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President's Column

Spring has sprung, and warmer weather is fast approaching. And that means more traffic at the ranges. As you use the ranges more often this spring, make sure SAFETY is foremost on your mind. It sure is at TCSL. We have trained over 75 members through the Range Safety Officer (RSO) course at no charge to them. They also become CPR/AED certified. And this year we have enrolled another 20 members through the RSO course.

On Saturday, April 7, we will conduct a "Board Walk-Around" to help identify potential improvement projects for 2018. Members are welcome to attend. Arrive at the clubhouse first floor by 8am, and we should conclude by 10am before the ranges open.

For Q1-2018 we have added 15 new members. In the works is a program to bring new members together to meet with committee chairs. We do a good job of providing range safety training, but it has been pointed out that we need to work on making new members feel welcome. We have made some progress, but more needs to be done.

We implemented a Retention Program where we reached out to those who had not renewed their membership over the past couple of years. Interesting early re-

porting stats of those who have replied in the first week since launching: 4 will be renewing, 4 have moved and loved the club while here, and 1 had a bad experience but is coming back.

Committee Chairs that remain open: Kitchen and Archery. Rhys Harrison, our Archery Chair is moving to Florida. Congratulations to him and his family. We wish him good luck in the future. If you are interested in either position, please contact me.

Warmer weather's coming, so come on out and support your club. There are many events you can participate in: dances, steak fries, breakfasts, dinner events and others. Come either as a customer or a helping hand and earn some volunteer hours. Many range events are happening, and there's a full complement of courses you can attend. Education has developed free workshops for members and non-members. Check out the online calendar to stay up to date.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments see me at the club at most events or contact me via email or phone.

> Mark Smokowicz president@tcsl.org

Cover the Creek - Update

We are nearing our goal of \$10,000. We have raised \$8,200 from generous member contributions and an NRA grant. You can still help us reach our goal by donating or volunteering for a work crew. Ways to donate include using the "Donate Now" button on the front of our webpage (www.tcsl.org), or picking up a donation form at the club. We will soon be forming volunteer crews for the construction and installation of the modular metal design this summer.

Mark Smokowicz president@tcsl.org



Trap

Saline High School recently agreed to sponsor a varsity trap shooting team as an extracurricular activity. High School students in grades 9 through 12 will compete weekly, during the spring, in a "virtual" competition against other schools throughout the state. The team will be co-ed, although the first ten Saline Hornets to sign up were all boys. Shooting practices and competition will be conducted at Tri-County on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 5-7pm.

All shooters must pass an approved firearm safety course before shooting. The class was conducted on March 20 and 21. The first practices were held on March 27 and 28. The actual competition will run through April and May and will culminate with the State Tournament in Mason where all participants are invited to attend. The league's priorities, in order of importance, are safety, fun and marksmanship.

A few more club members, familiar with trap shooting, are needed to help supervise on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All members are invited to stop by and watch the competitions and meet the team and their parents. Bob Parent worked closely with Saline High School to make this team a reality. Bob is our point of contact for this activity.

Steve Jolliffe trap@tcsl.org

Memorial and Wellbeing

Congratulations to members Mike Thompson and Deb Bratkovich on their recent marriage.

Please keep Dick Cupka's dad in your thoughts and prayers. He recently underwent hip surgery.



Education

In a country where we find ourselves more and more likely to need to defend ourselves, our friends and family and our basic rights, it's important to look at what preparations we are making to protect that which we hold dear. We lock our doors at night to keep us safe. We keep a flash light and a firearm near our bed in case of a break-in. But do we practice what to do in a high- stress encounter?

We have put together some basic safety classes for personal protection inside, as well as outside, the home. Take a look at the calendar, and start planning a safer future.

