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President's Column

Great news!!!! If you were not at the October 17 Board and Membership meetings, then you missed some very important news. We paid off the loan that we took out several years ago!!! The loan was used to help TCSL in a number of ways—including, but not limited to—new septic tank, new well, new water pump, new water pressure tank, new water softener system, new water heater, new walk-in-cooler, new air conditioner (in the kitchen), new storage shed on the Trap Range, expanded parking lot by the Rifle Range, etc. Thanks to the First Vice Presidents and Treasurers, for their monitoring and making tough decisions to keep TCSL financially solid. Thanks to all of the Board members and Officers for approving difficult motions which kept TCSL fiscally sound. Thanks to the members for their patience and understanding as tough financial decisions were implemented. Now take a step back . . . and realize this was during COVID times, when the clubhouse and ranges were all closed. Even after the ranges were opened, hall rentals were not occurring, so take-out meals were offered. Constant adjustments were being made to tighten the belts and keep TCSL moving forward. Every single member should give themselves a big pat on the back for a job well done.

The November 21 TCSL Board meeting will be going as scheduled; but there will be no membership meeting, due to firearm deer hunting season being open. If you have already gotten your deer for this year, I would encourage you come to the Board meeting. We will be discussing the possibility of changing our web page to make it possible for members to enter their own volunteer hours into the database, as well as check their total hours for the year. Other possibilities, such as paying range fees with your iPhone or Android phone, will be discussed. There are countless other possibilities. Come to the Board meeting and learn the costs of such a program. Then talk to Board members and officers before the December Board meeting. Your Board wants to know how the members like the idea.

At the November Board meeting, I will be appointing at least two people to run the

elections. If you are interested in being on this committee, please let me know. It involves mailing out and collecting the absentee ballots, having at least one person at the clubhouse when the election is being conducted to make sure whoever is voting is an active member at the time of the election (Charlie provides this list), and making sure everyone votes only once. At the December Board meeting, any Director who is going to run for an Officer position must announce that they are stepping down from their position at the end of their current term (i.e., February 28, 2025) so that someone can run for their Director's seat and the seat isn't left empty for a year. At the December 2024 and January 2025 Board meetings, members can be nominated (or can self-nominate) for Board or Director positions. Carol will announce at the November meeting which Board and Directors are term-limited, as well as those who are not running again for their seat. I will not be running for the President's position next year.

During the October meeting the following members were appointed as committee chairs: Gerri Eaton for Women on Target, Drew Birk for Education, and Don Hasselbach for Action Ranges. So, we were able to fill some of the chair positions.

We still need chairs for the following committees:

Kitchen
Kids on the Range Day
Editor of the Newsletter
Bar

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, being a committee chair does not mean you attend every event (i.e., hall rentals to handle the cooking, etc.). You will have to coordinate a crew to help you. If two people want to join as co-committee chairs, this is acceptable as well.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving. For those of you who are deer hunting, I wish you good luck. For everyone, please be safe.

[Steve Reed, president@tcsl.org](mailto:Steve.Reed.president@tcsl.org)

Membership

Six people submitted applications in October. They are:

Ian Hawkins - Probationary
Zachariah Penn - Probationary Young Adult
Grant Vlahopoulos - Probationary
Evan Wight - Probationary
Clinton Tighe - Probationary
Paul Howard - Probationary

Eight people attended orientation this month. They are:

Muchteba Alawsi - Probationary Young Adult
Dan McGovern - Probationary
Paul Howard - Probationary
Daniel Kaminski - Probationary
Zachariah Penn - Probationary Young Adult
Clinton Tighe - Probationary
Grant Vlahopoulos - Probationary
Charles Wickham - Probationary

Please welcome them to the Club!

We held an orientation on Tuesday, October 29, at 9am, and we've had a couple of other requests for weekday orientations as well. If a weekday would work better for you, please let me know about possible date and time options. The next orientation is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, at 9am in the lower level of the clubhouse. Please keep an eye on the Club calendar for future dates. I will send an email to new applicants who need orientation a week or so before the date.

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.

The current membership includes 28 Associates, 6 Juniors, 21 Life, 3 Military, 61 Probationary, 7 Past Presidents, 1 Probationary Young Adult, 20 Regular, 72 Senior, and 4 Young Adults, totaling 408.

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

Thanks,

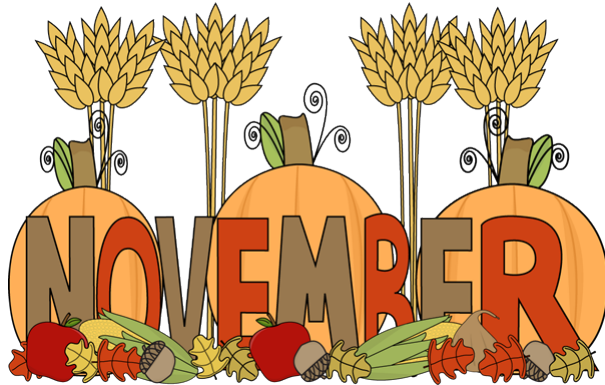
[Charlie Unbehaun](mailto:Charlie.Unbehaun@tcsl.org)
Membership Secretary

Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanks

Member Clark Hill had a deer accident while riding his motorcycle Up North. He has several broken bones and spent a couple of days in a Saginaw hospital. He has returned home but will have a long road to recover. Keep him and his healing in your thoughts.



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Hunter Education

Hunting is a rich tradition, often passed down from family members to the next generation. The time may come when it's your turn to introduce new hunters to this unique, exciting experience. Start by sharing stories about exploring the outdoors, outsmarting the game, or even your first hunt; and please remember that safety should be part of every conversation about hunting and firearm use. The most important part of sharing this experience with your loved ones is ensuring that they understand that proper precautions and responsible use of firearms can help make every hunting trip safe, fun, and memorable.

Use the attached checklist to get started. Also check out more good information at [Hunt S.A.F.E – Project Childsafe](http://Hunt.S.A.F.E-ProjectChildsafe.org)

Have a Great Season!!

[Jon N. Yost](#)
[Hunter Education Committee](#)

Hunting Checklist for Families

- My hunting companions and I share a commitment to responsible, lawful and ethical hunting.
- My family and friends know where I'm going and when I'll return from a hunting trip.
- I am adequately prepared and have previously:
 - Practiced my shooting skills
 - Reviewed the rules of firearm safety, paying special attention to:
 - ALWAYS keeping the gun pointed in a safe direction
 - ALWAYS keeping my finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
 - ALWAYS keeping the gun unloaded until ready to use
 - Maintained my firearms to keep them working properly and reliably
 - Obtained all necessary licenses and tags required by my state's hunting regulations
 - Become aware of the hunting property's borders so that I will not wander beyond them
- My group is wearing hunter orange clothing to ensure that neither I nor anyone in my group is mistaken for game.
- I am carrying appropriate safety equipment, including:
 - A first aid kit and emergency survival kit
 - Plenty of water and/or a means of water purification
 - A gun case or other mechanism to safely transport my firearm
 - Cell phone/radio/GPS/maps/compass (and extra batteries)
- I unload a gun when climbing, crossing a fence, jumping across a stream or getting into or out of a vehicle.
- When hunting from a tree stand, I:
 - Make sure it is securely fastened and stable before climbing
 - Always use a rope or tether in case I fall while climbing
 - Use a seatbelt in the stand
 - Use a rope for hoisting and lowering an unloaded firearm
- I follow safety precautions before shooting by:
 - Inspecting the target's surroundings
 - Using proper caliber for the game
 - Being aware of where other hunters are standing
- After the hunt, I store firearms securely and safely out of the reach of children or other unauthorized individuals.
- I store ammunition separately from the gun when it's not being used.

www.projectchildsafe.org



MUCC News

TCSL has a longstanding association with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC). As a member club we pay dues to MUCC at the rate of five dollars (\$5) per member per year. As part of our dues, we collect \$5 from each member and pass that along to MUCC for our membership with MUCC.

Recently MUCC decided to increase dues to their member clubs. Our membership numbers drive that increase of our dues to MUCC to ten dollars (\$10) per year from the current five dollars (\$5) per year.

You may be saying, as we did, "Good Gordon Highlanders! What's up with that??" We agree. Part of their decision was that MUCC has not raised their member club dues for a LONG time. They made the hard decision to bump up club member dues by 100%. None of us are excited about an increase of that size. Membership in MUCC can be either a club member or an individual member (and you can be both). Over the time that their dues were not increased the ratio of club members to individual members changed from a majority of individual members to a majority of club members. This compounded the severity of their financial situation by stagnating their revenue due to the greater percentage of funds coming from the unchanged club member fee.

MUCC offers ways to help soothe this increase. If a club member also purchases an MUCC individual membership MUCC will rebate a certain amount back to the member club. MUCC is also offering to provide a firearm once per year to the member club to raffle off. The net proceeds of the raffle would be split 50/50 between the member club and MUCC.

The Finance Committee and members of the Board have discussed the MUCC dues increase. Support for our continued membership with MUCC is strong. MUCC fights at many levels for the values that we as a conservation club hold. Membership with MUCC also gives us administrative and legal advantages that we would not have without club membership.

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Handgun/Running Deer Shoot

Sunday, November 3

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, 313-378-0440, or Jim Walter, 734-478-3946



Elections for Officers and Directors

Club Elections

Club elections occur in February each year. The bylaws stipulate the various procedures and timelines that we are to adhere to.

Terms of Office

Club Officers are elected each year for a one-year term. Club Directors are elected to a three-year term and staggered so that each year one seat is up for election in each of the four districts.

Nominations

The nomination process begins in November each year. The ballot is finalized at the January meetings.

Voting

Voting is in February at the Annual Meeting. An absentee ballot can be requested if you are unable to attend the February Annual Meeting.

The newsletter article last month, October, provided more details. This is a less eye-glazing reminder of upcoming Club activities. If you interested and time allows, serving the Club is a worthy adventure. Inquire for answers to your questions.

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Fall Back!

At 2am on Sunday, November 3, set your clocks back an hour.



**Come & Play Euchre at Tri-County
Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday**

Our Wednesday Euchre Night is off to a great start! It was a blast bringing back Tri-County's Euchre tradition. Our first games were played on October 9 with 12 players (and plenty of spectators at the bar)—not bad for a first night—and the fun continued on October 23. October's success tells us it's an activity we should continue!

Come and join in the fun on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.
Cover charge: \$5, with \$2.50 going to the prize pots at the end of the night.

6-7pm

- Sign in early for your place at the full tables. The tables of 4 will be filled in the order of people signing up.
- Don't know how to play? We'll show you.
- Are you rusty? Take this hour to play "practice hands."

7-9pm

- Play begins at 7pm. Additional tables will join in as more tables of 4 come together.
- We are playing an 8-hand rotation, with new rotations beginning up until 9pm.

After everyone has completed the last 8-hand rotation, prizes will be awarded:

- High Score: 80% of pot
- Low Score: 20% of pot

Tie scores at the end of the night will be broken by drawing of first jack.

Cash bar (with snacks available for sale) and free popcorn.

Questions?

Call Carol Grubb at 734-417-9599



Second Season Fourth IBS 100 Yard .22LR Match Held

On Thursday evening, September 26, 4 shooters met to compete in an IBS 100-yard 22LR rifle match at TCSL. Shooters were given 20 minutes to complete a 6-bull IBS 100 yard target, with 5 shots on each bull. The first bull was for sighting, then the next 5 bulls (25 shots) were for score. Each bullseye is only about 4" in diameter, with the 10-ring not much bigger than the .22 bullet. Here are the results:

Place	Name	Rifle	Score
1st Place	Brad Orr	Anshulz	220-2x
2nd Place	Dave Harris	Bergara B14R	217-2x
3rd Place	Dave Vandermark	Ruger 10-22	193-2x
	Roland Tadd	CZ??	179

There will be one more of these Thursday night IBS matches next year. Check the calendar for dates and times.

For any questions, contact

[Dave Vandermark at rifle@tcsl.org](mailto:Dave.Vandermark@rifle@tcsl.org)

**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.



Booster Club

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Thank YOU

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.

