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President's Column

TCSL ELECTIONS will be conducted on Thursday, February 21, from noon til 8pm. Members, we need you to come to the club and vote for Officers and Directors to sit on the board. If you can't make it, please email Bill Bond at SPCOA1@sbcglobal.net and request an absentee ballot.

The following awards to some very deserving members were announced at the January 17 Board/Membership meeting:

Members of the Year: Phil Cardon and Stuart Berry

The award went to two members this year. Many years ago, Phil started bringing his own riding mower over to help cut the grass at TCSL. Today you can find him on the club's zero-turn mower pitching in. He has also been a selfless volunteer in the kitchen, and you can find him helping out at steak fries and burger nights, doing whatever is needed. Stuart is also a perennial volunteer, helping out at receptions, dinner/auctions, and special events. When the call goes out Stuart always answers.

Associate Member of the Year: Carol Brown

Associate Member of the Year award went to Carol Brown. This year the board recognized Carol's support of the club in volunteering hours. She had the highest number of hours outside of committee chairs.

Leadership Award: Paul Scowley

Paul Scowley is being recognized for coming up with a creek cover design that is cost effective and modular. Made out of metal, which will prolong the life well beyond what a wood replacement would provide. He also oversaw the construction of the modules. Come this spring the new modules will be installed.

There will be a Burger Night on Thursday, February 21, from 5:00-6:30pm, followed by a Board Meeting, and then a Membership Meeting. Come get a burger, vote, and stick around for the meetings (get volunteer hours for attending), and find out the results of the elections at 8pm.

Mark Smokowicz
president@tcsl.org

Positive Thoughts

"Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results."

—Willie Nelson



*All members are invited—and encouraged—to contribute to this column.
Let's put more positive energy out there!!!*

Archery Range & Program

Survey Says:

You may recall from our December newsletter that the Archery Range & Program Chair announced that a survey was scheduled for late 2018/early 2019. Well, the survey was delivered to 65 email in-boxes (everyone who indicated archery as an interest on their membership application), and the results are in.

First—THANK YOU to the members who clicked on the link to submit their answers. Your feedback will help guide our priorities for 2019.

Based on their answers, 54% of survey respondents consider themselves archery hunters and use the range to hone their hunting skills. None were competition archers, and the remainder use the archery range for recreation and enjoyment. Most (47%) use a compound bow, followed by crossbow (32%), recurve (16%), and longbow (5%). If those numbers don't add up, that's because survey participants were permitted to indicate more than one category.

Top priorities recommended for action on the archery range include updating/replacing targets, considerations for targets that hold up to crossbow use, adding a bench or table to the range, and adding yardage markers. In terms of programming, several people are eager to see some beginner classes for kids and adults first, but also more advanced classes, and possibly some topic-specific instruction, like a seminar on archery equipment.

I was pleased to receive a short list of individuals who tentatively agreed to serve as a range-instructor and/or safety officer for 2019 educational programming, but understandably, nearly all of them also indicated needing some training or mentoring prior to agreeing to help run courses. One person also agreed to serve on the archery committee, and I'm really grateful for that!

Based on the survey results, my top priority for the range itself is the targets. We'll be evaluating the current targets for repair/replace decisions, and I will advocate that any new targets we get on the range will be crossbow compatible. My top priority in terms of educational programming will be to

offer "training for the trainers" in the upcoming months. I will work with TCSL leadership to determine the cost, scope and location of this training, but in order to run beginner programs for kids or adults, we'll need several people as instructors or safety officers, so that's where we will begin.

If you have an interest in helping with the archery range or archery educational programming, please reach out to me and let me know! Meanwhile, keep your broad heads sharp and your skills even sharper!

contact: Rob Ploutz-Snyder
archery@tcsl.org

Memorial and Well-Being

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Member Earl Austin's wife, Cindy, is battling a leg infection.

Member Talle Jolliffe is in the hospital awaiting surgery.

Member Tom Lewandowski is recuperating from a bout with the norovirus—something he apparently picked up while visiting the ER for back problems.

Member Chuck Tellas is at home recuperating from surgery and expected to return to work in early February.

Long time member and past president (1992-93) Cliff Olson was admitted to Well-Bridge of Pickney in January and passed away on January 29.

Please email memorial and well-being announcements to newsletter@tcsl.org.



Friends of the NRA Dinner Saturday, April 13

Thank you for your past support for the Friends of NRA program. The April 13 dinner is less than three months away, and tickets are going fast.

This year, we will have some new firearm raffle games, the always-popular knife-pull game, live and silent auctions, an exciting ammo-can raffle, an amazing Sig Sauer P210, a Sauer 100 Classic XT in 6.5 Creed-mor, another great meal from the Tri-County kitchen, and much, much more!

Please come out and join us for a good time and a great cause. I hope to see you all again this year.

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Chairman, Huron Valley Friends of NRA
734-218-0381
garyknechtel@reagan.com

Tickets: [Online](#)
In Person: Tri-County Bar
By phone: 734-218-0381

Spring Turkey Hunts April 22-May 31

Check a Spring Turkey Hunting Digest for a hunt date that is good for you.

