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### President's Column

The annual membership awards were presented in February:

Member of the Year - Mark Burkhardt  
Associate Member of the Year - Deb Thompson  
The Leadership Award - Ed White

Mark Burkhardt volunteers weekly to keep the clubhouse open on Mondays and doubles as the Monday RSO. He also often tends bar for special events and rentals. Mark coordinated a response this past year when it was most needed. Congratulations, Mark.

Deb Thompson takes all that information that we log onto the range sign-in book and enters that information into a database. Deb uses the database to produce usage patterns for each of the ranges. This is quite an ongoing task that takes perseverance, good database skills; and as many of us who have served time as keyboard warriors know, it takes that "something extra" to pound in all those entries correctly. Congratulations, Deb.

Ed White has been the coordinator of procuring sponsors for the IDPA September Challenge Match. Year by year the number of sponsors has grown steadily. The number of participants has grown yearly as well. The success of the Challenge Match and the great exposure TCSL receives has increased because of Ed's hard work. Congratulations, Ed.

The plaques will be awarded at the April 21 Membership meeting. Please join us to recognize their hard work.

The Club elections were held in February, and the full list of current Officers and Directors can be found on our website. The results of the elections are:

President - Stuart Berry  
First VP - Carlos Soto  
Second VP - Mark Smokowicz;  
Treasurer - John Harden  
Membership Secretary - Charlie Unbehaun  
Recording Secretary - Fred Girbach  
Region 1 Director - Maudie Abraham  
Region 2 Director - Jim Walter  
Region 3 Director - Steve Nesmith  
Region 4 Director - Mike Thompson

The members new to their positions are yours truly as president, Fred Girbach as recording secretary and Mike Thompson as director. The others won re-election to the positions they held. Retiring director was Ed White. Thank you, Ed, for your time and considerable talents as a member of the Board of Directors.

As we move back into business normalcy (hopefully for good) we need to be mindful to update the various trainings and certifications that may be required for working Club functions. The two that come to mind now are the kitchen's Servsafe certification and the bar's Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM). Servsafe has several levels, and there are requirements for training and on-site attendance. TAM is required to serve alcohol. The TAM certificate

has an expiration date. We are always in need of certified help where required. Contact us to renew or to initiate a certification.

It is said that there are two seasons in Michigan: winter and road repair. The activity on the ranges increases during "road repair." Check the calendar for events: <http://tcsll.org/#calendar>. On the action ranges there is the PCC and .22 Pin Shoot. The rifle events persevere through most of winter and always provide a challenge to the skills of all levels. IDPA matches resume this month. And the Wednesday 10am range time continues to be a friendly crowd dedicated to skill development.

Brian Craig of the Education Committee conducts many classes each month. In addition to the formal classes is the monthly gun safety seminar on a Wednesday. [Contact Brian](#) for details.

Planning for KORD and WOT continues. The monthly planning meeting is the first Tuesday at 6pm in the clubhouse. We had to scuttle these events for two years, so join us as we are always in need of help to clean off the rust from that period of inactivity.

Our resident Scout Troop, BSA Troop 439, meets weekly on Mondays in the clubhouse. The troop recently completed the construction of a fire pit south of the clubhouse. It is an 8 x 8 ft square of sand contained by 4 x 4s. It is of such size to allow multiple fires at one time. Admittance into the fire pit is an earned privilege. Multiple fires allows for working fires and training fires simultaneously.

You are all invited to the monthly Board and Membership meetings. This month both are on Thursday, April 17. Burger Night precedes starting at 5pm. We are conducting Zoom trials of both meetings to see if we can overcome the issues related to presenting a quality broadcast of such a spacious venue. Contact us [president@tcsll.org](mailto:president@tcsll.org) if you think a Zoom broadcast is worth continuing to explore. Check the calendar and join us on the Finance and Safety Committees Zoom links. The Education Committee meets in the clubhouse. Earn volunteer hours by attending the various meetings.

Please also join us for our monthly meals (the best deals in town):

Breakfast on Sunday, April 3 - 8:30 to 11:30am  
Steak Fry on Friday, April 22 - 5 to 7pm

Coming up will be the Board of Directors annual survey of the property (Sunday, April 24) and spring clean up (Sunday, May 15). Check the calendar for specifics. All are welcome to each.

Safety is our first and foremost goal. We need to consider safety and skill development at all times. Sometimes there is no "do over." We have to get it right each and every time.



