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President's Column

I want to thank all of the members who voted at the February 2021 TCSL election. Since there weren't any contested offices, all of the candidates on the ballot were elected. Jim Mouton was term-limited off, and he has been replaced by Jeff Gage. Jim has been active at TCSL and a Board member, and we appreciate his work and efforts at TCSL. Jeff previously was on the TCSL Board, and we welcome his willingness to serve again. All of the candidates who agreed to carry on with their roles as officers or directors continue to make a significant donation of their personal time.

At the March 18 Board and Membership meeting the committee chairs will be nominated, and the board will vote to approve them. In addition, we will set the date/time for the annual TCSL Board/Officer inspection of the ranges, property, etc. Feel free to join us on the inspection so that concerns can be shared and new projects identified. Volunteer hours are earned at the inspection.

We will be setting the date for our Spring Clean-Up Day soon, so watch the on-line calendar and your emails. Volunteer hours will be earned, as we continue to take care of our property.

For now, TCSL Board and Membership meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom. Hopefully, as Department of Public Health rules are eased, we will be able to get back to the clubhouse for our meetings—sooner, rather than later.

We will be starting our TCSL Board and Officer meet and greet sessions soon. Initially these sessions will also be by Zoom.



Membership

We had three people attend orientation on February 13, 2021:

David Beauchamp
Nena Ellicott
Mike Isbell

David had been approved by the board of directors previously, and Nena and Mike were approved on February 18. They are all now probationary members.

Also approved on February 18 was Carl Hayes.

We currently have 520 members. They include 37 Associates, 9 Juniors, 36 Life members, 3 Military, 76 Probationary, 8 Past Presidents, 1 Probationary Youth Associate, 270 Regular, 77 Seniors and 3 Youth Associates. As of 2/20/2021, 295 have renewed or started in February 2021. 63 probationary memberships will expire during 2021, and 162 have not yet renewed.

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

Ultimately, we want to have them in person at the clubhouse on a Saturday where we can have coffee and donuts while we catch up on TCSL affairs, re-connect, discuss new ideas, etc.

There will be a TCSL Range Safety Officer meeting coming up on a Saturday via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting will be to address concerns of TCSL RSOs and to try to get a greater presence of TCSL RSOs at the ranges, especially during the weekends.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21, we will once again be offering the NRA Range Safety Officer/TCSL Range Safety Officer course. For TCSL members, the NRA RSO/TCSL RSO course is offered at no charge as a benefit of Club membership. There will be a nominal charge for the CPR/AED training that will be provided during the course. Please email me if you are interested in taking the course. If there is enough interest, and if COVID restrictions do not prevent us from having the class, we will have it. You will receive volunteer hours for participating in the class or assisting in instructing. Class size is limited. Email me if you want to be an instructor in the course.

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

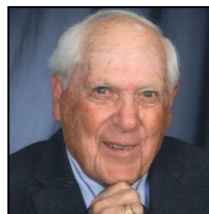
[Steve Reed](#)

Memorial & Wellbeing



Thomas Limperis died peacefully in his sleep on January 17, just one month shy of his 90th birthday. He was a decorated veteran and patriot who loved his family and his country and also loved hunting, fishing, swimming, and baseball. Tom was a lecturer in Electrical Engineering at the University of Michigan and founded several local companies. In his later

years, he enjoyed ballroom dancing and was instrumental in partnering Tri-County with the Friends of Veterans group which (under normal circumstances) meets twice a month at the clubhouse. He is survived by Marion, his wife of 65 years, and four of his five sons. To send a memorial gift to his family, please visit the [Sympathy Store of Sullivan and Son](#).



Raymond Schrock passed away on February 11 at the age of 91. He was preceded in death in 2013 by Roberta, his wife of 62 years. He was a member of TCSL for more than 60 years and was present at the opening of our clubhouse in the 1940s. He worked as a plastics engineer for 50 years and had many hobbies—including hunting, traveling,

golfing, bowling, playing cards, and eating ice cream. The rosary was prayed for Ray on February 16 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ypsilanti. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to [Angela Hospice](#).

