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### President's Column

Groundhog Day falls in the middle between winter solstice and spring equinox. The Celts celebrated it as Imbolc, and it represented the beginning of spring. Imbolc changed into Candlemas Day, which was a Christian celebration that held that a sunny day meant 40 more days of cold and snow until spring. In Germany, the day was only considered sunny if badgers and small animals saw their shadows. As Germans settled in Pennsylvania during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century, the immigrants selected native groundhogs as the small animals that would be used to see if their shadows would be seen.

February 2, 1887, a newspaper editor, Clymer Freas, persuaded a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters, to form the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club and to go to Gobbler's Knob to see if the groundhog would see his shadow at the first formal Groundhog's Day. The ground hog saw his shadow, and Punxsutawney Phil was created. Years later the tradition continues, and statistics show accuracy of less than 50%. Whether the Groundhog does or doesn't see his shadow this year, it is clear that the days are getting longer and spring is around the corner.

At the January 2021 TCSL the following awards were given:

**TCSL Leadership Award to Dave Vandermark** for his continued efforts to generate new activities to create income for TCSL, running the "rummage/yard sale," collecting and selling brass, etc.

**TCSL Member of the Year Award to Mike Cowhey** for his volunteering at countless activities over the year, including, but not limited to, IDPA, creek cleanup, pistol shooting activities, maintenance at pistol house, cutting fallen trees, etc.

**TCSL Associate Member of the Year to Gwen Hodges** for her volunteering for kitchen activities.

Plaques will be given to Dave, Mike, and Gwen when we are able once again to have in-person Board and Membership meetings.

On February 18, the annual TCSL elections will proceed. None of the seats are contested, and the bylaws don't allow write-in candidates. Here is the slate:

- President: Steve Reed
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Carlos Soto
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Mark Smokowicz
- Treasurer: John Harden
- Membership Secretary: Charles Unbehaun
- Recording Secretary: Stuart Berry
- Region 1 Director (3-year term): Tom Lewandowski
- Region 2 Director (3-year term): Jeff Gage
- Region 3 Director (3-year term): Earl Austin
- Region 4 Director (3-year term): Dave Vandenmark

We are hopeful that we will soon be able to open the Clubhouse and hall rental will resume. Keep in mind that, as hall rentals are scheduled, volunteers are needed to work these events. At the same time, let's try and continue to think outside the box and come up with new activities to be conducted at TCSL and which will bring in additional income.

Committee chairs will be appointed at the March 18 Board meeting. If you have a particular interest, reach out to the Committee Chairs in your interest area and volunteer for that committee.

Everyone stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you at the Club, on the ranges or at our meetings.

[Steve Reed](#)

### Membership

Four people attended our new member orientation in January:

Diane Daniels	Steve Tennyson
Matthew Jogan	Christopher Wernette
Douglas Notar	

At the January board meeting applications were approved for the new members listed below:

Eugene Bandarenko	Steven Horwood
David Beauchamp	Matthew Jogan
David Brierley	Christopher Pottebaum
Diane Daniels	Christopher Wernette

We currently have 513 total members.

Also, as a reminder, renewals are due by the 28th of February.

Thanks,

[Charlie Unbehaun](#)  
[Membership Secretary](#)

### Memorial & Wellbeing



Please keep Tom Lewandowski and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Lisa, Tom's beloved wife of 25 years, passed away peacefully Monday afternoon, January 25, surrounded by family. In Tom's words: "She kept me honest and was a joy to be around. We loved our music in the park. She had a zest for life that was never stopped. UNTIL 2019. She devel-

oped a disease that stumped some of the best doctors in the country." In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Donor Services](#).

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

## Scout Troop 439

You may have seen this in the local press recently: Troop 439 is happy to announce our first Eagle Scout, Gabriella Mayrend. Gabby joins her brother, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-uncle with this distinction and is now part of the inaugural female Eagle Scout Class.

For her project, Gabby refurbished all the firepits at Faholo Camp and Conference Center in Grass Lake, while also rebuilding benches and firewood storage boxes. Her biggest challenge in working toward the Eagle Scout rank was identifying an appropriate project amid the pandemic restrictions. Gabby is not resting on her laurels, though. She is the current Senior Patrol Leader and has a goal of visiting every high adventure base. She plans to attend Northern Tier in July 2021!

Troop 439 continues to meet virtually through the pandemic and is excited to see the progress of Gabby and all of the young women in the troop. This year is expected to be especially fruitful with several more girls achieving Eagle. The troop will also be attending Northern Tier for a high adventure experience as well as going to summer camp at D-A!

[boyscouts@tcs1.org](mailto:boyscouts@tcs1.org)



## From the Treasurer's Desk

A look back at 2020's Range Activity:

We held our own in 2020, in part thanks to a couple of areas.

First, I would like to thank everyone that contributed to the Booster Club, which was kicked-off in May 2020. We ended the year with total contributions of \$15,327!

When we started the Booster Club, we were genuinely concerned about our future, but to-date, we have not used any of these monies, and have been able to support ourselves thru reduced operations.

