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Presidents Report

At the September membership meeting, member Ed Benko shared with us the trip he took on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. (See article later in this newsletter.) An Honor Flight is conducted by nonprofit organizations dedicated to transporting as many United States military veterans as possible to see the memorials of the respective war they fought in at no cost to the veterans.

On a similar note, did one of your relatives serve in WWII? See if you can find them in the World War II Registry, located at www.wwiimemorial.com/. If they are not listed, you can add the name of a loved one to the registry, include a photo and their activity during WWII. You are able to access the registry online as well as kiosks at the WWII memorial in Washington, DC.

In August and September the club was extremely busy. Here's a recap:

- Classes held include Hunter Education and a Field Day, Personal Protection in the Home (CPL), Personal Protection Outside the Home, a Home Firearm Safety Course, a Range Safety Officer class, CPR/AED, a Gun Cleaning Workshop and Orientation classes.

- On the range there have been Bowling Pin Shoots, Trap shoots on Sundays and Weds evenings, IDPA Practices, an IDPA club match and a Tier 2 match, PCC & .22 match, Military Rifle match and a 50/100 yd rifle match and an A2Y Chamber Shoot. We held a Sportsmen's equipment and ammo sale, which will be brought back by popular demand.

- Your clubhouse has also seen activity: Ypsilanti and Saline High School each held reunions and the Saline Fiddlers held a fundraiser Casino Night. There was also a private party, a family reunion, a wedding at the gazebo & reception, a dance party, and an anniversary party.

- The Cub Scouts held a Day Camp, and our scout troop continues to meet every week at the clubhouse.

- The Saline High School Trap Team stepped up and helped the Cover the Creek project team with the installation of our new creek covers. With some additional help scheduled in October, that project should be completed this fall.



We have received thank-you letters from three young campers who attended the Michigan Out of Doors Camp in Chelsea and one letter from Saline Schools Special Education. (These are posted on the bulleting board in the entryway downstairs.) Not to mention the complements we receive from our renters and their guests for the facility, food, and service—all from volunteers. Thank you, Tri-County volunteers for making all that happen!

If you haven't participated in or helped at any of the above events, you are missing out. There has to be something of interest to you in all that is going on. Make as much use of your club as you can. You'll be glad you did.

A reminder to all Committee Chairs that you need to get a forecast for next year's activities to the finance committee by October 10, and annual reports are to be submitted to the board by January 1.

Note to Deer Hunters: The season approaches; Archery (Oct 1-Nov 14), Regular Firearm (Nov 15-30), Muzzleloading (Dec 6-15). Check out "Season Information" on the DNR's website: www.michigan.gov/dnr. Send us pics of your hunt.

Mark Smokowicz

Memorial & Well Being

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

TCSL Sale a Huge Success

We held an ammunition, shooting equipment, and sportsmen's gear sale on September 8 in the downstairs of the clubhouse. It proved to be a popular event, with members waiting to buy before we were quite ready to get going. Thanks to all those who shopped, the sale was a huge success, bringing in \$1,581 to our club. But there's more: We still have a fair amount of items to sell, so we'll be doing this again in the future.

Special thanks to Steu White and Dale Radak for their amazing donations to TCSL. We couldn't have done it without them.

Donations from members are what make the event possible. If you have any gear laying around collecting dust, or stuff you seem to always trip over and need to get out of the house, think of donating it to TCSL. We will turn ammo, reloading tools and components, knives, hunting and fishing and camping gear, and any related items into cash for the club. It's an easy way to give to the club and take care of some cleaning at the same time.

Donating is easy: Just box or bag up whatever you have and bring it in to TCSL. Mark it "attn: Dave Vandermark," and let Lance know it's a donation. No donation is too small—lots of little things make one big, fun sale. And it's amazing how many related items we get that can be grouped together.

Thanks again to everyone who participated. If you couldn't make it, keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement of the next one.