Sincerely,  
[Stuart Berry](#)

## Membership

This month, 15 people submitted applications and were approved by the board of directors. They include:

Michael Berry - Probationary  
David Weshe - Probationary  
Corneel Boulard - Probationary  
Andrew Burke - Probationary  
Mark Denoyer - Probationary  
James Giacalone - Probationary  
Tom Groulx - Probationary  
Alan Kushman - Probationary  
Deborah Kushman - Associate  
Michael Pinaula - Probationary  
Justin Roberts - Probationary  
Sebastian Suqi - Probationary  
Adeline Zahina - Junior  
Gabrielle Zahina - Junior  
Samuel Zahina - Junior

Seven people, all probationary members, attended the March orientation session:

Corneel Boulard  
Andrew Burke  
Mark Denoyer  
Julian Galarza  
James Giacalone  
Alan Kushman  
Melissa Siler

The Club currently has 379 voting members and 36 non-voting members who are associates and juniors. There are 220 regular members, 56 probationary, 66 seniors, 7 past presidents, 26 life members, 3 young adults, 1 military, 28 associates, and 8 juniors.

As of March 20 we have 86 members who have not renewed. The bulk of these are 55 regular members. This is typical from year to year. There are 39 people who have applied but have not attended the orientation session. Also, current probationary members' renewal notices will be sent to them 4 to 6 weeks before their membership expires. Please check your membership card for the expiration date.

Thanks.

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

## May Newsletter

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

## MUCC Committee Report

MUCC held the quarterly meeting of the Conservation Policy Board in St. Ignace on March 12. The Policy Board Committees met at the beginning of the morning. The full Policy Board meeting followed where all submitted resolutions were considered to make sure that each one was factually accurate and that each fit within the MUCC mission. A complete list of the resolutions moving to convention will be available soon and I will post them at club. The current list is available on [MUCC's website](#).

MUCC continues to have registration for the Youth Camp near Chelsea. This year TCSL has a program to help families with the camp cost, and [Mark Smokowicz](#) is the person to contact for more information.

The Youth Camp with Bob Borchak is scheduling a camp clean-up for April 9-13, 10am-4 pm each day. Friday, April 12, is the primary day when he hopes to have a big group of workers. Bob will have people working all four days, and lunch will be provided each day. Bring your tools and your gloves. You can contact Bob at 586-242-3229 if you can help out. Volunteers are needed.

The planning meeting for the Crystal Waters State Game Area has been scheduled for March 31 by DNR Wildlife Biologist Zach Cooley. The program will include an Overview of the Crystal Waters SGA, fisheries habitat projects/funding, 2022 project goals and maintenance, partners' involvement; tour of the game area, and time for questions. [Stuart Berry](#) and [Kris Matthew](#) will attend the meeting.

Be sure to watch for more updates from MUCC in the Conservation Insider coming to your email. Please contact us for any questions or additional information.

[Jim Pryce](#), 734-368-2473  
[Kris Matthew](#), 734-646-3763



## Booster Club

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*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.

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## Kids on the Range Day

Saturday, July 30

As of April 1, registration is open for this year's Kids on the Range Day. Registration and waiver forms are available on the [Club's website](#). We are limited to a total of 60 kids (30 in each age group: 8-11 and 12-18), so please recommend early registration to family and friends interested in attending.

Because the players are virtually the same for both events (and to make the most of everyone's limited time), the Tuesday evening meetings (including the Volunteer Dinner on May 31) will be for volunteers of both KORD and WOT..

KORD volunteers will have one additional meeting on Tuesday, July 26—just in case.

As with WOT, we're looking for volunteers. There are a variety of areas available, so I know we have a place for YOU! Many of you have worked this event before and know that it's a terrific way to introduce kids to the fun of sport shooting.

Just a reminder: all KORD volunteers need to submit a background check, which can be obtained via the Michigan State Police. It's easy to do and costs just \$10 each. (It would be greatly appreciated if each volunteer would pay for his/her own background check. It adds up to a lot of money if KORD pays for all of them.) Let me know if you need instructions—or if you'd like me to take care of the paperwork for you.



contact: Val Kabat  
[KORD@tcsi.org](mailto:KORD@tcsi.org)

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## 2022 Rifle Match Schedule

4/16 - 100 yd 22LR Bench Match  
5/7 - Lever Action Match  
5/21 - Military Match  
6/11 - Military Match (date may change)  
7/2 - Trench Match  
7/16 - Military Match  
8/6 - Cavalry Match  
8/20 - Military Match  
9/3 - 185 yd Bench Match  
9/17 - 100 yd 22LR Bench Match  
10/1 - Trench Match  
10/15 - Military Match  
10/29 - 100 yd 22LR Bench Match  
11/19 - 185 yd Bench Match (starts at noon)  
12/17 - White Elephant Match

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

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## Women On Target

Saturday, June 11

Online registration for Women On Target opens on April 1, 2022. The cost is \$90 and includes everything needed for the day. This day is especially geared toward women with little or no shooting background so if you know of gals who benefit from this hands-on experience, please let them know and pass along the registration information. Go to [www.TCSL.org/events](http://www.TCSL.org/events) to register.



