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### President's Column

If you haven't been out to the ranges in the last month, take a break from your schedule and go inspect the rifle ranges and pistol ranges. The backstops on the ranges have all been built back up. In addition, by the archery ranges you can see the start of two new pistol ranges. The new pistol ranges are not yet ready to be used, but you will see the footprint of the new ranges. Hopefully, with the addition of some more dirt, sand, etc. we will be able to open up the new ranges in the summer of 2021.

We have requested bids from contractors to put a "shot curtain/screen" up on the trap range(s). Once the bids are in, the Finance Committee will review the bids, and then the board will decide how to proceed. The goal is to get the trap ranges up and running as soon as possible. The financial support of members during this year has kept TCSL in a stable financial position, which has provided the funds to work on the backstops and, hopefully, get a "shot curtain/screen" up on the trap range(s).

A lot of members have stepped up to help with activities at TCSL, which has helped bring in funds this year from a wide variety of activities. The recent "Rummage Sale" brought in more than \$1,300. IDPA activities over the year have netted a lot of money for TCSL. The TCSL Booster Club and donations from members who have been paying their dues early have helped. Takeout Chicken Dinner, dance lessons, Takeout Breakfast, classes, Turkey Shoots, Pin Shoots, Military Rifle, the sale of brass, etc. have all helped replace the loss of income from hall rental.

The February 2021 TCSL elections are approaching. The current officers have all announced they are running for re-election. If you are on the TCSL Board of Directors and you want to run for an officer position, then at the December 2020 TCSL Board meeting you will need to announce that you are stepping down from the Board to run for an officer position. There are some TCSL Board seats that will be open. Mike Johnston and Bill Bond were appointed by the Board to run the election committee again. Let me know if you would like to run for an officer or board position and

I will forward your name to Mike and Bill as they create the ballot. Feel free to e-mail me at [steve@reedlawgroup.com](mailto:steve@reedlawgroup.com). I want to thank Mike and Bill for continuing to handle the ballot, the election, and counting the ballots. Both Mike and Bill have handled this task for years, and they have done a great job at it.

If you are a committee chair, please plan on attending the January 21, 2021, TCSL Board and Membership meeting. The bylaws require each committee chair to make a report at the January meeting. Limit your presentation to three minutes or so. Touch on what happened in your committee in 2020 and what your committee hopes to accomplish in 2021. The January Board and Membership meetings will be conducted via Zoom.

The February 2021 Shot Show in Las Vegas has been cancelled, as has the February Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Hopefully, the NRA will be able to conduct its May 14-16 Annual Meeting in Houston Texas. If you haven't been to a NRA Annual Meeting, I would strongly encourage you to attend. The presentation, exhibits, and events are worth seeing.

This year has been full of a many challenges. Between COVID-19 health issues, executive orders and closures, financial challenges, elections, unrest in the country, etc., we have each had to work through some difficult times and handle new obstacles. TCSL has faced hurdles it has never had to deal with before, and the membership has once again successfully worked through each situation. I personally would like to thank all of the members for their efforts this year, whether those efforts were volunteering, financial contributions, supportive emails, paying 2021 renewals early, or providing constructive feedback/perspectives. I hope each of you have healthy holidays and a great 2021!!

[Steve Reed](#)

### TCSL Sale Thank You!

A **Special Thanks** to everyone who donated items or shopped at our TCSL Sale on November 7 at the rifle range. **We raised \$1,348 for the club**—it was a great day! Members who worked on Fall Clean Up Day got 10% off their purchases, and the bargains were abundant. We plan to do another sale sometime next year.

When you ask? That depends on our membership. We are always looking for donations to put toward the sale, so if you are doing some end-of-year cleaning and need to clear some space, we would love to have anything you have to donate that is outdoors related. What sells particularly well at the sale? Ammo, reloading components and tools, knives, and gun parts (scopes, mounts, accessories). Once we get enough put together to hold another sale we will get it scheduled and announced.

Found some stuff to donate? Contact Dave Vandermark at [rifle@tcsll.org](mailto:rifle@tcsll.org), and we'll figure out the easiest way to make it happen.

Thanks again everyone!

[Dave Vandermark](#)



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## Membership

As you are aware, we are in the middle of annual renewals. So far we have had 142 people renew their membership. These people have been very generous by donating more than \$3000. In addition, prior to the renewal cycle, the Booster Cub had received more than \$10,000 in donations. On behalf of the board of directors and all of our members I would like to say "Thank You.!"

