

President's Column

At the October 21 TCSL Board and Membership meeting I announced that I was stepping down as TCSL president. I consider it an honor and privilege to have served as president these past two years, as well as the first four years I served. I want to thank everyone for their help over the past few years. I continue to believe TCSL's greatest assets are its members. I apologize for not finishing my term; however, I need to focus my attention on other issues. Pursuant to Article 5, Section 2 of the Bylaws, the two vice presidents shall perform the "duties and exercise the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President." Carlos Soto and Mark Smokowicz will handle the president's duties until the February 2022 elections. Please reach out to Carlos and Mark and the other officers and Board members to help as TCSL heads in a new direction.

Best wishes, and stay safe.

[Steve Reed](#)

With the announcement of the resignation of Steve Reed as President of TCSL, it comes to mind the invaluable contributions Steve has made to the club over the years, both personally and professionally. As a member, he has made generous contributions and provided support to every aspect of club activities. He could not pass by a tip jar without donating. As an NRA Training Instructor, he conducted training classes on the weekends while running his practice; and as an NRA Training Counselor, he trained and provided guidance to new instructors. As a past and current president he provided the needed leadership skills to the Club.

Thank you, Steve, for all your help, guidance, and support throughout the years. And here's wishing you all the best.

[Carlos Soto](#) & [Mark Smokowicz](#)

Memorial & Wellbeing Celebrations & Thanks

The TCSL family has suffered a number of losses recently.

Please keep both Dick Cupka and Lance Monroe in your thoughts and prayers. Dick recently lost his dad, and Lance lost his mom.



Please also keep the Jolliffe family in your prayers. Talle, Steve's wife of 53 years, passed away unexpectedly on October 16, following a morning of geocaching with Steve.



She was born on August 21, 1947, to Mary Jane and William Tilton Jr.

In addition to moving across the country several times to support Steve's career, Talle raised three children while working full time. As a public school librarian and a fourth grade teacher, Talle loved introducing her students and grandchildren to new authors. She touched many young lives through literature. Talle was a skilled puzzle-solver, tap and ballet-dancer, pianist, and knitter, with home-made Christmas stockings for all of her grandchildren.

In addition to Steve, Talle leaves behind three children (Steven Jr, Peter, and Maren Jolliffe Roush) and many grandchildren.

Talle's memorial service was held on Saturday, October 23, at Holy Faith Church in Saline.

Contributions in Talle's name may be made to [Holy Faith Church](#) or the [Humane Society of Huron Valley](#). Please click [here](#) to read her full obituary.



Please send items to newsletter@tcsll.org.



Volunteer Opportunities

| Event | Date | Guests | Up/Dwn | Servers | Bartenders |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| 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."



Ranges Close at Dusk

TCSL Range hours are from 10am till 8pm or dusk, whichever is earlier, on Monday through Saturday. Sunday range hours are noon till 8pm or dusk.

The sun is setting now at approximately 6:20pm, and on November 7, when Daylight Saving Time ends, sunset will be one hour earlier—necessitating ranges to close around 5:20pm.

A sunset calendar is located at the bar and in the vestibule where the sign-in sheets are located. Please check sunset times to ensure you are not violating club rules.

[Safety Committee](#)

November Activities

- 7 Country Breakfast, 8am – 11:30am
Fall Handgun Shoot, Running Deer - noon-5 pm
- 11 Education Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
- 13 New Member Orientation - 9am-noon
- 15 Safety Committee Meeting - 6:30 pm (via Zoom)
Finance Committee Meeting - 7:30pm (via Zoom)
- 18 Board meeting, 6:30 pm (No membership meeting)
- 20 185-Yard High-Power Rifle Match
- 21 NRA CCW Class, 8am-6 pm
- 27 NRA/TCSL Range Safety Officer Class - 9am-6pm
- 28 NRA/TCSL Range Safety Officer Class (CPR portion) - 9am

Check the online calendar for detailed information: tcsl.org

Membership

Five people applied and were presented to the board for approval on October 21. They include:

Tor Augustunsen
James Joquin
Kendra Joquin
James Lolongowski
David Saud

We also had five people attend orientation on October 16. They include:

Jacob Clauser
Megan Clauser
Andrew Gafken
James Joquin
Kendra Joquin

Kendra attended just to spend some time with her husband who works out of state much of the time. Jacob and Megan are Junior Members, Kendra is an Associate, and the others are Probationary.

