



## ON TARGET

TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE  
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February 2016



### President's Column

Elections are Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 12 noon until 8pm. On February 18, 2016 starting at 5pm we are having Hamburger Night, followed by a Board Meeting and the Membership Meeting. Please make extra efforts to be at the club for the meetings and most importantly to vote. While you are at the club take a few minutes and go inspect the new storage expansion to the Clubhouse. Your board members and officers have been active at TCSL on countless activities and projects throughout the year while they still make their commitment to come to the monthly board and membership meetings. There are also emergency board meetings to address issues that need to be resolved prior to a board meeting. Policies, directions, financial decisions, etc. are made at the meetings that help keep TCSL on track.

While the board and officers make this commitment it is not common for them to individually meet the majority of the TCSL members, or to get feedback from a significant number of members. The result of the lack of contact or feedback from the majority of members is that the board and officers can feel as if they are operating in a "black hole".

In an effort to send a message to the board and officers that they are appreciated and that the membership approves of their actions, let's set a record and have a high voter turnout on February 18, 2016. In the past few years volunteer hours have increased, there has been an increase in projects at the club, so let's continue increasing the energy at the club with a record number of voters at the election. Don't forget you get volunteer hours for attending the board and membership meetings and we now have the program in place that allows you to earn a discount or even a free annual range pass by earning more than 25 volunteer hours in a year.

At the January 2016 board meeting the following awards were given out to some very deserving members:

- Suggestion of the Year went to Margie Knechtel
- Member of the Year went to Mark Smokowicz
- Associate Member of the Year went to Susan Smokowicz
- Leadership Award of the Year went to Gerald Marken

Margie Knechtel is active in quite a few projects throughout the year at *Continued* ↑

### President's Column (Cont.)

TCSL. As a result of her involvement in so many activities several ideas came to her throughout the year and she submitted more suggestions than any other member. This year she won with a suggestion that a flyer/poster be designed that would be distributed to each Women on Target participant at the end of the event. The flyer/poster would clearly identify some TCSL upcoming activities that focused on women and would continue their involvement in the shooting sports. Margie won a \$250 gift certificate to Cabelas. The flyer will be distributed at this year's WOT.

Mark Smokowicz joined the club in 2014 and from the start he has been active in many areas. You may have seen him at the steak fry, hamburger night, safety meeting, finance meeting, making repairs on the rifle range, leading the military rifle shoot, Friends of the NRA events, special events, etc. In the February 2016 TCSL elections you will see that Mark is now running for a seat on the board. Mark is always willing to help and most frequently he just steps up and assists without being asked. He was in charge of the kitchen when the well went out and it was with his calm demeanor he was able to smoothly get the dinner finished and to another location while under a lot of stress.

Susan Smokowicz joined the club as an associate member in 2015. She stepped right up and started helping from the day she turned in her application. At one of the 2015 dinners we were extremely short of volunteers and a call was made to Susan when she was at home. Susan received the call and within minutes she was behind the bar and ran it for the evening. Helpful at many events and even taking the time out to enjoy some of the social events such as the monthly breakfast has allowed her to quickly become an active member of the TCSL family.

Gerald Marken joined TCSL in 2003. Throughout the year he has demonstrated his leadership skills in a quiet behind the scenes but very effective manner. He identifies projects on his own (e.g., leveling the sand around the new well) and just does the project. However, while he is involved on projects (e.g., working on the rifle range, helping in the kitchen and/or at cleanup on special events, putting plastic up around the charcoal grill area, making target stands, running to the store when supplies are short at a breakfast, spreading salt on the walkways, etc.) through his leadership skills he is able to involve many other members as the projects *Continued* ↓

### President's Column (Cont.)

are completed. Quietly and without any fanfare he continually pulls more and more TCSL members from the sideline into TCSL activities. We all know that the more active a member becomes in the club the more they feel the fellowship at TCSL. Never seeking recognition, Gerry just keeps active at TCSL and knocks one project out after another with different groups of members.

