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Tri-County Sportsmen's League

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March 2018



President's Column

Elections were held on 2/15/18, and TCSL has a new slate of officers and some new directors, and committee chairs: Your officers for the next year are:

President - Mark Smokowicz

1st VP (Budget & Finance) - Carlos Soto

2nd VP (Hall Regulation) - Carol Parent

Treasurer - Bob Parent

Membership Secy - Charlie Unbehaun

Recording Secy - Steve Joliffe

Bob and Steve have stayed on in their respective positions. Those stepping down are Al Lamoreaux, Jerry Chie, and Steve Reid. We will miss the dedication and leadership they have provided the club over the years, but I'm sure we will continue to seek their input going forward. We welcome the following new directors to the board: Ken Ross, Steve Nesmith, and Dave Vandermark. Congratulations to all.

An updated chairperson list has been posted to the TCSL website.

We have two positions that remain open: Grounds Chair and Kitchen Chair. If you are interested in either position or want to know what is required, please get in contact with me.

As far as the state of the state, we are in pretty good shape. Financial projections look positive, but we need to continue to diligently monitor expenses and add new

income-producing events wherever possible. Things that will help the income side of things include: the addition of selling sponsorships on the ranges and at club functions, a Sectional IDPA event this year, and hall rentals. These can have a significant positive impact. Additional range shooting events and some unique events for the membership are being planned, so watch the calendar and newsletter.

As of this writing, we've received RENEWALS from about 60% of our members. If you haven't sent your renewal for this year, please do so as soon as you can.

This will be an exciting year at the club, and I'm honored to serve as your president. Over the years I have met many members and have enjoyed the fellowship the club offers.

Don't hesitate to let me know how to improve things or to suggest an event for the membership. But don't be surprised if I ask you to help make it happen.

Thanks for your support.

Mark Smokowicz

marks@comcast.net

Cover the Creek - Update

We submitted a Friends of NRA Grant request and it was accepted. The grant will be funded at a level of \$2,500 - plus some marketing materials (including hats and banners) for the club. The grant will be presented at the Friends of NRA Dinner/Auction on April 7 here at Tri-County. Including the grant, we have now collected a total of \$7,800 toward our \$10,000 goal. We are well on our way to achieving that goal by spring. There's still time to contribute by visiting www.tcsl.org and look for the PayPal "donate now" button, or you can pick up a donation form at the club. Please be generous, and thank you for helping.

Mark Smokowicz
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Michigan United Conservation Clubs' Youth Camp Scholarships

TCSL will again sponsor scholarships this summer for campers to attend the Michigan Out-of-Doors (MOOD) Youth Camp. The MOOD Youth Camp has been in operation for 81 years and takes place at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center, a property that spans 225 acres—including beachfront access to Cedar Lake. The MUCC Camp is located outside Chelsea. With the help of countless volunteers, the staff, and awesome campers, MUCC provides top-notch conservation education programs and encourages kids to get outdoors.

You can find more information on the camp itself on their website: <http://www.mucccamp.org>.

TCSL scholarship applications are available at the Club, or you can find the brochure with forms online: <http://www.mucccamp.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Brochure-2018.pdf>. Fully complete the three-page form, EXCEPT the payment information; and get the forms to:

Jerry Chie, Youth Camp Contact
sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435.

Memorial and Wellbeing

William Keith Yahr, Lifetime TCSL member, passed away on February 10. He was 97 years old. A memorial service and internment will be held at Washtenong Memorial Park Cemetery in the spring. A date will be announced in May. Donations can be made in his name to EHM Senior Solutions (Evangelical Home-Saline), Arbor Hospice-Saline, or to Tri-County Sportsmen's League.

Russ Mynning, a past TCSL president, age 89, passed away peacefully on February 17. Services were held at St. Joseph Village Church on February 23, and burial followed at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Dexter.

