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President's Column

First of all, I hope all of you and your loved ones are healthy.

The recent federal, state, and local executive orders are new experiences for all of us. I must take a moment to thank the countless members who have stepped up to help TCSL during these times. I don't want to forget to mention anyone so rather than single-out members, I am going to just identify some of the work that has been going on behind the scenes so you can see that members continue to work on TCSL tasks.

- A group of TCSL members have been designated "necessary workers" pursuant to Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders 2020-21 and 2020-42 so that mail could be picked up and processed, the clubhouse and ranges could be inspected for security and damage purposes, checks could be drafted and sent out, deposits made, etc.
- E-mail Board meetings have been conducted as allowed by our current bylaws.
- Phone calls have been made to vendors so that we aren't being charged while TCSL is shut down pursuant to Executive Orders which means expenses are being reduced. These reductions in expenses include but are not limited to: dumpsters are not being emptied, portable johns are not being emptied and Comcast services have been reduced.
- The TCSL mortgage payments were deferred for three months and interest only payments are being made during this period.
- The Board and Officers have conducted telephone conference calls to discuss issues including but not limited to opening up the club house and ranges while maintaining social distancing restrictions once the Executive Order restrictions are lifted.
- Sending out e-mail blasts, making changes to the on-line TCSL calendar, making changes to the TCSL Facebook page and TCSL webpage.
- Drafting and editing the TCSL newsletter.
- E-mails from members offering to help.
- E-mails from members with suggestions.
- Investigations and discussions into programs that might be able to provide financial assistance to TCSL.
- Other assorted tasks.

As I have said numerous times in the past, TCSL's greatest asset has always been its members. This recent coronavirus has proved this once again, and I thank all of you for your continuing efforts as we all learn how to move forward in this new setting.

The current coronavirus restrictions have and will continue to have a significant economic impact on TCSL. Limiting the size of groups, for example, will impact hall rental, large group activities (e.g., IDPA, Chamber Shoot, Saline Youth Trap League, etc.). We may have issues when renewals are sent out at the end of the year due to members' incomes being reduced.

There are several issues that need to be addressed this spring and summer. For example, the backstops on all of the pistol and rifle ranges must be built back up. We will need heavy-duty equipment and dirt/sand to properly address these backstops. Some of the ranges were closed this past winter, since the backstops were frozen and there was concern for rounds getting off property. To the

best of my knowledge, this is the first time since TCSL was founded that ranges were closed due to frozen backstops. We need to properly maintain our backstops. In addition, fixing the creek cover will cost money.

There are also discussions going on about adding a new pistol range, which would allow members to shoot pistols even during the monthly IDPA events and also allow a larger IDPA annual event. From my perspective we need to first maintain our existing ranges before building a new range.

One of the TCSL CDs was cashed-in during 2019, so our "reserve" CDs are now down to just two. I would like to fund another \$10,000 CD so that we build our "reserve" back up.

Once the club is open and we are paying to have our dumpsters emptied, porta johns emptied, and other normal expenses are incurred, it costs TCSL approximately \$7,300 per month just to cover these expenses which does NOT include any wages for Lance. Currently in the bank, not counting the two CDs, TCSL has around \$15,000. Since the vast majority of dues for 2020 have been paid and it looks as if club rentals may be minimal this year, we have ability to cover expenses for around three months before we need to cash in our two \$10,000 CDs (Total of about \$20,000). Since our loan is currently in deferment and costs have been reduced (e.g., dumpster, porta john, Comcast, etc.) we can go three months as opposed to two months since the current expenses are around \$5,300 per month while the ranges are closed.

How do we build the backstops up, repair the creek cover, and replenish our CD and still keep TCSL clubhouse and ranges up and running with the coronavirus restrictions or social distancing restrictions? We have and continue to try to reduce our expenses. We need to look into other ways to generate income since hall rental and large group activities may be reduced. In the past we discussed, and the Board approved, a "Range Sponsor Program"; however, that program was never fully implemented. We need to implement it now. Is someone willing to volunteer to sell these sponsorships? If I recall, the costs for a large vinyl sign on one of the ranges was \$500 or so for a year. If we sell fifteen of these sponsorships, that will bring in \$7,500, which covers another month. However, these sponsorships only make sense if the ranges are open all year (e.g., fix backstops, fix creek cover, etc.). Perhaps there are additional income ideas we need to consider. Is it time to reach out to members for donations? Should other options be considered (e.g., life memberships)? TCSL, like the rest of the country, is facing tough financial times due to a coronavirus that no one expected.

