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President's Column

Spring has sprung, and with it comes a surge of activity across all our ranges at Tri-County Sportsmen's League. Here's what's happening:

Trap Shooting:

In addition to our regular Sunday shoots at noon, we have added Wednesday shoots at 4:00 PM for the summer. Interested in a little friendly competition? The TCSL 300 Summer Trap League kicks off in June and runs through August. Details are available at [TCSL Events Calendar](#). For more information, contact trap@tcsl.org.

IDPA:

Monthly matches have begun and will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. Preparations are already underway for the IDPA 2025 Challenge Match in September, with regular staff Zoom meetings taking place. For more details, contact idpa@tcsl.org.

Rifle Events:

Our Rifle Chair has put together an exciting lineup of matches this year, including:

- Cavalry Match (Step back into the 1800s)
- Kentucky Windage Match
- Military Rifle Match
- 185-Yard Match
- March Madness Rifle Shoot

If you haven't tried one of these fun and unique matches yet, this is your year! For more information, contact rifle@tcsl.org.

Bowling Pin Shoots:

Bowling Pin Shoots are in full swing, now featuring not only handguns but also PCCs and .22 rifles. For more information, contact jdwalter54@comcast.net or car64mc1@peoplepc.com.

Action Bays:

Our Action Bays continue to evolve. Currently available for your use are steel plate racks, a Texas Star, and soon, new 9mm dueling trees. Plans are also in the works for a .22-only bay equipped with dueling trees. For more information, contact actionbays@tcsl.org.

Archery:

Unfortunately, there's nothing new to report yet. We are still looking for someone to help launch a Youth Archery Program this summer. If you're interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact archery@tcsl.org.

Guest Pass Reminder:

As a reminder, every regular member recently received a free guest pass. Now's the perfect time to bring a friend, family member, or neighbor to the range and share the excitement!

If you're interested in participating or just want to observe the action, come out and join us—you'll be warmly welcomed.

Mark Smokowicz, president@tcsl.org

TCSL By-Law Proposed Changes

This serves as official notification that several proposed changes to the TCSL By-Laws are now available for member review. Two documents have been prepared and posted in the Members Only section of the TCSL website:

- Summary of Revised By-Laws 04-2025
- Full Text Revised By-Laws 04-2025

Below is a brief synopsis of the proposed changes:

- Addition of the ability to send absentee ballot requests via email.
- Updates to the list of Standing Committees, including the deletion of some committees and the addition of new ones.
- Creation of a new membership type specifically for Law Enforcement Officials and First Responders.

To review the proposed changes in full, please visit the Members Only area of the TCSL website. Hardcopies of these documents are also available at the clubhouse for your convenience.

Your review and feedback are important. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the updates.

Mark Smokowicz, president@tcsl.org

Membership

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

- Stephen Ingram – Probationary
- Michael Molina Minard – Probationary
- Chris Hutchinson – Probationary
- John Price – Probationary
- Todd Kingman – Probationary

We also held an orientation session in April, and the following members attended:

- Brenda Bentley – Probationary
- Chris Hutchinson – Probationary
- Lesli Hart – Associate
- John Price – Probationary
- Donald Shattock – Probationary

Please be sure to welcome them when you see them around the club.

Our next orientation is scheduled for May 10th. I will send a reminder email to new applicants a week or so before the date. Current members are also welcome to attend if they would like a refresher. We have received a few requests for a weekday orientation, so if you are interested in attending during the week, please contact me with your availability.

Probationary member renewal notices will be sent four to six weeks prior to membership expiration. Please check your membership card to confirm your expiration date.

As we conclude the annual renewal cycle, here are our current membership statistics:

- Associates: 24
- Junior: 4
- Life: 18
- Military: 2
- Probationary: 52
- Past President: 8
- Probationary Young Adult: 2
- Regular: 187
- Senior: 68
- Young Adult: 2
- Total Membership: 367

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

Charlie Unbehaun, membership@tcsl.org

In Memoriam

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Wesley E. Prater, who recently passed away at age 90. He will be remembered by the TCSL community.

Rob Struk
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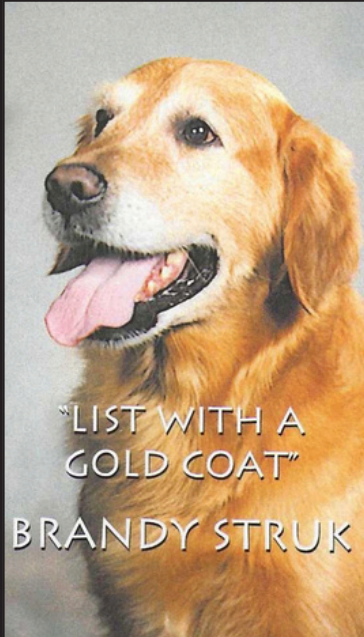
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Hunter Education



We held our second Hunter Education Field Day of the year, with 39 successful students completing the program. Many parents also joined the class to refresh their knowledge, helping to reinforce the importance of safe and responsible hunting practices.

This year, we will continue to be busy with five more Field Day classes. Each session consists of four hours of classroom instruction, safe gun handling exercises, and a 50-question written test.

