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### Presidents Column

Here is a recap of this year's Michigan United Conservation Clubs Convention. This year it was the 82nd Annual. It was June 21-23. TCSL members Jim Pryce & Kris Matthew were our club delegates. Picture below shows Jim in the front row & Kris sitting behind him.

On Saturday morning we had a Moments of Memory to remember and read the names of Sportspeople who have passed away since last June's convention. The people remembered as Tri-County people we lost were, Howard Bauer, Roger Sacks, Don Feldkamp, Marvin Pashukewich, Gerald Zapolink, Clifford Olson, & 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.

About 150 sportsmen, women and conservationists came together over that weekend to debate conservation issues facing the state and its wildlife at Michigan United Conservation Clubs' (MUCC) Annual Convention.

MUCC's 82nd Annual Convention kicked off with an On the Ground project in the Backus Creek State Game Area and culminated on Saturday afternoon with the organization's grassroots process on full display at the Lakeside Resort and Conference Center in Houghton Lake.

In total, 22 member-drafted resolutions were brought to the floor for deliberation. Of those, 16 passed through the body and were adopted as MUCC policy, five were voted down and one was withdrawn.

Some passed resolutions aim to broaden and sanction trap shooting as a high school sport throughout Michigan, call for research and solutions on PFAs issues as they directly relate to fish and wildlife, expand the hours that you are allowed to use artificial lights when deer hunting and create a set of criteria for Natural Resources Commission (NRC) appointments.

As well as two resolutions directly pertaining to Sportsmen's Clubs:  
SPORT SHOOTING RANGES PROTECTION MODERNIZATION ACT  
SPORTSMEN'S CLUB/SHOOTING CLUB FIREARMS OWNERSHIP

For a summary of all resolutions, please visit the [MUCC website](http://MUCC website).



[Mark Smokowicz](#)

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### Memorial & Well Being

Keep Bob Parent in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from a fall at home. For memorial well/being items, please send to [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org).

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### Sale at TCSL! September 8, 10am-2pm

Due to the very generous donations of members Steuart White and Dale Radak, we have a large inventory of ammunition, reloading gear, books, and all kinds of outdoors related items to sell. Because we have so many great items available, I thought it would be a good idea to have a sale at the club before going to another gun show—that way both the club and members all have a chance to benefit from what we have to offer.

Need some slugs or buckshot for deer season coming up? How about rifle ammunition for hunting or the military shoot? We have a good amount. Want to get into shotshell reloading? We have three presses. Need a great Dillon press? We have one. Powder, ammo boxes, gun parts, cleaning equipment, and more! We even have some ice augers for fishing this winter. And I will have the full complement of our range brass available for reloading guys.

Prices will be nice, and all sales go to Tri County. (Make sure you bring cash.) So come out on Sunday, September 8. We will be set up downstairs from 10am until 2pm. While you're at the club, take part in the PCC & .22 Pin Shoot or the Trap Range – both will be open at noon!

And if you see Steu or Dale around, be sure to say THANK YOU!

[Dave Vandermark](#)

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## Get Ready, Company is Coming!

Shooter, make ready! TCSL is hosting the second annual IDPA Sportsmen's Challenge match September 27-29th. Last year we attracted 140 participants from across the country, Canada, and two shooters from Finland. We expect the same numbers or better this year. While we have a local match the 4th Saturday of each month, the Sportsmen's Challenge is classified as a Tier Two match sanctioned by IDPA National headquarters. The match is promoted through IDPA in Michigan and also on the National IDPA website to invite shooters to participate. The match webpage is [www.tcslidpa.org/2019-tri-county-sportsmen-challenge](http://www.tcslidpa.org/2019-tri-county-sportsmen-challenge) and the match Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/tcscidpa](https://www.facebook.com/tcscidpa). Please "like," "follow," and "share" the match information on Facebook.

Our monthly match features five stages of shooting scenarios, but a Tier 2 match has eight stages that are creative and challenging courses of fire designed by our members. The stage designs are then critically reviewed by IDPA regional and our state coordinator, Mike Barrera.

Last year was our first Tier 2 event. While most of the folks attending had been here before, many had not, and their experience was beyond their expectations. Comments from shooters were that the courses of fire were "deceptively difficult" but fun. The people they encountered were friendly, professional (SOs), and helpful. But, the one thing TCSL has that most clubs don't, is our accommodations. The food, bar, and clubhouse facility were something that not many clubs have available. This is a huge asset in hosting these visitors!

IDPA events bring in good revenues for our club from participants fees. This year, thanks to the efforts of Ed White, we have to date 27 corporate sponsors who have contributed over \$9,000 in shooter prizes. Special thanks to those folks on the front lines who are planning and organizing this event: Earl Austin, Steve Nesmith, Martin Clifford, Jim Walter, Don Haselbach, and Mike Cowhy—to name just a few of the 25 to 30 helpers.

We need help during these events, so if you desire work hours, please sign up! You will never work so hard, and have fun doing so.

At next year's event we plan on having 10 courses of fire with the updating of our Turkey Ranges. These range updates are funded by special events like this. See you in September!

[Earl Austin](#)

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## First Lever-Action Match Held

Our Inaugural Lever Action Match was held on Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 100-yard rifle range with 3 shooters.