(Most classes begin at 8am)

Saturday, April 7 **NRA Basic Shotgun** Instructor: Bob Parent

Sunday, April 8 **Personal Protection Inside the Home** Darrick Pagel

> Wednesday, April 11 (6pm) Free Intro to Back-Packing Charles Mitchell

Saturday, April 14 Personal Protection Inside the Home Instructor: Steve Reed

Wednesday, April 18 (6pm) Free Firearms Cleaning Workshop

> Saturday, April 21 **NRA Shotgun Instructor** Instructor: Bob Parent

Sunday, April 22 Refuse to be a Victim Instructor: Brian Craig

Saturday, April 28 **Chief Range Safety Officer** Instructor: Brian Craig

We look forward to bringing you a wealth of classes for your education and enjoyment.

> contact: Brian Craig education@tcsl.org

Safe Round-Up:

Gun safes and storage solutions to keep you organized and ready to stop a home invader

As gun owners, we are each responsible for gun safety; and a large part of that includes safe storage. Of course, what constitutes safe storage can vary from person to person. Someone with a large firearms collection and small children at home will have far different needs than an adult living on their own who owns one gun. The amount of space in your home and financial considerations are other factors. There are, however, plenty of choices to meet anyone's safe storage needs, from basic lockable cases to giant fireproof safes.

Winchester Defender Handgun Safe - 877-948-6723, winchestersafes.com

With 25 years in the industry, Winchester introduces the Defender RFID Handgun Safe. What differentiates this safe from the rest is the speed of the RFID, backed up by a 4-6 digit combination keypad. It's secured by 14-gauge steel, exceeding California's DOJ Requirements.

Truck Vault - 800-967-8107; truckvault.com

In business since 1995 truck Vault has been manufacturing secure storage solutions for safety officials, businesses and outdoor men of all types. TruckVault's offers in-vehicle storage for almost any pick-up, SUV, sedan, or minivan. And they are just plane cool.

Tactical Walls Concealment Coffee Table - 540-298-8906, tacticalwalls.com

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Stack-On - 800-323-9601, <u>stack-on.com</u>

Stack-on improves its personal storage line-up with a slim rifle safe that can be used as a secondary safe or for the person that only has one or two rifles. The small safe is handy enough to fit in almost any closet. The biometric fingerprint recognition allows for quick access with the swipe of a fingerprint.

Snap Safe TrekLite X-Large Lock Box - 877-214-4470, snapsafe.com

The TrekLite Lock Box offers heavy-duty protection in a light weight package. Ideal for storing valuables such as handguns, cash, and is ideal for the traveling with your firearm. Available with a key lock or TSA combination lock. The box comes with a 1,500-pound rated security cable to keep the box from just walking away.

Rockland Custom Products - 631-391-6007, rocklandcustomcabinets.com

Custom mobile security for the law enforcement or the weekend sportsmen. A system of shelves, drawers and lock-boxes that are influenced by the end users' needs, Rockland works with you to provide the best for your firearms, medical equipment and hunting gear.

Rhino Safes Ironworks Personal Safe - 800-701-9128, rhinosafe.com

Don't put this safe in a closet or hide it behind a painting, this safe is the art in the room. Each personal safe is hand distressed to look like an antique that is part art and as secure as any of the company's offerings. Made from 12-gauge steel with a reinforced angle on door back to prevent entry by cutting off hinges and weighs in at 45 pounds.

Quicksafes Quick Vent - 801-367-9374, guicksafes.com

The Quick Vent safe by Quicksafes adds a new twist to an old trick by combining the everyday, mundane fresh air vent with the security of an RFID lock box. This system won't stop a determent criminal from getting to your valuables, but... he has to find it first. To be continued next month. Ken Ross

