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### January President's Column

If you want to run for a TCSL Officer position or a TCSL Board position then you will need to be at the January 18, 2018 Board and Membership meeting to announce you are running so that you can be on the ballot. Bill Bond and Mike Johnston have once again agreed to serve on the Election Committee so also you need to let them know if you want an absentee ballot. If you e-mail me your request for an absentee ballot I will forward the e-mail to Bill. Please make sure your requests for an absentee ballot are received on or before January 10, 2018 so there is no question in terms of whether or not the request was timely and to allow them adequate time to process your request. Elections will be held Thursday February 15, 2018 and Jerry Zapolnik who is also serving on the Election Committee will join Bill and Mike at the clubhouse on February 15, 2018 to monitor the elections, tally the results, etc.

Please vote either by absentee ballot or in person on February 15, 2018. Stick around for the Board and Membership meeting and you can get the voting results. There will be several new seats to be filled both in the officer ranks and also on the Board. Vote so we can show all of the Officers and Board Members running for election that we appreciate their willingness to step up and help lead TCSL, as well as their commitment to donate hours. Even if the seats are not contested it is nice to see a large turnout so the Board Members and Officers know members are concerned about the issues they will address over the next year.

Even if you aren't going to run for a position, come to the January 18, 2018 Board and Membership meetings. There will be a Hamburger Night and the following awards will be given out:

2017 Suggestion of the year award;  
2017 Member of the year award;  
2017 Associate member of the year award; and  
2017 Leadership award.

### Presidents column cont

Committee reports will also be made during the Board Meeting by the chair of each Committee and if you attend you will know what happened in 2017 and what the proposed plans each Committee has for 2018.

Mark Smokowicz has set up a paypal page/account to allow donations to the creek cover project to be made on-line. E-mail me at [steve@reedlawgroup.com](mailto:steve@reedlawgroup.com) or Mark at [marks@comcast.net](mailto:marks@comcast.net) if you would like the link forwarded to you. Thank you to all of the members that have already donated on-line or in person/mail.

Don't forget we are in a new year in terms of volunteer hours. Please make sure when you do volunteer that you fill out the book by the drinking fountain. Put the date, your start and stop time, your name, your membership number and a brief statement of what you did. If you are volunteering on a committee make sure the chair of the committee has your name, membership number and start /stop time. Also, make sure the committee chair turns the hours into the membership secretary. You can go to the members' only page on the TCSL webpage [www.tcsl.org](http://www.tcsl.org) to check your hours. It is easier to monitor your hours throughout the year then it is to try and determine if you were given credit for all of your volunteer hours when you receive your renewal application next year. Also remember 25 volunteer hours gets \$25 off next year's annual range pass, 50 hours gets \$50 off and 75 hours gets you a free annual range pass. In reviewing the hours worked by members last year it is interesting to note that it is not often that a member gets 75 hours and then stops volunteering. By the time you have 75 volunteer hours you won't want to stop since you will have connected with a lot of members and a lot of projects, so you will keep volunteering since you enjoy it. Remember associate hours count towards their spouse's obligation.

If you made New Years' Resolutions, I wish you the best in meeting those goals / resolutions. I hope to see you on the ranges or at January's breakfast or January's steak fry.

### 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.

## 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

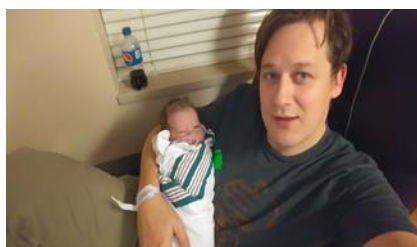
Trap is open to the public every Sunday starting at noon until 3pm.



## Memorial and Well-being [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org)

## Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sitarski welcomed a new addition to their family! If you see Nick (whom may be sleep deprived) give him a high five!



## 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. Be sure to RSVP online so that we can anticipate attendee numbers.

## 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

## Cover the Creek Project

**Cover the Creek:** As many of you know, the wooden cover over Koch-Warner Drain (by the trap fields) is in serious need of repair. This is an environmental issue we face and needs to be addressed. After discussion, quotes, reviews, and further discussion, we now have a plan. Announcing the **"Cover the Creek Project."** This project needs to be successful, and 100% membership support will make that happen. Only with your help will we be able to keep our commitment to the stewardship of the creek running through our property. A new, economical design has been approved and includes a steel-construction roof and new supports. We have a total of 50 sections to be replaced, and the cost of materials for each section is estimated at \$160. We will need to clear brush and construct and install the new ones. To cover all of this, we've set a fundraising goal of \$10,000 for the entire project.

## Creek Project con't

Should the project cost less than that, any excess funds will be deposited to our building fund.

