



Tri-County Sportsmen's League • 8640 Moon Road, Saline, MI 48176 • 734-429-9561 • tcsl.org

### President's Column

Elections were held Thursday, February 19,, at the Club. Officers are elected each year to a one-year term. There was an opening in each region for a Director's spot (three-year term) and one (two-year term) due to Phil Cardon's vacating his Director's position to run for President. Below are the election results. New members to the Board will be seated at the March Board Meeting:

President	Phil Cardon
1st Vice-President	Jim Walter
2nd Vice-President	Carol Grubb
Treasurer	John Harden
Membership Secretary	Charles Unbehaun
Recording Secretary	(open)
Region 1 Director	Nate Newlin
Region 2 Director	Jim Jackson
Region 3 Director	Rob Grubb
Region 3 Director	John Vidolich (2-yr term)
Region 4 Director	Jon Yost

Congratulations to all our candidates. The Recording Secretary position remains open, and our new President's first order of business will be to appoint a willing candidate.

The board also approved funding to renovate the upstairs hall for painting, blinds, ceiling fans, and updated curtains. A donation component was started and has raised more than a grand so far. More to follow.

This being my last column, I would like to say that I have enjoyed the time served as President (again), especially being able to work with and meet so many good people. And I truly appreciated all the encouragement and advice I have been given, both good and bad. Thank you! Here's wishing Phil Good Luck! in his new leadership position.

[Mark Smokowicz, marks@comcast.net](mailto:Mark.Smokowicz@comcast.net)



### Membership

Eight people submitted applications in January:

Jacob Bender - Probationary	Dominic Sapienza - Probationary
Michael Gerdeman - Associate	Alex Stanich - Probationary
Angela Muir - Probationary	Steven Szura - Probationary
Mark Rotary - Probationary	Michael Zandi - Probationary

Three people attended orientation in January:

Daniel Scrochi - Probationary
Tom Starkey - Probationary
Evan Wight - Probationary

Please welcome them to the Club.

The next orientation is scheduled for Saturday, February 14. About a week before the date, I will send an email to new applicants who need orientation. Any current members are also welcome to attend as a refresher. We have had a couple of requests for a weekday orientation. If you would like to attend then, please let me know about possible date and time options.

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.

Below is our current membership by type:

Associates: 26
LEO First Responder: 1
Junior: 7
Life: 17
Military: 5
Probationary: 50
Past President: 9
Probationary Young Adult: 1
Regular: 202
Senior: 80
Young Adult: 2
<b>Total: 400</b>

At the January Membership Meeting I added to the various committee reports the number of volunteer hours worked in 2025. Following are some highlights:

2025 IDPA Challenge Match: 1003
IDPA Monthly Matches and Practices: 1446
Board and Membership Meetings: 792
KORD: 725
WOT: 812
Trap: 482
Grounds: 625
Range Maintenance: 450
Bowling Pin Shots: 521
<b>Total: 9550</b>

If you have any questions regarding membership or volunteer hours, please contact.

Thanks,

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

**Rob Struk**  
REALTOR®

**SFR** **Century Award 2014**  
MICHIGAN REALTOR ASSOCIATION

**21 CENTURY 21**  
Curran & Oberski

25636 Ford Rd.  
Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127  
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated


Cell: **(313) 506-1468**  
Office: (313) 274-7200 Ext. 253  
Fax: (313) 274-6268  
Email: robert.struk@gmail.com

1992-2021 Office






“LIST WITH A GOLD COAT”  
BRANDY STRUK



## MUCC News

As I write this, I have just returned from the Michigan United Conservation Clubs' 89th Annual Convention. This year it was held in conjunction with Outdoorama at the Vibe Credit Union Showplace in Novi. I was the TCSL Representative. Kris Matthew had planned on attending but wasn't able to as he is still dealing with some health issues. Please keep Kris in your thoughts and prayers.

I was privileged to open both Saturday and Sunday mornings by leading invocation.

There were seven resolutions brought forward this year:

Resolution # 1 - Request DNR to form a Panfish Committee and/or specific management plan. Passed unanimously.

Resolution # 2 - Support of bobcat hunting at night with calling methods. Passed with an amendment.