Please send Memorial & Wellbeing items to newsletter@tcsll.org. That includes the sharing of happy news!

Upcoming Rifle Matches for 2021

March 6 – Lever Action Match

March 20 – High Power Military 100 yd Bench Match

April 17 – 100 yd Military Match

May 1 – Military Trench Match

May 15 - 100 yd Military Match

June 19 - 100 yd Military Match

July 10 – 100 yd .22LR Bench Match

July 31 – Cavalry Match

August 21 - 100 yd Military Match

September 4 – 185 yd High Power Bench Match

September 18 - 100 yd Military Match

October 16 - 100 yd Military Match

October 30 - 100 yd .22LR Bench Match

November 20 - 185 yd High Power Bench Match

December 11 – White Elephant Match

contact: [Dave Vandermark](#)



Winter Military Rifle Match Held

Our second winter Military Rifle bench match for 2021 was held on Saturday February 20th at the 100-yard rifle range with 4 shooters.

Results of the match:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>Iron Sight Division</u>				
1 st Place	Gerry Marken	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	95-1x
2 nd Place	Dave Vandermark	1908 Brazilian Mauser	7x57	94
3 rd Place	Tom DeVries	Henry Big Boy	35 Remington	91
<u>Scoped Division</u>				
1 st Place	Dave Harris	Howa 1500	6mm Creed.	100-5x

Our next Military Rifle Bench Match will be held on Saturday, March 20th 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.



1909 Argentine Mauser

100-Yard Rifle Bench Match Held

Our first 100 yard .22LR bench match for 2021 was held on Saturday February 6th at the 100-yard rifle range with 5 shooters. It was beyond cold!

Results of the match:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Overall Score</u>
Dave Vandermark	92	72	91	78	333
Mark Smokowicz	98-2x	88	97-1x	87	370-3x
Dave Harris	95-1x	95-1x	97-3x	97-3x	384-8x
Jerry Marken	94	100-6x	97-1x	100-10x	391-17x
Jim Szocik	58	64	DNF	DNF	DNF

Winners –

Overall:1st – Jerry Marken

2nd – Dave Harris

3rd – Mark Smokowicz

Shooting consisted of one ten (10) shot sight-in round, followed by four ten (10) shot relays for score, a from a bench with rests at 100 yards. Any .22LR chambered rifle was eligible, and shooters were responsible for bringing their own ammunition. Cost of the match was \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. **We will have two more .22LR matches this year – July 10th & October 30th.**

For further information or questions contact Dave Vandermark at 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.

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) is \$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

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 pins = 5 pins x 4 tables) is \$5.

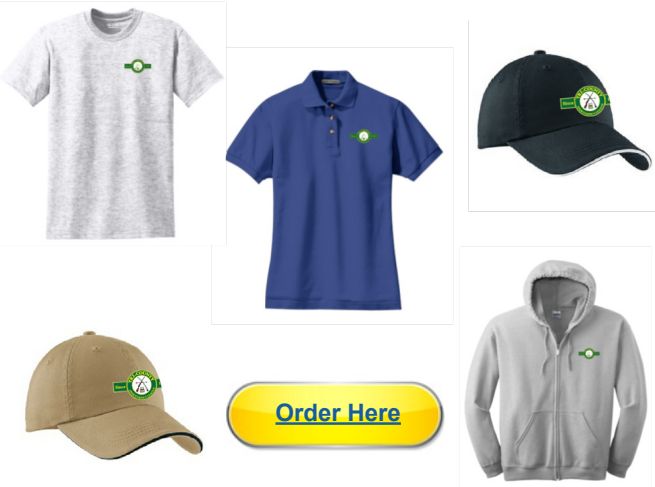
Pin shooting is a fun, but challenging event. We welcome the skilled shooter, as well as, the novice shooter to participate. We guarantee you will enjoy yourself, while enhancing your shooting skills. Members are encouraged to bring friends/family along with them. Non-members are welcome.

