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President's Column

As we move into November, I want to take a moment to share a couple of improvements taking place at our Club.

We have replaced all of the fluorescent lighting on the lower level of the clubhouse with new LED panels. While lighting may not be the most exciting project, it is an important upgrade that will make our facility brighter, more comfortable, and more efficient. LED lighting also offers the benefits of longer service life and reduced energy consumption, helping us manage operating costs and maintain our building for years to come.

Another important update is that the foliage has been removed from the Pistol House berm. This work was an important step toward getting the area ready for use again, and the Pistol House is now reopened. I would like to see the Visqueen enclosure put on by the end of November.

Projects like these are a good example of how we continue to invest in our Club and maintain the facilities our members use and enjoy. Every improvement, large or small, helps keep Tri-County Sportsmen's League moving in the right direction.

I want to thank everyone who helped make these improvements possible. Our Club depends on the support, time, and involvement of its members; and their contributions make a real difference.

As always, thank you for being part of Tri-County Sportsmen's League. I encourage everyone to stay involved, take pride in our Club, and continue helping us make it a great place for our members and guests.

On behalf of the Club, I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable November and a happy Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Jim.Walter_president@tcsi.org



Membership

Two new people applied for membership in late September and early October:

Greggy Pe Benito - Probationary
Matthew Romano - Probationary

Five people attended orientation in October:

Kevin Richardson - Probationary
John Hildebrand - Probationary
Greggy Pe Benito - Probationary
Terrel Moran - Probationary
David F. Allen - Probationary

Please welcome them to the Club.

Our next member orientation is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14, at 10am**. New applicants who need to attend will receive an email reminder about a week beforehand. Current members are also welcome to attend as a refresher! We've received a few requests for a weekday orientation. If you'd prefer a weekday session, please let me know what days and times work best for you. We'll see what we can arrange!

Current probationary members will receive a renewal notice approximately four to six weeks before their membership expires. In the meantime, please check your membership card so you know when your current membership ends.

Below is our current membership by type:

Associates: 26
LEO First Responder: 9
Junior: 6
Life: 15
Military: 5
Probationary: 56
Past President: 8
Probationary Young Adult: 4
Regular: 199
Senior: 72
Young Adult: 3
Total: 403

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

Please remember that the deadline for accumulating volunteer hours for 2026 is November 30. We'll be preparing annual membership renewal notices throughout December. The volunteer-hours tracking period runs from December 1, through November 30.

Charlie.Unbehaun.Membership.Secretary@tcsi.org

Enter Your Hours Online

You now have the ability to enter your TCSL workhours online. Go to the "[Members Only](#)" page of the website, and under FORMS, click on "TCSL Work Hours – Electronic Submission."

The QR code below is posted at the clubhouse above the binder with the paper Work Hour log sheets. Scanning the code with your smart phone will take you to the online form.

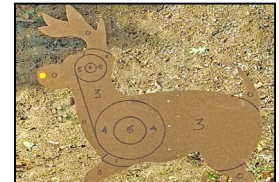
But don't worry, the paper sheets are still there!



Running Deer Shoot

→ **Open to the Public** ←

Sundays: 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!

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2026 IDPA Season

The 2026 IDPA season is officially in the books—and what a successful season it's been! A big thank-you to all our Club members and outside volunteers for the time, hard work, and dedication they put into making these events happen. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Each season includes seven monthly matches and our Tier 3 major Challenge Match. In addition, we run a Tuesday night practice when daylight is available. These events are led by dedicated members Don Hasselbach and Larry Walton and offer beginners a great opportunity to observe, learn, and participate.

We can also hold classifier matches on these evenings, giving competitors an opportunity to establish or update their classifications. Our final match of the 2026 season was held on October 24. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this season such a success! The matches provided plenty of fun and friendly competition for shooters of all skill levels, and the Club looked great throughout the season.

These events require a great deal of time and effort to organize and run, and extra help is always appreciated. If you're looking to earn work hours, this is a fun and educational way to contribute while learning something new!

For the upcoming 2027 season, we look forward to more of the same: fun, teamwork, and rewarding hard work! We'd love to welcome some younger members to join our experienced team. Fresh faces bring fresh ideas, and extra hands make a real difference. Keep an eye on the Club calendar as we begin scheduling these events in April!

Join us for an IDPA year-in-review meeting on Thursday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting area of the Clubhouse. We'll reflect on lessons learned this season, share ideas for improvement, and begin planning for an even better 2027 season—including our upcoming 10th Annual Sportsmen Challenge! We hope to see you there as we work together to make the year ahead our best yet. Have a great winter, and good luck with the hunting season.

