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# The Newsletter

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## September President's Report

Rob is taking a well deserved break from report writing duties this month, but will be back with renewed vigor in the October newsletter. In the meantime, take a look at what's going on in our community in addition to your club's activities...

## September Community Events of Interest

- **Saline Farmer's Market**, every Saturday 8am-Noon, Downtown Saline
- **Saline Mid-Week Farmers' Market**, every Tuesday 3pm-7pm, 555 N. Maple, Saline
- **Washtenaw Classic Auto Show**, every Friday 5:30-8:30pm, 3362-3402 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor
- **Labor Day Weekend Festival**, September 4-5, Noon-11pm, Old St. Pat's Fairgrounds, 5671 Whitmore Lake Road
- **First Day of School All Area Public Schools**, September 7
- **Ypsilanti Depot Town Crafters Market**, September 11 & 25, 2-6pm, Depot Town in Ypsilanti
- **Saline Community Fair**, September 7-11, 10am-11pm, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
- **Saline Community Fair Parade**, September 11, 12-1pm, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
- **Harvest of the Arts/Oktoberfest**, September 25, 10am-11pm, Downtown Saline
- **Flu Shot Clinic**, September 26, 11:30am to 2:30pm, Peoples Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith St., Milan

## Links

- MUCC: <http://www.mucc.org/>
- NRA: <http://www.nra.org/>
- DNRE: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnre/>
- Michigan 2010-11 Hunting and Trapping Digest: <http://www.statehuntandfishregs.com/MI/>

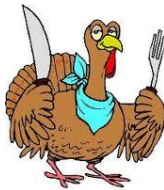
## Last 2010 Pin Shoot!



The last TCSL Pin Shoot of the year will be held September 19<sup>th</sup>. Shooting starts at noon and ends around 5pm.

If you've never been to a pin shoot, here's how it basically works: Pay \$5 to shoot six tables of five pins each as fast as you can; your best five tables will be averaged to determine your score; bragging rights go to the shooters with the lowest times—sorry, no money. Any handgun can be used; loaners available. Bring your own ammo. Contact Mike Cowhy at 734-429-2446 or [car64mcl@peoplepc.com](mailto:car64mcl@peoplepc.com) for more information.

## Turkey Shoots Return



It's Turkey Shoot time at TCSL once more. Shoots are scheduled October 3, 24 and November 7; Noon to 4pm each day. Handgunners can give it a try on the pistol range, and shotgunners use a dedicated range located between the 50 yard rifle range and the archery range. Shooters of all ages—provided they can handle a firearm safely—are welcome. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. The cost to participate in a round or relay is \$3.00, and you may participate in as many rounds as you like. Prizes include frozen turkeys, bacon slabs, and other good stuff. If you bring spectators, do them a favor and provide ear protection.

**Shotgun Shoot:** Shotguns in 12, 16, 20, or 410 gauges can be used in the shoot. If you don't own a shotgun, loaners will be available. Don't bring ammunition; it's provided at the shoot. The competition is held in rounds of ten shooters firing one shell at a target 25 yards away. Shooters may be in standing or kneeling positions. The shooter placing a BB closest to the center of the bullseye wins the prize for that round.

**Handgun Shoot:** Any handgun may be used, from a 22 cal. to an S&W500 (loaners will be available). Everyone supplies their own ammo. Handgunners get 3 shots at a running "deer" target at 25 yards. Hits earn points and the shooter with the highest point total for each 10 person relay wins a turkey or other prize.

Come out and give a try—you'll have a good time. Contact Dale Radak (734-429-0668) for more info on the shotgun shoot, or Mike Cowhy (734-429-2446) for info on the handgun shoot.



## Fourth Military Match September 18, 2010

The fourth Military Match will be held on the 100 yard range on September 18, 2010 at 10:00am. Instruction for new people will be from 09:00-10:00am. The last match of the year will be October 16, 2010.

We had a good turnout for the August 14th match. Fourteen shooters attended. First place was taken by none other than Ed Low and his AR-15 with a score of 280 of a possible 300. Second place was awarded to James Szocik with a 258. Third place went to Ed Benko (known to some as number one, now #3) who shot a 255. Also shooting was Dave White, Mike Johnston, and Donna Johnston (our resident Police Officer) who shot a 224; Jim Jackson, Jimmy Jackson and Tony White—wearing his Vietnam fatigues, shot a respectable 239. We had two guests, Steve and Mark Meloni shooting their AR-15 and AR-10. Jerry Marken and Chris Chalmers shot 215 and 202 respectively. Chris Sucoe Jr. shot an incomplete due to ammo problems. Pictures will be up on my website shortly, along with the standings for July, August and previous matches at: <http://mlgarandguy.com/Matches/MatchesRifle/>.

We'd certainly like to see more of our club members come out and try their luck. We'll even take your picture with your rifle. No military experience necessary. Bring 35 rounds of ammo and your rifle. We'll teach you the rest. I know there are hundreds of military rifles in our club, and many veterans, to show your skills. Why not break one out (not a vet, a rifle) and give it a workout? We'll leave the range light on for ya.....

