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President's Column

At the March Board meeting, we seated the Officers and Directors for the upcoming year. John Barr is the new Region 1 Director. Jim Walter was appointed to fill the First VP vacancy. Jim was the Region 2 Director and vacated that seat, which Dave Stout was appointed to. Welcome, John and Dave, to the Board of Directors; and thank you, Jim, for agreeing to serve as First VP. Returning to the Board for new terms are Jim Jackson in Region 2, Brian Craig in Region 3, and Jon Yost in Region 4. Serving in renewed terms as Officers are Stuart Berry, President; Mark Smokowicz, Second VP; Charlie Unbehaun, Membership Secretary; John Harden, Treasurer; Fred Girbach, Recording Secretary.

A reminder that Club Officers are elected for one-year terms, and Directors are elected to three-year terms. Members in good standing are eligible for election to the Board. We are all volunteers. Please consider joining the effort next year.

We have the possibility of receiving a good amount of free dirt from two nearby construction projects, as well as a large piece of equipment to maneuver the dirt. We are looking to upgrade the berms on the Turkey Bays, Rifle Ranges, and Pistol Ranges. We are looking at the feasibility of a berm on Trap to protect the creek. Watch your email for calls-out for help with these potential projects.

The recent ice- and snowstorms damaged more trees on the property than were identified in the last newsletter. We were lucky that little to no property damage has been identified. The storage shed to the south of the Pistol House had three limbs on its roof, and a tree fell onto the roof of the Action Bays. Thanks to Pete Stumpo, Phil Cardon, Don Hasselbach, and Tim Grapentein for promptly removing the ice- and snow-damaged trees. Next will be a controlled burn of the collected wood—weather permitting.

Early in April, sunset will be at 8pm or later until the first week in September. This means that range hours end each day at 8pm throughout the summer. The opening range hours remain the same: 12noon on Sundays and 10am Monday through

Saturday. We want to be good neighbors, and safety is our primary concern. Keep uppermost in your mind that each round must be safely embedded in the range's backstop.

We are looking to energize the Range Safety Officer (RSO) program. Several are working on improving the sign-up process, standardization of effort, and helping less experienced RSOs become comfortable while on the ranges. Active RSOs are needed to help the Club prosper.

Let's move on to the calendar for April and highlight the reasons we are in the Club—fun, community, education, and involvement. Pin shoots return with a PCC/.22 rifle and a handgun day. A lever action Rifle match is scheduled. Hunters Education has a field day scheduled to teach field firearm safety. IDPA has a match scheduled. Education has three classes scheduled, and the RSO/CRSO continuing education sessions. Orientation has two sessions scheduled. The kitchen-food opportunities include the Sunday Breakfast, the Burger Night, and Steak Fry. All food events are open to members, friends, family, and the public. Help is needed for each and all of these.

Planning for KORD and WOT continues. Come to the planning meetings to see how you can help. Both of these events require a ton of help, and they are a lot of fun.

The Spring Clean-Up will be on April 29. Many hands and tools are needed to clean up the grounds from Mother Nature's annual effort to make our lives interesting. Double work hours will be awarded for the day.

Check the calendar for specific dates, times, and full details. <https://tcsi.org/#calendar>

Health issues continue to visit our members and families. Please keep each other—and the world and society at large—in your prayers. We sure live in eventful times.

Thank you for your support of the Club and its activities.

[Stuart Berry](#)

Membership

Five people submitted applications this month. Four 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:

Paul Armstrong - Probationary
Will Chen - Probationary
Tom Holman - Probationary
Daniel Scott - Probationary
Anna Walsh - Probationary

Five people attended our orientation session on March 19:

Will Chen - Probationary
Bryan McCormick - Probationary
Bill Van Buren - Probationary
Anna Walsh - Probationary
Daniel Scott - Probationary

Two other people attended our orientation session on March 25:

Paul Armstrong - Probationary
Marlon Mayer - Probationary

As always, we've lost some members at renewal time. I have received several notes from people that are not renewing, most because they have, or are, moving out of state. Current membership stands at 386.