Winter Military Rifle Match Held

Six shooters competed in our second winter Military Rifle bench match for 2018 on Saturday, February 17, at the 100-yard rifle range. Results:

		Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1 st Place	Scott Beaudry	M-1A	308 Win.	97-3x
2 nd Place	Gerry Marken	1903 Springfield	30/06	93-1x
3 rd Place	Dave Vandermark	No.4 Mk. I Enfield	.303 Brit.	90-1x
	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30/06	83
Scoped Division				
1 st Place	John Burke	AR	6.5 Creed.	99-6x
2 nd Place	Jim Szocik	PTR-91	308 Win.	92-1x

Our next Winter Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, March 17, 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.

Dave Vandermark
rifle@TCSL.org

Women's Sport Shooting

This newly formed group is focused on increasing the participation of women in the sport of shooting. We have now hosted two successful events and are looking forward to many more. (And, guys, you're welcome to come to these events as well!)



Results of the February 18 Air Rifle Match:

- 1st Place - Cherry Roberts
- 2nd Place - Shaugn Harris
- 3rd Place - Deb Bratkovich
- 4th Place - Mariah Parent

Two more matches are scheduled for Sundays this spring: March 11 and April 15 - 1-3pm.

Sue Smokowicz
women.tcs@gmail.com

Carlos Soto, Deb Bratkovich, Carol Parent, Mariah Parent, Shaugn Harris, Cherry Roberts, Val Kabat, Dave Kabat, Sue Kabat, Brianna Pendergrast, Sue Smokowicz, Renee Tellas.



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PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot

(PCC = pistol caliber carbine)

Sundays: April 15, May 6, June 10, July 15, August 12, September 9
11:30am until 5pm

Shooting starts at noon, and the cost per relay (24 pins = 6 pins x 4 tables) is \$5.

Pin shooting is a fun, but challenging, event. We welcome the skilled shooter, as well as, the novice! We guarantee you'll enjoy yourself, while enhancing your shooting skills. Members are encouraged to bring friends/family along with them. Non-members are welcome.

The shooter stands 20 yards from a structure with 6 bowling pins on it. A safety officer with a timer gives the command to commence firing, at which time the shooter begins shooting until all 6 pins are knocked down. The time it takes to knock 6 pins down is recorded, and the average time of the shooter's best 3 tables will determine his/her score. Bragging rights are determined by the lowest score.

If you don't own a PCC or .22 rifle and would like to participate, there are several members on site who are willing to loan you theirs for this event.

Jim Walter
734-478-3946
jdwalter54@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE!

Ypsilanti Community Choir
Annual Spring Concert

Thursday, May 10 • 7:30 pm

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St. Paddy's Day Dance Saturday, March 17

Join in the fun, and dance the night away on Saturday, March 17, with the Depot Town Big Band. The party will be hosted right here at Tri-County from 7-10pm on Saturday, March 17. Enjoy great Big Band Era music and dance the night away.

Think you can't dance? Dancers from Ann Arbor Ballroom will be on hand to teach a few 40s dance moves.

Full bar and light hors d'oeuvres. \$10 per person or \$15 per couple for Club members (includes a beer/wine ticket). Event tickets are available at Tri-County (734-429-9561) and at Haab's Restaurant (734-483-8200, 18 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti).



Two of a Kind

Because so many of the volunteers are the same for both WOT and KORD, and out of respect for everyone's time, we've decided to hold joint meetings for the two events this year. All meetings are on Mondays at 6pm:

March 5, April 9, May 7, June 4 (Volunteer Dinner)
(KORD volunteers will have one additional meeting on July 9.)

Women on Target Saturday, June 16

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, at 6pm - downstairs. All are welcome to attend these planning meetings.

Registration for the event opens April 1, and forms will be available online. Forms (both pages) must be printed and returned to Tri-County with the \$75 fee. If you are joining us as a team, please include the names of all members on each registration form. If payment is not attached, you will not have a spot reserved.

Once again this year we are looking for sponsorships and donations for the raffle. We will be having themed baskets for the raffle, as they have proved to be a hit with the ladies.

