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President's Column

Sunday, October 24, from 9am till 3pm is Fall Clean-Up Day. We need your help to pick up leaves, haul branches, etc. so please show up with leaf blowers, gloves, trailers to haul debris, tarps, rakes, chain saws (we may trim some trees), and other yard tools. Each volunteer will earn double volunteer hours. Donuts will be provided at the start of the day, and pizza will be provided for lunch.

If you are a committee chair or event chair, please e-mail Charlie Unbehauen, Membership Secretary, at membership@tcs1.org all volunteer hours earned for this membership year by October 15. Remember that volunteer hours can reduce (or eliminate) the costs of a 2022-23 TCSL Range Pass.

All committee chairs should email Carlos Soto, First Vice President, at v1president@tcs1.org your anticipated financial forecast for income and expenditures for 2022. Carlos needs the forecasts on or before October 15.

All current TCSL Board members who want to run for a TCSL Officer position (i.e., President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, or Treasurer) in the February 2022 elections, must announce at the TCSL Board meeting on November 18 that they are stepping down from the TCSL Board. The announcement can be made earlier than the November Board meeting. This is to allow time to fill the Board seat so that there are no vacancies.

If you are interested in submitting a bid to the Finance Committee for snow removal and salting of the driveway, parking lots, sidewalks, etc. during this winter, please e-mail your bid to Carlos Soto, First Vice President, at v1president@tcs1.org on or before October 15.

We are going to have a task force to investigate whether or not the membership fee structure, range fee structure, etc. need to be changed. If you are interested in being on this task force, please email me at steve@reedlawgrouppc.com. It would be helpful to get a variety of members—in terms of shooting interests, length of time as a member, club activity interests, etc.—on this task force.

We need someone to step up and chair the 2022 Women On Target event. Email me at steve@reedlawgrouppc.com if you are interested. Carol Parent and Sharon Beckey are no longer able to continue to chair this event. Both Carol and Sharon have done an outstanding job of leading this event and making it a success. Thank you, Carol and Sharon. Participants and volunteers have had a lot of fun at the Women on Target events, so let's keep the momentum going.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped in any way at the Friends of NRA Banquet. The event went off with no problems and was a great success. It was nice, after having to cancel last year's event, to have it resume this year. Seeing everyone enjoying themselves at the that evening was a treat.

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped in any way at the September IDPA Tier III match. A report on the event was presented at the September Board, but it's worth mentioning again here. The number of sponsors, the layout at each range,

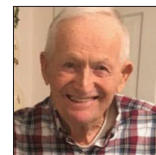
the tremendous amount of volunteer effort, the safety that was maintained throughout the entire event, the funds raised, the 50/50 raffle, the food, etc. was all unbelievable. It is my understanding that our event had more participants than any other 2021 IDPA event in Michigan.

Activities are increasing at TCSL. As events, such as the Friends of NRA Banquet, the IDPA Tier III Match, Women on Target, the October TCSL/NRA Range Safety Officer course, NRA classes, workshops, Steak Fry, Breakfasts, etc. resume it becomes clear once again that TCSL's greatest assets are the our members. We are trying to get ax throwing up and running, as well as countless other projects (i.e., range sponsors, steel shot trap events, etc.). Come to the Board and Membership meetings, which are once again in person at the clubhouse. Keep up to date on what's happening at TCSL so that our greatest assets will continue to make this a quality club.

Steve Reed

Memorial & Wellbeing Celebrations & Thanks

Paul H. Harnica passed away on August 31 at the age of 95. Paul was a lifelong resident of Dundee, where he farmed and raised cattle for several decades (He was still driving his tractor at age 93.) He also worked at Tecumseh Products for 10 years.



Paul served as a sergeant in the Korean War and was a lifetime member of the VFW post in Dundee. Paul enjoyed the outdoors, including deer hunting and cutting wood. He snowmobiled in both the upper and lower peninsulas for 35 years, up until age 80.

He was a lifetime member of Tri-County Sportsman's League, where he enjoyed many years of polka music with his wife, Dorothy, who preceded him in death.



The Parent family had a busy September. Bob turned 75; Bob and Carol celebrated 51 years of marriage; younger daughter Mariah got married on Saturday, the 18th, and had a birthday on the 19th; granddaughter Mia turned 8 years old; and older daughter Molly and her husband Luis celebrated their 9th anniversary! [And I believe a little birdy told me that Carol will be celebrating a birthday in October.]



Please send items to newsletter@tcs1.org.



Booster Club

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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.

