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President's Column

The Friends of the NRA Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 21. This event is a fundraiser for the Club and the NRA grant programs. We have received several grants in my time here, and this year we received a grant for the purchase of youth-size rifles. This is a cause worthy of our support. Tickets are available individually or as a full table. Donations for auction are welcome. Sponsorships are available. (See flyer on Page 3.) We will need hands-on help in many areas. Among them are hall set-up and tear-down, food preparation, servers, bartenders, bussing tables, and kitchen clean-up. Come on out, gather with good people, get a great dinner, and support a great cause. Check the calendar and emails (and Nancy's article in this newsletter) for planning meetings.

BIG NEWS: In September, the Board voted to allow lead shot to be used on the Trap Range again! This re-opens Trap to full availability. Nick Coburn has agreed to step into the position of Trap Chair. Nick began shooting trap at TCSL when he was a child. The wider trap community is ready to help Nick and the Club resume operation of the range. Please help Nick and Trap in this effort. Check the calendar for new dates of Trap operation.

A little history of how we arrived at this point may be in order. Club documents point to the current trap location beginning operation in the 1960s. At that time, lead shot falling into the Koch Warner Drain was not a big deal. Fast forward to current environmental concerns, the Club entered into an Environmental Stewardship Plan agreement with MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs). One of the main goals of the Plan is to avoid shooting lead into waters and streams. The Club built a wooden cover over the creek to prevent lead from entering the waterway. In March 2020 the Board voted to close Trap due to possible breaches in the creek cover. In July of this year, an earthen berm was created to protect the creek. Several trap rounds were conducted to test the effectiveness of the new berm. This was done at the location where lead is most likely to fall into the creek. The test demonstrated no lead falling onto the collection tarp, therefore the berm was effective. The test was designed to be reproducible for subsequent tests, as required by the Plan.

Specifics of the berm will follow in a future newsletter. Recognition goes to many. First and foremost: Thanks to Tim Grapentien, who was the spark and fuel for the project. Tim literally lived at the Club in his camper for a few days. This would not have happened without him. Those putting in many hours include Phil C., Mike C., Pam and Don H., Pete S., Mark B., Steve J., Steve R., Dave V. The effort spanned from reviewing ballistic tables and calculating trajectories and fallouts to sweaty hours in the July sun, which produced some colorful language as the site was prepared. Thank you all for allowing Trap to return!

We have had several transitions lately. Maudie Abraham resigned from the Board. Maudie was a valuable voice and welcomed new members who were in attendance at the meetings. Thank you, Maudie, for your service. Tim Grapentien was appointed to fill her vacant Region 1 seat. This allows Tim to provide input and guidance as Club Manager at Board meetings without suspending the rules. Welcome, Tim. Mark Burkhardt has been opening the clubhouse and serving as RSO on Mondays for nine (NINE!) years and has decided to step away from that duty. Thank you, Mark.

This presents an opportunity for someone to take over that Monday slot. Being reliably available is the main requirement. To open the bar, a [State of Michigan TAM certificate](#) is required. [Training can be completed online](#), and the Club will pick up the cost. We all know that most of what happens at the Club is because of our volunteers. In the spirit of rotation, we jump into a position or duty, give it a good-faith effort as time allows, and pass the duty on. Many were here before us to start the Club and to keep it rolling. Now is our time to contribute.

The Sunday Breakfast returns on October 1. Join us, bring your family and friends for a good meal. Helpers are needed. Running deer events replace the pin shoots. Rifle has a military match. Education is active. The Board meeting is October 19, with a burger night and a membership meeting. Zoom into the Safety and Finance Committee meetings on the 16th. Check the calendar, and make the Club a better place. Keep an eye on the [calendar](#) for the Fall Grounds Clean-up Day, date to be determined.

Best wishes and Happy Halloween,
[Stuart Berry](#)



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Sunday, October 1 - 8-11:30am

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Who Remembers Dennis Osborn?

We found out recently that Dennis Osborn, a long-time member of the Club, passed away in Kalkaska in late July. Dennis joined the Club in early 1993 and was a life member. He left the Club in late 2017. He was our Chief Range Safety Officer for most of that time.