Current probationary members' renewal notices will be sent 4 to 6 weeks before their membership expires. Please check your membership card for your expiration date.

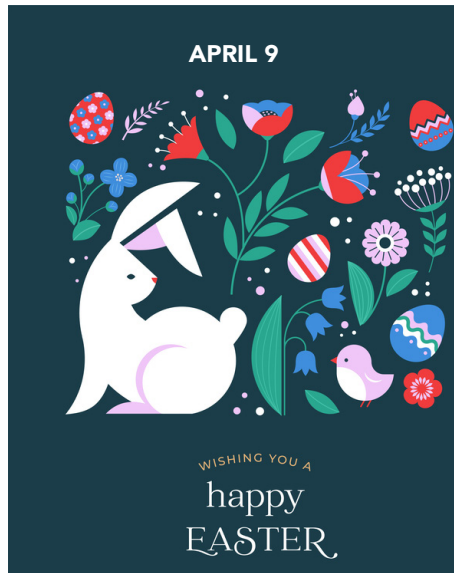
Let me know if you have any questions about renewals.

Thanks
Charlie Unbehaun
Membership Secretary



International Carrot Day

April 4



March Madness Rifle Match

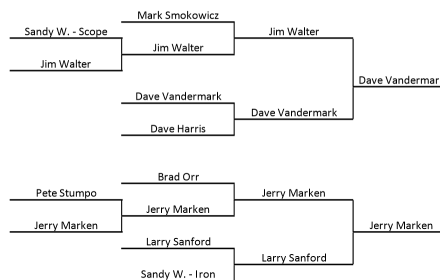
On Saturday, March 18, we held our third ever March Madness Match at the 100-yard rifle range with nine shooters. What the heck is it? It is a 100-yard bench match using 22LR rifles. Any scoped or iron-sighted 22LR rifle can be used. Each course for the match consisted of trying to break 10 clay birds at 100 yards using a maximum of 20 rounds of ammo. Each course was a maximum of 100 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 had 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 shooter to break all the birds first, or break the most at the end of 100 seconds, moved on to the next round. The other shooter was moved to the losers' bracket. We progressed through as many firing courses as necessary until we had a winner.

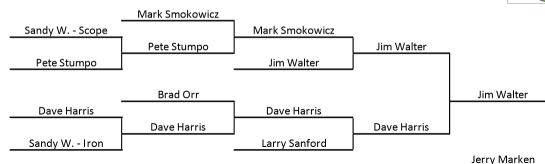
All shooters enjoyed the match, and we will be doing it again later in the year. Keep your eye out on the calendar for it.

2023 (March 18) March Madness Match

Winner's Bracket



Loser's Bracket



May Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:

April 24

newsletter@tcsl.org



Easter Egg Hunt

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.





Country Breakfast

Tri-County Sportsmen's League!

Sunday, April 2 - 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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TCSL STEAK FRY



Friday, April 28, 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!

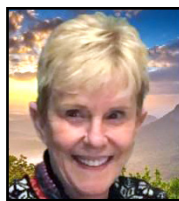
Choose from a Steak, Chicken or Salmon,
and watch it get cooked over a huge outdoor grill.
Then choose from an assortment of side dishes.

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

Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanks

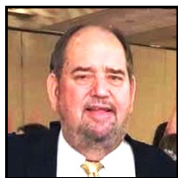


Member Bill Bond lost his dear companion Susan Watrous on February 25 at age 77. Susan is survived by her children Christopher (Sydney) Hardy and Scott Hardy (Kevin Romero), two grandchildren and three sisters. A celebration of life took place at Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home in Pontiac. You can add a note to Bill at the [funeral home's site](#).



