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Outgoing President's Report

Elections were held Thursday, February 20, at the club. Officers are elected each year and hold a one-year term. There was an opening in each Region for a Director's spot (three-year term), and we had quite a few members choose to run for the open spots. Below are the election results. New members to the board will be seated at the March Board Meeting:

President Steve Reed
1st Vice-President Carlos Soto
2nd Vice-President Mark Smokowicz
Treasurer John Harden
Membership Secretary . . . Charles Unbehaun
Recording Secretary Stuart Berry
Region 1 Director Sharon Beckey
Region 2 Director Jim Jackson
Region 3 Director Brian Craig
Region 4 Director Jon Yost

Congratulations are in order for those returning and to those new members joining the board. Carol Parent, Phil Hemmingway, Larry Darling, and Luther Isaac will be stepping down from the Board of Directors, and we want to thank them for their dedication and years of service to Tri-County. It's important to note that board members do not serve their personal interests but rather the interests of the club. The club's board is designed to serve the membership at large. So, thank you to those who have served and to those who are stepping up to help your club.

At the next board meeting Steve Reed will take over as president of Tri-County Sportsmen's League. As many of you know, Steve is no stranger to leading the club and has been a past president. Under Steve's past leadership he has grown membership and club activities and weathered many challenges we have faced. Congratulations and good luck to Steve as he takes on his new role with the club.

This being my last column, I would like to say that I have enjoyed the time served as president, especially being able to work with and meet so many good people. And I truly appreciated all the encouragement and advice I have been given, both good and bad. And I suspect I will continue to get it in my new role in Hall Regulation. Keep sending your advice and encouragement over to reservations@tcs1.org. Thank you!

Mark your calendar, TCSL's next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19. It will be a Burger Night from 5-6:30pm, Board meeting at 6:30pm, and Membership meeting immediately after. Get volunteer hours for attending, get updated on club activities, and have a chance to win a dinner for two. You MUST be in attendance to win. See you there.

[Mark Smokowicz](#)

2020 Awards

IDPA Crew pictured here received the "2020 Member of the Year Award"



(Back row, L-R): Steve Nesmith, Ed White, Pam Hasselbach, Jim Walter, Nathan Yost, Tom Hammond, Jim Dunbar, Jon Yost.
(Front row, kneeling, L-R): Earl Austin, Tom Lewandowski, Carlos Soto. Not in picture: Mike Cowhy, Don Hasselbach.



Coach Susan Duda-Osborne received the TCSL 2020 "Leadership Award" for her role in establishing and leading the Saline High School Trap Team at Tri-County Sportsmen's League.

Not pictured: Claudia Hays, who received the 2020 "Associate Member of the Year Award."

Congratulations to all our winners for their tireless help and support of Tri-County Sportsmen's League!

March 2020 Incoming President's Column

On February 20, 2020, the membership elected officers and board of directors for the upcoming year. I was honored to be elected president of TCSL, and I look forward to serving in that capacity for the next year.

On March 19, the "retiring" officers and board members will step down, and the new officers and board members will be seated. Please come to this meeting so we can give those members stepping down and those members stepping up a big round of applause. Each of these members has or will donate countless hours to TCSL so that we all can continue to enjoy the club, ranges, and amenities for years to come.

I want to focus on two officers who have been board members and Officers for years. Mark Smokowicz agreed to run for the Second Vice President seat this year, since Carol Parent was vacating that seat. Mark will now assume all of the responsibilities that are associated with the Second Vice President position. Mark did a great job as President these past years, and we can all expect him to continue doing a great job as Second Vice President. Carol Parent was a long-time board member who then was elected Second Vice President. During her terms as Second Vice President, Carol made sure that hall rentals continued to be a major source of income to TCSL. So, when you see Mark and Carol, please go out of your way to thank them both for going above and beyond the call of duty and for a job well done.