If you look at the TCSL on-line calendar, you will see Meet and Greets, Board, Officer, and Member Meetings (e.g., Saturday May 9, 2020 at 10 am). If these meetings are able to go forward without violating Executive Orders, come out and talk to those board members, officers, and members who show up. Grab a donut, and have a cup of coffee. If these meetings can't proceed due to the Executive Orders and there is an interest for a ZOOM video meeting, we can arrange that as well. As I stated earlier, TCSL's greatest assets is its members. I am quite confident that TCSL members can come up with workable solutions to address the current issues.

Feel free to contact me with questions, comments or ideas. Take care of your health!!!

Steve Reed

Donate to TCSL

Doing some spring cleaning while we are all homebound? Of course you are! TCSL is still looking for donations of outdoor equipment for its next sale. Shooting and reloading gear and components? Knives? Camping equipment? Fishing stuff? We'd love to have it if you are looking to move it on. We will find it a new, loving home and turn it into cash for the club. We plan to have another sale at TCSL as soon as we are able. The one we had last year was a big success and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We just have to wait for the governor to give us the OK.

Please drop any donations by the club (once we are open), marked "Attn: Dave Vandermark." Have more to donate than you can fit in your vehicle, or need help because it's heavy? We can arrange to pick it up. Just email me at rifle@tcsl.org, and we'll figure out a time to get it done.

Thanks in advance, and be on the lookout for the date of the next sale.

[Dave Vandermark](#)

Rifle Ranges Have a Need

The Rifle Ranges are rebuilding our supply of sand bags. We are making them a little more durable and DUST FREE! We are looking for any Airsoft plastic BBs that you might have lying around and would like to be rid of. We will gladly turn them into rest bags for everyone to enjoy, and your guns won't get so filthy any more. Just drop them off at the club marked "Attn: Dave Vandermark" (once we open back up).

[Dave Vandermark](#)

Women On Target
Saturday, June 12, 2021
8am-5pm



Kids on the Range Day
Saturday, July 17, 2021
8am-5pm



We continue to be saddened by the necessary cancellation of this summer's events, but we look forward to next year. Please mark your calendars!

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

contact: [Val Kabat](#)

Trap Range Closed Indefinitely

The TCSL Board voted in March 2020 to close the Trap Range until such time as the breaches in the creek cover could be fixed. A group of volunteers showed up on a Sunday and attempted to put temporary "fixes" in place so the trap range could be re-open, and the range was re-opened. The recent storms, wind, and water level of the creek have created numerous new breaches in the creek cover; and erosion has resulted in the old creek cover not extending far enough to cover the creek even if the cover was intact. Therefore, when the Stay at Home restrictions are lifted, the Trap Range will remain closed until such time as the old cover is removed and a new barricade can be built on the land adjoining the creek, as opposed to a replacement cover.

A plan for the new barricade needs to be finalized and approved, York Township will need to approve the structure, and the finance committee and TCSL Board will need to approve the expenditure. (See President's Column for the financial challenges facing TCSL at this time.) Then volunteers and heavy duty equipment will be needed. I would like to have the old creek cover with the temporary new panels totally removed from the creek by May 30, 2020. Since we are not having Women on Target or Kids on the Range Day this year, this will be an excellent opportunity for members to earn volunteer hours to get a free range pass next year.

[Steve Reed](#)

Keys to Enter TCSL Clubhouse Have Been Changed

The key that opened the double doors to enter the first floor of the TCSL Clubhouse, as well as the key to open the single door at the top of the stairway on the second floor, have been changed. The TCSL Board approved a motion allowing only those members who are necessary to conduct minimum basic operations (e.g., checking the mail, clearing voicemail, drafting checks, signing checks, ensuring security, maintaining the value of inventory and equipment, processing transactions, facilitating the ability of others to work from home, etc.) will be given keys while the Governor's Executive Order 2020-42 (or a similar subsequent executive order) is in place. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive order, those necessary members have been informed in writing and have been given their keys.

