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## President's Column

Results of the TCSL Elections held on Thursday, 2/21/19, are in; and here they are:

**Officers:** President: Mark Smokowicz; 1VP: Carlos Soto; 2VP: Carol Parent; Treasurer: John Harden; Membership Secretary: Charlie Unbehaun; Recording Secretary: Stuart Berry. **Directors:** Region 1: Maudie Abraham; Region 2: Jim Walter; Region 3: Steve Nesmith; Region 4: Phil Hemmingway and Ed White.

Officers who are stepping down after many years of service are Bob Parent from the Treasurer's position and Steve Joliffe from the Recording Secretary's position. We owe these two individuals a great deal of appreciation for their dedication to the club. Both will still be helping out TCSL Steve at the Trap Range and Bob will help in a new role as the Club's Business Manager. Please join me in thanking Bob and Steve for their help and guidance and in wishing Bob good luck in his new role.

MUCC News: The **Michigan Out of Doors Youth Camp** has opened registration for the 2019 summer camp. TCSL will send 5 youths to camp. Should you have a 5-8 year old interested in a Day Camp or a 9-11 year old interested in an outdoor recreation camp, please see me for a camp brochure and application. Visit [www.mucccamp.org](http://www.mucccamp.org) for more information.

TCSL will conduct a **Range Safety Officer Course** on Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31. Should you be interested in becoming an Range Safety Officer (RSO) and able to help out the club, your tuition for the course will be picked up by TCSL. You will have to pay for the CPR/AED portion (\$40) and lunch, but your certification will be free. Also, if your CPR/AED is expired or about to expire, you may want to register for the Sunday morning portion only. To register or get more information, contact [education@tcsl.org](mailto:education@tcsl.org).

**Friends of NRA** will be holding their annual Fund Raiser Dinner/Banquet/Auction on Saturday, April 13, at TCSL. Get your tickets at the bar. If you can't make it to the event but still want to help out, you can donate items or cash, or underwrite an item for auction. Grants from the Friends of NRA Foundation benefit programs such as youth education, law enforcement training, hunter education, conservation, firearms and marksmanship training and safety, and much more. Half of the funds raised come back to Michigan to support local programs. To donate or for more information contact [friendsofnra@tcsl.org](mailto:friendsofnra@tcsl.org).

TCSL will sponsor a **Serve Safe Food Handlers Course** on Saturday, April 6, from 11am to pm. If you volunteer for catered events, work in the kitchen, or help with serving, this is a "must" for you to attend. TCSL will pick up the cost of the course. Please contact me to enroll.

Our next **Board Meeting/Membership Meeting/Burger Night** will be on Thursday, March 21. Burgers served from 5 to 6:30pm, followed by the Board Meeting, then a Membership Meeting. Come out and help support your Club.

Mark Smokowicz  
[president@tcsl.org](mailto:president@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 just weeks 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 Creedmor, 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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Tickets: [Online](#)  
In Person: Tri-County Bar  
By phone: 734-218-0381

## 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](mailto:rifle@tcsl.org)



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## Scout BSA Troop 439

The ladies have been very busy in their first month of scouting. Eight young women participated in an investiture ceremony on February 1. The following day, many of them attended a merit badge day, earning their first merit badges. In meetings they have been focusing on advancement, learning knots, first aid and other scout skills. They have since recruited a couple additional members.

On the weekend of February 15-17, the troop went on their first camp out at Camp Teetonkah. While there they worked on earning their Firem'n Chit and Totin' Chip. This allows them to make and maintain safe fires and manage pocket knives, saws, and axes. The girls have fully embraced scouting activities and are well on their way through T-2-1.

The photo above shows the Scoutmaster Tammy Mayrend, Assistant Scoutmaster Eric Dahlgren and several members of Troop 439.



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## Memorial and Well-Being

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Longtime member Gerald Schmid, who passed away unexpectedly.

Member Tom Lewandowski's wife, who is in the hospital.

Please email memorial and well-being announcements to [newsletter@tcsi.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsi.org).

### Positive Thoughts

Think like a proton and stay positive.

