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President's Column

Coming up in December we have fewer events than most other months. The bigger clubhouse event is the Wicked Jeeps Christmas party on Saturday, December 2. We will need help on the day of the event in the kitchen, the clubhouse, and the bar. Set-up is on Friday the 1st, and clean-up is on Sunday the 3rd. Check the calendar, and watch for email blasts regarding times that help is needed. This celebration fills both floors. You can help us provide the quality experience our guests have come to expect.

Trap is open on Sundays. Thanks to Nick C. for his leadership every week to ensure that Trap is active and available for members and guests. Contact [Nick](#) to find out how you can become part of the Trap team. More participation allows for rotating shifts to even-out the needed coverage. Rifle has a White Elephant Bench Rest competition on Saturday the 9th. Challenge your skills in a friendly environment. Contact [Dave V.](#) with questions. The Sunday breakfast is on the 3rd. Come out with your friends to enjoy fellowship and a good meal at a great price. You may even want to come for breakfast and stay to help in the clubhouse cleanup from the Wicked Jeeps party. The Board and membership meetings are on Thursday the 21st, with Burger Night beginning at 5pm. Safety and Finance are scheduled for Zoom on the 18th. Earn volunteer hours for attending the board and committee meetings. Education is busy with several events.

Do you have a sweater that you hope will never see the light of day? The earth's axis, our orbit around the sun, and the early sunset in December make it possible for you to wear it at Burger Night on the 21st, and it will not be seen in daylight. The first annual Ugly Sweater contest winner will be rewarded with bragging rights and maybe more.

Turning to past events, I need to recognize the effort and success of the IDPA Challenge Match team in September. They organize a first-rate competition that spans an entire weekend. Their planning is ongoing throughout the entire year, with priorities of safety, demonstration of skills, and competition. This event showcases our great facilities and provides revenue for the Club. The reviews were positive again this year. Thanks to the entire IDPA team for another great event.

The Friends of the NRA Dinner, our first in a number of years, was held in October. A rewarding time was had by all attendees. Thanks to Nancy and Bill Arcy and Mark Smokowicz for the planning and organization. Thanks to all who helped with set up, the day of the event, and clean-up. We had separate crews for each part, and that really helped keep things running smoothly. An important aspect of this year's dinner is that it is now back in the rotation of events on the calendar, and we are back in the habit of attending one more event. The "period of enforced isolation" interrupted so many of our longstanding practices. We are social beings. We cannot live in isolation.

Ten hardworking members worked the Fall Clean-Up in November. Pete S. coordinated the effort, and we were able to accomplish a great deal to get the grounds ready for winter. We had an efficient system of collecting the leaves and moving them to the composting area. It was good work and fellowship, with snacks, pizza, and soft drinks. Thanks to each of you for your help.

TCSL members recently brought their security teams from two local churches to gain valuable range experience and team-building skills. If you are part of a security team, or your church has a security team, we can offer a venue for range time—provided all TCSL rules are adhered to.

Some administrative items. Committee chairs are reminded to prepare a report for the membership at the January membership meeting on January 18. The report should include both details from the current year and suggestions for improving your area next year.

Our Membership Secretary, Charlie U., is preparing renewal notices for next year. These will be in the mail shortly. As one of our members says, "If you are engaged in the shooting sports and concerned about the Second Amendment, you should be a member and support a club." We hope that Tri-County is providing you with value for the dues, we look forward to your continued support of our Club.

Election for Club officers and directors will be held in February. The officers serve one-year terms and are up for election each year. Each of our four geographical regions has three directors who are elected for three-year terms. Those terms are staggered so that each year one director seat is up for election in each region. Nominations are welcome, and don't hesitate to nominate yourself. We will be reaching out to members to plant the seed of stepping into the election process and serving the Club as an officer or director.

