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President's Column

I'm happy to report that, from the months of July through September, we added 15 new members. Last month (October) was a busy one as we hosted our last Steak Fry for the year, rented the hall for a wedding, and Wicked Jeeps held their annual chili contest and shoot at the club. In December the Wicked Jeepers will return for their annual Christmas Party, which includes a visit by Santa Claus. We also held the Roger Sacks Invitational Trap Shoot. Speaking of which, thanks to the Saline High School Trap Team, we are installing a "dry-fire," system that will enable trap shooters to practice indoors, using their own gun. It's a simulator program with an 18-foot wall mural, and it will allow you to shoot trap, skeet, singles. The Fall Handgun/Running Deer Shoot is on again for November 4, the last shoot of the year. This is a really fun event that you *have* to come out and try! Don't worry if you don't have a handgun or target pistol; there will be ones available.

We're excited about our discussions with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and it's likely that TCSL will host an all-girls troop starting next year.

Happily, we're coming to the end of the year in great fiscal shape! BUT we do have a few projects we'd like to complete before the end of the year: get the creek cover in place, replace an HVAC unit, repair the Archery roof, and do some outdoor electrical work.

Again, none of the above could be accomplished without all the volunteer work hours that are put in. Thanks to **YOU!**

As we come to the close of the year, we are seeking those who may want to run for office on the Board at TCSL. If you are interested in contributing to the success of the club by running for an elected office, or being appointed to the nominating committee, please contact me.

Remaining 2018 Deer Season in Michigan:

- Archery*: Oct. 1-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 1
- Regular Firearm*: Nov. 15-30
- Muzzleloading:
 - ◆ Zone 1: Dec. 7-16
 - ◆ Zone 2: Dec. 7-16
 - ◆ Zone 3: Dec. 7-23
- Late Antlerless Firearm: Dec. 17-Jan. 1

**Please refer to the [Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest](#) for a complete list of dates and regulations.*

Do You Know Where

Your Conservation Dollars Come From?

The [Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act](#), aka Pittman-Robertson Act, passed in 1937, applies an 11% excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition. This includes pistols, revolvers, bows, crossbows, arrows, and archery parts. Money is then distributed back to the states for population studies, habitat improvement, species introductions, wildlife research, hunter education, and the building and maintenance of public shooting ranges.

The [Dingell-Johnson Act](#), passed in 1950 and modeled after the Pittman-Robertson Act, applies an excise tax on fishing tackle, tax on motorboat fuels, and import duties on fishing tackle and recreational watercraft. More than \$20 billion dollars have been raised for the management of fish populations, including boating access facilities, wetlands restoration, boat safety, public education, and clean vessel sanitation efforts.

The [Farm Bill](#) is the single largest source of conservation funding in the US. There are many programs in the Farm Bill for hunters and anglers and those who encourage the planting of cover crops and compensating farmers for removing environmentally sensitive lands from production, incentivizing public access and wetland protection. In the last five years, \$1 billion in conservation spending each year to improve water quality and habitat, and more than 900,000 acres of private land have been opened for public hunting and fishing from Farm Bill allocations.

The [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) was established by Congress in 1964 to improve and establish new outdoor recreational opportunities on public land. The fund has invested more than \$16 billion in conservation projects over the years. Funding comes from oil and gas royalties, which are divided into pools for grants and appropriations for projects (boat launches, playgrounds, trails, and the acquisition of land, and water resources for public access).

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Did You Know . . .

If you shoot a hundred rounds of 9mm on one of our ranges, pick up the brass and put it in one of the green bins, that the money we get from it generates cash at the same or greater rate per volunteer hour than most of our other fundraisers and matches generate. It only takes five minutes or less to pick up your casings, but the money we get for selling/recycling the brass comes with no cost to the club, just a little of your time. If we just sell the brass as scrap, we will generate \$10-12 per hour of volunteer time. .223 brass yields \$15-18 per hour. If we can sell it as reloadable brass, then we can get a good bit more. Our biggest public shooting events yield substantially less per work hour (like ¼ to ½ as much). See why it's important to put your brass in the bins? Take five minutes to pick up your brass and put it in the bins.

There is another benefit to this. If we police our brass the way we should, we'll have a much cleaner set of ranges. It's not only better for the environment (we are a conservation organization after all), but our ranges will look much nicer and more inviting for our guests. This helps shooters want to come back again, and maybe even join TCSL. And we can save volunteer hours at match prep time because the ranges will be in that much better shape to start with.

So please make sure you put your casings in the green bins when you are done shooting. Brass, aluminum, steel—we will sort and recycle it all. Have some old brass at home that you will never use? Bring it in and put it in the bins too! Thanks for your help!

