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## President's Column

I am honored to address you as the newly elected President of our esteemed Sportsmen's Club. First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing President, Steve Reed, whose dedication and leadership have been instrumental in the club's growth and success.

Our recent elections have brought together a dynamic team of individuals committed to upholding the values and traditions of our club. Congratulations to the newly elected officers and board members:

Executive Board:

President – Mark Smokowicz

1st Vice President – Jim Walter

2nd Vice President – Fred Girbach

Treasurer – John Harden

Membership Secretary – Charlie Unbehaun

Recording Secretary – Carol Grubb

Newly Elected Directors:

Region 1 – DeAndre Ellis

Region 2 – Jason Curtis

Region 3 – Phil Cardon

Region 4 – Kevin Kerber

Additionally, we would like to recognize and express our gratitude to the retiring board members: Steve Nesmith, Mike Thompson, Val Kabat, and Dave Stout. Thank you for your time, dedication, and service to the club.

March is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month at TCSL. I encourage all members to take part in upcoming events and shake off those winter blues. Some highlights include:

- Trap open every Sunday
- WOT/KORD planning meeting
- Hunter Education Field Day
- 100-Yard March Madness Rifle Match
- 50/100-Yard Lever Action Rifle Match
- .22 Rifle/PCC Bowling Pin Shoot
- Handgun Bowling Pin Shoot
- Board/Membership Meeting – Enjoy a Smash Burger!
- Euchre Night

Be sure to check the club calendar for specific dates, times, and details on these events.

I look forward to working together to make this year a remarkable one for our club. Your active participation and feedback are invaluable as we embark on this journey together.

Mark Smokowicz

President, TCSL

[president@tcsl.org](mailto:president@tcsl.org)

## Membership

We received several membership applications in February. Please join me in welcoming our new applicants:

Lesli Hart – Associate

Jackson Bailey – Military

David Betts – Probationary

Marybeth Felters – Probationary

Robert Andreis – Probationary

In February, we scheduled an orientation session, but unfortunately, no one attended due to bad weather.

At this time, no orientation sessions are scheduled for March. Please keep an eye on the club calendar for upcoming dates. I will send an email to new applicants requiring orientation about a week before the next scheduled session. We have received a few requests for a weekday orientation, so if you are interested, please let me know your preferred date and time options.

For current probationary members, renewal notices will be sent four to six weeks before membership expiration. Please check your membership card to confirm your expiration date.

As we near the end of the annual renewal cycle, I will provide updated membership statistics in the April Newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding membership or volunteer hours, feel free to reach out.

Charlie Unbehaun

Membership Secretary

[membership@tcsl.org](mailto:membership@tcsl.org)

## MUCC News

Kris Matthew will be representing TCSL and carrying the club's votes at the MUCC Convention, taking place March 7–9 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

Jim Pryce will also be attending; however, due to his Diaconate duties, he will be arriving late on Saturday afternoon or early evening.

Unfortunately, Stuart Berry is unable to attend this year due to unforeseen circumstances.

We will provide a full report at the April membership meeting and in the April newsletter, keeping you updated on the latest developments in Michigan's great outdoors!

[Jim Pryce, \[mucc@tcsl.org\]\(mailto:mucc@tcsl.org\)](mailto:Jim.Pryce@tcsl.org)

St. Patrick's  
Day

# March

Memorial & Wellbeing  
Celebration & Thanks

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# Rob Struk

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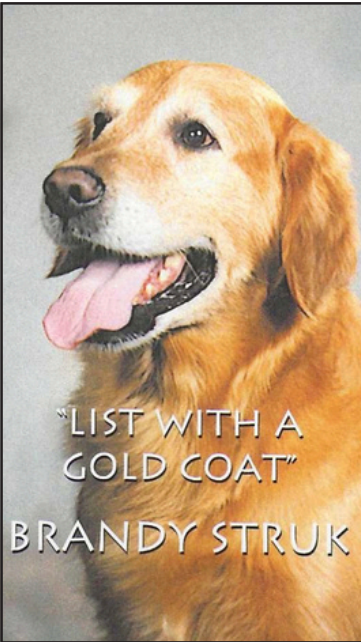
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GOLD COAT"  
BRANDY STRUK

## Hunter Education

March still offers plenty of outdoor opportunities for hunters. Small game hunting, fur bearer hunting, and trapping seasons are still open. Be sure to check the Michigan DNR website or the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app for regulations, season dates, and bag limits.

March also marks the beginning of our Hunter Education classes. At TCSL, we provide the Field Day portion of the online Hunter Education course, a requirement for obtaining a Michigan hunting license.

To get started, take the approved online hunter safety course.

This year, we will hold a Field Day on the third Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 1 PM, except for August, when it will take place on Sunday, August 17th, from 12 PM to 4 PM. Classes will run until September.

Registration opens four weeks before each class. You can find class dates and times on the TCSL calendar and the DNR's website:

[Michigan DNR Hunter Education Programs](#)

We're also excited to welcome a new instructor, Jen Davis, who is not only joining our team but is also stepping up as our Hunter Education Regional Coordinator. If you see her, please take a moment to welcome and thank her for her dedication!

At TCSL, we are committed to fostering a safe, ethical, and knowledgeable hunting community. Even if you're not a hunter now, you might find yourself with the opportunity to go hunting with a family member or friend. By completing the course and obtaining your hunter safety certificate now, you'll be prepared to purchase a hunting license when the time comes.

We look forward to seeing you in one of our classes or on the range for some trigger time!

If you have any questions, E-mail: [huntereducation@TCSL.org](mailto:huntereducation@TCSL.org)

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## Women On Target

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Online registration for this year's event opens on Tuesday, April 1, at 8 AM. Participants are limited to 70 women, and registration tends to fill up quickly, so early sign-up is recommended. The cost remains \$125, which includes everything needed for the day.

The Women On Target (WOT) event is designed for women ages 18 and up with little or no shooting experience. If you know someone who would benefit from this hands-on experience, please encourage them to register. To sign up, visit [www.TCSL.org/events](http://www.TCSL.org/events) on April 1.

As in past years, many volunteers are needed to ensure the event runs smoothly. If you are not participating but would like to help, your time and effort would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers play a crucial role in making this a successful day for all involved. Those interested in assisting can email [WOT@TCSL.org](mailto:WOT@TCSL.org) or call or text Gerry Eaton at 734-604-9500 to share their availability.

In addition to the main event, there will be raffles for both volunteers and participants. Donations of raffle items and baskets are needed to make this a success. Volunteers are also needed to assist with raffle preparations and activities before and during the event. Sponsorships are available and greatly appreciated, as they help keep participant fees affordable while providing prizes that support the club. Sponsorships also strengthen community relations. Sponsorship packets are available at the club or can be requested by emailing [WOT@TCSL.org](mailto:WOT@TCSL.org).

Planning for this event is well underway, and the next Women On Target planning meeting, held in conjunction with Kids On The Range Day (KORD), is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the club. Those interested in learning more or assisting with the event are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Gerry Eaton at 734-604-9500 (call or text) or Deb Thompson at 734-649-5315.



# HELLO SPRING

### April Newsletter

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

For advertising information:  
[tcsl.org/newsletters](http://tcsl.org/newsletters)

Reminder: Connor Anteau  
is the new newsletter editor  
beginning with the March newsletter.

Did You Know?  
TCSL apparel

Tri-County Sportsmen's League now has its own line of apparel! That's right, TCSL has partnered with SLI Custom Signs & Apparel in Milan to bring you some awesome clothing. Starting Monday, February 17, through Sunday, March 2, visit our website, [www.tcsl.org](http://www.tcsl.org) and follow the link to the online store, and order your TCSL logo items. The online store will be open for two weeks and then close to process the orders. Delivery to your address will occur sometime in the later part of March, or you can save on shipping costs by stopping by the SLI office in Milan. During the 2025 calendar year, we're planning to have three additional online store openings to order TCSL items. If you would like to see additional apparel items, after the initial online store closes on March 2, email me and share your thoughts.

