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President's Column

The January Membership meeting included our annual meeting. The various committees presented their review and report of last year. Of significant importance was that the club continues to return to pre-disruption activity status. The IDPA Challenge Match continued and grew in size. Women on Target and Kids on the Range Day returned from hiatus to full sessions. These major events allow us to present both our facilities and our commitment to volunteerism to organize, plan and staff the events. We succeeded on all fronts. While those major events draw much attention, the monthly activities continued. Rifle, pistol and PCC events challenge our skills monthly. At times the monthly events are more demanding because the commitment is ongoing for many months to the entire year. The kitchen crews produced great meals for burger nights, breakfasts and steak fry Fridays. I hope you, your family and friends enjoyed the fruits of their hard labors. The building, ranges and grounds were maintained well.

How did all that, and much more, happen? It was because of you, our membership. Members stepped up to volunteer for the events; committee chairs organized the efforts; the board members and officers provided oversight to ensure all was well and the behind the scenes duties were completed. Many members contributed to a level that can be described as dedication. When life happens, with all the requirements of family and employment, it is difficult to find the time to volunteer. Thanks to each of you for what you were able to do.

See the minutes of the Membership meeting when they are posted on the website for a fuller presentation of the committee reports.

Our financial status is satisfactory. Membership is steady. Income from the range events is consistent. Hall rental has increased. One area that has not rebounded is the catering and banquet use of the clubhouse. Catering and banquets have planning, staffing and

clean up hurdles to overcome but they can produce good net income to the club. Over the past few years we have curtailed many expenses to help the bottom line. A present financial issue for all of us is the dramatic and continuing price inflation. Has anyone been to the supermarket lately? Ouch! The club is facing those same challenges.

Our long time club manager Lance Monroe moved on to other employment. Thanks Lance for your many years of service. We distributed the opening to the club and interviewed three well qualified candidates. The Board approved the interview committee's recommendation to hire Tim Grapentine as our new club manager.

Part of the annual meeting is nominations for the February elections. The nominations are as follows.

President	Stuart Berry
First VP (Finance)	Open
Second VP (Hall)	Mark Smokowicz
Treasurer	John Harden
Membership Secretary	Charlie Unbehaun
Recording Secretary	Fred Girbach
Director, Region 1	John Barr
Director, Region 2	Jim Jackson
Director, Region 3	Brian Craig
Director, Region 4	Jon Yost

Carlos Soto is term limited as finance VP. Sharon Beckey's term on the board has expired and she is unable to continue. Thank you to both Carlos and Sharon for your service.

Our bylaws define the requirements for each officer position and board member. We are still seeking a finance VP, consistent with the bylaws. When a suitable candidate is identified the board will follow the bylaws to fill that position.

Club elections occur in February. This year that date is February 16th from noon to 8 pm. You can vote in person in the clubhouse. Bring your club membership ID to obtain a ballot. If you need to vote by absentee ballot please

send a request to me at president@tcs1.org and we will provide you with a ballot. Return that ballot by US Mail or in person to the clubhouse. Place the completed ballot in separate envelope to protect the anonymity process and make a note on it that it is a ballot for the club elections. No hanging chads allowed.

Each year the club awards special recognition to members for commitment and achievement. The Member of Year award goes to Carol Gubb. Carol jumped into organizing Women on Target even though she had not been involved previously. The Associate Member of the Year award goes to Nancy Arcy. Nancy provided assistance in the kitchen with prep, serving and clean up, and contributed her organizing skills to the club. The Leadership award goes to Pete Stumpo. Pete coordinated the upkeep of our grounds as Grounds Chair. This is a hot, loud, dusty job and Pete did it well. Congratulations to Carol, Nancy and Pete.

Moving into February. Planning for WOT and KORD continues; check the calendar. Education has a Michigan CPL and an NRA CCW class. The Thursday Education meeting is engaged in Chief Range Safety Officer training. If you are an RSO, stop in for additional training. All are welcome to gain knowledge and get the nudge to become an RSO. There is a high powered rifle match on the 18th. Two orientations are scheduled. The monthly business meetings are the 16th, which include the annual elections. Sunday breakfast is on the 5th and the steak fry is on 24th. Help is always needed, especially for the breakfast. Check the calendar for more events and specifics.

<https://tcs1.org/#calendar>

Hope to see you at the club,

[Stuart Berry](#)

March Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:
February 24
newsletter@tcs1.org

Women On Target

Planning has begun for Women On Target 2023 to be held on Saturday, June 10. Due to weather, our first meeting, which was supposed to occur on January 25th, was moved to February 1st. Our monthly planning meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays: March 8 April 5 and May 3.

The Volunteer Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 pm.

We welcome all volunteers! You are needed! There are so many places that require your assistance on the day of the event: on the ranges, in the kitchen, working on the raffle, guiding the teams, front table event check in and moving supplies throughout the ranges and more.

