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President's Column

Activities at TCSL are starting to pick up, so keep monitoring your emails and the TCSL on-line calendar.

Charlie Unbehaun and a group of volunteers painted the outside structure. Thanks to Charlie and his volunteers! Everything looks great.

Dave Vandermark once again held an outdoor sale, and he raised over \$1,300 for TCSL. Thanks, Dave!

Mark Smokowicz has been working with people to rent the hall for various activities, so we are seeing income from this again. In addition, Mark and his volunteers had a Steak Fry on July 23, and more than 100 customers showed up. Thanks, Mark; and thanks to the volunteers who consistently help you. More volunteers will be needed as weddings and other activities are booked in the future.

Brian Craig is continuing to teach NRA courses at the club. Thanks to Brian and the other instructors who assist. The classes continue to bring in income and new members to TCSL.

Val Kabat has put a lot of time and thought into new signs for each of the ranges. Keep your eyes open for them to be installed. Thanks, Val, for your efforts on the signs and other projects you have in the works.

We still need a new chair for the Grounds Committee. Reach out to me if you are interested (steve@reedlawgroup.com).

The Tier III IDPA match will be in September, so get in touch with **Earl Austin** to help with this terrific event. This year we expect a larger turnout than last year, so more volunteers will be needed. In the meantime, we're once again able to serve food at the monthly IDPA matches.



Memorial & Wellbeing Celebrations & Thanks

Congratulations to Cindy and Earl Austin on the birth of another grandchild. Ellie Belle Hovatter was born on July 3, and baby and mom (Nicki Austin Hovatter) are doing great. This is the second granddaughter and seventh grandchild for Cindy and Earl.

Congratulations to Martin Clifford on the birth this month of his first grandchild.

Thanks to Tom Hammond for purchasing a refrigerator for the pistol office. It is greatly appreciated.

Beginning with the September 16 Board and Membership meetings, we will be meeting in person at the Clubhouse. In August, there will be no membership meeting; and the Board meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10, we will once again conduct the NRA Range Safety Officer and TCSL Range Safety Officer courses. At the end of the weekend, each student will receive 16 volunteer hours and, upon successful completion of the course, his/her NRA RSO and TCSL RSO ratings. Those members who help teach the course will also receive 16 volunteer hours. Normally, the NRA RSO course costs \$75 - \$150; but TCSL members get the course is at no cost—as a benefit of their membership. The only cost for members is the \$40 fee for the mandatory AED/CPR training, which is provided during the course. This fee is paid directly to the instructor. (That is, TCSL does not receive any portion of it. Let [me](#) know if you want to take the RSO course or if you'd like to assist in teaching it.

Since the ranges and facilities are now fully open, please spread the word that the clubhouse is available to rent for special occasions. Whether it's a wedding reception, family reunion, business meeting, or any other group function, please steer your friends and relatives to TCSL. Anyone interested should contact [Mark Smokowicz](#).

I hope to see more of all of you—in person—at the clubhouse or on the ranges!! Get out and shoot while the weather is still nice. And please stay safe and healthy.

[Steve Reed](#)

Membership

Five new applicants were approved by the Board of Directors in July. They include:

Derek Hess
Nathaniel Foerg
Stephen Smith
William Arcy
Nancy Arcy

Nancy is an Associate, and the others are Probationary Regular members. Six people attend the orientation on July 9:

Brian Fitzgerald
Cathy Hammond
Derek Hess
Johnethan Lerette
Stephen Smith
William Arcy

All of them have completed their application process and are now probationary members—except Johnethan, who is a Junior. Please join me in welcoming them to TCSL.

Thanks.

[Charlie Unbehaun](#)
Membership Secretary



Booster Club

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Tri-County Sportsmen's League

Suggested donations:

\$10 \$50 \$100

Or choose your amount.

You can also make this a recurring, monthly donation.

To donate via PayPal, scan the QR Code below with your smart phone or



Or mail a check to:

Tri-County Sportsmen's League
Attn: Booster Club

8640 Moon Road, Saline, MI 48176



The mission of the Booster Club is to raise funds to supplement TCSL's traditional funding through member dues. These funds will help to ensure that TCSL can continue to: 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.

September Newsletter

Absolute deadline
for article submission:

August 24

newsletter@tcsl.org

Upcoming Rifle Matches for 2021

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](mailto:Dave.Vandermark@tcsl.org)

100 Yard .22LR Bench Match Held

Our second 100 yard .22LR bench match for 2021 was held on Saturday July 10th at the 100-yard rifle range with 8 shooters.