With the Hall, Kitchen and Bar nearly closed since March, the Ranges have carried us thru the last 9 months. Below is a summary of the Range Income for 2020:

Description	Income	Expenses	Net Income
Daily Range Fees	\$ 6,899	\$ -	\$ 6,899
Annual Range Pass	18,723	-	18,723
Archery	-	200	(200)
Pistol	17,846	5,624	12,222
Rifle	1,026	319	707
Trap	968	3,080	(2,112)
Backstop Maintenance	-	12,300	(12,300)
Total Income	\$ 45,462	\$ 21,523	\$ 23,939

Of note: Daily Range Fees from May thru December were \$175 per week!  
We were able to rebuild the backstops and begin the new pistol ranges from operations!

Thank you all for your continued support of our club!

Contact me at any time if you have questions regarding the club's finances.

John Harden, Treasurer



## PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot

Sundays: Apr 18, May 16, Jun 13, Jul 18, Aug 15, Sep 26

11:30am until 4:00pm

Shooting start at 12:00 noon.

The cost for each relay (20 pins = 5 pins x 4 tables) s \$5.

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 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 6 pins are knocked down. The time it takes to knock 5 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 are 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](mailto:jdwalter54@comcast.net)

## Handgun Bowling Pin Shoot

Sundays: Apr 11, May 9, Jun 6, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 19

11:30am until 4:00pm

Shooting start at 12:00 noon.

The cost for each relay (20 pinss = 5 pins x 4 tables) s \$5.

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 3 tables will determine his/her score. Bragging rights are determined by the lowest shooter's score (time).

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

contact: Mike Cowhy, 313-530-7789  
[car64mc@peoplepc.com](mailto:car64mc@peoplepc.com)

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## Rifle Bench Match Held

Our first winter Military Rifle bench match for 2021 was held on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> at the 100-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><u>Iron Sight Division</u></b>				
1st Place	Gerry Marken	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	95-2x
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jeff Gage	M1 Garand	30/06	93-3x
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	92-1x
	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30/06	92
<b><u>Scoped Division</u></b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Tom DeVries	Remington 700	223 Remington	100-9x
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	224 Valkyrie	100-5x

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held on Saturday, February 20<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.

The winter matches are conducted from the bench rest, and course of fire is 10 rounds sight-in over a period of 5 minutes followed by 10 rounds for score over a period of 10 minutes. Highest score wins. Bring 20 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, hearing protection, registration fee and appropriate warm clothing. A spotting scope is useful, and you may also bring rests or other positioning gear. Some blocks and sand bags are available.

**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.

**We also have a 100yd 22LR Bench match scheduled for Saturday, February 6. Bring your rifle and 50 rds of ammo. Fees for the match will be \$10 for members and \$15 for guests.**

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

## 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.



### March Newsletter

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

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## Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee was able to revive the old Ferguson tractor and has been using it to pull downed trees to the burn piles behind the Pistol House. More downed trees will be removed over the next few months. Thanks should go out to the Grounds Committee.

[Phil Cardon](#)



Jerry Marken and Phil Cardon decide on their plan of attack.

## 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)





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### Hearty Breakfast

**Sunday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>  
8-11:30 AM**

#### Menu

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

### CARSIDE PICKUP ONLY

Prepay \$9.00 before Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>  
\$10.00 cash or credit card  
at drive-through on 2/7

[Click here to Prepay  
Hearty Breakfast](#)

### Chicken Dinner

**Friday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>  
5-7 PM**

#### Menu

Baked Chicken Breast,  
Drumstick & Thigh  
Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Roll, Butter,  
Cookie

### CARSIDE PICKUP ONLY

Prepay \$12.00 before Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>  
\$15.00 cash or credit card  
at drive-through on 2/26

[Click Here to Prepay  
Chicken Dinner](#)

### Saline High School Trap

The Saline High School Trapshooting Team Board of Directors decided to expand the youth trap shooting program to include middle schoolers from Saline Area Schools. We had 25 kids and parents attend the informational meeting! We also held a separate meeting for interested 9th graders to join the high school trap team. We had an additional 8 interested candidates. The coaching staff is excited about our upcoming season and the interest in shooting sports in Saline, Michigan! It looks like we will have about 50 athletes on our growing team.

[Susan Duda-Osborne](#)  
Head Coach, Saline Trap

### Women On Target News

Unfortunately, Tri-County will not be hosting Women On Target this year.

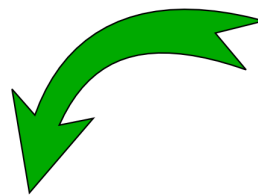
With the pandemic still in our lives and vaccines scarce, we have determined that it will be impossible to guarantee the safety of our participants.



Stay tuned for details on the 2022 event when we will be (we hope) in our new normal.

We're looking forward to June 2022. See you then!

[Carol Parent](#) & [Sharon Beckey](#)



### 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

### Kids on the Range Day

Stay tuned for an update on KORD in the March newsletter.



[Val Kabat](#)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3 10am - Wednesday	4	5	6 10am - .22LR 100 yd
7 8am - "Hearty"	8 12pm - Friends of	9	10 10am - Wednesday	11 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	12	13 9am - New Member
14	15 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7:30pm - Finance	16	17 10am - Wednesday	18 Elections for TCSL 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board	19	20 10am - High Power
21	22 12pm - Friends of	23	24 10am - Wednesday	25 12pm - Friends of	26 5pm - Chicken	27
28 8am - Michigan	1 12pm - Friends of	2	3 10am - Wednesday	4 12pm - Friends of	5	6 9am - 50/100 yd

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

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