Resolution # 3 - Bear Trapping. Failed by an 84 yes to 152 no vote.

Resolution # 4 - Resolution to direct MUCC staff to lobby against the defunding of the United States Geological Survey Bird Banding Laboratory. Passed unanimously

Resolution # 5 - Balance Bear Numbers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Passed unanimously.

Resolution # 6 - Deer Management Flexibility Across Michigan. Resolution was withdrawn by the writer.

Resolution # 7 - Restriction of Cross Bows and Regulations across the State. Failed.

For additional information visit [MUCC.org](http://MUCC.org)

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

## Hunter Education

**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

Thank you to all who responded to our outreach for new Hunter Education Instructors: Luther Dia, John Vidolich, Kayieigh Zupi, Enrique Castillo, and guest, Jim Martin.

Thank you to our already-established Certified Instructors: Mike Cowhy, Jim Pryce, Brian Fitzgerald, Stephen Hufnagel, and Jen Davice our County Coordinator and Instructor.

Thank you to our TCSL volunteer RSO's: Charlie Unbehaun, Mark Scarberry, and Nathan Yost.

It is not too late to join if you are interested.

I personally thank you all for the time and energy you put into this program. Without you, we could not conduct the high-quality Hunter Education classes that we are dedicated to offer to the community.

This year's schedule is like last year's, but this year's classes include "Live Fire," which is an important part of the introduction to hunter safety.

Our scheduled dates are March 7, April 4, May 2, June 13, July 11, August 1, and September 26. All classes are held on Saturdays in the upstairs of the clubhouse. Registration opens four weeks prior to the class and the dates are posted in TCSL calendar and at <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/> where you sign up.

The class is the Field Day portion of our Hunter Education program. Before you can attend the Field Day, you must take the online class from <https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan/>. Pass the online class, and bring your certificate of completion/Field Day voucher, to the class you register for.

### Pro Tip:

Take the class early in the year. As October approaches, classes are in high demand and fill up fast. Also, even if you are not sure that you are going to hunt, having your certificate is a "Life Time Achievement." If you decide at a later time you would like to hunt, you will already have your certificate. The class might even inspire you to do some hunting sooner..

Get out and enjoy the outdoors.

The Hunter Education committee  
[Jon N Yost. huntereducation@tcsl.org](mailto:Jon.N.Yost.huntereducation@tcsl.org)

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/about/get-involved/volunteer-recreational-safety-instructor>



---

### It's Always Something at TCSL!

If you're a homeowner, you know that something is always going wrong. Faucets leak, water heaters fail, furnaces give out. It's no different at Tri-County. Over the past couple of years, we've encountered some serious roofing problems. Solving roofing problems, as you know, isn't inexpensive—unless you have a very good friend and neighbor in the roofing business. And TCSL does!

Jeff at New Roof gave us a \$2,000 discount on the tractor shed roof last year, and are currently in the process of fixing the leaks on the clubhouse roof at NO COST. THANK YOU, Jeff



---

### IDPA at TCSL

IDPA season will open soon at TCSL. We are planning to host our first Tier 1/Club Level monthly match at the action pistol bays on Saturday, March 28. Sign-in will open at 9am, with first shots at 10am.

Please consider attending an IDPA Committee meeting on Monday, March 2, at Tri-County Sportsmen's League lower level at 6:30pm to kick off the 2026 season and begin planning for the upcoming Sportsmen Challenge event this fall. This will be an in-person meeting, but Zoom will be made available for those who cannot make it to the Club. (See the TCSL calendar for the link.)

We are looking forward to another successful season this year, and I want to thank all members for their tremendous amount of help and patience with this effort.

IDPA at TCSL is a fun and friendly sport that is easy to get started with, and I hope you will consider joining us. Look for our match registrations on practiscore.com.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

[Steve Nesmith, idpa@tcsl.org](mailto:Steve.Nesmith@tcsl.org)

---

### Tri-County Euchre



Mark your calendar to come out and enjoy a fun night playing euchre at the club. We play on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Upcoming dates: March 4 and 18..

Cover charge is \$5, with \$2.50 of that going to the prize pots at the end of the night: 80% goes to the high scorer and 20% goes to the player at the other end of the scoresheet.

