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President's Column

At the September Board meeting, the Safety Committee presented an updated version of our 2015 Club rules, and it was voted on and approved. Major items included:

- Common safety procedures across all ranges for carrying firearms to and from the firing lines and the use of chamber flags.
- Added the use of personal, portable trap throwers (with supervision), while hand throwers remain prohibited.
- On the action bays, changes include the option to engage multiple (more than three) targets, and an exception added to draw from holster once an individual is approved.

Many clarifications and updates were required, and our thanks go to Ken Ross and the Safety Committee for laboring over this for the past few months—with a special shout-out to Ed White, who oversaw the editing of the rules book. The updated Club rules document will be posted on our website, and an updated booklet will be posted at the club.

The board recognized new member Rob Ploutz-Snyder for stepping up to become our new Archery Chair. He just completed his Level 2 Instructor training with Coach AJ and is eager to contribute. See his article on page 2, and contact him to help launch an Archery program at the club. Contact Rob at archery@tcsl.org.

The Finance Committee has asked Committee Chairs to submit—by October 15—an estimate of expected expenses for next year. Please

send them to Carlos or to finance@tcsl.org. This is not a budget or approval process, but a financial check that we do each year.

Still looking for volunteer hours before the clock resets? We have more events this year that you can sign up for in the book: a wedding, breakfasts, steak fries, the Fall Clean-Up, for instance. Wicked Jeeps will host a Meet 'n' Greet at the Club in October and will be looking for coaches at the ranges. Want to serve on a committee (Safety, Education, Membership, 80th Anniversary Party, Grounds, to name a few)? Check the calendar to see when it meets, and show up at a meeting. And if your schedule just doesn't line up, there is a list of club projects just waiting for someone to help with. You can find the project list at the information table at the Club and online. There are plenty of opportunities for you to earn hours. If you have an idea that can benefit the Club, why not start a project of your own choosing. Want to help out at a party? We need at least seven more volunteers to help plan TCSL's 80th Birthday Party for next summer. The next planning meeting is set for Sunday, October 28, at 3pm.

Also Mark your calendar for:

- Saturday, October 6 - Fall Clean-Up
- Saturday, October 27 - Roger Sacks Memorial Invitational Trap Shoot to benefit the Saline High School Trap Team

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Tri-County Sportsmen's Challenge Tier 2 IDPA Match

Wow, what just happened? On the weekend of September 21-23, 130 IDPA shooters took the challenge of eight tough courses here at Tri-County. When the smoke cleared, there were a lot of tired SOs and happy shooters. The courses lived up to the match name. Phrase for the weekend: "deceptively difficult." All the feedback we have received was positive. Our facilities were referred to as FIRST CLASS. Staff was friendly, and many said they would be back next year, with more of their club's shooters. Over 20 non-SO volunteers provided our customers with everything: food, water, transportation, equipment repairs, photos, and videos. You name it; they did it. When all was done, there was smiles everywhere.

Our 22 SOs also spent time here over the last two months preparing the ranges and running the courses.

Here are some impressive numbers:

1. 7 states and 3 countries (the furthest being Finland) were represented.
2. Over 20,000 rounds were sent down range.
3. Over 3000 work hours were put in.
4. 18 sponsors donated more than \$5000 worth of merchandise.
5. We handed out \$1500 worth of plaques to shooters.
6. We took in upwards of \$10,000 (final financials have not been calculated as of press time).

I want to thank all the hard-working individuals who gave their time to make this happened. We are already getting questions about next year; and I will go out on a limb and say that, YES, we WILL do it next year. I expect it to be even bigger and better. If all the shooters come back and bring their own club shooters, we will need a couple more bays to handle them all. Ideas are already bouncing around about range improvements, and I have started thinking about new courses of fire.

If you are interested in spending a nice September weekend with us at the 2019 Challenge, please get with me. We will need even more help. This match has put us on the map as a place to be in September.

See you all on the range.

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Some of the Safety Officers and other volunteers working at the IDPA Sportsmen's Challenge.
(More photos of the event can be found throughout this newsletter.)

Attention: Archers of All Flavors!

Whether you are a competition archer, recreation arrow flinger, or a hunter who enjoys archery season, I need you! My name is Rob Ploutz-Snyder, and I am a new member of TCSL. I moved to Michigan a couple of years ago and recently discovered TCSL. When I toured our facility, I was excited to see a range dedicated to archers, as well as the ranges for hand- and long-gun recreational shooting.

I guess my enthusiasm was easy to recognize, because shortly after I joined the club, Mark and Charles asked if I would consider chairing the Archery Range Committee; and voila, here I am! I am a recreational archer who got into the sport as a crossbow hunter. I know, I know . . . "that's not really archery!" some may say. I acknowledge that crossbow archery is truly a very different sport than traditional long bow, recurve, or upright compound shooting. Nevertheless, I recently completed my USA Archery Level 1 and 2 Instructor certification courses too, so I definitely have an appreciation and respect for all flavors of archery.

