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### President's Column

The Club conducted our annual elections on February 16, and the officers and directors elected follow.

President: Stuart Berry  
Second VP: Mark Smokowicz  
Treasurer: John Harden  
Membership Secretary: Charlie Unbehaun  
Recording Secretary: Fred Girbach  
Region 1 Director: John Barr  
Region 2 Director: Jim Jackson  
Region 3 Director: Brian Craig  
Region 4 Director: Jon Yost

The First VP position remains open due to Carlos Soto being term limited and no nominations being received for that position. The bylaws provide for the President to appoint someone to the office, with Board approval. A few members are considering the appointment. Thank you, Carlos for guiding the Club over the path that none of us could have foreseen during your four years as First VP. Job well done!

Welcome, John Barr, as a Director. Sharon Beckey retired as Director. Thanks, Sharon, for your service. Jim Jackson, Brian Craig, and Jon Yost are returning Directors. The tellers for the election were Ed Benko and Mike Johnston. Thanks to both for the day-long duty.

The Board approved the funding of up to 50% of the cost for two campers for this year's MUCC camps. There are both overnight and day camps. Check the MUCC website for details. Contact me ([president@tcs1.org](mailto:president@tcs1.org)) for more information.

Safety is our primary goal. During the new member orientation, the importance of hitting the backstop is repeatedly emphasized. Muzzle control is a key to that goal. A muzzle that is horizontal and perpendicular to the berm essential. Small deviations at the firing line are compounded down range. Target placement that is correct for the firing position on the firing line is another key. Ensure that the target is at the proper height with your simulated arm and finger firearm prior to firing. Rapid fire is discouraged. Deliberate and steady trigger movement helps to ensure a horizontal and perpendicular muzzle.

Club range hours begin Monday through Saturday at 10am and on noon on Sunday. Range activity closes at the earlier of sunset or 8 pm. The time of sunset is posted near the range sign in book. Your cooperation is appreciated.

We have a few members who are looking to become certified instructors. A limitation in the process is that an instructor class needs a minimum of four students. Without that minimum the class cannot be held. Anyone out there with the desire to join the instructor ranks? Contact Brian Craig ([education@tcs1.org](mailto:education@tcs1.org)) for information. Contact me ([president@tcs1.org](mailto:president@tcs1.org)) and I can put you in touch with the other interested members.

I have had discussions with a few women members of the club looking to increase the activities for women here at TCSL. The topic of conversation was more along the lines of regular, informal activities, and not on structured, high time-consuming events. A nearby club has periodic range time devoted to women. This could be members and guests, up to the Club rules. We currently have the Wednesday morning crew that alternates between rifle and pistol. That's an idea. Ladies, any ideas? If something could be established prior to Women on Target, the new activity could be promoted there to further increase the periodic event and be another reason for someone to join TCSL. You can only succeed if you try.

As we move into the new Club year, we are looking for an Archery Chair, as Chad Beckey is unable to continue in that role. Thanks, Chad, for your time as chair. The first requirement to be chair is a desire to hold activities, which could start out informally to gather a nucleus of archers and branch out to more organized events if that is where it leads. The archery chair is a key figure in WOT and KORD.

Check the calendar for our events in March. A WOT/KORD planning meeting is scheduled, as are Education classes, a rifle match, and a new-member orientation. We'll also have a Sunday morning breakfast and a baked cod dinner (as an alternate to our traditional monthly steak fry).

The Friends of the NRA dinner and fundraiser will be returning in the autumn. We will need a lot of help planning that event and working on that day. This will be the first time for the event in a number of years, due to you know what. Watch the calendar and email blasts for opportunities to get involved.

The Club survived the ice storm in better shape than many. We had no damage observed to the clubhouse or range buildings, but we did have our share of downed limbs. Thanks to Phil C. and Pete S. for cleaning up the downed limbs quickly. Keep in mind that Spring Cleanup Day will be scheduled soon.

As we all know, evil visited MSU recently. Bless all the direct victims and their families. Bless all those who now live in fear and doubt as to their safety. May these crimes cease immediately. There are adventurous souls who will try to use evil crimes like MSU to achieve political goals. We can be the voice of reason to our elected officials in Lansing. Our bylaws encourage citizen involvement in the legislative process. If you contact your State of Michigan representative in the House or in the Senate, be brief, polite, and factual. We know what will not work. The State of Michigan website can direct us on how to contact those we elected in our districts.

Thank you all for your membership and support of the club and our activities.

