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President's Column

Fall Clean-up is Saturday November 7, starting at 9am (weather permitting). Bring rakes, gloves, saws, pruning clippers, trailers, tarps to collect leaves, leaf blowers, shovels, etc. Contact Phil Cardon, Grounds Chair, at cardonphillip@gmail.com with any questions. If the weather permits, we will try to have another burn pile. We accomplished a lot at Spring Clean-up, so let's see how much we can get done this time!!

I want to congratulate the volunteers who helped organize, conduct and clean-up the recent September 2020 Tier II IDPA match. There was a lot of creativity in designing each shooting scenario. Volunteers went out of their way to make sure each shooter enjoyed their time at the entire event. Participants commented on the quality of the event. The event was safely run from start to finish. A significant amount of money was raised for TCSL. Food and drinks were provided in compliance with current Executive Orders. I don't want to name some individual members who volunteered and ended up accidentally missing someone who was instrumental in making the weekend a success, so let me just thank all of the volunteers for a terrific job!!

At the same time, other members are continuing to put in time and energy to keep TCSL bringing in additional money (i.e., chicken dinners, classes, pin shoots, sale of brass, etc.) to help cover the loss of income from hall rental. Some members put in time to maintain the grounds (i.e., mowing the lawn and removing trees that have fallen during recent storms). Shooting sports continue to grow as other members put on Hunter Education classes or Gun Safety workshops. In other words, TCSL's greatest assets, which has always been its members, continue to demonstrate each day why TCSL is such a great club/range. Thanks to all of you for your efforts. They are noticed.

If you are thinking of running for a TCSL office or TCSL board seat, please let me know as soon as possible, since it's time to start putting together the ballot for next year's February election. I'm more than willing to help explain the commitments and responsibilities that come with any officer or board position.

In an effort to keep income coming into the club during the time when hall rental is not possible, we've decided to mail membership renewals early this year. It would help if you can renew your membership before the end of this year. It would help if, when you pay your dues, you donate to the TCSL Booster Club as we face ongoing economic challenges and some unexpected expenses (such as a new coolant unit for the walk-in cooler behind the bar).

When you receive your membership renewal, you'll see that the volunteer hour requirement has been waived for 2020. This is due to the significant period of time when the clubhouse and ranges were closed, as well as the effect of COVID-19 as people tried to stay home and avoid getting sick.

This has been a year full of challenges that no one expected. I want to thank each and every member since, in general, the TCSL membership has rolled with the punches, complied with Executive Orders, and taken actions to keep TCSL a quality club. Your efforts, which often were done when no one was at TCSL, did not go unnoticed. Thank you very much.

Steve Reed

Help Wanted

The clubhouse has 8 or 9 large garbage bags full of pop cans to be returned for deposit. We are seeking members to pick one up and take to the store for return for deposit. If you can spare some time send a note to kitchen@tcsll.org or contact Mark at (734) 276-2514.

Memorial & Wellbeing

Please keep the family of Maudie Abraham in your thoughts and prayers. Maudie lost her brother to COVID on March 28 and then, exactly five months later, she lost her 93-year-old mother, Gladys Byars. It was her 93rd birthday. You can find the complete obituary here: [Stark Funeral Service](#).



Jim Walter shared some good news at the last board meeting: He and Linda just welcomed their second great-grandchild, Kace William Thomas Camp, into the family. They have 11 grandchildren as well.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



"MORE" Chicken Chicken Dinner

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Friday, October 23, 5-7 PM

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The TCSL Booster Club

The TCSL Booster Club was created in May 2020 to give TCSL members (and other individuals) a way to contribute to the successful financial future of the Club.

When the COVID-19 shut-downs went into effect, it essentially stopped the club's revenue, which caused us to turn to our cash reserves to maintain minimum expenditures.

We currently have eight members who give monthly (recurring gifts through PayPal). These contributions represent \$280 per month, which adds up to \$3,360 annually!

We have also had many members make one-time gifts to the Booster Club, some small, some large. Every gift counts!

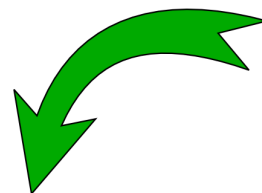
Thank you to all that support the club with your talents, your time, and your financial support.

I would encourage all members to consider giving to the Booster Club.

\$1/day = \$30/month = \$360/year = a cup of coffee

Thank you!

[John Harden, Treasurer](#)



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Attn: Booster Club

TCSL Family Rifle Match is Coming October 31

COVID may have taken KORD away, but . . .

