport Shooting

Women's Sport Shooting has been approved by the Board as a new Standing Committee. We are planning an organizational meeting for January 14<sup>th</sup> to set the direction and gauge the interest in Women's Sport Shooting. A light lunch will be provided at 1pm. The meeting is open to all Tri-County members, feel free to bring family and friends who may be interested in our new endeavor.

## Tri-County NRA Status

Gary Knechtel has announced that Tri-County has achieved High Caliber Club with the Friends of the NRA for the first time ever. This means Tri-County has raised over \$25,000 for the Friends of the NRA Program. This year Gary is offering discounts on the purchase of a dinner table for the April 7<sup>th</sup> event. (\$325 with \$320 dollars in white bucket tickets) if the tables are purchased by 12/31/2017. Tables will be \$350 with \$240 in white bucket raffle tickets as of 1/1-/2018. If interested you can call Gary at 734-218-0381 or email Gary [garyknechtel@reagan.com](mailto:garyknechtel@reagan.com)

## FYI

**If you have scheduled an event at the club and have to cancel at the last minute, you must call and let Lance know. Lance sets up tables and chairs for events and needs to know when an event is cancelled so that he can answer any calls that come in for that event and be able to put everything away**

## Did You Know

On this day in December –

**Dec 1st 1906** Teddy Roosevelt was the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize

**Dec 2nd 1865** 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment was adopted prohibiting slavery when Alabama became the 7<sup>th</sup> State to ratify it.

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1775** First American flag was raised aboard the “USS ALFRED”

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1965** United States Gemini 7 was launched on a 14day, 206 orbit mission and rendezvoused in space with Gemini 6

**Dec 5th 1933** National Prohibition ended

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1923** First broadcast of an official presidential address – President Calvin Coolidge gave his second annual address to Congress

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1941** Pearl Harbor Attack

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1941** United States entered WW II

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1793** Noah Webster established New York's first daily newspaper

## Did You Know con't

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1869 a)** First Women's Suffrage Law in the United States was granted in Wyoming Territory-**b)**1869 First College basketball game was held

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1883** First United States incandescent lighting at Bijou Theater

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1925** First motel opened in San Luis Obispo, CA

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1817** The first savings bank in the United States was organized in Boston as the Provident Institution for Savings

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1799** President George Washington dies at Mount Vernon

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1791** Bill of Rights went into effect

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1773** Boston Tea Party

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1791** First one way street created in New York City

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1839** First Celestial photograph was taken

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1777** George Washington and the Continental Army arrived at Valley Forge, PA

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1803** Louisiana Purchase formally completed

**Dec 21 st 1620** Mayflower Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1968** The crew of the “USS PUEBLO” are released

**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1823** “A Visit From St. Nicholas” (The Night Before Christmas) by Clement C. Moore was published in New York

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1894** Henry Ford completed his first successful gasoline engine

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> AD 336** The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome

**Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1947** New York City was blanketed with 25.8 in of snow

**Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1947** “Howdy Doody” made it's TV debut on NBC

**Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1832** John C. Calhoun became the first Vice President of the United States to resign

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1845** Texas admitted to the Union

**Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1855** The Pennsylvania Rock Oil Co., the first oil company in the United States was formed in New Haven, Connecticut

**Dec 31rd 1879** Thomas Edison gave his first public demonstration of the incandescent lamp.

## Editors Note

Hope you all enjoy this little bit of history since this month's newsletter was extremely short of news! Feel free to send me articles that would be interesting to the Tri-County membership. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe Happy New Year!!



***“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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#### Other News

- Military Match – Jan 20th – 9am
- Steak Fry –Jan. 26th
- IDPA –Will start again in the Spring
- Breakfast Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Open to the public
- Womens Sport Shooting Meet and Greet Jan 14th

## December 2017- TCSL Event Calendar

DEC 31	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday RSO ON DUTY	Saturday RSO ON DUTY
						<b>3pm</b> Towler Christmas Party
<b>3 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am CPL/CCW-PPLH 8am Breakfast open to the public 12pm Trap Shoot	4	5	6	7	<b>8 RSO ON DUTY</b>	<b>9 RSO ON DUTY</b> 9am New member orientation 12pm Finance Committee Mtg 6pm Veterans and Friends Dance
<b>10 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am 12pm Trap Shoot 4pm AHG Craft and Potluck	<b>11</b> 6pm Friends of the NRA meeting	<b>12</b> 4pm Milan Rotary Christmas Party	<b>13</b> 6pm Gun Cleaning 101 Free to Members	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Education Committee meeting	<b>15 RSO ON DUTY</b> 5pm Saline Special Ed Christmas Party	<b>16 RSO ON DUTY</b> 5pm Wicked Jeeps Holiday Party
<b>17 RSO ON DUTY</b> 12pm Trap Shoot 12pm Education Cmt meeting	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Safety Committee Mtg	19	20	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Board and Membership Meeting	<b>22 RSO ON DUTY</b>	<b>23 RSO ON DUTY</b>
<b>24 RSO ON DUTY</b> 12pm Trap	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 	26	<b>Clubhouse and Range Hours</b> Rifle and Pistol Ranges: Monday - Saturday 10am-8pm or Dusk, Sunday 12pm-8pm or Dusk Clubhouse: Sunday thru Tuesday Noon-6pm, Wednesday thru Saturday 10am-6pm			30

## January 2018 -TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday	5 Friday RSO ON DUTY	6 Saturday RSO ON DUTY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Contact Jerry Chie for hall rental information at <a href="mailto:sgchie@comcast.net">sgchie@comcast.net</a> or 734-483-8435, or call the club at 734-429-9561</div>						
<b>7 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am Breakfast open to the public 12pm Trap	8	9	10	11	<b>12 RSO ON DUTY</b>	<b>13 RSO ON DUTY</b> 9am New Member Orientation 5pm Veterans and Friends Ballroom Dancing
<b>14 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am CCW/CPL-PPIH 12pm Trap	15	16	17	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Board and Membership meeting	<b>19 RSO ON DUTY</b>	<b>20 RSO ON DUTY</b> 9am Military Rifle Match 9am New Member Orientation
<b>21 RSO ON DUTY</b> 12pm Trap	22	23	24	25	<b>26 RSO ON DUTY</b> 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Dinner	<b>27 RSO ON DUTY</b>
28 12pm Trap	29	30	31	Feb 1	<b>2 RSO ON DUTY</b>	<b>3 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am CCW/CPL-PPIH

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!