The following is my recollection of my time getting to know Dennis:

He was at the clubhouse every day of the week. He would sit at the bar with the TV tuned to some cop show or many other channels. When there was someone on the ranges, he would head down to check them out. From late 2013 until his departure, I would help manage the clubhouse on many Sundays and an occasional Tuesday. Tuesdays were very slow. He and I would sit at the bar, him reading a book and me doing some work for my consulting business. Occasionally I would bring a copy of "Air and Space Magazine" which he would read from cover to cover during the day.

He was a difficult person to interact with. Everyone who was around back then has a "Dennis story." He had a rough exterior, but he was a very knowledgeable man. He was a voracious reader and extremely knowledgeable about firearms. After a couple of months, we started to get to know one another. I think it was when somehow he mentioned that he had been an MP at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, and I mentioned that I had done a remote sensing project there that he started to open up to me. During our overlapping time, I became interested in 22lr target shooting, which was one of his passions. He taught me how to sit at the bench and hold the rifle. He coached me at least five or six times. On one occasion, he asked if I minded if he shot as well, which I did not. He retrieved a 22lr rifle from his car. Instead of setting up a target, he took out a knife and cut a slit in the top of the cardboard target backer and placed a playing card edge on to the line of fire. He split the card in half on the third shot!

RIP Dennis.

submitted by [Charlie Unbehaun](#)

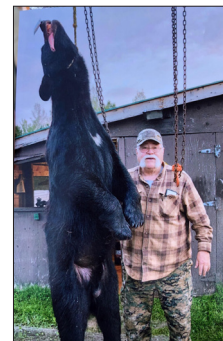


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Who Remembers Al Lamoreaux?

Jerry and Sue Chie travelled to Madison, Wisconsin recently to see their granddaughter's (Clare's) husband Michael Furtney play football for the University of Wisconsin. They stopped to see Al and his wife Colleen as they travelled back across the Upper Peninsula. Married life seems to agree with him.

From Rob Bolog: When I talked to Al the other day, he was about to finish up butchering the 411 lb black bear he shot in Canada.



submitted by Rob Bolog

Did You Know?

On this day in history:

- 10/1/1908 - Model T was introduced to the public.
- 10/1/1962 - First broadcast of the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson.
- 10/1/1975 - "Thrilla in Manila" Muhammad Ali beats Joe Fraser.
- 10/3/1955 - "Mickey Mouse Club" begins on ABC.
- 10/4/1962 - Beatles release first single "Love Me Do."
- 10/11/1968 - Apollo 7 launched from Cape Canaveral.
- 10/13/1960 - Nixon-Kennedy debate.
- 10/13/2005 - Apple introduced the iPod.
- 10/21/1879 - Thomas Edison invented a commercially practical incandescent light.
- 10/27/1904 - The New York subway opens.
- 10/30/1938 - "War of the Worlds" radio play causes mass hysteria.
- 10/30/1974 - "Rumble in the Jungle" Muhammad Ali beats George Foreman. [Talk to Charlie.]

note: Not intended to be an exhaustive list!

Second 185-Yard Rifle Match Held

Our second 185 yard Rifle Match of 2023 was held on Saturday September 16th at the 185 yard rifle range with 8 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	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30-06	80-1x
<u>Scoped Division</u>				
1 st Place	Loylle Settlemyre	Remington 700	.223 Rem	100-4x
2 nd Place	Jerry Marken	AR-15	.223 Rem	97-6x
3 rd Place	Larry Sanford	Remington 700	.308 Win	97-4x
	James Primm	AR-15	.223 Rem	94-1x
	Dave Harris	AR-15	224 Valkyrie	91
	Ethan Primm	AR-15	224 Valkyrie	88
	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	.223 Rem	76

Our next 185 Yard Bench Match will be held in 2024, and will be 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.

Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanks



Kenneth Huling, age 84, passed away on August 30. He was born in Toledo and in 1958 married Patricia Hutchinson, his high school sweetheart. She preceded him in death.

Ken worked as a prototype engineer for Ford Motor Company at the Rawsonville Plant for many years and later for ITT Electrical Systems (Valeo) as an automotive engineer.

