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## TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

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May 2009

### May 2009 President's Report

Spring is finally here! Lance has sent Dennis and Al out to play so come on out to the range and keep them company. Don't forget to wish Dennis a Happy Birthday; he turned 60 on 4/16/2009.

The spring clean up went great. We had good turnout that helped get some long overdue items addressed. Tyler Spurgeon got some material picked up from our western property line that had been there for years, some fencing was installed and the firewood was put up for next year. The trap committee really appreciated the help on the creek cover repair. Thanks to all of you for giving up part of your Saturday for the club. Too bad Jerry Chie could not get permission to come out and see the progress, Sue grounded him that day.

TCSL was approved to be reenrolled in the Environmental Stewardship program for two more years. We have one of only two programs in the State of Michigan that are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Kudos go to John Gary for continuing to manage the environmental aspects of our ranges.

Chuck Tellas, Jerry Chie, Jerry Marken and I met with our neighbors recently to discuss a bullet that was found while sweeping the patio of their home. While there is no way to know if the bullet came from TCSL, we are reevaluating our shooting facilities and procedures to make sure everything possible is being done to keep the surrounding community safe. We are exploring several options right now and have increased monitoring of both our target shooting and special shoots for areas that may need to be addressed. We will proceed on any necessary changes ASAP. The safety of our members and neighbors is of the utmost importance.

We are going to replace/repair approximately 700 feet of fencing on our western property line this summer and install some fencing near the corner of Bishop Road. We have some debris showing up and some signs that folks have been accessing our property in these areas. One of the NRA requirements is to have a fenced in perimeter and signs indicating that firearms are in use. There is quite a bit of brush to be cleared before the western border can be done. The fence needs to be replaced from the creek on the southern end to the north. Maybe Chainsaw Jerry Schimd and Dennis Schultz will spearhead these projects.

Hope to see each of you around the club!

### Second Military Match Saturday May 16, 2009

Clean up and dust off those military type rifles you've got and sign up at the club house, or just show up on Sat. May 16th, 2009 for this year's second match. Bring 45 rounds of ammo and something to lie on. Be ready to take instruction, if needed, and shoot in a military style match. No experience or Military Training needed. Instruction is at 9am and is provided 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 group and individual pictures of everyone and post them and the standings of each match on the club website at [www.tcsl.org](http://www.tcsl.org); sometimes on YouTube. Log on now and take a look at the previous matches. We will have a match the third Saturday of every month from May thru October. For more info. Call Chris Sucoe at 734-326-2874 or email Chris at [poorpapa@wideopenwest.com](mailto:poorpapa@wideopenwest.com) or Dave White at [bargunner@comcast.net](mailto:bargunner@comcast.net) or speak to Big Al or Dennis at the range. Be there! You won't regret it. Shooting starts at 10am and ends, usually between Noon and 1pm, depending on the number of people that participate. 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](mailto: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](mailto:rob@thebologs.com) or call the club at 734-429-9561 if you can help out.

### Euchre Nights

The euchre folks have been running eight tables with room for more players of all skill levels. Join them May 12 and 26 for dinner and cards. Things start at about 5:30pm. It's \$5 for food and only \$1 to play cards.

### April Membership Meeting

President Rob thanked everyone for a successful Clean-Up Day, and discussed the actions being taken with respect to the bullet recently found on our neighbor's property. Mike Moehl reported total membership of 826 with 671 paid and 173 unpaid as of April 16. Jim Pryce reported the news from MUCC (see below), and thanked the clean-up crew for the work on the archery tower. Chuck Tellas gave the financial report for March, and announced continued strong interest in CCW with 21 already registered for May's class. Jerry Chie reviewed the schedule of coming events—see the calendar. He also encouraged folks to come out for the special steak fry on the 15<sup>th</sup>; price is \$15 and all profits go to the Cancer Walk. Bill Feight said Clean-Up Day was great and thanked all participants. He could use one more volunteer at the bar (on the serving, not the consuming side) for Sundays; volunteers for fill-in slots would also be welcome.