Ten people attended our latest orientation session on November 14. Many of these have become probationary members since being approved by the Board of Directors. Also, 14 new applicants were approved by the Board of Directors on November 19. Our new members are:

Edilson Abreu  
Michael French  
Timothy Galea  
Joel Greene  
Sion Hohn  
Nancy Hooper  
Robert Jousma  
Adrian Jurca  
Michael O'Leary  
Daniel Popescu

Charlie Unbehaun  
Membership Secretary

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## 2020 IDPA Challenge



The 2020 Tri-County Sportsmen Challenge is in the books. Another great event that was successful because of the hard work of the members of Tri-County. In all the positive feedback we got from the participants, the No. 1 item that came up was our STAFF/SAFETY OFFICERS. No. 2 was about FACILITIES and FLOW of the event. So, before the shooters even took a shot, they were impressed. This doesn't happen by chance. During the month of September 2020, we had more than 1000 volunteer work hours devoted to this event. But the planning and work started in September of 2019. Total hours (if anyone kept track) would exceed 2000 hours. Planning for 2021 Challenge, started Saturday morning while we prepared for our first paying customer. The final complements were on how well designed the COF (courses of fire) where and how challenging the match was. There wasn't a shooter who had a complaint. This event has established Tri-County as a premier IDPA club.

This year's event hosted 146 shooters, which was about the same as last year. Due to Covid we were limited to 100 people on the property, thus limiting us to 70 shooters a day. The Club took in close to \$12,000 and profited \$5000. Through the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to distribute \$14,000 worth of their products to the shooters—half of whom went home with items worth more than \$50. This always makes for happy shooters!

Next year's event will have some major changes. It will be a Tier 3 event, requiring more help. Two new bays will be added, which will allow us to have 180 paying shooters on Saturday and Sunday. With the larger number of range officer and staff, we could exceed 220 total shooters. With the increase in shooters and a higher entry fee, we could bring in an excess of \$20,000, with a projected profit of \$10,000 to \$12,000. This would be a welcome boost to our annual income. None of this will be possible without all the work of members and non-members. I hope that this success and exposure will lead the way for our club to reach a financial stability and a growth in membership. If you want to be a part of something big, hang out with a group of hardworking individuals, and have a great feeling of pride, come join us on the ranges. We can use help of all kinds: from builders, painters, SOs, fabricators, kitchen help, and more. It takes all kinds of members to pull this event off at the high level we have established. Come join us and feel the excitement and pride that I have come to enjoy, working with these GREAT people.

Earl Austin  
IDPA match Director

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## Range Safety

### Carrying your firearm in a bag or case to the range:

- With unloaded firearm in bag/case, unloaded, with chamber flag in action, enter range and set bag on bench/barrel at firing line.
- Take out the firearm and lay down with muzzle facing down range. The firearm should be open to indicate it is unloaded.
- You may place ammunition next to the firearm. Place bag/case behind the shooter on the table/barrel. This allows all shooters a view of the firing line to see that all firearms have their actions open.
- To put the firearm away, bring bag/case back over to firing line bench/barrel and put unloaded firearm and ammunition into the bag/case. This keeps the firearms facing downrange at all times.
- Remember, Only 1 gun and 1ammo allowed on the bench at a time.

### Carrying on your person entering the range:

- Open Carry is ONLY permitted on the Pistol and Action Ranges, north of the creek. Your firearm must be either concealed or in a carry case or bag anywhere else on club grounds.

- Your firearm must remain holstered at all times until facing downrange standing at the firing line.
- Remove the firearm from holster, unload, and place on the firing line bench/barrel while facing downrange. The firearm should be open to indicate it is unloaded.
- The firearm must not be re-holstered until the time you are ready to leave the range. The firearm is then loaded, re-holstered, and concealed again at that point.
- Drawing from a holster is only allowed on the Action Range during TCSL-sanctioned events, or when under direct, one-on-one TCSL or IDPA approved supervision by a Safety Officer or Range Officer, or on Action Range Bays 2, 3, and 4 if a TCSL member meets specific requirements.
- This routine is followed so that shooters are not un-holstering or unloading firearms anywhere but on the firing line facing downrange.

Do you have a question on the range rules?

contact [safety@tcsl.org](mailto:safety@tcsl.org)



## TCSL Hunts - Fall 2020



Joe Hollenshead with 11 point x bow.