We are still gathering volunteers not only for the day, but also the weeks leading up to the event on Saturday, June 11. There are many volunteer spots available – such as group guides, packaging lunches for the range volunteers, runners, registration table, raffle ticket sales, set up on Friday and clean up on Saturday and Sunday . . . and much more. If you would like to volunteer, please send along your contact information and we will reach out to you to see how you can help.

We are holding the raffle again this year. In the past, our members have made up baskets of items to donate for the raffle. We hope you will consider doing so again. The items should be new or as new. For your convenience, we will have gift bags available for your items at the club at our next meeting on April 5 and at future meetings.

Our (and KORD's) next meeting will be held April 5 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Club and is open to anyone interested in volunteering.

[wot@tcsi.org](mailto:wot@tcsi.org)

Carol Grubb, 734-417-9599  
Deb Thompson, 734-649-5315



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## Hunters' Ed

April 1 marks the end of small game hunting and the approach of wild turkey season (April 23-June 7), so it's time to sight-in and pattern your turkey shotgun to be sure that you'll get a clean kill on that long beard.

Youth hunters 17 and younger can get a free patch from <http://www.minwtf.org/patch-program-2022> a valid hunting license. Be sure to check the [Michigan Spring Turkey Digest](#) for hunt units, season dates, bag limits and all the rest.

In order to purchase a hunting license in Michigan, an individual born on or after January 1, 1960, is required to successfully complete an approved hunter education course. Take the online class at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan>, and sign up for a field day. The next TCSL field day will be held on May 21. That information is available at <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/programs>.

And while you're hunting those wild turkeys, it's a good time to look for morel mushrooms and deer antler sheds.

Happy hunting, and be safe!

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



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## WANTED

The rifle ranges need more range bags for rests. We are looking for any airsoft shot you may have lying around that you'd like to be rid of. Donations can be left at the club marked "Attn: [Dave Vandermark](mailto:Dave.Vandermark@tcsi.org)."



## March Madness Rifle Match

On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our first ever March Madness Match at the 100 yd rifle range with 9 shooters. What the heck is it? It is a 100 yd bench match using 22 LR rifles. Any scoped or iron-sighted 22LR rifle can be used. Each course for the match consisted of trying to break 10 clay birds at 100 yds using a maximum of 20 rounds of ammo. Each course was a maximum of 90 seconds long. Rifles were loaded with 5 rounds at a time maximum, and only one magazine could be used. The timer starts with the magazines empty, and rifle, magazines, and ammo in 5 round cups on the bench.

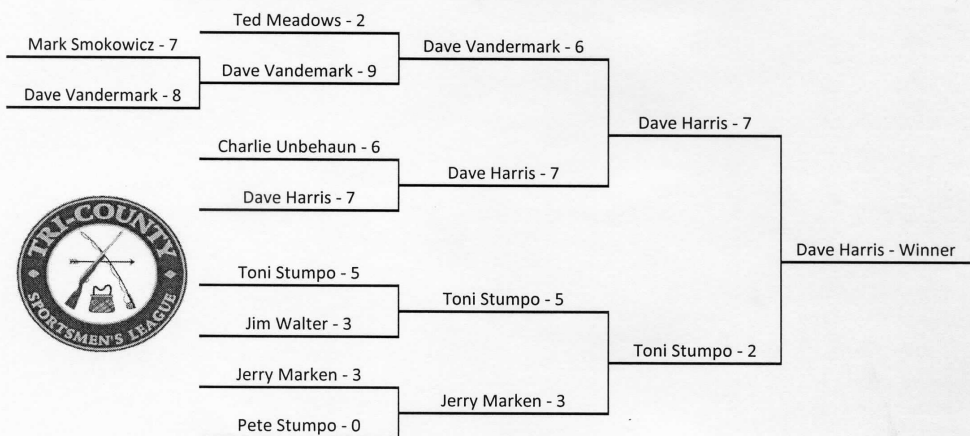
So what makes it a 'March Madness' match? Once all the shooters have signed in, we randomly drew numbers, which determined each shooter's place in a bracket system (seeding), just like the NCAA basketball tournament. Shooters then went through each course two at a time. The first shooter to break all the birds first, or break the most at the end of 90 seconds, moved on to the next round. The other shooter was done for the match. We progressed through as many firing courses as necessary until we had a winner.