*All members are invited—and encouraged—to contribute to this column.*

*Let's put more positive energy out there!!!*



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## Family Air Rifle Sunday, March 10, 1-3pm

We had our first 2019 Air Rifle competition on February 17. We had 6 strong competitors but a father and son duo dominated the scores to the dismay of our 10-year-old Kiera, who loves to hit bullseyes!!

Round 1: Brandon Sears, 1st place; Ilene Smith, 2nd place; Sue Smokowicz, 3rd place

Round 2: Brandon Sears, 1st place; Cherry Kirbs, 2nd place; Devon Sears, 3rd place

Round 3: Brandon Sears, 1st place; Devon Sears, 2nd place; Ilene Smith, 3rd place

(Don't let the words "competition" or "match" scare you a way. Everyone is welcome! And actually, shooting is even required!)



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## Winter Military Rifle Match Held

Our second winter Military Rifle bench match for 2019 was held on Saturday, February 16, at the 100-yard rifle range with 9 shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
<b>Iron Sight Division</b>				
1st Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	98-1x
2nd Place	Larry Sanford	1903 Springfield	30/06	95-2x
3rd Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	223 Rem	95
	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	223 Rem	94-2x
	Jerry Marken	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	94
	Scott Beaudry	M1 Garand	30/06	92-3x
	Bill Rushmore	SKS Paratrooper	7/62x39	75
<b>Scoped Division</b>				
1st Place	John Burke	AR-10	6.5 Creedmoor	98-3x
2nd Place	Jim Szacik	AR-15	223 Rem	96-1x

Larry's 1903 Springfield was a Civilian-issued target rifle made by the U.S. Government and sold to the public to help promote target shooting after WWI. It was truly beautiful, and almost one of a kind. See what you miss by not coming to the Military Match?

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, March 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, though they are surely welcome; you only need to own a military-style rifle.**

For further information or questions

contact Dave Vandermark  
rifle@TCSL.org



French Lebel m.1886/93 R35

## Help Wanted

Archery Committee Members . . . . . contact: [archery@tcsl.org](mailto:archery@tcsl.org)  
 Bartenders . . . . . contact: [kitchen@tcsl.org](mailto:kitchen@tcsl.org)  
 Grant co-ordinator, writer. . . . . contact: [president@tcsl.org](mailto:president@tcsl.org)  
 Hunter Education Instructors. . . . . contact: [huntereducation@tcs.org](mailto:huntereducation@tcs.org)  
 Kids on the Range Day volunteers & 2020 chair. . . . . contact: [KORD@tcsl.org](mailto:KORD@tcsl.org)  
 Kitchen Chair, Kitchen Help, Servers . . . . . contact: [kitchen@tcsl.org](mailto:kitchen@tcsl.org)  
 Newsletter Help (design, etc.) . . . . . contact: [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org)  
 NRA Instructors . . . . . contact: [education@tcsl.org](mailto:education@tcsl.org)  
 Range Safety Officers . . . . . contact: [education@tcsl.org](mailto:education@tcsl.org)  
 Women on Target volunteers. . . . . contact: [womenontarget@tcsl.org](mailto:womenontarget@tcsl.org)

## Wish List

Cardboard backing for pistol range targets . . . . . contact: [pistol@tcsl.org](mailto:pistol@tcsl.org)

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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)



## What's Happenin' at the Club in March?

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.

- 2 8am [NRA Instructor Pistol Shooting Course](#)
- 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](#)
- 10 noon [Trap](#)
- 1pm [Family Air Rifle](#)
- 11 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 7pm [Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.](#)
- 13 10am [Range Time](#) (Rifle)
- 5pm [Saline High Dry Fire](#)
- 14 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 6:30pm [Education Committee Mtg.](#)
- 16 8am [NRA CPL PPIH Course](#)
- 9am [Military Rifle Match](#)
- 17 noon [Trap](#)
- 18 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 6:30pm [Safety Committee Mtg.](#)
- 7pm [Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.](#)
- 20 10am [Range Time](#) (Pistol)
- 21 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 5pm [Burger Night](#)
- 6:30pm [Board Mtg.](#)
- 7pm [Membership Mtg.](#)
- 22 5pm [Flame Broiled Steak Fry](#)
- 23 8am [IDPA Match](#)
- 9am [New Member Orientation](#)
- 24 noon [Trap](#)
- 25 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 7pm [Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.](#)
- 27 10am [Range Time](#) (Rifle)
- 28 9am [Ballroom Dance Lessons](#)
- 30 9am [NRA RSO Course](#)
- 31 8am [TCSL RSO Course](#)

