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President's Column

The month of April was a huge learning month for Tri-County. Education conducted an RSO class, and eight completed the NRA/TCSL Range Safety Officers Certification. We have had requests to hold another RSO class, and one will be scheduled later this fall. If you want to become an RSO for the club and are willing to help out, we'll pick up your tuition. Get in contact with Brian, education@tcsl.org, to let him know you will attend. Following the RSO Class, a CPR/AED class was conducted and 16 members received or renewed that life-saving certificate. In addition, 18 club members attended a ServSafe Food Handlers course taught by an instructor from Michigan State Extension.

Both the American Heritage Girls (AHG) and the all-girl Scout troop held a weekend camp-out on the south side of the property in April. While here, the scout troop planted more than a hundred white pines along the west side of our property line. During that weekend, 15 American Heritage Girls earned their Air Rifle badge here at the club.

CTN brought out a video crew to the trap field on a Sunday for interviews and to get video for a "For Your Info" segment that runs on Fridays. What a great interview provided by trap team members Mark Burkhardt and Steve Jolliffe. Kudos, gentlemen. The video clip is posted on the TCSL Facebook page.

A Board Walk-Around was conducted on April 7 to help identify potential projects for the upcoming year. If you would like to help out, there is a list that was compiled; and copies are available on the information table. We are looking for individuals who can lead a project and bring it to completion. Pick a project, and run with it.

The Friends of NRA Foundation conducted their annual fundraising dinner/auction in April, and it was a huge success! With 194 in attendance, we had an increase in revenue from last year and raised over \$20,000. Which means more money to award to the future of the shooting sports. Thank you to those who attended and volunteered. If you were unable to attend, you can still help out by contributing and/or volunteering. The future of the sport needs you. Get in contact with Gary at friendsofnra@tcsl.org.

Mark your calendar for May 16, which is our next Board/Membership meeting that starts at 6:30pm. It's also a Burger Night, 5-6:30 pm. You can grab a meal and earn volunteer hours supporting your club by attending.

Very soon we will be losing our beverage cooler from the upstairs bar. If you come across one, get in contact with Carol at kitchen@tcsl.org.

Mark Smokowicz



President Mark Smokowicz presented Outstanding Service Awards to outgoing Treasurer Bob Parent (L) and outgoing Recording Secretary Steve Jolliffe (R).

Scouts BSA Troop 439

On Sunday April 28, 2019 members of Scouts BSA Troop 439 planted 200 white pine seedlings at Tri-County Sportsmen's League in remembrance of Earth Day. The troop spent the weekend camping at the sportsmen's, club hosting several perspective new members, and area Webelo scouts and parents from Cub Scout Pack 461 (Saline) and Pack 449 (Milan).

Throughout the weekend the scouts in Troop 439 learned about various trees on the property while earning the Forestry Merit Badge. They then shared the knowledge with their younger guests. At the end of the weekend, the scouts, several parents and siblings spent 3 hours planting White Pine tree seedlings to help with erosion, and to create a future sound barrier.



Spring Clean-Up Saturday May 18 • 9am-1pm

We need an older pick-up truck and a trailer to pick up limbs and branches, and we could use another person with a chain saw.

Please consider joining the Grounds Committee. We need three or four more people this season.

contact: Tim, 734-431-9138

Memorial / Well Being

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Tom Lewandowski's wife Lisa, who is battling an illness at home.

2019 - TCSL - Bowling Pin Shoots



Pin shooting is a fun, but challenging event. We welcome the skilled shooter, as well as, the novice shooter to participate. We guarantee you will enjoy yourself, while enhancing your shooting skills. Members are encouraged to bring friends/family along with them. Non-members are welcome.

PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot PCC (pistol caliber carbine)

Sundays: May 12, Jun 23, Jul 14, Aug 4, Sep 8

11:30 AM until 5:00 PM Shooting starts at 12:00 noon.

The cost for each relay (20 pins = 5 pins x 4 tables) is \$5.00

The shooter stands **20 yards** away from a structure, with 6 bowling pins on it. A safety officer, with a timer, will give the command to commence firing, at which time the shooter will begin shooting until all 5 pins are knocked down. The time it takes to knock 5 pins down is recorded. The average time of the shooters best 3 tables will determine his/her score. Bragging rights are determined by the lowest shooter's score.

If you don't own a PCC or .22 rifle and would like to participate, there are several members on site who are willing to loan you their .22 Rifle for this event.

Contact: Jim Walter 734-478-3946, jdwalter54@comcast.net

Handgun Bowling Pin Shoot (PCC & .22 Rifle also welcome) **and Handgun 4x4 Steel Plate Challenge**

Sundays: Apr 28, May 19, Jun 9, Jul 21, Aug 18, Sep 15

11:30 AM until 5:00 PM Shooting starts at 12:00 noon.