December is both a joyful and solemn month for many. We are reminded of the model of forgiveness and the benefits it provides to the soul. Some in the Club are experiencing pain—in all its expressions. May we forgive each and every one in our lives for the trespasses against us and pray for healing and joy for all. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Sincerely,
Stuart Berry





Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanks

Member Gary Mathis and his wife Jo are excited about the arrival of their 13th grandchild. Their daughter Lexi and her husband welcomed Noah James Breeden into the world on November 13, 2023.

Noah's stats are: weight: 8lbs 13 oz. - length: 22". He joins four siblings at home.



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January Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:
December 27
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Did You Know?

On this day in history:

- December 1, 1941 - The American Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force auxiliary, was founded.
- December 1, 1955 - Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus.
- December 2, 1942 - Physicists, led by Enrico Fermi, carried out the world's first successful nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago.
- December 3, 1967 - The first successful heart transplant was performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard at Cape Town, South African. The patient lived for 18 days.
- December 5, 1901 - Walt Disney (d.1966) was born in Chicago, Illinois.
- December 5, 1933 - The 18th Amendment (Prohibition Amendment) to the U.S. Constitution was repealed.
- December 6, 1877 - At his laboratory in West Orange, New Jersey, Thomas Edison spoke the children's verse "Mary had a Little Lamb" while demonstrating his newly invented phonograph which utilized a revolving cylinder wrapped in tinfoil to record sounds.
- December 7, 1941 - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.
- December 8, 1980 - Former Beatle musician John Lennon was assassinated in New York City.
- December 11, 1901 - The first transatlantic radio signal was transmitted by Guglielmo Marconi from Cornwall, England, to St. John's, Newfoundland.
- December 15, 1939 - "Gone with the Wind" had its world premiere in Atlanta.
- December 21, 1846 - Anesthesia was used for the first time in Britain during an operation at University College Hospital in London performed by Robert Liston who amputated the leg of a servant.
- December 27, 1831 - Charles Darwin set out from Plymouth, England, aboard the ship HMS Beagle on his five-year global scientific expedition.
- December 31, 1879 - Thomas Edison provided the first public demonstration of his electric incandescent lamp at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

note: Not intended to be an exhaustive list!

Trench Match Held

On November 11, TCSL hosted its 6th Trench Match. Its purpose was to simulate shooting positions you might find yourself in defending your trench in World War I. It took place on the 100-yard rifle range, and was a 50-shot match, with 3 rounds:

Round 1 – Standing Position. 20 shots from a standing position, supported at 100 yards. Required 4 loading cycles that could vary in number of shots each (5-5-5-5, or 8-2-5-5, or 2-10-5-3, etc.). Timer starts with the rifle unloaded. Time limit: 90 seconds.

Round 2 – Kneeling position. 10 shots kneeling, supported at 100 yards. Required 2 loading cycles. Timer starts with the rifle unloaded. Time limit: 60 seconds.

Round 3 – Prone Position. This round was time limited to 100 seconds and allowed the shooter up to 20 shots to break 10 clay birds that were hung at 100 yards. Firing was in the prone position, supported using a rest provided. Required 4 loading cycles that could vary in number of shots each (5-5-5-5, or 8-2-5-5, or 2-10-5-3, etc.). Timer starts with the rifle unloaded. Points awarded based on the number of clays broken (5 per bird), with a 10 point bonus if all 10 are broken.

So, why is this called a trench match? The rests provided in rounds 1 & 2 are small ports in a mock trench wall, and the prone rest simulates an earthen berm. They are meant to not be comfortable positions. And to add to the difficulty, the rifle must have a bayonet attached during all firing. Total possible points was 360.

Match Results:

	Name	Rifle	Caliber	Score
1 st Place	Paul Jahn	M1 Garand	308 Win	242-3x
2 nd Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30-06	229
3 rd Place	Larry Walton	M1 Carbine	30 Carbine	172
	Larry Walton	G33/40 Mauser	8x57	25
	Larry Sanford	M1 Carbine	30 Carbine	10
Sniper Division (Optic sight)				
1 st Place	Paul Jahn	AR-15	223 Rem	280-1x
2 nd Place	Larry Jackson	AR-15	223 Rem	203 1-x

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



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Hunter Education

Did You Get One?

