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President's Corner



Jim Trottman

Fellow Sportsmen & Women of the Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club,

Let's make the upcoming New Year's Day one to remember. November 8th vote in two party rule, send the longstanding flunkies packing with a change to make change happen! Most importantly, VOTE!!

Any Governor who, "doesn't need data" to make a multifaceted 13-page unconstitutional law, will most likely be added to the list of disgraced former NY Governors. Strange how they are all from the current ruling party... And there's data to prove it!

Good luck to all the members pursuing free range organic protein! Antler, fur, & feathers, "Oh my". Steelhead (the fish, not our current Albany rulers) will be surging up feeder streams. Aim true, cast straight & release promptly, if that's your choice. Fall is truly the greatest time of year. Elmer Fudd wasn't the only one duped by Bugs & Daffy. My recent duck hunting trips were highlighted by one

squirrel & two rabbits, with no shots fired at a duck. My brother shot the rabbits with a pellet rifle. All good eats.

Please pardon the timing and updating of the Sportscaster & our website; our creator and tech guru stepped down for personal reasons. We (the Board) would love to hear from any member with the know-how to keep these fresh & up to date.

The Winter League is in full swing with ten teams vying for the TSC Winter League title. Thanks for every shooter's patience due to staffing issues, and the "pain in the sphincter" CCIA law, requiring us to parade around the parking lot with our shot-guns.

Please vote out any anti 2nd Amendment "weenie" running for office at any level. This will allow me to cease and desist my political commentaries and get back to providing all with the usual off-color nonsense during my last two months as President.

Jim Trottman

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Range Information

Indoor Pistol Range:

8am – 9:45pm daily

Outdoor Pistol Range:

9am – 8:59pm or dark (whichever is first)

Outdoor Rifle Range:

- (10) Rifle Stations are open.
 - (2) Pistol Stations: **Open**
- Mon. – Fri.: 9am – 8:59pm or dark (whichever is first)

Sat. & Sun.: 10am – 8:59pm or dark (whichever is first)

Rentals: dates and times on Range Calendar

Sportscaster

November 2022 Highlights

Range Training Classes

Rifle Range

Monday 11/7-6:00pm @ Rifle Range

Indoor Range

Thursday 11/10-7:00pm @ TSC Boardroom

Outdoor Range Monday 11/14-7:00pm @ TSC Boardroom

If you plan to attend please email:

Ranges@tonsportsclub.com

No pheasant hunting

Saturday/Sunday

November -19th & 20th

Opening Deer Season

Winter League has started

NRA AT TSC

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Just go to our website (www.TonSportsClub.com) and click on the NRA Logo on our Home page. It will give you all the current "Club Rates and discounts" even for Life Membership. You can pay via c.c. or PayPal.

If you cannot join via the website, you can sign up by contacting Rick Wood at rwood1050@aol.com or (544-1638).

Thanks,
Rick Wood



In The News!

2022-2023 Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club Membership Report

Current membership: (1024)

- ⊕ General members: (859)
- ⊕ Young Adult members: (53)
- ⊕ 5C Life members: (12)
- ⊕ Life Elite members: (58)
- ⊕ Life members: (42)

If your dues are paid and you have not received a membership card please contact Joe Kopec at Membership@tonsportsclub.com

Tonawanda Sportsmen's Club Library

Increase your knowledge! Borrow a book from our library located near the shoot room door. Our free library has valuable and entertaining information about shooting sports, gun safety, maintenance, hunting, collecting and everything relating to the outdoors.

The shoot room is always accepting books which you may wish to donate. Much thanks to our librarian Greg Metzger!



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Safety at TSC

It is each member's responsibility for shooting safely. If you see something, say something. If you're hunting, merely stating "safety on?" after someone shoots, is good common sense. Correcting a newcomer at any range will create safer surroundings for all. Be nice, we all were new to shooting sports at one time. Helping another shooter practice safe firearm procedures is win-win. This is OUR Club, therefore ALL member's need to be aware of their surroundings, whether eating, shooting or walking to their vehicle. If you're new to firearms, please ask for assistance, someone is always happy to help.

Remember, there is no "ego" in safety. A smart shooter is always learning. A "know it all" is usually the one to do something stupid, with a lame excuse that can never undo an unsafe act. We are all human and we will make mistakes, but if we watch out for each other, we can prevent mistakes from happening.

Safety never sleeps.