Play starts at 7pm. We serve hotdogs and coney dogs from shortly after 6pm on. The cost is \$2.50 each. The cash bar is open and the popcorn is free.

Carol Grubb, 734-417-9599



---

### There's a new COACH in Town

Hi, everybody. My name is Nick Drews, and I'm the new COA.CH (Coordinator of All Club Helpers) for TCSL. I'll be coordinating volunteers and their involvement in the Club. The goal is for this task force to engage with committee chairs to learn their needs and to get our members more involved where those needs are. More specifics will be coming soon, but I'm looking forward to engaging with you all in the near future!

[Nick Drews, nidrews@gmail.com](mailto:Nick.Drews.nidrews@gmail.com)



### Support your Club with a Donation to TCSL's Booster Club



Suggested donations:  
\$10 • \$50 • \$100

Or choose your amount.

You can also make this a recurring, monthly donation.

To donate via PayPal, scan the QR Code below.



Or mail a check to:

Tri-County Sportsmen's League  
Attn: Booster Club  
8640 Moon Rd., Saline, MI 48176

## Thank You!

**... for your generous support!**  
Please note: Contributions to TCSL are NOT tax deductible as charitable contributions.

The mission of the Booster Club is 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, and shooting; and to offer social activities for our members, provide leadership for our youth, participate in citizen action in the legislative process, and protect our environment.



### April Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:  
March 24

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

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



**Kids on the Range Day**  
**Saturday, July 18, 2026**

Remember: No meeting in March.

We'll get together again on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30pm at the clubhouse.

The format will be the same as always, but now's the time to speak up if you see things that should be changed. I'm open to suggestions.

Range Leads are actively recruiting, so get in touch with them if you'd like to work on their range.

- Action - Jon Yost, [huntereducation@tcsl.org](mailto:huntereducation@tcsl.org)
- Archery - Coach AJ, [archery@tcsl.org](mailto:archery@tcsl.org)
- Pin Shoot - Jim Walter, [v1president@tcsl.org](mailto:v1president@tcsl.org)
- Pistol - Dick Cupka, [pistol@tcsl.org](mailto:pistol@tcsl.org)
- Rifle - Dave Vandermark, [rifle@tcsl.org](mailto:rifle@tcsl.org)
- Trap - Nick Coburn, [trap@tcsl.org](mailto:trap@tcsl.org)

I'm also recruiting for other volunteers:

- Kitchen/Inside Help
- Range Rovers

If you're interested and would like to know more, please contact me.

Remember that all KORD volunteers must provide a background check done through the Michigan State Police's ICHAT website. Just type "ICHAT" into your browser, and it will get you there. The process is fairly straight forward but can be a bit terneramental, so if you'd rather not deal with it, I'll be happy to do it for you. I'll just need your birthdate and reimbursement for the \$10 fee.

Questions? Comments? You know where to find me!



[Val.Kabat.kord@tcsl.org](mailto:Val.Kabat.kord@tcsl.org)

<p>KORD 2026 Planning Meetings          Wednesdays at 6:30pm</p> <p>April 8          May 13 (maybe)          June 10          July 8</p>
--

**Online registration for**  
**KIDS ON THE RANGE DAY**  
**begins April 1!**

**Memorial & Wellbeing**

Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers, as many are struggling with health and other issues.



Many of you may remember Cindy and Dale Radak who ran the Turkey Shoot for many years. Sadly, Cindy's mom recently passed away.



Eileen Clara (nee. Lindemann) Bristle, of Saline, passed away in the care of her family at Optalis Health and Rehabilitation on February 3, 2026. She was 88 years old.

Eileen worked at the Ann Arbor Bank and Trust. Additionally, Eileen was a retail clerk at A&P, Farmer Jack, and Country Market. She loved gardening, nature, but her family was her world.

