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President's Column

September was a busy and exciting month here at Tri-County Sportsmen's League, highlighted by the successful hosting of the 2026, 9th annual, Tri-County Sportsmen Challenge, an IDPA Tier 3 match held September 11-13.

This year's match brought 186 shooters to our club, making it a tremendous event for Tri-County and a great opportunity to showcase our facilities, our club, and the people who make these events possible. The competition was strong, the stages were challenging, and, most importantly, the weekend was enjoyed by shooters and spectators alike.

An event of this size doesn't happen without a tremendous amount of preparation and teamwork. I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of the volunteers, match staff, range officers, setup and teardown crews, and club members who contributed their time and effort. From preparing the range and stages to keeping things running smoothly throughout the weekend, your hard work was a major part of the match's success.

I would also like to thank the 186 competitors who traveled to Tri-County and took part in the Challenge. We appreciate you choosing our club and hope you enjoyed your time with us. Events like this are a great way to introduce new people to Tri-County while strengthening the shooting community we are all a part of.



November Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:
November 24: newsletter@tcs1.org

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The success of the Tri-County Sportsmen Challenge is something our entire membership can be proud of. It demonstrates what can be accomplished when our members come together and put their time, skills, and enthusiasm behind an event.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend a success. We look forward to building on that success and continuing to make Tri-County Sportsmen's League a destination for safe, competitive, and enjoyable shooting sports.

Thank you, and congratulations to everyone who made the Tri-County Sportsmen Challenge a success!

[Jim Walter, president@tcs1.org](mailto:Jim.Walter@tcs1.org)



Membership

Four new people applied in late August and early September:

Niko Kazakos - Probationary
Ben Kazakos - Junior
Kevin Richardson - Probationary
John Hildebrand - Probationary

Two people attended orientation in September:

Niko Kazakos - Probationary
Ben Kazakos - Junior

Please welcome them to the Club.

The next orientation is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, at 10am. I will send an email to new applicants that need orientation a week or so before the date as a reminder. Any current members are also welcome to attend as a refresher. We have 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.

Finance News

I am pleased to report that for the first time in several months our income outpaced our expenses and we made a small profit in August. Every spring we receive a large portion of our annual income from membership dues. Meanwhile all our range activities are helping to provide a good ongoing income. Hall rental activity appears to be picking up as well. It is indeed pleasing to see a positive income statement at this time of year.

Please help spread the word that our hall has recently been renovated and is available for rental at favorable rates.

[Steven Nesmith, v1president@tcs1.org](mailto:Steven.Nesmith@tcs1.org)

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: 27
LEO First Responder: 9
Junior: 6
Life: 15
Military: 6
Probationary: 58
Past President: 8
Probationary Young Adult: 5
Regular: 199
Senior: 72
Young Adult: 3
Total: 408

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

[Charlie Unbehaun, Membership Secretary](mailto:Charlie.Unbehaun@tcs1.org)
membership@tcs1.org

IDPA

Starting on September 11, our Club hosted the ninth annual Sportsmen Challenge IDPA event. This was a three-day event hosting hundreds of visitors to our Club from around the region. We hosted pistol shooting sports competitors from many states and Canada, and the feedback received was overwhelmingly positive. There is much competition in Michigan for action shooting sports like IDPA and other similar sports, and from what I can tell our club sets a high bar for customer satisfaction in this area.

I would like to thank every member of the volunteer staff of the Sportsmen Challenge for the effort that I witnessed. Simply put, our Club looked great, and our event ran smoothly thanks to all their efforts. Everyone involved deserves tremendous credit for what they have done for Tri-County Sportsmen's League, from the set up crews, food service, grounds, registration staff, match officials, on and on, every bit of this event was well received by our guests. Thank you all so much for your hard work! And thank you to all members who work year-round on a wide variety of events, maintenance, and activities around our Club.

Steve.Nesmith.v1president@tcsl.org

TCSL Hunter Education Has Completed its Final Class of 2026

On September 27, TCSL Hunter Education completed its final class of the year. The year ended with an outstanding enrollment of 70 students accompanied by parents and hunting partners. I think it was the biggest class in TCSL history. I would say that 2026 has been a stellar year.

