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TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

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April 2009 President's Report

Rob Bolog

The renewal process is about over; take a minute and see the membership report elsewhere in the newsletter. So far, we have been able accommodate the members who are having employment problems. If you are in a pinch and are having a problem paying your dues please don't hesitate to contact me, Jerry Chie, or Mike Moehl. We can try to work out some type of arrangement to keep you in the club. We value each and every member.

I want to thank all of the Life Members who have sent in their signed renewal forms and \$5 MUCC dues. Your continued support of MUCC and TCSL is appreciated. Those Life Members who have chosen not to maintain their eligibility will be reluctantly removed from the club roles. Please reconsider. The MUCC needs all of the members and financial support they can get.

Chris Sucoe and his "platoon" are gearing up for the Military Shoots beginning in April. They have seven events planned this season. The format is being fine tuned to keep things moving, educational and interesting. See the related article in this issue for details.

Don't forget to block out May 30th for TCSL's open house. We will have a couple of special shooting events planned for the day. We hope to see some faces we have not seen in a while. Come out and shoot a bit, have a bite to eat and reconnect with the club. Bring your family and a couple of friends along with you. I would appreciate a few volunteers to put together some activities for smaller children. Give me a call or contact the club to volunteer. This should be a fun day.

Conservation is one of our core values at TCSL. We at TCSL need to expand our conservation activities; please consider getting involved in this activity. Wildlife habitat, tree planting, etc. are all good places to start. If you are interested in doing some projects on club property or elsewhere please give me or the club a call.

Spring Cleanup April 11th

Hi everybody. It is time for our annual spring cleanup day. We will need a lot of help this year. Bring rakes, shovels, trailers, tractors, and other stuff you might need. Don't forget gloves, etc. The Trap Committee wants folks to also bring screw-guns, and carpentry tools to perform maintenance and repairs on the creek cover. Start time is 9:00am and finish when we are done or tired. Lunch and pop provided to workers, it is a day to have a lot of fun, and get a lot done. ---Bill

Wild Game Wanted

The club needs wild game or fish for the May 17 game dinner. If you have some freezer ready game to donate please stop by the club and drop it off. Appropriate work hours will be credited.

First Military Match

Saturday April 4th, 2009

Clean up and dust off those military type rifles you've got and sign up at the club house for this year's opening match. Bring 40 rounds of ammo and something to lie on. Be ready to take instruction, if needed, and shoot in a military style match. No experience needed; we provide that free. The fee is \$10 for club members, \$15 for non-members. Bring your neighbors, friends and children (teenager preferably—must be able to handle the rifle you bring safely). We take pictures of everyone and post them on the club website; sometimes on YouTube. We will have a match the third Saturday in every month from May thru October. For more info. Call Chris Sucoe at 734-326-2874 or email Chris at poorpapa@wideopenwest.com or Dave White at bargunner@comcast.net or speak to Big Al or Dennis at the range. Be there! You'll never regret it. Shooting starts at 10am. Instruction at 9am. We promise not to send you to Iraq if you're good.

Club Donations Needed

We are looking for donations towards improving the classroom area upstairs by adding a ceiling mounted LCD projector with speakers and other teaching supplies for firearms related classes. This will be a great aid in teaching class at TCSL and could also be used for social and fund raising activities at the club. It will also improve the appeal of the hall for rentals. If you have questions please email Phillip Delekta at Delekta@umich.edu. Donations can be dropped off at the bar designated for TCSL Classroom Fund.

The club is also seeking the donation of fencing for the border of TCSL's property. Contact Rob at rob@thebologs.com or call the club at 734-429-9561 if you can help out.

Pistol League?



Anyone interested in shooting in a pistol league? We will be shooting bullseye NRA Gallery targets, 22cal and center fire. We will need at least 10 shooters. If interested contact Ron Alexander at 734-722-1083.