The cost for each relay (20 pins = 5 pins x 4 tables) is \$5.00.

The shooter stands **25 feet** away from a structure, with 5 bowling pins on it. A safety officer with a timer will give the command to commence firing, at which time the shooter will begin shooting until all 5 pins are knocked down. The time it takes to knock 5 pins down is recorded. The average time of the shooters best 3 tables will determine his/her score. Bragging rights are determined by the lowest shooter's score (time).

In the 4X4 Steel Plate Challenge, shooters will get two chances to knock down 4 steel plates, using only 4 rounds of ammo in their handgun. Speed and accuracy will determine the winner. Shooter with the fastest time of the day wins a cash prize. The cost to try the 4X4 Challenge is \$4.00.

Contact: Mike Cowhy 313-530-7789, car64mc@peoplepc.com

If you don't own a handgun, PCC or .22 rifle and would like to participate, there are several members on site who are willing to loan you their .22 handgun or rifle for this event.

Women on Target Saturday, June 8

We are well on our way to a fun event and continue to get registrations daily. If you are a first-time shooter, get your registration in ASAP, as we will fill up by the time June 8 rolls around. Many first-time shooters are reluctant to attend Women On Target because they are non-shooters, but that's exactly who Women On Target is designed for! Each range has one-on-one instruction; and every lady has a coach to answer questions and give instructions on the loading and safe handling of the firearm. Safety is the top priority on every range—then the fun of hitting the target quickly follows! Come out and have a fun, safe experience shooting—plus learning the sport of archery.



Registration forms are available online and at Tri County Sportsmen's League. Return the signed form, along with the \$80 fee, to Tri County Sportsmen's League. The fee includes a T-shirt, breakfast, lunch, firearms, ammunition, and eye and ear protection for each participant. If you have your own eyes and ears, you're welcome to bring them. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 7, followed by the May 28 volunteer dinner/wrap-up meeting before the June 8 event. If you have questions,

contact: [Carol Parent](#), 734-417-6895, or
[Sharon Burkhardt](#)

SHS Trap TCSL Member Appreciation Match

ALL Tri-County Sportsman's League Members are invited to attend this match!! The Saline Trap Team wants to thank you for supporting our team and providing the facility used for competitions.



The team will provide a picnic-theme buffet that will have a variety of food items. We also have a special "token of appreciation" for each Tri-County member that attends!

Bring your lawn chair, eye and ear protection, and join us for an evening of fun! Please feel free to interact with the team members in between rounds—these athletes are the future of shooting sports!!

contact: [Susan Duda-Osborne](#)

Recycle Your Brass!

With warmer weather, the ranges see more use. We are starting to see an increase of brass left on the ranges, particularly 9mm on the action bays. When you are done shooting, please take a few minutes to pick up your brass from the ground. If you don't want to reload it, please put it in one of the green wooden boxes located at the rifle and pistol ranges. It takes less than 5 minutes to pick up 100 pieces of pistol brass. When we recycle that at TCSL, the club gets \$1 for that brass. That's over \$12/hr. for your time going directly to TCSL without any expenses. That is better income per volunteer hour than just about any activity or event we hold. Think about it this way: If you bought that ammo for \$20, it's like donating 5% of your purchase to TCSL; AND it helps our ranges look nicer for guests and potential members. So please, pick it up!



There is also an increase in trash being left on the ranges, like cigarette butts, ear plugs, and shotgun hulls. Leaving these kinds of items lying around goes against our conservation goals and has no place at TCSL. We have trash bins at every range, so there's no reason for it to be left on the ground.

contact: [Dave Vandermark](#)

NAR Dinner

We had 194 attendees and raised over \$20,000. We hope to increase that amount with a raffle for a Sig P365 9mm. The winner of the Sig is automatically entered for a 1 in 24 chance to win a loaded gun safe in October. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Thank you volunteers and attendees for your support of the Friends of NRA.

contact: [Gary Knetchel](#)

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Easter Egg Hunt . . . and More!

Women's Sport Shooting held its first annual Easter Egg Hunt in lieu of an Air Rifle Shoot. We hit the jackpot with this event! We had 16 children ranging from 2 years old to 11yrs old - plus a 5-month old taking notes for next year. Game stations and coloring stations were set up downstairs of the clubhouse for the kids to enjoy. We had fruit kabobs, spring-colored popcorn, spring-colored pretzels, and brownies. Since we had a large age range, the 4 and under kids had their egg hunt downstairs; and the 5 and up were allocated upstairs for their egg hunt. Imagine the sound of those running feet on the wooden floor! The kids had a great time playing Peep catapult (Peep-a-pult?) and bunny bowling. We're already planning for next year with the hopes of good weather so we can move the event outside.