Fred Girbach, [v2president@tcsl.org](mailto:v2president@tcsl.org)

Tri-County Euchre



Come join us for Euchre Night at Tri-County regularly scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. It's open to the public. Bring your friends.

Cover charge is \$5 with \$2.50 going to the prize pots at the end of the night. Open at 6pm and play begins at 7pm. If you don't know how to play or have gotten rusty, come before 7 and learn or brush up. Play begins at 7. The bar is open, and the popcorn is free. Upcoming Wednesday Dates: March 12, March 26, April 9. Any questions, contact

Carol Grubb, 734-417-9599  
[Carol@CarolGrubb.com](mailto:Carol@CarolGrubb.com)

Kids on the Range Day  
Saturday, July 12, 2025

Please join us for our next planning meeting on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:30pm in the clubhouse. If you've volunteered for this event before, you know how much fun it can be! If you haven't, come out and give it a try. Most of the kids have little to no experience, and it's fun to watch them as they're introduced to the fun of sport shooting. This year's KORD will follow the same basic 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. Our "needs" list is pretty much the same as the one for Women On Target, though on a bit smaller scale. Please think about a role you might like to play this year. While KORD and WOT share many similarities, there are also some important differences. For instance, KORD volunteers must submit a background check—done through the Michigan State Police's ICHAT website. It's a pretty painless process (though it does cost \$10), but the site isn't as user friendly as it might be. I can provide a handout explaining the process. If you'd rather not deal with it, I'll be happy to do it for you. I'll just need your birthdate—and the \$10, of course. I hope to see many of you on the 4th. I know July seems like a long time from now, but it will be here before we know it! Questions? Let me know.

Daniel Kaminski, [kord@tcsl.org](mailto:kord@tcsl.org)

Monthly WOT/KORD Planning Meetings

1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm:  
March 4 • April 1 • May 28 - Volunteer  
Dinner  
July 9 - KORD Volunteers only



Sunday, March 9



Booster Club

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Attn: Booster Club

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The mission of the Booster Club is to raise funds to supplement TCSL's traditional funding through member dues. These funds will help to ensure that TCSL can continue to: Promote sportsmen and women in the betterment of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, boating, shooting.

- Host social activities for our members.
- Provide leadership for our youth.
- Participate in citizen action in the legislative process.
- Protect our environment.

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.



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## Pistol House Winterization Success

The Winter Weather Gods smiled upon us on Thursday, January 30th, granting us a perfect day to winterize our Pistol House. Thanks to a large group of dedicated volunteers, the project was completed quickly and efficiently.

A huge thank you to the members who braved the cold to improve our pistol shooting experience for the winter season:

- Mark Smokewicz
- David White
- Darren Pawlowski
- Michael Habel
- Ken VanBrimer
- Donna Johnston
- Chris Lite

Your hard work and commitment to our club are truly appreciated!  
Dick Cupka pistol@tcsl.org

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## Obituary for Harold F. Piehutkoski

Harold F. Piehutkoski passed away in 2025, following his beloved wife, Josephine D. Piehutkoski (née Hodge), who passed in 2018.

Harold and Josephine are survived by their son, Jeffrey (Kellee) and their daughter, Sammi Jo, of Longview, Washington, and their daughter, Lynn (Scott) Koch of Dexter, MI. Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine; his parents, Frank and Laverne; his sisters, Ruth and Liz (Milton); and his nephews, Gary and Terry. He is survived by his siblings, Maxine, Leroy, and Alice, as well as many loving nieces and nephews: Kirsten, Leroy, Bobette, Adam, Chera, Lisa, Brad, Michelle, Jeff, and Lynn.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Hodge and Florence (Levertte); and her siblings, Doris (John), Gertie (John), and Robert (Shirley). She is survived by her siblings, Alberta, Ron, Roger, and Shirley, and her nieces and nephews: Karen, Dennis, Nancy, Jay, Alan, Marjorie, Dean, Dale, Doug, Jack, Just, Susan, Lori, Adam, and Aaron.

In honor of Harold and Josephine Piehutkoski, please consider making a memorial donation to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI.