Thomas Fital, 78, passed away on March 22 with his family at his side. He is survived by his wife Jackie, children Jeffrey (Kim) Fital and Rhonda (Bill) Hosler, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Tom worked at Ford Motor Company for more than 30 years. He was an avid outdoorsman, with a passion for bird hunting. In addition to being a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Milan) and the Knights of Columbus, he was a member of the Tri-county and the Dundee Sportsman's League. Donations may be made in his honor to [Immaculate Conception Church](#) or to [Elara Caring Hospice Center](#).

Please keep the Grubb family in your thoughts and prayers as John deals with some serious health issues. You can drop Carol a note at carol@carolgrubb.com.



Stanley Komar, Jr., passed away on March 14, 2023. He spent 35 years working for the City of Detroit Wastewater Treatment Plant. In addition to being a Tri-County member, he was active at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker and enjoyed being an amateur ham operator. Stanley is survived by his children Matthew (Sarah Meekhoff) Komar and Sarah (Noah) Foley. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Stanley's honor to St. Louis Center (16195 West Old US Highway 12, Chelsea 48118 - www.stlouiscenter.org).

Please keep Bob and Carol Parent (and family) in your thoughts and prayers. Bob has been struggling with health issues for some time. Let them know you're thinking about them. You can send a message or an ecard to Carol at cbrklich25@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

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Women on Target Saturday, June 10, 2023

Plans for another outstanding Women On Target event are well underway. Registration opens at 8am on April 1, and if we are as successful with Online Registration as we were last year, we may be close to full by the time you read this edition of On Target. Anyone interested in participating should register at www.TCSL.org/events right away. We will be offering a waitlist when the event fills up, and, last year, several individuals were able to participate as changed plans for others prevented them from attending.

During the day our ladies will get to try a pin shoot, turkey shoot, hanging clays, large and small caliber pistols, archery and 22 caliber rifles. We continue to look for volunteers, and specifically need more range coaches, guides and kitchen help. It's a great way to get your volunteer hours, while having a lot of fun. If you are interested in volunteering, and/or have some questions about what that entails, send us an email at WOT@tcsl.org.

Volunteers: Mark your calendar, and get ready for a yummy BBQ dinner with all the fixin's at the pre-event Women On Target/Kids On the Range Day Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the TCSL Clubhouse on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30. All our volunteers this year will get a free TCSL staff t-shirt that you will need to wear at the event. Please email your t-shirt size (Yep – it goes to WOT@tcsl.org) by May 10.

We continue to look for sponsors to both underwrite the cost of the event and provide items for our volunteer and participant raffles. Your help is greatly appreciated. Forms detailing sponsorship levels and benefits are available at the TCSL Clubhouse.

Our next Women On Target/Kids On the Range Day planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, from 6:30 to 7:30pm.



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

Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 15, 2023

Registration materials for Kids on the Range Day are now available via the Club website at tcsl.org/events/. The completed forms (along with appropriate fees) can be mailed to the Club or dropped off there. Blank forms are also available at the Club. KORD is open to all kids, ages 8-18, and we're looking forward to a full house!

Happily, we'll be doing the event this year with the support of Cottage Inn, Cabela's, and the NRA Foundation. Look for more information about the NRA grant in Stuart's column next month.

As you know, this event is only made possible by YOU, our committed TCSL volunteers. We can always use more of you, and it's a fun event, so come out and join us. The next WOT/KORD planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30pm at the Club.

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.

As always, let me know if you have questions or comments. If you're new to KORD and would like a list of volunteer job descriptions (which are always a work in progress), please let me know.

Val Kabat
KORD@TCSL.org



Hunter Education

The Role of the Volunteer

Volunteers are necessary, effective, and important people to the Department of Natural Resources. The uniqueness and value of volunteers in getting things done is widely acknowledged by society, and these contributions are not overlooked by the Department. Volunteer hunter education instructors provide valuable training services in their communities and present a strong, positive force which can help neighbors and fellow citizens better understand the issues impacting modern wildlife management and the need for safe and responsible hunting practices.