Watch the online calendar. Every 4-6 weeks, on a Saturday or Sunday for an hour or two, there will be a "meet and greet" at TCSL with donuts and coffee provided. Officers and Board members who can make the event will be present, as well as other members. Let's chat about new guns that have been released, classes at TCSL or classes you would like to see at TCSL, new concealment equipment, hall rentals, upcoming IDPA matches, the Youth Trap League, new ideas for TCSL, etc. This will be an opportune time to meet fellow members when you aren't wearing hearing protection! I look forward to re-connecting with old members and to connecting with new ones. I have always believed that our membership is the greatest TCSL asset. Come out and join me, and I think you will agree with me as you develop new friends.

The Board approved some time ago a Range Sponsor program which allows a business to purchase for a year a sign promoting the business and to have it mounted on one of the TCSL ranges. If you are interested in purchasing a sign or in helping promote the Range Sponsor program, please e-mail me at president@tcsl.org

The board, officers, and members will conduct their annual Spring Walk-Around to identify projects that need to be addressed during the coming year on Sunday, May 17 from 9 am-12pm. Feel free to join us, share your thoughts, and earn volunteer hours - not to mention steps for your pedometer.

Show up at the clubhouse, and ask Lance what projects you can do to earn volunteer hours. Get an early start on your volunteer hours, and it will make it easier to earn a free range pass for 2021.

In February 2020, Maudie Abraham, Robert Graham, Mark Smokowicz, Toni Stumpo, and Jon Yost became NRA "Refuse to Be a Victim" instructors. All of them will do a great job teaching a course that helps increase your awareness in various settings (e.g., traveling, at work, at home, at school, using technology, etc.). Keep checking the TCSL online calendar to see when the course is being offered at TCSL.

TCSL Members can become NRA/TCSL Range Safety Officer: Saturday, March 28, from 8am-5pm and Sunday, March 29, from 8 am-5pm the NRA and TCSL Range Safety Officer courses will be offered for free to current TCSL members. Earn 16 volunteer hours while you take the course, which helps get your free range pass. You will pay to take the CPR/AED component of the course (\$40). Contact Steve Reed at steve@reedlawgroup.com to register or if you want to assist in teaching the course.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to serve as TCSL President. I hope to see you at TCSL soon.

[Steve Reed](#)

Congratulations, Wayne Cooley!



Tri-County member, Wayne Cooley, models his hat after it was shot by other competitors on Sunday, February 16, Wayne has scored 24/25 many times, but this was his first perfect round of 25/25. It is a long-standing custom to shoot the hat of a member when they score their first perfect round. (The hats are shot in the air, not on a head!). Here's to many more, Wayne!

Saline High School Trap Team

Coach Susan Duda-Osborne reports that 21 high school students have signed up for the 2020 trap team. This month, the team is meeting in the classroom one night per week to learn the basic content contained in the NRA Basic Shotgun Class. They will also have the opportunity to practice using the Drifire simulator. The first outdoor practice with live ammunition will be held on Wednesday, March 25. Official practice and competition will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from March 31 through June 9. The team will shoot using both Tri-County trap fields from 5-7pm.

We need your help! Last year we had 16 club members step up to help, either on Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening, or both evenings. You don't have to be one of our regular trap shooters to be a volunteer. You just need to have a desire to see young men and women learn about safely participating in shooting sports. These young people are the future of our club.

If you can help one or two evenings a week (4:30-7:00pm, Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays), please email [Steve Jolliffe at trap@tcsl.org](mailto:Steve.Jolliffe@trap@tcsl.org).

Attn: First-Time Hunters

All first-time hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1960, are required to take and pass a hunter safety course. You will not be able to purchase a base license (other than an apprentice license) unless you can prove successful completion of a hunter safety course.

If you need certification to buy your license: Take an online hunter education course, print your passing certificate, and contact me at 734-971-3138 to register for our March 7 field day.

Remember, a base license is required for anyone who hunts in Michigan.