March Membership Meeting

Mike Moehl reported total membership of 826 with 618 paid and 208 unpaid as of March 19. Contact Mike, Rob Bolog, or Jerry Chie if you are having trouble paying your dues; they will try to work something out. Jim Pryce reported the news from MUCC (see below), and that April 25 is clean up day at Cedar Lake Camp. Chuck Tellas gave the financial report for February, and noted that the organization of shooting leagues is being considered to better use our ranges. Jerry Chie reported that April will be a busy month around TCSL—see the calendar. Lorena Tellas announced a planning meeting for Women on Target (April 20), and reported growing interest in CCW—27 people attended March's CCW class. Bill Feight announced TCSL's Clean-Up Day is April 11 and that additional volunteers could be used at the bar (see articles).



MUCC News

The Natural Resources Commission has expanded the use of crossbows in Michigan. The National Park Service announced March 10th that it intends to ban the use of lead ammunition and fishing tackle in National Parks by 2010. To see the Park Service Statement click [here](http://www.nps.gov). Get all the latest MUCC news at www.mucc.org.

14th Annual Huron Valley

Friends of NRA Event

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at TCSL

5:30 P.M. Social Hour

6:30 P.M. Dinner.

Dinner: Prime Rib, Boneless Chicken Breast, Red Skin Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad, Rolls, and Desert

Dinner Tickets: \$35 Each; Tables of eight, \$250 (save \$30)

Sponsor: \$250 - Includes Sponsor Sculpture, Hat, Pin, Traditions Magazine, \$200 in raffle tickets. Preferential reservations for sponsors; reserve now.

Big Shooter Package: \$75 - Includes \$140 in Raffle Tickets.

Super Shooter Package: \$250 - Includes \$500 in Raffle Tickets and One Chance on the Super Shooters Gun of the Year Raffle.

Tickets Available From: Jeff Morris 734-621-2093, or at the club 429-9561.

Have an item to donate? Want to sponsor an auction item? Call TCSL at 734-429-9561. The NRA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

IDPA

IDPA Match Schedules

IDPA matches are on the 4th Saturday of the month. New shooters (including CPL holders) are welcome to attend. Please register on the web site <http://tcs1-idpa.org/>, and show up to the match 30 minutes before your start time. You may choose from the following start times: 10:00am, 11:15am, 12:30pm, or 1:45pm. Food (burgers, brats) and soft drinks will be available. Cost to shoot the match is \$20, and if you wish to shoot again, it is \$10. Plan to bring your defensive carry pistol and equipment, and 150 rounds of ammunition.

IDPA Practice Nights - Tuesdays at 5:30pm - starting April 7th

IDPA practice nights will be on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm - starting on April 7th. This is a great opportunity to come out and practice your defensive handgun skills (drawing from holster, moving while shooting, using cover, and reloads). For those who have never shot an IDPA match, and would like to see what it is all about—come over to the Action Range on Tuesday nights! Cost will be \$6 for non-TCSL members, \$5 for TCSL members w/o Range Pass, \$3 for TCSL members with Range Pass.

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Volunteers Needed

We seem to be doing a very good job of keeping the club open on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. We do need some help though. We are short one person on Sundays and one person on Mondays. We could possibly use a couple of subs to fill in on short notice.

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A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Archery Notice

Attention all archery folks - A cleanup day is scheduled at Tri-County for April 11 beginning at 9am. We will need to work on the 3-D range. Please bring chainsaws, weed whips, rakes, etc.; this is a great way to get most if not all of your required work hours finished in one day. If anyone is handy with building materials we would also like to build a tower to shoot from at one of the stations. We have 4X4s that were purchased last year and we can reuse some of the wood from the other stand already up by the bale range. Thanks, Jim Pryce Archery Chairman.