## Women on Target

Registration forms will be available April 1, which will be here before we know it! They can be picked up at Tri County or downloaded from [TCSL.org](http://TCSL.org). If you are new to shooting, be sure to get your application in ASAP. We're limited to 70 spaces, and they fill up fast! Teams must have members' names on each registration form submitted along, with payment of \$80 per person. Be sure to fill out all information, including age and T-shirt size. (If a size for the T-shirt is not listed, it's not available.)

As in previous years, we will happily accept sponsorships from any business wanting to advertise. In addition to the 70 ladies shooting, there will be more than 90 volunteers who will be able to see your advertisement.

We will be having a raffle once again for the ladies and volunteers. All donations for the raffle are appreciated.

Our next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5, at 6pm. Everyone interested in volunteering for WOT and/or KORD is welcome.

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Sharon Burkhardt  
[mudiblues@att.net](mailto:mudiblues@att.net)

### Planning Meetings for WOT & KORD (Combined)

#### The Following Tuesdays at 6pm

March 5 • April 9 • May 7

Volunteer Dinner: May 28

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

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[Haabs@provide.net](mailto:Haabs@provide.net)  
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## SAVE THE DATE



Ypsilanti Community Choir  
Spring Concert

*Sing Your Way Home*

Thursday, May 9 • 7:30 pm  
Towsley Auditorium, WCC  
free

[www.YpsiCommChoir.org](http://www.YpsiCommChoir.org)

## Kids on the Range Day

At our February planning meeting, we decided to make a big leap of faith and institute a participation fee for the event: \$10 per kid.

What they get for their \$10:

- An intro to three ranges.
- Use of firearms, ammo, targets, eyes, and ears (eyes and ears for parents, too)
- One-on-one coaching.
- Prizes (Turkey Shoot & Archery only).
- Pizza, cookies, lemonade (also for parents).
- Goody bag filled with various small items.

What they get for \$10 at McDonalds:

- Big Mac
- Large Fries
- Large Shake

The participation fee won't cover all of our costs, though, so watch for a couple of fundraising 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. There will also be a fundraiser at Haab's Restaurant (18 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti) on Sunday, June 23, when 10% of ALL sales that day will be donated to KORD. Oh . . . and the donation jar is always happy to accept random donations. ☺

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5, at 6pm. If you're interested in either KORD or WOT—or both—please join us. Both events need A LOT of volunteers!

contact: Val Kabat  
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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
						8am - NRA
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8am - Breakfast at 8am - CPL/CCW - 12pm - Trap	9am - Ballroom 3:30pm - Meet with 7pm - BSA Troop	6pm - WOT/KORD	10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Friends of	9am - Ballroom	5pm - Dance Party	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12pm - Trap 1pm - Family Air	9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop		10am - Wednesday 5pm - S.H.S. DriFire	9am - Ballroom 6:30pm - Education		8am - NRA CPL - 9am - Military Rifle
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
12pm - Trap	9am - Ballroom 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop		10am - Wednesday	9am - Ballroom 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match 9am - New Member
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
12pm - Trap	9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop		10am - Wednesday	9am - Ballroom		9am - NRA Range
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
8am - TCSL RSO	9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - S.H.S. Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - S.H.S. Trap	9am - Ballroom	5pm - Dance Party	11am - Serve Safe

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

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Apr 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
8am - TCSL RSO	9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - S.H.S. Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - S.H.S. Trap	9am - Ballroom	5pm - Dance Party	11am - Serve Safe
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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10am - 50th 12pm - Bowling Pin 12pm - Trap	9am - Ballroom 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - S.H.S. Trap				