The main purpose of the Hunter Education course is to train safe, legal, and responsible hunters. Topics covered include understanding wildlife management, wildlife identification, ethics, laws and regulations, and safe firearm handling and storage. With our DNR-trained instructors and TCSL range safety officers, I think we accomplished just that.

Our total enrollment for the year was 282 students, ranging from 6 to 60 years old with the average around 25 years of age. We had a diverse group of men and women from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. It is great to be a part in bringing groups of like-minded people to the wonderful heritage of the hunting sport—joining together in the stewardship of our natural resources.

It has been a fantastic year, and we are excited for 2027 to be just as good.

I want to express my gratitude to TCSL and all that have contributed to this program. Thank you all!

Happy Hunting, and Be Safe.

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

Thank you, volunteers.
Shown from left to right:
John Vodolich, Stephen Hufnagel,
Zach Snyder (guest), Luther
Isaac, Mike Cowhy, and Jim
Martin. Not shown: Jim Pryce,
Brian Fitzgerald, Jen Davis,
Charlie Unbehau, Mark Scarberry,
and Nathan Yost.



Behind the Scenes: An Anonymous Labor of Love

A small group of anonymous Club members recently took Step #1 of addressing the water-runoff problem on the Rifle Range.

During rainstorms, the combination of water coming off the roofs of the range houses and running down the driveway not only floods the Range House, but fills it with dirt and stone. The addition of asphalt millings to the driveways some time ago has exacerbated the problem by changing the grade and being less porous. After it rains, members are required to shovel and sweep the 100-yard house prior to use.

One member has a family member who owns a gutter company; and after a few conversations, the necessary funds were raised to get seamless gutters installed.

This is the beginning of what will have to be a multi-step project to manage the runoff.

The millings on "the corner" as you turn toward the ranges are hard-packed and need attention, the water has created ruts that need to be kept filled, and the grade of the rest of the driveway also needs attention. Some options are currently being considered to redirect the runoff; but small steps will have to be taken, as funding and equipment can be rounded up for the project.



Running Deer Shoot

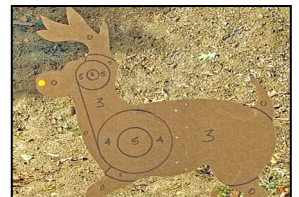
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Sundays: October 4 & 18 • November 1 & 8
noon until 4pm

The cost for each relay is \$5.00.

Shoot at a moving deer silhouette target from 25 yards away. Ten shooters per relay. Shooter with the highest combined score wins a prize. Shoot as often as you like!

Bring a family member or friend!



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

Third Season Fourth IBS 100 Yard 22LR Match Held

On Thursday evening, August 27, eight 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 5 shots on each bull. The first bull was for sighting, then the next 5 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	Shooter	Rifle	Score
1st Place	Craig Bowlby	Winchester 52	241-5x
2nd Place	Larry Walton	Begara	202-2x
3rd Place	Jerry Marken	CZ 457	179
	Roland Tadd	CZ 457	168
	Larry Sanford	Cooper 36	162
	Dave Vandermark	Ruger 10/22	162
	Chris Leite	Springfield 2020	138
	Larry Jackson	Ruger 10/22	20

For any questions, contact

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



Military Rifle Match Held

Our third standard Military Rifle Match for 2026 was held on Saturday, August 29, at the 100-yard rifle range, with seven shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1st Place	Chris Leite	M1 Garand	30-06	286-3x
2nd Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30-06	263
3rd Place	Larry Sanford	M1 Garand	30-06	253-1x
Scoped Division				
1st Place	Julius Roberts	AR-15	223 Rem	310-2x
2nd Place	Tony Roberts	AR-15	223 Rem	263-3x
3rd Place	Craig Bowlby	AR-15	223 Rem	263-1x
	Larry Jackson	AR-15	223 Rem	250

Our next Military Rifle Match will be held in 2027 (dates TBD) 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 military style rifle (no full autos), foreign or domestic, modern or vintage, with iron sights or scope. You will need 45 rounds of safe ammunition, a shooting mat or something to lie on, safety or shooting glasses, and ear protection. Spotting scopes and sling are helpful.