As a reminder, anyone born on or after January 1, 1960, must successfully complete an approved Hunter Education course to purchase a hunting license in Michigan. At Tri-County Sportsmen's League, students are required to first complete the online course and then attend a Field Day to earn their Hunter Safety Certificate.

Students must present a completion certificate (voucher) from the online course at the start of the Field Day. The online course is fee-based and available at www.hunter-ed.com/michigan. Michigan's Hunter Education program is taught by a dedicated group of certified volunteer instructors and conservation officers.

Registration for the May 17th class opened on April 19th. Future class dates for 2025 are:

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

Registration opens four weeks prior to each class. You can find upcoming class dates on the TCSL website calendar, and register at michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com.

If you have any questions about the Hunter Education program, please feel free to reach out. We look forward to seeing you at a future class!

Jon Yost, huntereducation@tcsi.org

MUCC News

First, a quick health update on Kris Matthew: I'm happy to share that Kris is now home and doing better. While he's still getting around slowly, he is making steady progress. Thank you to everyone who kept him in your thoughts and prayers.

Now, onto some very important news from the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) regarding a critical issue impacting Michigan's outdoor community.

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) has recently taken steps to partially close Michigan's coyote season—a decision that ignores decades of science-based wildlife management and the voices of hunters, trappers, landowners, and conservationists across the state.

But this isn't really about just coyote hunting. Across the country—in states like Colorado, California, Washington, and New Jersey—once social pressures, emotional pleas, and subjective feelings are allowed to drive game management decisions, we as conservationists, hunters, anglers, and trappers have already lost.

When it comes time to make decisions about hunting wolves or sandhill cranes, do we want those decisions made based on emotional pleas, or based on objective data and science?

This is our moment to push back. MUCC is forming the Michigan Coyote Coalition to bring together individuals and organizations who are ready to stand up for responsible, fact-driven wildlife policy.

Please take a moment to visit www.mucc.org, click the Advocacy link, and sign the petition.

By adding your voice, you are helping to build a unified front that the NRC can't ignore and protecting the foundation of science-based wildlife management for the future of hunting, fishing, and trapping in Michigan.

Thank you for your time and support.

Jim Pryce mucc@tcsi.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
2nd Vice President
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v2president@tcsi.org

May

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 May 14th and May 28th

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: Help Needed!

In just over 5 weeks, TCSL's Women On Target event is happening — and we need everyone's help to make it a success!

After working through some early registration issues, sign-ups are steadily coming in, but we still have work to do. As of May 1, just over half of our 70 available spots have been filled.

If you haven't registered yet and would like to attend, please do so as soon as possible!

Volunteer Opportunities

We are in need of the following support:

- 1 guide and 2 backup guides
- Range coaches
- 6 youths for pin setting
- Help setting up at the club on Thursday, June 5 and Friday, June 6
- Kitchen and clubhouse support during the event on Saturday, June 7
- Extra hands throughout the event day — if you're available, we'll find a place for you to jump in

To volunteer, please contact Gerry at:

- Email: wot@tcsl.org
- Text/Call: 734-604-9500

Donations and Sponsorships

- Raffle Basket Donations: We're accepting themed basket items to create amazing raffle prizes.
- Sponsorships: We are still welcoming sponsors! Sponsorships received by May 9 will get your company name on the event T-shirt.

Event T-Shirts

- Event T-shirts are available for \$15 and can be ordered through May 9 at [TCSL.org/events](https://www.tcsl.org/events).

We appreciate your support — whether you can donate, sponsor, volunteer, or simply help spread the word! Let's make this year's Women On Target our best yet!

Gerry Eaton wot@tcsl.org

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

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!



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.

Gerry Easton WOT@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.



PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot

Join us on select Sundays for our .22 Rifle and PCC Bowling Pin Shoots. Upcoming shoot dates are **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
734-478-3946 jdwalter54@comcast.net

Handgun Bowling Pin Shoot

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Sunday Bowling Pin Shoots, scheduled for **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

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.

PCC / .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot Sunday, April 27, 2025

It was a beautiful day for shooting, and we were thrilled to welcome 22 shooters to our Bowling Pin event! The weather couldn't have been better, and the turnout included several new faces alongside many returning participants. We saw some incredibly fast times and great improvements from our returning shooters. Thank you to everyone who came out and made the day such a success!

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



Shooter	Best Time (Seconds)
Kyle Stebbeman	2.18
Mike Cowhy	2.50
Jon Yost	2.76
Tom Hammonds	2.86
Julius Roberts	2.95
Jim Walter	3.17
Nick Drews	3.26
Rick Parsons	3.47
Jason Larke	3.81
Vic Chevrette	3.82
Tony Roberts	3.86
Jerry Ropp	4.00
Andy	4.42
Tyler	4.67
Tom Lewandowski	4.79
Nora Roberts	5.03
Monte	5.33
Mike S	5.46
Nancy Lindemann	6.09
Mike Carlson	7.85
Larry Walton (Pump)	8.31
Bob Struk	13.89



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May-2025

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

June-2025

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