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President's Column



Smokey Bear was born on August 9, 1944, and has been working hard to inspire Americans for 75 years to prevent wildfires. As the weather breaks and we transition to outdoor activities, we as conservationists, should be aware of fire prevention techniques. So for this column, here are some tips to be aware of when you venture outdoors.

Vehicle Use

- Be sure tow chains aren't dragging, they can throw off sparks.
- Hot exhaust pipes can cause grass fires.
- Driving on exposed wheel rims can cause sparks.
- Never let brake pads wear too thin, metal on metal causes sparks.

Lawn Care

- Sparks from lawnmowers and power equipment DO start wildfires. Be careful on hot, dry days.
- In wildland areas, spark arresters are required on all portable, gasoline-powered equipment. They're commonly required on tractors, harvesters, chainsaws, weed eaters and lawnmowers.
- When doing any yardwork or work outdoors with mechanical equipment, keep a shovel and a fire extinguisher handy.
- In wildland areas, grinding and welding operations require a permit and 10 feet of clearance.

Backyard Debris Burning

- Don't burn when it's windy or when vegetation is very dry.
- In your area, a permit may be required.
- You can burn dry, natural vegetation, grown on the property, unless prohibited by local ordinances. Household trash, plastic or tires are not good to burn and are illegal to burn in some areas.
- Choose a safe burning site away from powerlines, overhanging limbs, buildings, vehicles, and equipment. You'll need at least three times the height of the pile of vertical clearance.
- The site should be surrounded by gravel or mineral soil (dirt) at least 10 feet in all directions. Keep the surroundings watered down during the burn and have a shovel close by.

- Keep your piles small and manageable. Add additional debris as the fire burns down.
- If using a burn barrel, make sure it's made entirely of metal, properly equipped (at least three evenly-spaced, three-inch, screened vents and metal top screen) and in good condition.
- Whether it's a requirement in your area or not, always stay with your fire until it is completely out. Drown the fire with water, turn over the ashes with a shovel and drown it again.

Campfire Safety - Maintain and Extinguish Your Campfire

- Never cut whole trees or branches, dead or alive. Live materials won't burn and dead standing trees—called "snags"—are often homes for birds and other wildlife.
- Once you have a strong fire going, add larger pieces of dry wood to keep it burning steadily.
- Don't burn dangerous things like aerosol cans, pressurized containers, glass or aluminum cans.
- Keep your fire to a manageable size.
- Make sure children and pets are supervised near the fire. Never leave your campfire unattended.
- Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible.
- Pour lots of water on the fire. Drown ALL embers, not just the red ones. Pour until hissing sound stops.
- If you do not have water, stir dirt or sand into the embers with a shovel to bury the fire.
- With your shovel, scrape any remaining sticks and logs to remove any embers. Make sure that no embers are exposed and still smoldering.
- If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

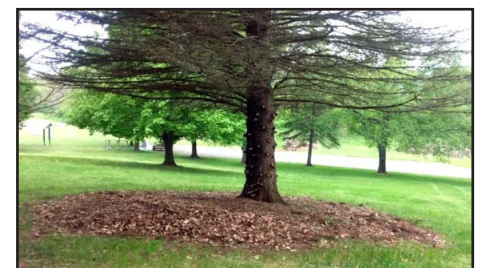
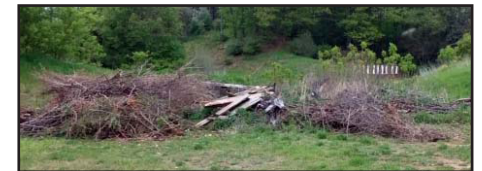
For more information on Smokey Bear's "Cheers to 75 Years Preventing Forest Fires" for educators and kids, visit smokeybear.com.

Mark Smokowicz

Spring Clean-Up

Thanks to everyone who came out to help with the Spring Clean-Up. Here are some pictures of the fruits of our labor. Come out and see for yourself!

Tim Gibelyou



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.

**Who are these people,
what range are they working on,
and when was it?**

If you know, please contact newsletter@tcsi.org.



Memorial & Well Being

Keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Mike McDonald who is recuperating from an emergency hospital visit.

Larry Darling who is recuperating from back surgery.

For memorial well/being items, please send to newsletter@tcsi.org.

Women's Sport Shooting

We encourage everyone to join us at the pin shoots throughout the summer!

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contact: Carol Parent
reservations@tcsi.org

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contact: safety@tcsi.org

Archery Update

If you visit the archery range, you'll notice that we have made some huge improvements! The roof replacement has been completed, including improvements to the infrastructure and a beautiful green metal roof that'll keep us dry in rain and shaded in the sunshine. This is a huge improvement to the archery range, and I want to extend huge kudos and thanks to Jeff Robins for his leadership in this initiative, and all of the other members who contributed to the build. Your kind contribution of time and effort is greatly appreciated. This job marks the beginning of some much needed upgrades and improvements, and anyone who visits the archery range will quickly appreciate how much nicer we have it now!