The course of fire for the event shall be: (5) rounds of slow fire in the prone position for sight-in within 5 minutes. For score; (10) rounds slow fire in the prone position, (10) rounds of rapid fire in the prone position, (10) rounds rapid fire in the sitting position and (10) rounds of slow fire in the standing un-supported position. For the Slow fire portion single fed rounds are fired within 8 minutes, while rapid fire is within 80 seconds with a magazine or stripper clip change. There will be a short safety briefing prior to the match. Please Note: You need not be a military member to compete, as they are surely welcome, you only need to own a military style rifle.

For further information or questions, contact

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

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



Suggested donations:

\$10 • \$50 • \$100

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You can also make this a recurring, monthly donation.

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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.

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.

2026 TCSL Rifle Match Schedule

(All Saturdays)

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:Dave.Vandermark@tcsi.org)



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WANTED!

The club needs several sections of 12 inch galvanized culvert for a drainage project. It needs to be in usable condition but not necessarily new. Funds are tight so if anyone can help locate some, it would be appreciated.

Please contact:

[Mike Thompson, mttdesigner@comcast.net](mailto:Mike.Thompson@mttdesigner.com), 734.780.6450

[Rob Bolog, rob@thebologs.com](mailto:Rob.Bolog@thebologs.com), 734.276.6499

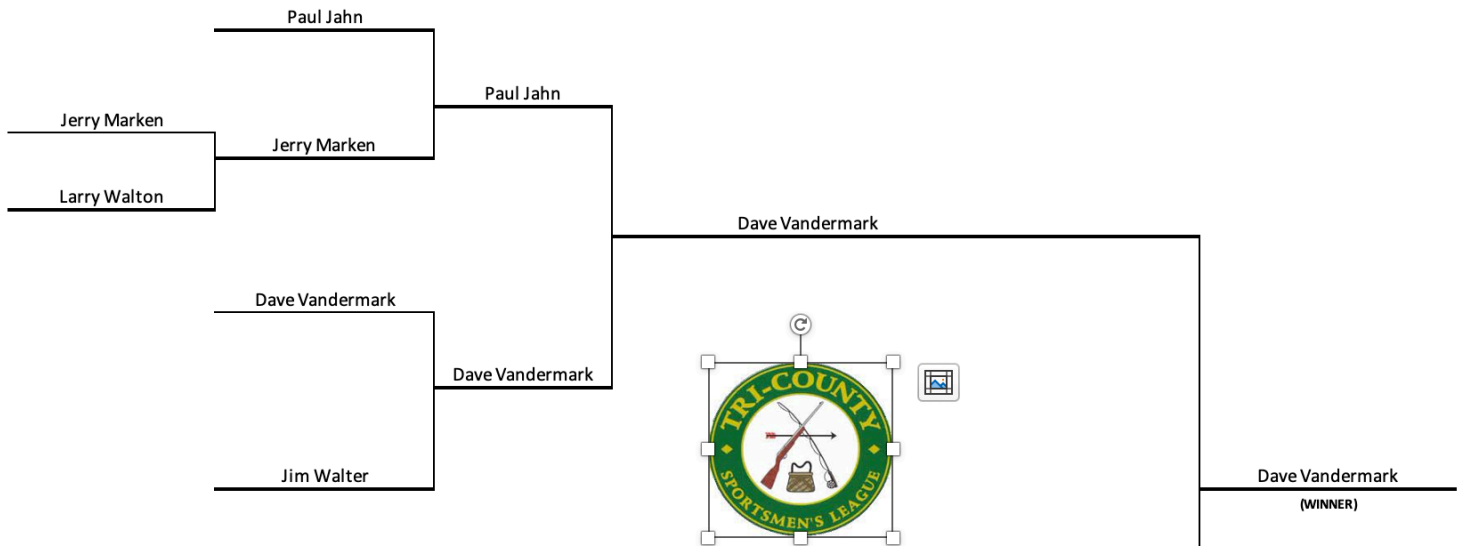


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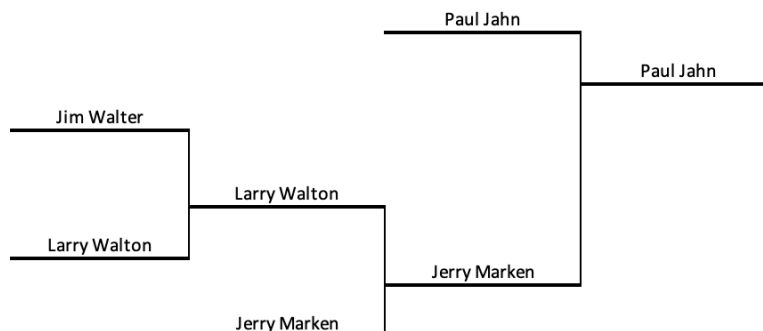
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2026 (9/19) March Madness Match

Winner's Bracket



Loser's Bracket



2ND ANNUAL HARVEST MOON CRAFT SHOW

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What is Hit Factor?

Hit Factor is a fun, practical-style pistol match where shooters navigate a series of stages, engaging different target arrays while balancing accuracy and speed. It is run in a USPSA-style "outlaw" format, meaning the match uses familiar USPSA-style scoring and stage concepts but is not officially affiliated with or sanctioned by USPSA. If you are interested in trying this discipline of action pistol shooting, feel free to contact Nikki Bonime with any additional questions. Our group regularly practices for this discipline of pistol shooting on Sundays at noon! If you would like, you can reach out and join us to become familiar with the sport in a safe, low-stress, environment ahead of any match!

