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President's Column – Summer 2025: Let's Make It Unforgettable!

Dear Club Members,

As we gear up for a vibrant summer, I'm excited to share that Tri-County Sportsmen's League will be hosting three major events—each one an opportunity to bring our community together for fun, learning, and camaraderie.

These events embody our club's values: skill-building, youth engagement, and a strong competitive spirit. But to make them truly successful, we need you—your time, your energy, and your talents. Whether you're a longtime volunteer or brand new to helping out, there's a place for everyone.

Let's come together to make Summer 2025 unforgettable!

1. Women on Target

Saturday, June 7 | 8 AM – 6 PM

Contact: WOT@tcs1.org

This empowering day is designed to introduce women to shooting sports in a safe, welcoming, and educational environment. From first-time shooters to seasoned pros, participants will experience hands-on instruction led by certified instructors across multiple disciplines.

We need volunteers to assist with setup, registration, food prep, and range support. If you're passionate about promoting safety, confidence, and inclusion in shooting sports, this is your chance to shine. Reach out to WOT@tcs1.org to join the team.

2. Kids on the Range Day (KORD)

Saturday, July 12 | 9 AM – 4 PM

Contact: KORD@tcs1.org

There's nothing more rewarding than seeing a young shooter discover the joy of the range. KORD introduces kids to firearm safety, marksmanship, and respect for the outdoors in a fun, engaging setting.

Volunteers are needed for range supervision, mentoring, and logistics like snack distribution and target setup. You don't need to be an expert—just bring your enthusiasm and a desire to help the next generation. Email KORD@tcs1.org to lend a hand.

3. IDPA Sportsmen's Challenge

Saturday & Sunday, September 13–14 | 8 AM – 5 PM

Contact: IDPA@tcs1.org

This two-day competitive shooting event draws shooters from around the region to test their skills in real-world scenarios. It's fast-paced, exciting, and packed with adrenaline.

To make it a success, we'll need help with range setup, scoring, safety, and check-in. Whether you're a competitor or just curious about the sport, volunteering is a great way to get involved. Contact IDPA@tcs1.org to sign up.

Your Club Needs You!

These aren't just events—they're opportunities to build community, grow our club, and share the values we all care about. Whether you're managing gear, greeting guests, or just showing up to lend a hand, every role makes a difference.

If you're ready to get involved, contact the event leads today and let them know where you'd like to help. Thank you for being the heart of Tri-County—let's make this summer one for the books.

Mark Smokowicz
President, Tri-County Sportsmen's League
president@tcs1.org

Still Time to Sign Up: Mike Avery MUCC Golf Outing

There's still time to register for the Mike Avery Michigan United Conservation Clubs Golf Outing, taking place on Friday, July 25th at the West Branch Country Club.

This fun and spirited event raises funds for the Camp for Kids program in Chelsea, which helps introduce youth to the outdoors and conservation. Last year's outing raised over \$10,000, and with your help, Mike Avery is aiming to top that in 2025.

TCSL's own Jim Pryce is already signed up again this year—show your support and join him on the course for a great cause.

To register and get more details, visit www.mucc.org and look for the golf outing under events.

We hope to see you there!

Thank you,

Kris Matthew & Jim Pryce
MUCC Committee
mucc@tcs1.org



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Kids on the Range Day – Saturday, July 12, 2025

We're getting close to one of the most rewarding events of the year—Kids on the Range Day (KORD)—and spots are still available for both age groups: 8–11 and 12–18.

Please help us spread the word—word-of-mouth is one of the most effective ways to promote our club's events. A link to the registration form and a printable poster is available at tcsf.org/events.

If you've volunteered for KORD before, you already know how much fun it is. If not, we encourage you to come out and give it a try! We're always in need of volunteers—both on the ranges and in the clubhouse. Most of the kids attending have little to no experience, and it's incredibly rewarding to help introduce them to the sport in a fun, supportive environment.

This year's KORD will follow the same successful format as previous years. That said, we're always open to constructive suggestions for improvement—your feedback is welcome!