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Memorial and Well-Being

Please keep past member Jimmy Anderson in your thoughts and prayers. He has been admitted to St Joe's with heart ailment.



Education Committee

Firearm Education is responsibility that we all must take seriously. Guns will always be in our society, so whether you have zero or ten, it's important for you to understand how to safely handle a gun and to teach that knowledge to others—such as kids, family, and friends.

I became an NRA instructor at my wife's insistence—since I collected firearms, and we had children. The NRA provides many different classes to get you started. We have many extremely experienced and qualified NRA instructors here at TCSL, so if you see a course listed below that you'd like to take, just let me know. It's likely that we'll be able to offer it.

NRA Home Firearm Safety Course is a non-shooting course teaches students the basic knowledge, skills, and to explain the attitude necessary for the safe handling and storage of firearms and ammunition in the home.

NRA Refuse to be a Victim seminars for those of us who want to learn strategies people can integrate into their everyday lives to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

If you are brand new to firearms or have a firearm you've never learned to use or, once a month we offer here at TCSL, "**Know Your Gun.**" (This was originally called "Handgun Cleaning Workshop," but we changed the name because cleaning turned out to be just a small part of what we were helping people with. The bigger part was really just learning more about the firearm.) We only ask that you RSVP and tell us what type of firearm(s) you're planning to bring so that we have the right expert there for you.

And more:

- NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course
- NRA Instructor Pistol Shooting Course
- NRA Basic Personal Protection In The Home Course
- NRA Instructor Basic Personal Protection In The Home Course
- NRA Basics of Personal Protection Outside The Home Course
- NRA Instructor Basics of Personal Protection Outside The Home Course
- NRA FIRST Steps Rifle Orientation
- NRA Basic Rifle Shooting Course
- NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course
- And many other courses are available.

Remember the NRA Gun Safety Rules:

ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Upcoming Courses & Workshops - Already on the Calendar

Sun, Nov 11: Personal Protection in the Home Course

To register, click here: <https://goo.gl/J7Ei8m>

Course fee: \$100/\$120 Member/Non-member

Sun, Dec 9: Personal Protection in the Home Course

To register, click here: <https://goo.gl/K7MgvZ>

Course fee: \$100/\$120 Member/Non-member

Thur, Dec 13: Education Committee Meeting - 6:30-8:00pm

Open to members

Wed, Dec 19: Know Your Gun Workshop - 6:00-7:30pm

Free to members and their guests.

For more information about the Education Committee and events that it sponsors,

contact: Brian Craig
NRA Training Counselor - TCSL Education Chairman
education@tcsl.org - or call or text 734-637-8000

Alpha House Donations

Wicked Jeeps Southeast Michigan will be collecting items for donation to [Alpha House](#) again this year. Help them brighten someone's Christmas TCSL. If you'd like to donate but can't get to the store, Wicked Jeeps will happily accept cash, which will then be used to buy something off the list. Just click below to go to their list:



TCSL's 80th Birthday Celebration

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - 1-5pm



contact: Stefan Graf
stef.graf@comcast.net

Help Wanted

Bartenders!

We need to build our band of merry bartenders to draw on for special events.

Kitchen Help, Servers, etc.

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Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 14, 2019



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Military Rifle Match Held

Our seventh (and last of this year) standard Military Rifle Match for 2018 was held on Saturday October 20th at the 100-yard rifle range with 8 shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1st Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.223 Rem	330-3x
2nd Place	Jerry Marken	M1A	.308 Win	322
3rd Place	Jeff Gage	M1A Garand	30/06	197-1x
	Scott Beaudry	M1A	.308	290
	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30/06	278-1x
	Dave Vandermark	1891 Argentine Mauser	7.65x53	254-1x
	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	.223	238

Scoped Division

1st Place	John Burke	AR-15	.223 Rem	334-4x
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Our next Military Rifle Match (a Bench Match) will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019, 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 20 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, and ear protection. Spotting scopes are helpful. The course of fire for the event shall be: 10 rounds of slow fire from the bench for sight-in within 10 minutes. For score: 10 rounds slow fire from the bench within 10 minutes. For the slow fire, single-fed rounds are fired within 10 minutes.

Please note: You need not be a military member to compete (though they are surely welcome), you only need to own a military style rifle.

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1891 Argentine Mauser

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Outdoor children's play area

contact: Carol Parent
reservations@tcsi.org

Rent Our Range

contact: safety@tcsi.org

Saturday, October 27!