All four of these individuals are great examples of TCSL members. Each is able to juggle their family commitments, work commitments (unless they are retired) and other personal commitments to volunteer and make TCSL a great club. They participate in different activities with different groups sharing different interests but collectively they continue to help pull the paddles on the TCSL boat so that it can keep moving forward and improving as it has since 1939. One word of caution, don't be surprised if you hang around with any of these members before you know it you too are actively participating in more events/projects at TCSL.

See you at TCSL on February 18, 2016 when we are voting and enjoying another hamburger night!!!  
~Steve Reed

### Tri-County Election

The annual Tri-County Sportsmen's League election is February 18, 2016 Noon-8pm at TCSL's clubhouse.

#### The Nominees are:

- President - Steve Reed
- 1st VP - Mike Brown
- 2nd VP - Jerry Chie
- Treasurer - Bob Parent
- Membership Secretary - Dondi Goerlitz, Al Lamoreaux (one position)
- Recording Secretary - Steve Jolliffe.
- Board Members:
  - Region 1—Maudie Abraham, Ken Ross (3-year terms)
  - Region 2—Nick Sitarski (3-year term)
  - Region 3—Mark Smokowicz, Doug Goerlitz (high vote: 3-year term; low vote: 1-year term)
  - Region 4—Phil Hemenway, Stuart Berry (3-year terms)

### New Committee Chairs

At its January meeting, the Board elected Tom Lewandowski as Safety Chair, and Dave Vandermark as Rifle Chair. Thanks for stepping forward men!

## Winter Military Rifle Match Held



(Standing) Bob Webb, Gerry Marken, Vic Thomas, Allie Thomas, Chris Leite. (Kneeling) Rob Ashley, Dave Vandermark.

Our first winter Military Rifle match for 2016 was held on Saturday Jan. 16th at the 100-yard rifle range with 8 shooters. Firearms represented included an M1A, M14, (5) AR-15's and an 1871 Dutch Beaumont. Winner of the open sight division was Chris Leiti with a score of 89 out of 100, followed by Dave Vandermark with an 85 and Bob Webb with an 84. In the scope division, the winner was Mark Smokowicz with a score of 98 followed by Vic Thomas with a 94. Additional competitors were Rob Ashley, Allie Thomas, and Gerry Marken. Thanks to Dave Vandermark and Gerry Marken for the help assisting with the match.

Our next Winter Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, Feb 20th 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 10 minutes followed by 10 rounds for score over a period of 20 minutes. Highest score wins (tightest grouping in case of a tie). Bring 20 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, hearing protection, registration fee and 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](mailto:marks@comcast.net), (734) 276-2514.

## Flint Water Crisis

The Flint water crisis was discussed at the January Membership meeting and a motion was passed that the club would act as a collection point for members wishing to donate water. Bottled water can be left at the bar for shipment to Flint. Many other donation and volunteer opportunities exist. As an example, monetary donations can be made through the Community Foundation of Flint at this [link](#).

## Huron Valley Friends of the NRA

### Gun Raffle Super Bowl Sunday on February 7<sup>th</sup>

Super Bowl Pot Luck Party starts at 5pm—Game starts at 6:15pm—Gun Drawing is at 7pm—First winner gets choice—\$10 Each—Need not be present to win

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## Photo of the Month!



Award recipients at the January Board meeting (L-R): Member of the Year, Mark Smokowicz; Associate Member of the Year, Sue Smokowicz; Suggestion of the Year, Margie Knechtel; Leadership Award, Jerry Marken.