Volunteer Background Checks

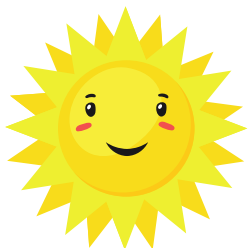
As a reminder, all KORD volunteers must submit a background check through the Michigan State Police ICHAT system. County Explorer process and costs \$10. If the website gives you trouble, I can send you a handout with instructions—or better yet, I can submit it on your behalf. I'll just need your birthdate and reimbursement for the fee.

Final Planning Meeting

There will be no KORD planning meeting in June, but please make every effort to attend the final meeting on Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 PM. This is our last chance to finalize details and ensure everything runs smoothly on event day.

If you have any questions or need help with the background check process, don't hesitate to reach out to me at kord@tcsf.org. Let's make this year's KORD another great one!

Val Kabat
KORD Coordinator
KORD@tcsf.org



Membership

We welcomed eight new membership applicants in May. Please join me in giving a warm welcome to the following new members:

- David Campbell – Probationary
- Tim Goldenburg – Probationary
- Maximus Goldenburg – Junior
- Jesse Chambers – Probationary
- Ramses Ramos – Probationary
- Matt Tellas – Probationary
- Tyler Carman – Probationary
- Andres Blibeche – Probationary

We also had five members attend orientation in May:

- Tim Goldenburg – Probationary
- Maximus Goldenburg – Junior
- Tyler Carman – Probationary
- Todd Kingman – Probationary
- Ron Smith – Senior (Refresher)

Please be sure to say hello and help welcome them to the club!
Upcoming Orientation

Our next orientation session is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th. An email will be sent to new applicants who still need to attend. Current members are always welcome to join as a refresher.

We've had a few requests for a weekday orientation—if you're interested, please contact me with your preferred date and time options.

Membership Reminders

- Probationary member renewal notices will be sent 4–6 weeks before your membership expiration date. Please check your membership card to stay up to date.
- We are currently halfway through our "volunteer hours year," which runs from December 1st through November 30th. If you haven't yet logged your hours, now is a great time to get involved!

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer, including:

- Range and grounds maintenance
- Support for major events like KORD, Women On Target, and the IDPA Challenge Match
- Clubhouse events and other activities throughout the year

Current Membership Statistics:

- Associates: 24
- Junior: 5
- Life: 18
- Military: 2
- Probationary: 53
- Past President: 8
- Probationary Young Adult: 2
- Regular: 193
- Senior: 68
- Young Adult: 2
- Total Members: 375

If you have any questions about your membership status or volunteer hours, please contact me at membership@tcsf.org.

Thank you,

Charlie Unbehaun
Membership Secretary
membership@tcsf.org



Women On Target – Saturday, June 7, 2025

Only One Week to Go!

We're just one week away from Tri-County Sportsmen's League's Women On Target event, and excitement is building! A big thank you to all the volunteers who have already stepped up—we couldn't do it without you. That said, we still need help to fill a few remaining roles and ensure the event runs smoothly.

Still Time to Register!

As of May 27th, we have 10 open spots remaining. Registration will remain open until 3:00 PM on Friday, June 6th—the day before the event. If you or a friend have been considering joining, now's the time!

Please note: Registrations submitted after May 25th will not include an event t-shirt.

Volunteer Needs

We are still looking for help in the following areas:

- 1 guide and 2 backup guides
- 2 range coaches
- 6 youth volunteers for pin setting (includes a bonus pin shoot just for them)
- Setup assistance on Thursday, June 5 and Friday, June 6
- Kitchen and clubhouse help during the event
- Extra hands for various duties throughout the day on Saturday, June 7

If you're available—even for just part of the day—we'd love to have you involved. We'll find a spot that fits your schedule and skills.

To volunteer, please contact:

Gerry Eaton – WOT@TCSL.org or call/text 734-604-9500

Raffle Basket Donations & Sponsorships Needed

We're also accepting donations of themed basket items to help build our popular raffle baskets. Items can be dropped off up to the day before the event. If you're able to donate or would like to become a sponsor, please reach out.

Thank you for supporting this fantastic event. Let's make it another successful and memorable Women On Target!