Roger W. Sacks Invitational Trap Meet

Thirty-one high school students from Saline, Monroe, and Napoleon schools competed in the first Roger Sacks Memorial Trap Shoot. Roger was a longtime member of Tri-County and an avid trap and pistol shooter. His oldest son, Paul, attended the event and shared some memories of his father. It was a damp and windy day—not the best weather for trap shooting—but a good time was had by all. Each competitor shot 50 rounds of trap, participated in an “[Annie Oakley](#)” competition, and enjoyed a hot lunch at Tri-County.

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Monroe's top shooters:
Alex Bruck (38/50), Dominic Carmouche (44/50), Luke Stump (38/50), Alexandria Merrill (39/50). Not pictured: Alanna Colpaert (38/50).



“Annie Oakley” shooters:
1st Place - Dominic Carmouche
2nd Place - Chad ???
3rd Place - Luke Stump & Brandon Viers

Women on Target Saturday, June 8, 2019



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Donations Needed

TCSL will have a table at the November 10-11 gun show in Novi. We will be selling brass and passing out club information, as well as selling any items that members have donated for the sale. We can use any sporting-type items to put on the table. The most popular items that sell are ammunition and components. If you have anything that you no longer have a need for, please consider bringing it into the club and donating it for our table. We bring in several hundred dollars at these shows, and the more we have, the more money we can raise.

If you have anything to donate, just drop it by the club and write "attn: Dave Vandermark" on it. If possible, please make Lance aware that you are dropping something off. Thanks!

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WANTED

Photos!

Of members of the TCSL extended family serving in the military.

Please identify the person(s) in the photo and provide a little background.

These will be used to update the display case in the lower level of the clubhouse.

Photos may be submitted digitally to newsletter@tcsl.org, or hard copies can be dropped off at the club.

(Ask Lance to put them in the WOT/KORD mailbox.)

Hard copies will be returned if possible.

Women's Sport Shooting - Schedule of Events for 2018 - 2019

Again in November, we'll be joining in the "Running Deer" shoot. (There will be NO deer involved! Please see below for details.) And from January through April, we'll be shooting air rifles once a month (indoors!). Events are all on Sunday afternoons, and the cost is \$5.00 per round.

Running Deer Shoot • November 4 • 12-5pm
December - No meeting. Enjoy your holidays!
Air Rifle • January 20, February 17, March 10, April 14 • 1-3pm

We welcome everyone who wants to join us. The more the merrier! To reiterate: Everyone—male, female, and kids—are all welcome. We are always open to suggestions and ideas for other types of shoots, and we welcome your questions.



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First Annual TCSL 185-Yard Open Bench Match

The rifle committee is proud to announce a new 185-Yard Bench Match to be held on the rifle range at 12 noon on Saturday, November 17. This is the first match to utilize our extended range, and it is open to any and all rifles. Scoring will be tracked for two divisions: iron sighted and scoped.

The course of fire will be 10 rounds for sighting, single fed, in 8 minutes, followed by 10 rounds for score, single-fed in 6 minutes. There are two twists to this match. First, a shooter may elect to use the sight-in round for score upon completion and tally, but must declare this prior to beginning the second round. Any shooter who decides to use their score from the first sight-in round will forfeit shooting the second round. Also, the second round for score will be two minutes shorter than the sight-in round.

This is not a Military Match. Any rifles are eligible, so long as they are safe to shoot and can put the rounds down range in the allotted time. Take a break from deer hunting, and bring a rifle and 20 rounds of ammo to the Club. Cost for the match will be \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members. Shooters who finish in 1st place in their division will win one free pass to a Military Match held in 2019.

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Handgun Shoot (Running Deer Shoot)

Sundays: November 4 - Shooting Starts at Noon

The Handgun Shoot (aka "Running Deer Shoot") is structured much the same as a good old Turkey Shoot was. Ten individuals buy into a relay, each taking a turn shooting at the "running deer." After each individual shoots their score is totaled and radioed up to the officials table. The highest score of the relay wins a prize.

The shooter is positioned 25 yards away from a hanging deer silhouette. The silhouette is positioned at the right side of the gallery. Round count and order may change from relay to relay. Our usual starting sequence is 2 shots at the deer while it's standing still and 2 shots while it's deer "running." Once the final standing shoot is fired, the deer will begin to run across the gallery from right to left.

This event is open to the public. This event is open to Handguns, .22 Rifles and PCCs (Pistol Caliber Carbines). Pistols will compete against pistols; .22 Rifles and PPCs will compete among themselves. All type sights or optics are allowed.

This event is FUN and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, so bring a family member or friend. Cost for each relay is \$5.00.