Dave Vandermark



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2019 Deer Hunting Season Dates

- Early Antlerless Firearm: Sept. 21-22
- Liberty Hunt: September 14-15
 - ♦ Youth and Hunters With Disabilities Hunt
- Independence Hunt: Oct. 17-20
 - ♦ Hunters With Disabilities Hunt
- Archery: Oct. 1-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 1, 2020
- Regular Firearm: Nov. 15-30,
- Muzzleloading:
 - ♦ Zone 1: Dec. 6-15
 - ♦ Zone 2: Dec. 6-5
 - ♦ Zone 3: Dec. 6-22
- Late Antlerless Firearm:
 - ♦ Dec. 23- Jan.1, 2020

New Deer Hunting Regulations

Ban on baiting and feeding (does not include food-scented materials used as attractants only) in the entire Lower Peninsula, with an exception for hunters with disabilities, and statewide ban on the use of natural deer urine-based lures and scents (unless they are approved by the Archery Trade Association).

For the 2019 Michigan Hunting Digest and detailed information on current CWD hunting regulations, testing, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr and www.michigan.gov/cwd.

To receive hunting application reminders via text message, text "MIDNR HUNTAPP" to "468311."

100-Yard .22LR Bench Match Held

Our second 100 yard .22LR bench match for 2019 was held on Saturday August 31st at the 100-yard rifle range with 10 shooters.

Results of the match:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Overall Score</u>
John Harden	63	63	58	63	247
Ed Benko	94	92	91-1x	96-4x	373-5x
Dave Vandermark	95-1x	92-2x	90-2x	94-2x	371-7x
Mark Smokowicz	88-1x	85	89-1x	89-3x	351-5x
Dave Harris	78	99-1x	94	91-2x	332-3x
Jeff Gage	86	87	88	94-1x	355-1x
Jerry Marken	100-8x	98-2x	95-2x	98-2x	391-14x
Charlie Unbehaun	89	96-2x	97-2x	94-2x	376-6x
Chris Leite	69	60	54	67	250
Rob Armbruster	?	?	?	?	342-4x

Winners –

Overall:1st – Jerry Marken

2nd – Charlie Unbehaun

3rd – Ed Benko

Shooting consisted of one ten (10) shot sight-in round, followed by four ten (10) shot relays for score, all from a bench with rests at 100 yards. Any .22LR chambered rifle was eligible, and shooters were responsible for bringing their own ammunition. Cost of the match was \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Keep an eye on the calendar for the next .22LR bench match!

For further information or questions contact Dave Vandermark at rifle@TCSL.org.

Annual Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 13
7:30 pm

Ypsilanti Community Choir
and the
Depot Town Big Band

Hosted by Linda Yohn

Towsley Auditorium
Washtenaw Community College
free admission & parking

Sponsored by:



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depottownbigband.com



1903 Siamese Mauser

Fifth Military Rifle Match Held

Our 5th standard Military Rifle Match for 2019 was held on Saturday September 21st at the 100-yard rifle range with 7 shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1st Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.223 Rem	334-5x
2 nd Place	Chris Leite	AR-15	.223 Rem	302
3 rd Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30-06	300
	Bill Rushmore	AR-15	.223 Rem	287-2x
	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	.223 Rem	287-1x
	Jerry Marken	M1A	.308 Win	285-1x
	Jeff Gage	M1 Garand	30-06	166-1x

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, October 19th, 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.

Popcorn Sale

Scouts BSA Troop 439 is selling scout popcorn in a fundraising effort to send youth to camp and help with participation in other outdoor activities. If you are interested in making a purchase, please contact tricontyscoutsbsa@gmail.com or look for us at the next Steak Fry dinner!



2nd Annual 185-Yard Bench Match October 5 - noon

Just a heads-up to members that we will be having our 2nd annual 185-yd Bench Match on October 5 at noon on the extended range. Course of fire is 10 rounds for sight-in, followed by 10 rounds for score. There will be separate divisions for scoped and iron-sighted rifles, but those are the only limitations. (Any rifle is eligible).