safety@tcsl.org

Winter Military Rifle Match Held

Our third and last winter Military Rifle bench match for 2018 was held on Saturday March 17th at the 100-yard rifle range with 15 shooters. Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score				
Iron Sight Division								
1st Place	Jacob Leite	AR-15	.223 Rem	98-1x				
2nd Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.223 Rem	97-3x				
3rd Place	Scott Beaudry	M1A	.308 Win	94				
	Peter Leite	AR-15	.223 Rem	93				
	Joe Rivers	Schmidt Ruben K31	7.5x55	91				
	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30/06	89				
	Paul Siska	M1A	.308 Win	89				
	Gerry Marken	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	85-1x				
	Todd Schmidt	?? Target Trainer	.22LR	72				
	Bob Webb	K98k Mauser	8x57	57				
	Jim Jackson	M39 Mosin Nagant	7.62x54R	32				
Scoped Division								
1st Place	John Stedman	AR-15	.204 Ruger	100-7x				
2nd Place	Simon Hayden	AR-15	.204 Ruger	100-7x				
3rd Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.224 Valkyrie	99-5x				
	Dave Vandermark	M38 Swedish Mauser	6.5x55	97-2x				
	Dave Vandermark	M38 Swedish Mauser	6.5x55	91-1x				
	Jim Szocik	FN FS2000	.223 Rem	86				

A great bunch of shooting, and a neat grouping of rifles! Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, April 21st 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 (no full autos), foreign or domestic, modern or vintage, with iron sights or scope. 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.

Dave Vandermark rifle@TCSL.org.

Women's Sport Shooting

Our last match of the season will be held April 15. We shoot from 1-3pm downstairs in the clubhouse. The fee for a fun afternoon is \$5. Our March match was a great time, as usual. If you can't join us in April be sure to watch for upcoming dates starting in the fall. Everyone is welcome: men, women, and kids.

Results from our March match:

First Round: 1st Place - Mariah Parent, 2nd Place - Cherry Roberts, 3rd Place tied - Kiera Roberts and Sue Smokowicz

Second, Third, and Fourth Rounds - 1st Place - Cherry, 2nd Place - a tie between the rest of the shooters

We have a lot of fun, and we might even get competitive next season!





Carol Parent Sue Smokowicz Val Kabat Rene Tellas women.tcsl@gmail.com

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TCSL Bowling Pin Shoots

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



PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot PCC (pistol caliber carbine) Sundays: Apr 15, May 6, Jun 10, Jul 15, Aug 12, Sep 9 11:30am until 5:00pm Shooting starts at 12:00 noon.

The cost for each relay (24 pins = 6 pins \times 4 tables) is \$5.00.

The shooter stands 20 yards away from a structure, with 6 bowling pins on it. A safety officer, with a timer, will give the command to commence firing, at which time the shooter will begin shooting until all 6 pins are knocked down. The time it takes to knock 6 pins down is recorded. The average time of the shooters best 3 tables will determine his/her score. Bragging rights are determined by the lowest shooter's 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 their .22 Rifle for this event.

contact: Jim Walter 734-478-3946, jdwalter54@comcast.net

Handgun, PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot and 4x4 Steel Plate Challenge Sundays: Apr 29, May 20, Jun 17, Jul 29,Aug 19, Sep 16 11:30am until 5:00pm Shooting starts at noon.

The cost for each relay (25 pins = 5 pins x tables) is \$5.00.

The shooter stands 25 feet away from a structure, with 5 bowling pins on it. A safety officer with a timer will give the command to commence firing, at which time the shooter will begin shooting until all 5 pins are knocked down. The time it takes to knock 5 pins down is recorded. The average time of the shooters best 4 tables will determine his/her score. Bragging rights are determined by the lowest shooter's score (time).In the 4X4 Steel Plate Challenge, shooters will get two chances to knock down 4 steel plates, using only 4 rounds of ammo in their handgun. Speed and accuracy will determine the winner. Shooter with the fastest time of the day wins a cash prize. The cost to try the 4X4 Challenge is \$4.00. If you don't own a handgun, PCC or .22 rifle and would like to participate, there are several members on site who are willing to loan you their .22 handgun or rifle for this event.

contact: Mike Cowhy, 313-530-7789, car64mc@peoplepc.com

IDPA Practice Begins

Tuesday IDPA practices will begin on April 3. and run until September. Practice is from 5-8pm.