Tommy Kerner gets his first deer. He is the nephew of Past TCSL President Jim Pryce and is a TCSL Hunter Ed. Grad from a few years ago.



Joe with his son Lee and 10 point x bow.



Son Lee with 8 point from Cleveland area



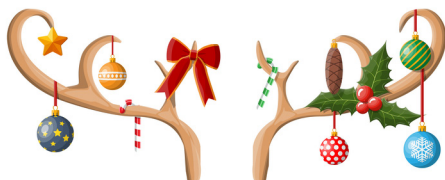
Jeff Jenkins: first hunting license, first bow, first tree-stand hunt on state land, and his first deer



Joe's son Joe and daughter-in law-Diana with her 7 point with x bow.



Brian Craig says, "My awesome and vegetarian wife Anita prepared my pheasants; so we had pheasant in mushroom and wine sauce, stuffed acorn squash, and mashed potatoes."





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## Second 185-Yard Rifle Match Held

Our second 185 yard Rifle Match of 2020 was held on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at the 185 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>
<b>Iron Sight Division</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ed Benko	M1 Garand	308 Win	89
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ed Benko	M1 Garand	30/06	76-2x
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	76
<b>Scoped Division</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Dave Harris	Howa 1500	6mm Creedmr	99-5x
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jerry Marken	AR-15	.223 Rem	98-2x
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jum Szocik	Ar-15	.223 Rem	91
	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	.223 Rem	90-2x
	Dave Vandermark	1903 Steyr Mannlicher	8x60S	73

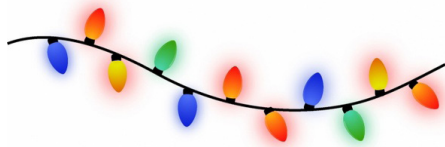
Our next 185 Yard Bench Match will be held on Saturday, **September 4th, 2021**, and is open to all TCSL members and guests. Registration starts at 10 am and the match begins at noon. A short safety briefing will be held prior to the match. Fees for the match will be \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. You can compete with **ANY** rifle (no full autos), foreign or domestic, modern or vintage, with iron sights or scope, as long as you can fire the 10 rounds in 10 minutes. You will need 20 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, and ear protection. Spotting scopes are helpful.

The course of fire for the event shall be: (10) rounds of slow fire from the bench for sight-in within 10 minutes. For score; (10) rounds slow fire from the bench within 10 minutes. For the slow fire, single fed rounds are fired within 10 minutes. Shooters may elect to use their score from the sight-in stage, but in doing so would forfeit shooting the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

For further information or questions contact Dave Vandermark at [rifle@TCSL.org](mailto:rifle@TCSL.org).



1891 Argentine Mauser



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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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## From TCSL Hunter Education

Jeff Jenkins is one of our new members, and he took the TCSL Hunter Education field day portion of the DNR Hunter safety class and passed with flying colors. He practiced with his first bow on our archery range until he was confident enough to hunt with it and make an ethical deer harvest.

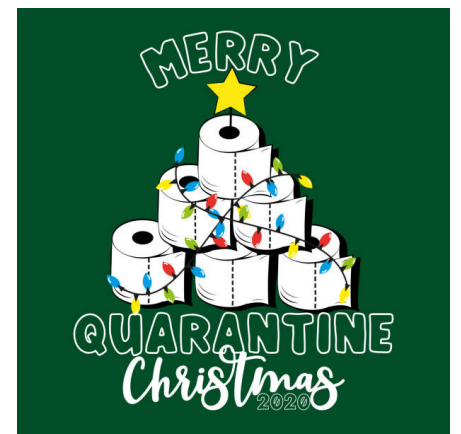
He scouted out on state land to find a good spot and and took his new (to him) climber tree stand. Put it all together and got his first buck. A lot of Firsts here. WOW.

Now the hard part. What to do? With a little guidance, he took that nice buck from Field to Fork in no time at all. I was glad to be of some help.

Great job on his first hunting license, first bow, first tree-stand hunt on state land, and his first deer—a buck no doubt.