If you have visited our archery range recently, you may have noticed that some of our targets are worn, and the covered roof area is in need of repairs. I understand that structural repairs are already underway, and we will be enjoying a new roof soon. Meanwhile, even with my enthusiasm, I can't run the archery range myself, and that's where you come in.

I'm hoping to recruit archers of all experience levels and interests. Are you brand new to archery? Have you been a competition shooter for years? Crossbow guy? Compound gal? Do you wish we did XYZ with archery? Have you ever wanted to help to expose our youth to archery in a safe, friendly environment? Whatever your motivation and whatever your background, I need you to join the Archery Committee and help me evaluate our range, assist in establishing priorities for repairs and maintenance, and help to dream-up some neat educational opportunities for our membership and community to enjoy on the archery range. If you are interested in having a voice in the process, please email me and introduce yourself. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Fall Clean-Up Day Saturday, October 6 - 8am-noon

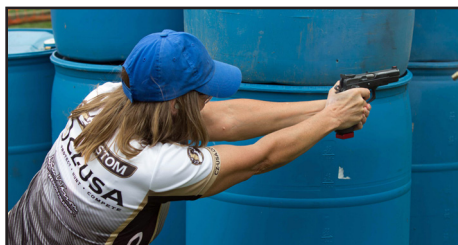
- Need old pick-up truck or trailer to pick up grounds (fallen branches, etc.).
- Need another chain saw to cut limbs and suckers around trees.
- Need another weed whip to do fall trimmings around buildings and grounds.

We are also looking for two more Grounds Committee members

Tim Gibelyou
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Turkeys at the Trap House



Saturday, October 27!

Roger W. Sacks Invitational Trap Meet

Planning is underway for the first "Roger W. Sacks Invitational Trap Meet" for neighboring high school trap teams. This will be a 50-shot competition for as many as 70 teen-aged competitors. Tri-County will provide lunches for the shooters, and awards will be given to the top teams and individual guns.

Roger, a member of TCSL for 39 years, was an avid trap shooter (as well as the other shooting disciplines) and was a volunteer coach for the Saline High School Trap Team during its inaugural season.

Stay tuned, we may need a few more volunteers to help on the day of the event.

Trap shooting at TCSL happens every Sunday from 12-3pm. Open to members **and** the public. Singles, doubles, handicap, as desired.

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Help Wanted

Bartenders!

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

Kitchen Committee Chair

Kitchen Help, Servers, etc.

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Military Rifle Match Held

Our sixth standard Military Rifle Match for 2018 was held on Saturday, September 15, at the 100-yard rifle range, with four shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1st Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.223 Rem	332-2x
2nd Place	Paul Siska	M1A	.308 Win	312-2x
3rd Place	Jerry Marken	M1A	.308 Win	296-2x
	Dave Vandermark	M38 Swedish Mauser	6.5x55	250

Our next Military Rifle Match, and the last for this season (at least at 100 yards), will be held on **Saturday, October 20**, 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.

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

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TCSL Brass Sales

The brass collection program at TCSL is going great and has brought in over \$1,000 to the club this year (and it's only mid-August). We bring in money three ways: sales of reloadable brass on-line, scrap metal sales from brass (like 22LR and excess other calibers), and sales of donated sporting equipment at gun shows and matches.

We need your help on a couple things to be more successful:

(1) The brass collection bins are being used, and it helps tremendously in time saved picking up brass. There is a lot of other material making its way into the bins, though, like dirt, grass, sticks, rocks, ear plugs, cigarette butts . . . you get it. Please try to sift the casings before putting them in the bin. It all gets sorted anyway, but it takes a lot longer when it is very dirty and needs to be picked through carefully. And remember, we collect the aluminum and steel cases as well, so don't leave them on the ground—put them in the bins!

(2) We will be selling at a table at the big IDPA match at TCSL in September and again at a gun show in Novi this fall. If you have any items to donate to the club for the sale, please bring them to the clubhouse (marked "attention Dave Vandermark") and either give them to Lance or have them put in the back storage. We can use any outdoor-related items, like fishing material, ammo and reloading tools/components, storage boxes and ammo cans, knives, gunstocks/grips, and anything else related. If you aren't using it, we can turn it into cash for the club.

Thanks for the help!

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Rent Our Hall

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

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reservations@tcsl.org

Rent Our Range

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The women of Tri-County were well represented by Kiera at the September 16 Pin Shoot!

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

We had a great time at the Pin Shoot on September 16. We even introduced the club to a potential new member.

