



President's Column

The last few weeks have been a new experience as the country, state and local entities have responded to the Coronavirus. Everyone has been affected in some way or another, whether it was being exposed to the virus, having children home during school closures, working from home, cancellations of events (e.g., NCAA tournaments, NBA, Masters' tournament, NHL, etc.), cancellation of the NRA Annual Meeting, not being able to find staples or groceries, etc. The daily updates on how to properly care for yourself (e.g., washing hands, not shaking hands, keeping some distance from others, etc.) help remind each of us what to do to help slow the virus as it spreads across the country. Let's remember to thank the law enforcement personnel, fire department staffs, medical professionals and their support staff, emergency individuals who are putting in long hours, being exposed to the virus and continuing to try and keep all of us safe and healthy.

Even before Governor Whitmer's Executive Order, the TCSL Board and Officers voted to cancel many of the TCSL events (e.g., board meetings, membership meetings, broiled steak fry dinners, breakfasts, Saline High School Trap Practices and League, NRA Classes, etc.) through April 1. Pursuant to her order, we will now be closed until April 14. We will re-evaluate the situation in early April to see if events can be rescheduled or additional cancellations are needed. I believe the TCSL Officers and Board members took the socially responsible action; and they were ahead of many leaders, entities, and groups, which doesn't surprise me since TCSL and its members are "good neighbors."

Now what do we do during these unusual times? How about picking up a book you have been meaning to read for a while, but you didn't have the time? In January 2020, Mr. Tom Givens released his new book "Concealed Carry Class: The ABC's of Self-Defense Tools and Tactics." Mr. Givens operates [RangeMaster Firearms Training Services](#), which is a top-notch firearms training outfit and his new book offers some helpful tips. Or how about practicing your dry firing, drawing from your holster, reloading some ammunition?

How did the shooting sports and shooting clubs become popular? Archery and spear target shooting go back centuries for military purposes; however, history reflects the Greeks, Persians, Germans and Celts used target shooting contests to honor gods or as social activities. By the tenth century shooting competition was well established as a social and recreational activity.

In the 13th and 14th century German-speaking individuals formed the first formal shooting clubs. Originally bows and wheel-lock muskets were used. By the 16th century firearms with rifled barrels became popular to use. One shot competitions were common and club competitions were often conducted on holidays with prizes awarded to the best shooters.

The first formal competitions in the United States were in the 1700's and were "turkey shoots" or "rifle frolics" with beef, turkey or other food items the prizes. Most of the competitions were one shot firings at distances of 250 feet – 330 feet from standing or resting positions. Match rifles with 38 to 40-inch barrels, double-set triggers and target sights as were used in Europe became popular between 1790 and 1800. The accuracy of the target guns improved as there were changes in the manufacturing and design of ammunition. An 1880's match in Glendale Park, New York, had more than 600 shooters and 30,000 spectators. Another shooting match at the same location in 1898 had \$25,000 in cash prizes.

Shotgun enthusiasts started shooting at live pigeons around 1825 and the first recorded match was in 1831. Americans were the leaders in developing artificial targets for trap. Originally glass balls containing feathers were used and then clay targets. Adam Bogardus, Ira Paine and "Annie" Oakley were well known trap shooters. "Annie" Oakley once shot 4,772 out of 5,000 glass ball targets released from 15-yard traps, and Bogardus on another day broke 5,681 glass balls in a row before finally missing one.

1860 was the first recorded pistol match. Two men were shooting nine-inch plates china plates from 100 feet. The winner of the match hit 11 out of 15 plates. W.F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody began shooting pistol exhibitions and the pistol shooting sport increased in popularity.

The Lyon, France shooting club started the first World Shooting Championships in 1897. Women's events were added in 1958. The establishment of shooting associations and governing bodies (e.g., International Shooting Union, Amateur Trap Shooting Association, Pacific International Trap Association, NRA International Shooting Sports, National Skeetshooting Association, U.S. Shooting Team, etc.) all helped with the expansion of the shooting sports and shooting clubs.

So, when you are shooting at TCSL or competing at TCSL keep in mind that TCSL exists due to formal target shooting dating back to the time of Homer's Iliad.

Stay healthy, and once the club re-opens, come out to the TCSL Ranges to keep your shooting skills sharp. In the meantime, check on TCSL members struggling with health issues or lack of a strong support system. Picking up a member's medications, groceries, etc. may help a home-bound member.

[Steve Reed](#)

Layoff of Lance Monroe

The current coronavirus restrictions are having significant effects on everyone. It is difficult to predict what the future holds. Based on our current financial situation, the restrictions on the size of groups, etc., after talking to Lance Monroe, I asked the Board to approve a motion to lay Lance off as of March 21, 2020. The Board made the tough decision and approved the motion.

Lance has been an outstanding member and employee for years. There are countless things that Lance does that no one ever knows. He has looked out for TCSL's best interests for years without ever seeking attention or recognition. I have frequently gone to Lance to obtain his perspective on issues, for new ideas, and for help. Lance has always been helpful.

