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President's Column

Our annual Kids on Range Day was a tremendous success, and that wouldn't have been possible without the incredible dedication of our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who gave their time, shared their knowledge, and helped create a safe, fun, and memorable experience for the next generation of sportsmen and sports-women. Your commitment to mentoring our youth and supporting Tri-County Sportsmen's League is truly appreciated. Together, we're not only preserving our traditions—we're building the future of our Club and our outdoor heritage. Thank you!

Work on the Pistol House backstop continues. We have received clean dirt. Dick Cupka, Pistol Chair, has arranged to have the dirt moved into place during the first week of August. After the dirt has been moved, sand will be provided and moved into place to top off the dirt. At the June Board meeting the motion passed that opened the Pistol House range using a firing line that is 25 yards from the backstop.

Work continues on Turkey Bay #2. Earl Austin is working on the structures to support the protective enclosures for the steel plate racks. Keep in mind that Turkey Bar #1 is not closed and is available.

It is an honor to serve as your president. Thank you for your dedication, your volunteer spirit, and your support of our Club. Together, we will continue to build on our strong foundation while preserving the values and traditions that define Tri-County Sportsmen's League. I appreciate all you do, and I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

[Jim Walter, president@tcsi.org](mailto:Jim.Walter@tcsi.org)



Membership

Six people submitted applications in July:

Brandon Barkoff - Military
Hunter Kraus - Probationary
Mathew Parsons
Peter Orlando - Military
Stewart Amdreus - Probationary
Richard Dyk - Probationary

Eight people attend orientation in June:

Anthony Bailey - Probationary
Kevin Bahannon - Probationary
James Clarkson - Probationary
Yuxiang Guo - Probationary
Peter Konigsberg - Probationary
Jacob Laird - Probationary
Jadon Patterson - Probationary Young Adult
Syed Reza - Probationary Young Adult

Please welcome them to the Club.

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.

If you have any question regarding membership or volunteer hours, please contact me at membership@tcsi.org.

Thanks,

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



2026 TCSL Rifle Match Schedule

(All Saturdays)

08/06 - IBS 22LR Match
08/15 - Slug Match
08/27 - IBS 22LR Match
08/29 - Military Match
09/19 - March Madness Match
10/03 - Military Assault Match
10/24 - 185-Yd Bench Match
11/14 - Trench Match
12/12 - White Elephant Match

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

September Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:
August 24: newsletter@tcsi.org

For advertising information:
tcsi.org/newsletters

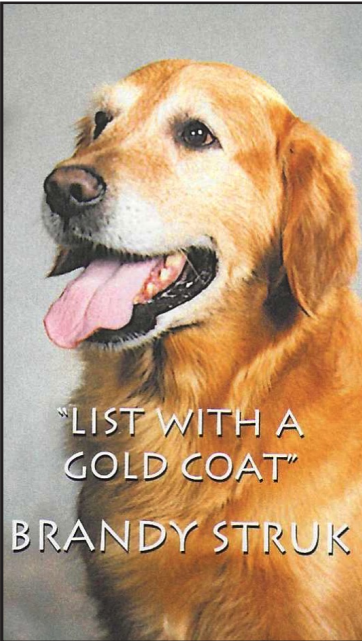
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IPDA / Action Pistol News

Catching up on IDPA match top scores . . . congratulations to these TCSL IDPA Match competitors:

May 2026

Trever Blair - 1st
Kenneth Krill - 2nd
Mat Hall - 3rd

June 2026

Justin Fisher - 1st
Chire Moore - 2nd
John Payer - 3rd

July 2026

John Payer - 1st
David Latchney - 2nd
Eldred Pickett - 3rd

Look up TCSL IDPA on practiscore.com for all the scoring details for these matches. International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) matches are concealed carry defensive action pistol matches held on the fourth Saturday of each month from April through October. These matches are open to the public, and match registration is available on practiscore.com.

Galactic Pistol Alliance (GPA) matches have been started at TCSL. GPA is somewhat of a mix of IDPA, USPSA, etc. Safety rules are virtually the same as for IDPA. The rulebook is very short and quick to comprehend. Keep an eye out on [practiscore](http://practiscore.com) for upcoming GPA matches at TCSL.

