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### President's Column

Thank you to everyone who came out on February 18, 2016 and voted. We had a higher turnout than we have had in years which was appreciated by all of the board members and officers and seen as a vote of confidence.

At the March 17, 2016 Board and Membership meeting we will be having some board members and officers step down as the newly elected members take their seat. Stepping down will be Renee Tellas, Ed Hayes, Jeff Gage, John Kiddle, and Dondi Goerlitz. Each of these members has donated a lot of time to help at the club and to make some difficult decisions over the past few years. We all owe them a big thank you. The new board members and officers will be Maudie Abraham, Nick Sitarski, Mark Smokowicz, Al Lamoreaux, Doug Goerlitz, with Phil Hemenway and Stuart Berry being re-elected for new terms. I would like to thank Dondi Goerlitz for running for office. I am confident that we will continue to see Dondi very active (e.g. Women on Target, Kids on the Range, etc.) and see her on the board or as an officer in the future.

Over the past few years there have been a lot of members volunteer to serve on the board, as an officer, as a committee chair and running events so there is now a mix of the "seasoned members" and the "newer members" which is good for the club as leadership is passed from one crew to another crew. Hopefully the "seasoned members" will share historic perspectives so that prior lessons do not need to be learned again. At the same time hopefully the "newer members" can challenge us with new ideas and approaches. As these two groups work together we will be able to ensure TCSL continues to move forward keeping traditions, creating new traditions, and increasing the stability of the club to face the challenges of the future.

As the new TCSL Board of Directors and Officers take their positions I want to reflect upon the three goals that I set last year. One goal was to get the storage expansion with the new walk-in cooler 100% completed, and thanks to the work of contractors, volunteers, Lance, etc. this goal has been met. Another goal was to get at least one item of significant preventive maintenance completed on each range and while there was preventive maintenance on each range, I believe we can do better this year. My final goal was to increase our membership by 50 members and I did not meet this goal.

My goals for this year are to increase our membership by 75 members and in an effort to make sure this goal is obtained... *Continued* ↓

### President's Column (Cont.)

I am working with a few members to come up with specific plans to increase and retain members. The final goal I have set for 2016 is to complete one item of significant preventive maintenance on each range (e.g., rifle, pistol, archery, and trap). I will be asking the chair of each range committee to help me so we can meet this goal during 2016.

This is a great year to earn volunteer hours so that you can take advantage of the range pass / volunteer hours program. Twenty-five hours to forty-nine hours gets you a \$25 discount on the annual range pass. Fifty hour to seventy-four hours gets you a \$50 discount on the annual range pass. And 75 or more volunteer hours gets you an annual range pass at no cost.

How can you find a spot to volunteer and also enjoy completing your volunteer time? We each have a different skill set and area of interest. Go to [www.tcsl.org](http://www.tcsl.org) and click on the link for committees. Find a committee that is attractive to you and contact the chair of that committee. Once you start volunteering, you find that other areas or opportunities surface that offer additional options that you would also enjoy helping.

See you at TCSL on March 17, 2016 when our new board and officers take their seats. Come out early and enjoy a hamburger night!!!

~Steve Reed

### Winter Military Rifle Match



(Standing) Dave Vandermark, Ted Meadows, Gerry Marken, Jim Jackson, Jim Szociki, (kneeling) John Hyaduck, (Taking picture) Mark Smokowicz

Our 2nd Winter Military Rifle Match was held on Saturday, February 20th on the 100-yard rifle range with seven shooters. Military Rifles represented included AR-15s, PTR-91, Russian Mosin-Nagant, M1903 Springfield, M1A and an 1896 Krag-Jorgensen.