Changing the keys was necessary when in April 2020 a non-member provided authority for a member to enter the club in violation of the Governor's Executive order. Violations of the Governor's order could have resulted in citations and violations, which could have affected TCSL business licenses (e.g., liquor license) or resulted in TCSL being fined. At this time, only those members who have been deemed "necessary workers" in writing by the TCSL President are to be on TCSL property.

Once the Stay-at-Home restrictions are lifted, the TCSL Board will re-visit the Key Policy to determine who should be provided a key. The keys are now numbered with the upstairs key having a "U" on it and the downstairs key having a "D" on it. One factor that the TCSL Board will consider when it establishes a new Key Policy is the fact that Lance is not on site a minimum of 40 hours per week now, which means the security he provided isn't in place at this time.

The last time the keys were changed was approximately ten years ago.

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RANGE POLICIES EFFECTIVE 4-26-2020

Please bring your own mask and disinfectant to spray before and after using your shooting bench, shooting station or the out houses and for your own use.

Please keep six (6) feet of distance at all times between anyone from outside each individual's household.

The Trap Range is closed until the old creek cover is removed and a new structure is installed.

Archery, Pistol, and Rifle Ranges are open subject to the following conditions:

- Sign in at the Club House and pay range fees (cash only – exact change).
- Members ONLY except household members can shoot with a member.
- Archery - Only two shooters maximum.
- Rifle: Only shoot at the lanes marked with a **RED X** in tape above the lane.
- Pistol House: Only shoot at the benches with a **RED X** in tape on the bench (Lanes 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, and 14).
- Action Ranges: Only two shooters at a time on each bay.

If people are waiting to shoot please limit yourself to one hour of shooting.

All existing TCSL Rules not inconsistent with these policies remain in full force and effect.

The Clubhouse will remain closed at this time.

Approved by TCSL Board 4-25-2020

Annual Spring Walk Board/Officer Walk-Around

If the Executive Order restrictions are changed, on Sunday, May 17, from 9am- 12pm, we will have the annual Spring TCSL Board/Officer walk around the property to inspect ranges, the grounds, etc. Committee chairs and TCSL members are encouraged to join in the walk. Everyone should wear facemasks and maintain 6 feet of distance from all of the participants to ensure appropriate social distancing. Please check the on-line TCSL calendar to see if the event is cancelled due to continuing Executive Order restrictions. Since we don't have Women on Target or Kids on the Range Day this year, this walk-around and spring clean-up will give members a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours to get a free range pass next year.

[Steve Reed](#)

COVID-19 Prevention Tip

Clean and Disinfect.

Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.





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:
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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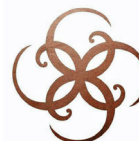
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Memorial & Well Being

In the "Well Being" column: Charlie and Anny Unbehaun welcomed another granddaughter into the world on April 27. Little Elizabeth joins her brothers John (4) and Charlie (2) The happy parents are Greg and Lauren (Unbehaun) Haugh.

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



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
Trap remains closed until further notice. @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
			10am - Wednesday			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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12pm - PCC & .22			10am - Wednesday			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Trap remains closed until further notice. @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
			10am - Wednesday	6:30pm - Education		9am - Military Rifle
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Trap remains closed until further notice. @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
9am - 12pm - Bowling Pin	6:30pm - Safety		10am - Wednesday 6pm - New Member	6:30pm - Board	4pm - IDPA Friday	8am - IDPA Match
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Trap remains closed until further notice. @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
			10am - Wednesday		4pm - 60th Birthday	9am - 50/100 yd
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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12pm - PCC & .22			10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun			

Very Important: For up-to-date information, please see the online calendar.

Tri-County Sportsmen League Events
Jun 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Trap remains closed until further notice. @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
12pm - PCC & .22			10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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			5pm - Multi-gun	6:30pm - Education	3pm - Friends of	8am - NRA Basic 9am - Military Rifle
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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NRA Basic Rifle 12pm - Bowling Pin	6:30pm - Safety		10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun 6:30pm - NRA Gun	5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership		10am - Meet &
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Trap remains closed until further notice. @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
			5pm - Multi-gun 6pm - New Member 6:30pm - Firearms		3pm - Friends of 4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match 10am - Graduation
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Trap remains closed until further notice. @ Tri-County Sportsmen's						
Set up for Cub 8am - Michigan	8:30am - Cub Scouts Day Camp - South Side Wooded Area @ Tri-		10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun			