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President's Column

At our March Membership Meeting, I had the pleasure of presenting the 2024 awards to several very deserving members. These awards recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to TCSL, and it's always an honor to acknowledge their hard work.

This year's Member of the Year award was presented to Pam Hasselbach for her outstanding efforts as the club's Grounds Chair. If you've noticed the improvements around the property—such as the freshly painted building, cleaned-up gazebo, new directional signage, and camo-painted bay walls—you've seen Pam's work in action.

And for those who spend time mowing, your backsides are surely thanking her for the new cushioned seat with shock absorbers on the zero-turn mower!

Thank you, Pam, for your dedication and for making a visible difference at our club. Your work has not gone unnoticed!

The Associate Member of the Year award was presented to Don Hasselbach in recognition of his ongoing efforts and contributions around the club. Don serves as the Action Bay Committee Chair, and many of you have already benefited from his work—especially the plate racks installed at Turkey Bay 1. He's also in the process of preparing Turkey Bay 2 with additional competition plate racks to expand our shooting opportunities.

In addition to his work with the Action Bays, Don is a regular presence on the Trap Fields during both Sunday and Wednesday shoots, where he's always ready to lend a hand. His behind-the-scenes support of our Member of the Year, Pam Hasselbach, also deserves recognition.

Thank you, Don, for your dedication and the many ways you contribute to the success and improvement of our club!

This year's Leadership Award was presented to Jon Yost in recognition of his exceptional work as Hunter Education Program Chair. Under Jon's leadership, the program has grown significantly—from offering just one class per year to now hosting six Hunter Education Field Days annually.

Jon not only coordinates the scheduling and logistics of each session, but also conducts the courses, recruits qualified instructors to assist, and ensures everything is cleaned up once the day is done. His efforts have helped countless students and young hunters earn their Hunter Education Certificates, promoting a strong foundation in safe, responsible, and ethical use of our natural resources. Thank you, Jon, for your commitment, leadership, and the positive impact you continue to make on our club and community.

Mark Smokowicz, president@tcsl.org



Membership

We had four new membership applications submitted in March. Please join me in welcoming the following probationary members to the club:

Nicholas Drews

Joe Hollenshead III

Lain McGregor

Brenda Bentley

We also held an orientation session in March, which was attended by five members:

Robert Andreis

David Betts

Nicholas Drews

Joe Hollenshead III

Lain McGregor

Please take a moment to welcome them all to TCSL when you see them around the club.

Our next orientation is scheduled for April 12th. I'll send an email reminder to new applicants who still need to attend. Current members are also welcome to join any orientation as a refresher. We've had a few requests for a weekday orientation, so if that better fits your schedule, please reach out with your preferred day and time options.

For current probationary members, renewal notices will be sent 4 to 6 weeks before your membership expiration date. Be sure to check your membership card so you're aware of when your renewal is due.

As we wrap up the annual renewal cycle, here are the current membership statistics:

Associates: 23

Junior: 2

Life: 18

Military: 2

Probationary: 45

Past President: 8

Probationary Young Adult: 2

Regular: 179

Senior: 68

Young Adult: 2

Total Membership: 350

If you have any questions about your membership status or volunteer hours, feel free to contact me.

Charlie Unbehaun, membership@tcsl.org

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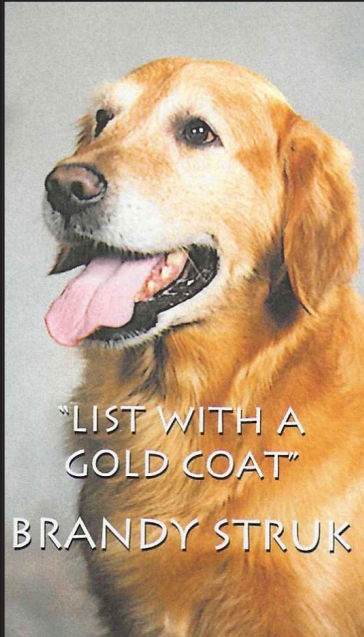
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Hunter Education

We held our first Hunter Education Class of the year with an impressive turnout of 47 successful students, some of whom were accompanied by parents taking advantage of a refresher.

This year, we'll be busy hosting six Field Day sessions, each consisting of four hours of classroom instruction, safe gun handling practice, and a 50-question written test.

In the state of Michigan, anyone born on or after January 1, 1960, must successfully complete an approved hunter education course in order to purchase a hunting license. At Tri-County Sportsmen's League, we follow the two-step process required by the state:

1. Students must first complete the online Hunter Education course.
2. They must then attend a Field Day session and present their online course completion certificate (voucher) at check-in.

The online course is fee-based and available at: <https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan/>. Michigan's Hunter Education program is taught by a dedicated team of certified volunteer instructors and conservation officers.

Registration for our April 19th class opened on March 15th. The remaining Field Day dates for 2025 are:

- May 17th
- June 21st
- July 19th
- August 17th
- September 20th

Registration opens four weeks prior to each class. You can check class dates on the TCSL website calendar, and register at michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com. Be sure to complete the online course at Hunter-Ed.com before attending your Field Day.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out

Jon Yost, huntereducation@tcsl.org

Memorial and Wellbeing

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their recovery:

Val Kabat, Jeff Gage, Kris Matthew, and Steve Reed.

We wish them all strength and a smooth path to healing.

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

MUCC News

On March 15–16, I attended the 88th Annual Convention of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. A lot of meaningful work was accomplished on behalf of Michigan's natural resources. I shared a full report at the recent TCSL Board/Membership meeting, and additional information has been posted on the bulletin board at the club entrance. For more details, you can also visit www.mucc.org.

This summer, TCSL will be sending three kids to the MUCC Camp for Kids in Chelsea. It's a fantastic opportunity, and we're proud to support it.

Speaking of camp, there is a Camp Clean-Up Day scheduled for Friday, May 9th, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Volunteers will be served a continental breakfast and lunch. If you plan to attend, please register at mucc.org so they can plan meals accordingly and accommodate any special dietary needs or food allergies. Plus, any hours you volunteer at Camp will count toward your TCSL work hours.

For the golfers in our club, the 2nd Annual Mike Avery Camp for Kids MUCC Golf Outing will be held on Friday, July 25th at the West Branch Country Club. The entry fee is \$125 and includes 18 holes of scramble-format golf, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, and dinner. Last year's outing raised over \$10,000 for the camp. I attended last year and have already registered for this year's event. You can register through the MUCC website.

As a reminder, every TCSL member is automatically an MUCC member, as \$5 of your annual dues goes to support the organization. MUCC is encouraging members to consider upgrading to an Independent Membership for an additional \$40 per year. This membership includes a subscription to Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine and access to discounts at places like Jay's Sporting Goods, Cabela's/Bass Pro Shops, and Dunham's—worth over \$100. Plus, for every 10 members who sign up independently, TCSL receives a kickback from MUCC to support our programs.

Lastly, I want to share a quick health update on Kris Matthew. Upon arriving at the convention in Gaylord, Kris experienced a sharp pain that shot up his leg and back, leaving him unable to walk. Unfortunately, he had to spend the weekend in his hotel room. He is currently at Glacier Hills Rehab in Ann Arbor, working on his recovery. We hope to see him back at the club soon. If you're in the area, consider stopping by to visit—or give him a call if you have his number.

Jim Pryce mucc@tcsl.org

Earn Work Hours Support Club Events

Looking for a way to earn your volunteer work hours at Tri-County Sportsmen's League but not sure where to start? Here's a great opportunity to get involved!

TCSL hosts a variety of events throughout the year at the clubhouse, including wedding receptions, graduation parties, family reunions, fundraisers, and more. These events rely on the help of volunteers to run smoothly—and that's where you come in.

If your own schedule is tight, keep in mind that your spouse, life partner, or adult children (18 and over) can also volunteer on your behalf—and as a member, you still receive the work hour credit.

Volunteering for clubhouse events is not only a great way to support the club, but it also helps generate income. These events typically bring in \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually, directly contributing to TCSL's financial health.