## How can you help? Here are just a few ways:

1. Make a financial contribution. \$50 per member/household would put us over our \$10,000 goal. We can't stress enough the importance of completing this project. Of course, we encourage you to donate more. Please see below for the options.
2. Volunteer. TCSL will need volunteers AND money to accomplish the goal of repairing the existing creek cover. As always a call for volunteers will be sent out as work is scheduled.
3. Also look for **"Cover the Creek Project"** contribution jars and envelopes and boxes at the club as we develop them and deploy.
4. We also welcome corporate contributions, and some employers will even match their employees' contributions.

## Gift Levels:

**Supporter** – \$50+

**Saver** – \$100+

**Steward** – \$250+

**Founder** – \$500+

**Saver Level and above** is entitled to a complimentary TCSL shirt.

You can also mail in your donation.

## Membership Meeting Notes

**Rifle** – Military Rifle Match to begin Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> it will be shot from a bench rest position, Open to the public.

**Pistol** – Shooting on the pistol house should be completed.

**IDPA** – 1750 hrs of volunteer time was put in to support IDPA matches.

**Trap** – Every Sunday noon to 3pm

**Safety** – Tom Lewandowski will hold a meeting of RO's on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. There are 70 trained RSO's at TCSL.

**Sunday Breakfast** – Price going from \$7.00 to \$8.00 starting January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Euchre** – Starts Tuesday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm. Bring a snack to pass (optional) - Free to members, single non-members \$3.00, couple non-members \$5.00. Prize money kitty is a separate cost.

***"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 26<sup>th</sup> – 5pm
- **IDPA** – Will start again in the Spring
- **Breakfast** Jan 7th - 8am Open to the public
- **Women's Sport Shooting Meet/Greet** Jan 14th - 1pm
- **Euchre** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – starts Jan. 9



## January 2018- TCSL Event Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1 Monday</b> 9am Dance Lessons 	<b>2 Tuesday</b>	<b>3 Wednesday</b> 6pm Gun Cleaning101	<b>4 Thursday</b> 	<b>5 Friday RSO ON DUTY</b>	<b>6 Saturday RSO ON DUTY</b> 8:45am CCW/CPL-PPIH
<b>7 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am Breakfast open to the public 12pm Trap Shoot	<b>8</b> 9am Dance lessons	<b>9</b> 6pm Euchre	<b>10</b>  National Take the Stairs Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12 RSO ON DUTY</b>	<b>13 RSO ON DUTY</b> 5pm Veterans and Friends Ballroom Dance
<b>14 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am CCW/CPL-PPIH 12pm Trap Shoot	<b>15 Martin Luther King Birthday</b> 9am Dance lessons	<b>16</b> 4pm	<b>17</b> 6pm	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Board and Membership meeting	<b>19 RSO ON DUTY</b>  National Popcorn Day	<b>20 RSO ON DUTY</b> 9am Military Rifle Match 9am New Member Orientation
<b>21 RSO ON DUTY</b> 12pm Trap Shoot  Squirrel Appreciation Day	<b>22</b> 9am Dance lessons	<b>23</b> 6pm Euchre	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26 RSO ON DUTY</b> 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Dinner	<b>27 RSO ON DUTY</b>
<b>28 RSO ON DUTY</b> 12pm Trap	<b>29</b> 9am Dance lessons  National Puzzle Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<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						

## February 2018 -TCSL Event Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 Thursday</b>	<b>2 Friday</b> RSO ON DUTY	<b>3 Saturday</b> RSO ON DUTY
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					 Ground Hog Day	8am CCW/CPL PPIH
<b>4 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am Breakfast open to the public 11am TCSL RSO Mtg 12pm Trap	<b>5</b> 9am Dance lessons 6pm Women on Target Mtg	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6pm-8pm Update from Shot Show	<b>8</b>	<b>9 RSO ON DUTY</b>	<b>10 RSO ON DUTY</b> 5pm Veterans and Friends Ballroom Dancing
<b>11 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am CCW/CPL PPIH 12pm Trap	<b>12</b> 9am Dance lessons	<b>13 6pm Euchre</b>  Mardi Gras	<b>14</b>  Happy Valentine's Day	<b>15</b> 12pm-8PM Elections for TCSL Officers and Board Members 6:30pm Board/Memb Mtg	<b>16 RSO ON DUTY</b>  Chinese New Year	<b>17 RSO ON DUTY</b> 9am Military Rifle Match 9am New Member Orientation
<b>18 RSO ON DUTY</b> 12pm Trap	<b>19</b> 9am Dance lessons  Presidents Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 RSO ON DUTY</b> 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Dinner	<b>24 RSO ON DUTY</b> 8am PPOH-upstairs 2 days
<b>25</b> 8am PPOH-Upstairs 12pm Trap	<b>26</b> 9am Dance lessons	<b>27</b> 6pm Euchre	<b>28</b>	<b>Mar 1</b>	<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!