No one was able to break all 10 birds during a round - it was harder to do than you'd think. Good thing it wasn't too cold; loading those .22 shells under time pressure was frustrating, and we all fumbled a bit. The score bracket is shown below, with each shooter's score for the round shown to the right of their name. And don't assume that a low score means they didn't hit birds - only fully broken or birds with holes larger than a quarter counted as broken.

All shooters enjoyed the match, so we will be doing it again in the future. Keep your eye out on the calendar for it.

Dave Vandermark - Rifle Chair

### 2022 March Madness Match



## On the Rifle Ranges . . .

If you have been by the rifle ranges lately, you may have noticed that the 25-yard target stand has been removed. Due to damage from many errant shots, it needed a break. The target stand was falling apart, there were a lot of skips well in front of the berm, and heavy damage to the posts holding up the overhead brow (as well on the overhead boards). It is every member's responsibility to make sure each bullet you fire is hitting the berm. Please remember that, and think about where you are aiming as you pull the trigger each time.

Along with the damage, we're seeing an increase in the amount of shells left laying around and targets left on or around the stands. Please try to keep the range clean —put away rests and carpets, pick up your casings, and clear away your targets and put them in the trash before you leave.

[Dave Vandermark](#)

Happy Easter!



## WANTED

Bartenders are needed for the following upcoming Hall Rentals. Earn hours. Will train.

Saturday April 16, noon-6pm  
Benefit Fundraiser  
(2) upstairs, (3) downstairs

Sunday, May 22, noon-6pm  
Brown Wedding Shower  
(3) needed downstairs

Saturday, June 4, noon-6pm  
Dicks 80th Birthday Party  
(3) needed downstairs

Saturday, December 3, 3pm-1am  
Wicked Jeeps Christmas Party  
(2) upstairs, (3) downstairs

Sign up in the book or reply to  
[reservations@tcs.org](mailto:reservations@tcs.org)

## TCSL RANGE HOURS

**Monday-Saturday:**  
Shooting may begin  
no earlier than 10am

**Sunday:**  
Shooting may begin  
no earlier than 12noon

**Every Day:**  
Shooting must cease  
by 8pm or sunset, whichever  
occurs earlier.

## Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanks

A number of our members are dealing with health and/or family issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers:

Brian Craig  
Dick Cupka  
Al Lamoreaux  
Lance Monroe

This undoubtedly omits others who could use our support as well.

Please send items for this column to  
[newsletter@tcs.org](mailto:newsletter@tcs.org).



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

**Sunday, April 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**

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### Harry's Auto Service

**221 E Michigan Ave.  
Saline, MI 48176  
734-429-9930**



## TCSL STEAK FRY



**Friday, April 22, 5-7pm**

**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

### Bowling Pin Shoot - Open to The Public

Bowling pin shooting is a fun, but challenging, event. We welcome the skilled shooter, as well as the novice. We guarantee you'll enjoy yourself, while enhancing your shooting skills. Members and non-members are encouraged to bring friends/family along with them.

#### PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot

**Sundays: April 3, May 1, June 5, June 26, July 31, September 4**  
11:30am until 4:00pm

Shooting starts at 12:00noon.

The cost for each relay (20 pins = 5 pins x 4 tables) is \$5.00.

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 shooter's 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: May 15, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 18**  
11:30am until 4:00pm

Shooting starts at 12:00noon.

The cost for each relay (20 pins = 5 pins x 4 tables) is \$5.00.

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 shooter's 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)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA Range	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop		RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 4pm - Republican	12pm - Friends of		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
RSO On Duty: 8am - Breakfast at 12pm - PCC & .22	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	6pm - WOT & KORD	RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of		9am - Orientation
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
RSO On Duty:	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		10am - .22LR 100 yd 12pm - Private
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA CCW	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 7:30pm - Finance	5pm - IDPA Practice	RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership	5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
RSO On Duty: 9:30am - TCSL	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - IDPA Practice	RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of		

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
RSO On Duty: 12pm - PCC & .22	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	Elections @ Tri- York Township 5pm - IDPA Practice 6pm - WOT & KORD	RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of		8am - Michigan CPL 9am - 50/100 yd
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
RSO On Duty:	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - IDPA Practice	RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Gun Safety	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Education		12pm - Groulx
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
RSO On Duty: 8am - NRA CCW 9am - TCSL Spring	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 7:30pm - Finance	5pm - IDPA Practice	RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board 7pm - Membership		9am - Hunter 9am - Military Rifle
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
RSO On Duty: 12pm - Brown	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - IDPA Practice	RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of	5pm - Flame Broiled	8am - IDPA Match
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
RSO On Duty:	RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	5pm - IDPA Practice 5pm - WOT/KORD	RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	12pm - Friends of		8am - Michigan CPL 12pm - Private