Results of the match:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Overall Score</u>
Dave Vandermark	90-1x	83	90-1x	90-1x	357-3x
Mark Smokowicz	95-1x	96-2x	96-2x	95-2x	382-7x
Dave Harris	96-4x	99-6x	78-3x	97-5x	370-18x
Jerry Marken	95-4x	98-2x	98-2x	95-2x	389-10x
Brad Orr	96-2x	97-3x	98-1x	92	383-8x
Jim Walter	29	87	91	94-1x	301-1x
Charlie Unbehaun	87-1x	86	90-1x	88	351-2x
Jeff Gage	86	79	84	90-2x	339-2x

Winners –

Overall: 1st – Jerry Marken

2nd – Brad Orr

3rd – Mark Smokowicz

Shooting consisted of one ten (10) shot sight-in round, followed by four ten (10) shot relays for score, all 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 one more .22LR matched this year – October 30.**

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

IDPA Challenge

We are just two months away from the 4th Annual Tri-County Sportsmen's Challenge. If you want to be a part of this great event, please contact Earl Austin (734-645-3267). Volunteers with all types of skill sets can be used. It is very rewarding to watch the smiles on the faces of the shooters at this event. This is fast becoming the best IDPA match in the country—thanks to all the hard work of the volunteers. Come and see for yourself what all the excitement is about.

Volunteer Opportunities

As we slowly open the clubhouse for hall rentals and dining, here are some upcoming opportunities to earn your volunteer hours. Send a message to reservations@tcsl.org or sign up in the "book" at the clubhouse. And mark your calendars.

Saturday, August 14, 1-10pm

Olson-Rucinski Wedding and Reception

Needed: Bartenders up and down, servers, cleanup, kitchen help

Friday, August 27, 5-7pm

4th Friday Steak Fry

Needed: Servers, cleanup, kitchen help

Saturday, September 18, 4-11pm,

Friends of NRA Dinner/Banquet

Needed: Servers, cleanup, kitchen help, game operators

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.



Tickets are available at the bar, online at FriendsOfNRA.org, or
through Gary Knechtel (garyknechtel@reagan.com or 734-218-0381).
\$50 each, or \$480 for a table.

THE NRA FOUNDATION

TEACH FREEDOM

26th Annual Huron Valley Friends of NRA Dinner

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 • 4:30 PM

TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE
8640 MOON RD • SALINE, MI 48176

CELEBRATE A LEGACY OF SHOOTING SPORTS TRADITIONS.

Join other champions of the Second Amendment for dinner, raffles, auctions and fun with a chance to win exclusive NRA guns, gear, décor and collectibles!

AUCTION & RAFFLE HIGHLIGHTS

NRA GUNS & PRIZES

2021 GUN OF THE YEAR



HENRY SIDE ACTION .45-70 WITH NRA SEAL
Engraved with 2020 *Friends of NRA* Gun of the Year



Kimber NRA Protector .45 ACP

NRA EXCLUSIVES

Kel Tec KS7

12 Gauge with Friends of NRA Logo

Weatherby Vanguard Wilderness
.6.5-300 Wby with NRA Seal

Fostech Eagle Lite Rifle

.223/5.56 with *Friends of NRA* Logo

Keystone NRA Crickett® Overwatch

.22 Long Rifle with Exclusive NRA Mossy Oak
Overwatch Dipped Stock

Sig Sauer P320 M17

9mm with *Friends of NRA* Logo

"We the People" Guitar

Signed by Ted Nugent

AND MORE!

View all items at www.friendsofnra.org/merchandise

SPECIAL OFFERS

\$100 BIG SHOOTER

\$160 in White Bucket Tickets,
1 Raffle Ticket for the Kimber
NRA Protector .45 ACP

\$200 SUPER SHOOTER

\$320 in White Bucket Tickets, 1
Raffle Ticket for the Henry .45-
70 GOY, and 1 Raffle Ticket for
the Kimber .45 ACP

TABLE PACKAGE

\$480 – Includes 8 Event
Tickets, 8 Meal Tickets,
\$800 in White Bucket Raffle
Tickets