In October and 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 • October 14 & 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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Handgun Shoot (Running Deer Shoot)

Sundays: September 30, October 14 & 28, 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 Carabines). 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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Education

*Information subject to change;
please check the online calendar: tcsl.org.*

October

- 6 CCW/CPL-PPIH
- 14 NRA Basic Pistol
- 13 New Member Orientation
- 17 Basic Pistol Cleaning Class
(RSVP Required)
- 21 CCW/CPL-PPIH

November

- 3 [Off-body & Winter Concealed Carry](#)
(Tatiana Whitlock)
- 4 [Intermediate Handgun for Self-defense](#)
(Tatiana Whitlock)
- 17 New Member Orientation
- 11 CCW/CPL-PPIH
- 21 Basic Pistol Cleaning Class
(RSVP Required)

*Other free classes and workshops
are being scheduled.*

contact: Brian Craig
education@tcsl.org

Hall Rentals

October

- 5 American Heritage Girls Steak Fry
- 6 Calabro Wedding
- 7 Hearty Breakfast
- 12 Veterans & Friends Ballroom Dancing
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- 20 Wicked Jeeps
- 24 Sambrook Oaks Homeowners Assoc.
- 26 Flame-Broiled Steak Dinner

November

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

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TCSL's 80th Birthday

We'll Be Celebrating Next Year.

Date: TBD

Stay tuned for details!

Lots of volunteers will be needed for this. Committee chairs needed for:

- Food (catering)
- Entertainment
- Activities
- Set-up/take-down
- Promotion
- Fundraising
- Decorations
- And probably more

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CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE

AT TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

with the

Depot Town Big Band

Dance till midnight and toast the new year!


\$65 per person

includes:

2 free drinks (wine/beer/pop)
elegant hors d'oeuvres & sweets • champagne toast at midnight.

dress: business casual to formal

Beginning in mid-October, tickets will be available at the bar and at
Haab's Restaurant (18 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti)



**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

Sponsored by:



ypsicommchoir.org
depottownbigband.com

Memorial and Well-Being

Past member Marvin Pashukewich, 79, passed away on September 12 at St Joseph Mercy Hospital with his loving family at his side. A service was held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Milan, and he was buried in Marble Park Cemetery, Milan.

Please email announcements to
newsletter@tcsl.org



Women on Target Saturday, June 8, 2019



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Sharon Burkhardt • mudiblues@att.net
Sue Smokowicz • sue.smoke@comcast.net

Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 14, 2019




contact:

Val Kabat • KORD@tcsl.org

Official planning for these two events won't begin till the first of the year, but please keep them in mind as you look at your summer schedule. Both will need the usual suspects: coaches, SOs, volunteers for registration and general support of the events.

October 2018 - TCSL Event Calendar

Information subject to change; please check the online calendar: tcsi.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9am-Dance Lessons 1	2	10am-Range Time-Pistol 3 5pm-Saline HS Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 4	5pm-American Heritage Girls Steak Fry 5	8am-CCW/CPL-PPIH 6 8am-Fall Clean-up 10am-Calabro Wedding
8am-Hearty Breakfast- Public Invited Noon-Trap 7	9am-Dance Lessons 8	6:30pm-Membership Task Force Mtg 9	10am-Range Time-Rifle 10 5pm-Saline HS Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 11 6:30pm-Education Committee Mtg	5pm-Veterans & Friends Ballroom Dancing 12	5pm-Veterans & Friends Ballroom Dancing 13
8am-NRA Basic Pistol 14 Noon-Fall Handgun Shoot Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 15 6:30pm-Safety Committee Mtg	16  Global Cat Day	10am-Range Time-Pistol 17 5pm-Saline HS Trap 6pm-Basic Pistol Cleaning Class (RSVP Required)	9am-Dance Lessons 18 5pm-Burger Night 6:30pm-Board & Membership Mtg	19	9am-Military Rifle Match 20 9am-New Member Orientation 10am-Wicked Jeeps
8am-CCW/CPL-PPIH 21 Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 22	23  Swallows Depart from San Juan Capistrano Day	10am-Range Time-Rifle 24 5pm-Saline HS Trap 7pm-Sambrook Oaks HOA	9am-Dance Lessons 25	4pm-Set up for IDPA 26 5pm-Steak Fry-Public Invited	8am-IDPA Monthly Match 27 10am-Roger Sacks Trap Invitational
Noon-Fall Handgun Shoot Noon-Trap 28	9am-Dance Lessons 29	30  National Candy Corn Day	10am-Range Time-Pistol 31  Halloween	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		

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	9am-Off-body & Winter Concealed Carry (Tatiana Whitlock) 3
9am-Intermediate Handgun for Self-defense (Tatiana Whitlock) 4 	9am-Dance Lessons 5	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 9am-Flapjack Fundraiser- Public Invited Noon-PCC & .22 Rifle Shoot Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 12 6:30pm-Safety Committee Mtg	6:30pm-Membership Task Force Mtg 13 6:30pm-Yrok Place HOA	10am-Range Time-Rifle 14	9am-Dance Lessons 15 6:30pm-TCSL Board Only	16	9am-New Member Orientation 17
10am-Kanitz Family Reunion Noon-Trap Noon-Bowling Pin Shoot & 4x4 Shoot 18	9am-Dance Lessons 19	20	10am-Range Time-Pistol 21 6pm-Basic Pistol Cleaning Class (RSVP Required)	22 	23 	8am-NRA Basic 24
Noon-Trap 25	9am-Dance Lessons 26	27	10am-Range Time-Rifle 28	9am-Dance Lessons 29	30	