Second Trench Match Held

On September 18th, TCSL hosted its second Trench 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 defending your trench in World War I. It took place on the 100 yard rifle range, and was a 50 shot match, with 3 rounds:

Round 1 – Standing Position. 20 shots from a standing position, supported at 100 yards. Required 4 loading cycles that could vary in number of shots each (5-5-5-5, or 8-2-5-5, or 2-10-5-3, etc.). Timer starts with the rifle unloaded. Time limit: 100 seconds.

Round 2 – Kneeling position. 10 shots kneeling, supported at 100 yards. Required 2 loading cycles. Timer starts with the rifle unloaded. Time limit: 60 seconds.

Round 3 – Prone Position. This round was time limited to 100 seconds, and allowed the shooter up to 20 shots to break 10 clay birds that were hung at 100 yards. Firing was in the prone position, supported using a rest provided. Required 4 loading cycles that could vary in number of shots each (5-5-5-5, or 8-2-5-5, or 2-10-5-3, etc.). Timer starts with the rifle unloaded. Points awarded based on the number of clays broken (5 per bird), with a 10 point bonus if all 10 are broken.

So, why is this called a trench match? The rests provided in rounds 1& 2 are small ports in a mock trench wall, and the prone rest simulates an earthen berm. They are meant to not be comfortable positions. And to add to the difficulty, the rifle must have a bayonet attached during all firing.

Match Results:

	Name	Rifle	Caliber	Score
1 st Place	Dave Harris	M1 Carbine	30 Carbine	251
2 nd Place	Dave Vandermark	1888 Austrian Mannlicher	8x50R	238

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



Bayonets Ready To Be Used In The Trench Match



Upcoming Rifle Matches for 2021

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)



November Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:
October 24

newsletter@tcsl.org



Heads Up

Daylight Saving Time ends on
Sunday, November 7, at 2am.
Fall back and catch up on your sleep.

Tree Stands: A Major Hunting Risk

From Spectrum Health Newsroom

Deer season is underway in Michigan, and successful hunters transporting their prizes are a common sight. Unfortunately, hunters injured in falls from tree stands and blinds are now a common sight in emergency departments.

Every year, hunters across the country are injured and killed in falls from tree stands and homemade tree blinds. In 1997, hunting rules were changed in Michigan that allowed firearm hunters to hunt deer from raised platforms. At the trauma center at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital, veteran emergency physicians say they've seen an increase in the number of hunting-related falls since that change.

"The majority of deer hunters in Michigan are firearm hunters, so an increase in injuries was expected," says Emergency Medicine Specialist Bruce Murray, M.D., an avid hunter himself. "What's unfortunate is that these are injuries that in most cases could be prevented." In the past five years, an average of nearly 17 hunters each year has required hospitalization at Butterworth Hospital.

Fall victims with multiple internal injuries are the largest group of hunters treated at the Butterworth Hospital trauma center, which is the largest in West Michigan. Hunters with spine fractures and those with arm and leg fractures also account for a large number of injuries.

The severity of these injuries is shocking, said Murray. "Broken limbs and internal injuries are common from these falls. Even worse are the tragic brain injuries, spinal fractures and paralysis we treat. We see life-altering injuries every year and sometimes fatalities."

Murray says that hunters need to put as much emphasis on tree stand safety as they do on gun safety. "Trained and responsible hunters are aware of the dangers of carrying a loaded gun and take proper precautions. We need to follow that same approach to reduce injuries from falls. I also want to stress not using drugs, alcohol or sedative type medications while hunting"

Falling while getting in or out of a tree stand, not wearing a safety harness at all, or falling asleep unharnessed are common ways hunters are injured, Murray says. The following safety tips come from the Tree Stand Manufacturer's Association.

- Check permanent tree stands every year before hunting from them, replacing any worn or weak lumber before it breaks. When checking these stands, always wear a fall restraint device like a safety harness.
- Read, understand and follow factory-recommended practices and procedures when installing commercial stands.
- Inspect portable stands for loose nuts and bolts each time the stand is used.
- Use either a safety belt or harness anytime you leave the ground to hunt from a tree stand. Know what you should do if you slip while using a safety device.
- Use a haul line to raise or lower equipment, and keep firearms unloaded and arrows in a covered quiver.
- Select a tree large enough to support your weight before the season.
- Some mishaps occur as hunters are hurrying to set up their stands on opening day.
- Make sure someone else knows the location of your tree stand and knows when you will be hunting there.
- Stay awake, and make sure you use a short tether between you and the tree when attaching your fall restraint device. The object is to keep you in the stand should you slip or fall, not catch you after you have fallen several feet.

Be safe, and good luck this season!

