



## ON TARGET

TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE  
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### May President's Column

The 146th Annual National Rifle Association Meeting was April 27 – 30, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. The event is always enjoyable with lots of vendors, workshops/presentations, live entertainment (Hank Williams Jr. performed at this event), President Trump's speech and the ability to have fellowship with people who share the enjoyment of the shooting sports and guns. In today's world when we think about the NRA the first thoughts that cross our minds relate to their political action work as well as the countless phone calls and correspondences seeking donations to fund their legislative action work. I am reading NRA; An American Legend by Jeffrey L. Rodengen with the foreword by Tom Clancy. The book provides a very interesting history of the NRA with many details that are not well publicized and not well known by the general public. When you are finished reading you will be proud to be a NRA member and you may very well decide to make a donation the next time you receive a request for contributions. If you aren't a NRA member then it would not surprise me if you decided to join. TCSL member Gary Knechtel is a NRA Recruiter so contact him if you want to join or renew

Spring cleanup is Saturday May 13, 2017 from 9 am – 2 pm. We can use all of the help we can get so that our 57 acres continue to be properly maintained. Bring gloves, leaf blowers, rakes, shovels, tarps for leaf collection, lawn tractors with trailers and other yard/garden tools. We will meet on the first floor of the clubhouse and once we have all eaten a donut, we will head outside until noon when we will take a break for some pizza, then back to work until 2 pm. If you are a new member please join us, this is a great opportunity to get to know members of the TCSL family.

Rob Pincus is returning to TCSL on Friday May 19th and Saturday May 20th to conduct his Combat Focus Shooting course. Rob ran a class at TCSL last year, which was well received, and he returns again this year. He is a professional trainer, author and consultant providing efficient training methodologies to those interested in developing firearms, tactical operations and defensive skills. Those who have taken his classes always comment on how much they learned during his course, which is why he has such a great nationwide reputation.

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If you are interested in taking the course contact Ken Ross. Even if you can't take the course, stop by the club and watch Rob at work.

Women on Target is on June 10, 2017 this year. If you know any women who would like to try the shooting sports this event continues to provide lot of opportunities at a relative inexpensive cost. Volunteers are still needed. The event is a fun time for the women as well as the volunteers and a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours. If you have any questions contact Carol Parent or Sharon Burkhardt. Let's continue to use this opportunity to showcase TCSL and all of the great amenities TCSL offers.

The Education Committee has its monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 pm. If you are an instructor, a Range Safety Officer or you are just thinking about becoming an instructor or Range Safety Officer come to the meetings. At the meeting you can keep up-to-date on NRA changes to their Education Programs, our new Archery Classes, Youth Programs, etc. Brian Craig is the Chair of the Education Committee and you can contact him with any questions.

Let's all pause for one minute at 3 pm on Memorial Day and in that national moment of thoughtful prayer and reflection while we remember all of those who paid the ultimate price for us to be free. Robert G. Ingersoll said it nicely when he said, *"These heroes are dead. They died for liberty – they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows, and the embracing vines. They sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, careless alike of sunshine or of storm, each in the windowless Place of Rest. Earth may run red with other wars – they are at peace. In the midst of battle, in the roar of conflict, they found the serenity of death. I have one sentiment for soldiers living and dead: cheers for the living; tears for the dead."*

See you at the club

### Memorial and Well-being

Margaret Morehouse, wife of Tom Morehouse passed away March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please keep their family in your prayers

Email announcements to the newsletter at: [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org).

### Women on Target

There is still room to register for Women on Target to be held on June 10th. The cost is \$75 the same as last year. The registration forms will be available online and at Tri-County. In order to be registered payment must accompany the application. As always, we are looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of the event. Our next meeting is May 22, this is also the volunteer dinner at 6pm downstairs. The meetings are open to anyone interested in volunteering. email me: [cbklich25@hotmail.com](mailto:cbklich25@hotmail.com), or call Carol at 734-417-6895 or Sharon at [mudiblues@att.net](mailto:mudiblues@att.net).

### Steak Fry

Come join us on Friday, May 26th, 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.

### Tri-County Sportsmen's League Calendar:

**Reminder:** to add anything to the calendar, please go to the TCSL website, scroll down to the calendar, and click the link, which reads: "Click here to submit an event request to be added to the calendar."