Please contact me or Sharon Burkhardt (mudiblues@att.net) if you would like to volunteer or attend the event.

Sharon and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in June!

Carol Parent
cbrklich25@hotmail.com

Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 18

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, at 6pm - downstairs. All are welcome to attend these planning meetings. Registration forms will be available online beginning April 1 and should be returned to Tri-County (via mail or email) by July 8. There is no fee, but **pre-registration is required**, as we're limited to 60 kids.

As usual, we'll be giving the kids goody bags and feeding them pizza, so we'll be holding more pancake breakfasts to help defray the cost. All breakfasts will be on the second Sunday of each month (June, July August, September) from 9am-noon.

A few sponsorships might also mean we could give them t-shirts. (Just a thought.)

Please contact Val Kabat: KORD@tcsl.org if you would like to volunteer or for more information.

I'm looking forward to meeting and working with all of you!

Val Kabat
KORD@tcsl.org

Activities/Events at a Glance

Regularly Scheduled Events

- Trap Shooting - Every Sunday - noon-3pm
- Breakfast - 1st Sunday - 8am
- Euchre - Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday - 6pm
- Board/Membership Meeting - 3rd Thursday - 6:30pm
- Steak/Salmon/Chicken Fry - 4th Friday - 5pm
- Women on Target/Kids On the Range Day Meeting - 1st Monday - 6pm
- Dance Lessons - Every Tuesday and Thursday
- Veterans & Friends Ballroom Dancing - Every 2nd Saturday

Special Events

- Military Match - Saturday, March 17 - 9am
- St. Paddy's Day Dance - Saturday, March 17 - 7-10pm
- Women's Sport Shooting Air Rifle Matches - Sundays, March 11 & April 15 - 1-3pm
- Friends of the NRA Dinner/Fundraiser - Saturday, April 7 - 4:30pm

Hall Rentals

- Saline Faurecia Steak Fry - Thursday, April 26
- Milan Rotary Club Dinner - Saturday, April 28

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A medical kit will be available for purchase the day of the event.

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Ken Ross
krosstac@gmail.com

Cold Weather Carry

Carrying a firearm in winter is no easy task. Cold weather forces us to add layers of clothing that can make it difficult to access our concealed carry firearm. Part of being a responsible gun owner is understanding those challenges and how to work around them through proper training. Dry fire is a great starting point. It is important for us to understand how that sweater, leather jacket, hoodie, or puffy jacket react when you clear them to draw your handgun. Doing this in a safe direction with no live ammunition in the room is a great way to practice.

Pocket-carry might also be a viable option in winter. Placing a firearm in a jacket pocket makes it much more accessible but comes with its own set of challenges. Jacket pockets can sometimes be loose

and not suited for larger handguns. You also run the risk of forgetting the handgun is in the pocket, hanging it in places that leave your gun assessable to unauthorized individuals. One of the biggest challenges to winter gun-handling is gloved hands. Wearing large gloves or mittens makes it virtually impossible to adequately grip or pull the trigger on your handgun. In this case, wearing thinner gloves with grip areas in the palm and fingers is advisable. Finally, be aware of your surroundings. Hats and hoods covering your ears and obscuring your vision can make it difficult to avoid bad situations.

Remember, dry fire should be done with the firearm unloaded and with no live ammunition in the room. It is also advisable to not handle your firearm for at least 15 minutes after you finish practicing.

Friends of the NRA Dinner

Saturday, April 7

Huron Valley Friends of NRA is pleased to announce the 23rd Annual Fundraiser Dinner/Auction/Raffle that will be held on Saturday, April 7, starting at 4:30pm, at TCSL. Event Tickets and Meal are \$50 each, and a standard table package of eight is \$350. Big Shooter and Super Shooter packages are also available.

This year there will be additional new games for chances to win more guns. The Friends of NRA committee is looking for sponsorships, so if you have items or cash to donate for auction, please contact Gary Knechtel at 734-218-0381 or garyknechtel@reagan.com.