Jon N Yost

Volunteer Opportunities

Event	Date	Guests	Up/Dwn	Servers	Bartenders
A2Y Chamber Shoot & Lunch	10/1/2021	70	Dwn	X	X
TCSL Rummage Sale	10/9/2021	150	Dwn		X
Justin Kuzich Memorial	10/17/2021	100	Dwn		X
Wicked Jeeps Scavenger Hunt	10/23/2021	150	Dwn	X	X
Steak Fry	10/29/2021	100	Dwn	X	X
Breakfast	11/3/2021	50	Dwn		X
Wicked Jeeps Christmas Party	12/4/2021	200	Up/Dwn	X	X
Lindeman Christmas Party	12/19/2021		Dwn		X

To volunteer,

contact Mark S.
734-276-2514, marks@comcast.net
or sign-up in "The Book."



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

185-Yard Bench Rifle Match Held

Our first 185 yard Rifle Match of 2021 was held on Saturday September 4th at the 185 yard rifle range with 5 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	Dave Vandermark	1896 Swedish Mauser	6.5x55	81-1x
2 nd Place	Mark Smokowicz	M1 Garand	30/06	74
3 rd Place	Jeff Gage	M1 Garand	30/06	48
	Dave Vandermark	1867/89 Rolling Block	8x58R	39
<u>Scoped Division</u>				
1 st Place	Jerry Marken	AR-15	.223 Rem	92
2 nd Place	Dave Harris	Howa 1500	6mm Creed.	90-1x

Our next 185 Yard Bench Match will be held on Saturday, **November 20th**, 2021, and is open to all TCSL members and guests. Registration starts at 11am 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 8 minutes. Shooters may elect to use their score from the sight-in stage, but in doing so would forfeit shooting the 2nd round.

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

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Membership

Five people were approved for membership at the September 16 board meeting:

Carol Grubb
Mark Clauser
Jacob Clauser
Megan Clauser
Anthony Hessenthaler

Carol and Anthony are Probationary Regular members, Jacob and Megan are Juniors, and Mark is a returning Member.

i also reported that we have currently have 486 members which includes Associates and Juniors. However they are not included in the membership as defined by the bylaws. Without these people there are 440 members.

Three people attended the New Member Orientation on September 17:

Carol Grubb
Arthur Flores
Anthony Hessenthaler

Please join me in welcoming them to the club.

[Charlie Unbehaun](#)
Membership Secretary

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.

MUCC Committee Reports

On Saturday night, August 28, the MUCC got together to celebrate a post-pandemic gathering at the Lansing Lugnugs vs. West Michigan Whitecaps baseball game at Jackson field in downtown Lansing. It was MUCC night, as well as Tribute to "Tool Time" Night. The evening



started with an all-you-could-eat buffet of burgers, dogs, brats, pulled pork, and sides in the rightfield terrace. Then we moved to our seats along the 3rd baseline. Lansing won 7-6. The pictures show



a shot from the terrace, our seating along the 3rd base line, and Richard Karn throwing out the first pitch. Richard played the role of Al Borland on the TV show "Home Improvement."

[Jim Pryce](#) 734-368-2473

Jim Pryce and I again have been involved in a variety of activities with MUCC, the DNR, the Natural Resources Commission (NRC), and the Wolf Management Advisory Council (WMAC).

I attended the WMAC meeting in Gaylord on September 1; and also the MUCC Budget and Finance Committee meetings on September 2 and 9, and the MUCC Executive Board meeting on September 9 at the MUCC office in Lansing. I also attended the NRC meeting via Facebook on September 16.

Jim and I attended the MUCC Annual Convention on September 24-26 in Gaylord.

The Crystal Waters final settlement and closing is expected at the end of September 2021.

MUCC updates are available in MUCC's Conservation Insider which is emailed to MUCC members.

If anyone has questions about any of these groups or their recent meetings, please let me know.

[Kris Matthew](#) 734-662-7852

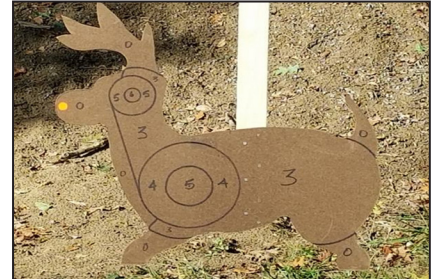


Fall Handgun ("Running Deer") Shoots

Sundays: October 3, October 17, October 31 & November 7
Shooting Starts at 12:00 (noon) to 4:00pm

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 shot 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 PCCs (Pistol Caliber Carbines). Pistols will compete against pistols; .22 Rifles and PPC's will compete among themselves. All type sights or optics are allowed.