Check out our Hit Factor / USPSA match on the last Sunday of every month! Join us for a fun, practical-style pistol match featuring 5+ stages and 140+ rounds of shooting. Whether you're looking to sharpen your skills or simply enjoy a great day on the range, come out ready to compete safely, learn, and have fun. You can find us on practiscore at https://practiscore.com/clubs/tri_county_sports-mens_league and look for matches with "Hit Factor" in the title for match specific details!

Nikki Bonime, 954-812-6033

Just a Heads Up:

We'll be falling back
at 2am on Sunday, November 1.



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Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanksgiving



Members Dan Wagner and Rob Bolog stopped in Hessel to see "Big Al" Lamoreaux and his wife Coleen during a recent motorcycle trip. They are happy to report that both Al and Coleen are doing well and they are looking forward to the upcoming deer hunting season!



David B. Stout, age 60, of Ypsilanti and formerly of Ann Arbor, passed away on September 8, 2026, at Angela Hospice in Livonia. He was born on May 28, 1966, in Livonia, the son of Robert and Jennifer (Sarah) Stout.



David met his wife, Connie, while selling cars at Naylor dealership in Ann Arbor in 1996, and they married on May 5, 2000. He graduated from Concorida University Ann Arbor in 2002 with a Bachelor's Degree in business and began a successful career in computer software sales. His faith in Jesus Christ anchored him after he married Connie and continued to give him strength throughout his life.

David enjoyed staying busy and took pride in the things he created and cared for. He enjoyed RVing, woodworking, and remodeling his home. Over the last several years his woodworking talents included making crafts with his wife and attending craft shows with her.

David is survived by Connie, his wife of 26 years, and his children, Michael (Stephanie) Cooley, Tisha (Chris) Essex, and Zach Stout; mother, Jennifer Sarah (Joe O'Donnell); sister, Lisa (Walter) Langlois; step-brother Justin (Lacey) Bradley; son-in-law, Jay Frederick; and his cherished grandchildren, Alyssa, Kaylynn, Jacob, McKenzie, Logan, Oliver, and Penelope. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Michelle Frederick; his father, Robert Stout; and his brother, Brian Stout.

Private burial will take place at Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti at a later date.

To send flowers or a card, visit <https://www.starkfuneral.com/obituary/david-stout>.



