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## President's Column

This month we'll have both a board meeting and a membership meeting on Thursday, December 20. Come for Burger Night and catch a burger, from 5-6:30pm, before the board meeting that starts at 6:30. The membership meeting will follow. You will receive hours for attending.

This month TCSL will host many Christmas parties and will be looking for help, with both catering and at the bar. Take a look at the event calendar and see if you can help out.

December is the month for nominations for a seat on the TCSL board and for Board members to announce their interest in running for an officer position. There will be a vacated Directors slot open in Region 4 (west of US-23, north of I-94), and we will be looking to fill that position. Existing Directors wishing to run for an office need to announce their intentions at the December Board meeting.

At our January Board meeting each committee chair is required to make an annual report to the board on the activities of his or her committee.

Looking for a place to celebrate the New Year? Well look no further, TCSL will host a New Year's Eve party on the 31st. Depot Town Big Band will be playing, and tickets include hors d'oeuvre, champagne toast at midnight (nonalcoholic available) along with party favors. Tickets are available at the bar, at Haab's Restaurant in Ypsilanti, and online via PayPal. (You do not need a PayPal Account.) Please see page 4 for more information.

### "Trevor's Plea"

At the Roger Sacks Memorial Trap Shoot, a young man by the name of Trevor requested: "Please form an SCTP League. [You have] such a beautiful facility, and it would be a huge benefit to youth trap shooters and the club." SCTP is the Scholastic Clay Target Program, which provides kids from elementary grades through high school and college with the opportunity to participate in the fun and challenging sports of Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays, as well as the Olympic disciplines of Bunker Trap, Trap Doubles, and International Skeet.

"Trevor's Plea" was brought up at the last board meeting, and it was met with positive reactions. Now we need someone to see if this would be feasible: What does it take to start a team? It all starts with a person volunteering to serve as a head coach and one student athlete. Interested? There are many resources to help get you started. Contact me if interested.

Mark Smokowicz  
[president@tcsl.org](mailto:president@tcsl.org)

## The Scouts BSA are Coming!

Beginning in February, Tri-County Sportsmen's League will be the chartered organization for a new [Scouts BSA](http://ScoutsBSA.org) troop. This new troop, organized by the Boy Scouts of America, will provide for girls throughout the area the same experiences afforded to boys.

The troop will be for girls ages 11-17. As always, these Scouts will earn merit badges, go camping, and work toward the Eagle Scout Award. They will have the opportunity to experience the same character development and values-based leadership that Scouting has always promised.

The [Scouts BSA](http://ScoutsBSA.org) program will build on the legacy of the Scout name. There's a Scout salute, a Scout rank, a Scout Oath and a Scout Law. The word "Scout" carries with it more than 108 years of character-building tradition, and the young men and young women of Scouts BSA will carry that tradition forward.

An informational meeting for interested parents and Scouts will be held at Tri-County Sportsmen's League on Monday, January 7, at 7:00pm.

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## Memorial and Well-Being

Member Gerald "Jerry" Zapolnik, 57 of Saline, Michigan passed away suddenly on Thursday, November 22, at his home. A Rosary Service was held on November 27, followed by a Mass of the Christian Burial on the 28th at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline with Fr. James McDougall as Celebrant. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family c/o Sharon Zapolnik.

Member Mark Smokowicz's mother, Therese Smokowicz, 90, passed away on November 17 quietly in her sleep. A memorial service and interment will take place in Milwaukee.



## TCSL's 80th Birthday Celebration

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - 1-5pm



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JOIN OUR TEAM

## We're Hiring

*(Just kidding!)*

*We're looking for volunteers.)*

### Archery Committee Members

#### Bartenders!

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

#### Kitchen Help, Servers, etc.

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## Happy Holidays from the Archery Range

As this month's newsletter arrives in your in-box, I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season to share my gratitude to the TCSL community for the warm welcome to the club as a member and as the Chair of the Archery Range. If it's been a while since you've visited our Archery Range, I encourage you to visit it again, fling some arrows, refresh your skills, and remember how much fun it can be! While you're there, take a good look around with an eye towards what sorts of changes or improvements or additions you would make to the range, and what types of archery programming we should consider trying in the new year. Whether you prefer traditional, recurve, compound or crossbow, it makes no difference what flings your arrows! If you enjoy archery and would like your ideas to be represented at the TCSL archery range and program, I would love to hear from you.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I will be sending out a 10-question survey to all members who expressed an interest in the Archery Range when they filled out their membership application materials. If you don't remember whether or not you checked that box, feel free to email me; and I'll be sure that you get a survey too. I hope you'll respond to this short survey, as it will help me order the priorities for the Archery Program this next year, and it will give you an opportunity to voice your preferences about potential improvements or activities that we should consider. Meanwhile, you never need to wait for a survey to talk to me about Archery! Email me when you have an issue, an idea, a concern, or a celebration!