In addition to farming vegetables, Ken liked to fish and hunt; and he and Pat had booths at the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Farmers Markets, where he was known as "Farmer Ken of the Valley Family Farm." They also ran the popcorn stand during winter sports events at the Milan High School.

Ken is survived by his second wife Mary, as well as his four children and four stepchildren, eleven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, a brother, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were handled by [Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home](#) in Milan. Contributions may be made to the [Milan Free Methodist Church Building Fund](#) or [Aid In Milan](#).




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

Friends of NRA Banquet

We are planning a comeback for our Friends of NRA Banquet this October. It will be held this year on October 28. Your continued support makes it possible for us to provide funding for shooting and educational events throughout our community and across our state. Please join us for a fun event with games, raffles, silent and live auctions, along with a great dinner. Please help make your Club's event a success. Tickets are \$65 per dinner and packages are listed on the flyer.

A Friends of NRA Volunteer meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, at 6:30pm in the Tri-County clubhouse. If you are interested in volunteering for this event on Saturday, October 28, please attend this meeting or let me know if you are unable to attend this meeting but wish to help.

Nancy K. Arcy
NancyKArcy@gmail.com, 313-671-2833



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<p>2023 GUN OF THE YEAR</p>  <p>Springfield Armory SA-35 9mm with NRA Grips</p> <p><i>Don't miss out on the Early Bird gun drawing!</i></p>	<p>NRA EXCLUSIVES</p> <p>Sig Sauer M400 Tread 5.56mm NATO with NRA Seal</p> <p>Henry "Homesteader" Carbine 9mm with NRA Seal</p> <p>Savage Arms 110 Classic 6.5 Creedmoor with NRA Seal</p> <p>Rustic Freedom Flag</p> <p>AND MORE! View all items at friendsfnra.org/merchandise</p>
	<p>\$100 BIG SHOOTER PACKAGE</p> <p>1 Event Ticket, 1 Meal, 30 White Bucket Tickets, 10 Blue Bucket Tickets, 5 Red Tickets for the Early Bird Gun Drawing <i>If purchased by 10/1/23</i></p> <p>\$200 SUPER SHOOTER PACKAGE</p> <p>2 Event Tickets, 2 Meals, 60 White Bucket Tickets, 20 Blue Bucket Tickets, 5 Red Tickets for the Early Bird Gun Drawing <i>If purchased by 10/1/23</i></p> <p>\$300 MAGNUM SHOOTER PACKAGE</p> <p>2 Event Tickets, 2 Meals, 80 White Bucket Tickets, 40 Blue Bucket Tickets, 10 Red Tickets for the Early Bird Gun Drawing <i>If purchased by 10/1/23</i></p>

RESERVED TABLE PACKAGES
(All Package Firearms subject to change due to availability)

Friends Table Package for \$650 - (8) Event tickets with Reserved Seating & (8) Meals


Silver Table Package for \$800 - (8) Event tickets with Reserved Seating, (8) Meals, (240) White Bucket Raffle Tickets, (80) Blue Bucket Tickets, (40) Red Bucket Tickets, (8) Tickets on the Gun of the Year & **(8) Tickets on the Early Bird Firearm. (If purchased by 10/1/2023)**

Gold Table Package for \$1,500 - (8) Event tickets with Reserved Seating, (8) Meals, (480) White Bucket Raffle Tickets, (160) Blue Bucket Tickets, (40) Red Bucket Tickets, (16) Tickets on the Gun of the Year & **(24) Tickets on the Early Bird Firearm. (If purchased by 10/1/2023)** - Plus choice of one Table Firearm from gun list provided by chairperson or NRA Field Representative or Double the Bucket Raffle Ticket Package. (960 White, 320 Blue and 80 Red Bucket Tickets)

Platinum Table Package for \$2,300 - (8) Event tickets with Reserved Seating, (8) Meals, (640) White Bucket Raffle Tickets, (320) Blue Bucket Tickets, (80) Red Bucket Tickets, (24) Tickets on the Gun of the Year & **(24) Tickets on the Early Bird Firearm. (If purchased by 10/1/2023)** - Plus choice of one Table Firearm from gun list provided by chairperson or NRA Field Representative or Double the Bucket Raffle Ticket Package. (1280 White, 640 Blue and 160 Red Bucket Tickets)