Earl Austin & Steve Nesmith, idpa@tcsi.org

Plan for a Safe Outing

Whether you're a fan of archery season, firearm season, or both, the return of crisp, fall weather gets deer hunters thinking about one thing: getting outdoors. Before going afield, though, the DNR wants all hunters to stop, think, and plan for the safest possible outing.

Lt. Tom Wanless, who heads the DNR's Recreational Safety, Education, and Enforcement Section, said that although some tips seem like common sense, it's critical to consider safety basics.

Success is not always about filling your tag; it's about enjoying the hunt, connecting with nature, and returning home at the end of the day to share that experience with friends and family.

General reminders:

Tell someone the specific time, duration, and location that you will be hunting, and schedule check-in times.

Update your contact if plans change. Medical incidents are unplanned; staying in contact with someone who knows your plan could save your life.

Carry a two-way communication device that receives service in remote areas, such as a phone or two-way radio. Ensure the device is always within reach in case you need to call for help.

During firearm season

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Be aware of your surroundings; know your target and what is beyond it.
- Unload firearms when crossing obstacles and getting in or out of an elevated stand.
- Obey "no trespassing" signs; they are there for a reason.
- Obtain landowner permission to retrieve game that has wandered onto private property.
- A piece of advice that bears repeating: Wear hunter orange hats, vests, and other items to ensure you are visible to other hunters from all directions.

From the DNR News and Hunter Education Committee,

Happy Hunting, and Good Luck This Season!

Jon N.Yost, huntereducation@tcsi.org



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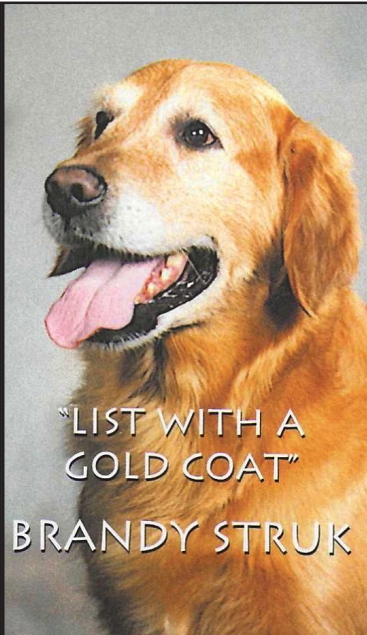
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Military Assault Match Held

Our first ever Military Assault Match was held on Saturday, October 3, at the 100-yard Rifle Range with 11 shooters. It was a fun and challenging match that will be back next year.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
1st Place	Dave Vandermark	AR-15	223 Rem	220-1x
2nd Place	Chris Leite	AR-15	223 Rem	209
3rd Place	Pete Konigsberg	DD M4 (AR-15)		223 Rem
201	Jerry Marken	AR-15	223 Rem	186
	Paul Jahn	M1 Garand	308 Win	183
	Clint Ward	AR-15	223 Rem	161
	Larry Sanford	M1 Garand	30-06	151
	Julius Roberts	Type 99 Arisaka	7.7x58	141
	Daryl Dungy	AR-15	223 Rem	10
	Mike Norwood	AR-15	223 Rem	5
	Tony Roberts	AR-15	223 Rem	5

This was a 40-round match using open-sighted military rifles (no scopes, and only center-fire). The shooter needs to break 5 clays at 100 yards before being able to begin to shoot at a 100-yard NRA target. The clays were shot from a bench. Once the clays have been broken, the shooter will move to shooting standing, unsupported, at the paper target for score with the rounds remaining. (So the more ammo you use to break the clays, the less you will have to shoot for score.) The time limit is 8 minutes, and the maximum number of rounds loaded into a rifle at one time is 10 rounds. Score is 5 points per clay broken plus the score from the paper target.

Our next Military Assault Match is TBD in 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 center-fire military style rifle (no full autos), foreign or domestic, modern or vintage, with iron sights only. You will need 40 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, and ear protection.

For further information or questions contact Dave Vandermark at rifle@TCSL.org.

185-Yard Bench Rifle Match Held

Our second 185-yard Rifle Match of 2026 was held on Saturday, October 24, at the 185-yard rifle range with seven shooters.