Action pistol practices continue running on Tuesday evenings. This is a great opportunity to get some weekly trigger time and learn about IDPA, GPA, and USPSA pistol sports.

Hit Factor pistol matches are being held regularly on Sunday afternoons on the Action Pistol bays.

Steve.Nesmith.idpa@tcsl.org

2026 Bowling Pin Shoot Schedule

→ Open to the Public ←

PCC & .22 Rifle Bowling Pin Shoot

Sundays: Aug 23, Sep 20
11:30am until 4:00pm (or until we run out of shooters)
Shooting starts at noon.

The cost for each relay (20 pins = 5 pins x 4 tables) is \$5.00.

The shooter stands 20 yards away from a structure, with 5 bowling pins on it. A safety officer, with a timer, will give the command to commence firing, at which time the shooter will begin shooting until all 5 pins are knocked down. The time it takes to knock 5 pins down is recorded. Bragging rights are determined by the shooter's lowest score (time).

If you don't own a PCC or .22 rifle and would like to participate, there are several members on site who are willing to loan you their .22 rifle for this event.

Contact: Jim Walter, jdwalter54@comcast.net, 734-478-3946

Pin shooting is a fun, but challenging, event. We welcome the skilled shooter, as well as the novice to participate. We guarantee you will enjoy yourself, while enhancing your shooting skills. Participants are encouraged to bring friends/family along.

Handgun Bowling Pin Shoot

Sundays: Aug 9, Sep 6, Oct 4
11:30am until 4:00pm (or until we run out of shooters)
Shooting starts at noon.

The cost for each relay (20 pins = 5 pins x 4 tables) is \$5.00.

The shooter stands 25 feet away from a structure, with 5 bowling pins on it. A safety officer, with a timer, will give the command to commence firing, at which time the shooter will begin shooting until all 5 pins are knocked down. The time it takes to knock 5 pins down is recorded. Bragging rights are determined by the shooter's lowest score (time).

If you don't own a handgun, PCC or .22 rifle and would like to participate, there are several members on site who are willing to loan you their .22 handgun or rifle for this event.

Contact: Mike Cowhy, car64mc@peoplepc.com, 313-530-7789

Online Apparel Store

Tri-County Sportsmen's League's online apparel store will open on Friday, August 7, and will remain open until Sunday, August 23. Visit www.tcsli.org and follow the online store link, or you may visit the store directly: https://shopsli.com/tri_county_sportsmens_league_st/shop/home. Once the store closes, please allow approximately 15 business days for production. Orders can be shipped directly to your address, or you can save on shipping costs by choosing free local pickup during normal business hours at SLI Custom Signs and Apparel, 309 Dexter St., Milan, MI 48160.

If you aren't ready to place an order in August, don't worry! There will be one more time in November 2026 to place an order. Be sure to check future editions of the TCSL "On Target Newsletter" for online store 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!

Fred Girbach, fredgirbach@gmail.com

Donate Stuff to TCSL

While you're doing your spring cleaning, remember that TCSL can use your unwanted items to bring in money for the Club. Maybe you sold a rifle but found a box or two of ammo for it lying around. Or, you need to get rid of some camping gear you're never going to use. You're so set on ammo that you don't need reloading equipment any longer. Maybe your kids left some stuff when they moved out 20 years ago. Whatever it is, we can probably sell it in one of our sales. We've sold everything from a firing pin to a boat. Found something to donate? Email me, and we'll figure out how to get it to the right spot. Once we get enough built up, we'll schedule another sale.

Dave Vandermark, rifle@tcsli.org



185-Yard Bench Rifle Match Held

Our first 185 yard Rifle Match of 2026 was held on Saturday, July 11, at the 185-yard rifle range with six shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1st Place	Ed Benko	M1 Garand	308 Win	100-5x
2nd Place	Dave Vandermark	1878 Swiss Vetterli	10.4x38R	77-2x
3rd Place	Julius Roberts	1873 Trapdoor	47-70 Gov't	74
	Tony Roberts	M91 Carcano Cav. Carb.	6.5x52	56

Scoped Division

1st Place	Larry Sanford	Remington 700	308 Win	100-3x
2nd Place	Jerry Marken	AR-15	.223 Rem	98-4x

Our next 185 Yard Bench Match will be held on Saturday, October 24, 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 rifle (no full autos), foreign or domestic, modern or vintage, with iron sights or scope, as long as you can fire the 10 rounds in 8 minutes. You will need 20 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, and ear protection. Spotting scopes are helpful.

The course of fire for the event shall be: (10) rounds of slow fire from the bench for sight-in within 10 minutes. For score: (10) rounds slow fire from the bench within 8 minutes. Shooters may elect to use their score from the sight-in stage, but in doing so would forfeit shooting the 2nd round.

For further information or questions:

Dave Vandermark, rifle@TCSL.org

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Suggested donations:

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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.

TCSL RANGE HOURS

Monday-Saturday:

Shooting may begin
no earlier than 10am

Sunday:

Shooting may begin
no earlier than 12noon

Every Day:

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Finance News

The Finance Committee met on Monday July 13, and the monthly financial statements were reviewed in detail as usual. In general, the Club is doing well, but we need to continue to keep a careful watch over discretionary expenses. At the time of the meeting the Club had about eight months of our operating budget available. Our goal is to keep a minimum of six months, so we are doing well in that regard. Other items discussed at the July meeting included an expense to replace the failed bottle cooler behind the bar, credit card processing fees, special event income handling, and the feasibility of posting financial statements on the members only portion of the TCSL website.

The Finance Committee voting is limited to committee members; however, meetings are open to all Club members. Watch the TCSL calendar for the next Finance Committee meeting.

Steven.Nesmith_v1president@tcsl.org

Hunter Education

We are down to the wire, with only two classes remaining. With the August class being held on the 1st, you only have one more chance this year to take the Field Day, which is the second half of the online course, to obtain a Hunter Education Certificate.

Our program has been a huge success in supplying the community with the education and the place needed to become Safe, Ethical, and Responsible hunters. Thank you, TCSL and the dedicated volunteers, for making this possible.

Our September class will be held on the 26th and will be the last class of 2026. Registration opens four weeks before class dates at: <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/programs>. Take the online class at: <https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan>

Striving to work together with our community, our members, and those that matter most in our lives.

Respectfully,

Jon.N.Yost.huntereducation@tcsl.org
The Hunter Education Committee

Kids on the Range Day

Another Successful One is in the Books!

A HUGE "thank you" to each and every one of you who volunteered and made this year's Kids on the Range Day a success. Please pat yourself on the back, because it is YOU who keep this Club going. I know Mother Nature gave us some potential extra challenges this year, but she ended up smiling on us, lifting the haze and holding off the thunderstorms.

Thanks, too, to all of you who got your kids/grandkids here. It's great to see the multi-generational interactions.

Every kid and parent had a smile on their faces when they came up for pizza, and they were so appreciative of everything they experienced.

I don't know what next year will bring, but please note that I'm looking for someone to chair the event. If no one is interested in taking on this responsibility, I'm afraid that KORD might go the way of WOT this year.

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



One more shout-out to our local business friends who generously help us feed you each year! Please patronize them when you are able.

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Black Powder Match Held

Our first (in many, many years) Black Powder Match was held on Saturday, June 27, at the 100-yard rifle range with five shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Caliber	# Shots Taken	Score
1st Place	Dave Vandermark	T/C Hawhen	50	8	80
2nd Place	Tony Roberts	Trad. Kentucky	50	10	63
3rd Place	Roland Tadd	????	45	4	48
	Larry Sanford	Kentucky Flintlock	45	5	31
	Julius Roberts	Rem. Zouave	58	4	20

This match was open to all black powder rifles. This match took place on the 100-yard rifle range, firing at NRA 200-yard size targets, standing, unsupported. You begin with the gun unloaded. The time limit was 10 minutes. Shooters were allowed to fire as many shots as they could successfully put downrange within the time limit. Score came from the score on the target, plus 5 points for each shot taken. Speed loaders were not be allowed. However, pre-measured shot charges were allowed (meaning the bullet/ball must be loaded as a second step after the powder. 10 point deduction for using an in-line gun. 20 point deduction for using a scoped rifle. (Hint: I was encouraging more of a primitive type of gun, and all guns used were traditional iron-sighted).