Please send items for this column to
newsletter@tcs1.org

Help Bring Back Hall Rental as a Viable Income Source for TCSL

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

Remember that TCSL has spaces to rent
for your party – formal or informal.

With it's fresh coat of paint and new window treatments,
the ballroom/banquet hall upstairs it's ready for your party.

Or if you want something more casual,
the downstairs clubhouse is a welcoming place
to bring your friends and family.

Reasonably priced!

Contact: reservations@tcsl.org

Spread the word—let's make hall rentals a thriving and profitable part of Tri-County Sportsmen's League once again!

Sounds good, right? It does to me. But, as with just about everything at TCSL, success depends on volunteers. We can attract all the rental business in the world, but if we don't provide outstanding service to our guests, we'll be no better off than if we had never booked the event in the first place.

That's why I'd like to propose creating a Hospitality Team.

"What is a Hospitality Team?" you might ask. It would consist of two important roles:

Bartenders – We already have several volunteers serving in this capacity, and I know of a few more who plan to complete the required training (which the Club pays for). You earn volunteer hours while taking the training and, of course, while working events behind the bar.

Hosts – Hosts would serve as the face of TCSL during an event. They would open and close the building and be available to assist our guests throughout their visit. If you enjoy meeting people and helping others, this can be a fun and rewarding way to volunteer—and you'll earn volunteer hours as well.

Don't let any of this intimidate you! No one will be thrown into a role without training and orientation. Ideally, every private event would have at least one bartender and one host working together to ensure our guests have the best experience possible.

If either of these opportunities sounds interesting, please send me an email or give me a call. I'd be happy to answer your questions, provide more details, and arrange an on-site meeting for everyone who would like to learn more.

[Val Kabat, reservations@tcsl.org](mailto:Val.Kabat.reservations@tcsl.org)
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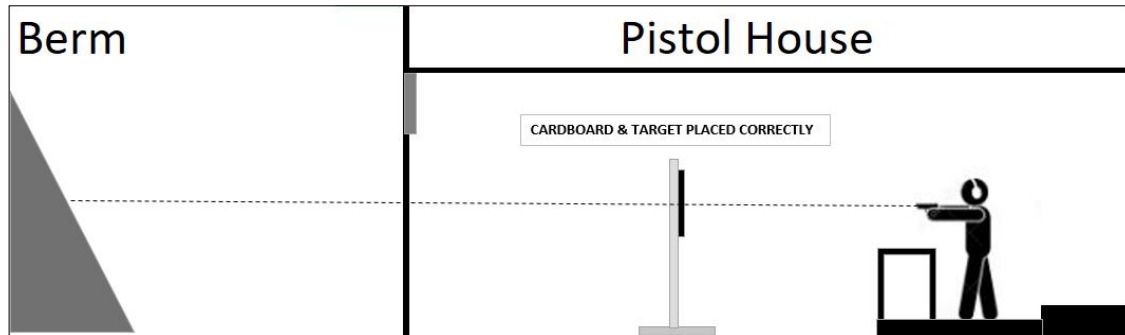
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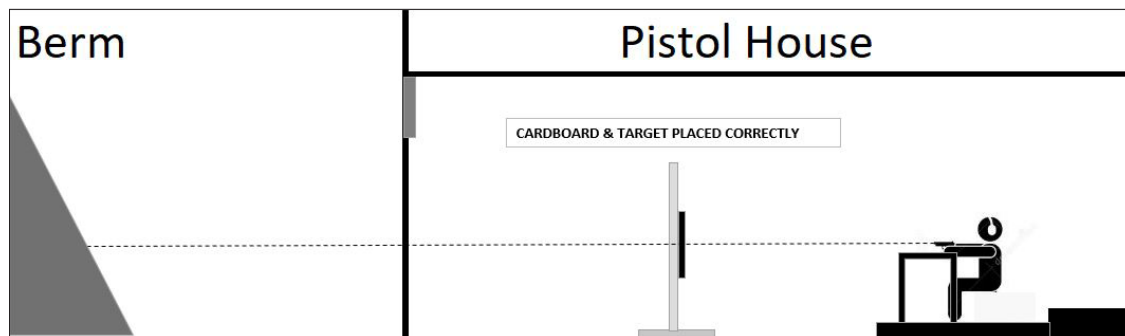
Target Alignment: A Top Priority!