Contact:

Gerry Eaton – WOT@TCSL.org | 734-604-9500
Deb Thompson – 734-649-5315

Euchre Night

Join us for a fun night of euchre on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Upcoming dates: June 11th & 25th

- **Sign-in:** 6:00–7:00 PM (early arrival recommended)
- **Play:** 7:00–9:00 PM (final round begins at 9:00 PM)
- **Cover Charge:** \$5 (\$2.50 goes to prize pots)
- **Food & Drinks:** Hotdogs and coney dogs for \$2.50, cash bar, free popcorn
- **New to euchre?** We'll teach you between 6:00 and 7:00 PM!

Come out for cards, food, and great company!



Contact:

Carol Grubb
734-417-9599.



Booster Club

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monthly donation.

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tablet.



Or mail a check to:

Tri-County Sportsmen's
League

Attn: Booster Club

8640 Moon Road, Saline, MI 48176



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.

Hunter Education at TCSL: What It Is and Why It Matters

I'm often asked, "What does Hunter Education bring to Tri-County Sportsmen's League?" It's a fair question—and one that doesn't have a simple dollar value attached to it. While this program may not generate cash profits for the club, and in fact sometimes costs money to operate, its value lies far deeper.

Let me share some key excerpts from two guiding documents that define both the mission of TCSL and the purpose of the Michigan DNR's Hunter Education Program:

From the TCSL By-Laws:

"The purposes of Tri-County Sportsmen's League are to provide and promote citizen action in the protection of our environment and the proper and wise use of our natural resources... and to provide leadership and education for our youth and encourage their participation in our club."

This mission clearly supports educational programs like Hunter Education, which align directly with our founding principles.

From the DNR Hunter Education Policy and Procedures Manual:

"The goal of the Michigan Hunter Education Safety Program is to train safe, knowledgeable, and responsible hunters."

The program's public value includes:

- Developing hunters who act safely and responsibly
- Reducing hunting- and non-hunting-related incidents and wildlife violations
- Enhancing the image of hunters and strengthening hunter-landowner relations
- Promoting hunting and shooting sports as legitimate recreational activities
- Fostering an understanding of wildlife management and habitat protection

At Tri-County Sportsmen's League, I truly believe our program delivers on every one of these goals. With the help of dedicated volunteers and certified instructors, our classes are not only successful but impactful—and their value is unmatched.

Personally, I believe that God calls us to help our fellow citizens, and by teaching something we love—safe, ethical hunting—we are doing just that.

If a guest student or parent later chooses to become a TCSL member, that's simply a bonus.

I sincerely thank all of our members and volunteers who support the Hunter Education Program. Because of you, we are shaping the next generation of hunters the right way.

Our May 17th class welcomed 34 new safe and ethical hunters into the fold. Congratulations to all, and happy hunting!



Registration for our next Hunter Education Field Day, scheduled for June 21st, opened on May 17th.

Additional upcoming class dates for 2025 are:

- July 19th
- August 17th
- September 20th

Registration opens four weeks prior to each class and can be completed at:

<https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com>

Students must also complete the online Hunter Education course beforehand, which can be found at:

<https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan>

If you have any questions about the program or registration process, please contact me directly.