Small game hunting for rabbit and squirrel is open until March 31. Check your Hunter Digest for other seasons and bag limits.

Spring turkey drawings are posted on March 16. New this year you can hunt turkey from a raised platform or a tree stand. Check your Spring Turkey Digest for all laws and regulations.

Remember: Be a mentor to a new hunter. You can make a difference in our hunting heritage.

[Jon Yost](#)

Membership

I presented four new applicants to the board of directors at the February meeting. These included three regular probationary members, Harrison VanSky, Wayne Powell, and Thomas Miller, and a military member Jeremy Lim.

This month we have had six new members attend orientation. These included Thomas Miller and his daughter Megan who is involved with the Saline HS Trap team, Greg Hohenberger, Daniel Cain, Vasilios Pliakas, and Tamara Mayrend.

As of Tuesday the March 25th, we still have 150 members that have not submitted their renewals.

[Charlie Unbehaun](#)

Memorial & Well Being

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Member James Arthur Van Loon, age 80 of Chelsea, died Tuesday, January 28, at the Kresge Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice.

Member Martin Clifford's father recently passed away. Martin will be travelling to the United Kingdom for the funeral.

Congratulations to Jim Walter on the birth of his second great grandson. Jim now has 11 grandchildren!

Please send Memorial/Well Being items, to newsletter@tcsf.org.



Women On Target

Saturday, June 6 - 8am-5pm

Registration begins April 1, and the \$80 fee includes a light breakfast, lunch, t-shirt, and all the ammunition for each range. Eyes and ears, will be available if needed. Ladies can register as a group (10 ladies maximum per group), with a friend, or individually. We have a limit of 70 ladies for the day.

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



Kids on the Range Day

Saturday, July 11 - 8am-5pm

Registration for KORD also begins April 1, and forms will be available on TCSF.org and at the club house. The \$10 participation fee includes use of firearms, eyes and ears, all ammunition, and a pizza party at the end of each session. Participation is limited to 60 kids and the slots fill quickly, so don't let that April 1 date pass you by.

contact: [Val Kabat](#)

Meetings

Our next planning meeting (WOT and KORD) will be **Tuesday, April 7**, at 6pm downstairs at the clubhouse. This will be a regular planning meeting, and we encourage everyone interested in either or both of these events to attend. We welcome your input! We've decided to delay the safety training (for ALL of our range leads, but everyone is welcome to attend) to May 19.

Additional meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month: April 7, May 19 (and June 2 for KORD volunteers).

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contact: Mark Smokowicz
reservations@tcsi.org

Rent Our Range

contact: safety@tcsi.org



Winter Rifle Match Held

Our first winter Military Rifle bench match for 2020 was held on Saturday January 25th 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	Gerry Marken	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	95-1x
	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	95-1x
2 nd Place	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30/06	91
3 rd Place	Bill Rushmore	Mosin Nagant 91/30	7.62x54R	84-1x
<u>Scoped Division</u>				
1 st Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	224 Valkyrie	100-3x
2 nd Place	Sam Zahina	Browning X Bolt	243 Win	95-3x

Our next Rifle Match will be a 100 yard 22LR bench match held on Saturday, February 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 rifle chambered for 22LR ammunition, with iron sights or scope.

The 22LR Bench matches are conducted from the bench rest, and course of fire is 10 rounds sight-in over a period of 10 minutes followed by four (4) 10 round relays for score over a period of 8 minutes each. Highest total score for the 4 relays wins. Bring 50 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, hearing protection, registration fee and appropriate warm clothing. A spotting scope is useful, and you may also bring rests or other positioning gear. Some blocks and sand bags are available.

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

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womenontarget@tcsll.org

Tri-County's Annual Women On Target Instructional Shooting Clinic allows women the opportunity to shoot a rifle, a shotgun, and a pistol while under supervision of trained safety officers.

