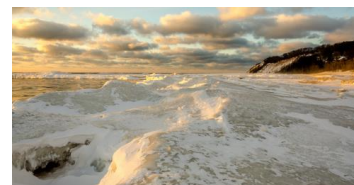




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February President's Column

At the January 21, 2018 Board and Membership Meetings we were able to listen to the annual reports from the Committee Chairs. In addition, the following awards were handed out to well-deserving members.

Member of the Year: Val Kabat

Associate Member of the Year: Donald Hasselbach Jr.

Leadership Award: Carol Parent

No suggestion of the year was handed out this year.

Please come to the February 15, 2018 Board and Membership meetings (as well as hamburger night) so that you can vote for TCSL Officers and Board members. The February 15, 2018 meetings will be the last meeting that I will chair as President. After the elections, there will be new Officers and Board members in place. At the March 15, 2018 Board meeting I will open the meeting and then turn the chair position over to the new president and the other new Officers and Board members. After the February 2018 elections there will be quite a few new faces sitting at the head table or in different positions. Those stepping down or changing roles donated a lot of time, energy and ideas to keep TCSL moving in the right direction. To those Officers or Board members stepping down, TCSL appreciates your willingness to serve and wishes you the best as you head in new directions. To those Officers or Board members taking new roles or continuing to serve, TCSL also appreciates your dedication to the club.

Mark Smokowicz will be the new President of TCSL since he is running unopposed. Mark, a retired electrical engineer, joined TCSL on June 14, 2014. In 2016 he received the Member of the Year award with his wife Sue Smokowicz, receiving the Associate Member of the year award. At the February 2016 elections, he was elected to the TCSL Board. If you have been at the club in the last few years it is extremely likely that you have seen Mark since he has stepped up and volunteered for countless activities. It looked like Hamburger Nights and Steak fry Nights were not going to continue a few years ago but Mark took the lead and these events have continued allowing extra income for the club and the continued opportunity for fellowship. When we had a high school reunion at the club a few years ago and we lost our water pump and well in the middle of the event,

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Mark was the one who calmly took charge and made sure that the dinner was prepared and taken off site so that the reunion could go as planned. At one of the MUCC dinners when a guest had a heart attack, Mark, a NRA and TCSL RSO, was one of the individuals that was instrumental in saving the person's life (Mark was one of the TCSL Members that received an award from Huron Valley Ambulance for his actions on this night). He has run the kitchen on a number of events, been a range leader at Women on Target and Kids on the Range. Military rifle is another activity where Mark has been active. When you come into the clubhouse and you watch the video presentation on the monitor by the door you should be aware that Mark made the video presentation Most recently Mark's idea to create and implement the web page allowing on-line donations for the Creek Cover is the reason the fund raising efforts have been so successful. I believe Mark will bring new ideas, new energy and new enthusiasm into TCSL. His ability to keep an open mind, not respond automatically with "no" and his rational thinking will serve him well as President. If Mark gets the support I have received from members over the past four years in terms of volunteers, ideas and encouragement then TCSL can look forward to some exciting times in the future. I wish Mark the best as he takes charge of TCSL.

This will be the last President's Column that I write. I have taken some time over the past few months to reflect upon my four years as president. I am honored to have been president and I enjoyed all four years. There were some bumps along the way with building issues, event issues, conflicts, etc. that were challenging to work through. However, those bumps in the road were few and far between and didn't detract from the numerous positive experiences that occurred throughout the years. I continue to believe TCSL's biggest asset isn't the ranges, the clubhouse or the events but TCSL members. We have a diverse membership with a wealth of experience, skill sets, approaches to life and interests in volunteering, and it is this membership that is TCSL's biggest asset. It is the TCSL members that have kept TCSL such an outstanding club. In 2019, TCSL will celebrate its 80th year in existence, not bad if you ask me.

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I would like to thank the TCSL members for letting me serve as president. I want to thank all of the Officers, Board members and Committee Chairs that have been in office during my terms. In addition, I want to thank the members who have volunteered or helped me in anyway and the list is long. Members have helped by working on projects, suggesting ideas, letting me bounce my thoughts off them, and in being supportive. There have been a lot of meetings, phone calls and e-mails from members trying to help me. If I tried to list everyone that has helped make my load a little lighter, I would miss some so I will just thank everyone who has helped me and I am confident each of you know who you are. At the same time, I would like to thank one member in particular and that member is Lance Monroe. Lance does far, far more than most people realize. He is a self-starter, identifies areas/issues he needs to deal with on his own and just addresses those areas/issues without any directives. Lance has been supportive of me. From day one, he has asked me what he can do to help. When I have asked him to help he has helped and most importantly he has provided tremendous support as I have sat at the bar these past four years and picked his brain. Lance has made suggestions that I have adopted and he has also helped by pointing out flaws in my thinking. The continuity that Lance provides to TCSL year after year is instrumental in TCSL's success. I thank Lance for a job well done both on the easy days and the difficult days!! I am sure that I have made some bad decisions and/or upset some over these past four years. I truly apologize for those mistakes. One of the best benefits of being president has been meeting and getting to know so many members. The memories that have been created over the past few years will be cherished by me. Do me one last favor, get in touch with Mark and ask him what you can do to help him. Help Mark get off on the right foot! Take care and thanks again.