Diamond Table Package for \$3,500 - (8) Event tickets total with Reserved seating, (8) Meals, (8) FNRA Gift Items, (880) White Bucket Raffle Tickets, (400) Blue Bucket Tickets, (120) Red Bucket tickets, (32) Tickets on the Gun of the Year & **(24) Tickets on the Early Bird Firearm. (If purchased by 10/1/2023)** - Plus choice of one Table Firearm from gun list provided by chairperson or NRA Field Representative or Double the Bucket Raffle Ticket Package. (1760 White, 800 Blue and 240 Red Bucket Tickets.)

The NRA Foundation is a 501(c)3 charity of the National Rifle Association. Net proceeds benefit shooting sports programs in our communities. NRA membership is not required to participate. All firearm laws apply. Winners are responsible for any taxes / transfer fees. Firearms transferred through Uncoiled Firearms, 30305 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.



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<p>Legacy \$400</p> <p>CHOOSE ONE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Rough Rider 22LR with NRA Logo* Silver Stag Frontier Survivor with Friends of NRA Logo (Only 200 Available) Cordova Back Country Class Backpack Cooler with Friends of NRA Sponsor Logo <p><small>*not available in all 50 states</small></p>	<p>Pioneer \$2,500</p> <p>INCLUDES RING OF FREEDOM BENEFITS, PLUS CHOOSE ONE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kimber Micro 9 with NRA Logo/Seriation* (Only 50 Available) Call 1911 Classic 38SC with NRA Seal and No Rollmarks* (Only 25 Available) Marlin 336C 30-30 with NRA Seal (Only 35 Available) Kimber Custom II 45ACP with NRA Logo/NRA Seriation* (Only 65 Available) Kimber Custom LW 45ACP with NRA Logo/Seriation* (Only 17 Available) <p><small>*not available in all 50 states</small></p>
<p>Freedom \$1,500</p> <p>INCLUDES RING OF FREEDOM BENEFITS, PLUS CHOOSE ONE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kel-Tec CP33 with Friends of NRA Engraving* Springfield Armory Helcat Pro 9mm with NRA Logo* Marlin 336C 30-30 with NRA Seal (Only 35 Available) Henry Big Boy SideGate 44M/44SP, NRA Seal on Buttstock (Only 142 Available) <p><small>*not available in all 50 states</small></p>	<p>Patriot \$5,000</p> <p>INCLUDES RING OF FREEDOM BENEFITS, PLUS CHOOSE ONE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel Defense Delta 5.6.5 Creedmoor with NRA Seal* (Only 50 Available) Mossberg M12 300 Win Mag, NRA Engraved on Barrel (Only 50 Available) Mark V Hunter 6.5 Weatherby RPM 24" with NRA Seal (Only 10 Available) Springfield Armory Model 2020 WayPoint 6.5 PRC with NRA Logo (Only 25 Available) Springfield Armory 1911 DS Prodigy 9mm 4.25" (Only 25 Available) Kimber KDSB Double Stack 9mm with NRA Logo* (Only 25 Available) <p><small>*not available in all 50 states</small></p>