We will need members to step up to help fill the void left while Lance isn't at TCSL. Feel free to reach out to me if you are able to help cover any of the tasks that Lance traditionally has handled. We all hope finances will improve and we can get Lance back as soon as possible.

contact: [Steve Reed](#)

Membership

The renewal season is wrapping up. We have had a few renewals that were "lost in the mail" which have been resent. So far, we have had 439 members renew. If anyone has sent in their renewals and not received their new badge, please contact me at membership@tcsl.org.

The board approved 13 new applicants for membership. Several of these had attended orientation so were included in the 439 total.

These new applicants are:

Harrison Vansky
Wayne Powell
Megan Miller
Jeremy Lim
Vasilios Pliakas
Charles Holzhausen
Dennis Sheats
Cem Can
Emanuel Dumitrescu
Carl Henry
Shawn Pyle
David Lee Frye
Christopher Henderson

Megan Miller is a junior member and is on the Saline High School Trap team. Her father joined last month. David Lee Frye is a youth associate, and the others are probationary members.

[Charlie Unbehaun](#)

Cover the Creek

A great crew came out to work on the Cover the Creek project on March 8. We had about twenty guys clearing brush and replacing rotted panels.

Many thanks to everyone that attended. Special thanks to Jim Moulten and Jon Yost. (Jon's saw did most of the cutting.)

I don't want to list everyone from memory, as I will miss someone and then I'm in for it.

We had Steve Reed in charge, and that was best part!

[Phil Hemenway](#)

Scouts BSA

In these unprecedented times, it's even more important for social interactions. Distancing from those we care about in the troop was difficult for the scouts, which is why the troop had been hosting virtual meetings. Scout Leah DeCaro said it best, "The troop meetings are the highlight of my week. I don't know what I would do without them!"

That's why, starting the last two weeks in March, the troop has had several opportunities to work on merit badge opportunities as well. Scoutmaster Tammy Mayrend has hosted Family Life, Cooking and Bird Study Merit Badges that several scouts have taken advantage of. These opportunities have had as many as 14 scouts participate, gaining new skills or a new hobby. More opportunities will be hosted throughout the time the scouts are limited to home activities.

The shelter-in-place order has not slowed the ladies down either. The National organization has offered tips on running virtual scoutmaster conference crew and Boards of Review. Several scouts have had both.

The scouts are looking forward to future activities too. They will be attending summer camp at D-A in July, and the older scouts will be preparing to attend the high adventure base, Northern Tier in June 2021. Northern Tier is a canoeing outpost located in the boundary waters between the US and Canada and D-A is the only summer camp in the US offering a real working ranch.

The troop has recently grown by 4 new scouts too. In late February, 4 Webelos scouts from two local packs crossed over to Troop 439. The girls are excited to camp, hike and participate with the troop!

Know any young ladies finishing 5th grade or ages 11-18? We are still accepting new scouts. Contact Tricountyscoutsbsa@gmail.com for more information.



100-Yard .22LR Bench Match Held

Our second 100 yard .22LR bench match for 2020 was held on Saturday March 8th at the 100-yard rifle range with 6 shooters.

Results of the match:

Shooter	Round 1	Round 2	Round3	Round 4	Overall Score
Sam Zahina	76	79	87-1x	90-3x	332-4x
Brad Orr	99-5x	99-7x	98	98-5x	394-17x
Bill Rushmore	15	77	92-2x	94-4x	278-6x
Dave Harris	95	94-2x	92-1x	94-1x	375-4x
Jeff Gage	95-2x	95-4x	97-4x	94-1x	381-11x
Jerry Marken	89-4x	99-4x	90-2x	85	363-10x

Winners –

Overall: 1st – Brad Orr

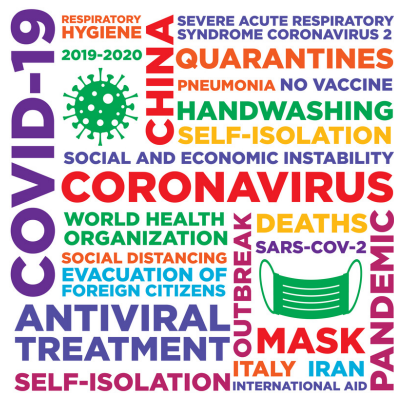
2nd – Jeff Gage

3rd – Dave Harris

Congratulations to Bill Rushmore, who shot the match with a peep-sighted rifle that wasn't even on paper at the start of the match. By the last two rounds he was competing with all the scoped rifles

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.



The Question on Everyone's Mind



The truth is that no one knows. Please follow the CDC's recommendations in to stay healthy. These are trying times, but we're all in this together. Prayers for first-responders, health-care workers, and others who are working on the front lines of this battle. Everyone stay safe and well.

Tough times never last, but tough people do.