There will also be a raffle for a two-tone Kimber Micro. (One chance for \$10 or three for \$20.) The winning ticket will be drawn at the dinner that night, and the winner's name will be entered in an additional raffle for a loaded (10 guns) gun safe. Chances to win the safe are 1 in 24. The drawing for the gun safe will take place on October 2.

Tickets for dinner and for the raffle are available at the bar.



Awards presented at the January Board meeting.
Associate Member of the Year: Donald Hasselbach, Jr.
Member of the Year: Val Kabat (not pictured)
Leadership Award: Carol Parent

If you decide to practice your cold-weather shooting at Tri-County, remember that drawing from concealment is not permitted unless you are:

1. A student in the NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home course.
2. Participating in a TCSL board approved event. i.e. IDPA, guest instructor.
3. You have completed the TCSL draw from holster evaluation, and have the appropriate ID displayed.

Always obey TCSL safety regulation, shoot at only approved targets, and make sure all rounds impact the backstop.

TCSL Safety Committee
safety@tcsl.org

It's YOUR Club!

The Purposes of Tri-County Sportsmen's League

- to provide and promote citizen action in the protection of our environment and the proper and wise use of our natural resources,
- and to dedicate ourselves to the protection of our interests as sportsmen, including the betterment of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, boating, shooting, or other activities,
- to provide social activities to the members for their enjoyment and recreation,
- to encourage citizen involvement in legislative process of our local, state, and federal government, as it involves our environment and natural resources,
- and to provide leadership and education for our youth and encourage their participation in our club.

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tcsl.org/facility-rentals

Make use of a valuable member benefit at economical rates for:

Celebrations

Weddings & Receptions (Gazebo available for outdoor ceremonies)
Showers: Wedding/Baby
Banquets: Parties (Birthdays, Retirements, Reunions)

Dances

Memorials

Business Functions

Meetings, Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, Classes
Expos, Sales Shows/Demonstrations.

We Offer Full Amenities:

Seating capacity: 187 upstairs; 147 downstairs
Full catering kitchen & food service available.
Outside patio area.
Large charcoal grilling area.
Full-service bar.
Plenty of free parking.
Public address system.
Free WiFi.
Stage - suitable for performances, DJs, etc.
Outdoor children's play area

contact Carol Parent
reservations@tcsl.org, 734-417-6895

Ways You Can Help TCSL

We need your help on the ranges! It's simple: Just pick up your brass after shooting and deposit it in one of the green boxes located at each range. This will serve two purposes. The first is that it will help keep our ranges looking clean and neat for our members and guests (who are also potential members). Second, TCSL turns those casings into cash for the club. For about the last year and a half, we've been selling useable, fired brass to reloaders and recycling the rest. Last year, we pulled in almost \$1,500 by selling materials collected at the club, and we want to do more. Here's how you can help:

1. If you don't reload your own brass, please pick it up and donate it to the Club by dropping it in the green bins. We sold about \$750 in reloadable brass to shooters last year, and we have a lot more available for sale (nearly \$2,500 worth). We also brought in \$250 for recycling brass, like .22 LR shells, for instance. AND our recycler will also now take our aluminum casings. So don't leave it on the ground – put it in the bins, and we'll turn it into cash. Just put it all in, and we'll sort it. If you have a few minutes, pick up some more of what's there, too.
2. Do you have sporting equipment (dies, bullet molds, stocks, scopes, bows, ammo boxes, etc.), brass, or ammo at home that is just taking up space that you'd like to be rid of? Bring it into the club and drop it off (attn.: Dave Vandermark), and we'll find a new home for it. We brought in about \$500 last year selling items that members no longer wanted. Most of it was sold at a local gun show, but we've also sold to other members and at an IDPA match. We have plans to do one or two more gun shows this year, and we need items to put on the table. Anything you have will be much appreciated and put to good use. Even old reload ammo will be broken down and sold as components and/or scrap metal. And you'll get some space back, too!