If you need or know of someone who needs their hunter safety certificate, go online, take the course, and register for the field-day portion of the class on February 24. Please register after passing the online course, and contact me for the field day at least one week before the class date.

contact: Jon Yost
huntereducation@tcsl.org

TCSL Elections On the Ballot*



President: Mark Smokowicz
First VP: Carlos Soto
Second VP: Carol Parent
Treasurer: John Harden
Membership Secretary: Charles Unbehaun
Recording Secretary: Stuart Berry
Region 1: Maudie Abraham
(3-yr. term)
Region 2: Jim Walter
(3-yr. term)
Region 3: Steve Nesmith vs. Phillip Cardon
(3-yr. term)
Region 4: Phil Hemenway vs. Ed White
(1-yr. term/3-yr. term)

Voting at the club will begin at noon on Thursday, February 21.

***Click [here](#) to request an absentee ballot.** Be sure to include your name and address! Return instructions will be sent with ballot.

Help Wanted

Archery Committee Members contact: archery@tcsl.org
Bartenders contact: kitchen@tcsl.org
Cardboard backing for pistol range targets contact: pistol@tcsl.org
Grant co-ordinator, writer. contact: president@tcsl.org
Kids on the Range Day - 2020 chair contact: KORD@tcsl.org
Kitchen Chair, Kitchen Help, Servers contact: kitchen@tcsl.org
Newsletter Help (design, etc.) contact: newsletter@tcsl.org
NRA Instructors contact: education@tcsl.org
Range Safety Officers contact: education@tcsl.org

FOR SALE:

Hornady 366 Progressive Shotshell Reloading Press

This press was donated to the club by a TCSL member, and the money from the sale goes directly to the club. These retail new for about \$800. It is priced to give a good deal to a TCSL member. Rated by Hornady to load up to 250 12 ga, 2-3/4" shells per hour. A printed copy of the manual comes with it.

Price: \$350

Interested? Contact Dave Vandermark
at rifle@tcsl.org



Winter Military Rifle Match Held

Our first winter Military Rifle bench match for 2019 was held on Saturday January 12th at the 100-yard rifle range with 6 shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1st Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	223 Rem	97-2x
2nd Place	Gerry Marken	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	96-1x
3rd Place	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30/06	94
	Mark Smokowicz	M1 Garand	30/06	91-1x
Scoped Division				
1st Place	John Burke	AR-15	224 Valkyrie	100-9x
2nd Place	Paul Siska	M1A	308 Win	89-1x

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, February 16, 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.

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.

Please Note: You need not be a military member to compete, as they are surely welcome, you only need to own a military style rifle.
For further information or questions

contact Dave Vandermark
rifle@TCSL.org

Family Air Rifle

Sunday, February 17, 1-3pm

The competition is upstairs at the clubhouse - \$5 fee per person. Hope to see you there!

contact:

Val Kabat, women.tcsl@gmail.com
Carol Parent, cbrklich25@hotmail.com
Sue Smokowicz, sue.smoke@comcast.net
Renee Tellas, ccw4pp@yahoo.com

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contact: Carol Parent
reservations@tcsl.org

Rent Our Range

contact: safety@tcsl.org

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What's Happenin' at the Club in February?

[To see the full calendar online, please click here.](#)

Want to know more about any of these events? Click on the link to send an email with your questions.

- 1 7pm [Scouts BSA Troop Kick-Off \(Outdoors\)](#)
- 3 8am [Hearty Breakfast](#) (Public Invited)
- 8am [CCW/CPL - PPIH](#)
- noon [Trap](#)
- 4 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 7pm [Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.](#)
- 5 6pm [WOT/KORD Planning Mtg.](#)
- 6 10am [Range Time](#) (Pistol)
- 6:30pm [Friends of the NRA Mtg.](#)
- 7 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 8 5pm [Dance Party](#)
- 9 10am [NRA Basic Instructor Training](#)
- 10 8am [NRA Basic Pistol Instructor Training](#)
- noon [Trap](#)
- 11 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 7pm [Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.](#)
- 13 10am [Range Time](#) (Rifle)
- 14 6:30pm [Education Committee Mtg.](#)
- 16 8am [NRA PPIH Instructor Course](#)
- 9am [Military Rifle Match](#)
- 10am [Dry Fire Shotgun Simulator Practice](#) (Indoors)
- 17 noon [Trap](#)
- 1-3pm [Family Air Rifle](#)
- 18 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 7pm [Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.](#)
- 20 10am [Range Time](#) (Pistol)
- 21 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- noon [TCSL Elections](#)
- 5pm [Burger Night](#)
- 6:30pm [Board Mtg.](#)
- 7pm [Membership Mtg.](#)
- 22 5pm [Flame Broiled Steak Fry](#)
- 23 9am [New Member Orientation](#)
- 24 9:30am [Michigan DNR Online Course](#)
- noon [Trap](#)
- 25 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 7pm [Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.](#)
- 27 10am [Range Time](#) (Rifle)
- 28 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)

Women on Target

Save the Date: June 8 will be our 12th annual event for Women on Target! We look forward to seeing you at our first planning meeting on Tuesday, February 5!