All upcoming events are listed on the TCSL online calendar, so take a look and see what fits your schedule. Your time and support help make these occasions memorable for our guests and successful for our club.

If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out and ask to have your name added to the event volunteer list. We'd love to have you involved!

Fred Girbach
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Tri-County Euchre

If you haven't joined us yet, now's the perfect time to mark your calendar and come enjoy a fun night of euchre at the club. We play on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, with the next dates coming up on April 9 and April 23.

The cover charge is \$5, with \$2.50 going toward the prize pots at the end of the night.

We're also now serving hotdogs and coney dogs starting around 6:00 PM, available for just \$2.50 each. The cash bar will be open, and we offer free popcorn as well.

Schedule for the evening:

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Sign-in begins. Tables of four will be filled in the order people sign up, so come early to secure your spot. If we're short players, we'll run a three-person table.

Don't know how to play? No problem! We'll teach you between 6:00 and 7:00 PM. If you're a bit rusty, feel free to play some practice hands during this time.

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Play officially begins at 7:00 PM. The final round of 8 hands starts at 9:00 PM. For questions or more information, contact Carol Grubb at 734-417-9599.

Come out for a great night of cards, food, and community!

Carol Grubb, 734-417-9599
Carol@CarolGrubb.com



Women On Target

Women On Target – Saturday, June 7, 2025

Plans are well underway for another stellar Women On Target (WOT) event at Tri-County Sportsmen's League! This unique program offers 70 women—both experienced and inexperienced shooters—the chance to try their hands at seven different activities: Pin Shoot, Archery, Large and Small Caliber Pistol, Rifle, Hanging Clays with PCCs, and Trap.

Online registration opens Tuesday, April 1 at 8:00 AM. This event fills up quickly each year, so don't delay. Register early at TCSL.org/events to secure your spot. Once the 70 participant limit is reached, a waitlist will be available. In past years, several individuals on the waitlist were able to attend when registered participants had to withdraw—so it's worth signing up, even if you don't get in right away.

Volunteers are essential to making this event a success. We are looking for range coaches, event guides, and kitchen/indoor help. Volunteering for WOT is not only a great way to fulfill your club service hours, but it's also a lot of fun and a great way to support the community. If you're interested in helping or have questions about what's involved, please email us at WOT@TCSL.org. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to purchase a special event T-shirt, and an email with design details and ordering information will be sent out in the coming weeks. We are also actively seeking sponsors to help offset event costs and provide raffle items and goody-bag donations. If you or someone you know would like to contribute, sponsorship packets detailing levels and benefits are available at the TCSL Clubhouse or can be requested by emailing WOT@TCSL.org.

Gerry Easton WOT@TCSL.org

TCSL Online Apparel Store – Thank You and What's Next

Thank you to everyone who placed an order through the Tri-County Sportsmen's League (TCSL) online apparel store last month. Our first store of 2025 was a success, with 16 members ordering a total of 24 items. The material quality and embroidery have received excellent feedback—and what better way to promote TCSL than wearing gear that sparks the question, "What is Tri-County Sportsmen's League?"

The second online store of the year will be open from May 9th through May 25th. Once the store closes, please allow approximately 15 business days for production. Orders can be shipped directly to your address, or you can choose free local pickup at SLI Custom Signs and Apparel, 309 Dexter St., Milan, MI 48160 during normal business hours.

An email reminder will go out on Monday, May 5th, just ahead of the store's opening. If you're not ready to place an order in May, don't worry—two additional store openings are planned later in the year. Be sure to check future editions of the TCSL On Target newsletter for those dates.

If you have any questions or suggestions for future apparel items, feel free to reach out. We're always open to ideas that help our members show their TCSL pride!

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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.



PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot

Join us on select Sundays for our .22 Rifle and PCC Bowling Pin Shoots. Upcoming shoot dates are **March 16, April 27, June 1, July 6, August 3, August 4, and September 7.** The event runs from 11:30 AM until 4:00 PM, or until we run out of shooters. Shooting begins promptly at 12:00 noon.