Thanks for the help!

Dave Vandermark
rifle@TCSL.org

Help Wanted

For March

March 4 - Breakfast
Kitchen, Serving Help: 7-11am

March 10 - Ballroom Dancing
Bartender: 5-10pm

March 15 - Burger Night
Kitchen, 3-6:30pm

March 17 - St Paddy's Day Dance
Help: 7-10pm

March 23 - Steak Fry
Kitchen, Serving: 3-8pm

Sign in the book or

— contact Mark Smokowicz
marks@comcast.net

And Beyond

The **Grounds Committee** and the **Kitchen Committee** are both seeking new chairs for the new year.

contact Mark Smokowicz
marks@comcast.net







A few items are missing from the Club:

2 Rifle Cases
1 Triple Slow Cooker





and we're hoping that someone reading this can locate them for us and return them. Thank you for anything you can do to get these items back where they belong:

April newsletter deadline:
Tuesday, March 20
newsletter@tcsl.org

March 2018 - TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>For hall rental information, contact Carol Parent • cbrklich25@hotmail.com • 734-417-6895. Or call the Club at 734-429-9561</div>				9am-Dance Lessons 1	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 2	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 3
Noon-sunset-RSO needed 4 8am-Breakfast-Public Invited Noon-3pm-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 5 6pm-WOT/KORD mtg.	 6 <i>National Oreo Cookie Day</i>	7	9am-Dance Lessons 8 6:30pm-Education Committee mtg	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 9	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 10 9am-Membership Task Force mtg 5pm-Veterans & Friends Ballroom Dancing
Noon-sunset-RSO needed 11 8am-CCW/CPL Class Noon-3pm-Trap 1-3pm-Air Rifle <i>Daylight Saving Time (spring forward)</i> 	9am-Dance Lessons 12 6:30pm-Safety Committee mtg.	13	14 <i>National Pi Day</i>	9am-Dance Lessons 15 5pm-Burger Night 6:30pm-Board/Membership mtg	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 16	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 17 9am-Military Rifle Match 9am-New Member Orientation 7pm-St Paddy's Day Dance 
Noon-sunset-RSO needed 18 9am-"Bad Day Medical" class Noon-3pm-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 19	 20 <i>Spring Arrives!</i>	21	9am-Dance Lessons 22	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 23 5pm-Steak Fry-Public Invited	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 24 8am-IDPA Match 8am-NRA/RSO & TCSL/RSO class
Noon-sunset-RSO needed 25 8am-NRA/RSO & TCSL/RSO class Noon-3pm-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 26	27	28 <i>National Vietnam Veterans Day</i>	9am-Dance Lessons 29	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 30 <i>Good Friday</i>	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 31 8am-CCW/CPL class

April 2018 - TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Noon-sunset-RSO needed 1 8-11:30am-Breakfast Public Invited Noon-3pm-Trap <i>Easter Sunday</i> 	2	3	4  <i>Jeep 4x4 Day</i>	9am-Dance Lessons 5	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 6 6pm-Set-up for Friends of NRA Dinner	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 7 8am-NRA Shotgun Training 4pm-Friends of NRA Dinner
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Noon-sunset-RSO needed 22 8am-NRA Refuse to be a Victim Noon-3pm-Trap	4pm-IDPA Set-up (Pistol 23 Ranges close @ 4pm) 9am-Dance Lessons	24	 25 <i>National Hug a Plumber Day</i>	9am-Dance Lessons 26	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 27 5pm-Steak Fry-Public Invited	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 28 8am-IDPA Monthly Match 8am-NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Course
Noon-sunset-RSO needed 29 Noon-Bowling Pin Shoot Noon-3pm-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 30	<div>Range & Clubhouse Hours Rifle & Pistol Ranges: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm or dusk Sunday, noon-8pm or dusk Clubhouse: Sunday-Tuesday, noon-6pm Wednesday-Saturday, 10am-6pm</div>				