A successful hunt isn't just about harvesting game, a successful hunt means that you and everyone in your party gets home safely. You can't pass on the hunting heritage if you're not here, it's just that simple. Make safe hunting rules a priority and pass them on no matter where or when you hunt.

Hunting is a rich tradition, often passed down from family members to the next generation. The most important part of this experience is ensuring proper precautions and responsible use of firearms are used to help make every hunting trip safe, fun and memorable.

Project ChildSafe (<https://projectchildsafe.org/hunt-safe/>) wants to promote S.A.F.E. hunting and remind outdoor enthusiasts to:

- Store your firearms responsibly when not in use,
 - Always practice firearms safety,
 - Focus on your responsibilities as a firearms owner, and
 - Education is key to preventing accidents.
- Encouraged by the TCSL Hunters Education Committee.

I hope everybody is having an exciting and safe hunting season.

Jon N. Yost and the
Hunters Education Committee

Burger Night Board Meeting - Membership Meeting Ugly Sweater Night

Thursday, December 21
beginning at 5pm

Join us for the last gathering of the year, and wear your very best Ugly Christmas Sweater. You could win a Friday night Steak Dinner! How ugly can we get???

There will also be a drawing for another Jim Beam decorative decanter. This one is a green Model T. And yes, it's empty.



Country Breakfast Tri-County Sportsmen's League!

Sunday, December 3 - 8-11:30am

Come Enjoy Breakfast with Friends.

Open to the Public.
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and make new ones.

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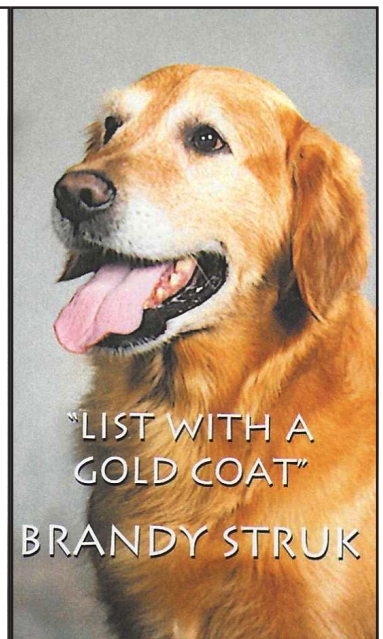
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Huron Valley FNRA

Thank you very much for all the volunteers that contributed and attended the Huron Valley FNRA Banquet. Without you all, it would not have been a success!

A SPECIAL thank you to Mark Smokowicz, Dr. Nicole & Noah Arcy, William Arcy, and Jim Ashcraft for their time and support.

Thank you to our Huron Valley FNRA Volunteers:

Amanda Arcy	Jeff Gare	Mary Ellen Rogacki
Kathy and Michael Arcy	Carol Grubb	Dianne and Phil Salata
Thomas Arcy	Claudia and Matt Hayes	Daniel Scott
Rick Bacon	Terry Hicks	WWCCA Women's Sport
Pamm Bakley	Annette and Terry Howerly	Shooting
Matt Balla, Peacemakers FFL	Linda and Mike Hurley	James Strickland
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**Special thanks to Tri-County Sportsmen's League for hosting this event
and Dick Cupka of Trigger Talk Radio!**

Thank you again. Hope to see you all again next year!

Nancy Kalman Arcy,
Huron Valley FNRA Chairman

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Membership

Nine people submitted applications in November. The new applicants include:

Brandy Nur - Associate
Parwaiz Nur - Probationary
David Birch - Probationary
Bea Lara - Probationary
Ahmad Farha - Probationary
Leland Bersuder - Probationary
Philip Garza - Probationary
Jason Rohrabough - Probationary
Adam Jeffrey - Probationary

Please welcome three applicants who attended orientation sessions, and have all been approved by the Board of Directors:

Parwaiz Nur - Probationary
Leland Bersuder - Probationary
Philip Garza - Probationary

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

The current membership includes 25 Associate, 8 Junior, 23 Life, 6 Military, 63 Probationary, 7 Past Presidents, 2 Probationary Young Adults, 230 Regular, 70 Senior, and 2 Young Adults, totaling 436.