Please fill out the form completely as this is how it will appear on the calendar. If you need to make a correction or cancellation, you can e-mail [calendar@tcsl.org](mailto:calendar@tcsl.org)  
- Calendar Management

## Upcoming Trap Events

June 3rd	Handicap Trap
July 1st	Women Only Trap
August 12th	Doubles Trap
Sept. 30th	Women Only Trap
October 7th	Doubles Trap

\*More information to follow in future newsletters

## Military Rifle Match 2017

A Military Rifle Match was held on Saturday April 15th. Rifles represented included multiple AR-15s, an M4 carbine and an Australian Lee-Enfield Mk III. Chris Leite won the open sights division with a score of 342 out of 400 and David Harris took the scoped division with a score of 321. Congratulations to all participants. Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, May 13th, 2017. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the match starts at 10:00am. The match is open to members \$10 and guests \$15. To compete all you need is a military style rifle (non-automatic), domestic or foreign, vintage or modern, sporterized or customized, scoped or iron sights. You will need 45 rounds of safe ammunition, a shooting mat or something to lie on, safety or shooting glasses and ear protection. Spotting scopes and sling are helpful. The course of fire for the event shall be: (5) rounds of slow fire in the prone position for sight-in within 5 minutes. For score: (10) rounds slow fire in the prone position, (10) rounds of rapid fire in the prone position, (10) rounds rapid fire in the sitting position and (10) rounds of slow fire in the standing un-supported position. For the Slow fire portion, single fed rounds are fired within 10 minutes, while Rapid fire is within 80 seconds with a magazine or stripper clip change. There will be a short safety briefing prior to the match. Please Note: You need not be a military member to compete, as they are surely welcome, you only need to own a military style rifle. For more information contact Mark Smokowicz, marks@comcast.net or (734)276-2514.



(L to R) Mark Smokowicz, David Harris, Dave Vandermark, Jim Szocik, Chris Leite

## IDPA @ TCSL



Warm weather is here and so are the Defensive Handgun Coaching and Practice opportunities at TCSL. This is what IDPA is! The ability to receive training and coaching (if desired) in the use of hand guns on our action ranges by experienced and certified IDPA Safety Officers. Standing still in a pistol stall is good practice for basic handgun ability. But advanced shooting skills, that would be required in the event of a real life situation, are a critical aspect of personal protection and handgun safety. At IDPA weekly practice sessions and monthly matches, we work on many skills, including:

- drawing from a holster using concealment
- quickly getting your sights on target
- moving while shooting
- proper use of cover
- developing reloading speeds

Everyone at IDPA is there to help shooters improve their capabilities. There is no judgmental behavior or attitudes. Just respect for each other and the desire help no matter what the skill level of the shooter. I have often heard 'I don't come to IDPA because I am not a competitive person'. This perception comes from the fact that IDPA shooting is scored so that the shooter may gauge their progress when shooting a stage multiple times on practice night or ... as time goes on from shooting matches. If you just watch IDPA Videos on YouTube, you may get the idea that this sport is just a competition. That is not true. It is much more than that. It is a training opportunity for citizens to hone their skills. So, I want to encourage anyone that has not tried IDPA to speak to TCSL members that are involved, learn more about it and come have some fun with us this summer! Matches are held the last Saturday of each Month. Practice is every Tuesday Night weather permitting.

**March and April Matches** The match in March was well attended with 64 shooters in spite of cold wet weather. TCSL Member Carlos Soto noticed a lot of new people that showed up and coached 3 of them through the basics. At the April match attendance increased to 97 people! The 5 COF's (courses of fire) featured shooting while seated, moving through a door, drop turner targets and 25 yard shots.

## IDPA Cont.

It was a good practice for those planning to attend the IDPA Regional Match at Linwood Bay Sportman's Club in Munger, MI in May. We also had 8 people attend the IDPA Introduction Class at the club prior to the April Match.

**IDPA Classes** Over the season we offer an 'Introduction to IDPA' class for new shooters. It involves a few hours of class time then the class moves to the range where the attendees have a chance to shoot courses of fire under the direction of the instructors. This is a great opportunity for people new to IDPA to learn the rules and try the sport with fellow newbie's. We also offer IDPA SO Training and Certification courses for people with either a) want an opportunity really learn the rules and/or b) wish to become IDPA Safety Officers. Having more SO's available to help with practice night and Matches is always a good thing. This is an all-volunteer sport and some months we are concerned about having enough SO volunteers.

## WOMEN ONLY CCW CLASS AT TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

An NRA Personal Protection In The Home class for women only that meets the training requirements for a Michigan Concealed Pistol License is being offered at Tri-County Sportsmen's League, Saline on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:00am to about 6:00pm. Price for the CCW class is \$150. For TCSL members it is \$115.

You must be able to place most shots on an 8-1/2" x 11" blank sheet of paper at a distance of 21 feet. Bring a handgun, eye and ear protection, and 100 rounds of ammunition. A few .22 handguns are available for rent. Call to reserve one.

You may register for the class on-line by going to the link below and completing the form. Payment by cash or check is due before class begins. The classroom will be open about 7:30am.

Please call if you have any questions about the training.

Link: <https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=425902&seats=16&State=n&zip=48176&radius=25.1&id=14&bsa=&youth=&women=Y>

We hope you can join us.