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## Hunter Education and Safety

All first-time hunters born on or after January 1, 1960, are required to take and pass a hunter safety course. You will not be able to purchase a base license (other than an apprentice license) unless you can prove successful completion of a hunter safety course.

Hunter education courses teach new hunters responsibility, ethics, firearm safety, wildlife conservation and identification, game care, survival, and first aid. Courses are offered year-round throughout the state, though the majority occur in the spring (April and May) and in fall (August, September, and October). The typical hunter education course consists of two to five sessions with a total class time of 10-12 hours.

Get your hunter safety certificate in a classroom-based course (plus field day class): Traditional classroom hunter education classes are typically held in outdoor clubs, schools, police stations, and camps. A workbook home study alternative may be available in your area, but you must also register for a field day class BEFORE taking the home study course. Search for a class in your area and arrange your field day with the instructor. The instructor will let you know if the workbook home study is available. The cost of the course could be up to \$10.00 to cover field supplies. The instructor will tell you the cost when you register for the course.

Visit the DNR's Recreational Safety Education Class Database and select the class type (Hunter) and county in the drop-down lists.

Get your hunter safety certificate online (plus field day class):

You may also choose to take the class online. After taking an online course, you are required to attend the skills/field day portion of a regular class and take the student examination in order to receive your hunter safety certificate. You will need to pre-register for the skills/field portion of a regular class BEFORE taking the online course. Upon passing the online course, you will be eligible to complete the skills/field portion and take the written examination without attending a classroom course. There are fees associated with the online course and field day portion of the training. The following are approved online courses:

[www.hunter-ed.com/Michigan](http://www.hunter-ed.com/Michigan)

[www.huntercourse.com/usa/michigan](http://www.huntercourse.com/usa/michigan)

<http://www.hunteredcourse.com/state/michigan>

Stay tuned for a upcoming course and or field day at TCSL.

Until then GET OUTDOORS and enjoy Michigan.

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## Alpha House Donations

Through December 15, 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:



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## 185-Yard Bench Rifle Match

Our FIRST EVER 185 yard Rifle Match was held on Saturday November 17th at the 185 yard rifle range with 7 shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
<b>Iron Sight Division</b>				
1st Place	Dave Vandermark	1878 Swiss Vetterli	10.4x38R	95-2x
	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	95
2nd Place	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	.223 Rem	94-3x
3rd Place	Jerry Marken	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	90
<b>Scoped Division</b>				
1st Place	Jerry Marken	AR-15	.223 Rem	100-6x
	Larry Sanford	Remington 700	.308 Win	100-6x
	Todd Schmidt	Ruger Precision	.308 Win	100-6x
2nd Place	Mike Johnston	AR-15	6.5 Grendel	99-1x
	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	.223 Rem	99-1x
3rd Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.224 Valkyrie	89

A fine bunch of shooting by all! It seemed like our shooters enjoyed the match, so we will be doing it again in 2019 (watch the calendar).

Our next Military Rifle Match (a Bench Match) will be held on Saturday, January 19, 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 will be: ten (10) rounds of slow fire from the bench for sight-in within 10 minutes. For score; ten (10) rounds slow fire from the bench within 10 minutes. For the slow fire, single fed rounds are fired within 10 minutes.

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1878 Swiss Vetterli

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### Memorials

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contact: Carol Parent  
[reservations@tcsl.org](mailto:reservations@tcsl.org)

### Rent Our Range

contact: [safety@tcsl.org](mailto:safety@tcsl.org)

### Private Parties at TCSL in December

- 1 Towler Christmas Party
- 7 Saline Special Services
- 8 Veterans & Friends Ballroom Dancing
- 11 Milan Rotary Christmas Party
- 15 Wicked Jeeps Christmas Party

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### Women's Sport Shooting - 2019

We'll be taking the month of December off, but Air Rifle shooting will resume in January. Events are all on Sunday afternoons from 1-3pm, and the cost is \$5.00 per round.

January 20 • February 17 • March 10 • April 14

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



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**Deck the Hall**  
Annual Christmas Concert  
**Thursday, December 13**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Ypsilanti Community Choir**  
and the  
**Depot Town Big Band**  
Hosted by Linda Yohn  
Towsley Auditorium  
Washtenaw Community College  
free admission & parking  
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[ypsilantichoir.org](http://ypsilantichoir.org) [depottownbigband.com](http://depottownbigband.com)

## Education Committee

### Upcoming Courses & Workshops

Sun, Dec 9: Personal Protection in the Home Course. [Click here to register](#). Course fee: \$100/\$120 Member/Non-member.

Thur, Jan 10: Education Committee Meeting - 6:30-8:00pm. Open to members.

Wed, Jan 16: 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  
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or call or text 734-637-8000

## Positive Thoughts



Do you ever wonder if what you do makes a difference? Here's a story that was recently related to me by a friend who worked many years in the State's foster care program. He answered the phone the other day, and the unfamiliar voice on the other end asked him a few questions —to make sure he'd called the right person. The caller just wanted to report that he now has a good job in the trades, and that my friend was one of the few people who changed his life. I don't have to tell you what that meant to my friend. So if there's someone in your life who's made a positive impact like that, please tell them. Life's short!