### MUCC News

- The MUCC Board meeting was 4/18 at Mecosta Rod & Gun.
- There will be a Clean-Up at Cedar Lake Campground in Chelsea at 8am on April 25.
- MUCC District II meets at Monroe Rod & Gun on May 26 at 6:30pm.
- MUCC announced that Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry and Fred Myers Jr., Executive Director of the Union Sportsmen's Alliance will be the featured guest speakers for the 2009 Annual Convention, June 20-21 in Mount Pleasant.
- For information on hunting and fishing season dates, visit the Michigan DNR website at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>.

Get all the latest MUCC news at  
[www.mucc.org](http://www.mucc.org).

### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House May 30, 2009

Mark your calendar for Tri-County's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house on May 30. All ranges will be free from 10am until dusk and free picnic-style food will be served from noon until the cooks drop (probably about 4pm). Bring family and friends—it will be a great day to enjoy your club and introduce a friend to all that TCSL offers.

## 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://tcsl-idpa.org/new/>, 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

IDPA practice nights are now on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm. 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.

### Intro To IDPA Session

For those who have never shot an IDPA match, and would like to try it out—we recommend signing up for the "Intro to IDPA Session". This session will teach you all the rules of IDPA, and let you try shooting IDPA scenarios without being scored. The focus will be to practice the skills needed to shoot simulated defensive scenarios (i.e. drawing from holster, moving while shooting, using cover, tactical-reloads, emergency-reloads, etc.) The next "Intro to IDPA Session" will be offered on May 23, 2009 from 12pm - 6pm at TCSL. Registration will be on <http://tcsl-idpa.org/new/>. Cost is \$25 for non TCSL members and \$20 for TCSL members. We will be offering multiple "Intro to IDPA" sessions throughout the course of the spring / summer season, and we hope you can join us!

### Your Ad Here?

That's right, you can now advertise in the TCSL Newsletter. Go to the [website](#) for terms and affordable rates.

### 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. We could also use a couple of subs to fill in on short notice.

## Plan Ahead for June

Jun 3 DNR Workshop  
Jun 4 Board Meeting  
Jun 6 Anderson Wedding  
Jun 7 Trap  
Jun 9 Euchre  
Jun 13 Women On Target  
Jun 14 Pin Shoot; Kondor Rental; Trap  
Jun 20 Alcott 50<sup>th</sup> Party; Military Shoot  
Jun 21 Chicken Broil; Trap  
Jun 22-24 Cub Scout Day Camp  
Jun 26 Steak Fry  
Jun 27 Hess Rental  
Jun 28 Trap

## Hall Reservations

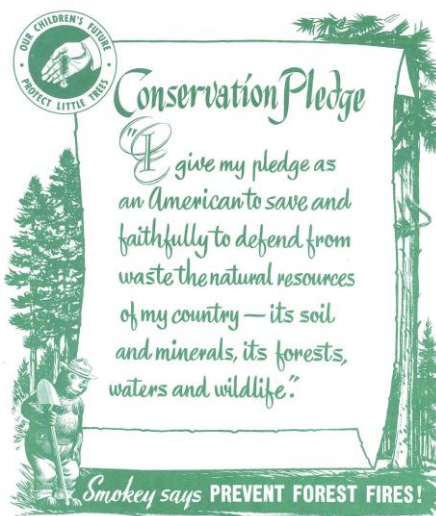
We specialize in parties and fundraisers. The TCSL catering team is first rate. Custom menus and a variety of price points available. Please contact Jerry Chie for more info. [Sgchie@comcast.net](mailto:Sgchie@comcast.net) or 734-483-8435

## 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.

## 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.

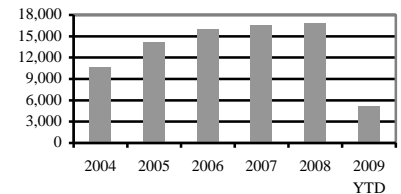


\* The 1954 Smokey the Bear Conservation Pledge; "air" was later added to the list of resources.