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

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Attention, Veterans!

Appointments for
COVID-19 vaccines
are available at the
Ann Arbor VA Hospital.
Call 734-769-6100 and
ask for the "COVID
Vaccine Scheduler."

A tip from member
[Ed Benko](#)



SALE!

Firearms For Sale

From Personal Collection of TCSL Member Mike O'Leary
for more information: moleary47@gmail.com or 916-215-0932



Make	Model	Description	Caliber	Comment
Winchester	Model 70	Extreme Weather SS	243 Win	Pre 64 Like new, Original Box
Remington	Model 700 Ti	Titanium	270 Win	Trigger 2.0 lbs., Leupold QR Bases
Weatherby	Mark V SS	Stainless Synthetic	280 Rem	Trigger 2.0 lbs, like new, Leupold Silver Rings & Bases
Remington	Model 700 LS	Stainless, Laminate	300 Win Mag	Laminate Stock, Stainless Steel, Leupold Silver Rings & Bases
Winchester	Model 70	Super Grade	300 Win Mag	Pre 64 Beautiful, Like New, Leupold QR Bases
Weatherby	Mark V	Weathermark	300 Wby Mag	Matte Finish, Synthetic Stock
Winchester	Model 70	Super Grade	30-06 Springfield	Pre 64 Beautiful, Leupold 2.5-8 x 36mm Scope
Remington	Model 700 LS	Stainless, Laminate	7mm Rem Mag	Laminate Stock, Stainless Steel, Leupold Silver Rings & Bases



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Sunday, March 7
8-11:3am
CARSIDE PICKUP ONLY

Hearty Breakfast

Menu

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

Prepay \$9.00 before 3/3
\$10.00 cash or credit card
at drive-through on 3/7

[Click here to Prepay](#)
[Hearty Breakfast](#)

Friday, March 26
5-7pm
CARSIDE PICKUP ONLY
Chicken Dinner

Menu

Baked Chicken Breast, Drumstick & Thigh
Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Roll, Butter, Cookie
Prepay \$12.00 before 3/22.
\$15.00 cash or credit card
at drive-through on 3/26.

[Click Here to Prepay](#)
[Chicken Dinner](#)

- or -

NEW
BBQ Chicken
Sandwich Meal

Menu

BBQ Chicken Sandwich on a Kaiser Roll,
Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cookie
\$10 each (or 2 for \$15)
cash or credit card
at drive-through on 3/26

You're Invited!

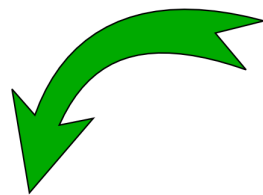
As we begin a new election year, we encourage you to volunteer for a committee or an event—or two. Take a look at the club information on the [tcsll website for committees and their contacts](#).

Committee chairs will be approved at the March 18 Board meeting, and a few names may change. The contact information will remain the same.

Contrary to the slogan, "America runs on Dunkin'," it actually runs on volunteers.



MAY THE ROAD
RISE TO MEET
YOU
MAY THE WIND
BE ALWAYS AT
YOUR BACK
MAY THE SUN
SHINE WARM
UPON YOUR FACE
THE RAINS FALL
UPON YOUR
SOFT FIELDS
AND, UNTIL
WE MEET AGAIN
MAY GOD HOLD YOU
IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND



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Attn: Booster Club

Kids on the Range Day

Unfortunately, we feel it's necessary to cancel this year's Kids on the Range Day, which was scheduled for Saturday, July 17. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the pandemic restrictions will have been lifted by next year at this time and have scheduled the 2022 event for Saturday, July 16. Please mark your calendars.



Val Kabat

Get ready for your Spring Turkey Hunt.

Spring turkey hunting is a great way to introduce someone new to the hunting experience. If a new hunter needs their license, they can take the on-line course. At this time we have no field days scheduled.

Due to COVID-19, eligible hunter education students will be allowed to purchase a Michigan hunting license through June 1, 2021—prior to completing the required field day.