We will be having this match again next year and will likely extend the time for shooting and decrease the points awarded per shot taken. For further information or questions contact

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



Photo credit: Charlie Unbehaun & Dennis Chiang

Third Season Second IBS 100 Yard 22LR Match Held

On Thursday evening, July 23, four shooters met to compete in an IBS 100-yard 22LR rifle match at TCSL. -Shooters were given 20 minutes to complete a 6-bull IBS 100-yard target, with five shots on each bull. The first bull was for sighting, then the next five bulls (25 shots) were for score. Each bullseye is only about 4" in diameter, with the 10-ring not much bigger than the 22 bullet.

Here are the results:

Place	Name	Rifle	Score
1st Place	Jerry Marken	CZ 457	210-2x
2nd Place	Roland Tadd	CZ457	146
3rd Place	Dave Vandermark	Winchester 67	134
	Jeff Gage	Ruger Precision	124

There will be one more of these Thursday night IBS matches this summer. Check the calendar for dates and times.

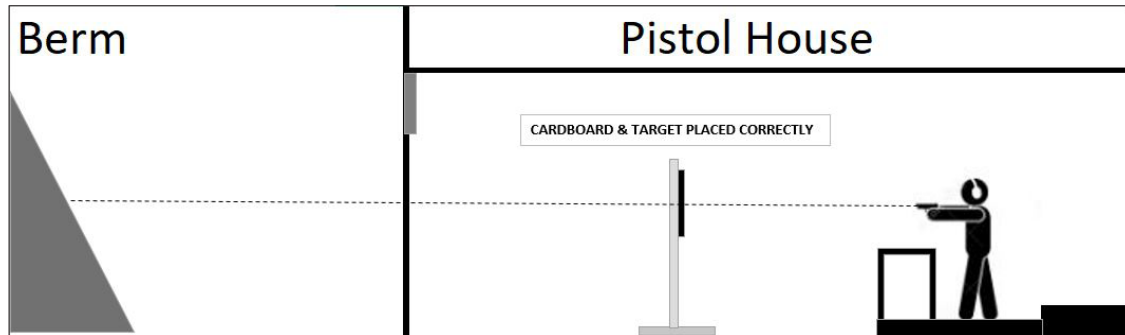
For any questions,

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

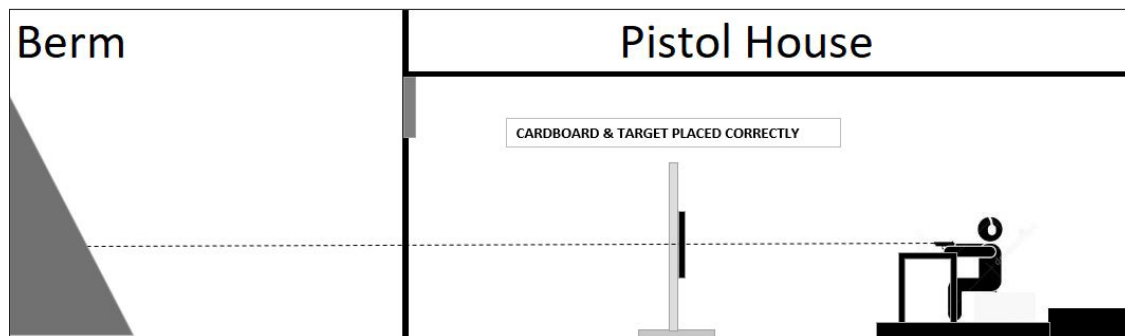
Target Alignment: A Top Priority!

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.

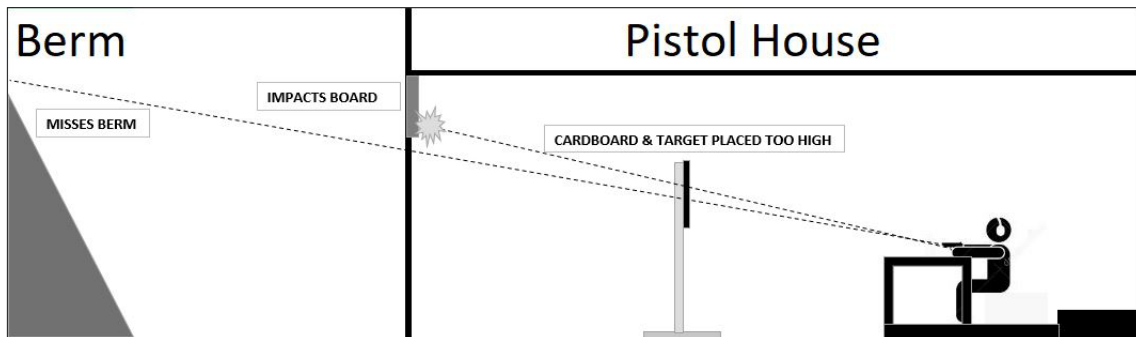
In the Pistol House we strive to place the cardboard target backers at the correct standing positions for average shooters, however people come in all sizes.