Upcoming Events for May

May 1&2 CCW
May 3 Breakfast; Trap
May 7 Board Meeting
May 10 Trap
May 12 Euchre
May 15 Chie Cancer Walk; Steak Dinner
May 16 Military Shoot
May 17 Pin Shoot; Game Dinner; Trap
May 21 Membership Meeting
May 22 Steak Fry
May 23 IDPA
May 24 Trap
May 26 Euchre
May 30 70th Anniversary Open House
May 31 Trap

Hall Reservations

We specialize in parties and fundraisers. The TCSL catering team is first rate. Custom menus and a variety of price points available. Please contact Jerry Chie for more info. Sgchie@comcast.net or 734-483-8435

Clubhouse and Range Hours

The clubhouse is open with volunteer staff Sunday through Tuesday Noon-6:00pm, and is also open Wednesday through Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm. Please consider volunteering for Sunday, Monday or Tuesday clubhouse coverage. Call the club or Bill Feight 734-717-8112 for more info.

Moose Auction Action

The moose will soon be loose (it has been upstairs at TCSL since 1966); President Rob is bringing down the auction gavel in a few days. High bid at press time: \$500. Contact Rob at rob@thebologs.com or 734-276-6499 to bid. Stop by the club to see the moose.



Trap News

The trap committee is taking a fresh look at the program and welcoming new committee members. Contact Roger Sacks at 734-429-3457 (leave message) or stop "up on the hill" on a Sunday to discuss volunteering. The Trap Range is now open every Sunday from Noon-3 pm. Saturday and Wednesday trap have been suspended for the time being.



March Youth Trap Shoot

FOR SALE

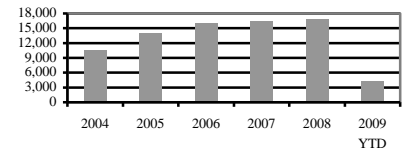
Russian SKS 7.62x39mm like new in box with 720 rounds ammunition; \$550 for all. Call Ed at 734-904-3147.

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Get Your Hours

Lance always has a list of chores for folks to get their hours; the event calendar is also full of opportunities. Please stop by the bar or call 734-429-9561 to volunteer. Folks can also earn hours by attending York Twp. meetings and providing a report to TCSL.

Total Hours Contributed



NRA Instructors Training

Chuck and Lorena Tellas

A group of Tri-County members were recommended to the National Rifle Association for certification as Basic Pistol Shooting Instructors following an NRA Instructor Training Course held February 14 and 15 in the upstairs classroom.



Pictured, left to right, are members Phill Delekta, Justin Reed, Lorena Tellas, Jim Miller, Bob Parent (partially hidden by Jim Miller) Dennis Osborn, Dick Cupka (partially hidden behind Dennis Osborn), Chuck Tellas and Glenn Tomford. Not pictured are Alan Lamoreaux, Rob Bolog, Steve Reed, and Elliott Peterson.

These instructors will be excellent teachers. They will have the opportunity to form teaching teams and offer training to club members or non-members who want to learn to shoot handguns.

NRA Instructor Training classes for Basic Rifle Shooting Instructor and Basic Shotgun Shooting Instructor certification will be held over the summer. Tri-County has the classroom and range facilities to serve a large segment of our community who are seeking pistol training. Firearm training can be an excellent recruiting tool for new members. Over 10% of the students who attended the CCW classes have joined the club.

Military Member Update

Member John Kiddle's nephew, John Frazee, is home after 15 months with the 66th Armored Regiment in Iraq.

Send military member info to: jkiddle@comcast.net. Send photos for web posting to: Webmaster@tcs1.org

Good and Welfare

Ed Hayes is recuperating from knee surgery. Condolences to Bob and Carol Parent on the passing of Carol's uncle. Jim Karenko is recovering from surgery. Bob Grant continues rehab and recovery from the broken hip. Member Kirk Johnson's mother died. Member Ed Jennings has passed away. And life member Boyd Maynard passed away. Keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. Please call the club to notify us of an illness or loss 734-429-9561 or 734-429-2274.

TCSL Chicken Broil

The Annual Father's Day Chicken Broil is June 21st. It's a good time and a great way to get your hours. For info. Call John Dolski 734-482-3045.

Thank You

- Thanks to everyone who worked one of the events the last weekend of February. The steak fry, wedding and breakfast went fabulous thanks to the members' contribution of time.
- Thanks to Steve Vaujin for donating a computer for the security system.
- Thanks to Dale Radak for donating a Lead Sled for the rifle range.
- Thanks to Earl Fox for the generous donation of elk for the game dinner.
- Thanks to Mark Scarberry for donating the pheasants.