\$80 Participation Fee

(Preregistration & Payment Required)

includes: continental breakfast & lunch, all ammo, all firearms, ear and eye protection if needed.

(Please do not bring personal ammunition or firearms.)

Tri-County Sportsmen's League boasts beautiful ranges for Action, Archery, Pistol, Rifle, and Trap.

Note: Everyone (both shooters and non-shooters must participate in a safety briefing before going onto the ranges. Safety will also be stressed on the ranges.

Registration materials: Available April 1

Find them online at tcsll.org or at Tri-County Sportsmen's League.

KIDS ON THE RANGE DAY

**Saturday,
July 11**

**Kids will have an
awesome time!**

**Open to All Kids
Ages 8-18!**

**Kids experience the fun of sport shooting and
learn about firearm safety at the same time.**

**Tri-County Sportsmen's League boasts beautiful ranges for
Action, Archery, Pistol, Rifle, and Trap.**

One-on-one coaching is provided at each range, and safety is always our top priority.

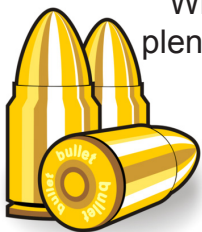
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Registration materials: Available April 1

**Find them online at tcs1.org or at Tri-County Sportsmen's League
(8640 Moon Rd, Saline)**

**Cost: \$10 per kid April 1-June 15 • \$15 per kid after June 15.
Pre-registration is required.**

What each kid gets: use of firearms and ammo, ear and eye protection,
plenty of water throughout the day, and pizza & cookies after each session.
(Parents get to eat, too!)



Information: KORD@TCSL.org



Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Mar 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 RSO on Duty: 12pm - Trap	2 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	3	4 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	5 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Friends of	6	7 9am - DNR Hunter 10am - .22LR 100 yd
8 RSO on Duty: 8am - Basic of Pistol 8am - Breakfast at 12pm - Tr 	9 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	10 York Township 5pm - Saline HS	11 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - TCSL	12 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	13	14 10am - Smith
15 RSO on Duty: 12pm - Trap	16 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop	17 5pm - Saline HS	18 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - NRA Gun	19 9am - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	20	21 9am - Military Rifle 9am - New Member
22 RSO on Duty: 8am - Michigan 12pm - Trap	23 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	24 5pm - Saline HS	25 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Firearms	26 9am - Friends of	27 4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled 5pm - Friends of	28 8am - IDPA Match 9am - NRA / TCSL
29 RSO on Duty: 9am - NRA / TCSL 12pm - Trap	30 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	31 5pm - SHS Trap	1 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap	2 9am - Friends of	3 4pm - 60th Birthday	4 8am - NRA CCW 10am - Meet &

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

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Apr 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 RSO on Duty: 9am - NRA / TCSL 12pm - Trap	30 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	31 5pm - SHS Trap	1 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap	2 9am - Friends of	3 4pm - 60th Birthday	4 8am - NRA CCW 10am - Meet &
5 RSO on Duty: 8am - Breakfast at 10am - NRA Basic 12pm - PCC & .22 12pm - Trap	6 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	7 5pm - SHS Trap 6pm - WOT/KORD	8 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap 6:30pm - TCSL	9 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	10	11 10am - Basic
12 RSO on Duty: 8am - NRA Chief	13 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop	14 5pm - SHS Trap	15 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap 6:30pm - NRA Gun	16 9am - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	17	18 9am - Military Rifle 9:30am - Early Bird
19 RSO on Duty: 12pm - Bowling Pin 12pm - Trap	20 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	21 5pm - SHS Trap	22 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap 6:30pm - Firearms	23 9am - Friends of	24 4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled 5pm - Friends of	25 8am - IDPA Match 8am - NRA 9am - New Member
26 RSO on Duty: NRA Instructor CCW 8am - Michigan 12pm - Trap	27 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	28 5pm - SHS Trap	29 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap	30 9am - Friends of	1	2