Please join me in welcoming them to the Club.

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

Range Etiquette

Are you following proper range etiquette while you are at the range? Make sure you follow these steps below to ensure a safe trip to the range:

- Bring cased, unloaded, chamber-flagged firearms to the range.
- While the range is “hot,” you can move your case to the firing line, ensuring the gun is pointed downrange, and place it on the firing line. Case is then removed from the firing line.
- Firearm is loaded when ready to shoot.
- Finger is off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Know your target and what is behind it.
- Make sure you hit the berm.
- Muzzle never sees “blue sky” and is always pointed in a safe direction.
- Before the “red light” is turned on and range goes cold, magazine is removed from the gun, action is open, chamber flag is inserted, and gun is laid down horizontally—pointed down range—and shooter steps back behind the yellow line.
- Make sure you are communicating with all shooters on the line, asking if its ok to go cold or hot.
- No touching of firearms allowed while red light is on
- After your shooting session, return sand bags, rests, stands, etc to their storage location Pick up brass, and put it in recycling bin; and remove your targets from the stands.

These are just a few simple steps to ensure you have a safe experience on the range.

Also make sure you are familiar with all Club rules. Go to the “[Members Only](#)” page to read the TCSL Rules.

[Safety Committee](#)



Fire Prevention Month

October was Fire Prevention Month. According to the National Fire Protection Association, home fires take more lives each year than all other natural disasters in the US—claiming seven lives every day.

Here are some ways that you can participate in Fire Prevention Month:

- Develop a fire escape plan with everyone in your household and practice it at least twice a year.
- Install smoke alarms in your home, on every level and outside each sleeping area. Test them once a month, and **replace the batteries at least once a year.**
- Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what they should do if they hear one.
- Make sure all household members know two ways to escape from every room.
- Establish a family meeting spot outside.

You can also help others understand these tips by sharing this holiday on your favorite social media websites using the hashtag #firepreventionmonth.

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Ypsilanti, Michigan
734-483-8200
Haabs@provide.net
www.HaabsRestaurant.com



Booster Club

DONATE TO

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 tablet.



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.



December Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:

November 24

newsletter@tcsi.org

Last Military Rifle Match Held

Our final standard Military Rifle Match for 2021 was held on Saturday October 16th at the 100-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 | Chris Leite | AR-15 | 223 Rem | 336-3x |
| 2 nd Place | Mark Smokowicz | AR-15 | 223 Rem | 309-2x |
| 3 rd Place | Dave Vandermark | 1903A3 Springfield | 30/06 | 287 |
| | Jeff Gage | AR-15 | 223 Rem | 259-1x |
| <u>Scoped Division</u> | | | | |
| 1 st Place | Dave Harris | AR-15 | 223 Rem | 347-2x |

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held in 2022 (date TBD), 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. You will need 45 rounds of safe ammunition, a shooting mat or something to lie on, safety or shooting glasses and ear protection. Spotting scopes and sling are helpful.

The course of fire for the event shall be: (5) rounds of slow fire in the prone position for sight-in within 5 minutes. For score; (10) rounds slow fire in the prone position, (10) rounds of rapid fire in the prone position, (10) rounds rapid fire in the sitting position and (10) rounds of slow fire in the standing unsupported position. For the Slow fire portion single fed rounds are fired within 8 minutes, while rapid fire is within 80 seconds with a magazine or stripper clip change. There will be a short safety briefing prior to the match. **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.** For further information or questions contact Dave Vandermark at rifle@TCSL.org.

Upcoming Rifle Matches for 2021

November 20
185-yd High-Power Bench Match

December 11
100-yd White Elephant Match

contact: [Dave Vandermark](mailto:Dave.Vandermark@tcsi.org)



Set your clocks back one hour

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 Report

There has been little change at MUCC since last month. Jim and I attended the MUCC Convention at the end of September. The Conservation Insider email has covered the Convention activities and actions. Other previous items are still in the process of being worked on.