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## Grounds Volunteers Wanted

**Grounds still needs motivated volunteers to help with mowing come spring! Any questions please reach out to Pam**

Pam Hasselbach,  
Grounds@tcsl.org

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## 2025 TCSL Rifle Match Schedule

TBD - 100 yd high power bench match  
3/15 - March Madness match (10 AM start)  
3/29 - Lever action match (10 AM start)  
4/12 - Military match (10 AM start)  
5/3 - Cavalry match (10 AM start)  
5/17 - Kentucky Windage 22LR match (10 AM start)  
6/14 - Military match (10 AM start)  
6/28 - 185 yd high power bench match (10 AM start)  
7/10 - IBS 22LR match (6:30 PM start)  
7/19 - March Madness Match (10 AM start)  
8/7 - IBS 22LR match (6:30 PM start)  
8/16 - 185 yd high power bench match (10 AM start)  
8/28 - IBS 22LR match (6:30 PM start)  
9/6 - Military match (10 AM start)  
9/16 - IBS 22LR match (6:00 PM start)  
10/18 - March Madness Match (10 AM start)  
11/15 - Trench match (10 AM start)  
12/13 - White Elephant match (10 AM start)

Dave Vandermark  
rifle@tcsl.org



| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
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| 23<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @                           | 24<br>12pm - Friends of  | 25   | 26<br>10am - Wednesday Range<br>6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri- | 27<br>12pm - Friends of   | 28  | 1  |
| 2<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @                            | 3<br>12pm - Friends of   | 4<br>6:30pm - WOT/KORD                       | 5<br>10am - Wednesday Range                               | 6<br>12pm - Friends of  | 7   | 8  |
| 9<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @                            | 10<br>12pm - Friends of  | 11   | 12<br>10am - Wednesday Range<br>6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri- | 13<br>12pm - Friends of   | 14  | 15<br>9am - 100 Yd March<br>9am - Hunter Education |
| 16<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @<br>12pm - .22 Rifle / PCC | 17<br>12pm - Friends of<br>6:30pm - Safety<br>7:30pm - Finance | 18   | 19<br>10am - Wednesday Range                              | 20<br>12pm - Friends of<br>6:30pm - Board Meeting<br>7pm - Membership | 21  | 22<br>10am - IDPA Monthly                          |
| 23<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @                           | 24<br>12pm - Friends of  | 25   | 26<br>10am - Wednesday Range<br>6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri- | 27<br>12pm - Friends of   | 28  | 29<br>9am - 50/100 yd Lever                        |
| 30<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @<br>12pm - Handgun         | 31<br>12pm - Friends of  | 1<br>6:30pm - IDPA 2025<br>6:30pm - WOT/KORD | 2<br>10am - Wednesday Range                               | 3<br>12pm - Friends of  | 4   | 5  |



[Please always see the online calendar for up-to-date information!](#)



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| 30<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @<br>12pm - Handgun                           | 31<br>12pm - Friends of  | 1<br>6:30pm - IDPA 2025<br>6:30pm - WOT/KORD | 2<br>10am - Wednesday Range                               | 3<br>12pm - Friends of  | 4   | 5                            |
| 6<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @  | 7<br>12pm - Friends of   | 8  | 9<br>10am - Wednesday Range<br>6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri-  | 10<br>12pm - Friends of   | 11  | 12<br>9am - Military Rifle   |
| 13<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @<br>12pm - Handgun                           | 14<br>12pm - Friends of<br>6:30pm - Safety<br>7:30pm - Finance | 15   | 16<br>10am - Wednesday Range                              | 17<br>12pm - Friends of<br>6:30pm - Board Meeting<br>7pm - Membership | 18  | 19<br>9am - Hunter Education |
| 20<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @   | 21   | 22   | 23<br>10am - Wednesday Range<br>6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri- | 24  | 25  | 26<br>10am - IDPA Monthly    |
| 27<br>RSO on Duty: Charlie U @<br>12pm - Hammond<br>12pm - Trap Shooting @<br>12pm - .22 Rifle / PCC | 28   | 29   | 30<br>10am - Wednesday Range                              | 1<br>6:30pm - IDPA 2025   | 2   | 3<br>9am - Cavalry Match     |