The Board



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HUNTING ON TSC PROPERTY

All Hunting on TSC property is for members only. No guests are allowed to Hunt - Deer, Turkey, Rabbit, Goose, Duck, etc. You can Hunt anywhere on TSC property - marked in "RED" on the TSC map. For permission for a youth Hunter to join you, contact the Board of Directors.

Exception: Pheasant hunting (during morning hunt hours on Saturday and Sunday only - if you are a guest of a "351" Member and has permission of the "351" coordinator). This is allowed due to the additional fees involved in Pheasant hunting.

Many of our maps are broken into "Zones" (for Pheasant hunting purposes). Some old maps show a Zone #10 (right / east of the Zone #9 fields which previously was leased) which is not TSC property.

**** See latest map on TSC Website ****

Notes:

- 1) Members are NOT allowed to use personal ATV's or Snow Mobiles on TSC property.
- 2) "351" will not release Pheasants in Zones 6+7 (North of the Railroad Bed) during Deer Bow and Shot Gun season (so minimal Pheasant Hunters will be in those fields throughout the Deer Bow and Shot Gun season thus leaving it more pleasurable to Deer Hunt in that area).
- 3) You MUST be a Member of TSC AND the "351" Pheasant program to hunt Pheasants on our property.

Deer hunting/tree stand policy at TSC

All tree stands must be manufactured. No homemade or wood constructed stands allowed. Stands cannot be installed until September 1st and must be removed by December 30th each season. A safety harness MUST be used in all stands (ladder, hang on & climbers) no exceptions. Members must have their name & phone number attached to any stands installed on Club property.

Proper shooting locations for all Guns at TSC

Shot Gun Patterning Board: (Shotguns ONLY)

The Shotgun Patterning Board is located to the left of Skeet Field #1. The Patterning board can help Trap or Skeet Shooters find their guns "point of Impact". This is important in finding where your guns shot pattern is relative to the clay target. You should grease the steel plate face and then place a spent (used) shotgun shell on the center peg to aim at. There is Grease and a roller for your use located behind the board. Then, stand approximately even with the back side of Trap house #1. Shoot 2 or 3 rounds at the spent shell. If your pattern is high or low or too far left or right, you can adjust the comb or vent rib, and retry your shot. Hopefully, this will result in more shot reaching the clay target. Please remember to use short brass with 7-1/2 to 9 shot size and lead shot only.

NO Steel shot, Deer Slugs, Rifles or Pistols are allowed.

Shot Gun Home Defense Gun Board: (Shotguns only)

Currently CLOSED until further notice

Next to the Steel Patterning Board is a 4' x 4' plywood board (usually covered by cardboard) to learn use of your home defense gun. Staple or tape your target to the cardboard. Then, stand approximately even with the back side of Trap house #1 to Shoot. Please remember to use short brass with 7-1/2 to 9 shot size only.

No Deer Slugs, Rifles or Pistols are allowed.



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Outdoor Ranges

- ⊕ Outdoor Pistol Range: ONLY Pistol Calibers and Rimfire can be used on this Range. See Rule-book for specifics.
- ⊕ Outdoor Rifle Range: **All Shooting must take place from the bench under the shelter at fixed distances with no portable stands. Shoot only at targets in your lane. Cross-lane shooting prohibited.**
 - ★ (10) Rifle Stations: ONLY Long guns and Carbines can be shot on these stations. Shotguns with DEER SLUGS ONLY.
 - ★ (4) Pistol Stations: ONLY Pistol Calibers and Rimfire can be used on these stations.
- ⊕ Trap/Skeet & Sporting Clay Courses: Target/Hunting Shotguns ONLY with 7-1/2 to 9 shot size.

Outdoor Pistol Range

Range use restricted to Members with the YELLOW Lanyard.

For those who need to take the safety course and get the YELLOW Lanyard, Mandatory safety classes are being given – SEE THE LATEST TSC “E-blast” FOR DATES & TIMES.

Range shooting rules:

- ⊕ Shooters using the target frames MUST be on the same line.
- ⊕ Bring 24” x 18” to 24” cardboard with you, down to the frames to staple or tape your target onto and place into the target frame.
- ⊕ If you wish to have a table to set equipment on, bring your own.

MANDATORY PISTOL RANGE SAFETY CLASS

In order to use the Outdoor Pistol Range, you must take the MANDATORY Safety Course and obtain a **YELLOW** lanyard.

An E-blast will be sent each week with class dates & times for the following week. The classes **WILL NOT** be listed on the Sportscaster or Website.