For questions call Chris Sucoe at 734-326-2874 or email me at [poorpapa@wideopenwest.com](mailto:poorpapa@wideopenwest.com); Ed Benko at [edbenko48176@comcast.net](mailto:edbenko48176@comcast.net); Dave White at [bargunner@comcast.net](mailto:bargunner@comcast.net); or Gerry Marken at [JCMarken@verizon.net](mailto:JCMarken@verizon.net).



Can I use this one Chris?

## IDPA

### Next IDPA Match – September 25th

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: 10am (SO's only), 12 noon, and 2:30pm. 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 on bringing 150 rounds of ammunition.

### IDPA Practice Nights Tuesdays at 6:00pm

IDPA practice nights are on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm. 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 \$5 for non-TCSL members, \$3 for TCSL members w/o Range Pass, free for TCSL members with Range Pass.

### Intro To IDPA Session Sept. 25, 2010

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 Sept 25 from 11am-5pm at TCSL. Registration will be on <http://tcsl-idpa.org/new/>. Cost is \$35 for non TCSL members and \$25 for TCSL members. You will also receive a coupon to shoot an IDPA match at TCSL for free! This will be the last "Intro to IDPA Session" for the year.

### TCSL 2010 Hunter Education

- Class is FREE; students will use TCSL's firearms; no age limit.
- Class runs from 9am-5pm Saturday and Sunday with a one hour lunch
- Students will be shooting 22 cal. Rifles and 20 gauge shotguns on Saturday afternoon.
- Remaining 2010 Class will be September 11-12 (registration is September 4, 1-3pm)

## Events Needing Help

Sep 12 Private Party  
Sep 19 Private Party  
Sep 24 Steak Fry  
Sep 26 Private Party  
Oct 2 MHS Cash Bash  
Oct 22 Steak Fry

## September Training

### NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Rifle Shooting Course (\$160)



Saturday, September 25  
8am to 5pm; Sunday,  
September 26 noon to  
4pm

Teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to the safe and efficient use of a muzzleloading rifle. The course is 12 hours in length and includes classroom instruction and time on a range shooting a muzzleloading rifle. Students learn the NRA's three rules for safe gun handling; parts; loading; shooting; cleaning; shooting from a standing position and shooting from a crossed stick position; and continued opportunities for skill development. Students will receive the Muzzleloading Rifle Handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, Muzzleloading Student Examination, Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet, course completion certificate.

**To register for a class or for more information: Call Chuck Tellas at (734) 439-1363 or email [chuck.ceetee@yahoo.com](mailto:chuck.ceetee@yahoo.com)**

**A list describing the NRA courses offered at Tri-County is available on the club website or by clicking this [link](#).** Please call or email if you have any questions about the training. We look forward to seeing you again.

Safe Shooting,  
Chuck and Lorena Tellas

## Good and Welfare

President Bolog's daughter Meagan has transferred to GVSU as a Junior. Previously she attended Washtenaw Community College. Meagan will be majoring in exercise science and hopes to become a physical therapist. Although Meagan is excited, she is disappointed that she cannot keep her handgun in her apartment due to it being University property. Alternative forms of self defense are planned. The knowledge of anatomy that Meagan has acquired will come in handy if a situation arises.

Member John Kiddle's son Dan married high school sweetheart Katie McFadden on July 16<sup>th</sup> in a ceremony at Wellers in Saline.

Member Denice Denoyer's brother Valentine Solak passed away August 15th.

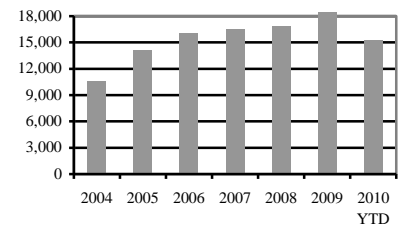
Keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. Please call the club to notify us of an illness, loss, or good news 734-429-9561 or 734-429-2274.

## Plan Ahead for October

10/2 MHS Cash Bash  
10/3 Breakfast; Turkey Shoot  
10/8 CCW  
10/9 CCW  
10/12 Euchre  
10/16 Military Shoot  
10/21 Membership and Board Meetings  
10/22 Steak Fry  
10/23 IDPA  
10/24 Turkey Shoot  
10/26 Euchre

**Call the Club to Volunteer for Your Hours.**

### Total Hours Contributed



## Clubhouse and Range Hours

### Rifle and Pistol Ranges:

Sunday Noon-Dusk

Monday through Saturday 10am-Dusk

### Clubhouse:

Sunday through Tuesday Noon-6pm

Wednesday through Saturday 10am-6pm

Volunteers cover the Sunday-Tuesday operation. Please consider volunteering for clubhouse coverage. Call the club or Bill Feight 734-717-8112 for more information.