Congratulation Jeff on a job well done. (Make mine medium rare. ☺)

[Jon N Yost](#)





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## Booster Club

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## TCSL's Hearty Breakfast is Back

**Sunday, Dec 13th 8-11:30 AM**

### Menu

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage Links,  
Breakfast Potatoes, Coffee Cake



### **CARSIDE PICKUP ONLY**

Prepay \$9.00 before Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

\$10.00 cash or credit card at drive-through on 12/13

[Click here to Prepay](#)

## Huron Valley Friends of NRA "FIRE & ICE"



## Drawing

Ruger 9 mm SP 101 Revolver  
Cordova 28-Quart NRA Cooler

**TICKETS: \$10 EACH - 3 FOR \$20 - 10 FOR \$50**  
LICENSE #R58802

**Drawing: 7pm on Friday, December 4**  
Tri-County Sportsmen's League  
8640 Moon Road, Saline

Winning Ticket Holder Must Comply with  
State and Federal Laws to Win Gun

**\*\*\*Only 500 Tickets Will Be Sold\*\*\***



## Booster Club

Donate to  
Tri-County Sportsmens League  
Purpose: TCSL Booster Club

\$10.00  
USD

\$50.00  
USD

\$100.00  
USD

Other Amount:

☐ Make this a monthly donation

Scan the QR Code below  
or use your camera on your smart phone



Or Mail a check to:

Tri-County Sportsmens League  
8640 Moon Road  
Saline, MI 48176  
Attn: Booster Club

## Memorial & Wellbeing

Longtime TCSL member Stuart White passed away suddenly at his Ann Arbor home on November 25. Steu is survived by Lucy, his wife of 41 years. Born on September 9, 1948, he graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1971, proudly served in the US Army from 1971 to 1975, and worked as an optician at Stadium Opticians until his retirement in 2001. Donations in Steu's honor may be made to [Mayan Families](#) or to [Food Gatherers](#). His full obituary can be found [DignityMemorial.com](#).



Please send Memorial & Wellbeing items, to [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org). That includes the sharing of happy news!

## Fall Clean-Up

We had a great turnout for the fall TCSL cleanup on November 7th. We had over 20 people help with the cleanup. We enjoyed donuts and pizzas and had a great time!

[Phil Cardon](#)

## HAAB'S RESTAURANT

Supporting the  
Community for  
More Than 80 Years

18 West Michigan Avenue  
Ypsilanti, Michigan  
734-483-8200  
[Haabs@provide.net](mailto:Haabs@provide.net)  
[www.HaabsRestaurant.com](http://www.HaabsRestaurant.com)

## January Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:  
December 24. [newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org)

## M1 Garand / M1A Workshop

Saturday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1-3PM at Tri-County Sportsmens League

Workshop Leader: Rob Ashley

Free to attend, but members must register (see below)



### Course Outline:

1. Standard cleaning procedure
2. Field strip and detailed cleaning procedure
3. Proper lubrication
4. Proper ammunition
5. Loading/Unloading techniques
6. Zeroing and sight adjustment
7. Recommended M1 information sources

[Click here to Register](#) or see TCSL Calendar



## TCSL RANGE HOURS

Monday-Saturday:  
Shooting may begin  
no earlier than 10am

Sunday:  
Shooting may begin  
no earlier than 12 noon

Every Day:  
Shooting must cease  
by 8pm or dusk, whichever  
occurs earlier.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8am - NRA CCW /	30	1	2 10am - Wednesday	3	4 7pm - FONRA Raffle	5
6	7	8	9 10am - Wednesday	10 6:30pm - Education	11	12 9am - 100 yd "White" 9am - New Member
13 8am - "Hearty" 8am - NRA CCW /	14 6:30pm - Safety	15	16 10am - Wednesday	17 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	18	19 10am - Meet & 1pm - M1 Garand /
20	21	22	23 10am - Wednesday	24	25	26
27 8am - Michigan	28	29	30 10am - Wednesday	31	1	2

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 8am - Michigan	28	29	30 10am - Wednesday	31	1	2
3 8am - "Hearty"	4 12pm - Friends of	5	6 10am - Wednesday	7 12pm - Friends of	8	9
10 12pm - NRA FIRST	11 12pm - Friends of	12	13 10am - Wednesday	14 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	15	16 10am - High Power
17	18 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety	19	20 10am - Wednesday	21 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board	22	23
24 8am - Michigan	25 12pm - Friends of	26	27 10am - Wednesday	28 12pm - Friends of	29	30
31	1 12pm - Friends of	2	3 10am - Wednesday	4 12pm - Friends of	5	6 10am - .22LR 100 yd