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President's Column

There are times of the year when there is a substantial increase of the amount of hours and energy that must be devoted to house, yard, and garden. I'm quite used to that schedule on the domestic front; but I was unaware that the same pattern existed here at Tri-County. My question: Is November over yet? Thankfully, we had plenty of help to complete all the tasks required to prepare for winter.

The first big job was the fall clean-up. We got an early start at 8am on the day before we turned back to standard time. Sunrise was at 8:14, so we began the critical task of coordinating efforts—with coffee of course—as the darkness drained away. The temperature was not too bad, and we had a strong breeze to help move leaves to piles. A system of leaf raking, blowing, tarping, and loading the caravan of pickups and trailers quickly developed. The compost pile, located south of the Archery Range, grew from nothing to a small mountain. Others were involved gathering downed wood. There was fellowship shared over a pizza lunch, and then we resumed. Despite the strong breeze, the group's energy flagged by early afternoon; and we called it quits. Throughout the day 17+ members participated as we spiffed up the grounds quite well prior to winter. Thanks to all for your efforts.

Installing the plastic sheeting on the Pistol House was the next big task. The mild temperatures of early November turned to a more seasonal chill. Some of the days leading up to the morning were quite windy and I was concerned that trying to control what could amount to two large sails on a windy day would be difficult. Well, good luck shined on us, as we had a chilly morning with little to no wind as the workday dawned. The work crew of eight included Pat G., Phil H., Geoff J., Mike B., Brian F., Jon Y., Jeff R., and yours truly. We had sufficient experience and enthusiasm in the crew to install both sides of the pistol house and the storm doors in plenty of time for the Sunday noon start time. Thanks to all for your tools and effort to put up the plastic long before some nasty cold and winds arrive.

The Sunday breakfast crew was hard at work early in November to produce a very good meal for friends and guests. We are always looking for more prep., serving, and clean-up crew members for this monthly event. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours, learn new skills, and get to know more of your fellow members.

We were the polling place for York Township on election day. They occupied both the upper and lower floors. We also had a couple of party rentals, several education classes and meetings, several shooting events, a community HOA meeting, and an orientation class. In preparation for several bigger December events, we purchased many supplies.

Coming up in December you can earn volunteer hours, as we need much help. The Wicked Jeeps Christmas Party on the 3rd requires many, many volunteers for prep., set-up, serving, and bar-tending. The December breakfast is on the 4th. Join us for the meal and consider joining the volunteer crew. The Scouts are having a fundraiser Breakfast with Santa on the 10th. Support the Scouts and get a good meal. On the 31st, New Year's Eve, we have a party booked. Also in December we have training and education classes, Zoom committee meetings, Board and Membership meetings, a rifle competition, and orientation.

As we move into 2023, membership renewal notices are going out. We hope the Club provides a fair value for your membership dues and that you will renew for another year. Our banquet business has not returned from the lockdowns of 2020 and 2021. We created the Booster Club to help bridge that gap, and those funds have helped to keep us open. The Booster Club is still accepting donations. On the renewal form, there is a donation line to contribute to the Booster Club. We thank each of you for your continued membership and any donations that you are able to make.

Club elections come up early next year. The officer positions are one-year terms and are open for election each year. Of particular note this year is that Carlos Soto is term-limited as the First Vice President. This is the Finance VP and involves oversight of revenues and expenses

and planning to ensure we adhere to our financial guidelines. One Director seat is up for election in each of our four geographic regions. I have been a Board Member, the Recording Secretary, and now President. While there is work involved in each duty, there are rewards that come from knowing that TCSL has been here since 1939 and someone has stepped up for all those years to keep the Club open, active, and alive. My time has been the past few years, and continues. We are looking for members to join that leadership effort to ensure that the Club continues. The requirements are in the bylaws on the [members only page](http://members_only_page) at TCSL.org. Contact me at president@tcsi.org for information or questions.

Member Dick Cupka hosts the radio show "Trigger Talk" each Saturday on WAAM 1600 AM at 10am. WAAM partners with the Washtenaw County Salvation Army each year for "1600 Toys for 1600 Girls and Boys." Christmas is a wonderful time for children. This partnership helps to ensure that more children will share in the joy of Christmas by receiving a gift. Visit waamradio.com for information on how you can contribute.

May you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Stuart Berry



Pistol House Plastic Crew



Pat Gillay, Phil Hemmenway, Brian Fitzgerald, Mike Berry (no relation), Geoff Jenkins, Jon Yost, Jeff Robbins



100-Yard Bench Match

Our second 100 yard .22LR bench match for 2022 was held on Saturday, October 29, 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	98-3x	96-5x	97-1x	90	381-9x
Jeff Gage	92-1x	87	91-2x	90-1x	360-4x
Jerry Marken	98-3x	98-3x	97-2x	98-4x	391-12x
Henry Vandermark	80	85-1x	87	86-1x	338-2x
Brad Orr	98-5x	100-4x	97-4x	100-2x	395-15x
Mark Smokowicz	0	100-6x	94-3x	85-3x	279-12x
Charlie Unbehaun	97-1x	96	80	86	359-1x
Jim Walter	98-3x	96-1x	97-2x	97-3x	388-9x

Winners –

Overall:1st – Brad Orr

2nd – Jerry Marken

3rd – Jim Walter

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.