Mark your calendars, and get your partner lined up for the First annual TCSL Family Match. This match will be held on the 100-yard rifle range at 10am on Halloween (Saturday, October 31). It is a .22LR bench match shot at 50 yard targets that will use two- person teams for score. Here's where the "family" part comes in: One of the shooters must be under the age of 16. Hopefully, you can bring a family member – a son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew . . . you get the picture. We'll even let you bring a neighbor's kid or a family friend. But **the adult in the pair must be a TCSL member** and supervise the child. Don't be shy about farming out one of your kids to another member either.

Bring your favorite .22LR rifle(s) (scoped or not, team members don't have to shoot the same rifle) and a box of .22LR ammo. Each shooter will get 5 sighters from the bench, then 10 shots for score. So each team will be taking a total of 30 shots. Team members will shoot one after the other, so the TCSL member can coach and observe the child partner. Don't have a kid lined up and ready? You have time to recruit one and get them to the club to practice. The winners will bask in the joy of knowing they won the first-ever TCSL Family Match, and the kids will get a treat as well. (It's going to be Halloween after all). Have more than one kid who wants to shoot? Members can shoot multiple relays, but you get to deal with the kids boasting over who beat who later.

Other items to bring: a shooting rest (we will have some if you don't), shooting glasses and ear protection for both shooters, chamber flags, and a spotting scope would be helpful. (There will be some of those available also.) **And please make sure everyone has a face mask.**

The sign-in book for this event will be at the Rifle Range. Sign-in for the relays will begin at 9:15am October 31, and you will be placed in the queue on a first-come, first-served basis. Shooting will begin at 10am. Cost for the match is \$10 per team per relay. Due to COVID issues, only those in the relay shooting will be in the rifle house while the relay is going on (along with those running the match). If you are not shooting/coaching, then you will wait outside the Rifle House and watch your social distancing until your relay comes up.

And I almost forgot, **anyone dressed up in their Halloween costume gets 5 bonus points** (max 10 points per team). Have some fun with it, but remember range safety if you dress up.

[Dave Vandermark](#)



Fall Club Clean-Up Saturday, November 7, 9am – 5pm

All hands on deck! Please bring gloves, rakes, shovels, chain saws, weed wackers, axes, trailers that can haul debris to burn piles, bug spray, suntan lotion, hats, boots, etc.

This is a great time to earn volunteer hours towards your range pass since we did not have Women On Target or Kids on the Range Day this year.

[Phil Cardon](#)

Fall Handgun Shoot "Running Deer Shoot"

Sundays:

October 4 & 18; November 1 & 8

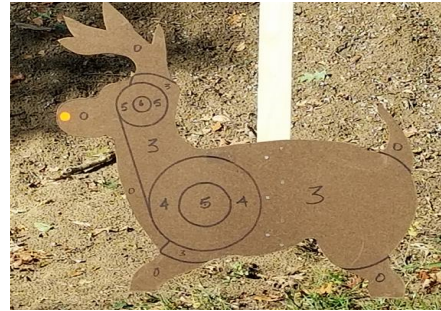
The "Handgun Shoot" (Running Deer Shoot) is structured much the same as a good old Turkey Shoot as 10 individuals buy into a relay. All 10 take their turn shooting at the running deer. After each individual shoots their score is totaled and radioed up to the officials table. The highest score of the 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 Carbine). Pistols will compete against pistols. .22 Rifles and PPCs will compete among themselves. All type sights or optics are allowed.

This event is FUN. This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Shooting Starts at noon and goes till 4pm.

Bring a family member or a friend. Cost for each relay is \$5.00.

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or Jim Walter 734-478-3946



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First Annual Cavalry Match Held

On August 29, TCSL hosted its inaugural Cavalry Match. This was a new match, with new positions and requirements for shooters to navigate. Its purpose was to simulate shooting positions you might find yourself in as a cavalry trooper in the late 1800's – on horseback, kneeling, firing from behind your horse, and using your pistol off-hand as a last resort. It took place on both the 50 and 100 yard rifle ranges. Each shooter needed to bring a carbine (20" barrel or less, no scopes) that was capable of being single fed. Carbine stages included seated (on a rounded stool to simulate horseback), with 5 rounds facing the target, and 5 rounds facing perpendicular to the target at 50 yards, 10 rounds kneeling at 50 yards, and 10 rounds prone (but with an 18" high rest simulating a downed horse) at 100 yards. All three stages required the ammunition be single fed from a belt pouch and fired within 80 seconds. The pistol round was shot one-handed at 25 yards. When the timer started, the pistol was loaded with five rounds, fired, then loaded with 5 more rounds. This was done to make it more even between semi-auto pistols and revolvers (mags empty at start, only one mag allowed). All 10 rounds had to be fired within 80 seconds.