## 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



## Military Member Update

LTJG Kurt Sacks, USN, son of member Roger Sacks, received his "Wings of Gold" in ceremonies at NAS Kingsville, TX on Friday, March 27. Twelve pilots were winged during the ceremony attended by their families and friends. Kurt celebrated his 26th birthday on St. Patrick's Day 100 miles off the east coast of Florida by landing on the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman for the first time. Before heading to Lemoore, CA to begin training in the F/A-18 Super Hornet, He will travel to Tampa and spend time with his older brother Paul and his new bride Elaine. Kurt was unable to participate in the wedding due to his carrier qualifications schedule.



ENS Chris Sacks, USN, Kurt's younger brother, got first-hand experience during the winging weekend by "suing up" when his brother dressed him in his G-suit, harness, flight vest, and helmet. Dangling from the rafters on parachute straps proved to be a very eye-opening experience. Chris is currently stationed in Athens, GA and will begin Navy Supply Corps School there beginning in July.

Send military member info to: [jkidle@comcast.net](mailto:jkidle@comcast.net). Send photos for web posting to: [Webmaster@tcsl.org](mailto:Webmaster@tcsl.org)

### Good and Welfare

Life Member Preston Brown is in the hospital. Life Member Bill Masten's wife is recuperating at the Methodist Nursing Home in Monroe following a stroke. 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 21<sup>st</sup>. It's a good time and a great way to get your hours. For info. Call John Dolski 734-482-3045.

### Archery News

The Archery committee would like to thank everyone who helped on cleanup day. We were able to disassemble the archery tower from where it was and get it up into the woods. Please keep your eyes and ears open on the TCSL website for another date to put the stairs on the tower as well as to try and expand the range by making other shooting lanes that we can use when the gun ranges are not being used, working our way through the woods behind those ranges.

A big  
**THANKS**  
to everyone  
who worked  
to make  
**Clean-Up Day**  
a great  
success!

### Women On Target June 13, 2009

Registration for the 3rd Annual Women On Target Instructional Shooting Clinic began April 1st and we already have 45 paid registrations. Even at \$35 it appears the 63 spaces will be sold out by the end of the month. One challenge we face is securing enough ammunition for the ladies to shoot. The price increases were anticipated, but the shortage of ammunition was unexpected. Donations of brass cased, factory boxed FMJ ammunition in .22LR, 9mm, .45 ACP and .38 Special would be greatly appreciated. You may leave it at the bar—please mark WOT on each box to indicate it is to be used for Women On Target.

We are praying for pleasant weather, safe shooting, an enjoyable day for the participants, and a great day for all the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please attend one of the meetings tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 4th and May 18th at 6:30pm at the clubhouse, or call Lorena Tellas at (734) 439-1363.

### May 2009

31 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday	2 Saturday
Trap Noon-3pm					CCW	CCW Pistol Range Closed Until Noon
3 Breakfast 8am-Noon  Trap Noon-3pm	4	5	6	7 Board Meeting 7pm	8	9
10 Trap Noon-3pm <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 York Twp. Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm	12 York Twp. Bd. of Trustees Mtg. 7:30pm  EUCHRE NIGHT	13	14	15 Chie Cancer Walk & Steak Fry	16 Military Shoot Rifle Range 9am-1pm
17 Pin Shoot - Noon Game Dinner - 4pm  Trap Noon-3pm	18	19 York Twp. ZBA Mtg. 7:30pm	20	21 Burger Night 5:30pm Membership Meeting 7pm	22 Steak Fry 5-7pm	23 IDPA Pistol, and Action Ranges Closed 10am-Noon
24 IDPA Class (Upstairs) 8am-Noon  Trap Noon-3pm	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26 EUCHRE NIGHT	27	28	29	30 TCSL 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

Have news, or a good story? Email the editor: [jkidle@comcast.net](mailto: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	11/23	12/18	01/08	02/17	03/19	04/16
Associate	35	34	35	35	39	35
Honorary	7	7	7	9	9	9
Military	17	17	18	20	21	21
Junior	21	21	23	25	16	18
Young Adult	5	5	5	7	6	7
Life	266	264	260	259	149	156
Senior	17	19	24	25	25	26
Probationary	79	78	84	89	49	67
Regular	359	358	356	357	304	332
<b>Total</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>671</b>
<b>Not Current</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>173</b>

Source: Membership Database (Online).

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**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.



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