QTY	\$50 One Event Ticket and Meal	\$	
	\$100 One Big Shooter Raffle Ticket	\$	
	\$200 One Super Shooter Raffle Ticket	\$	
	\$480 One Table Package (8 Event Tix, 8 Meals, \$800 White Bucket Tix)	\$	
	TAX-DEDUCTIBLE SPONSORSHIP (Dinner tickets are not included)	\$	
[]	\$300 Liberty	[] \$2,500 Pioneer	[] \$5,000 Patriot
[]	\$750 Heritage	[] \$2,650 Protector	[] \$10,000 Founding
[]	\$1,500 Freedom	[] \$3,500 Legacy	[] \$12,500 Sentry

Please enclose check to NRA FOUNDATION or complete credit card info below \$
AmEx/Disc/MC/Visa charged upon receipt. All sales are final.

Card # _____ Expiration _____
Signature _____ Sec Code _____
Name _____ Company _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City/St/Zip _____ Email _____

Order Tickets Online:
www.friendsofnra.org

**Or Pick Up at Tri County
Sportsmen's League**

Questions?
Gary Knechtel
garyknechtel@reagan.com
734-218-0381

*Clip address below & tape to
envelope for easy addressing!*

TCSL/Gary Knechtel
8640 Moon Rd.
Saline, MI 48176

Range Painting Project

A good crew of five or six showed up to prep for painting on Saturday. I won't try to list them because I know I will miss at least one; but most, if not all, also helped on Sunday.

On Sunday, a great crew showed up starting at 8am. Everybody worked hard despite the heat and humidity, and the only down time was to grab a water now and then. When a task was completed, volunteers didn't hesitate to ask "what's next?!" A few people had commitments in the early afternoon and needed to leave, but the majority of the crew worked until 2pm. We were lucky that no shooters showed up for any ranges—except for the Pin Shoot—until after 2pm.

The painting crew of volunteers included:

- Mark Smokowicz, who ran the sprayer.
- Jon Yost, who handled the real-time masking for Mark.



Pistol House BEFORE



Pistol House AFTER

- Ken Van Brimmer, who repaired the pistol range fence and painted the IDPA office inside the pistol range.
- Jerry Marken, who climbed ladders to paint trim boards . . . and much more.
- Stuart Berry, who painted many surfaces inside and out and assisted Jerry.
- Steve Nesmith, who painted the Safe Areas. . . and much more.
- Jim Walter, who interrupted his set-up of the Pin Shoot to help paint the Safe Area on Bay 5. . . and much more.
- Phil Hemenway, who started off painting the pistol range fence . . . and much more.
- Patrick Bell, who was the first to start painting the pistol range fence . . . and much more.
- Stefan Graf, who helped roller-paint ahead of Patrick and Phil on the pistol fence . . . and much more.
- Mike Cowhy, who arrived to help with the Pin Shoot and volunteered to pick up more paint when we realized we were running low.
- Ed White, who masked many of the signs and electrical fixtures
- And I helped plan the project and served as the team's "gopher."

Several of our volunteers donated their own equipment and supplies

I want to thank all of our volunteers for making this project an overwhelming success. So if I've forgotten anyone, please forgive me.

We painted much more than I had initially planned. As several people said around noon, "We have paint and people, so let's keep going!" In all, it was a bit arduous, but we kept our spirits high and tried to make the project fun with good conversation and friendly banter.

Thanks to all who made this project possible.

Now the only remaining structure to repair and paint is the Rifle House next to the 50-yard range.

[Charlie Unbehan](#)

SALE!

Firearms For Sale
From Personal Collection
Mike O'Leary (TCSL Member)
email moleary47@gmail.com for more information

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

PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot

Sundays: 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



Let's Get Your Hunting Party Started!

TCSL will be hosting two DNR Hunter Safety Education Class Field Day segments in the month of August. Register as soon as you can, as seats are limited.

Field days are required after taking an online hunter education class. You need to fulfill the hands-on proportion to gain your certificate.

Class dates: Saturday, August 7 - 9:00am-3:30pm
Saturday, August 21 - 9:00am-3:30pm

Contact Jon Yost (734-971-3138) between 6:00 and 8:30pm for registration and further information.

It costs \$8.00 to attend this class, and a parent or guardian must accompany a child under the age of 10.

Please print and bring with you your online certificate, showing that you passed the online course; a #2 pencil; something to snack on and something to drink; and shooting ear and eye protection. Dress for the weather, as we'll shoot rain or shine. Do **NOT** bring guns or ammo.

There will be a test, so if you took the online part a while ago, you might want to brush up a little.