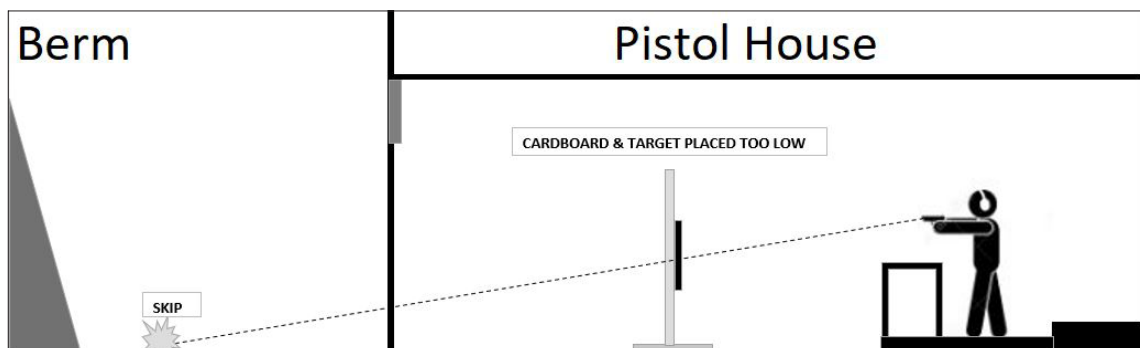
Many people enjoy shooting while seated or sighting in their pistols using a bench rest. This requires the cardboard and target to be placed at a lower position to properly impact the berm.



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
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Pistol House & Turkey Bays CLOSED @ 8640 Moon Road Saline, MI 48176 USA						
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Hit Factor Club 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 12pm - PCC Rifle	12pm - Friends of	5pm - Action Pistol	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of		9am - Hunter Education
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	12pm - Friends of	5pm - Action Pistol 6:30pm - Gun Safety	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of 6pm - IBS 22LR Match		10am - Orientation Class
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 8am - NRA CCW course 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 12pm - Handgun	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Bylaws & Rules	5pm - Action Pistol 6:30pm - TCSL Education	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of		Pistol Range reserved for 9am - Slug Match (Rifle) 9am - TCSL & NRA Range
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7:30pm - Finance	5pm - Action Pistol	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board Meeting		9am - IDPA Club Level 12pm - Ypsilanti HS 1pm - GPA Club Level
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 12pm - PCC Rifle		5pm - Action Pistol	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	6pm - IBS 22LR Match		9am - Military Match 12:30pm - Red Cross CPF
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 2pm - Ypsilanti HS		6:30pm - Gun Safety	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of		12am - IDPA Tier 3 Match 10am - Orientation Class



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 2pm - Ypsilanti HS		6:30pm - Gun Safety	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of		12am - IDPA Tier 3 Match 10am - Orientation Class
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
RSO On Duty: Charlie U IDPA Tier 3 Match Setup (Limited Range Use) @ Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176, 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 12pm - Handgun	12pm - Friends of	6:30pm - TCSL Education	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	8am - IDPA Tier 3 Match (All Pistol & Rifle Ranges closed) @ Tri-County Sportsmen's 12pm - Friends of		
						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
RSO On Duty: Charlie U IDPA Tier 3 Match (All) 12pm - Trap Shooting @	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Safety 7:30pm - Finance	10am - WCSO Range	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Board Meeting 7pm - Membership		Pistol Range reserved for 8am - NRA CCW course 9am - March Madness
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 10:30am - Kanitz Family 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 12pm - PCC Rifle	12pm - Friends of	10am - WCSO Range	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of		9am - Hunter Education 1pm - GPA Club Level
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @	12pm - Friends of		10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of		9am - Harvest Moon Craft 9am - Military Assault