But we also depend on volunteers to assist on a myriad of jobs on the days and weeks leading up to the event: setting up the ranges on Friday; setting up tables; preparing for Saturday morning arrival of participants; obtaining donations for raffle prizes and sponsorships; gathering supplies; preparing 'goody bags'... so many more jobs that need to be done.

The Raffle is on again this year! We are still in need of a person to take on the leadership of this project. As in past years, we will have raffle baskets for the ladies as well as a raffle table for the volunteers. Your donations of raffle items will be happily received!

Registration will open on Saturday, April 1. After the success of our initial attempt at online registration last year, we will again be taking online registration and payments, allowing for participants to register, sign the waiver, and pay the \$125 registration fee. We are limiting the number of participants to 70 women on a first come basis. Last year all spots were filled by mid-day on that first day so please remind your interested friends to register early!

Sponsors are needed to help defray the cost for this event. We appreciate your help in soliciting sponsors and donors. Informational Sponsorship Packets are available at the club or may be sent to you via email, if requested.

Please let us know your availability and willingness to help by contacting us at: WOT@TCSL.org or call Carol Grubb at 734-417-9599



Winter Rifle Bench Match Held

Our first winter Rifle bench match for 2023 was held on Saturday January 14 th at the 100-yard rifle range with 10 shooters.

Results of the match:

Scoped Division

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
1st Place	Pete Stumpo	Unknown Bolt	223 Rem	100-10x
2nd Place	Larry Sanford	Remington 700	308 Win	100-7x
3rd Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	224 Valkyrie	100-3x
	Conor Gaines	AR-15	223 Rem	99-4x
	Nick Bowen	AR-15	223 Rem	99-3x
	Larry Jackson	Browning X-Bolt	243 Win	98-3x
	Jeff Gage	AR-15	223 Rem	82-1x

Iron Sight Division

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
1st Place	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	223 Rem	94-1x
2nd Place	Ed Benko	M1 Garand	308 Win	92
3rd Place	Dave Vandermark	1879 Rem Roll. Block	11.15x58R	83-1x

Our next Winter Rifle Bench Match will be held on Saturday, February 18th 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 style rifle (no full autos), foreign or domestic, modern or vintage, with iron sights or scope.

The winter matches are conducted from the bench rest, and course of fire is 10 rounds sight-in over a period of 10 minutes followed by 10 rounds for score over a period of 8 minutes. Highest score wins. Bring 20 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, hearing protection, registration fee and appropriate warm clothing. A spotting scope is useful, and you may also bring rests or other positioning gear. Some blocks and sand bags are available. No rear bags or rests will be used.

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

Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 15, 2023

Although I will be unable to attend the kick-off meeting in February for KORD and WOT, I know that it will go well under Carol's leadership and that we're already off to a great start. I'll look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. In the meantime, I trust all of you to be thinking about ways to make this year's event better than ever! Please let me know if you think of any questions. Since I anticipate being kept imprisoned at Superior Woods for physical rehab for the next few weeks, I won't be hard to find!

Val Kabat
Kord@tcsl.org
734-355-0708





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

**Sunday, February 5th
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
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Ways to get your VOLUNTEER HOURS in

Help out in the kitchen with Steak Frys, Burger Nights, Breakfasts, or catered events. Even if you can't cook, no worries! We're always looking for servers, dish washers, grill masters, helpers. Contact kitchen@tcsl.org

Help out on the grounds with grass-cutting, weeding, tree and grass trimming. Contact grounds@tcsl.org

Help out with handgun shoots. Contact pistol@tcsl.org

Become a bartender and get on the list to help out with events. Contact reservations@tcsl.org

Share an idea you want to work on, Contact president@tcsl.org

Thank You for Supporting Your Club!

Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanks

You may have heard that Val Kabat, had a bad fall last week, broke several bones and will be rehabbing for the next couple of weeks. She anticipates being in good shape for the WOT/KORD meeting on 3/8/2023. Val will continue to be the point person for the newsletter and has help getting it ready. She is able to respond to emails and would appreciate hearing from well wishers. You can reach out to her at Kord@tcsl.org.



TCSL STEAK FRY



Friday, February 24, 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



Tri County Sportsmen's League Facility Rentals

TCSL is able to offer hall rentals at reasonable rates with many amenities such as a commercial kitchen, an outside patio area, gazebo, large charcoal grill, bar (soft drinks, water, beer, wine, and liquor), public address system, wi-fi, and a stage. Tables and seating are provided allowing the lower floor to seat 147 and the upper floor to seat 185. The menu options that the club and its volunteers can provide are numerous. In the past, the facilities have been rented for class reunions, wedding receptions, banquets, mystery theaters, graduation parties, wedding showers, Friends of the National Rifle Association fundraising dinners, homeowner association meetings, Michigan United Conservation Club dinners, live band parties, family reunions, York Township voting poll location, and business meetings. The club's convenient location with ample free parking makes it easy for your guests to attend your event.