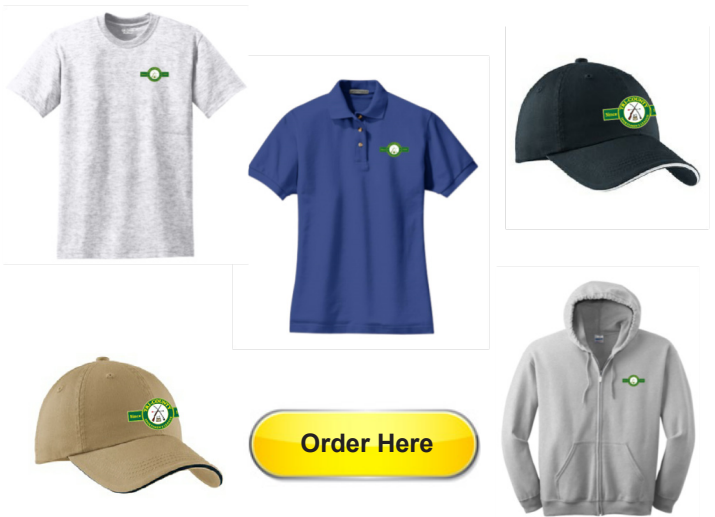
This event is FUN, and it's OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. So bring a family member or a friend.

Cost for each relay is \$5.00.

Contact: Mike Cowhy 313-530-7789 or Jim Walter 734-478-3946



Tri-County Logo Apparel



2021 TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN CHALLENGE

The weekend of September 11, 150+ shooters descended upon Tri-County to shoot the Fourth Annual Sportsmen Challenge. They were greeted by a group of volunteers who put in more than 1900 hours to make this event a huge success. They received over \$17,000 worth of sponsors' products, thanks to the hard work of Ed White. He secured 41 sponsors—a record number. They were challenged by the tough, but fair, stages designed by their Match Director Steve Nesmith. The stages were set up under the guidance of Don Hasselback, whose strict attention to detail made the days go without a hitch. The posted signs, that were plentiful, were designed and built by Jim Walter. Food was prepared by club members. The "Breakfast Crew" prepared their "much loved" breakfast on Sunday morning. A crew of 30 Safety Officers from four different Michigan clubs kept everyone safe and the match moving along. The list goes on. In all, it was a great success that puts Tri-County on the map for a "must shoot" match for next year.

This match is an example of what your club can do. This and other events can only exist with the help of volunteers. These events use all kinds of skills: IT personnel, builders, fabricators, and general labor. In the end, we all get the satisfaction of working on something special. Bringing smiles to the competitors was our only payment. I just wish that more Tri-County members had come out to see what a big spectacle this was. There were nine bays filled with Courses of Fire. Each bay had its own story and created its own challenges. Pictures and words cannot describe how big this event has become.

Plans and work have already started on next year's event. If we get a break, and don't have to deal with Covid and ammo shortages, we could very well have 200+ shooters. This would be a great payday for the club. Estimated profit would be \$10,000 or more. This year we made in the neighborhood of \$7000.

Contact me and ask how you can get in on the fun—as a competitor, a worker, or both. These special events are what keep the club going. It would be great to get more members involved.

[Earl Austin, IDPA chairman](#)
734-645-3267.



Hearty Breakfasts Return to Tri-County Sportsmen's League!

**Sunday, October 3
8-11:30am**

Come Enjoy Breakfast with Friends.

**Open to the Public.
It's a great place to meet old friends
and make new ones.**

**\$8 for adults
\$4 children (12 and under)
Children under 5 are FREE**

**Two more breakfasts before the end of the year:
Sunday, November 7 & Sunday, December 5**

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26th Annual Friends of NRA Dinner

Thank you, everyone, for supporting the Friends of NRA on September 18. We had a great turnout and raised more than \$15,000 for youth shooting sports! See you next year! Thanks again!

[Gary Knechtel](#)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
RSO On Duty: 12pm - PCC & .22	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop		RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of	Ranges Closed until 9am - A2Y Chamber	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
RSO On Duty: 8am - Breakfast at 12pm - Fall	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop		RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of		8:30am - TCSL 9am - NRA Range
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
RSO On Duty: 8am - TCSL RSO &	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop		RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Gun Safety	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Education		9am - DNR Hunter 9am - Military Rifle
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA CCW 12pm - Fall 1pm - Justin Kuzich	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 7:30pm - Finance		RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	4pm - IDPA Friday 5pm - Dance party	8am - IDPA Match 9am - Wicked Jeeps
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA CCW - 9am - Fall Clean Up	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop		RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of	5pm - Flame Broiled	10am - .22LR 100 yd
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
RSO On Duty: 12pm - Fall	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop		RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of		

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

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA Personal	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 7:30pm - Finance		RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board		12pm - 185 yd Rifle
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