Competitors found the 80 second time limit and single-loading a tougher hurdle than it would seem, with scores being 50-75 points lower than a standard military match. Everyone had a good time, with plenty of self-deprecating humor to go around. Looks for the match again next year, date TBD.

| | <u>Name</u> | <u>Carbine</u> | <u>Pistol</u> | <u>Score</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st Place | Dave Harris | AR-15 - .223 | Colt 1911 – 45 ACP | 282-1x |
| 2 nd Place | Jim Szocik | 30 M1 Carbine – 30 Carb. | Ruger Blackhawk – 30 Carb. | 235 |
| 3 rd Place | Chris Leite | AR-15 - .223 | Colt 1911 – 45 ACP | 225 |
| | Dave Vandermark | 1892 French Berthier – 8x50R | Ruger Redhawk – 44 Mag | 156 |

Special thanks to Charlie Unbehaun for taking photos – some with a remote trail cam down range.

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



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Fifth Military Rifle Match Held

Our fifth standard Military Rifle Match for 2020 was held on Saturday September 19th at the 100-yard rifle range with 3 shooters.

Results of the match:

| Place | Shooter | Rifle | Round | Score |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------|--------|
| Iron Sight Division | | | | |
| 1st Place | Jerry Marken | 1903A3 Springfield | 30/06 | 316-3x |
| 2 nd Place | Dave Vandermark | 1903A3 Springfield | 30/06 | 293 |
| 3 rd Place | Jeff Gage | M1 Garand | 30/06 | 249-1x |

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 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.



1917 U.S. Enfield

Best Environmental Practices

The heart of Tri-County Sportsmen's League is a conservation club.

As a conservation club, we are committed to minimize the effect of our activities on the environment. Lead at an outdoor shooting range is not regulated if it is used in its intended purpose. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a document entitled *Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges*, which provides generic guidance. In consultation with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), TCSL has developed a more specific *Environmental Stewardship Plan* (Plan).

Among the best practices outlined in the Plan, which we follow, is to not shoot into surface waters, reduce the mobility of lead in ground water, reclaim lead when feasible, and minimize soil erosion into the Koch-Warner Drain (Drain).

Recent testing continues to show very good results. Both soil and Drain-water testing demonstrate results within stated limits and that lead mobility is well controlled. Soil samples were also taken and sent to a reclamation company to determine if lead reclamation is feasible on the trap range.

Planning and discussions are underway to improve the protection of the Drain so that trap shooting can resume. Testing will continue to ensure lead mobility remains under control. Soil pH will be adjusted as indicated by testing. Control of soil erosion is ongoing by proper mowing, and the planting of more trees along the Drain is being evaluated.

On the ranges you can help our stewardship efforts. Clean up of brass and lead at the shooting station level helps to reduce our impact. Both may be used for reloading, and sales to recyclers bring in cash to the club. And of course, a tidy range is appreciated by all.

[Stuart Berry](#)

New Members

Zeke Church
Paul Dingess
Laura Hayden
Steven King
Jeff Leidlein
Steven Mecklenburg
Eric Northrop
Thomas Pierce
James Piper
Xinaggua Quan
Dennis Sheats

[Charles Ubehaun](#)

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



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

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



contact: [Val Kabat](#)

Notice to Committee Chairs

All committee chairs need to announce your committee meetings to the membership via the online TCSL calendar.

Here's how: On the main page of our website (tcsl.org), scroll down to the calendar, and just above the month, you'll find:

"Click here to submit an event request to be added to the calendar."

A form will be brought up, fill it in with complete information. Once done, click on "submit" at the bottom of the form. In a day or two, you'll see that your event/meeting has been added to the calendar for all to see.

Notice to Potential Committee Members

If you're interested in serving on a committee - or just want to visit a meeting - please contact the committee/event chair. You can find their contact information on our TCSL website.

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

The New Courses

Personal Protection Outside the Home
October 17 & 18 Action Bay 4
Personal Protection Outside the Home Instructor
October 31 & November 1
NRA Range Safety Officer
November 21 - 8am to 5pm
November 22 - 8am to noon
AED/CPR
November 22 - noon to 3pm

Current Recurring Courses

Gun Cleaning work \$10.00 - 2 hours
Brian Craig
Gun Safety Seminar \$10.00 - 2 hours
Paul Dunlap and Mark Smokowicz
Drawing From Holster - Free to members

Tasks under development:

1. Firearms Safety video (similar to National Shooting Sports Foundation video) that will review and remind members and guests about general and site-specific rules for TCSL. Many other ranges require guests to watch a quick safety video that educates them on all site-specific rules.