Volunteer Motivation

Each volunteer is unique. There are many reasons people volunteer to participate in our Hunter Education Program. An interest in promoting the safe and responsible behavior of hunters, personal fulfillment, prestige, or simply, good citizenship. Law Enforcement Division recognizes the strength of a highly motivated instructional team and will strive to provide all instructors with the highest degree and quality of support to maintain an efficient and effective work force.

Volunteer Compensation

The compensation for volunteers isn't monetary. It is in the satisfaction volunteers receive by knowing that what they are doing is important, that their contribution may save lives while furthering Michigan's hunting traditions, and that they are being effective in the proper instruction of others. Volunteer instructors may also earn incentive awards based on the number of classes taught, students certified, and workshops attended.

Why Volunteers are Vital

1. Why does the Department of Natural Resources need volunteer hunter education instructors?
 - a. Because there are not enough Conservation Officers to conduct training in every community in the state. Although Conservation Officers are active in the Hunter Education Program, they generally do not have enough time to conduct entire training classes along with their many other duties.
 - b. Volunteers provide skills or expertise otherwise not available within the agency. Examples of such skills include professional teaching experience, safety specialty training and specialty training in outdoor recreation.
 - c. Volunteers are often well-established local citizens who can help create community interest in the course. They usually have extensive local contacts, are aware of community needs and can facilitate the setting up of local classes.
2. What does the program offer the volunteer instructor?
 - a. It provides the instructor with the means of helping make a safe sport even safer.
 - b. It provides the instructor with an avenue of input into the statewide Hunter Education Program.
 - c. It offers the volunteer an opportunity to help others and be of service to the community.
 - d. It provides the instructor with the means to help ensure the future of hunting in Michigan.
 - e. It provides the instructor an income tax deduction which may be claimed, provided proper records are maintained.
3. What value does the Hunter Education Program provide to the public?
 - a. The program develops hunters who act safely and responsibly.
 - b. The program helps to reduce both hunting and non-hunting related accidents and wildlife violations.
 - c. The program improves the image of the hunter and trains hunters to be responsible and improves hunter/landowner relations.
 - d. The program encourages recognition of hunting and shooting sports as viable recreational activities.
 - e. The program provides an understanding of the importance of wildlife, wildlife management, and habitat protection.

If you are interested in becoming a Recreational Volunteer for Michigan DNR Hunter's Education It can be very rewarding. It takes some effort, but well worth your time.

I believe that God wants us to help others, and through this act of teaching something that we enjoy, we are doing so. If you would like to join us, contact me @ huntereducation@tcsl.org (subject: Volunteer), and we can get you started.

Hunter Education Committee
Jon N. Yost



Booster Club

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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.



TCSL Sale

Thanks to everyone who donated items, and to all those who shopped at the TCSL Sale on March 4. We made just under \$3,000 for the Club in just five hours. **Great job!**

[Dave Vandermark](#)

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2 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 8am - Breakfast at Tri- 12pm - PCC & .22 Rifle 3pm - CPL 2 - Private	3 RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop 439	4	5 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range 6:30pm - WOT & KORD	6 12pm - Friends of	7	8 9am - 50/100 yd Lever 9am - Orientation Class
9 RSO On Duty: Charlie U.	10 RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop 439	11 7pm - Troop 439	12 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range 6:30pm - Gun Safety	13 12pm - Friends of	14 6:30pm - Education	15 8am - NRA CCW Course
16 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 12pm - Handgun Bowling	17 RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7pm - BSA Troop 439 7:30pm - Finance	18	19 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	20 12pm - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night (lower 6:30pm - Board Meeting 7pm - Membership	21	22 8am - IDPA Match (All 10am - 185 yd Rifle
23 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 11am - NRA 1st Step 1pm - Orientation Class	24 RSO on Duty: Mark B. 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop 439	25 5pm - IDPA Practice	26 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	27 12pm - Friends of	28 5pm - Flame Broiled	29 9am - TCSL Spring
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[For up-to-date information, please see the online calendar.](#)

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