Results of the match:

Place	Shooter	Rifle	Round	Score
Iron Sight Division				
1st Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30-06	97-3x
2nd Place	Julius Roberts	Swiss K31	7.5x55	97-2x
Scoped Division				
1st Place	Craig Bowlby	Panda Action	30 BR Rem	100-10x
2nd Place	Pete Konigsberg	Remington 700 M24	???	100-5x
3rd Place	Larry Sanford	Remington 700	308 Win	99-4x
	Tony Roberts	AR-15	223 Rem	97-1x
	Jerry Marken	AR-15	223 Rem	96-1x

Our next 185-Yard Bench Match is TBD in 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 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, contact Dave Vandermark, rifle@TCSL.org

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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.

2026 TCSL Rifle Match Schedule

(All Saturdays)

11/14 - Trench Match

12/12 - White Elephant Match

Dave Vandermark, rifle@tcsl.org

Thank You!

The October TCSL Sale was a big success and raised almost \$2,500 for the Club. Thank you to all who donated, shopped, and volunteered to make it a great event. Look for another one sometime in 2027.

Dave Vandermark, rifle@tcsl.org

Can You Help with a Club Project? Backhoe/Operator Needed

The Club needs to install a 12-inch culvert near the Rifle Range and is looking for someone with the right equipment to help us out.

The job involves digging a trench approximately 70 feet long, 16 inches wide, and less than two feet deep. A backhoe or mini excavator would be ideal, along with a skilled operator.

This project is being funded entirely through member donations, so keeping costs down is important. If you have the equipment, the skills, or the willingness to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you!

If you can help, please contact:

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or

[Mike Thompson. mttdesigner@comcast.net](mailto:Mike.Thompson.mttdesigner@comcast.net),
734-780-6450



PLANNING A HOLIDAY PARTY?

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The Pistol House Is Open!

Tri-County Sportsmen's League Pistol House Rules

Firearms allowed in the Pistol House:

- Pistol caliber pistols
- 22 rifles
- PCCs (pistol caliber carbines)

Firearms NOT allowed in the Pistol House:

- Any high velocity rifle.
- Any braced pistol shooting high velocity rifle cartridges,
- Any shotgun.

- NO DRAW FROM HOLSTER
- NO DRAW FROM PURSE
- NO POINT AND SHOOT.
- NO RAPID FIRE

- All shots must be aimed at the target using the iron sights or optics

- Ensure your bullet impacts the back-stop/berm once it passes through the target
- Only paper or cardboard targets are allowed.

Firearms NOT allowed to be used anywhere on TCSL property:

- Fully Automatic firearms.
- FRT Trigger (forced reset trigger).
- Binary Triggers.
- Bump Stocks.
- Or any other modification that allows for more than 1 round to be fired with a single pull of the trigger.



Did You Know?

1. Cleopatra lived closer to the invention of the iPhone than to the building of the Great Pyramid. The Great Pyramid of Giza was built around 2560 BC. Cleopatra lived from 69 to 30 BC. The iPhone debuted in 2007. History is a lot less evenly spaced than we imagine!

2. The shortest war in recorded history lasted less than an hour. The Anglo-Zanzibar War took place on August 27, 1896. Fighting lasted roughly 38–45 minutes before Zanzibar surrendered to British forces.

3. Oxford University is older than the Aztec Empire. Teaching at Oxford dates back to at least 1096. The Aztec Empire emerged in the 15th century. Oxford was already centuries old when the Aztecs rose to power.

4. The inventor of the Pringles can is buried in one. Fredric Baur, who helped develop the iconic Pringles container, was so proud of his invention that his family honored his request to place some of his ashes in a Pringles can after he died in 2008.

5. There are more possible arrangements of a shuffled deck of cards than there are atoms on Earth. A 52-card deck has $(52!)^{}$ possible arrangements—about $(8 \times 10^{67})^{}$. That number is so enormous that a properly shuffled deck is over-

whelmingly likely to be in an order that has never existed before.

6. The dot over a lowercase “i” or “j” has a name. It's called a tittle. So the next time someone says, “Mind your p's and q's,” you can remind them not to forget their tittles, either.

7. The United States has a town named Boring. Boring, Oregon, got its name from William H. Boring, an early settler. The town has even embraced its name in a tongue-in-cheek partnership with the Scottish village of Dull.

8. A day on Venus is longer than its year. Venus takes about 243 Earth days to rotate once on its axis, but only about 225 Earth days to orbit the Sun. Its slow rotation makes this cosmic oddity possible.

9. Scotland's national animal is the unicorn. The unicorn has appeared in Scottish heraldry for centuries. It symbolizes qualities such as strength and purity—and makes for a much more interesting national animal than a cow.

10. The first known speeding ticket was issued in 1896. Walter Arnold was caught driving at 8 mph in a 2 mph zone in England. A police officer reportedly had to pursue him on a bicycle.