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 completed 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 online course—whichever date comes later—to receive their permanent hunter education safety certificate.

[Jon Yost](#)

Education Committee

Saturday, April 3, 10:30am -TCSL RSO meeting (via Zoom)

Sunday, April 4, 10am - TCSL Board and Officer Inspection of Ranges and Property (Open to all members.)

Saturday April 10, 9am - New Member Orientation (in person)

Saturday, April 10m-1pm - TCSL Board and Officer Meet and Greet (via Zoom)

Education@tcsl.org

April Newsletter

Absolute deadline
for article submission: March 24
newsletter@tcsl.org

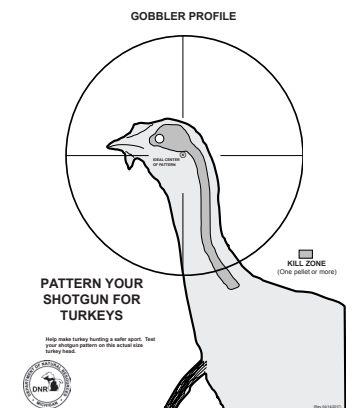
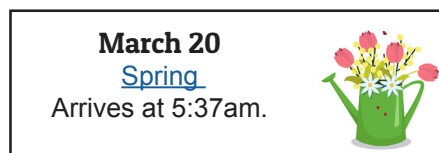
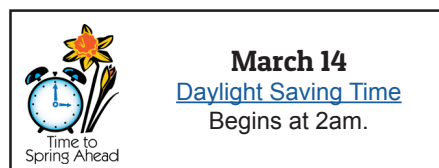
PATTERN YOUR GUN

Practice shooting from a sitting position at 20, 30, and 40 yards. Shooting beyond 40 yards should not be attempted, since a big turkey can weather quite a few pellets in its body. Two or three pellets in the head will bring the bird down. A 12-gauge shotgun loaded with Number 6 shot, backed by Number 4, is the choice of many. Steel shot (#4) is chambered by some top turkey hunters due to its tight patterns and greater number of pellets in each shell.

SUMMARY OF WILD TURKEY HUNTING TIPS ETHICS, AND SAFETY

1. Don't attempt an approach closer than 100 yards. A turkey's eyes, ears, and awareness are many times better than person's, enabling them to spot danger and escape before you have a chance to call to him. Also, you never know when there may be another hunter close by, who might mistake you for the turkey.
2. Select a tree that is wider than your shoulders and body to sit against. This protects you from any hunter who may come in from behind you, mistaking you for a real turkey. This also conceals you from a bird that decides to circle you and come in from the rear.
3. Don't jump and turn at a turkey approaching your back. The chance of getting a good shot is very slim. At best, you may wound the bird and it will get away, possibly dying later. Be patient, remain still and let the bird pass.
4. Don't hide so well that you can't see what is happening. Blinds are a good and productive tool for the turkey hunter. But, when constructed so well that vision is obstructed, it is no longer a blind, it is a hiding place, as beneficial to the turkey as it is to you.
5. Select a calling site that gives at least 40 yards vision in all directions. At 40 yards the bird is in shooting range. Anything over that is too far. At 40 yards you can identify your turkey and anyone who may approach you.
6. Don't attempt to stalk a turkey. First, that gobbler you're stalking may turn out to be another hunter. Second, your chances of success are slim to none. If you're lucky, you might get a glimpse of tail feathers. Give the bird the respect it is due.
7. Refrain from using a gobbler call. This call can sometimes be productive, but also very dangerous. In areas of high hunter concentrations, you will call many more hunters in to you than turkeys.
8. Remember that being fully camouflaged doesn't make you completely invisible. Movement is the greatest enemy to the turkey hunter. A turkey can detect and react to movement 10 times faster than you. Even though camouflaged, you are still an unnatural form in the woods.
9. Never wear any red, white, or blue clothes. These are the colors of the gobbler's head the primary target of the turkey hunter.
10. Never presume that what you hear is a turkey. Many turkey hunters are very good and convincing callers. Never try to get too close. If this bird turns out to be another hunter, it could be very dangerous.
11. If another hunter is working a bird, don't spoil it by trying to call the bird to you or spooking the bird. This is a very unsportsmanlike and good turkey hunters just don't do this.
12. It is illegal and unsportsmanlike to hunt turkeys over bait.
13. In the spring, turkeys with visible beards are legal targets. Some hens sport beards, however the majority of hens do not. Well-informed turkey hunters know the difference, do your homework so you can tell the difference.
14. In the fall, both hens and gobblers are legal targets. The fall hunt maintains turkey numbers at levels compatible with the available habitat.
15. Make sure that the gobbler is within range of the shotgun and shoot at only the neck and head area. If the bird is close enough to kill with a body shot, you will have ruined some of the finest eating you will ever have.
16. Don't allow the meat to spoil. Know how to take care of that bird and make plans ahead of time.
17. Do your homework before season ñ scouting, practice calling, pattern your gun, etc. The American wild turkey is the most difficult game in North America to hunt one on one. Give yourself all the advantages you can.
18. Be positive of your target. After you pull the trigger, it is too late!
19. Report all turkey poachers. Don't allow thieves to steal your wildlife resources. A toll-free hotline number, 1-800-292-7800, is maintained by the Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division to handle these reports. To help protect local flocks, several conservation-oriented groups throughout the state also provide a reward for evidence leading to the conviction of anyone illegally killing a wild turkey.