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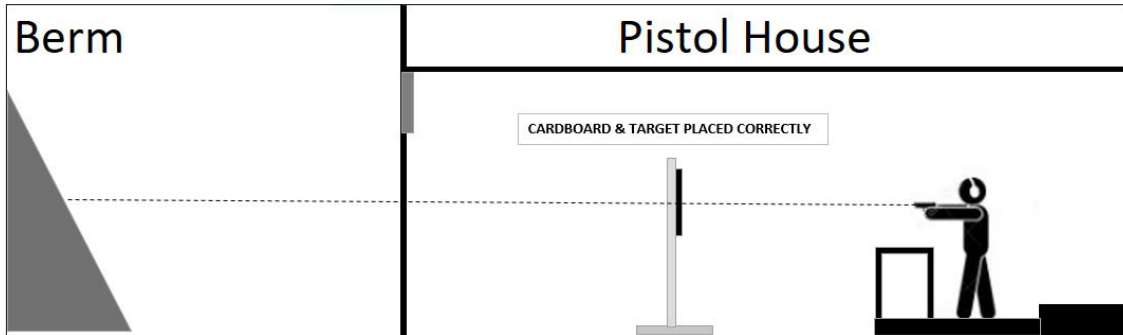
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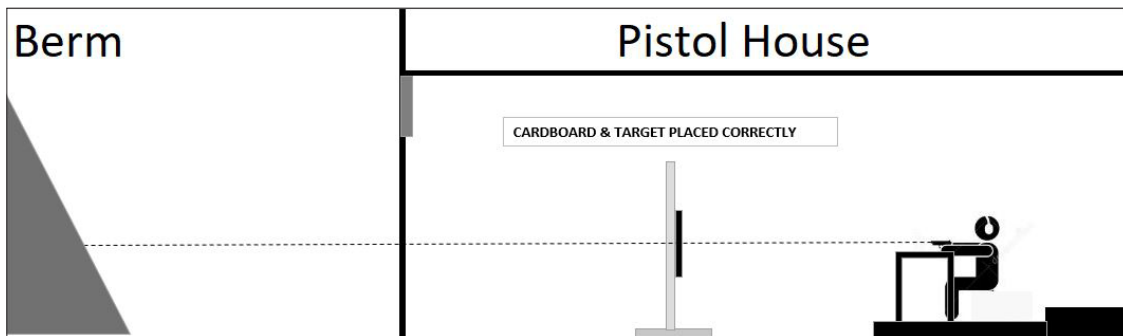
Target Alignment: A Top Priority!

At Tri-County target placement and sight alignment are very important to the overall safety of our ranges. Knowing your target and what is behind it is one of the fundamentals of safe shooting.

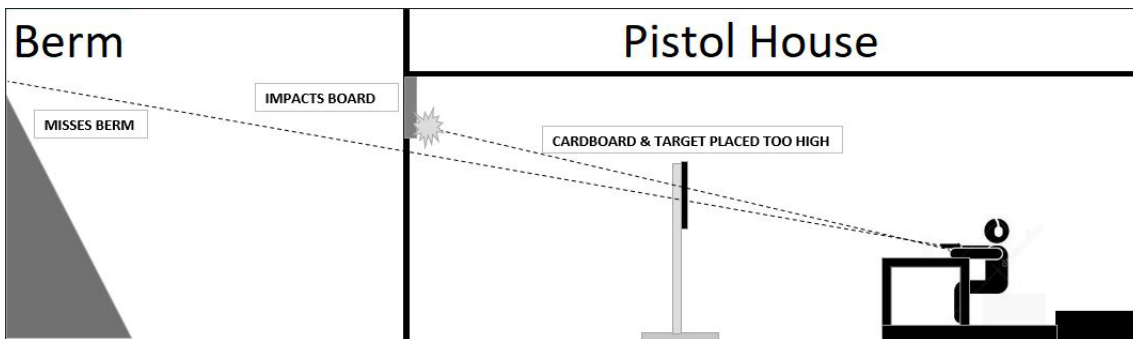
In the Pistol House we strive to place the cardboard target backers at the correct standing positions for average shooters, however people come in all sizes.



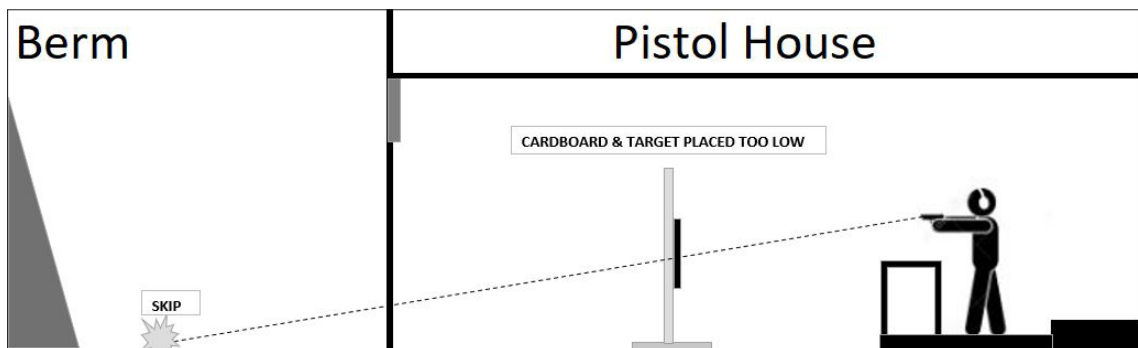
Many people enjoy shooting while seated or sighting in their pistols using a bench rest. This requires the cardboard and target to be placed at a lower position to properly impact the berm.