The iron sight division winner was Ted Meadows scoring a 97 out of 100, followed by Dave Vandermark with a 94 and Gerry Marken with an 84. The scope division winner was Jim Hyaduck with a 99 followed by Jim Szocik with a 91. Additional shooters included Jim Jackson and Mark Smokowicz. *Continued* ↓

### Military Match (Cont.)



**The Springfield Armory M1A is nearly identical in appearance to the original M14 service rifle.**

The winning iron sight rifle was an M1A. It is a gas-operated, rotating bolt, semi-automatic rifle and fires a 7.62x51mm NATO (.308 Winchester) round. The feed system has a 5-, 10-, or 20-round double column detachable box magazine. The Springfield Armory M1A is a civilian version of the M14 rifle designed and manufactured by Springfield Armory, Inc. in 1974. The term "M1A" is a proprietary title for Springfield Armory's M14-pattern rifle.

After World War II, the engineers at the US Government's Springfield Armory set about designing a replacement for the M1 Garand. In 1959, the US military adopted the resultant M14. The rugged reliability of the M14 coupled with its formidable 7.62x51 NATO cartridge left an enduring impression on America's fighting forces despite its relatively short tenure.

Our next Winter Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, Mar-19th 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 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.

### Club Breakfasts

Next breakfast is March 6. Open to the public. Cost: \$7 adults, \$3.50 children 12 and under (kids under five free).



**The Newsletter has an extra page this month—see the Friends of NRA flyer!**

## Safety Update

As we get closer to warmer weather, the ranges at TCSL will become more and more active. With that increased activity in mind, I'd like to suggest that all members take time to review the TCSL range rules. The complete booklet can be found on the TCSL web page. Here is the [link](#). There are also rules that apply to using shotguns on the Action Range. Here is the [link](#) to those rules.

I'd also like to remind everyone of some of the most often violated range rules. First item I'd like to review is the Routine for Entering a Range. Depending on if you are carrying on your person, or have your firearm in a case / range bag, you must follow one of the following procedures:

### CARRYING ON YOUR PERSON:

Reminder: at this time, Open Carry is ONLY permitted on the Pistol Ranges, north of the creek. Your firearm must be either concealed or in a carry case or bag anywhere else on club grounds.

- Your firearm must remain holstered at all times until facing downrange standing at the firing line.
- Remove the firearm from holster, unload, and place on the firing line bench while facing downrange. (The firearm should be open to indicate it is unloaded)
- The firearm must not be re-holstered until the time you are ready to leave the range. The firearm is then loaded and re-holstered at that point.
- There is NO drawing from the holster to fire on any range EXCEPT during: NRA PPOH courses, IDPA sanctioned events, or when under direct one-on-one TCSL or IDPA approved supervision on the Range
- This routine is followed so that shooters are not un-holstering or unloading firearms anywhere but on the firing line facing downrange.

### CARRYING YOUR FIREARM IN A CASE / RANGE BAG:

- With unloaded firearm in bag/case, enter range and set bag on bench at firing line.
- Take out the firearm and lay down with muzzle facing down range. (The firearm should be open to indicate it is unloaded)
- You may place ammunition next to the firearm. Place the bag / case behind the shooter on the table. This allows all shooters a view of the firing line bench to see that all firearms have their actions open.
- To put the firearm away, bring bag/case back over to firing line bench and put unloaded firearm into the bag.

The second item I want to remind everyone about is the recommended procedure for going down range of the firing line. This is especially important on the rifle ranges, because of the space between the ranges and longer distances to the targets.

- All shooters agree to cease-fire. *Continued* ↑

## Safety (Cont.)

- All firearms are unloaded and placed on the bench with the action open.
- The red light is switched on. Note: for rifle ranges – the switch must be activated for each range that people will be going down range.  
**\*\*\* AT THIS TIME THERE SHOULD BE NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS. ALL PERSONS MUST REMAIN AWAY FROM THE FIRING LINE (BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE)\*\*\***
- Anyone wishing to go down range may do so at this time.
- Upon returning from down range, remain away from (behind) the firing line until ALL persons have returned.
- The last person returning from down range should verify that there is no one else down range before switching off the red light for their range.
- Once the lights have switched off, all shooters should confirm the range is clear before loading and discharging their firearm.

