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### President's Column

Each new member must attend a 3-hour orientation meeting, and upon completion receives their TCSL membership card. Orientation covers topics including: club history, offerings, benefits, volunteer opportunities, and more importantly club rules as it pertains to range safety. TCSL Club Rules have been updated and approved by the board back in September of 2018 and can be found in the "Members Only" section of the website. A quick reference handbook of the rules is posted on the public area of our website.

When was the last time you went through orientation? If it's been awhile, I'll highlight some of the changes that have been made to the rules:

- Personal Mechanical Clay Target Throwers (not hand-held throwers) on the Trap Range may be used during normal TCSL hours of operation and only when a TCSL Range Safety Officer is present. Before first use you must get with a trap committee member to become familiar with this new rule.
- All handguns of common handgun caliber may be used in the Pistol House as well as pistol caliber carbines (PCC) chambered in a caliber less than .45 Auto.
- All firearms are brought to the range concealed or in a bag/case. Opened actions must be flagged with a highly visible chamber safety flag.
- Newbold brand or other self-sealing targets 8" in diameter or smaller may also be used (no rollers). Targets may depict generic images of animals or monsters but not a depiction of a human being. Exceptions may apply for special events.
- In Action Range Bays 2, 3, and 4, a shooter may arrange any number of targets.
- Shotgun shooting in the Action Range is restricted to Bays 3 and 4.
- Drawing from holster is allowed on the Action Range during approved special events, under one-on-one supervision, or, on Action Range Bays 2, 3, 4 and have passed the RCSL Holster Draw Evaluation qualification.

Above are the notable changes to the rules. A full copy can be found in the "Members Only" section of [tcsl.org](http://tcsl.org).

If it's been some time since you attended orientation, you are welcome to come sit in and get updated. Check the calendar for the next scheduled meeting, and let Charlie know you are coming at [membership@tcsl.org](mailto:membership@tcsl.org).

Here are some of the most common problems observed at the range:

- Not policing the area of spent casing. There are green recycling boxes at all the ranges. It's there for all types of casings: brass, steel, .22s, etc. They are either recycled or cleaned and sold. All proceeds go back to the club.
- Not paying the correct range fees. (\$5 members, \$8 guests).
- Not displaying your member ED card. Remember to bring your ID to the range.
- "Blue Sky" Guns aimed above the horizon
- Lack of proper supervision of guests or minor.
- Remember One Gun and One ammunition allowed at a time.
- Keep the firing line clear of obstructions.
- And always HIT THE BACKSTOP!

Looking for an outdoor adventure with hands-on activities, exhibits and simulators (also walk behind and touch a waterfall, step into a fishing boat and reel in a big fish, hit the trail on a mountain bike or snowmobile, laser shot simulator), and much, more? If that excites, you then head out to the [DNR Outdoor Adventure Center](http://DNR Outdoor Adventure Center), which is indoors. At the OAC, you'll learn about how the DNR manages state parks, forests, wildlife, and fish as you climb the roots and explore the canopy of a massive bur oak tree, hop aboard a real airplane, and see what's swimming in their aquarium.

Visit the Outdoor Adventure Center and discover all there is to explore in the spectacular outdoors. Parks, public lands, and waters are yours to enjoy. Great for kids and the kid inside you, as well as offering senior group tours. (\$5 adults, \$3 seniors and kids, and free parking. Outdoor Adventure Center, 1801 Atwater St, Detroit, MI 48207.

[Mark Smokowicz](mailto:Mark Smokowicz)

### Hunter Education at Tri-County

Registration (required):  
Saturday, August 3 - 10am-1pm  
Tri-County clubhouse  
Cost: \$10 (payable at the first class)

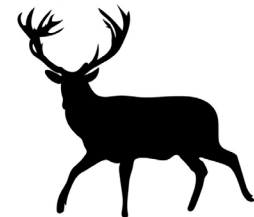
YOU WILL RECEIVE A STUDY BOOK AT THAT TIME.  
PLEASE BRING IT TO CLASS!

Hunter Education Class:  
Saturday & Sunday, August 17\* & 18  
9am-5pm  
Course begins at Tri-County clubhouse and will also use the Rifle Range and the Turkey Shoot Range.

The class teaches new hunters responsibility, ethics, firearm safety, wildlife conservation and identification, game care, survival, and first aid.

contact: [Jon Yost](mailto:Jon Yost), 734-717-4014

\*The class on the 17th is also the field day/ test portion of the online study.