In addition to her beloved husband, Erwin Lawrence Bristle she is survived by daughters Cindy (Dale) Radak, Cheryl (Lynn) Luckhardt; Grandchildren, Christina (nee. Radak) (Steve) Buss, Lee and Glen Luckhardt; Great-grandchildren, Henry and Lucas Buss; Siblings, Virginia and Donald Drexler, Neil and Sue Lindemann, and many nieces and nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Eileen's name may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Saline, or to Trinity Health At Home,



Please send items for this column to:  
[newsletter@tcsl.org](mailto:newsletter@tcsl.org)



---

---

## Winter Rifle Bench Match Held

Our second high-power 100-yard Rifle Bench Match for 2026 was held on Saturday, February 14, at the 100-yard rifle range with 8 shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
<b>Scoped Division</b>				
1st Place	Larry Sanford	Kimber bolt	22-250	100-10x
2nd Place	Jerry Marken	AR-15	223 Rem	100-7x
3rd Place	Dave Harris	AR-10	308 Win	100-5x
	Tony Roberts	AR-15	223 Rem	96-3x
<b>Iron Sight Division</b>				
1st Place	Dave Vandermark	AR-15	223 Rem	99-2x
2nd Place	Kevin Quinlan	M1 Garand	30-06	88-2x
3rd Place	Julius Roberts	Springfield Trapdoor	45-70	81
	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30-06	77

Our next Winter Rifle Bench Match will be held in January 2027 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 style rifle (no full autos), foreign or domestic, modern or vintage, with iron sights or scope.

The winter matches are conducted from the bench rest, and course of fire is 10 rounds sight-in over a period of 10 minutes followed by 10 rounds for score over a period of 8 minutes. Highest score wins. Bring 20 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, hearing protection, registration fee, and appropriate warm clothing. A spotting scope is useful, and you may also bring rests or other positioning gear. Some blocks and sand bags are available. No rear bags or rests will be used.

For further information or questions contact:

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

---

---

## Upstairs Renovation Project

With the Board's approval, we have just begun an exciting project: the renovation of the upstairs hall. Over the years, the space has become tired and dated and not very appealing to people looking for space to rent. We believe that this is – at least in part – why hall rental/catering, which was once a significant source of income for the Club, has dramatically diminished - even in a time when more and more people are looking for venues for their events: weddings, showers, anniversaries celebrations, reunions, and more. The finished space will also be suitable for meetings, classes, conferences, etc. Our goal is to give the space a major facelift, and making it more attractive to our members, event planners, caterers, etc. We believe that this will result in more rentals, resulting in more income, resulting in a more fiscally stable Club able to make the range improvements we'd all like to see. We are, indeed, a shooting club, but shooting just isn't bringing in enough money to support our operation.

The first phase of the renovation will be to have the entire space professionally painted and to replace the window coverings and unsightly ceiling tiles. You'll see that happening early this month.

The project will, of course, cost money up front. The Board has approved an expenditure of up to \$12,000 for the project, and we are hoping to offset/enhance half of the approved funding through your generous donations. Our fundraising effort will likely include 50/50 raffles at the next three Board/Membership meetings, with the Club's portion going to this project. A contribution jar is also available at the Club, and a QR code is below for your direct contribution. We have already received \$1,300 toward this goal. We greatly appreciate your support as we move forward to make our wonderful space a place where people will be proud to hold their very special events.

When the space is ready, we'll show it off with an event for you and for caterers, event planners, photographers, etc.



[Carol Grubb, v2president@tcsl.org](mailto:Carol.Grubb.v2president@tcsl.org)

---

---

## 2026 TCSL Rifle Match Schedule

(All Saturdays)

Mar 21 – March Madness Match  
Apr 4 – Lever Action Match  
Apr 18 – Military Match  
May 2 – Kentucky Windage Match  
May 16 – Cavalry Match  
Jun 13 – Military Match  
Jun 27 – Black Powder Match  
Jul 2 – IBS 22LR Match  
Jul 11 – 185-Yard Bench Match  
Jul 23 – IBS 22LR Match  
Aug 06 – IBS 22LR Match  
Aug 15 – Slug Match  
Aug 27 – IBS 22LR Match  
Aug 29 – Military Match  
Sep 19 – March Madness Match  
Oct 3 – Military Assault Match  
Oct 24 – 185-Yard Bench Match  
Nov 14 – Trench Match  
Dec 12 – White Elephant Match

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



### Hall and Clubhouse Rental at TCSL

Our hall and clubhouse are both available for rent. Renovations are currently taking place in the upstairs hall, but you can still make your plans now for your upcoming special events.