## Membership Report Members are the Key to Success at TCSL

Type	8/09	8/10	Change
<b>Regular</b>	341	330	-11
<b>Probationary</b>	90	87	-3
<b>Senior</b>	26	26	0
<b>Young Adult</b>	11	13	+2
<b>Life</b>	156	125	-31
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>-43</b>
<b>Associate</b>	41	51	+10
<b>Junior</b>	19	16	-3
<b>Honorary</b>	10	9	-1
<b>Military</b>	20	29	+9
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>+15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>-28</b>
<b>Not Current</b>	0	0	0

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## Military Member Updates

Tri-County is proud to offer free membership to active-duty military personnel. Contact the membership secretary at [membership@tcsl.org](mailto:membership@tcsl.org) to sign up family and friends who are in the military. Send military member updates to: [jkidle@comcast.net](mailto:jkidle@comcast.net). Send photos for web posting to: [Webmaster@tcsl.org](mailto:Webmaster@tcsl.org)

## 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

### CCW Classes Resume September 10 & 11

Exercise your Second Amendment rights— qualify for a Michigan Concealed Pistol License by taking the *NRA Personal Protection in the Home* course at TCSL. Open to the public. NRA certified instructors. Cost: \$100 (members), \$135 (non-members). Email [ccw4pp@yahoo.com](mailto:ccw4pp@yahoo.com) to register.

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## EPA Considering Ban on Traditional Ammunition: ACT NOW!!

All Gun Owners, Hunters and Shooters:

With the fall hunting season fast approaching, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Lisa Jackson, who was responsible for banning bear hunting in New Jersey, is now considering a petition by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) - a leading anti-hunting organization - to ban all traditional ammunition under the Toxic Substance Control Act of 1976, a law in which Congress expressly exempted ammunition. If the EPA approves the petition, the result will be a total ban on all ammunition containing lead-core components, including hunting and target-shooting rounds. The EPA must decide to accept or reject this petition by November 1, 2010, the day before the midterm elections.

**Today (8/24/10), the EPA has opened to public comment the CBD petition. The comment period ends on October 31, 2010.**

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) -- the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and shooting sports industry -- urges you to submit comment to the EPA opposing any ban on traditional ammunition. Remember, your right to choose the ammunition you hunt and shoot with is at stake.

The EPA has published the petition and relevant supplemental information as Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2010-0681. If you would like to read the original petition and see the contents of this docket folder, [please click here](#). In order to go directly to the 'submit a comment' page for this docket number, [please click here](#).

### NSSF urges you to stress the following in your opposition:

- There is no scientific evidence that the use of traditional ammunition is having an adverse impact on wildlife populations.
- Wildlife management is the proper jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the 50 state wildlife agencies.
- A 2008 study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on blood lead levels of North Dakota hunters confirmed that consuming game harvested with traditional ammunition does not pose a human health risk.
- A ban on traditional ammunition would have a negative impact on wildlife conservation. The federal excise tax that manufacturers pay on the sale of the ammunition (11 percent) is a primary source of wildlife conservation funding. The bald eagle's recovery, considered to be a great conservation success story, was made possible and funded by hunters using traditional ammunition - the very ammunition organizations like the CBD are now demonizing.
- Recent statistics from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service show that from 1981 to 2006 the number of breeding pairs of bald eagles in the United States increased 724 percent. And much like the bald eagle, raptor populations throughout the United States are soaring.

### Steps to take:

1. [Submit comment online to the EPA.](#)
2. Contact Lisa Jackson directly to voice your opposition to the ban:  
Lisa P. Jackson  
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
(202) 564-4700  
Fax: (202) 501-1450  
Email: [jackson.lisa@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.lisa@epa.gov)
3. Contact your congressman and senators and urge them to stop the EPA from banning ammunition. To view a sample letter, [click here](#).

# September 2010 TCSL Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	1 Wednesday	2 Thursday	3 Friday	4 Saturday
						Hunter Safety Signup 1-3pm
5  NO TRAP	6  <i>Labor Day</i>	7	8	9	10  CCW 6-9pm	11  CCW 8am-5pm Pistol Range Closed 10am-1pm Hunter Safety 9-5 <i>Patriot Day</i>
12  Hunter Safety 9-5  Private Party Trap Noon-Done	13  York Twp. Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm	14  York Twp. Bd. of Trustees Mtg. 7:30pm  Euchre 5-9pm	15	16  Membership and Board Meetings 6:30pm	17	18  Military Shoot 9am 100 Yd Range Closed Until About 1:30pm
19  Pin Shoot 12-5  Clubhouse Closed for Private Party Trap Noon-Done	20	21	22	23  Club Orientation 6pm	24  Steak Fry 5:30pm  Pistol Ranges Close at 4pm for IDPA	25  IDPA - Pistol and Action Ranges Closed 10am-Closing; Rifle Range Closed in AM NRA Muzzleloader Rifle Class
26  NRA muzzleloader Rifle Class Private Party – Lower Level Trap Noon-Done	27  York Twp. Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm	28  Euchre 5-9pm	29	30		

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**We will not tire, we will not falter and we will not fail.**

George W. Bush 9/20/01

September 11 is Patriot Day. A day to remember the 2,993 Americans killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks. American flags should be flown at half-staff. It is also traditional to observe a moment of silence at 8:46am (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

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