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313-530-7789, car64mc@peoplepc.com
contact: Jim Walter
734-478-3946, jdwalter54@comcast.net

Hall Rentals

November

- 4 TCSL Breakfast
- 6 York Township Elections
- 10 Veterans & Friends Ballroom Dancing
- 13 York Place Homeowners Assoc.

December

- 1 Towler Christmas Dinner
- 2 TCSL Breakfast
- 8 Veterans & Friends Ballroom Dancing
- 15 Wicked Jeeps
- 31 TCSL New Year's Eve Celebration

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Positive Thoughts

On October 27, TCSL held its first Roger Sacks Memorial Trap Shoot. Approximately 40 young people and adults attended. A few of the kids, who did not participate in the shoot, but were here with their family, needed a place to keep warm and pass the time during the event. They politely asked if they could come in to stay warm and dry. Of course, we told them they were welcome to come in and enjoy the clubhouse. We offered to turn on the TV, and Mark set up the computer so they could get on YouTube. They asked if they could play pool, which they did; and it was nice to see the table being used. They were amazed that they could have hot chocolate for free and could stay as long as they wanted. These young kids were so appreciative and said how welcoming we were! We heard "please" and "thank you" often.



This experience with the kids got me thinking about how we acknowledge others. We hear about all the negatives in our lives, but we don't rush to talk about all the positives that affect us. So . . . we have a new newsletter column titled "Positive Thoughts." When you see or hear positive interactions at and around the club please email them to me, and I'll compile them for Val to include in the newsletter. Your posts can be just a few words, silly interactions, appreciative acknowledgments—large or small. I think everyone will be amazed at how this small action can change the outlook we have towards those around us.

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**Thursday,
December 13**

Ypsilanti Community Choir
and the
Depot Town Big Band

Deck the Halls

Annual Christmas Concert
Hosted by Linda Yohn

7:30 pm
Towsley Auditorium
Washtenaw Community College
free admission & parking

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Thanks (October 5 Fundraiser)

You did a wonderful thing! It means a lot to us! The funds we raised at the dinner and silent auction will help us give the boys and girls in our troops the opportunity to develop good character and become leaders who put service above self.

Thank you so much for letting us use the clubhouse, and all those who helped with the dinner! The kids loved working with you!!!

American Heritage Girls Troop M18498
Trail Life USA Troop M1-0217



for more information, contact: reservations@tcsl.org

Ring in the New Year
with the
DEPOT TOWN BIG BAND
AT TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

Dance till midnight and toast the new year!
Doors open at 8:30pm

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elegant hors d'oeuvres & sweets • champagne toast at midnight.

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November 2018 - TCSL Event Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	For hall rental information, contact Carol Parent cbrklich25@hotmail.com 734-417-6895. Or call the Club at 734-429-9561			9am-Dance Lessons 1	2	3
8am-Hearty Breakfast- 4 Public Invited Noon-Fall Handgun Shoot Noon-Trap 	9am-Dance Lessons 5 4pm-Set-up for York Twp Elections	7am-York Township Elections 6	10am-Range Time-Pistol 7	9am-Dance Lessons 8 6:30pm-Education Committee Mtg	9	5pm-Veterans & Friends-Ballroom Dancing 10
8am-CCW/CPL-PPIH 11 Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 12 6:30pm-Safety Committee Mtg	6:30pm-York Place HOA 13	10am-Range Time-Rifle 14	9am-Dance Lessons 15 6:30pm-TCSL Board Only	16	9am-New Member Orientation Noon-1st Annual Rifle Match 17
Noon-Trap 18	9am-Dance Lessons 19	20	10am-Range Time-Pistol 21 6pm-"Know Your Gun" Workshop (RSVP Required)	22 	23 	8am-NRA Basic Instructor Training 24
8am-NRA CRSO 25 Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 26	27	10am-Range Time-Rifle 28	9am-Dance Lessons 29	30	

December 2018 - TCSL Event Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	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					4pm-Towler Christmas Dinner 1
8am-Hearty Breakfast- 2 Public Invited Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 3	4	10am-Range Time-Rifle 5	9am-Dance Lessons 6	9am-Dance Lesson 7	5pm-Veterans & Friends-Ballroom Dancing 8
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Noon-Trap 16	6:30pm-Safety Committee Mtg 17	18	10am-Range Time-Rifle 19 6pm-"Know Your Gun" Workshop (RSVP Required)	5pm-Burger Night 20 6:30pm-Board & Membership Mtg	4pm-Set up for IDPA 21  National Ugly Sweater Day	8am-IDPA Monthly Match 22 9am-New Member Orientation
23 30	24  8:30pm-NYE Celebration w/Depot Town Big Band 31	25 	10am-Range Time-Pistol 26	27  National Fruitcake Day	28	29  Tick-Tock Day