TCSL Range Safety Reminders

Welcome to November. This is the time of the year when range activity increases with people getting ready for the annual deer hunt. I would like to give a little reminder on a few topics.

1) Range usage ends at SUNSET. (On November 1, sunset is 5:25pm. On November 15, sunset is 5:12pm.) Please plan accordingly. This timing allows for time to cleanup your shooting station and remove your targets.

2) ALL rounds MUST impact the earthen backstop. To aid in identifying the backstop impact area, we will be removing the vegetation from the backstop and marking the top with either paint or ribbon.

3) As you enter the property, please keep your speed down. I know you are anxious to hit the ranges, but there is no need to kick up the dust around the property. Be considerate of other shooters and grounds workers who may not always be visible.

4) On a daily basis, there is ample parking around the ranges. It is usually not right next to each range. There are some designated handicap parking areas, but please follow the handicap parking rules. On the Action Ranges and at the Pistol House, parking is allowed north of the creek. However, parking is NOT allowed on the gravel area adjacent to the ranges. That path is for use of emergency vehicles and/or grounds maintenance vehicles.

5) Please cleanup after yourself. Brass should be picked up and either deposited in the boxes on the ranges or taken home with you. Shotgun hulls should be picked up and put in trash barrels. Leave the ranges clear for the next use. On the Action Ranges, target stands and barrels should be moved to the sides – this aids the grounds crews in doing their work.

Finally, looking to winter months, ground skips become a concern. The range backstops will be monitored to ensure that they can contain impacts. If the backstop becomes frozen, the affected range will be closed. Monitoring will continue, and range(s) will open and close as needed. Over the last few years, the closures have been minimal. These closures are for the safety of the range users and our neighbors.

If you have any questions or safety concerns, please contact:

[Tom Lewandowski, safety@tcsi.org](mailto:Tom.Lewandowski_safety@tcsi.org)
TCSL Safety Chairperson

Finance News

The Finance Committee met online on October 12 to review the September financial position and upcoming proposals. Overall, the committee found the Club to be financially sound. In September, despite a few unplanned maintenance expenses, major event expenses, and—significantly—the annual property taxes, the Club finances were on track and in a very similar position to the same time last year.

The Finance Committee meets monthly on the Monday before the board and membership meetings to review the Club finances in detail. While the financial statements are always reviewed at membership meetings, all members are welcome to attend the Finance meeting to see more in-depth details of our finances and be involved in decision-making. Please check the calendar online (tcsi.org) for dates, times, and online meeting links.

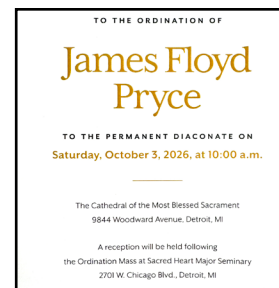
[Steve Nesmith, v1president@tcsi.org](mailto:Steve.Nesmith_v1president@tcsi.org)

Memorial & Wellbeing Celebration & Thanksgiving

On October 3, TCSL Past President Jim Pryce was ordained as a deacon in the Catholic Church. This is the culmination of more than five years of study and training. The ordination to the permanent diaconate was held at the absolutely beautiful Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. Several hundred people attended the mass, and a reception was held in the seminary nearby. Jim has chosen to spend a significant portion of his retirement years in the service of his faith and fellow man and has been assigned to [Resurrection Parish](#) in Canton, where he will be able to perform most functions of a priest in addition to continuing some charitable work he has been doing for some time.