Hunting season is here and Jim and I wish all of you who enjoy hunting, good luck. Be safe!

[Jim Pryce & Kris Matthew](#)

Gone Hunting

November is the month that most hunters look forward to all year. With the changing weather, sitting under a canopy of dew-dripping leaves to the changing colors to a rain or snow storm that puts them all on the ground. The woods are constantly changing. It is truly a great time of year to be outside and enjoying it all. We have football, chili cook-offs, hunting raffle sight-ins, Thanksgiving, and hopefully, some time off of work.

Hunting is a great time to make memories with family and friends. An opportunity to introduce new people to the experiences that you enjoy. So this year, try and take a new hunter out and show them how much fun the great outdoors can be. (Maybe after you get that big buck.) Take your time and go at their pace if they are younger. (Dad tip)

Remember, when you plan your hunts, to put safety first.

1. Practice firearm safety
2. Dress for the weather
3. Let someone know where you'll be
4. Practice all tree stand safety rules
5. Wear hunter orange
6. Avoid alcohol and drugs

And the list goes on. Remember, no game is worth putting yourself or someone else in harm's way.

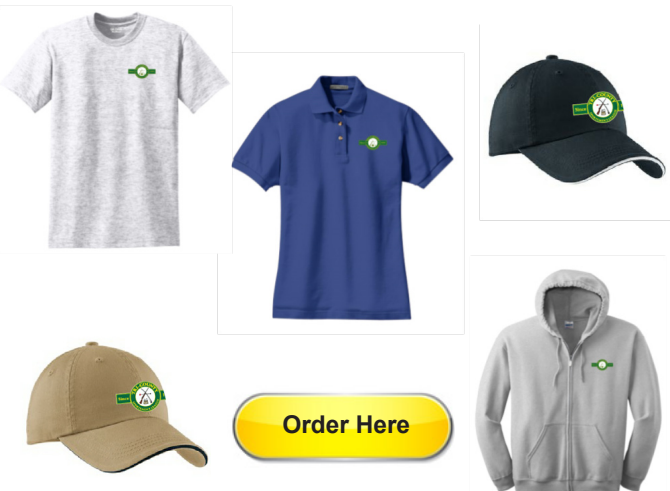
This year, the TCSL Hunter Education team had a total of 50+ students successfully complete the course. It is our goal to teach hunting safety to the community throughout the year in 2022. If anyone would like to join in teaching these classes, you can become a volunteer recreational safety instructor through the [Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Volunteers](#).

We would like to wish everyone a safe and successful hunting season this year and in years to come. Whether hunting small game or larger animals, for a trophy rack, a freezer full of meat, reconnecting with friends and family, or simply connecting with nature, I hope you fulfill your goals and have some great memories to share.

Safety begins with you.

[The Hunters Education Committee](#)
[Jon N Yost](#)

Tri-County Logo Apparel



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

**Sunday, November 7
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**

**Tri-County Sportsmen's League
8640 Moon Road, Saline, MI 48176**

Fall Handgun ("Running Deer") Shoots

**Sunday, November 7
Shooting Starts at 12 noon to 4pm**

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 shoot, 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**

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 31 12pm - Fall | 1 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop | 2 | 3 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday | 4 12pm - Friends of | 5 12pm - Night of | 6 |
| 7 RSO On Duty: 8am - Breakfast at 12pm - Fall | 8 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop | 9 6:30pm - York Place | 10 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Gun Safety | 11 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Education | 12 | 13 9am - New Member |
| 14 RSO On Duty: | 15 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 7:30pm - Finance | 16 | 17 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday | 18 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board | 19 3pm - NCE Event | 20 12pm - 185 yd Rifle |
| 21 RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA CCW | 22 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop | 23 | 24 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday | 25 12pm - Friends of | 26 | 27 9am - NRA Range |
| 28 RSO On Duty: NRA Range Safety 8am - Michigan | 29 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop | 30 | 1 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday | 2 12pm - Friends of | 3 | 4 3pm - Wicked Jeeps |

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

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| 12 RSO On Duty: 12pm - NRA First | 13 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 7:30pm - Finance | 14 | 15 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday | 16 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership | 17 | 18 |
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