[Michigan DNR](#)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 RSO on Duty:	1 RSO on Duty: Mark	2 RSO on Duty: Phil C	3 10am - Wednesday	4 RSO on Duty: Phil C 6:30pm - Friends of	5 RSO on Duty: Phil C	6 9am - 50/100 yd
7 RSO on Duty: 8am - "Hearty"	8 RSO on Duty: Mark	9 Elections RSO on Duty: Phil C	10 10am - Wednesday	11 RSO on Duty: Phil C 6:30pm - Education 6:30pm - Education	12 RSO on Duty: Phil C	13 9am - New Member
14 RSO on Duty:	15 RSO on Duty: Mark 6:30pm - Safety 7:30pm - Finance	16 RSO on Duty: Phil C	17 10am - Wednesday	18 RSO on Duty: Phil C 6:30pm - Board	19 RSO on Duty: Phil C	20 9am - NRA Range 10am - High Power
21 RSO on Duty: 8am - TCSL RSO &	22 RSO on Duty: Mark	23 RSO on Duty: Phil C	24 10am - Wednesday	25 RSO on Duty: Phil C	26 RSO on Duty: Phil C 4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Chicken	27 8am - IDPA Match
28 RSO on Duty: 8am - Michigan	29 RSO on Duty: Mark	30 RSO on Duty: Phil C	31 10am - Wednesday	1 RSO on Duty: Phil C 12pm - Friends of	2 RSO on Duty: Phil C	3

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

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4 RSO on Duty: 10am - TCSL Board	5 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of	6 RSO on Duty: Phil C	7 10am - Wednesday	8 RSO on Duty: Phil C 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	9 RSO on Duty: Phil C	10 9am - New Member 1pm - TCSL Board
11 RSO on Duty: 8am - "Hearty" 12pm - Handgun 6:30pm - Education	12 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7:30pm - Finance	13 RSO on Duty: Phil C	14 10am - Wednesday	15 RSO on Duty: Phil C 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board	16 Scout Outing (South-side camp out) @ Tri- RSO on Duty: Phil C	17 8am - NRA Basic 9am - Military Rifle
18 Scout Outing RSO on Duty: 10am - NRA Basic 12pm - PCC & .22	19 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of	20 RSO on Duty: Phil C	21 10am - Wednesday	22 RSO on Duty: Phil C 12pm - Friends of	23 RSO on Duty: Phil C 4pm - IDPA Friday	24 8am - IDPA Match 4pm - Friends of
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