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### President's Column

I hope everyone is staying healthy as we continue to address the coronavirus situation and the changing Executive Orders. TCSL has and continues to adapt to the ever changing state of affairs.

Mark Smokowicz is working on creating a protocol that TCSL will follow once the club house is able to open so that TCSL can be in compliance with Executive Order requirements as well as CDC guidelines. Once the protocol is drafted and approved by the TCSL Board, it will be released to the TCSL members. Hopefully, we will be able to resume generating income from the clubhouse soon.

May was an interesting month of firsts. TCSL had its first ZOOM video Orientation, its first ZOOM video TCSL Board meeting, and its first ZOOM video TCSL membership meeting. I believe, all things considered, the meetings went well, and members were able to comply with the Stay at Home Executive Orders while catching up on recent TCSL news. TCSL was also able to get new members through Orientation and on the ranges shooting. We will see what the future holds in terms of ongoing executive orders, social-distancing requirements, etc. to determine whether or not future meetings can be conducted in the clubhouse or by ZOOM. Watch the calendar for details.

On May 17, the annual Board/Officer/Membership Inspection of the Grounds was conducted. A list of tasks and ideas was created. We will be tackling those tasks as soon as possible. A great opportunity for earning volunteer hours will be at this year's Spring/Summer Cleanup as we work on some of these tasks. A day still needs to be set for the Cleanup, and we are waiting to see what changes will be made in future Executive Orders. Since there will not be a Women on Target event or Kids on the Range event this year the Spring/Summer Cleanup will be an excellent opportunity to earn a lot of volunteer hours. One of the tasks will be to burn the multiple burn piles that are located around the property.

The TCSL Board approved two fundraising programs which will be launched soon. One program allows one-time donations to be made to the club, and the other program allows monthly donations in a set amount to be made. An e-mail blast will go out once the programs are up and running, and there will be a link on the TCSL webpage ([www.tcsl.org](http://www.tcsl.org)) allowing access to both programs. Any donations will be appreciated and help as we work through the coronavirus challenges (e.g., loss of club rental income).

I am looking for a member to take the lead on the TCSL Range Sponsor program which allows businesses to have a vinyl sign on a range for one year at a set price. Sizes and prices vary. Please contact me if you are interested in taking the responsibility to get this program up and running.

As a reminder, the keys to access the TCSL Clubhouse have been changed. Once the Executive Order allows the clubhouse to open up, the TCSL Board will develop a new key policy. In addition, we will need to clean the clubhouse so that we are complying with Executive Orders. Please contact me if you are willing to take the lead on overseeing the clubhouse cleaning responsibilities.

Now that the Pistol and Rifle Ranges are open, organized activities are starting to resume (e.g., Military Rifle Shoot, Pin Shoot, IDPA Matches, Pistol Caliber Carbine Shoots, etc.). Much work has been completed on the ranges and property, such as opening up the Pistol House with the two additional entry/exit points so that social distancing can be maintained, yellow lines painted on the Action Ranges, signs on the ranges identifying what types of firearms can be used at each range, the shed on the Pistol House range has a new roof, mowing the property, cleaning the ranges, etc. Thanks to all the volunteers for continuing to demonstrate the fact that TCSL's greatest asset is its members.

On May 24, a strong turnout from TCSL trap members, as well as from the Saline High School Trap Team members, TCSL members, and family support resulted in the old creek cover being fully removed from the Trap Range. The Trap Committee is working on the details for a new system so that the trap range can be opened as soon as possible. Stay tuned.

Flag Day is Sunday, June 14. On August 3, 1949, President Truman signed a Congressional Act declaring June 14 of each year as National Flag Day. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, said it best when he delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself." Fly your flag on Sunday, June 14, 2020!

The coronavirus has changed our day-to-day activities for weeks at this point in time. School has been canceled. Friends and family have become ill with the virus. Unfortunately, people have passed away from the disease. Stay-at-home directives have been in place. Income and financial issues exist. It has been difficult to purchase certain items. People are feeling stress, loneliness, and depression. Take a few minutes and reach out to family, friends, co-workers, TCSL members, etc. to check on them. Set up a ZOOM video meeting with these people. Let them know you care about them, are thinking about them and just listen to them. No one knows what the future holds in terms of the coronavirus. Go to [www.michigan.gov/staywell](http://www.michigan.gov/staywell) for coping suggestions. Do not forget to take care of yourself.

