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November 2017



November President's Column

Dennis Osborn is no longer volunteering at TCSL so we need members to step up and volunteer:

• **Sunday – Tuesday** – Volunteers needed to open the club, answer the telephone, run the bar, take potential members around to see the clubhouse and ranges, take shooters down to shoot at one of the ranges (Charging \$15 which is turned over to TCSL), etc.

• **Wednesday – Saturday** – Volunteers needed to take potential members around to see the clubhouse and ranges, take shooters down to shoot at one of the ranges (Charging \$15 which is turned over to TCSL), etc. Since deer season is approaching, extra volunteers would be helpful to take people down to the rifle range to zero in their scopes.

When next spring comes, we will need volunteers to help mow the 57 acres. Dennis also frequently helped guests fill out new membership applications. Keep in mind that when you volunteer you are representing TCSL and frequently the first contact a visitor meets at TCSL, so go out of your way to be welcoming. If you don't know the answer to a question, take their name and phone number and let them know someone will call them to answer their questions.

Fall Clean up: Fall cleanup is Saturday November 4, 2017 from 9 am – 2 pm. Bring rakes, leaf blowers, tractors, trailers, tarps, yard tools, etc. Even if you can't volunteer for the entire time, come out for a few hours and help keep the club and ranges in good shape.

Turn in volunteer hours: The volunteer hour year ends November 30, 2017. Please go online and check your hours. If your hours aren't accurate please contact whomever was the leader of the event you worked and have them turn the hours into Al Lamoreaux, TCSL Membership Secretary. If your hours are not right after talking to the leader of the event(s) you worked, then contact Al (AL_LAMX@hotmail.com). Keep in mind, for 25 volunteer hours there is a \$25 reduction in an annual range pass, for 50 volunteer hours there is a \$50 reduction in an annual range pass and for 75 volunteer hours your annual range pass is free.

Deer Hunting Safety Tips:

- Assume every gun is loaded.
- Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your gun unloaded until you are ready to shoot.

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• Keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

• Know your target and what is beyond your target before shooting.

• Wear bright orange hunting clothing so you can be easily seen.

• Let your family and /or friends know when you are going hunting, where you are going hunting and when you will be home.

• If at all possible, avoid hunting alone.

• Take care of your hunting equipment before and after the hunt.

• Always use a full body safety harness when climbing up or down the tree stand or while sitting or standing in the tree stand.

• Approach your downed deer with caution. Your deer may still be alive and the deer can still present a danger if you spook it.

• Watch your weather and dress appropriately for the weather.

• Take a fully charged cell phone with you.

• Take a first aid kit and a whistle with you.

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.

Those that have been approved to draw from the holster will have a colored circle on their TCSL membership badge. If you see someone that is drawing from the holster who is not a member or who doesn't have the colored dot on their badge, please let them know they are violating a rule and fill out an incident report.

Those members who are interested in taking a class that spends a lot of time teaching the students how to draw from a holster/purse, then contact Brian Craig, Chair of the Education Committee (brian@briancraig.com) if you would like to take the two day National Rifle Association Personal Protection Outside the Home class. Once Brian gets enough students he will schedule the class and select the instructor to teach the course.

Photos to Carol Parent If you are successful deer hunting this season, take a photo and e-mail the photo to Carol Parent, Editor of the TCSL Newsletter (cbrklich25@hotmail.com) so she can include some photos in an upcoming newsletter.

Come out to the Club and enjoy the ranges during the Fall season. I look forward to seeing a lot of you on November 4, 2017 at 9 am for Fall Cleanup.

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Membership Meeting: There are no TCSL Membership Meetings or Hamburger Nights in November and December, 2017 due to deer hunting and the holidays. Night will be January 18, 2018 starting at 5 pm. Join us at the January meeting to see who receives an award.