May brings warmer weather, which equates to Women's Sport Shooting moving outside to the Pin Shoots. May 19 is the next one, and you can find more information a little later in this newsletter or on the [tcsl.org calendar](http://tcsl.org/calendar). The event runs from noon to 5pm and costs is \$5 for each relay, information concerning the shoot can be found in the calendar under the May 19th date. Come out and join us.

contact: [Sue](#), [Val](#), or [Carol](#)

Trees Planted at TCSL

On the morning of Sunday April 28, Scout BSA Troop 439 took time out of their camping weekend to help [Dave Vandermark](#) plant 200 white pine seedlings at TCSL. With a goal of providing additional noise

screening for our neighbors and a little erosion control on our ranges, trees were planted behind the action bays, along the left side of the extended rifle range, and along our south fence line. The girls (and some parents and other Scouts) did a great job, and were very conscientious about how they went about the planting. And it was all done prior to shooting time, so it had no effect on the use of the ranges that morning. It will take some time for the trees to grow, but we (and the wild residents of our club) should see some nice benefits to the planting in the future. Great job Scouts!



Market swings making
you uneasy? Let's talk.



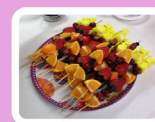
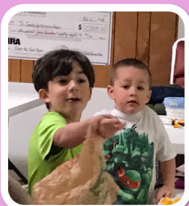
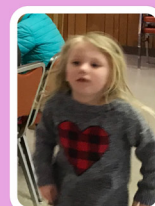
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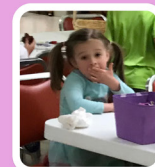
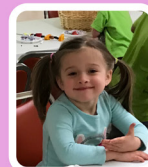


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Easter Egg
Hunt
Apr 14, 2019





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First Spring Military Rifle Match Held

Our first standard Military Rifle Match for 2019 was held on Saturday April 20th at the 100-yard rifle range with 8 shooters.

Results of the match:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>Iron Sight Division</u>				
1st Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.223 Rem	352-4x
2nd Place	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30/06	319-3x
3rd Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	294-2x
	Jerry Marken	AR-15	.223 Rem	290-1x
	Bill Rushmore	AR-15	.223 Rem	280
	Jim Szocik	AR-15	.223 Rem	251
<u>Scoped Division</u>				
1st Place	John Burke	AR-15	.223 Rem	350-4x
2nd Place	Jeff Gage	AR-15	.223 Rem	332

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 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 unsupported 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. There will be a short safety briefing prior to the match.

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 at rifle@TCSL.org.

Help Wanted

Archery Committee Members contact: archery@tcsl.org
 Bartenders contact: kitchen@tcsl.org
 Grant co-ordinator, writer. contact: president@tcsl.org
 Hunter Education Instructors. contact: huntereducation@tcsl.org
 Kids on the Range Day volunteers & 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
 Women on Target volunteers. contact: womenontarget@tcsl.org

Wish List

Cardboard backing for pistol range targets contact: pistol@tcsl.org

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contact: Carol Parent
reservations@tcsl.org

Rent Our Range

contact: safety@tcsl.org

Positive Thoughts



I was shopping at Fresh Thyme (on Washtenaw) the other day and had the most (pleasantly) surprising experience! Looking at the fresh produce, I decided against buying a cucumber (only 3-4 available, and kinda soft). I got in line to check out, and while I was in line, a young man (maybe 18-20) came and told me he'd just restocked the cucumbers. Did I want him to bring me one? He had noticed me turning up my nose at the old ones and wanted to make a customer happy. I love Fresh Thyme anyway, but now I love them even more!

Val Kabat

What's Happenin' at the Club in April?

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.

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| 1 | 10am Range Time (Pistol) | 15 | 10am Range Time (Pistol) |
| | 5pm Saline High Trap | | 5pm Saline High Trap |
| 2 | 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom | | 5pm Membership Apprec. Night - |
| | Dance Lessons | | Trap Range |
| | 6pm Gun Cleaning 101 (Pistol, Rifle,
or Shotgun) | 16 | 5pm Burger Night |
| 3 | 9am Archery Roof Repair Rain Date | | 6:30pm Board Mtg. |
| 4 | 8am NRA Instructor PPOH | | 7pm Membership Mtg. |
| 5 | 8am NRA Instructor PPOH | 18 | 9am Military Rifle Match |
| | noon Trap | | 9am Spring Clean-Up |
| 6 | 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom | | 9am Chinese American Conservative |
| | Dance Lessons | | Alliance |
| | 7pm Scouts BSA Troop Mtg. | 19 | noon Bowling Pin Shoot |
| 7 | 4pm Multi-Gun Practice -Action Bay 5 | | noon Trap |
| | 5pm IDPA Practice -Action Bays 3 & 4 | 20 | 7pm Scouts BSA Troop Mtg. |
| | 5pm Saline High Trap | 21 | 4pm Multi-Gun Practice -Action Bay 5 |
| | 6pm WOT/KORD Planning Mtg. | | 5pm IDPA Practice -Action Bays 3 & 4 |
| 8 | 10am Range Time (Rifle) | | 5pm Saline High Trap |
| | 5pm Saline High Trap | 22 | 10am Range Time (Rifle) |
| 9 | 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom | | 5pm Saline High Trap |
| | Dance Lessons | 23 | 6pm New Member Orientation |
| | 6:30pm Education Committee Mtg. | 24 | 4pm IDPA Match |
| 10 | 5pm Dance Party | | 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Fry (Public |
| 11 | 8am CCW/CPL - PPIH | | Invited) |
| | 10am 50th Anniversary Party | 25 | 8am IDPA Match |
| | | | 10am Graduation Party |
| | | 26 | 8am CCW/CPL - PPIH |
| | | 27 | 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom |
| | | | Dance Lesson |
| | | | 7pm Scouts BSA Troop Mtg. |
| | | 28 | 4pm Multi-Gun Practice -Action Bay 5 |
| | | | 5pm IDPA Practice -Action Bays 3 & 4 |
| | | | 5pm Saline High Trap |
| | | | 6pm WOT/KORD Volunteer Dinner |
| | | 29 | 10am Range Time (Pistol) |
| | | | 5pm Saline High Trap |