Lorena and Sarah Tellas

(734) 439-1363 or (734) 216-3542 cell

[ccw4pp@yahoo.com](mailto:ccw4pp@yahoo.com)

**Hall Activity Dates can be found in the newsletter calendar for each month, if help is needed an "H" will appear next to the event. Volunteering for an event is the best way to get your volunteer hours.**



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It's coming back:  
Saturday, July 14, 2018



Focus for 2017:  
Fundraising

**Don't want breakfast?  
How about lunch or dinner at**

### HAAB'S RESTAURANT

18 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti  
734-483-8200

**Sunday, June 11**  
11 a.m.-9 p.m.

It will be  
**Kids On the Range Day,**  
and 10% of all sales  
on that day will be  
donated to support the event.

### Other News

- Breakfast – June 4th 8am
- Hamburger Night - May 18th 5pm
- Steak Fry – May 26th 5pm.
- American Heritage Girls Breakfast – May 13<sup>th</sup> 8am
- TCSL Spring Clean Up - May 13<sup>th</sup> 8am

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## LuLaRoe

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am -2pm

Open to the public! No admission fee. Special shopping incentives for Mother's Day!

Come shop and celebrate Mother's Day with LuLaRoe. LuLaRoe is a comfortable and fashionable clothing line for girls and women. Sizes 00 – 3XL. Skirts, tops, dresses and of course butter soft leggings. This is a multi-consultant sale which means tons of LuLaRoe clothing. The event will be held at Tri-County Sportsmen's League.

Any questions can be sent to :  
[lularoelindseytrott@gmail.com](mailto:lularoelindseytrott@gmail.com)






## May 2017- TCSL Event Calendar

	1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday	5 Friday	6 Saturday
		5pm Veterans dance				8am Basic Shotgun 8am CPL/CCW- Women Only 9am MGO 12pm Finance Mtg
7 8am CPL/CCW Women Only 12pm Trap Shoot	8	9 5pm Veterans dance	10 5pm Multi-Gun practice 6pm New Member Orientation	11 6pm Veterans Dance 6:30pm Education Mtg	12	13 8am AHG breakfast 9am Military Match 9am Spring Clean-Up 10am LuLaRoe Multi sale-Upstairs
14 8am Instructor led Basic Pistol Course 12pm Trap Shoot 1pm Multi – Gun Shoot	15 6:30pm Safety Committee Mtg	16	17 5pm Multi-Gun practice	18 5pm Hamburger Night 6:30pm Board Mtg	19 8am Fundamentals of Combat Focus Shooting w/Rob Pincus	20 8am Combat Focus Carbine w/Rob Pincus 10am Basic Instructor Training – Women Only
21 11am Bowling Pin/Steel Plate 12pm Trap Shoot	22 6pm Women On Target Volunteer Dinner – Lower level	23	24 5pm Multi-Gun practice	25	26 4pm IDPA Prep – All Pistol Ranges Closed 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Fry	27 8am IDPA Match – All Ranges Closed
28 12pm Membership/ Marketing Task Force	29 	30	31 5pm Multi-Gun practice	1 June	2	3
<b>Clubhouse and Range Hours</b> <b>Rifle and Pistol Ranges:</b> Sunday through Tuesday Noon-Dusk, Wednesday through Saturday 10am-Dusk <b>Clubhouse:</b> Sunday through Tuesday Noon-6pm, Wednesday thru Saturday 10am-6pm						

## June 2017 -TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	1 Thursday	2 Friday	3 Saturday
						11am Handicap trap – Open to the public 12pm Finance Mtg
4 8am NRA Basic Pistol 8am Pancake Breakfast 12pm Trap	5	6	7 5pm Multi-Gun practice	8 6pm Veterans and Friends Dance 6:30pm Education Mtg	9 4pm WOT set-up	10 8am – 5pm Women on Target
11 12pm Trap 12pm Babcock Grad party	12 6:30 pm Safety Committee Mtg	13	14 5pm Multi-Gun practice 6pm New Member Orientation	15 6:30pm Board and Membership Mtg	16	17 8am Personal Protection Outside the Home 9am Military Rifle Match
18 8am Personal Protection Outside the Home 8am Trap	19	20	21 5pm Multi-Gun practice	22	23 4pm IDPA Prep ALL RANGES CLOSED 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Fry 6pm AHG Camp - upstairs	24 8am IDPA Match ALL RANGES CLOSED 10am Basic Instructor Training
25 8am CPL/CCW Personal Protection in the Home 11am Bowling Pin/Steel Plate 12pm Trap	26	27	28 5pm Multi-Gun practice	29	30	1 July 8am NRA Basic Pistol Instructor 10:30 Women Only Trap
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						

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!