Come out to the Club and enjoy the ranges during the Fall season. At the Fall clean-up we may start removing the creek cover and the more volunteers we get the shorter period of time the trap ranges will be shut down. There will be several different options to help contribute financially to cover the costs of replacing the creek cover so don't skip over the e-mail blasts that are being sent out regularly since they will describe the options

Memorial and Well-being

Cliff Olson- Past President and member since 1976 celebrated his 96th birthday recently. When you see Cliff - wish him well!

Earl Densel – member since 2004 passed away in October. Please keep his wife Kathy and their family in your thoughts and prayers. newsletter@tcsl.org.

Womens'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 14th 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.

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 5th, April 9th, May 7th and the Volunteer Dinner on June 4th. More information will be posted in the upcoming Newsletters. Registration will open on April 1, 2018.



Paul Siska, David Harris, John Burke, Mark Smokowicz

A Military Rifle Match was held on Saturday, October 21st on the 100-yd rifle range. Rifles represented at this match were all AR-15's. Results of the match: 1st Place with a score of 356 out of 400 was David Harris, 2nd place went to Paul Siska with a score of 303 and in 3rd place was Mark Smokowicz with a score of 257. In the optics division the winner was John Burke with a score of 334.

This was our last Match for 2017. We will start back up in 2018 on the third Saturday of the month. For the months of Jan-Mar there will be bench rest shoots and starting back up with the regular course of fire regiment in April. Watch the newsletter for upcoming events. For more information contact Mark Smokowicz, marks@comcast.net or (734) 276-2514

Fall Hand Gun Shoot

The Fall Hand Gun Shoot will be held at the Pistol Range 12 pm – 4pm. November 5th. There will be moving deer targets (3-4 shots). Winner gets a turkey! For more information call Mike Cowhy 313-530-7789

Trap

Trap is open to the public every Sunday starting at noon until 3pm. It was a beautiful fall afternoon – the parking lot was full and lots of rounds were shot!



As we close out the month of October I felt that an update from the Safety Committee is overdue. First, I'd like to say that it has been another busy summer at TCSL. There have been many activities on the ranges. The range chairmen have done an excellent job of keeping the ranges in good and safe repair. I think we've seen better target to shooter alignment at the pistol house. However, there is still room for improvement. Remember the target should be placed in line with the muzzle at the firing line. That means that a target used for shooting from a standing position will be higher than one used for shooting from a seated position. Also, different shooters have different muzzle position (height). Please adjust your targets accordingly.

The Action Ranges continue to see plenty of use. These ranges are a great opportunity for shooters to position themselves closer to the target and keep the target close to the berm. In other words, you can use one target position to shoot from various distances. For your convenience Action Range Bay #2 has a plate rack. For your safety the shooter should be NO CLOSER THAN 10 YARDS from the plate rack. Also, before you begin shooting the plates please inspect them for cracks. If you find one that is damaged please let an RSO or club manager know. That will allow us to take the damaged items out of service and have them repaired. Another concern about Action Range Bay #2 is we are finding a number of shotgun wads there. This bay is NOT for use in shooting shotguns. The Safety Committee has approved Action Range Bays 3 and 4 for shotgun use.

Fairly recently there has been nationwide increased interest in Pistol Caliber Carbines (commonly referred as PCC). The TCSL Safety Committee has received a request to accommodate the use of PCC on ranges other than the rifle ranges. The reason for the request is that typically the PCC firearms are shorter range usage than the ranges we have at TCSL.

The Safety Committee reviewed and refined the request and submitted it to the Board for approval. The result is PCCs have been approved for use on Action Ranges 3 & 4 as well as the Pistol House. The committee defined PCC as 1) utilize pistol cartridges smaller than .45 caliber and all rimfire cartridges. 2) PCC MUST be used in semi-automatic mode – Full automatic is NOT permitted. 3) The owner of the PCC should be familiar with the assembly and operation of the firearm. Target requirements are the same as for all other general range uses and the shooter must be within 15 yards of the earthen backstop. At this time, I'd like to note that firearms that utilize centerfire rifle caliber (Example an AR Pistol) are NOT allowed on any of the pistol ranges. I would like to remind everyone that the Action Range Bay #5 is NOT for general use. Use of that range requires approval via a Special Event form.