Parents are encouraged to join in with kids. You can't help on the test, but you might get something that you and a new hunter can share forever.

I hope to hear from you soon.

[Jon N Yost](#)

Handgun Bowling Pin Shoot

Sundays: 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



At Tri-County Sportsmen's League 8640 Moon Road, Saline

Take the night off from cooking and join us.
This is the best dinner money can buy!

Open to the public, so bring friends and family along.
Great time to connect with other TCSL members!

Choose from a Steak, Chicken or Salmon,
and watch it get cooked over a huge outdoor grill.
Then choose from an assortment of side dishes.

Meal includes:
Salad, Roll, Potatoes, Vegetable, Baked Beans, and Dessert.

Now offering kids meals:
Hamburger or Hot Dog, Mac & Cheese.

Steak Dinner	\$20.00
Salmon Dinner	\$15.00
Chicken Dinner	\$10.00
Children (12-5)	\$ 6.00
Children (under 5)	Free

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 RSO On Duty:	2 RSO on Duty: Mark 7pm - BSA Troop	3 Elections 5pm - IDPA Practice	4 Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Friends of	5 Clubhouse Open (10) 12pm - Friends of	6 Clubhouse Open (10)	7 Clubhouse Open (10) 7am - DNR Hunter
8 RSO On Duty: 12pm - Handgun	9 RSO on Duty: Mark 7pm - BSA Troop	10 5pm - IDPA Practice	11 Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Gun Safety	12 Clubhouse Open (10) 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	13 Clubhouse Open (10) 9am - Saline Area 3pm - Olson-	14 Clubhouse Open (10) 1pm - Olson-
15 RSO On Duty: 12pm - PCC & .22	16 RSO on Duty: Mark 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 7:30pm - Finance	17 5pm - IDPA Practice	18 Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	19 Clubhouse Open (10) 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board	20 Clubhouse Open (10) 6pm - New Member	21 Clubhouse Open (10) 7am - DNR Hunter 9am - Military Rifle
22 RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA PPIH @	23 RSO on Duty: Mark 7pm - BSA Troop	24 5pm - IDPA Practice	25 Closed: Pistol house Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	26 Clubhouse Open (10) 12pm - Friends of	27 Clubhouse Open (10) 4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Flame Broiled	28 Clubhouse Open (10) 8am - IDPA Match 3pm - YHS 59-65
29 RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA	30 RSO on Duty: Mark 7pm - BSA Troop	31 5pm - IDPA Practice	1 Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	2 Clubhouse Open (10) 12pm - Friends of	3 Clubhouse Open (10)	4 Clubhouse Open (10) 8am - NRA Personal 10am - 185 yd Rifle

Very Important: For up-to-date information, please see the online calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA	30 RSO on Duty: Mark 7pm - BSA Troop	31 5pm - IDPA Practice	1 Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	2 Clubhouse Open (10) 12pm - Friends of	3 Clubhouse Open (10)	4 Clubhouse Open (10) 8am - NRA Personal 10am - 185 yd Rifle
5 RSO On Duty: NRA Personal	6 IDPA Setup (All Pistol Ranges Closed) @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8540 Moon Rd, RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	7 5pm - IDPA Practice	8 Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Gun Safety	9 Clubhouse Open (10) IDPA Setup (All Rifle) 8am - IDPA Tier 3 Match (All Pistol & Rifle Ranges closed) @ Tri- 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	10 Clubhouse Open (10)	11 Clubhouse Open (10)
12 RSO On Duty: IDPA Tier 3 Match	13 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 7:30pm - Finance	14	15 Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	16 Clubhouse Open (10) 9am - Friends of 6:30pm - Board	17 Clubhouse Open (10) 6pm - New Member	18 Clubhouse Open (10) 9am - Trench Match 4pm - Friends of
19 RSO On Duty: 10am - Kanitz 12pm - Handgun	20 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	21	22 Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	23 Clubhouse Open (10) 9am - Friends of	24 Clubhouse Open (10) 5pm - Flame Broiled	25 Closed: Pistol house Clubhouse Open (10) 8am - NRA
26 RSO On Duty: NRA Instructor 12pm - PCC & .22	27 RSO on Duty: Mark 9am - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	28	29 Clubhouse Open (10) RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	30 Clubhouse Open (10) 9am - Friends of	1 Clubhouse Open (10) 9am - A2Y Chamber	2 Clubhouse Open (10)