Robert H. Schuller

Women On Target

~~Saturday, June 6 – 8am-5pm~~

We made some difficult decisions the other day and decided that it would be best to cancel both events for this year. It's very sad for all of us, but we look forward to next year. Please mark your calendars!

contact: Carol Parent, 734-417-6895

[Sharon Beckey](#)



Women On Target

Saturday, June 12, 2021

8am-5pm

Kids on the Range Day

~~Saturday, July 11 – 8am-5pm~~



Kids on the Range Day

Saturday, July 17, 2021

8am-5pm

Memorial & Well Being

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Maudie Abraham and her family. Maudie's brother Robert recently passed away from the coronavirus.

Tom Lewandowski's wife Lisa, who is battling an illness at home

The family of Arthur Witbart, who passed away on March 26. Art was a member of numerous organizations, including Tri-County. A memorial service will be held at a later date at [Holy Faith Church](#) in Saline. Memorial offerings are suggested to the church.

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

Wash Your Hands



Tired of Singing "Happy Birthday" While you Wash Your Hands? Try some of these for a little variety during that 20 seconds:

"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

"[Karma Chameleon](#)," Culture Club

"[Heaven is a Place on Earth](#)"

(You know, the one Flo & the gang sang on that Progressive Insurance commercial.)

"Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

"Wheels on the Bus"

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow,"

"The Sound of Music"

"[Stayin' Alive](#)," The Bee Gees



These dates are contingent upon government guidelines regarding COVID-19. Please check [TCSL's online calendar](#).

PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot PCC (Pistol Caliber Carbine)

Sundays:

Apr 19, May 17, June 14, July 19,
August 9, September 20

11:30am until 5:00pm

Shooting starts at 12:00 noon, and the cost for each relay (25 pins = 5 pins x 5 tables) is \$5.00. (\$5.00 range fee applies for non-members.)

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.

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 4 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. Price for the Challenge is \$4.00.

If you don't own a handgun, PCC or .22 rifle and would like to participate, there will be several members on site who are willing to loan you their .22 handgun or rifle for this event.

Contact: Mike Cowhy 313-530-7789 car-64mc@peoplepc.com

Handgun, PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot and 4x4 Steel Plate Challenge

Sundays:

May 3, May 31, July 12,
August 2, August 30, September 27

11:30am until 5:00pm

Shooting starts at 12:00 noon, and the cost for each relay (24 pins = 6 pins x 4 tables) is \$5.00. (\$5.00 range fee applies for non-members.)

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.

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 6 pins are knocked down. The time it takes to knock 6 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.

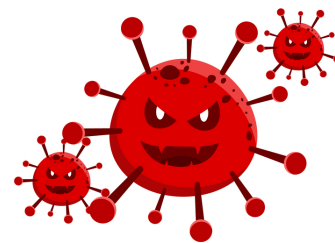
If you don't own a PCC or .22 rifle and would like to participate, there will be several members on site who are willing to loan you their .22 rifle for this event.

Contact: Jim Walter 734-478-3946 jdwalter54@comcast.net

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Hunter Education

Congratulations to 15 new Michigan Hunter Ed participants! They all did a great job on demonstrating safe gun handling skills and all passed the DNR required test. Good luck on all your hunts, and remember that safety begins with you.

DNR has a new licensing system at Michigan DNR eLicense Home. As of right now there will be no further Hunter Ed. courses at TCSL until further notice. Hopefully, things will get better and we can have a traditional two-day class in August.

Spring turkey hunting dates are April 18 through May 31, 2020. Check your [Spring Turkey Hunters Digest](#) for all rules and dates.

Stay safe and stay healthy

[Jon N Yost](#)

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

Apr 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
All ranges and clubhouse are closed!						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		5pm - SHS Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap 6:30pm - NRA Gun	9am - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership		9am - Military Rifle 9:30am - Early Bird
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
12pm - Bowling Pin 12pm - Trap	RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - SHS Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap 6:30pm - Firearms	9am - Friends of	3pm - Friends of 4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match 8am - NRA 9am - New Member
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8am - Michigan 8am - NRA 12pm - Trap	RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - SHS Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap	9am - Friends of		8am - Refuse to be a

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

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events

May 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8am - Michigan 8am - NRA 12pm - Trap	RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - SHS Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - SHS Trap	9am - Friends of		8am - Refuse to be a
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Refuse to be a 10am - Baby Shower 12pm - PCC & .22 12pm - Trap	RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - SHS Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun 5pm - SHS Trap	9am - Friends of	3pm - Friends of	10am - Meet &
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12pm - Trap	RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - SHS Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun 5pm - SHS Trap 6:30pm - TCSL	9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education		9am - Military Rifle
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9am - 12pm - Bowling Pin 12pm - Trap	RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - SHS Trap 6:30pm - BSA pre-	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun 5pm - SHS Trap 6pm - New Member 6:30pm - NRA Gun	9am - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	3pm - Friends of 4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8am - Michigan	RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - SHS Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun 5pm - SHS Trap 6:30pm - Firearms	9am - Friends of	4pm - 60th Birthday	9am - 50/100 yd
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
12pm - PCC & .22 12pm - Trap	RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - SHS Trap	10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun	9am - Friends of		