### Memorial & Well Being

For memorial well/being items, please send to [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org).



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Family Sport Shooting (the group formerly known as "Women's Sport Shooting")

Yes, we've changed our name. In reality, we've always encouraged families to join in the fun we have with Air Rifles. This just seemed right.

We continue to encourage everyone to join us at the **Pin Shoots** throughout the summer! There are shoots in both August and September.

Watch for an announcement next month about an Archery event we're hoping to put together.

[family.tcsl@gmail.com](mailto:family.tcsl@gmail.com)

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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)

Happiness is Singing in  
a Choir!



### **Rehearsals Begin:**

Thursday, September 19 - 7:30pm  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
2101 N. River, Ypsilanti  
(No Auditions!)

### **Christmas Concert**

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

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## 82nd Annual Michigan United Conservation Clubs Convention June 21-23, 2019

You can read the entire report by clicking [here](#). Jim Pryce and Kris Matthew were our club delegates. You'll see them in the first picture on the link; Jim's in the front row and Kris is sitting behind him.

On Saturday morning there was a Moments of Memory to remember and read the names of sportspersons who have passed away since last June's convention. The people remembered from Tri-County people were: Howard Bauer, Roger Sacks, Don Feldkamp, Marvin Pashukewich, Gerald Zapolink, Clifford Olson, and Gerald Schmid. "Grant Eternal Rest to them O Lord."

On Sunday morning Jim Pryce opened the meeting by leading everyone in the invocation. He was honored to be chosen to do so for the second year in a row. Next year, the convention will be in Sault Ste. Marie.

contact: [Jim Pryce](#)

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### Lever Action Match August 3

Get ready for the first annual TCSL Lever Action match on August 3. Course of fire will be 10 rounds rapid fire while standing at 50 yards requiring a reload, and 10 rounds slow-fire, single fed off a bench at 100 yards. Points will be tallied, and the winner of the match will receive 1 shiny new Boston Dollar for every point scored.

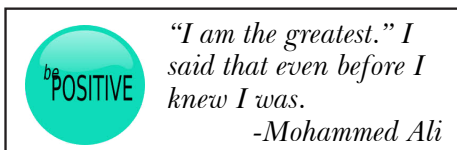
What about sighters? That's for pilgrims and dandies. If you need to sight your rifle, do it before the jawing stops and shootin' irons get warmed. Come prepared to shoot!

Any lever action rifle will do. Bring your high-falutin' Browning or your been-through-the-mill Marlin. Top honors go to the best shooter, not the gun. Any caliber will work; but any piece wearing spectacles will be docked points, 'cause scopes are for chisellers. Make sure you bring at least 20 rounds of good ammunition.

Members need to pony up \$10 for the match, \$15 for guests. Sign-in starts at 9am, and shooting will start at 10am. Jawing commences sometime after 8:30.

Jawing is sure to recommence in the clubhouse once the match is all sewn up and all the chuckleheads retire to the saloon.

contact: [Dave Vandermark](#)



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### Help Wanted

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help for our past two events. We had 9 volunteers for each event which allowed everyone to get home early and not exhausted.

We still have two big events coming up. August 10 and 24. We need 1 to 2 more people on the 10th and three people for 24th. If you need hours, remember, you get twice the credit. Ten volunteer hours disappear in a hurry!!!

call: Carol at 734-417-6895 to volunteer!





## 2019 Kids on the Range Day

It was a great day - maybe a little on the hot side, though. Here's a summary of the event by the numbers:

Kids: 50  
Parents and other adults: 60  
Number of volunteers: 50  
Number of volunteer hours contributed at the event: 450  
Michigan cities represented: 16  
New York cities represented: 1

Big thank-you to all the volunteers who gave up another Saturday.

Also, a shout-out to Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's Outdoor Fund for their generous \$600 grant!



contact: [Val Kabat](#)



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### Third Military Rifle Match Held

Our 4th standard Military Rifle Match for 2019 was held on Saturday July 20th at the 100-yard rifle range with 6 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	345-1x
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jim Szocik	AR-15	.223 Rem	334-2x
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jerry Marken	M1A	.308 Win	319-5x
	Paul Siska	AR-15	.223 Rem	318-1x
	Todd Schmidt	AR-15	.223 Rem	285
	Dave Vandermark	1922 Brazilian Mauser	7x57	150

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 8 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](mailto:rifle@TCSL.org).