Jim with Fr. Richard J. Cassidy & Archbishop Weisenburger



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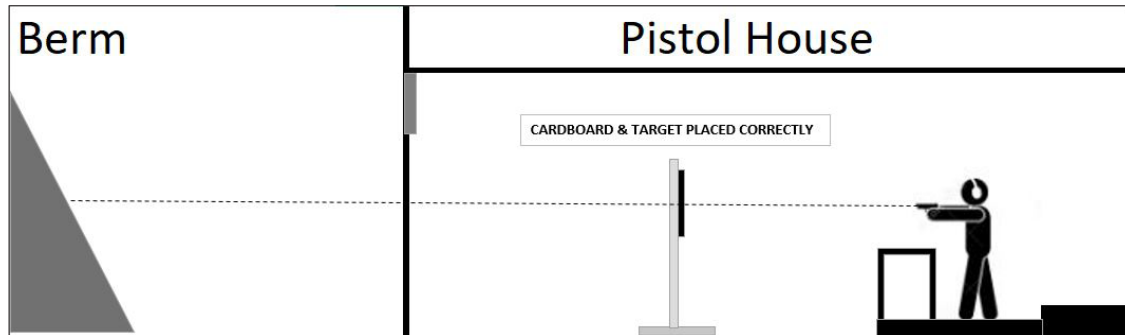
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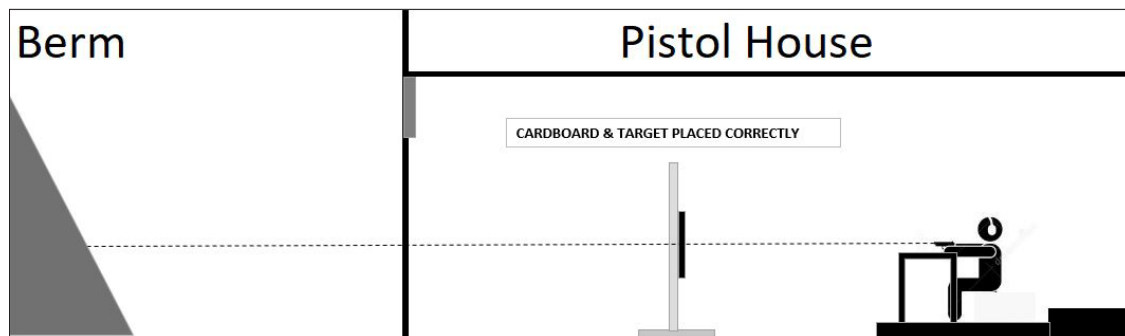
Target Alignment: A Top Priority!

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.

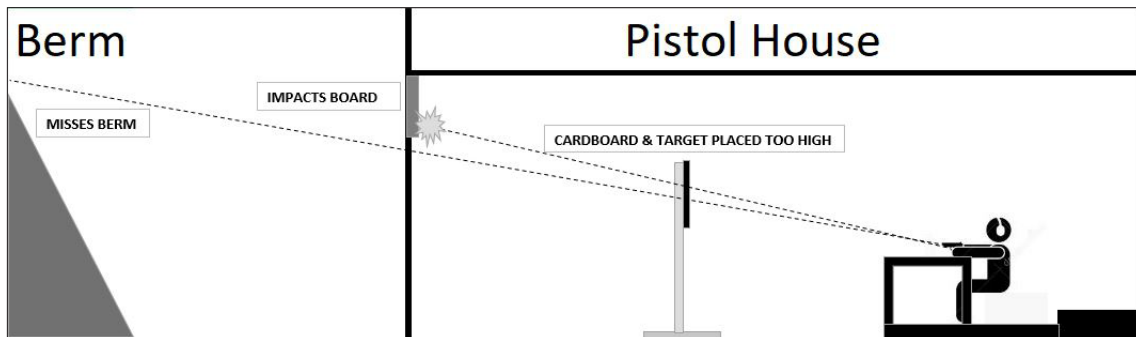
In the Pistol House we strive to place the cardboard target backers at the correct standing positions for average shooters, however people come in all sizes.



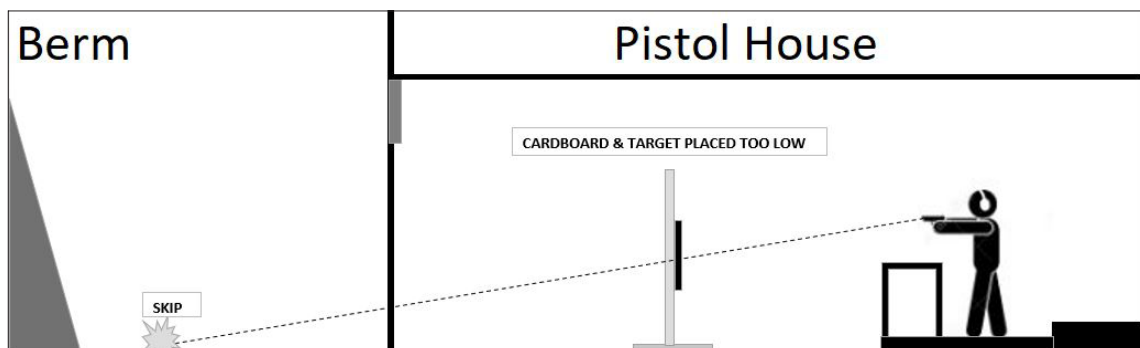
Many people enjoy shooting while seated or sighting in their pistols using a bench rest. This requires the cardboard and target to be placed at a lower position to properly impact the berm.



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.

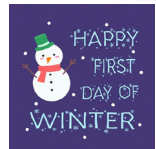


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Please always see the online calendar for up-to-date information!



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