Summer is here. Take advantage of the facilities at TCSL and enjoy the ranges. Bring a family member or friend as a guest to the ranges. Let's each try to bring at least one guest per month to TCSL during the summer months. Now is a great time to spread the interest in shooting sports.

Stay safe.

[Steve Reed](#)



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## DNR Offers Temporary Hunter Education Safety: Certificates for Eligible Online Students

Eligible online hunter education students will be able to hunt this spring, despite the postponement of field day classes which normally are required. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is providing temporary hunter education safety certificates to select online students who have not been able to attend a field day due to cancellations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Field days are the required final step in earning a Michigan DNR hunter education safety certificate for online students. Safety certificates are mandatory to purchase a Michigan hunting license. The face-to-face classes have been postponed as a result of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" [Executive Order](#).

"Since the beginning of March, we have seen a significant increase in students enrolling in our online hunter education course," said Lt. Tom Wanless, DNR hunter education administrator. "We want to thank our online course provider, Kalkomey Enterprises, for their fast response to help us develop a solution for future hunters."

To receive a temporary hunter education safety certificate, online students must meet one of the following criteria:

- Completed the online hunter education safety training since March 15, 2019, but not yet completed the field day.
- Started the online program on or after January 1, 2020, and still in process of completing the course.
- [Begin and complete the online program](#) between now and the end of the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order.

Eligible students will receive an email from Kalkomey Enterprises, LLC and be able to print a temporary certificate from the student portal, allowing them to purchase a license through December 31, 2020. Anyone who receives a temporary safety certificate will be required to take a field day once the classes resume.

"Safety is our number one priority," said Chief Gary Hagler, DNR Law Enforcement Division. "We want to do what we can to ensure future hunters have the opportunity to enjoy spring hunting and Michigan's natural resources."

The most recent license data from the DNR shows that spring turkey hunting license sales are the highest they have been since 2015, indicating a strong desire by customers to pursue these outdoor activities this year.

All first-time hunters, born on or after January 1, 1960, are required to take and pass a hunter safety course. The DNR offers hunter safety education safety certificates through three different formats:

- Traditional classroom setting.
- Online course followed by a one-time field day.
- Take-home study course followed by a one-time field day.

Regardless of the learning option a student chooses, all students must demonstrate successful understanding of the skills they learned to a certified hunter education safety instructor.

The DNR offers several recreational safety certificates online, including boater education and ORV and snowmobile safety. Get more information about these certifications and other safety resources at [Michigan.gov/RecreationalSafety](http://Michigan.gov/RecreationalSafety).

Learn more about earning an online hunter safety certificate at [Michigan.gov/HunterEducation](http://Michigan.gov/HunterEducation).

We just wanted to provide a quick update on resuming recreational safety classes.

The Governor has reopened counties in the UP and northern lower peninsula per the Executive Order 2020-92. We hope this means we can resume classes soon, and field days will most likely be the first to resume.

The DNR is drafting guidelines for instructors to follow concerning: class sizes, social distancing, and disinfecting when classes are allowed to resume. When those guidelines are complete, they will be emailed to all instructors.

Once we get the go-ahead to resume classes, DNR will let all instructors know immediately. Please continue to be safe and get out of doors.

[Jon N Yost](#)

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## TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

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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)
- The restriction on members only and their household guests is removed.
- 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 5-13-2020

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#### 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@tcsll.org](mailto:rifle@tcsll.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](#)

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#### 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](#)



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## TCSL Booster Club

Remember when you played sports in high school, marched in the band, or sang in the choir? Who was your biggest support base? I'll bet it was a booster club. A booster club is defined as "an organization that is formed to help support the efforts of a . . . team or organization. Support is shown in many ways, including volunteering time, raising money, and contributing funds to better enhance the team or organization's performance."