It is very important to remember to lower the cardboard and target to ensure proper target alignment, failing to do so can result in damage to the building or missing the berm entirely.



We ask that if you lower the cardboard for sitting you replace it to the original higher position when you have completed shooting. Shooters have been observed negligently shooting at low cardboard from a standing position. Remember you must always check your target alignment to prevent skips, this is especially important in the winter when the ground may be frozen.



PCC/.22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot September 14, 2023

This was the last Bowling Pin Shoot for 2023. The weather was fantastic. We started strong and continued that way for a few hours. We had a few new shooters. This event has posted some very respectable times. It is nice to see new faces. I hope everyone had as much fun as I had at the shoot. Thank you to all that participated. We hope to see you next year for the 2024 Bowling Pin Shoot Season.

PCC/.22 Rifle and SBR with optics:

Mike Cowhy	2.60
Sandi Walke	2.61
Jim Walter	3.06
Rick Parsons	3.16
Mark Hertzell	3.49
Ralph Lake	3.68
Tom Lewandowski	3.81
Larry Norris	4.36
Marl French	5.03
Larry Henes	5.26
Christian Hertzell (YOUTH)	6.77

.22 Bolt Action Rifle with Optics

Carol Grubb	5.38
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Pump Action .22 Rifle Iron Sights

Larry Walton	7.56
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Handgun No Optics

Mark Hartzell	8.27
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[Jim Walter](#)



November Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:

October 24

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Just a Heads Up:

We'll be falling back at 2am
on Sunday, November 5.



Membership

Thirteen people submitted applications this month. The new applicants include:

Yian Chen - Probationary
Joey Delano - Probationary
Cody Hughes - Probationary
Gerry Easton - Probationary
Jeff Anderson - Probationary
Dipesh Patel - Probationary
David Denoyer - Probationary
Terra Guevara - Probationary
Ernie Aughenbaugh - Probationary
Patrick Hurley - Probationary
Conner Greenlee - Probationary
Dylan Emery - Military
Anthony Brigantic - Probationary

We held three orientation sessions in August and September. Ten of the applicants attended, and they have all been approved by the Board of Directors. Please welcome them to the Club. They are all probationary members and include:

Josh Daves
David Geisinger
Philip Haiduc
Vladimir Lipovetsky
Adam Marlow
Martin Weinberg
Jeff Anderson
Steve Titus
Ernie Aughenbaugh
Bailey McNulty

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.

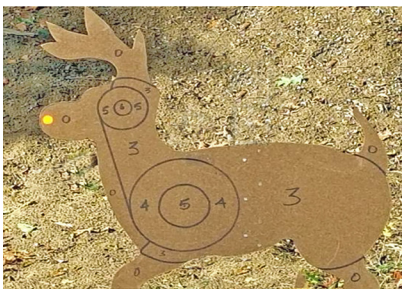
The current membership includes 22 Associate, 7 Juniors, 23 Life, 6 Military, 56 Probationary, 7 Past Presidents, 3 Probationary Young Adults, 222 Regular, 69 Senior, and 2 Young Adults, totaling 417.

If have any questions about renewals or volunteer hours, please contact me.