Earl Austin idpa@tcsl.org

Let's Eat

Breakfast - Sunday, April 8 - 8am Flame-Broiled Steak/Salmon/Chicken Dinner - 4th Friday - 5pm Hamburger Night - Thursday, April 19 & May 17



St. Paddy's Day Dance

On March 17 Tri-County held our first (annual?) St.Paddy's Day Party! The Depot Town Big Band entertained us, and people danced! .There were 75-80 fun folks who came to celebrate the "wearing of the green" with us. During the band's breaks, Natalia (of Ann Arbor Ballroom) gave us dance lessons, and there wasn't an empty spot on the dance floor!

Special thanks to Earl Austin, Carlos Soto, Stuart Berry, Steve Nesmith, and their wives/girlfriend for staying and helping us put things back to normal at the end of a fun evening.

Be sure to join us next year!

Your event coordinators:Sue, Val, Carol, & Markl



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May newsletter deadline:
April 20
newsletter@tscl.org

WOT/KORD Meetings Mondays at 6pm:

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

Women on Target Saturday, June 16

April 1 is the start of registration for Women on Target! Applications are on our website at TCSL.org for the ladies to print and submit with payment of \$75. The registration form can be mailed in or brought in to the clubhouse. Remember if you are entering a team, please submit all team members names on each individual registration form. Also be sure to sign the release form and attach to the registration form. There are 70 spots available. Come join us for a great day.

The next WOT meeting is April 9 at 6pm. We would like all of the range leads to attend this meeting. Tom Lewandowski will be addressing the safety concerns at this meeting.

Our kitchen chair is Carol Brown, please sign up to help in the kitchen. We always need extra hands packing lunches for the volunteers. Once again we are putting together "themed baskets" for the raffle. If anyone has a desire to donate a basket of their choice we would love to accept it!!

> Carol Parent cbrklich25@hotmail.com Sharon Burkhardt mudiblues@att.net



Saturday, July 14

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9, at 6pm (downstairs). All are invited to attend these planning meetings. As Carol said, we would like all of the range leads to attend this meeting, as Tom Lewandowski will be addressing the safety concerns.

Registration forms will be available online

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.)

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

Val Kabat

Kids on the Range Day

and at the club in early April and should be returned to Tri-County (via mail or drop-off). Pre-registration is required, as we're limited to 60 kids.