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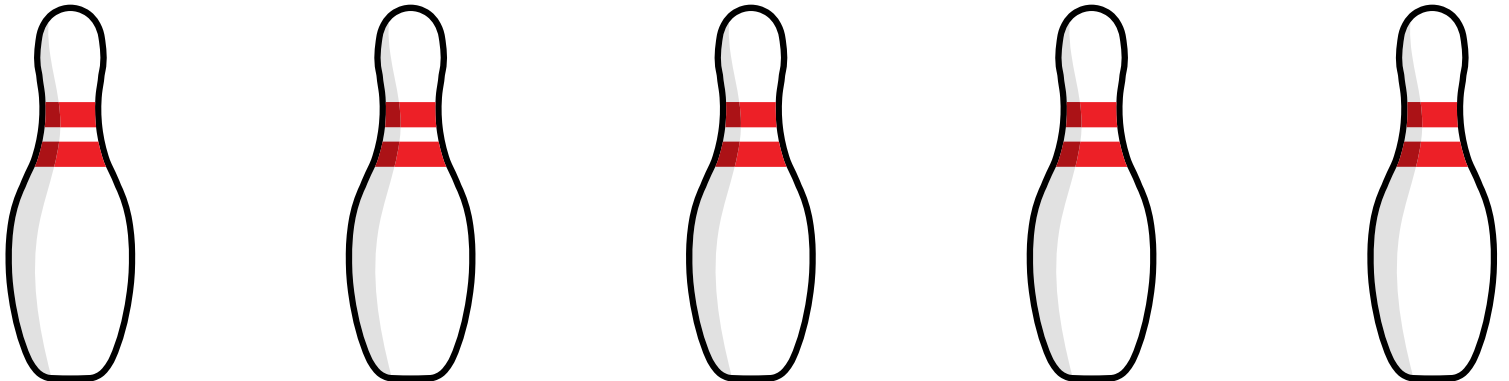


PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot

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
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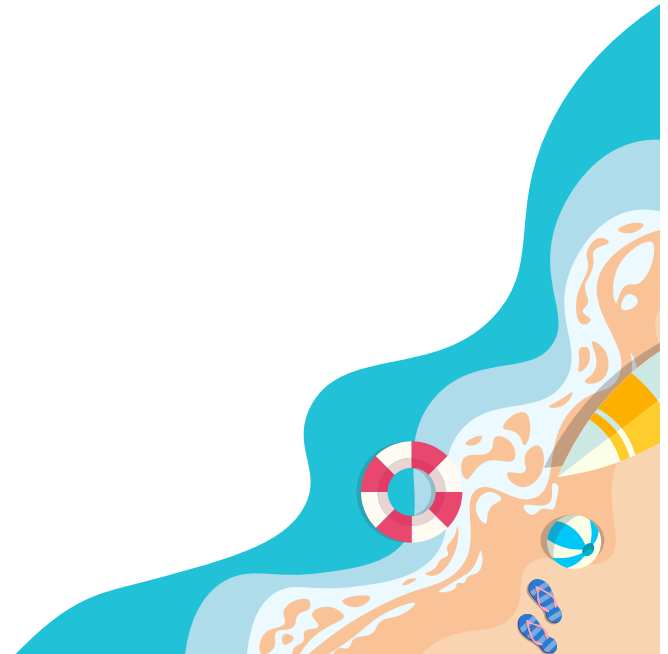
Pin shooting is a fun yet challenging event that offers something for everyone. Whether you're a skilled shooter or a complete novice, you're welcome to participate. We guarantee you'll have a great time while improving your shooting skills in a supportive environment. Participants are encouraged to 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 **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



June-2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 RSO on Duty: Charlie U @ 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 12pm - .22 Rifle / PCC	2 12pm - Friends of	3	4 10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Trap Shooting	5 1am - WOT Setup (lower 12pm - Friends of	6 1am - WOT Setup (lower 12pm - All Ranges Closed	7 8am - Women On Target
8 RSO on Duty: Charlie U @ 12pm - Trap Shooting @	9 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety	10	11 10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Trap Shooting 6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri-	12 12pm - Friends of	13	14 9am - Military Rifle 9am - Orientation Class
15 RSO on Duty: Charlie U @ 12pm - Trap Shooting @	16 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Finance	17	18 10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Trap Shooting	19 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board Meeting 7pm - Membership	20	21 9am - Hunter Education 12pm - Vanbelle Baby
22 RSO on Duty: Charlie U @ 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 12pm - Handgun	23 12pm - Friends of	24	25 10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Trap Shooting 6pm - Euchre Night @ Tri-	26 12pm - Friends of	27	28 10am - 185 yd High 10am - IDPA Monthly
29 RSO on Duty: Charlie U @ 12pm - Trap Shooting @	30 12pm - Friends of	1 1	2 10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Trap Shooting	3 12pm - Friends of	4	5 9am - Orientation Class

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

July-2025

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