You might also have noticed that we are hanging the new targets that the club recently ordered. These targets are about 100 pounds each and are not designed to hang like our bag targets were, so we are having to modify the existing bag-stands to accommodate the newer design. We have completed a couple prototypes and will be hanging the rest of them over the next couple of weeks. Thanks to [Jon Yost \(Hunter Education\)](#) and Jim Walter for helping us design and build the prototypes. All archers, including crossbow users, will appreciate how nicely these new targets hold up to fast & modern equipment, and how easily your arrows will pull out of these targets. We still need to restrict usage to field points only so that the targets last for years to come, so please be sure to bring your own target when you want to verify that your hunting broadheads are hitting where they should be.

Speaking of targets, you may also have noticed that the worn out 3D targets have (mostly) been removed. The upright and seated deer and hog targets were completely worn out, and anyone who put an arrow in one recently probably regretted it due to the fact that the super-hardened material made it practically impossible to remove an arrow. We will also remove the upright bear target soon, but there's a bird's nest inside it with this spring's hatch, so please do not disturb that target until the babies leave the nest. The 3D turkey target still seems to have a little life left in it, so we'll keep it around until it is determined to have expired. If any of our members has a lead on a grant or possible commercial donor that may enable us to purchase 3D targets inexpensively, please let [me](#) know and we'll approach them.

On a different note . . . we've been asking for a few to help out with Women on Target (WOT) and Kids on the Range Day (KORD) events, and we haven't yet received enough confirmed volunteers. We appreciate that time is the most valuable resource that many of us have, but without enough range safety helpers, the archery range will not be able to host those two important events. Historically, the kids and ladies who have participated in these events have reported really enjoying their time on the Archery Range, and it would be a shame to not be able to offer that activity. We ask again that IF YOU CAN HELP US with Women on the Target (June 8) and/or Kids on the Range day (July 13), PLEASE contact [me](#) to confirm your availability ASAP at archery@tcsi.org. We already have a lead instructor lined up, so all we need now are a few helpful hands who can assist on the range.

[Rob Ploutz-Snyder](#)



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Scrap Metal Drive in June!

Got a bunch of old hardware in jars that you're never going to use? Or plumbing pipe stubs you saved for some reason, but can't remember why? TCSL will be holding a scrap metal collection during the month of June, with all proceeds going directly to the club.

Bring in any unwanted copper, brass, aluminum, stainless steel, and ferrous steel down to the Rifle House during the month. There will be some collection bins outside the house that are labeled for the different metals for you to sort into. Items too large to fit into the bins can be left along the side of the house near the bins.

Get some spring cleaning done, and donate to the club at the same time. Thanks!

[Dave Vandermark](#)

Women on Target Saturday, June 8



1943 Spanish Mauser

Second Military Rifle Match Held

Our 2nd standard Military Rifle Match for 2019 was held on Saturday May 18th at the 100-yard rifle range with 8 shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
<u>Iron Sight Division</u>				
1st Place	Jim Szocik	AR-15	.223 Rem	344
2 nd Place	Chris Leite	AR-15	.223 Rem	301-2x
3 rd Place	Jerry Marken	M1A	308 Win	295
	Paul Siska	AR-15	.223 Rem	283
	Mark Smokowicz	M1 Garand	30/06	278
	Dave Vandermark	1908 Brazilian Mauser	7x57	243
<u>Scoped Division</u>				
1 st Place	Jeff Gage	AR-15	.223 Rem	314
2 nd Place	Larry Jackson	AR-15	.223 Rem	285



However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.

Steven Hawking

Wanted (to Borrow)

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

Saline High School Trap Shooting Team

The Saline High School Trap Shooting Team wrapped up its second season on May 29. The team practiced and competed at Tri-County on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings throughout April and May. Seventeen student athletes participated. Over a dozen Tri-County members volunteered their time each week to help coach the athletes and operate the trap range. The team was designated as a "club sport" again this year, but we hope that it will become a varsity sport next year with the opportunity for the athletes to win letters.

On the final evening, awards were given to a number of the athletes:

Highest average during competition:

- 1st. Nathan Huddleston 22.50/25
- 2nd. Jeremy Hoerauf 20.20/25
- 3rd. Braden Osborne 20.13/25

Most improved (tie):

Hayden Evans
Josh Warner

Highest individual match:

Braden Osborne 47/50

Best Performance at State Tournament:

To be determined on June 15.

[Steve Jolliffe](#)

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, June 15th, 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.