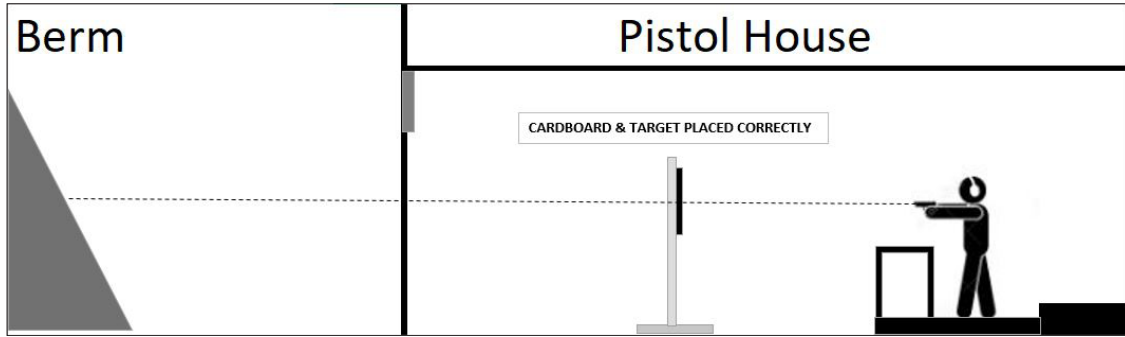
For more information on rentals, please contact:

[Carol Grubb, v2president@tcsl.org](mailto:Carol.Grubb.v2president@tcsl.org)  
734-417-9599

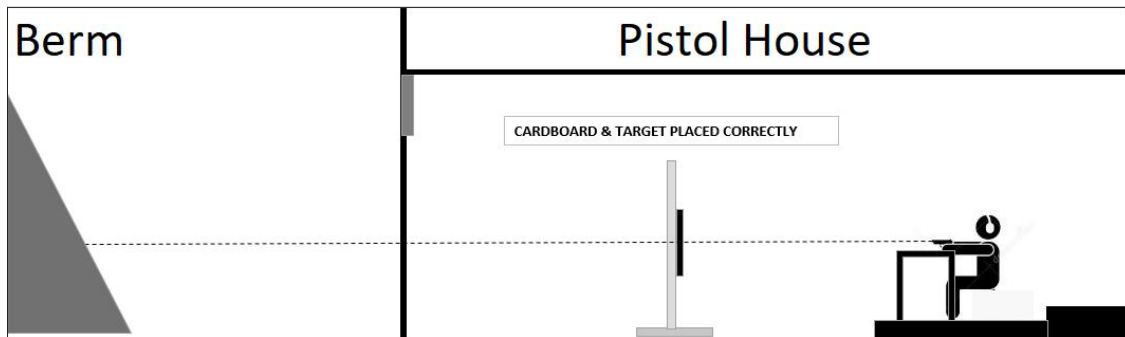
## Target Alignment: A Top Priority!

At Tri-County target placement and sight alignment are very important to the overall safety of our ranges. Knowing your target and what is behind it is one of the fundamentals of safe shooting.

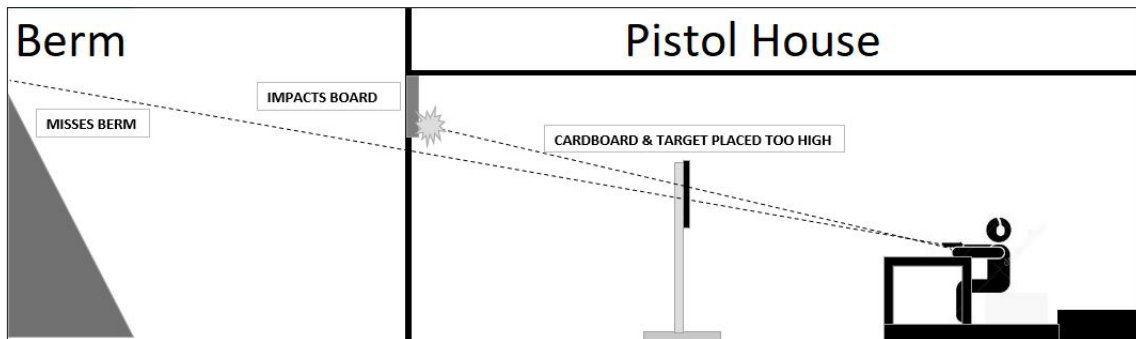
In the Pistol House we strive to place the cardboard target backers at the correct standing positions for average shooters, however people come in all sizes.