Val Kabat  
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## Membership Report

December brings to an end the volunteer hours accumulation for 2018. The normal calendar year for hours is December 1 through November 30; but this year, the Board of Directors voted to allow the cutoff to be extended to December 8, to enable members to use Cover the Creek project hours toward their 2018 total. (Volunteers will have the option to credit their work hours for that day to either 2018 or 2019.)

Since taking over as Membership Secretary, I have changed the way hours are recorded. In the past, hours were just added to a member's total, with no record of the activity or task. I am now maintaining a table of hours that includes the member card number, the activity, the task, the date, and the hours. We were five months into the year when I started, so there is detail for only May through December. The hours before May are included in the table, but only as a running total for each member.

Here are some examples of some statistics that can be selected:

Total hours to date:	11,624.00*
TCSL IDPA Tier 2 Challenge:	1,269.25
Women On Target:	1,137.00
Kids On Range Day:	422.75
Friday Steak Fry:	291.50
Grounds Work:	172.25

318 members have either completed their volunteer-hour requirement or are over 65 and not obligated to volunteer.

Another function of this record-keeping is to help determine the members who are eligible for credit toward a 2019 range pass. As you know, a member who volunteers 25 hours will receive \$25 off their optional 2019 range pass, 50 hours will give them \$50 off, and 75+ hours will earn them a free range pass. There are currently 37 members who are eligible for a free range pass, 19 are eligible for \$50 off, and 33 are eligible for \$25 off.

In the last 4 months we have added 14 new members and there are 6 pending that need to attend the orientation session.

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\*More than half of the total 11,624 hours were performed by just 17 members.

## 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](mailto: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 on Target Saturday, June 8, 2019



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Sue Smokowicz • [sue.smoke@comcast.net](mailto:sue.smoke@comcast.net)

Planning meetings will begin in February (dates/times TBD). As last year, we'll meet to plan both events at the same time, because so many members volunteer to work at both events. And no one wants to attend more meetings!

### Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 14, 2019



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Val Kabat • [KORD@tcsl.org](mailto:KORD@tcsl.org)





# December 2018 - TCSL Event Calendar

Information subject to change; please check the online calendar: [tcsi.org](http://tcsi.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Range &amp; Clubhouse Hours</b> Rifle & Pistol Ranges: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm or dusk Sunday, noon-8pm or dusk Clubhouse: Sunday-Tuesday, noon-6pm Wednesday-Saturday, 10am-6pm					9am-Monroe Travelling Trap Team Shoot 4pm-Towler Christmas Dinner
8am-Hearty Breakfast- Public Invited Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons		10am-Range Time-Rifle	9am-Dance Lessons	9am-Dance Lesson 3pm-Saline Special Services	9am-Cover the Creek Work Crew 5pm-Veterans & Friends-Ballroom Dancing
8am-CCW/CPL-PPIH Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons	3pm-Milan Rotary Club Christmas Party	10am-Range Time-Pistol	9am-Dance Lessons 6:30pm-Education Committee Mtg	5pm-Diversified Excavating Christmas Party	3pm-Wicked Jeeps Christmas Party
Noon-Trap	6:30pm-Safety Committee Mtg		10am-Range Time-Rifle 6pm-"Know Your Gun" Workshop (RSVP Required)	5pm-Burger Night 6:30pm-Board & Membership Mtg	 <a href="#">National Ugly Sweater Day</a>	9am-New Member Orientation
	 Twas the Night before Christmas... 8:30pm-NYE Celebration w/Depot Town Big Band		10am-Range Time-Pistol	 <a href="#">National Fruitcake Day</a>		 <a href="#">Tick-Tock Day</a>

# January 2019 - TCSL Event Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	10am-Range Time-Rifle	9am-Dance Lessons	 <a href="#">National Spaghetti Day</a>	
8am-Hearty Breakfast- Public Invited Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 7pm-Scouts BSA		10am-Range Time-Pistol	9am-Dance Lessons 6:30pm-Education Committee Mtg		
Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons		10am-Range Time-Rifle 6pm-"Know Your Gun" Workshop (RSVP Required)	9am-Dance Lessons 6:30pm-TCSL Board & Membership Mtg		 <a href="#">National Popcorn Day</a>
Noon-Trap 1pm-Women's Air Rifle - All are Invited!	9am-Dance Lessons 6:30pm-Safety Committee Mtg		10am-Range Time-Pistol	9am-Dance Lessons		
Noon-Trap	9am-Dance Lessons 7pm-Scouts BSA	 <a href="#">National Corn Chip Day</a>	10am-Range Time-Rifle	9am-Dance Lessons	For hall rental information, contact Carol Parent <a href="mailto:cbrklich25@hotmail.com">cbrklich25@hotmail.com</a> 734-417-6895. Or call the Club at 734-429-9561	