Each relay costs \$5.00 and consists of 20 pins—5 pins on each of 4 tables. Shooters stand **20 yards** away from a shooting structure with five bowling pins placed on it. A safety officer with a timer will give the command to begin. The shooter then fires until all five pins are knocked down. The time it takes to clear the pins is recorded, and the lowest recorded time of the day earns bragging rights.

If you don't own a PCC or .22 rifle and would still like to participate, several members are willing to loan out their .22 rifles for this event.

Jim Walter
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Pin shooting is a fun yet challenging event that offers something for everyone. Whether you're a skilled shooter or a complete novice, you're welcome to participate. We guarantee you'll have a great time while improving your shooting skills in a supportive environment. Participants are encouraged to bring friends and family along to share in the experience.

Handgun Bowling Pin Shoot

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Sunday Bowling Pin Shoots, scheduled for **March 30, April 13, May 18, June 22, July 20, August 31, and September 21.** The event runs from 11:30 AM until 4:00 PM, or until all shooters have completed their rounds. Shooting begins promptly at 12:00 noon.

Each relay costs \$5.00 and includes 20 pins—five pins on each of four tables. Shooters will stand **25 feet** from the pin stand. When given the command to fire by a safety officer with a timer, the shooter will engage all five pins as quickly as possible. The time it takes to knock all pins down is recorded, and the shooter with the lowest time earns bragging rights for the day.

If you don't own a handgun, PCC, or .22 rifle, you're still welcome to join in. Several members on site are happy to loan a .22 handgun or rifle for the event, so you don't have to sit this one out.

Mike Cowhy
313-378-0440 car64mc@peoplepc.com

PCC / .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot Sunday, March 16, 2025

Sunday, March 16th marked the first Bowling Pin Shoot of the 2025 season, and it was a fantastic kickoff. We had 13 shooters come out to knock down pins and enjoy a great day on the range. The weather was surprisingly cooperative for this early in the year, and the energy was high.

We saw some very fast times, and it was great to witness the progress of returning shooters. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it a fun and successful event.

Below are the best times of the day for each shooter using semi-auto firearms:

- Julius Roberts – 2.52 seconds
- Sandy Walke – 2.80 seconds
- Mike Cowhy – 2.82 seconds
- Kyle Stebbeman – 3.14 seconds
- Nick Drews – 3.52 seconds
- John Payer – 3.54 seconds
- Jim Walter – 3.86 seconds
- Tom Hammonds – 4.44 seconds
- Tony Roberts – 4.51 seconds
- Carol Grubb – 5.53 seconds
- Nancy Lindemann – 5.63 seconds
- Nora Roberts – 6.40 seconds
- Gerry Eaton – 7.21 seconds
- Jim Walter (.22 Pump Rifle) – 16.60 seconds

Thanks again to all who came out and supported the event. We're looking forward to seeing even more of you at future shoots!

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Spring Clean-Up Day – Saturday, April 5, 2025

It's time to get our club grounds looking great for the season! Please save the date: Saturday, April 5th, and join us for Spring Clean-Up Day. We'll meet outside the clubhouse at 10:00 AM. We plan to work rain or shine, unless weather conditions become unsafe.

We really need your help—and as an added bonus, you'll receive double work hours for volunteering! This is a perfect opportunity to refresh and enhance the club's appearance and take pride in the space we all enjoy.

We're looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, including:

- Clearing debris from flowerbeds
 - Picking up large sticks from around the property
 - Blowing leaves and removing them to the burn pile
- Please bring any tools you may have, such as gloves, blowers, rakes, shovels, trowels, trimmers, and loppers.

P.S. The Grounds Committee is still looking for volunteers to join the grounds crew. We'll be upgrading the mower this year, making your mowing experience smoother and more efficient. If you've been considering helping out, now's a great time to get involved!

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support in keeping our club looking its best.

Pam Hasselbach,
grounds@tcsi.org



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

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

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25 RSO on Duty: Charlie U @ 12pm - Hammond 12pm - Trap Shooting @	26 12pm - Friends of	27	28 10am - Wednesday Range 6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri-	29 12pm - Friends of	30	31