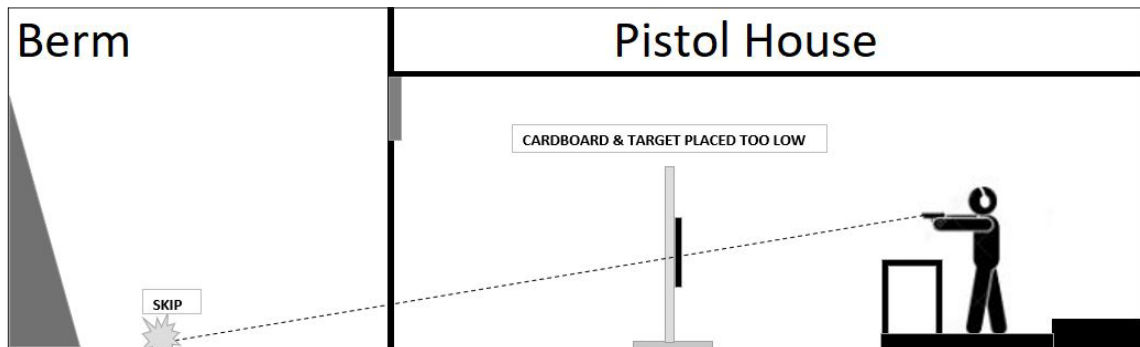
Many people enjoy shooting while seated or sighting in their pistols using a bench rest. This requires the cardboard and target to be placed at a lower position to properly impact the berm.





It is very important to remember to lower the cardboard and target to ensure proper target alignment, failing to do so can result in damage to the building or missing the berm entirely.



We ask that if you lower the cardboard for sitting you replace it to the original higher position when you have completed shooting. Shooters have been observed negligently shooting at low cardboard from a standing position. Remember you must always check your target alignment to prevent skips, this is especially important in the winter when the ground may be frozen.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	2 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - IDPA Committee	3 RSO on Duty: Phil C 6:30pm - Gun Safety	4 10am - Wednesday Range 6:30pm - Euchre Night @	5 12pm - Friends of	6	7 9am - Hunter Education
8 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 	9 12pm - Friends of	10 RSO on Duty: Phil C	11 10am - Wednesday Range	12 12pm - Friends of	13	14 10am - Orientation Class
15 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	16 6:30pm - Finance 7:30pm - Safety	17 RSO on Duty: Phil C 6:30pm - TCSL Education 	18 10am - Wednesday Range 6:30pm - Euchre Night @	19 6:30pm - Board Meeting 7pm - Membership	20 	21 Pistol Range reserved for 8am - NRA CCW course 9am - March Madness
22 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	23 12pm - Friends of	24 RSO on Duty: Phil C	25 10am - Wednesday Range	26 12pm - Friends of	27	28 9am - IDPA Club Level
29 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	30 12pm - Friends of	31 RSO on Duty: Phil C	1 10am - Wednesday Range	2 12pm - Friends of	3	4 9am - Hunter Education



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	30 12pm - Friends of	31 RSO on Duty: Phil C	1 10am - Wednesday Range 	2 12pm - Friends of	3	4 9am - Hunter Education
5 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 	6 12pm - Friends of	7 RSO on Duty: Phil C 6:30pm - Gun Safety	8 10am - Wednesday Range 6:30pm - KORD Planning	9 12pm - Friends of	10	11 9am - Spring Craft Show 10am - Orientation Class
12 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	13 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Finance 7:30pm - Safety	14 RSO on Duty: Phil C 6:30pm - TCSL Education	15 10am - Wednesday Range	16 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board Meeting 7pm - Membership	17	18 Pistol Range reserved for 8am - NRA CCW course 9am - Military Match
19 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	20	21 RSO on Duty: Phil C	22 10am - Wednesday Range	23	24	25
26 RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	27	28 RSO on Duty: Phil C	29 10am - Wednesday Range	30	1	2 9am - Hunter Education 9am - Kentucky Windage