2009 Egg Shoot

WHO: TCSL members and guests (kids are encouraged and welcome)

WHEN: Saturday, 4/18/09

WHAT TIME: 10:00am to 2:00pm

WHERE: TCSL Rifle Ranges

HOW MUCH:

- \$3 - Kids through 12th Grade (With Member Affiliation)
- \$5 - Kids through 12th Grade (Without Member Affiliation)
- \$5 - Any Other Member
- \$7 - Any Other Non Member

THE DETAILS:

- Price includes Range and Shoot Fees
- Shooting classifications are based on the shooter's ability (beginner through pro available).
- 25, 50, or 100 yards based upon classification.
- Rimfire or centerfire.
- Rifle or pistol.
- Open sights or scoped (9X max).
- Any shooting position.
- Any type of rest that is not attached to the bench or returns the firearm back to battery.

EACH RELAY:

- 5 minutes to get set-up.
- 5 minutes to get sighted-in.
- 6 minutes to shoot 12 rounds at a dozen eggs. If you have eggs standing after 12 shots you'll be given reasonable amount of time to scramble them but it won't count towards score.

See the TCSL website forum or the flyer located at the club for more details.

April 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | 1 Wednesday | 2 Thursday | 3 Friday | 4 Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|---|--------------------------|---|
| | | | Air Rifle 7-9pm | Board Meeting 7pm | CCW | CCW Pistol Range Closed 'til Noon Military Shoot 10am- 3pm |
| 5 Breakfast 8am-Noon NRA Class Action Range Closed Noon-5pm Trap Noon-3pm | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>Good Friday</i> | 11 Clean Up Day 9am Ranges Closed 'til 1pm |
| 12 Trap Noon-3pm <i>Easter</i> | 13 York Twp. Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm | 14 York Twp. Bd. of Trustees Mtg. 7:30pm EUCHRE NIGHT | 15 Air Rifle 7-9pm | 16 Burger Night 5:30pm Membership Meeting 7pm | 17 | 18 Orientation 8:30am Egg Shoot, 100 Yard Range 10am-2pm |
| 19 Trap Noon-3pm | 20 Women on Target Meeting 6:30pm | 21 York Twp. ZBA Mtg. 7:30pm | 22 NRA Banquet 5:30pm Social 6:30pm Dinner | 23 | 24 Steak Fry 5-7pm | 25 IDPA Rifle, Pistol, and Action Ranges Closed 10am-Noon Denoyer Basement Rental |
| 26 Trap Noon-3pm | 27 York Twp. Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm | 28 EUCHRE NIGHT | 29 Air Rifle 7-9pm | 30 | | |

Have news, or a good story? Email the editor: jkidle@comcast.net © Need info? Visit the web site: <http://tcsl.org>
Something to say? Go to the Forum <http://tcsl.org/smf/>

Membership Report
Members are the Key to Success at TCSL

| Type | 11/6 | 11/23 | 12/18 | 01/08 | 02/17 | 03/19 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Associate | 34 | 35 | 34 | 35 | 35 | 39 |
| Honorary | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 9 |
| Military | 17 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 21 |
| Junior | 21 | 21 | 21 | 23 | 25 | 16 |
| Young Adult | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Life | 266 | 266 | 264 | 260 | 259 | 149 |
| Senior | 15 | 17 | 19 | 24 | 25 | 25 |
| Probationary | 77 | 79 | 78 | 84 | 89 | 49 |
| Regular | 361 | 359 | 358 | 356 | 357 | 304 |
| Total | 803 | 806 | 803 | 812 | 826 | 618 |
| Not Current | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 208 |

Source: Membership Database (Online).

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Women On Target

The Third Annual Women On Target Instructional Shooting Clinic is scheduled for June 13th. A planning meeting will be held April 20 at 6:30pm in the clubhouse. Contact Renee Tellas (734) 439-1363.



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