Memorial and Well-being

Arnold Barr former Membership Secretary passed away in December.

Paul Fox member since 2015 passed away in January. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers. newsletter@tcsl.org

Upcoming Events

Super Bowl Party Feb 4th at 5:30pm, bring a dish to pass. Chili will be available. Kick-off is 6:30pm.

Breakfast - Feb. 4th - 8am

Women on Target Meeting - Feb. 5th 6:00pm downstairs.

Women's Sport Shooting - Feb 18th Air Rifle Match 1:00pm - 3:00pm downstairs \$5 fee

St. Paddy's Day Dance - March 17th 7:00pm-10:00pm, tickets available at TCSL and Haab's, \$10 for single and \$15 for couple(if members)

Trap

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



TCSL 2018 Candidates for Board Positions

President – Mark Smokowicz

First Vice President – Carlos Soto

Second Vice President – Carol Parent

Treasurer – Bob Parent

Membership Secretary – Charles Unbehaun

Recording Secretary – Steve Jolliffe

Region One Director – Tom Lewandowski or Ken Ross

Region Two Director – Jim Mouton or Jim Walter

Region Three Director – Earl Austin or Steve Nesmith

Region Four Director – Dave Vandermark

Voting is **Feb. 15th** starting at noon at TCSL. You can get an absentee ballot by sending a self-addressed/stamped envelope to Bill Bond at P.O. Box 2229 Ann Arbor, MI 48106 this needs to be done ASAP if you are unable to come to the club and vote.

NRA Dinner

The 23rd annual Huron Valley Friends of the NRA Dinner will be taking place on Saturday April 7th at 4:30 PM. Guns, prizes, raffles, auctions, food, fun, and more guns! Beef Roast and Chicken will be served. Individual tickets are \$50 each, table packages are \$350. Tickets also available at <http://friendsofnra.org/>. Please come on out and support the shooting sports in your community. Please call 734-218-0381, or email garyknechtel@reagan.com for additional information, or to buy tickets.

Cover the Creek Project

COVER THE CREEK PROJECT UPDATE

The Cover the Creek Project was established to raise funds to cover the construction and installation of a new modular metal structure over the creek to keep lead pellets out of the waterway by the trap field. A goal to raise \$10,000 by asking each member to contribute \$50 or more would ensure success. The fundraising program was launched in December and as of this writing, only one month later, we have achieved 43% of our goal. We can't thank those who have contributed today enough. You have been generous.

Paul Scowley will be our Project Manager for this endeavor and will coordinate the construction and volunteer efforts that we will need to complete. Come this spring we will be able to start on the needed creek cover, and watch for a call out for volunteers. It's not too late to help out! Give generously. You can contribute by going to the website (tcsl.org) and look for the PayPal button, OR, pick-up a donation form on the table at the club. Any donation at the Saver Level (\$100) or above is eligible to receive a TCSL T-shirt as a complimentary gift.

Gift Levels:

Supporter – \$50+

Saver – \$100+

Steward – \$250+

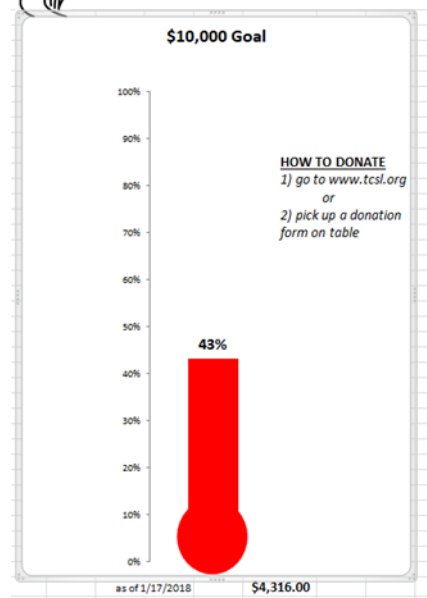
Founder – \$500+

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

You can also mail in your donation.



Cover The Creek Project



Yoga and the Shooting Sports

By Bruce Christie

I've been taking Yoga classes at the Y and other studios in town off and on since back in the 70s. And, in recent conversations with some folks at the club, I've been extolling the virtues of Yoga, and how it has helped me maintain my balance, flexibility, hand-eye coordination, and mental acuity. I also believe it's a major factor in my ambidexterity. Yoga has been beneficial as I've worked through various health issues, and gotten considerably older – let's face it, the 1970s were a long time ago. Last fall during a similar conversation with Pam, my Yoga instructor, she asked if I thought a Yoga program targeted at shooters would work. Well, I thought about all the rifle/shotgun holding, bow pulling, and pistol aiming we do, and it sounded like a great idea. My bad shoulder began to ache just thinking about all those things. Then I thought about action shooting; all the twisting, bending and kneeling – I wanted to take a nap! Harmony Yoga had a class January 31st. You can email me at gobruce@umich.edu and I can email you more information if there is going to be another class offered. I think you'll be surprised how beneficial even one class will be for you.