2. TCSL orientation video reviewing all rules.

Brian Craig - 734-637-8000

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contact: newsletter@tcsl.org

Or . . .

if you have information pertaining to TCSL—including family milestones—that should be shared with the membership, this is a vehicle.

contact: newsletter.t@tcsl.org

Newsletter Schedule

On the **1st of each month**, you'll receive an email blast (thank you, Mark Smokowicz) alerting you that the newsletter has been posted on the TCSL website (thank you, Steve Jolliffe) and is ready for you to read/print. Since putting together the newsletter doesn't happen overnight, I start bug-ging people on the **20th of the previous month**. I start getting nervous on about the **25th**. After that, well . . . I'll include the info if I can, but that's not always possible; so please plan ahead.

Thanks to all of you for your support.

Val Kabat

Scouts BSA Troop 439



Although they have not been meeting at the club, Scouts BSA Troop 439 have been busy all summer! They have gone on several hikes, had an astronomy campfire night, and done some service, advancement, and merit badge work. With the go-ahead from TCSL to camp, they finally got to have a campout in September too!

Many of the scouts have advanced, and the troop even recruited several new members. One rank advancement of note is our first scout to have their Eagle Scout project proposal passed! The scout will be creating new firewood boxes and seating for four firepits at Faholo Conference Center and Camp in Grass Lake. The scout has begun her fundraising and is actively moving forward on her Eagle Scout plan. If you would like to contribute to her efforts please contact the troop at tricityscoutsbsa@gmail.com.

Hunter Education

The TCSL Hunter Education Team recently held two successful classes but could only handle 16 students due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place. I hope the information provided here will help members and family that could not get in our classes. We will try and ramp-up the field day classes for those who will need it after the first of the year.

Happy hunting and be SAFE.

[Jon Yost](#)

DNR extends temporary hunter education safety certificates through June 2021

Contact: Lt. Tom Wanless, 517-284-6026

Agency: Natural Resources

Eligible hunter education students will be allowed to purchase a Michigan hunting license through June 1, 2021—prior to completing the required field day. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division administers the state's hunter education program and is providing a temporary solution due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Field days—in which students must successfully demonstrate hunter safety skills to a certified instructor—are the required final step in earning a DNR hunter education safety certificate for online and take-home study students. A safety certificate is required to purchase a Michigan hunting license.



"The department recognizes that COVID-19 is preventing some students from attending the required field day," said Chief Gary Hagler, DNR Law Enforcement Division. "We hope this extension will allow new hunters the time they need to attend a field day while still being able to safely enjoy the upcoming seasons."

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

- Started the program on or after September 10, 2019, and complete it by June 1, 2021.
- Already completed the online program but have yet to complete a field day.
- Eligible students will be able to print their temporary certificates from their online Kalkomey student portal. Kalkomey Enterprises, LLC is the DNR's online recreation education provider.

Students need to present their temporary certificates when purchasing licenses.

Anyone who receives a temporary hunter education safety certificate will be required to complete a field day by June 1, 2021, or within 12 months of completing the course—whichever date comes later—to receive their permanent hunter education safety certificate.

The in-person classes were postponed in March due to COVID-19 public health and safety concerns. In May, the DNR announced temporary hunter education safety certificates for eligible students, allowing them to purchase a hunting license through December 31, 2020.

According to executive orders, the DNR resumed field days in August. Search for available hunter safety field days and other recreation safety classes.

"Due to the demand for hunter education field days, we have worked with Kalkomey Enterprises to extend the temporary safety certificate," said Lt. Tom Wanless, DNR hunter education administrator. "We still encourage all students to complete a field day as soon as they can."

All first-time hunters born on or after January 1, 1960, are required to take and pass a hunter safety course to purchase a Michigan hunting license. The traditional "classroom setting" hunter education classes remain postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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.

Learn more about earning an online hunter safety certificate at Michigan.gov/HunterEducation.



Just a Heads-Up for November 1

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| 27 Pistol House 8am - Michigan 12pm - PCC & .22 | 28 | 29 | 30 10am - Wednesday | 1 | 2 | 3 12pm - 185 yd Rifle |
| 4 12pm - Fall | 5 | 6 | 7 10am - Wednesday | 8 6:30pm - Education | 9 | 10 9am - New Member |
| 11 | 12 6:30pm - Safety | 13 | 14 10am - Wednesday | 15 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership | 16 | 17 8am - Personal 9am - Military Rifle |
| 18 8am - Personal 12pm - Fall | 19 | 20 | 21 10am - Wednesday | 22 | 23 4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Chicken | 24 8am - IDPA Match 10am - Meet & |
| 25 8am - Michigan | 26 | 27 | 28 10am - Wednesday | 29 | 30 | 31 8am - Personal |

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

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