Sincerely,  
[Stuart Berry](mailto:Stuart Berry)



## Membership

Four people submitted applications this month, and three of them have been approved by the Board of Directors. One applied after the board meeting and should be approved next month. The new applicants include:

Robert Legg - Probationary  
Grace Vanbelle - Associate  
Bryan McCormick - Probationary  
Conar Zabik - Probationary

Six people attended our orientation session on February 11.

David Maloney - Probationary  
Robert Legg - Probationary  
Grace Vanbelle - Associate  
David Stachlewitz - Probationary  
Cheryl Turner - Probationary  
Ben Zabik - Probationary

We currently have one orientation scheduled for Sunday, March 19, at 1pm.

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.

Thanks

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

## Winter Rifle Bench Match Held

Our second (and last) winter Rifle Bench Match for 2023 was held on Saturday, February 18, at the 100-yard rifle range with seven shooters.

Results of the match:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Score</u>
<b><u>Scoped Division</u></b>				
1st Place	Pete Stumpo	Thompson Center Bolt	22-250	100-8x
2nd Place	Larry Sanford	Kimber Bolt	22-250	100-5x
	Dave Harris	AR-15	224 Valkyrie	100-5x
<b><u>Iron Sight Division</u></b>				
1st Place	Ed Benko	M1 Garand	308 Win	99-2x
2nd Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30-06	91
3rd Place	Jerry Marken	1903A3 Springfield	30-06	90
	Mark Smokowicz	M1 Garand	30-06	85-1x

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 sandbags are available. No rear bags or rests will be used.

For further information or questions contact:  
Dave Vandermark at [rifle@TCSL.org](mailto:rifle@TCSL.org).

## April Newsletter

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



## Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanks

Just a quick note to thanks Deb Thompson for taking over the newsletter for February. We wouldn't have had one without her, and I can't thank her enough.

And for those who follow my many falling escapades, I'm happy to report that I'm now walking unassisted. My poor broken arm took the worst of it, but it's coming along. I'm sure I'll be setting off alarms at the Sheriff's Office the next time I arrive there for work. (Images available for those who like to see this kind of thing. ☺

-Val)

## UPCOMING TCSL MEALS

Country Breakfast  
Sunday, March 5 - 8-11:30am  
Burger Night  
Thursday, March 16 - 5-6:30pm  
Baked Cod Meal  
Friday, March 24 - 5-7pm

## NOTE

For our March 24 Dinner, we will provide a **baked cod** dinner.

For \$10 (kids 5 and under free) meal includes:

Baked cod (2 pieces)  
Coleslaw  
Hush puppies  
Mac and cheese  
Roll  
Chocolate chip cookie





## Country Breakfast Tri-County Sportsmen's League!

**Sunday, April 5  
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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## Baked Cod Dinner

### Tri-County Sportsmen's League

Take the night off from cooking and join us.  
This is the best fish dinner money can buy!

Open to the public, so bring friends and family.  
Connect with other TCSL members!

**\$10 per Person**  
(Children 5 and under: free)

Baked cod (2 pieces)  
Coleslaw  
Hush puppies  
Mac and cheese  
Roll  
Chocolate chip cookie



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MAY THE ROAD  
RISE TO MEET  
YOU  
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT  
YOUR BACK  
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM  
UPON YOUR FACE  
THE RAINS FALL UPON YOUR  
SOFT FIELDS  
AND, UNTIL  
WE MEET AGAIN  
MAY GOD HOLD YOU  
IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND



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**Mark Your Calendars**  
**Saturday, March 4 - 9am-2pm**

The next TCSL sale is set for in the clubhouse downstairs Lots of great items are available, including tons of reloading gear and components. See you there!

[Dave Vandermark](#)



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## Bowling Pin Shoots - Open to The Public

Bowling pin shooting is a fun, but challenging event. We welcome the skilled shooter, as well as, the novice shooter to participate. We guarantee you will 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 2, May 7, June 11, July 30, August 20, September 24

11:30am until 4:00pm

Shooting starts at 12:00 noon.

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 shooters 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: Apr 16, May 21, June 4, July 9, August 13, September 17

11:30am until 4:00pm

Shooting starts at 12:00 noon.

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 shooters 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)

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## Women on Target Saturday, June 10, 2023

**Online registration for this year's event opens Saturday, April 1, at 8am.** Participation is limited to 70 women. The cost is \$125 and includes everything needed for the day. This day is especially geared toward women with little or no shooting experience so if you know of gals who would benefit from this hands-on experience, please let them know and pass along this information. This event tends to fill up very quickly so mark your calendar to register early that day by going to [www.TCSL.org/events](http://www.TCSL.org/events).