Results of the match:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Score</u>
1st Place	Ed Benko	Henry Big Boy (scoped)	44 Magnum	111
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jeff Gage	Winchester 94	30-30 Win	91
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	John Harden	Henry	38 Special	39

The match proved more difficult than it appeared, and there were some interesting pieces to the scoring. First, shooters using scoped rifles were immediately docked 30 points. The first round consisted of 10 shots fired standing, unsupported at 50 yards. Each shooter started with 5 rounds in their magazine tube, and 5 rounds sitting on a bench to their side. When given the command to fire, each shooter had to chamber and shoot their first five rounds, then load 5 more rounds and complete the course of fire. The time limit for this round was 80 seconds. However, any shooter that completed the round in under 70 seconds received 1 bonus point for every 2 seconds under 70 seconds for the round.

The second round consisted of 10 rounds single fed off of a bench at 100 yards. So there were a possible 200 points, and only one shooter qualified for bonus points. The different range distances proved to be more challenging than most thought. Many who were interested in participating in the shoot were not able to the day of the match. The shooters that did said they had a good time, so we will hold another lever match in the future, at least one annually.

For further information or questions contact Dave Vandermark at [rifle@TCSL.org](mailto:rifle@TCSL.org).

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## 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.



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### Rehearsals Begin:

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

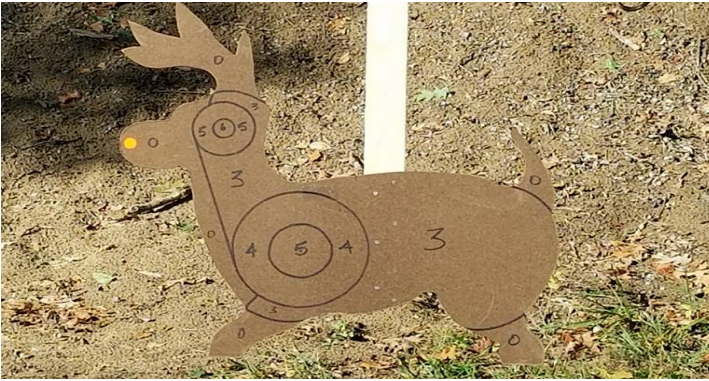
### Christmas Concert

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

[ypsicommchoir.org](http://ypsicommchoir.org)



## 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.

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## Scout Troop 439 Update

During the summer months, Troop 439 members did many fun troop activities including creating their own Putt Putt course, stand up paddle boarding, banana split night and helping with Cub Scout Day Camp. In addition, 6 members of the troop attended summer camp at Cole Canoe Base, 2 members worked at Cole Canoe Base and one scout attending National Youth Leadership Training. It was a busy summer. The October 7 Court of Honor will have evidence of this, with the many merit badges, rank advancement and training awards to be presented!

On the way to scout camp, the troops inherited trailer blew a tire. Members got to assist in changing that tire and are now actively fundraising to replace the other 3 tires and the spare. In July they earned money by parking cars for the soccer game at UM Stadium and cleaning the lot after the game. They are also selling Scout Popcorn to help build their own scout accounts and fund the purchase of tires. If you would like to order popcorn, there will be an order form available at the clubhouse, or contact [tricityscoutsbsa@gmail.com](mailto:tricityscoutsbsa@gmail.com).

## Hunter Education

Hunter Education is wrapped up for this season. We had a small class of six this time, and all passed with flying colors.

I hope you have safe and successful hunt.

If just one in three hunters add one new person to our hunting traditions, we'll secure a strong future for generations to come. Be the one. Ignite the passion that can change the course of someone's life forever. For all hunting has done to enrich your life, join the +ONE movement and invite someone hunting. Share your experience with posts on social media. #PlusOneMovement.

A special thank you to Mike Coway, Dennis Schultz and Mark Scarberry for spending part of their weekend helping out. It is always good to work with them.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Hunter Education Instructor, it is not hard to do and is a very rewarding. Contact me through TCSL and I will get you started.

[Jon Yost](#)

## Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Sep 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7pm - BSA Troop	3 5pm - IDPA Practice	4 10am - Wednesday 7pm - Friends of	5 9am - Friends of	6 NRA Personal Protection Expo @ Fort Worth	7 8am - NRA & TCSL 12pm - Private Party
8 NRA Personal 10am - TCSL RSO - 10am - TCSL 12pm - PCC & .22 12pm - Trap	9 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	10 5pm - IDPA Practice	11 10am - Wednesday	12 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	13 9am - A2/Y Chamber 5pm - Friends of	14 8am - CPL NRA 9am - New Member
15 9am - Phase II - 10am - NRA BIT 12pm - Bowling Pin 12pm - Kanitz 12pm - Trap	16 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop	17 5pm - IDPA Practice	18 10am - Wednesday	19 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	20	21 9am - Military Rifle 10am - Burkhardt
22 8am - NRA Pistol 9am - Phase II - 12pm - Trap	23 9am - Friends of 5pm - Private Event 7pm - BSA Troop	24 5pm - IDPA Practice	25 10am - Wednesday	26 8am - IDPA Tier 2 Match (All Pistol & Rifle Ranges closed) @ Tri- 9am - Friends of	27 5pm - Flame Broiled	28
29 IDPA Tier 2 Match 9am - Phase II - 12pm - Trap	30 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	1	2	3	4	5

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

## Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Oct 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2 10am - Wednesday	3 9am - Friends of	4	5 8am - CPL NRA 12pm - 185 yd Rifle
6 8am - Breakfast at 12pm - Trap	7 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	8	9 10am - Wednesday	10 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	11 5pm - Friends of	12
13 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	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	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