Please remember to check on the hours that we have recorded. Also, just as a reminder, the cutoff for hours was November 30.

New dues and range pass rates will take effect on March 1, 2024: annual dues are \$180 and the annual range pass is \$80. The volunteer hours range pass reduction has been changed to \$20 for 20 hours, \$40 for 40 hours, \$60 for 60 hours, and a free range pass for 80 hours or more. At The renewal notices we've begun sending out reflect these changes. In general, the early notices are going to people who are receiving a free range pass. If have any questions about renewals or volunteer hours, please contact me. Thanks!

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





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.



Women On Target Saturday June 8

Women On Target returns for 2024. We hope you can join us for this all-day event held exclusively to give women the opportunity to learn about firearm handling and safety. If you know of someone who might enjoy and benefit from this event, please let them know now so they can mark their calendars.

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

Our first planning meeting in conjunction with KORD will be held Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30pm. We hope you can join us for this kickoff meeting when we will start gathering volunteers to fill a variety of jobs. In the meantime, please contact me with any questions and/or suggestions you may have relating to this event.

Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays
to you all!



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



Kids on the Range Day Saturday, July 13

And Kids on the Range Day will be back as well. (I would welcome having a little shadow this year - someone who would take the event over in 2025. Just sayin'.)

As Carol has said, our first planning meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30pm at the clubhouse. The meeting schedule we've planned is shown below.

Same format as always, but constructive suggestions about how to improve the event are welcome! Many of you already know the drill; but we're always looking for new volunteers, so let me know if you have questions.

Wishing you all a

Merry Christmas & a
Very Happy New Year.

See you in 2024!



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

WOT/KORD Planning Meetings

Wednesdays - at 6:30pm:

January 10 • March 13

May 29 - Volunteer Dinner

July 10 - KORD Volunteers only

TCSL RANGE HOURS

Monday-Saturday:
Shooting may begin
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3 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. pistol house closed for 8am - Basic Pistol 8am - Breakfast at 12pm - Trap Shooting @	4 12pm - Friends of	5 RSO on Duty: Phil C @	6 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	7 12pm - Friends of 	8	9 9am - 100 yd "White"
10 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 12pm - Trap Shooting @	11 12pm - Friends of	12 RSO on Duty: Phil C @ 6:30pm - Education	13 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range 6:30pm - Gun Safety	14 12pm - Friends of	15 4pm - Friend of Vets	16
17 Pistol House closed for RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 8am - NRA CCW Course 12pm - Trap Shooting @	18 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7:30pm - Finance	19 RSO on Duty: Phil C @	20 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	21 12pm - Friends of 5pm - Burger Night 6:30pm - Board Meeting 7pm - Membership 	22	23
24 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 11am - Lindeman 12pm - Trap Shooting @	25 	26 RSO on Duty: Phil C @	27 RSO on Duty: Mark S. 10am - Wednesday Range	28 12pm - Friends of	29	30
31 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 12pm - Trap Shooting @	1 12pm - Friends of 	2	3 10am - Wednesday Range	4 12pm - Friends of	5	6

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 RSO On Duty: Charlie U. 12pm - Trap Shooting @	1 12pm - Friends of 	2	3 10am - Wednesday Range	4 12pm - Friends of	5	6
7 pistol house closed for 8am - Michigan CCW /	8 12pm - Friends of	9 6:30pm - Education	10 10am - Wednesday Range 6:30pm - Gun Safety 6:30pm - WOT & KORD	11 12pm - Friends of	12	13
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21 Pistol House closed for 8am - NRA CCW Course	22 12pm - Friends of	23	24 10am - Wednesday Range	25 12pm - Friends of	26 5pm - Flame Broiled	27
28	29 12pm - Friends of	30	31 10am - Wednesday Range	1 12pm - Friends of	2	3