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

185-Yard Bench Match

Our second 185 yard Rifle Match of 2022 was held on Saturday, November 19, at the 185 yard rifle range with 6 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	Ed Benko	AR-15	.223 Rem	91-2x
2 nd Place	Dave Vandermark	1878 Swiss Vetterli	10.4x38R	72
3 rd Place	Larry Jackson	M1A1	308 Win	51
<u>Scoped Division</u>				
1 st Place	Jerry Marken	AR-15	.223 Rem	95-4x
2 nd Place	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	.223 Rem	76-1x
3 rd Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	.223 Rem	70

Our next 185 Yard Bench Match will be held on TBD in Fall 2023, 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** 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.

Remaining 2022 Rifle Match

12/17 - White Elephant Match

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

rifle@tcsl.org



Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanks

As always, we have a number of members (as well as the country) who could benefit from our thoughts and prayers.

Please send items for this column to newsletter@tcsl.org.



January Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:

December 23

newsletter@tcsl.org



Save the Date!

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Women On Target returns for 2023! We hope you can join us for this all-day event held exclusively to give women the opportunity to learn about firearm handling and safety. If you know of someone you think would enjoy and benefit from this event, let them know now so they can mark their calendars.

If you won't be attending as a participant, we hope you will consider helping, as many hands are needed to make the day a success.

Stay tuned for more information after the first of the year when we will start gathering volunteers to fill a variety of jobs. The first planning meeting will be held Wednesday, February 1, at 6:30pm. In the meantime, please contact me with any questions and/or suggestions you may have relating to this event.



Carol Grubb, 734-417-9599
WOT@TCSL.org

Also Save this Date!

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Kids on the Range Day will be back this summer, on Saturday, July 15. We'll be using our traditional format.

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1, at 6:30pm. As always, out of respect for everyone's limited time, our KORD meetings will be held in conjunction with WOT meetings.

Applications will be available online on April 1. We were nearly full last year, so please spread the word to any kids 8-18 who might want to participate.

As with WOT, it takes many, many volunteers to put all of the moving parts together, so please think about volunteering. I know you'll have a good time.

NOTE: As you probably remember, we ran a bit short on food in the morning this year because the kids brought an unusually large group spectators with them. For 2023, the \$25 fee will cover a free meal for one kid + one adult. Others will need to buy a meal ticket in advance for \$5. This will give us a clearer idea of the number of people to expect and will offset the food costs a bit.

Let me know if you have questions or comments.

Val Kabat
KORD@TCSL.org



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

Sunday, December 4
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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Hunters Education

Four Primary Rules of Firearm Safety

1. Always keep firearm pointed in a safe direction. Never point your gun at anything you do not intend to shoot.
2. Treat all guns as though they are loaded.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot, and remove it from the trigger after the shot.
4. Always be sure of your target and what's beyond it.

Know any new firearms owners who need more training? If they can't get some of the preferred hands-on training, here's a good start:

IHEA-USA Firearm Fundamentals offers gun owners basic firearm safety instruction through online handgun, rifle, and shotgun courses. These courses are carefully designed to help new firearms owners have a safe and positive experience. Learn at your own pace:

- Firearms Safety Rules
- Firearms Owner Responsibilities
- Safety in the Home
- Storing and Transporting Firearms
- Specific information on Safe Handling of Your Type of Firearm and its Ammunition
- Locks and Safes
- Range Safety Etiquette and Equipment
- Firearms Care and Cleaning
- Opportunities to Use Your Firearm in Fun Environments

Visit <https://www.fccourse.org>

We hope you have a safe and blessed holiday.

Hunter Education Committee
Jon N Yost

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.

Membership

Five people submitted applications this month and were approved by the Board of Directors. They include:

Jamie Patrick - Probationary
David Maloney - Probationary
Julia Barge-Siever - Probationary
Nancy Lindemann - Probationary
Amritraj Loganathan - Probationary

Four people attended our orientation session in November.

Frederick Brack - Military
Michael Garner - Military
Jamie Patrick- Probationary
Nancy Lindemann - Probationary

Frederick is active Army and is a recruiter in Westland. Michael is in the Navy and is here working on his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering. He has an interest in high-power laser technology. Jamie is here while his spouse is a resident at U of M Hospitals. He is an aircraft mechanic and former Marine. Nancy has been helping out with the pin shoots and the running deer shoots for a couple of years. Her friends finally talked her into joining.

There is another orientation scheduled for Sunday, December 11, at 1pm on the lower level at the clubhouse.

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.

We have started sending out 2023 renewal notices. We delivered the first 200+ renewals to the post office on November 23. The balance will be sent the week of November 28.

If you have any questions about renewals, please contact me at membership@tcsl.org.

Thanks

Charlie Unbehaun
Membership Secretary



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

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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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 RSO On Duty: Charlie U.	28 RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 6pm - Troop 439-Patrol 7pm - BSA Troop 439	29	30 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	1 12pm - Friends of	2	3 8am - Michigan CPL 3pm - Wicked Jeeps
4 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 8am - Breakfast at Tri-	5 RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop 439	6	7 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	8 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	9 4pm - Friend of Vets	10 9am - Breakfast with
11 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 1pm - Orientation Class	12 RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 6pm - Troop 439-Patrol 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 439 7:30pm - Finance	13	14 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range 6:30pm - Gun Safety	15 12pm - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night (lower 6:30pm - Board Meeting 7pm - Membership	16	17 9am - 100 yd "White
18 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 8am - NRA - Michigan 10:30am - Lindeman	19 RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop 439	20	21 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	22 12pm - Friends of	23	24
25 RSO On Duty: Charlie U.	26 RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop 439	27	28 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	29 12pm - Friends of	30	31 4pm - Hayes Reception @

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

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