What's Happenin' at the Club in June?

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 9am 22LR 100 yd Rifle Bench-Rest Match | 17 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons |
| 9am Cover the Creek Work Crew (Trap Range) | 6:30pm Safety Committee Mtg. |
| | 7pm Scouts BSA Troop Mtg. |
| 2 noon Trap | 18 4pm Multi-Gun Practice-Action Bay 5 |
| | 5pm IDPA Practice-Action Bays 3 & 4 |
| 3 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons | 19 10am Range Time (Rifle) |
| 7pm Scouts BSA Troop Mtg. | 5pm Trap |
| 4 4pm Multi-Gun Practice-Action Bay 5 | 20 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons |
| 5pm IDPA Practice-Action Bays 3 & 4 | 5pm Burger Night |
| 6:30pm Friends of NRA Mtg. | 6:30pm Board Mtg. |
| 5 10am Range Time (Rifle) | 7pm Membership Mtg. |
| 5pm Trap | 22 6pm New Member Orientation |
| 6 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons | noon 60th Anniversary Party |
| 8 8am WOMEN ON TARGET | 23 10am Retirement Party |
| 9 11am Graduation Party | 11am Fundraiser for KORD at Haab's Restaurant, Ypsilanti |
| noon Handgun Bowling Pin Shoot | noon Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot |
| noon Trap | noon Trap |
| 10 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons | 24 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons |
| 7pm Scouts BSA Troop Mtg. | 5pm Private Event (Action Bays 3 & 4) |
| | 7pm Scouts BSA Troop Mtg. |
| 11 4pm Multi-Gun Practice-Action Bay 5 | 25 4pm Multi-Gun Practice-Action Bay 5 |
| 5pm IDPA Practice-Action Bays 3 & 4 | 5pm IDPA Practice-Action Bays 3 & 4 |
| 12 10am Range Time (Pistol) | 26 10am Range Time (Pistol) |
| 5pm Trap | 5pm Trap |
| 6pm Cleaning Your Pistol, Rifle, or Shotgun | 27 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons |
| 13 9am Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons | 28 4pm IDPA Set-Up |
| 6:30pm Education Committee Mtg. | 5pm Flame Broiled Steak Fry (Public Invited) |
| 14 5pm Friends of Veterans Dance Party | 29 8am IDPA Match |
| 15 8am CCW/CPL - Basic PPIH | 30 8am CPL-PPIH |
| 9am Military Rifle Match | noon Trap |
| 16 noon Trap | |

Help Wanted

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

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Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 12 - 7:30pm
Towsley Auditorium, WCC

**There will be one additional KORD meeting
on Tuesday, July 9, at 6pm.**

Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 13

All of the teams for the little kids (7-11) are full! Yay! But there are still several spots for the older group (12-18). Registration forms are available at the club and online.



OUTDOOR FUND

On **Sunday, 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. ☺

In addition to the Volunteer Dinner on Monday, May 28, at 6pm, we have one last meeting on Tuesday, June 9, at 6pm - just to touch base one more time before the event.

contact: [Val Kabat](#)

Volunteers Still Needed:

I believe we could use a couple more volunteers on each range.

Possibly one or two guides..

One or two volunteers to work with Sue Smokowicz to do set-up and minimal food prep. (Cottage Inn will deliver the pizza, and we'll serve cookies and bottled water with it.

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						
						9 am - .22LR 100 yd 9 am - Cover the
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice 6:30pm - Friends of	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Wed Evening	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 5pm - Wed Evening 6pm - Cleaning your	9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	5pm - Friends of	8am - CPL - NRA 9am - Military Rifle
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Wed Evening	9am - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	MUCC Annual Convention @ Lakeside	
						9am - New Member 12pm - 60th
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
MUCC Annual 10am - Retirement 11am - Fundraiser 12pm - PCC & .22 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 5pm - Private Event 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Wed Evening	9am - Friends of	4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
8am - CPL - NRA 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Wed Evening	9am - Friends of		5pm - Durmazgular

[Please see the calendar online for complete, up-to-date information.](#)

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Jul 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
8am - CPL - NRA 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Wed Evening	9am - Friends of		5pm - Durmazgular
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8am - CPL - Personal 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice 6pm - KORD	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Wed Evening	9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	5pm - Friends of	9am - Kids on the
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
12pm - PCC & .22 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Wed Evening	9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Board		9am - Military Rifle 9am - New Member 4pm - LHS Class of
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
12pm - Bowling Pin 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 5pm - Private Event 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Wed Evening	9am - Friends of	4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match 3pm - Willow Run
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8am - CPL - Personal 12pm - Trap	9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	4pm - Multi-gun 5pm - IDPA Practice	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Wed Evening			