185-Yard Bench Rifle Match Held

Our second 185-yard Rifle Match of 2024 was held on Saturday, October 5, at the 185-yard rifle range with five shooters. Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1st Place	Dave Vandermark	AR-15	223 Rem	92
2nd Place	Julius Roberts	MAS 36/51	7.5x54	39
3rd Place	Tony Roberts	No.4 Mkl Enfield	303 British	8
Scoped Division				
1st Place	Larry Sanford	Remington 700	308 Win	100-6x
2nd Place	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	223 Rem	87

Our next 185-Yard Bench Match will be held in 2025, and is open to all TCSL members and guests. Registration starts at 9am and the match begins at 10am. A short safety briefing will be held prior to the match. Fees for the match will be \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. You can compete with ANY 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 8 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



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Military Rifle Match Held

Our third standard Military Rifle Match for 2024 was held on Saturday, October 12, at the 100-yard Rifle Range with five shooters. Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1st Place	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30-06	296-2x
2nd Place	Larry Sanford	M1 Carbine	30 Carbine	288
3rd Place	Dave Vandermark	AR-15	223 Rem	186
	Julius Roberts	BM-59	308 Win	167
	Tony Roberts	1917 Enfield	30-06	144

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held in 2025 and is open to all TCSL members and guests. Registration starts at 9am and the match begins at 10am. A short safety briefing will be held prior to the match. Fees for the match will be \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. You can compete with any military style rifle (no full autos), foreign or domestic, modern or vintage, with iron sights or scope. You will need 45 rounds of safe ammunition, a shooting mat or something to lie on, safety or shooting glasses and ear protection. Spotting scopes and sling are helpful.

The course of fire for the event shall be: 5 rounds of slow fire in the prone position for sight-in within 5 minutes. For score; 10 rounds slow fire in the prone position, 10 rounds of rapid fire in the prone position, 10 rounds rapid fire in the sitting position and 10 rounds of slow fire in the standing un-supported position. For the Slow fire portion single fed rounds are fired within 8 minutes, while rapid fire is within 80 seconds with a magazine or stripper clip change. There will be a short safety briefing prior to the match. Please Note: You need not be a military member to compete, as they are surely welcome, you only need to own a military style rifle.

For further information or questions contact

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2024 Rifle Match Schedule

Saturday, November 9
Trench Match (10am start)

Sunday, November 24
March Madness Match (10am start)

Saturday, December 14
White Elephant Match (10am start)

[Dave Vandermark, rifle@TCSL.org](mailto:Dave.Vandermark.rifle@TCSL.org)



2024 Bowling Pin Shoot Review

The results of this year's Bowling Pin Shoots are finally in. We had great crowds of shooters at each event and experienced a great influx of new shooters with their families and friends. They all became very proficient by the end of the season.

We ran more than 60 relays during the year, with more than 300 shooters participating. There were several different categories that each person could participate in: revolver, semi-auto pistols, and PCC rifles. The final overall results for the year were:

Fastest average for 3 tables:
Mike Cowhy @ 2.69 sec.

Fastest shooter to knock down 5 pins:
Julius Roberts @ 2.41 sec.

I want to thank everyone who came out to shoot, and a special thank-you to all the crew members, month after month, helped set-up and tear-down, officiate, score, and keep these events safe. They also served as and even loaned their own firearms and ammo to new shooters. I owe them a big "THANKYOU!"

I hope we can do this again next year!
Have a good winter.

Thank you.

Mike Cowhy

December Newsletter

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3 RSO on Duty: Charlie U. 12pm - Friends of 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 12pm - Running Deer	4 12pm - Friends of	5	6 10am - Wednesday Range	7 12pm - Friends of	8	9 9am - Orientation Class 9am - Trench Match (100 12pm - Wicked Jeeps
10 RSO on Duty: Charlie U. 12pm - Trap Shooting @	11 12pm - Friends of 	12	13 10am - Wednesday Range 6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri-	14 12pm - Friends of	15 2pm - Friends of Veterans	16
17 RSO on Duty: Charlie U. 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 1pm - Friends of	18 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7:30pm - Finance	19	20 10am - Wednesday Range	21 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board Meeting	22 5pm - SHS Reunion Setup	23 6pm - Saline HS Reunion
24 RSO on Duty: Charlie U. 11am - 100 Yd March 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 1pm - Friends of	25 12pm - Friends of	26	27 10am - Wednesday Range 6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri-	28 12pm - Friends of 	29	30



Please always see the online calendar for up-to-date information!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 RSO on Duty: Charlie U. 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 1pm - Friends of	2 12pm - Friends of	3	4 10am - Wednesday Range	5 12pm - Friends of	6 12pm - Wicked Jeeps	7 4pm - Wicked Jeeps
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