This is a neat match—not only a little more challenging, but you will likely see some neat guns. Last year the iron sight was won with an 1878 Swiss Vetterli military rifle. Go figure.

So bring your inner sniper and have some fun. Cost for the match is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Top prizes for the match are a free ticket to another TCSL rifle match and the undying envy of everyone else who shoots.

Make sure you come before noon to give yourself time to get your gear settled and hear a short safety briefing. If you have any questions, reach out to [Dave Vandermark at rifle@TCSL.org](mailto:Dave.Vandermark@rifle@TCSL.org). See you there!

Think Summer!

Yes, fall has just begun; but our two summer events, Women on Target (June 6) and Kids on the Range Day (July 11), will be here before we know it. Joint planning meetings for the two events will begin in January. We'll meet at 6pm on the first Tuesday of each month: January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5. (KORD volunteers will have one additional meeting on Tuesday, July 7.) EVERYONE interested in helping with either/both of these events is welcome! Please mark your calendars.

The volunteer recognition dinner will take place on Tuesday, May 19.



The **February meeting** will be special, and we'd like to see 100% attendance. This meeting is for range leads and will focus on **training the range leads to train their coaches** on safety and protocol. We want every participant to answer the question, "How safe did you feel on the range?" with "extremely safe."

Look for more information in future newsletters.

for info on WOT: [Carol or Sharon](#)
for info on KORD: [Val](#)

Honor Flight

This is to encourage our Military Veterans to apply for seats on an Honor Flight to our Nation's Capitol and honor those heroes of our country. We scheduled our tour through the [Veterans Network Committee of Northern Illinois](#). They sponsor an annual four-day trip, usually the weekend before Labor Day weekend. The application process usually begins in February.

We recently returned from one of these flights, and it was a trip of a lifetime! We visited several memorials and museums in the Washington area and were treated like kings and queens—a far cry from how members of the military were treated during the Viet Nam War.

We visited: the Navy Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, U.S. Capitol, WW2, Korean, Viet Nam, Lincoln Memorials. DC Navy Yard & Museum, Air and Space Museums, Arlington Cemetery and Changing of the Guard, Womens' Memorial, USAF Memorial, and the USMC Museum at Quantico. There was also a nighttime tour of the DC memorials, and the monuments looked fantastic when lit up.

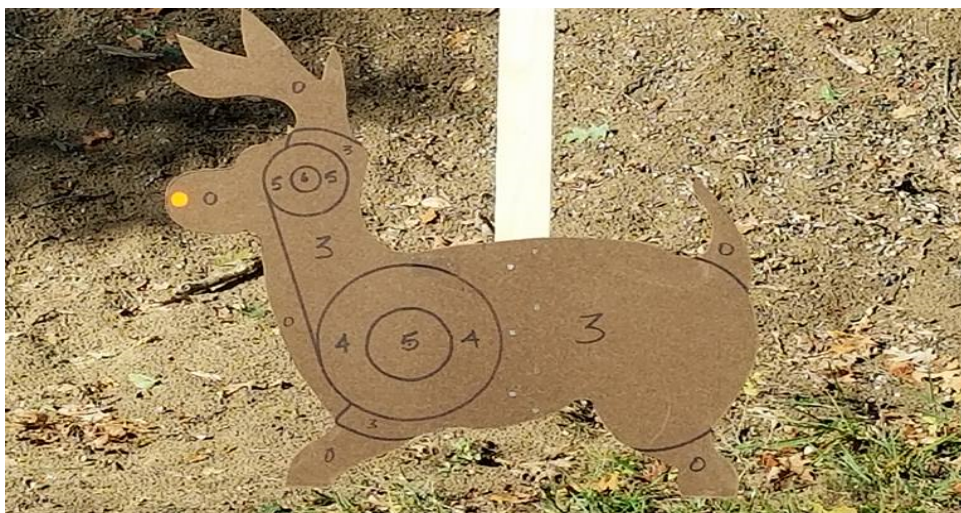
Our group of about 95 people included two WW2 vets, about ten Korean vets, about 40 Vietnam-era vets, and one Iraqi vet who was a guardian for an older vet. There were also several other guardians, a photographer, nurse, group leaders and assistnat. Also with us were four Sea Cadets, who handled our baggage and assisted with loading and unloading tour buses and wheel chairs.