The Board of Directors has also approved a process that will allow a member to draw from a holster, on the Action Ranges. The process will require an evaluation that the member follows safe practices adherence to the TCSL range use requirements. We have designated eight (8) members that have experience and qualification in supervising people drawing from a holster AND REHOLSTERING. We are still working out the procedure but for now, if you are interested in obtaining authorization to draw from a holster, please send an email to safety@tcsl.org. The email should have your contact information and some idea of your availability for the evaluation.

Tom Lewandowski
TCSL Safety Committee Chairman

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 7th 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

Wicked Jeeps SE Michigan

Wicked Jeeps held it's 3rd Annual event at Tri-County on October 14. They had a raffle that brought in \$761.00 and all earnings were donated to Tri-County. At last years event Wicked Jeeps donated \$1700.00 to Tri-County. Keep an eye out for next years event and come out and enjoy the fun. Their events are open to the public.

American Heritage Girls 5K Run

The American Heritage Girls Troop MI2407 is having a "Salute To Veterans" 5K run/Walk on November 11, 2017 at 8am. The Run will start and finish at the Milan Free Methodist Church – 950 E. Arkona Road, Milan MI 48160.

Register online at:
www.everallracemgt.com/events

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.

"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** – NO STEAK FRY UNTIL JANUARY
- **IDPA** – Will start again in the Spring
- **Fall Handgun Shoot** – Nov. 5th
- **Breakfast** Nov. 5th Open to the public

November 2017- TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	1 Wednesday	2 Thursday	3 Friday RSO ON DUTY	4 Saturday RSO ON DUTY
Clubhouse and Range Hours 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						9am Fall Clean up 12pm Finance Mtg 4pm Deacons/Dwyer reception
5 RSO ON DUTY 8am Breakfast open to the public 12pm Trap Shoot 12pm Fall Hand Gun Shoot		7am York Twp Polling Place Upstairs and Down	8 5pm Friends of Veterans Showcase Dance Rehearsal	9 4pm Veterans and Friend Ballroom practice 6:30 pm Education Mtg	10 RSO ON DUTY 5pm Friends of Veterans Showcase Dance Rehearsal	11 RSO ON DUTY 9am New member orientation 6pm Veterans /Friends Ballroom Dance
12 RSO ON DUTY 8am CCW/CPL PPIH 12pm Trap Shoot	13 6:30 pm Safety Cmt meeting		15 Opening Day Deer Season - Regular Firearm -Nov 15-30th 	16 6:30pm Board Meeting Only	17 RSO ON DUTY	18 RSO ON DUTY 9am Basic Handgun for Self Defense(Women Only)
19 RSO ON DUTY 9am Intermediate Handgun for Self Defense 1-Day Class 12pm Trap Shoot 12pm Membership Task Force				23 Thanksgiving 	24 RSO ON DUTY	25 RSO ON DUTY
26 RSO ON DUTY 12pm Trap						

December 2017 -TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday RSO ON DUTY	2 Saturday RSO ON DUTY
Contact Jerry Chie for hall rental information at sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435, or call the club at 734-429-9561						
3 RSO ON DUTY 8am CPL/CCW-PPLH 8am Breakfast open to the public 12pm Trap					8 RSO ON DUTY	9 RSO ON DUTY 9am New Member Orientation 12pm Finance Committee Mtg 6pm Veterans and Friends Dance
10 RSO ON DUTY 12pm Trap				14 6:30pm Education Committee meeting	15 RSO ON DUTY	16 RSO ON DUTY
17 RSO ON DUTY 12pm Trap	18 6:30pm Safety Committee Meeting			21 6:30pm Board Meeting Only	22 RSO ON DUTY	23 RSO ON DUTY
24 Christmas Eve  12pm Trap	25 Christmas Day 				29 RSO ON DUTY	30 RSO ON DUTY Dec 31 RSO ON DUTY

See the club's Google Calendar at <http://tcs1.org> for the latest updates. Add it to your Google Calendar and never miss a TCSL event!