The last item I want to remind everyone about is targets to be used on the firearm ranges. Other than the standard clay targets that are typically seen on the trap range, the rules state: "Use only paper or cardboard targets. Newbold brand targets 8" in diameter or smaller may also be used." The Newbold target that is mentioned is a brand name of a self-sealing Elastimax reactive target. The version that is approved is of stationary design and not the "bouncing" or "moving" type. Another long-standing practice at TCSL is not to allow targets with pictures / graphics of humans.

Thanks for taking the time to read these reminders. If there are any questions you would like to pose, to the Safety Committee, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached via email at [safety@tcsl.org](mailto:safety@tcsl.org).

~Tom Lewandowski, Chairman, Safety Committee

## Good and Welfare

Member Danny Richardson is dealing with health issues. Board member, Jeff Gage and member, Larry Darling, are both on the mend following surgery. Board member, Carol Parent was in a car accident but is doing well.

Member Debbie Brooks' mother, Dorothy Pauline Chie, passed away. Notify us of illness, loss, or good news by email at [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org). Send updates on those 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).

## TCSL Election Results

The annual Tri-County Sportsmen's League election was held February 18, 2016. The newly elected officers and directors are:

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

## Huron Valley Friends of NRA Dinner

Friday, April 15, 2016 at 5:30pm. Tickets \$40 each. Available online now at this [link](#). See enclosed flyer for details.



The first IDPA match of the year is Saturday, March 26. Sign up on the IDPA [website](#). Set up starts Friday night. There will be an IDPA work party on Sunday, March 13—weather permitting.

Time to blow the dust off the handguns and come out to shoot. Need work hours—come out and pitch in. Contact Earl Austin at 734-645-3267 if you have any questions.

## Mark Your Calendar



From the Women of the NRA™

This year's Women On Target event is June 11. Signups are on April 1. Many volunteers are needed and there will be a planning meeting on March 1. Contact Dondi Goerlitz [drdmgoerlitz@comcast.net](mailto:drdmgoerlitz@comcast.net) for information or to volunteer.

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call or text: 734-368-7973

### 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 14; Board of Trustees, February 15; 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.

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## March 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday	5 Saturday
		Women On Target Planning Meeting 6pm				TCSL RSO Day 1 Pistol House Closed Noon-3pm
6 Breakfast 8-11am 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 IDPA Work Party weather permitting  Trap Noon-Done <i>DST Begins</i>	14	15	16	17 Burger Night 5pm Board and Member Meetings 6:30pm  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 Military Shoot 9am~1pm New Member Orientation 9am-Noon
20 Phase II Basic Pistol 11am-5pm  Trap Noon-Done <i>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring</i>	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	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	

## April 2016 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday	2 Saturday
<b>Flint Water Crisis</b> 11 Gallon jugs and 2 ½ cases of water were donated by members since the last newsletter. Thanks everyone! The effort goes on. Water contributions should be dropped off at the bar.					Women On Target Sign Up Day	CCW/CPL 8am-5pm
3 Breakfast 8-11am Upstairs Rental 1am-6pm Trap Noon-Done	4	5	6	7	8	9 Phase II Basic Pistol 10am-4pm Pistol House Closed 12:30-4:30pm
10 CCW/CPL 8am-5pm  Trap Noon-Done	11 Youth Rifle 7-9pm	12 Euchre 5-9pm	13	14 Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm	15 Friends of NRA Dinner 5:30pm 	16 NRA Basic Rifle 9am-6pm Military Shoot 9am~1pm (100yd Range Closed) New Member Orientation 9am-Noon
17 NRA Basic Rifle 9am-6pm  Trap Noon-Done	18 Youth Rifle 7-9pm Safety Committee 6:30pm	19 Yorkshire Assoc. Meeting (Lower Level) 7-9pm	20	21 Board and Member Meetings 6:30pm	22 Steak Fry 5-7:30pm  IDPA Setup 4-9pm Pistol Ranges Closed	23 MUCC Fundraiser and Dinner 5pm IDPA Match 8am-9pm Pistol Ranges Closed
24 Bowling Pin/Steel Plate Shoot Noon-5pm  Trap Noon-Done	25 Youth Rifle 7-9pm	26 Euchre 5-9pm	27	28	29	30 Basic Shotgun 8am-5pm

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