As in years past, many volunteers are needed to keep WOT running smoothly. If you are not participating in the event, please consider lending your hand to help. We welcome and appreciate your help! Email us at [WOT@TCSL.org](mailto:WOT@TCSL.org) or call or text Carol Grubb at 734-417-9599 and let us know your availability.

Once again, we will be holding raffles for both our volunteers and the participants. We appreciate and welcome your donations of raffle items and baskets. We need volunteers to help with the raffle preparations and activities both before and during the event.

All volunteers will be provided with a TCSL STAFF t-shirt at no cost too you. If you plan to volunteer for either WOT or KORD and have not yet done so, please take a moment now and email us your t-shirt size.

Our next Women On Target meeting in conjunction with Kids On The Range Day (KORD) will be held on Wednesday, March 8, from 6:30-7:30pm at the Club. We can be reached by email at [WOT@TCSL.org](mailto:WOT@TCSL.org) or call one of us.



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

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## Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 15, 2023

I apologize for missing the first planning meeting, but I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our **Wednesday, March 8, meeting at 6:30pm at the Club**. I know summer seems like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it. I'm happy to say that I already have commitments from nearly all the key players, including all Range Leads.

Event 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.

Let me know if you have questions or comments.

Please also see the Women on Target article to learn about volunteer T-shirts. We will be buying them for KORD volunteers as well, so please provide your size.



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



## MUCC Committee Report

A meeting of the MUCC Region 8 Affiliate Clubs was held on Saturday, February 28, at the Maybee Sportsman's Club. Jim Pryce, Stuart Berry, and I attended. The meeting included a preview of the upcoming MUCC Annual Convention scheduled for March 24-26 at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant. We were able to have brief discussions on most of the 17 policy resolutions on the convention agenda. I will post information about these resolutions on the TCSL news board for members to review. If you have any questions, opinions (pro or con), suggestions, etc., please contact Jim or me. We will be representing TCSL at convention and we want to hear from you.

Region 8 Executive Board members Len Shaner and Eric Braden invited two MDNR Biologists to speak to the group about the Crystal Waters State Game Area. John Buszkiewicz spoke on fisheries and habitat; and Zach Cooley addressed wildlife, habitat, and development plans for the SGA. After the meeting, Zach led a guided (4x4) tour of the Crystal Waters property. Both Len and Eric talked about developing relationships with the MUCC clubs in Region 8 and working on common projects. The next Region 8 meeting is planned for April 2023.

I plan to attend the Conservation Coalition meeting in March and the Natural Resources Commission meeting in April. A subgroup of the Conservation Coalition has been established to work on what needs to be done at Crystal Waters. If you would like to join the effort, please contact me.

MUCC's Michigan Out-of Doors Youth Camp registration will open on Wednesday, March 1. Information is available on the MUCC website ([www.mucc.org](http://www.mucc.org)). For more information, contact me or one of our TCSL officers.

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

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## Hunter Education

Hunter Education strives to instill responsibility, improve skills and knowledge, and encourage the involvement of beginner and veteran hunters. Responsible, ethical behavior and personal involvement are all essential to the survival of our hunting heritage.

### +ONE Partner Organizations is all about Hunting

From small game and upland birds to big game, waterfowl, and even the creatures that define the term "top of the food chain," hunting offers a priceless bond with the natural world, food for the table, and a welcome respite from the world's daily grind.

If just one in three hunters add one new person to our hunting traditions, we'll secure a strong future for generations to come. BE THE ONE to ignite the passion that can change the course of someone's life forever. For all hunting has done to enrich your life, join the +ONE movement and invite someone hunting. Share your experience. #PlusOneMovement.

### R3: Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation

NSSF has been working to increase participation in hunting, target shooting and gun ownership for many years. A popular moniker for this work is "R3," which stands for Recruit, Retain and Reactivate. NSSF's R3 efforts include working with current members, wildlife organizations, NGO's and federal and state wildlife agencies. Visit <https://www.lets go hunting.org/>.

If you are interested in hunting and would like to know where to start in this great outdoor experience; or if you are already a certified hunter and would like to join a class for a free refresher course, contact me at [huntereducation@tcsl.org](mailto:huntereducation@tcsl.org).

The Hunters Education Committee and I are dedicated to teaching safe and ethical hunting practices through the Michigan DNR Recreational Education Program.

Hunter Education Committee  
Jon N Yost



## Booster Club

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*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.



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RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 1pm - Orientation Class	RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 6pm - Troop 439-Patrol 7pm - BSA Troop 439		RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	12pm - Friends of		8am - CPL Class @ 8640 8:30am - TCSSL Rummage
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**For up-to-date information, please see the online calendar.**

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