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

Handgun/Running Deer Shoot Sundays, October 8, 15, 29 & November 5 Cost for each relay: \$5.00

The "HANDGUN SHOOT" (Running Deer Shoot) is structured much the same as a good, old Turkey Shoot. Ten individuals buy into a relay, and all ten take turns shooting at the running deer. After each individual shoots, their score is totaled and radioed up to the officials' table. The highest score of the relay wins a prize. The shooter is positioned 25 yards away from a hanging deer silhouette, which is positioned at the right side of the gallery. Round count and order may change from relay to relay. Our usual starting sequence is 2 shots at the deer standing still and 2 shots while the deer is running. Once the final standing shoot is fired, the deer will begin to run across the gallery from right to left. Firearms allowed: Handguns, .22 Rifles and PCCs (Pistol Caliber Carbines). Pistols will compete against pistols; .22 Rifles and PPCs will compete among themselves. All type of sights or optics are allowed. This event is open to the public, and shooting starts at 12 noon. It's FUN! Bring a family member or a friend.



Contact:

Mike Cowhy, 313-530-7789
[Jim Walter](#), 734-478-3946

Remaining 2023 Rifle Matches

See [TCSI Calendar](#) for start times and description.

10/21 – Military Rifle Match
(note: new date)

11/11 – Trench Match
12/9 – White Elephant Match

[Dave Vandermark](#)

MUCC Committee Report

Jim Pryce and I have continued to be involved with different organizations and have attended several meetings representing TCSL. A list of these, and others through the end of 2023, is included below. We will keep TCSL advised so that our Club and its members are informed and may possibly notice something in which they would like to become involved.

Here is a list of MUCC and other organization events from September and through the remainder of the year:

Wed, 10/4	<u>MUCC Finance and Executive Board meeting</u> , Lansing 2024 MUCC budget approval
Thu, 10/12	<u>NRC meeting</u> , Escanaba
Sat, 10/28	<u>TCSL NRA Dinner</u> , TCSL
Late October	<u>Conservation Coalition meeting</u> , Lansing
Thu, 11/9	<u>NRC meeting</u> , Lansing
Wed, 11/15	<u>MI Deer Season Open</u>
Sat, 11/25	<u>Univ of Mich - vs. Ohio State football</u> , Ann Arbor
Fri, 12/1	<u>MUCC Finance and Executive Board meeting</u> , Perch Pt. Conservation Club, Casco
Sat, 12/2	<u>MUCC Policy Board Meeting</u> , Perch Pt. Conservation Club, Casco
Thu, 12/14	<u>NRC meeting</u> , Lansing

The Governor has appointed Scott Bowen as the new Director of the Department of Natural Resources. He comes to the job with a great reputation as an administrator, listener/communicator, and a middle-of-the-road person. MUCC CEO Amy Trotter has stated that she is looking forward to working with him.

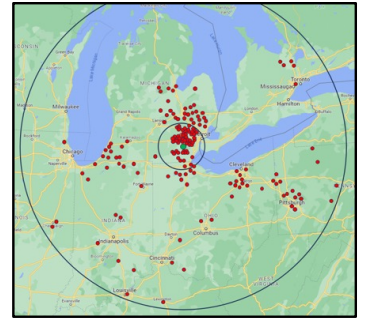
The MUCC Region 8 Directors Leonard Shaner and Eric Braden are planning and working on meetings for Region 8. Jim and I will keep you informed.

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.

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Kris Matthew - wkris matt@aol.com, 734-646-3763

2023 (6th Annual) Tri-County Sportsmen Challenge

- A total number of 168 competitors travelled from six states and Canada:
Michigan – 100
Ohio – 28
Pennsylvania – 16
Indiana – 14
Ontario, Canada – 5
Illinois – 3
Kentucky – 2



- Competitors traveled a total of 38,960 miles (round trip) to attend the Challenge.
- Competitors traveled a total of 660 hours (round trip) to attend the Challenge.
- Estimating that two-thirds of the competitors carpooled (2 people per vehicle), 25,713 vehicle miles were driven (round trip) to attend the Challenge.
- Estimating that the average mpg was 25, 1,029 gallons of fuel were used (round trip) to attend the challenge.
- The minimum round count for the Challenge was 171.
- 168 competitors each shooting a minimum of 171 rounds would total 28,728 rounds.
- Knowing that many shooters made a few extra (make-up) shots, I would estimate that the total amount of ammo used for the event was over 30,000 rounds.
- Lunch was prepared and served on both Saturday and Sunday. During the 2 days, a total of 96 one-third pound hamburgers, 96 one-third pound hot dogs, and 96 one-third pound brats were prepared and served. That makes a total of 96 pounds of meat that was cooked on the grills.
- The Challenge Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/tcscidpa) currently has more than 800 followers.
- The Facebook Page has reached more than 9,000 people in the last month.
- Please visit and follow the Challenge Facebook Page.
- We have yet to calculate the total volunteer hours used to put on the event. We estimate it will be 2,000 hours or more. We thank all the volunteers that helped to make this a successful event.