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## Other News

- **Good and Welfare**—Dick Moehl, Mike Moehl's father passed away recently. Mike Johnston's wife, Miraflor, passed away earlier this month. Kinney Greer, a 49-year member of TCSL passed away. David Ammerman passed away recently. David and his wife, Connie, were very active in the Junior Trap Travel League and the Monroe Trap Club. They were frequent visitors to TCSL. Members, Jeff Gage and Larry Darling are scheduled for surgery—keep them in your thoughts and prayers. On a positive note, Ted Windish reported that he is no longer under surveillance for cancer. Call the club to notify us of illness, loss, or good news; or email [rob@thebologs.com](mailto:rob@thebologs.com) or [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org). Send updates on members, family, and friends currently serving in the military to [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org); and photos for the website to [webmaster@tcsl.org](mailto:webmaster@tcsl.org).
- **Huron Valley Friends of NRA Dinner at TCSL**—Friday, April 15, 2016 at 5:30pm. Tickets \$40 each. Available online now at this [link](#).
- **Club Breakfasts**—Next breakfast is February 7. Open to the public. Cost: \$7 adults, \$3.50 children 12 and under (kids under five free).

## Clubhouse and Range Hours

### Rifle and Pistol Ranges:

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Noon-Dusk  
Wednesday through Saturday 10am-Dusk

### Clubhouse:

Sunday through Tuesday Noon-6pm  
Wednesday thru Saturday 10am-6pm

Winter Hours in Effect—  
Be Alert, Stop Shooting by Dusk

## York Township Meetings

Planning Commission, February 8; Board of Trustees, February 9; Zoning Board of Appeals, no meeting. The meetings all start at 7:30pm at the York Township Hall, 11560 Stony Creek Rd., Milan. Members attending can receive work hours credit.

## The MUCC Fundraiser and Dinner is April 23, 2016

Individual Tickets \$20 ♦ Table of Eight \$150 ♦ On Sale Soon at the Bar



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## February 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday	5 Friday	6 Saturday
						CPL/CCW 8am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm
7 Breakfast 8-11am Superbowl Potluck and Friends of NRA Auction 5pm Trap Noon-Done	8	9 Euchre 5-9pm	10	11 Education Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	12	13
14 CPL/CCW 8am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm Trap Noon-Done <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Safety Committee 6:30pm  <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16	17	18 Burger Night 5pm Board and Member Meetings 6:30pm <b>Club Election Noon-8pm</b>	19 American Heritage Girls Event 4-11pm	20 AHG Event 9am-6pm Military Shoot 9am~1pm New Member Orientation 9am-Noon
21 MUCC District 4 Meeting at TCSL 8am-3pm  Trap Noon-Done	22	23 Euchre 5-9pm	24	25	26 Basic Instructor Training 10am-4pm NRA Instructor Shotgun 2:30-7pm Steak Fry 5-7pm	27 NRA Instructor Pistol 8am-6pm NRA Instructor Shotgun 8am-5pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm
28 NRA Instructor PPIH 8am-6pm NRA Instructor Shotgun 9am-3pm Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm Trap Noon-Done	29	<div>Do you have news that should be in the club newsletter? Would you like to advertise in the newsletter? If so, contact Editor John Kidle at <a href="mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org">newsletter@tcsl.org</a>.</div>				

## March 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday	5 Saturday
						TCSL RSO Day 1 Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm
6 TCSL RSO Day 2 Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm  Trap Noon-Done	7	8 Presidential Primary Up and Down  Euchre 5-9pm	9	10 Education Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	11	12 CCW/CPL 8am-5pm
13   Trap Noon-Done <i>DST Begins</i>	14	15	16	17 Board and Member Meetings 6:30pm  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 Military Shoot 9am~1pm New Member Orientation 9am-Noon
20   Trap Noon-Done	21 Safety Committee 6:30pm	22 Euchre 5-9pm	23	24	25 IDPA Setup 4-9pm Pistol Ranges Closed <i>Good Friday</i>	26 IDPA Match 8am-9pm Pistol Ranges Closed
27   Trap Noon-Done <i>Easter</i>	28	29	30	31	<div>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>	

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