Winter Military Rifle Match Held

Our first winter Military Rifle match for 2018 was held on Saturday Jan. 20th at the 100-yard rifle range with 9 shooters. Firearms represented included multiple AR's, a 1903 Springfield, an M1 Garand and a M39 Finnish Mosin Nagant.

Our next Winter Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, Feb 17th and is open to all 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 5 minutes followed by 10 rounds for score over a period of 10 minutes. Highest score wins. 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 Dave Vandermark at rifle@TCSL.org.

Match Results:

Iron Sight Division

1st Place Michael Szocik (AR) 99-2x

2nd Place (tie) Dave Vandermark (M39) 95-1x

Jim Szocik (AR) 95-1x

3rd Place-Wyatt VanPoppelen (AR) 94-2x

Scoped Division

John Burke (AR) 97-2x



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Other News

- **Military Match** – Jan 20th - 9am
- **Steak Fry** – Feb 23rd - 5pm
- **Breakfast** Feb 7th - 8am Open to the public
- **Women's Sport Shooting Air Rifle Match**-Feb 18th 1:00pm -3pm
- **Euchre** – Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 6pm
- **Super Bowl Party** –Feb.4th 5:00pm Bring a dish to pass
- **St. Paddy's Day Party**- March 17th \$10 single, \$15 per couple(if members)



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February 2018- TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	1 Thursday	2 Friday RSO ON DUTY	3 Saturday RSO ON DUTY
					<i>Ground Hog Day</i>	8:00am CCW/CPL-PPIH
4 RSO ON DUTY 8am Breakfast open to the public 11am TCSL RSO Mtg 12pm Trap Shoot 5:30 Super Bowl Party	5 9am Dance lessons 6pm Women on Target Mtg	6	7	8 6:30pm Education Mtg – upstairs <i>Boy Scout Day</i>	9 RSO ON DUTY	10 RSO ON DUTY 5pm Veterans and Friends Ballroom Dance
11 RSO ON DUTY 8am CCW/CPL-PPIH 12pm Trap Shoot	12 9am Dance lessons	13pm Euchre  Mardi Gras	14  <i>Happy Valentines Day</i>	15 12pm-8PM Elections for TCSL Officers and Board Members 6:30pm Board/Memb Mtg	16 RSO ON DUTY <i>Chinese New Year</i>	17 RSO ON DUTY 9am Military Rifle Match 9am New Member Orientation
18 RSO ON DUTY 8am NRA Basic Pistol 12pm Trap Shoot	19 9am Dance lessons <i>Presidents Day</i>	20	21	22	23 RSO ON DUTY 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Dinner 7pm TCSL IDPA SO mtg - upstairs	24 RSO ON DUTY 8am PPOH-upstairs 2 days
25 RSO ON DUTY 8am PPOH-Upstairs 12pm Trap	26 9am Dance lessons	27 6pm Euchre	28 <div>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</div>			

March 2018 -TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	1 Thursday	2 Friday RSO ON DUTY	3 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			<i>Peanut Butter Lovers Day</i>		10am NRA Basic Instructor
4 RSO ON DUTY 8am NRA Pistol Instructor Course 8am Breakfast 12pm Trap <i>Hug a GI Day</i>	5 9am Dance lessons 6pm WOT Mtg	6	7	8 6:30pm Education Committee Mtg, upstairs <i>International Working Women's Day</i>	9 RSO ON DUTY	10 RSO ON DUTY 5pm Veterans and Friends Ballroom Dancing
11 RSO ON DUTY 8am CCW/CPL PPIH 12pm Trap <i>Worship of Tools Day</i>	12 9am Dance lessons 6:30pm Safety Committee Mtg	13 7pm Euchre night	14	15 5pm TCSL Burger Night 6:30pm Board and membership mtg <i>Ides of March</i>	16 RSO ON DUTY	17 RSO ON DUTY 9am Military Rifle Match 9am New Member Orientation 7pm St. Paddy's Dance
18 RSO ON DUTY 9am "Bad Day Medical" course - upstairs 12pm Trap	19 9am Dance lessons	20 <i>International Earth Day</i>	21	22	23 RSO ON DUTY 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Dinner	24 RSO ON DUTY 8am IDPA Match 8am NRA/RSO and TCSL/RSO class - upstairs
25 RSO ON DUTY 8am NRA/RSO and TCSL/RSO class - upstairs 12pm Trap	26 9am Dance lessons	27 7pm Euchre night	28	29	30 RSO ON DUTY <i>Take a Walk in the Park Day</i>	31 RSO ON DUTY 8am CCW/CPL-PPIH

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