[Jim Walter](#)



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Hunter Education

CONGRATULATIONS MICHIGAN HUNTERS: In 2022 there were only four hunting related incidences. None of which were fatal! So keep up the good work out there this year.

One of the things we do need to work on is treestand safety as injuries from elevated hunting is now the No. 1 way hunters are being hurt. According to the Treestand Safety Association, treestand accidents are the No. 1 cause of injuries and deaths to deer hunters.

Below, you will find some helpful tips from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on how to be safe when hunting from a treestand.

1. Before the hunt, know your equipment. Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and warnings before you use your treestand and full-body harness (FBH).

2. Check stands (including straps and chains) every season and before each use for signs of wear, fatigue, cracks, missing nuts or bolts, and replace as necessary.

3. Practice at ground level with your treestand and FBH with another person present before the hunt.

4. Learn how to use your FBH with a suspension release device. Note: Waist belts or upper-body-only designs of safety harnesses should never be used and can cause death or serious injury.

5. Select the right tree for your stand. Select a healthy, straight tree that is the right size for your treestand. Check the tree for insect nests or animal dens. Avoid using climbing stands on smooth-barked trees, especially during icy or wet conditions.

6. Clear debris from the base of the tree to minimize injury from a fall and to ensure a safe base if using a ladder stand.

7. Know your limitations. If you feel sleepy or unsure about the climb, a ground blind will provide you a safe alternative.

8. Have a hunt plan. Let a reliable person know where you will be when you will return and who is with you. Plans and maps make it easier for others to find you in the event of a mishap.

9. During the hunt, wear an FBH. Simply owning an FBH does not make you safe, you must take it out of your pack and wear it.
10. Make sure your FBH is attached to the tree as soon as you begin to climb using climbing stands and/or climbing aids. In the case of ladder stands, attach the FBH before securing the platform to the tree or stepping onto it.

11. Wear an FBH at all times while using an elevated stand. Do not take chances. When climbing a ladder, keep three points of contact with the ladder at all times. Both hands and a foot or both of your feet and one hand should be used to support your body weight when using a ladder. When using a platform stand, climb higher than the stand and then step down onto the platform. Slowly put your weight onto your stand to be sure of your balance.

12. Use boots with non-slip soles to avoid slipping, especially in wet weather.

13. Never carry equipment when climbing. Use a haul line to raise and lower equipment.

14. In the stand, properly adjust your FBH. Whether standing or sitting, keep the tether line distance (between you and the tree) as short as possible with no slack in the tether while in the seated position. This will minimize the distance in case of a fall.

15. Use a haul line. Always raise and lower your firearm, bow or other equipment with a haul line. Make sure firearms are unloaded before attaching to a haul line, and do not attach the haul line near the trigger or trigger guard. Make sure broadheads are covered prior to raising or lowering a bow with a haul line.

16. If you fall, stay calm. By planning, you can avoid additional problems.

17. Have emergency equipment such as a knife, cell phone, flashlight, and/or whistle on your person.

18. Practice the Three Rs: Recover, Relief, Rescue. Attempt to recover and return to your stand. If this is not possible, exercise your legs by pushing against the tree, using another form of motion or your suspension relief device until help arrives.

19. Call for help immediately.

Each year thousands of lives nationwide are changed forever by treestand accidents. Keep these tips in mind to increase your chances of having an accident.

For more information on treestand safety, go to National Bowhunter Education Foundation: www.nbef.org or www.projectstand.net.

International Hunter Education Association or the Treestand Manufacturer's Association.

Good luck in the woods!

[Jon N. Yost and the Hunters Education Committee](#)



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

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