You all know what Michigan has been through since March 10. In order to comply with the governor's Executive Orders, Tri-County has gone through some dramatic changes. To stay safe and self-distance, we have closed our ranges, clubhouse, and kitchen. Meetings have been conducted virtually. Events, including major events like Women on Target and Kids on the Range Day, have been cancelled. As a result, we've missed each other's camaraderie; and our budget has missed the income we would normally garner from these events. The regular, monthly overhead expenses continue.

We think we need a boost! Or, more specifically, a TCSL Booster Club! Please join us in this effort and show your club some love in any way you can. Volunteer, serve on a committee, and/or donate. So far, we've been able to rise to the challenges; but your support is now more important than ever before.

Can we count on you to donate a gift of \$100 to the TCSL Booster Club? Or possibly a monthly, recurring donation? As President Steve Reed often says, "TCSL's biggest asset is our members."

Your contribution will help us:

- Promote sportsmen and women in the betterment of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, boating, shooting.
- Host social activities for our members.
- Provide leadership for our youth.
- Participate in citizen action in the legislative process.
- Protect our environment.

***You can donate via PayPal:***



***Or the old-fashioned way by mailing a check to:***  
Tri-County Sportsmen's League  
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If you're on Facebook, please join our new group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/25712096217796>

contact: [Mark Smokowicz](#)

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



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

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



contact: [Val Kabat](#)



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## (Un)cover the Creek!

The creek is clear, and all the burn piles are burned and cleared!

The TCSL Trap members and the Saline High School Trap team had an outstanding turnout on the 24th and were able to remove the entire cover. Jim Mouton did a great job organizing the effort, and the job was completed in about 5 hours. A huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers for getting us one step closer to opening the Trap Range!!

The Trap Committee is finishing up their proposal for a solution that won't involve covering the creek.



## First Military Rifle Match Held (Thanks to Covid!)

Our first standard Military Rifle Match for 2020 was held on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at the 100-yard rifle range with 7 shooters.

Results of the match:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Score</u>
<b><u>Iron Sight Division</u></b>				
1st Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.223 Rem	341-5x
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30/06	330
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ed Benko	M1 Garand	308 Win	328-4x
	Jerry Marken	M1A	.308 Win	298-2x
	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	.223 Rem	282-3x
	Dave Vandermark	Mini-14	.223 Rem	269-1x
<b><u>Scoped Division</u></b>				
1st Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.224 Valkyrie	351-6x
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jeff Gage	AR-15	.223 Rem	299

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:rifle@TCSL.org).



## Tracy is proud to have the endorsement of Tri-County Sportsmen's League President Steve Reed

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**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:  
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](mailto:car-64mc@peoplepc.com)

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

Sundays:  
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 [jdwal-ter54@comcast.net](mailto:jdwal-ter54@comcast.net)



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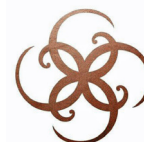
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### **Memorial & Well Being**

Please send Memorial/Well Being items, to [newsletter@tcs.org](mailto:newsletter@tcs.org).



**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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	6:30pm - TCSL		5pm - Multi-gun	6:30pm - Education		9am - Military Rifle
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Trap remains closed until further notice. @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, USA						
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	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			10am - Wednesday			
Set up for Cub 8am - Michigan	8:30am - Cub Scouts Day Camp - South Side Wooded Area @ Tri-		5pm - Multi-gun			

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Trap remains closed until further notice. @ Tri-County Sportsmen's			10am - Wednesday			
Set up for Cub 8am - Michigan	8:30am - Cub Scouts Day Camp - South Side Wooded Area @ Tri-		5pm - Multi-gun			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			5pm - Multi-gun	6:30pm - Education		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
12pm - PCC & .22	6:30pm - Safety		10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun 6pm - New Member 6:30pm - NRA Gun	6:30pm - Board		9am - Military Rifle
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
12pm - Bowling Pin			5pm - Multi-gun 6:30pm - Firearms		4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8am - Michigan			10am - Wednesday 5pm - Multi-gun			10am - .22LR 100 yd