The air-conditioned motor coach tour buses in DC had local veterans acting as tour guides and pointing out points of interest and locations of restrooms. Coolers full of bottled water were with the buses and the Sea Cadets brought them out at every stop.

You do not need to be a combat vet from a war zone to apply for this trip. Please visit [Veterans Network Committee of Northern Illinois](#) for more information.

[Ed Benko](#)

2019 TCSL Handgun Shoot (Running Deer Shoot)



The "HANDGUN SHOOT" (Running Deer Shoot) is structured much the same as a good old Turkey Shoot as 10 individuals buy into a relay. All 10 take their turn shooting at the running deer. After each individual shoots their score is totaled and radioed up to the officials table. The highest score of the relay wins a prize.

The shooter is positioned 25 yards away from a hanging deer silhouette. The deer silhouette is positioned at the right side of the gallery. Round count and order may change from relay to relay. Our usual starting sequence is 2 shots at the deer standing still and 2 shots while the deer is running. Once the final standing shoot is fired the deer will begin to move across the gallery from right to left.

This event is open to the public. This event is open to Handguns, .22 Rifles and PCC's (Pistol Caliber Cartridges). Pistols will compete against pistols. .22 Rifles and PPC's will compete among themselves. All type sights or optics are allowed.

This event is FUN. This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Sundays: October 13th, October 27th, November 3rd & November 10th.
Shooting Starts at 12:00 (Noon) to 4:00 PM

Bring a family member or a friend. Cost for each relay is \$5.00.

Contact: Mike Cowhy 313-530-7789 or Jim Walter 734-478-3946



Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Oct 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 IDPA Tier 2 Match 12pm - Trap	30 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	1	2 10am - Wednesday	3 9am - Friends of	4	5 8am - CPL NRA 9am - Phase II - 12pm - 185 yd Rifle
6 8am - NRA Pistol 12pm - GOP 12pm - Trap	7 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	8 6pm - York Twp	9 10am - Wednesday	10 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	11 5pm - Friends of	12 9am - Phase II -
13 8am - Breakfast at 12pm - Fall Handgun 12pm - Trap	14 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop	15	16 10am - Wednesday	17 9am - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	18 3pm - Hodges	19 9am - Military Rifle 10am - Hodges- 10am - Roger W.
20 8am - CPL NRA 12pm - Trap	21 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	22	23 10am - Wednesday	24 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Gun	25 4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Dance party 5pm - Flame Broiled	26 8am - IDPA Match 9am - New Member 12pm - Wicked Jeeps
27 12pm - Fall Handgun 12pm - Trap	28 9am - Friends of 5pm - Private Event 7pm - BSA Troop	29	30 10am - Wednesday	31 9am - Friends of	1	2

[For up-to-date information, please see the online calendar.](#)

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Nov 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 12pm - Fall Handgun 12pm - Trap	28 9am - Friends of 5pm - Private Event 7pm - BSA Troop	29	30 10am - Wednesday	31 9am - Friends of	1	2
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17 8am - CPL NRA 12pm - Trap	18 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop	19	20 10am - Wednesday	21 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Board	22 5pm - Party Dance	23 9am - New Member
24 12pm - Trap	25 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	26	27 10am - Wednesday	28 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Gun	29	30 4pm - 50th Birthday