Hall Rental Rates¹

Facility	Rates	
	Member	Non-Member
Hall Reservation	\$700.00	\$920.00 ³
Lower Level only	\$300.00	\$520.00 ³
Sunday Only Family Function ²	\$125.00	\$345.00 ³
Gazebo Reservation	\$100.00	\$100.00

¹ see worksheet for additional fees that may apply

² max of 6 hours, lower level only

³ Includes 1st year's membership to TCSL. Allow time to complete application, attend an Orientation and to be approved at the following month's board meeting.

MUCC Committee Report

I was not able to attend the January 23rd TCSL Board and Membership meetings. However Jim Pryce and I did submit an annual report for the MUCC Committee. We have been involved with many organizations and have attended numerous meetings representing TCSL. Our plan is to continue to attend these meetings throughout 2023 to represent the club and also to keep TCSL advised of these events so that other TCSL members are informed and may want to become involved themselves.

Here is a list of MUCC and other organization events for the near future

Sun, 1/29	Elks Wild Game Dinner, Flat Rock, opens at noon, \$40.00
Thu, 2/9	NRC Meeting, Lansing Community College, Lansing
Sat, 2/18	MUCC Region 8 Meeting, Maybee Sportsman Club, starting at 10 am, includes a tour of Crystal Waters SGA. More information to come.
2/23 – 2/26	Outdoorama, Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi
Wed, 3/1	MUCC's Michigan Out-of Doors Youth Camp registration will open. More information will be available soon.
Thu, 3/9	NRC Meeting, Shanty Creek, Bellaire
3/24 – 3/26	MUCC Annual Convention at the Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel and Conference Center

MUCC has hired Shannon Stover as the new Camp Director and Educator. She is a Central Michigan University graduate and has camp counselor experience.

If any TCSL member is interested in more information and/or in being involved in any of the above events, please contact Jim or Kris.

Jim Pryce jpryce@aol.com , 734-368-2473
Kris Matthew wkris matt@aol.com , 734-646-3763

Membership

We had several people submit applications this month that were approved by the board of directors. They include:

James Chambers - Probationary
Luther Dai - Probationary
Evan Delosh - Probationary Young Adult
Joe Kearney - Military
Cheryl Turner - Probationary
Ramses Ramos - Probationary
Ben Zabik - Probationary

Joe is in the Army and is working on an MBA the U of M. Cheryl is an Oakland County Sheriff Deputy. She is also a firearms instructor.

We had 4 people attend our orientation session in January.

Luther Dai - Probationary
Evan Delosh - Probationary Young Adult
Cheryl Hodgins - Probationary
Joe Kearney - Military

There is another orientation schedules between this writing and the publishing date for the February newsletter.

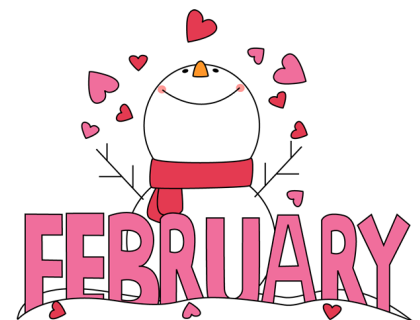
There two orientations scheduled for February, 2/11 at 9:00 AM and 2/26 at 1:00 PM.

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.

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

Thanks

[Charlie Unbehaun](#)
Membership Secretary



Hunter's Education

Hunters planning an out-of-state hunting trip or first-time licensees born on or after January 1, 1960 must complete the Hunter education course before buying a hunting license.

People under the age of 10 may hunt using a mentored youth license, and those over 10-years old can hunt using an Apprentice hunting license. The Apprentice hunting program allows young people to hunt for two-years using an Apprentice license before attending the Hunting Education course.

To take an online course, go to

<https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan/>

The online study is good because you can go at your own pace and return to segments, so you can refresh your memory. My suggestion is to take the course close to the field day date you are going to attend.

To register for a Hunter Education Field Day

Create an Account at

<https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/programs>

Log in.

Click, View upcoming events, then, Search Events.(Saline postal code 48176) When you find our location, click View.

Our tentative dates are: April 1st, May 6th, August 12th, and September 16th.

These dates will not be posted in storefront.kalkomey.com until 5 weeks before the class will be held, so you will need to check at that time period. Classes do fill up fast (within days), so sign up as early as you can. Remember 5 weeks prior to class.

The best thing to do until then is to get to the range and practice your safe gun handling skills and procedures.

<https://www.ffcourse.org/#select-your-course>

These online courses have good, solid information that will last a lifetime.

Firearm Fundamentals is committed to Firearm Operator education safety. They work with the IHEA-USA to produce Firearm Operator safety education that's accurate, interesting, and easy to understand. It is in the format that is used in the Hunter Education course.

The Hunters Education Committee is dedicated to teach safe and ethical hunting practices to new and old hunters and to preserve our hunting heritage for our future generations.

If you have any question about the classes or procedures, you can contact me, Jon N Yost at

Tri-county Sportsman's League
huntereducation@tcsi.org

We hope this helps you get started in this great Outdoor Activity.

Sincerely
Jon N Yost



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.



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.

February 2023

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

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