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.

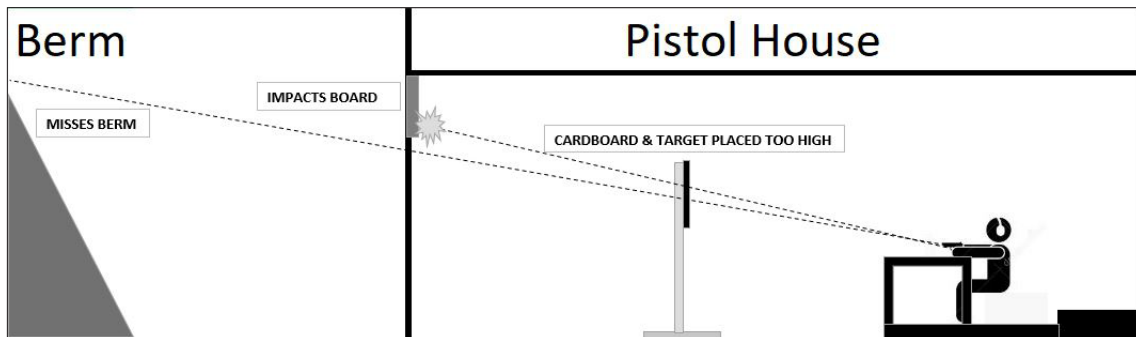
In the Pistol House we strive to place the cardboard target backers at the correct standing positions for average shooters, however people come in all sizes.



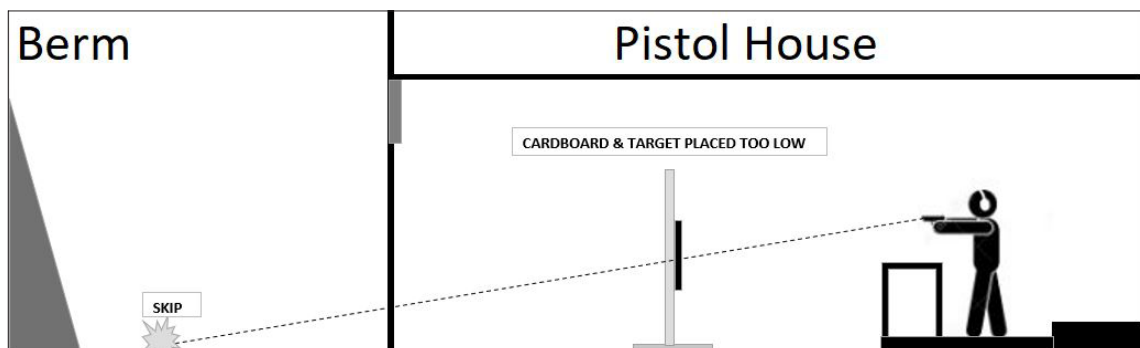
Many people enjoy shooting while seated or sighting in their pistols using a bench rest. This requires the cardboard and target to be placed at a lower position to properly impact the berm.



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
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Pistol House & Turkey Bay 2 CLOSED @ 8640 Moon Road Saline, MI 48176 USA						
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - TCSL Hit Factor 12pm - Trap Shooting @	12pm - Friends of		10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of		9am - Harvest Moon Craft 9am - Military Assault
RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Trap Shooting @ 12pm - Running Deer	12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Bylaws & Rules	6:30pm - Gun Safety	10am - Wednesday Range 4:30pm - Wed Evening	12pm - Friends of		10am - Orientation Class
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Please always see the online calendar for up-to-date information!



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RSO On Duty: Charlie U 12pm - Gruczynski 12pm - Trap Shooting @	6:30pm - Safety 7:30pm - Finance		10am - Wednesday Range	6:30pm - Board Meeting		Pistol Range reserved for 8am - NRA CCW course
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