MAY 12-JUNE 1 - UPSTAIRS CLOSED FOR FLOOR REFINISHING

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| 12 | 9am Fundamentals of Intuitive De- | | |
| | fensive Shooting - Action Bay 4 | | |
| | noon Trap | | |
| | noon PCC & .22 Rifle Pin Shoot | | |
| 13 | 6:30pm Safety Committee Mtg. | | |
| | 7pm Scouts BSA Troop Mtg. | | |
| 14 | 4pm Multi-Gun Practice -Action Bay 5 | | |
| | 5pm IDPA Practice -Action Bays 3 & 4 | | |
| | 5pm Saline High Trap | | |

Planning Meeting for WOT & KORD (Combined)

Tuesday, May 7 - 6pm

May 7

Volunteer Dinner: May 28

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

Wanted (to Borrow)

Two or three 410 shotguns for KORD.
contact: trap@tcsi.org



Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 13

Registrations for this year's Kids on the Range Day are coming in steadily. At this writing, the morning slots for the little kids are nearly full! Registration forms are available at the club and online.



OUTDOOR FUND

The really exciting news, though, is that Cabela's Outdoor Fund has awarded us \$600 to help defray the costs of this year's event. This is going to be a HUGE help, and I hope our members will patronize the Dundee store when possible.

Between the April 26 50/50 raffle, and the "icon" sale, we've been able to raise nearly \$200, and we'll have at least one more raffle (at the June 28 Steak Fry) to benefit KORD. Later—on June 23—there will be a fundraiser at [Haab's Restaurant](#) (18 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti) 10% of ALL sales that day will be donated to KORD. And the donation jar is always happy to accept random donations. ☺

Thanks to you, these fundraising efforts, along with the Cabela's Outdoor Fund grant and the newly established participation fee SHOULD cover this year's costs and give us a headstart on next year (July 12, by the way).

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7, 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

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

May 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			10am - Wednesday 5pm - S.H.S. Trap	9am - Friends of 6pm - Learn Gun	9am - Archery Roof	8am - NRA
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8am - NRA 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice 5pm - S.H.S. Trap 6pm - WOT/KORD	10am - Wednesday 5pm - S.H.S. Trap	9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	5pm - Dance Party	8am - CPL NRA 10am - 50th
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Upstairs Clubhouse Closed (floor refinishing) @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
9am - Fundamentals 12pm - PCC & .22 12pm - Trap	6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice 5pm - S.H.S. Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - S.H.S. Trap 5pm - TCSL Member	5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership		9am - Military Rifle 9am - Spring 12pm - Chinese -
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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12pm - Bowling Pin 12pm - Trap	7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice 5pm - S.H.S. Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - S.H.S. Trap	6pm - New Member 5pm - Flame Broiled	4pm - IDPA Friday	8am - IDPA Match 10am - Graduation
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Upstairs Clubhouse Closed (floor refinishing) @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
8am - CPL NRA	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice 5pm - S.H.S. Trap 6pm - WOT/KORD	10am - Wednesday 5pm - S.H.S. Trap			

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

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Jun 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Upstairs Clubhouse Closed (floor refinishing) @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
						9am - .22LR 100 yd
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12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday	9am - Friends of		8am - Women On
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
11am - Payeur 12pm - Bowling Pin 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday	9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	5pm - Friends of	8am - CPL - NRA 9am - Military Rifle
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
MUCC Annual 11am - Fundraiser 12pm - PCC & .22 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday	9am - Friends of	4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match
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8am - CPL - NRA 12pm - Trap						