Safety Class Process

1. Go to TonSportsClub.com > “About Us” tab > “Pistol Range Rules” on the pull down and read through the rules BEFORE coming to class.
2. Email Dave Wilde (davis.wilde@outlook.com) with your name and Date you will attend the class.
3. Take the class, sign the paperwork & receive your **YELLOW** lanyard

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League Updates



WNYPPPL A Zone / IPSC

- ⊕ Club match: 11/27, Setup is Saturday, 11/26. Sign-up is through Practiscore.
- ⊕ Indoor pistol range is closed from 3pm on the day of setup to 4pm match day.

WNYPPPL/IPSC has a contract with TSC currently through 06/30/2023.
 Anyone interested in WNYPPPL/IPSC information can contact Joe Kopec at jlko57@outlook.com.

TSC Suburban Pistol League

- ⊕ Season started in October
- ⊕ Monday, November 14th (2 matches) @ TSC

This season the SPL decided teams will resume traveling to matches within a 30 minute drive.

First relay begins at 7:30PM (or earlier if the first line is ready)

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TSC 900 League Matches:

- ⊕ Season started in October



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TSC Winter League:

- ⊕ Five (5) rounds must be completed by December 4th

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RANGE RENTALS AT TSC

Range Rentals to Federal Agencies are a major part of TSC's income and subsidize a portion of our membership dues.

Note: Normally the Agency will not stay all day. Very often they are gone by 1-2pm. If they are gone the Range is OPEN for Member use.

Range Rental criteria:

- ⊕ The number of Rental days on the Outdoor Pistol Range to Agencies is currently unlimited. An adjustment is being studied to strike a balance between our funding requirements and the availability of the range for our membership.
- ★ When the outdoor pistol range is rented, members with access may use the indoor pistol range.

⊕ In rare events the Rifle Range maybe also be rented. The allowable number of Rental days is (25) per Calendar Year on the Rifle Range. Once those are used up, the Agency must use an open day on the Pistol Range, or the Rental request would be denied.

- ★ We try to schedule all Rentals on the Pistol Range 1st and the Rifle Range is used as overflow. This allows our Members who want to shoot Pistol and Rifle to have an open outdoor range.
- ★ In these situations, we recommend Pistol shooters to leverage the Indoor Pistol Range.
- ★ Typically, when you see a Rental on the Rifle Range, it will be for several days by the same Federal Agency to do their qualifying all in one week.

Range Rentals	Sportscaster November 2022 "Range Rental" Calendar	Range Rentals
Outdoor Ranges hours: 9am to 9pm (or dark) / Indoor Range hours: 8am to 10pm (Symbols: I/R - Indoor Pistol Range, O/R - Outdoor Pistol Range, O/RR - outdoor Rifle Range)		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
	MATCH: Indoor Range - Suburban Pistol League 7pm - 9pm	4-H Indoor Range 6:30pm - 8:00pm Outdoor Range Rented 9am - 4pm		WNYPP/IPSC 4pm - 7pm (Indoor Range)		MATCH: Indoor Range - TSC 900 Center Fire 6pm - 7pm
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	MATCH: Indoor Range - Suburban Pistol League 7pm - 9pm			WNYPP/IPSC 4pm - 7pm (Indoor Range)		MATCH: Indoor Range - TSC 900 .22 9am - Noon
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						MATCH: Indoor Range - TSC 900 .22 9am - Noon SETUP: WNYPP/IPSC 3pm - 6pm (Indoor Range)
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
MATCH: WNYPP/IPSC 8am - 4pm (Indoor Range)	MATCH: Indoor Range - Suburban Pistol League 7pm - 9pm			WNYPP/IPSC 4pm - 7pm (Indoor Range)		MATCH: Indoor Range - TSC 900 Center Fire 6pm - 7pm

2022 Tonawanda Sportmen's Club Directors

Role	Name	Cell Phone	Email Address	Year Elected	Term End
President	Jim Trottmann	713-9117	JTrot63894@hotmail.com	Jan '20	Jan '23
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Director	Mike Chotkowski	308-8411	North270@aol.com	July '21	Jan '24
Director	Marc Poleon	430-9419	marcpoleon@yahoo.com	Jan '22	Jan '25
Director	David Gennuso	445-6809	gennuso32@gmail.com	Jan '22	Jan '25

Club Items	Sportscaster November 2022 "Club" Calendar	Club Items
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