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## Saline High School Trap

The Saline High School Trap Team wrapped-up the season by attending the State and National Tournaments.

The State tournament had awesome performances by Allen Holloway and Drew Eccleston. The coaching staff awarded Drew with a trophy for "Best Performance at State Tournament". Pictures of our 24th place team finish, high scores and Drew with his trophy are attached.

The National Tournament results are now confirmed of the qualifying and finals. The SHS squad that qualified for the national competition placed 112th in the nation. A picture of the squad is below--Jeremy Hoerauf, Braden Osborne, Payton Alexa, Joel Height and Nathan Huddleston. Only the top 80 squads competed on Sunday. The goal next year is to have a squad shooting at the finals and scoring in the top 80. A picture of the squad is attached.

Our individual qualifiers from SHS placed 446th and 1125th in the nation. Nate was just shy of qualifying to complete in the finals by shooting a 91/100 (the top 400 shoot in the finals). Braden shot an 84/100. Both of these young men were disappointed, but have future competitions to redeem themselves. Nathan competed as a 9th grader and Braden a 10th grader. Photos of Nathan and Braden are on the right.

Next year, the coaching staff is confident more SHS athletes will qualify, compete, and represent SHS well at these awesome tournaments!

contact: [trap@tcsi.org](mailto:trap@tcsi.org)



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

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 9pm <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons</a>   | 11 noon <a href="#">PCC &amp; .22 &amp; Rifle Pin Shoot</a><br>noon <a href="#">Trap</a>   | 21 10am <a href="#">Range Time (Pistol)</a><br>5pm <a href="#">Trap</a>   |
| 2 12pm Private Party   | 12 9am <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons</a><br>6:30pm <a href="#">Safety Committee</a><br>7pm <a href="#">Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.</a>              | 22 9am <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons</a>   |
| 3 9am <a href="#">Lever-Action Rifle Match</a><br>10am <a href="#">Hunter Education Registration</a><br>5pm <a href="#">Saline HS Reunion</a>                    | 13 5pm <a href="#">IDPA Practice-Action Bays 3 &amp; 4</a>   | 23 4pm <a href="#">IDPA Set-Up</a><br>5pm <a href="#">Flame Broiled Steak Fry (Public Invited)</a>  |
| 4 noon <a href="#">PCC &amp; .22 &amp; Rifle Pin Shoot</a><br>noon <a href="#">Trap</a>  | 14 10am <a href="#">Range Time (Rifle)</a><br>5pm <a href="#">Trap</a>   | 24 8am <a href="#">IDPA Match</a><br>3pm <a href="#">Ypsilanti HS Reunion</a><br>7pm <a href="#">Saline Fiddlers</a>                                |
| 5 9am <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons</a><br>7pm <a href="#">Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.</a>  | 15 9am <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons</a><br>6:30pm <a href="#">Board Mtg.</a>   | 25 noon <a href="#">Trap</a>  |
| 6 7am <a href="#">York Township Elections</a><br>8:30 <a href="#">Cub Scouts Camp Days (thru 8/8)</a><br>5pm <a href="#">IDPA Practice-Action Bays 3 &amp; 4</a> | 17 9am <a href="#">Hunter Education Class</a><br>9am <a href="#">New Member Orientation</a>  | 26 9am <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons</a><br>5pm <a href="#">Private Event</a><br>7pm <a href="#">Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.</a> |
| 7 10am <a href="#">Range Time (Pistol)</a><br>12pm <a href="#">Wednesday with Karen</a><br>5pm <a href="#">Trap</a>  | 18 8am <a href="#">Hunter Education Class (cont'd)</a><br>8am <a href="#">CPL-PPIH</a><br>noon <a href="#">Hand Gun Bowling Pin Shoot</a><br>noon <a href="#">Trap</a> | 27 5pm <a href="#">IDPA Practice-Action Bays 3 &amp; 4</a>  |
| 8 5pm <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons</a><br>6:30pm <a href="#">Education Committee Mtg.</a>  | 19 9am <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons</a><br>7pm <a href="#">Scouts BSA Troop Mtg.</a>   | 28 10am <a href="#">Range Time (Rifle)</a><br>5pm <a href="#">Trap</a>  |
| 9 5pm <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Dance Party</a><br>noon <a href="#">Trap</a>   | 20 5pm <a href="#">IDPA Practice-Action Bays 3 &amp; 4</a>   | 26 9am <a href="#">Friends of Veterans Ballroom Dance Lessons</a>   |