KORD@tcsl.org





Help Wanted

Committee Chairs

Kitchen

Archery

Grounds has been filled by Tim Gibelyou

For April

April 6 - Set-up for NRA Dinner: 6pm

April 8 - Breakfast

Kitchen, Serving: 7-11am

April 14 - Ballroom Dancing

Bartender: 5-10pm

April 19 - Burger Night

Kitchen, 3-6:30pm

April 27 - Steak Fry

Kitchen, Serving: 3-8pm

And Beyond

TCSL 80th Anniversary Celebration

734-276-2514, president@tcsl.org

contact Mark Smokowicz

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April 2018 - TCSL Event Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Noon-sunset-RSO 1 needed Easter Sunday	9am-Dance Lessons 2	5pm-Saline HS Trap 5pm-IDPA Practice 3	5pm-Saline HS Trap 4 Jeep 4x4 Day	9am-Dance Lessons 5	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 6pm-Set-up for Friends of NRA Dinner	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 8am-NRA Basic Shotgun Training 8am-Board Walk-Around 4pm-Friends of NRA Dinner
Noon-sunset-RSO 8 needed 8am-PPIH Noon-3pm-Trap 8am-Breakfast-Public Invited	9am-Dance Lessons 9 6pm-WOT/KORD mtg.	5pm-Saline HS Trap 5pm-IDPA Practice 6:30pm-Membership Task Force mtg.	5pm-Saline HS Trap 11 6pm-Introduction to Back-Packing	9am-Dance Lessons 12 6:30pm-Education Committee Mtg	Noon-sunset-RSO 13 needed	Noon-sunset-RSO 14 needed 8am-NRA PPIH Instructor Course 5pm-Veterans & Friends Ballroom Dancing
Noon-sunset-RSO 15 needed 8am-PPOH Noon-PCC & .22 Rifle Pin Shoot Noon-3pm-Trap 1-3pm-Air Rifle	9am-Dance Lessons 16 6:30pm-Safety Committee mtg.	5pm-Saline HS Trap 17 5pm-IDPA Practice	5pm-Saline HS Trap 18 6pm-Basic Firearms Cleaning Class	9am-Dance Lessons 19 5pm-Burger Night 6:30pm-Board/Membership Mtg	Noon-sunset-RSO 20 needed	Noon-sunset-RSO 21 needed 8am-NRA Shotgun Instructor Training 9am-Military Rifle Match 9am-New Member Orientation
Noon-sunset-RSO needed 8am-NRA Refuse to be a Victim Noon-3pm-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 23 4pm-IDPA Set-up (Pistol Ranges close @ 4pm)	5pm-Saline HS Trap 5pm-IDPA Practice 24	5pm-Saline HS Trap 25 National Hug a Plumber Day	9am-Dance Lessons 26 12pm-Fauricia Company Outing	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 5pm-Steak Fry-Public Invited	Noon-sunset-RSO 28 needed 8am-IDPA Monthly Match 8am-NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Course
Noon-sunset-RSO 29 needed Noon-Bowling Pin Shoot & 4x4 Shoot Noon-3pm-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 30 National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day		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			

May 2018 - TCSL Event Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
contact Contac	lal information, arol Parent Photmail.com 7-6895. at 734-429-9561	5pm-Saline HS Trap 5-7:30pm-Multi Gun Practice 5pm-IDPA Practice	5pm-Saline HS Trap 2	9am-Dance Lessons 3	Noon-sunset-RSO 4 needed National Orange Juice Day	Noon-sunset-RSO 5 needed 4pm-Reunion-Class of '81 & 55th b'day party
Noon-sunset-RSO 6 needed Noon-PCC & .22 Rifle Pin Shoot Noon-3pm-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 6pm-WOT/KORD Mtg	5pm-Saline HS Trap 8 5-7:30pm-Multi Gun Practice 5pm-IDPA Practice	5pm -Saline HS Trap 9	9am-Dance Lessons 10 6:30pm-Education Committee mtg	Noon-sunset-RSO 11 needed	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 8am-NRA Basic Shotgun 9am-New Membership Orientation 5pm-Ballroom Dancing 6pm-Hunter Safety
Noon-sunset-RSO 13 needed 8am-CCW/CPL Class Noon-3pm-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 14 6:30pm-Safety Committee Mtg	5pm-Saline HS Trap 15 5-7:30pm-Multi Gun Practice 5pm-IDPA Practice National Chocolate Chip Day	5pm-Saline HS Trap 6pm-Basic Handgun Cleaning Class	9am-Dance Lessons 17 5pm-Burger Night 6:30pm-Board/Membership Mtg	Noon-sunset-RSO 18 needed National Bike to Work Day	Noon-sunset-RSO 19 needed 9am-Military Rifle Match 4pm-Bradford Wedding Reception
Noon-sunset-RSO 20 needed Noon-3pm-Trap Noon-5pm-Bowling Pin Shoot & 4x4 Shoot Noon-2pm-Update from NRA Annual Mtg	9am-Dance Lessons 21	5pm-Saline HS Trap 22 5-7:30pm-Multi Gun Practice 5pm-IDPA Practice	5pm-Saline HS Trap 23 6pm-New Member Orientation	9am-Dance Lessons 24	Noon-sunset-RSO needed 5pm-Steak Fry-Public Invited	Noon-sunset-RSO 26 needed 8am-IDPA Match 8am-CCW/CPL class
Noon-sunset-RSO 27 needed 8am-NRA Basic Pistol Noon-3pm-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 28 LAND FRIED FRIED Memorial Day 336 Augs 357 THE	5-7:30pm-Multi Gun 29 Practice 5pm-IDPA Practice	National Mint Julep Day	9am-Dance Lessons 31		