Registration will begin on April 1, and registration forms and waivers will be available for downloading [online](#) or for pick-up at the club. Unfortunately, registrations cannot be accepted online. The completed, signed forms, along with the \$80-per-lady registration fee must be submitted (via snail mail or in person) to the club (8640 Moon Road, Saline 48176). The fee includes door prizes, a T-Shirt, light breakfast, lunch, and morning and afternoon shooting events that cover seven different ranges. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

Registrations (limited to 70 participants) will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis, so we encourage first-time shooters to register early! Ladies can register individually or with their own team, and a team can range from 2-10 participants.

As always, the success of this event will depend on the enthusiastic support always demonstrated by our members. Over the past 11 years, 12,100+ volunteer hours have been contributed to make sure every lady registered has a safe and educational day. It's the dedication of our TCSL members that has made our Women on Target events so successful! Sharon Burkhardt and I look forward to our 12th event and the successes of our participants who will experience a fun day in the sport of shooting.

As always we welcome **all** volunteers! There's a place for everyone: working on the ranges, guiding teams, manning the front tables, and helping in the kitchen.

We also have advertising and sponsorship opportunities for businesses! Please talk to us about the possibilities. One place for your name to be prominently displayed is on the t-shirts participants and workers will be wearing all day.

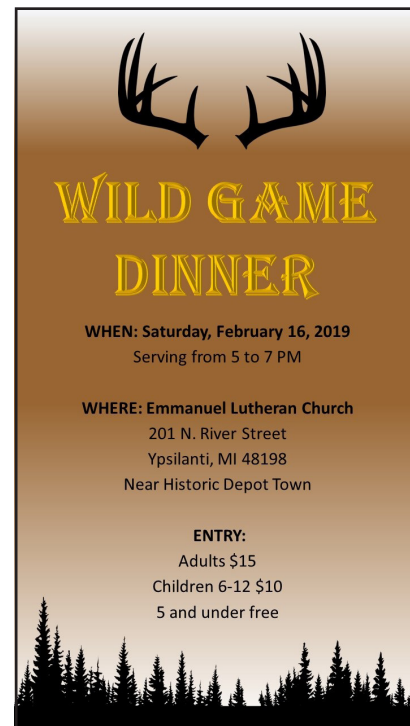
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Planning Meetings for WOT & KORD (Combined)

Tuesdays at 6pm

February 5 • March 5 • April 9 • May 7
Volunteer Dinner: May 28

(There will be one addition KORD meeting on Tuesday, July 9.)



Emmanuel Lutheran Church: 734-482-7121

Kids on the Range Day

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday, February 5, at the first WOT/KORD planning meeting.

I hope you've all marked the date—Saturday, July 13—on your calendars. The format will be the same as always, but the minimum age this year will be 7 (not 6). There were too many 6-year-old tears last year!

We can all agree, I think, that KORD is an extremely worthwhile event. These young, potential shooters are the future of clubs like ours. If we want to keep the event free to participants, we're going to need look seriously at fundraising opportunities. So . . . watch for a couple of new activities coming soon. They'll include a 50:50 raffle at each of our regular Steak Fries on the fourth Friday of the month, and probably a couple of other things as well. And the "Keep KORD Free" jar is always happy to accept random donations. ☺

The future of KORD will also depend upon ongoing leadership, and this old gal is . . . well . . . old. It would make me very happy if someone would step up and volunteer to take over the event next year.

See you on the 5th!

contact: Val Kabat
KORD@tcsl.org

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Feb 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					7pm - Scouts BSA	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8am - Breakfast at 8am - CPL/CCW - 12pm - Trap	9am - Ballroom 9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop	6pm - WOT/KORD	10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Friends of	9am - Ballroom	5pm - Dance Party	10am - NRA Basic
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8am - NRA Basic 12pm - Trap	9am - Ballroom 9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop		10am - Wednesday	6:30pm - Education		8am - NRA PPIH 9am - Military Rifle 10am - Dry Fire Shot
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
12pm - Trap 1pm - Womens	9am - Ballroom 9am - Ballroom 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop		10am - Wednesday	9am - Ballroom 12pm - Elections for 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	5pm - Flame Broiled	9am - New Member
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
9:30am - Michigan 12pm - Trap	9am - Ballroom 9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop		10am - Wednesday	9am - Ballroom		

Please see the calendar online for complete, up-to-date information.

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Mar 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8am - Breakfast at 8am - CPL/CCW - 12pm - Trap	9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop	6pm - WOT/KORD	10am - Wednesday	9am - Ballroom	5pm - Dance Party	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12pm - Trap 1pm - Family Air	9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop		10am - Wednesday	9am - Ballroom 6:30pm - Education		8am - NRA - 9am - Military Rifle
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31	1	2	3	4	5	6
8am - TCSL RSO						