President's Corner



Mark Thornton (Director)

Greetings fellow TSC members. I edit the Sportscaster and am giving Marc Poleon a break on the Presidents Corner this month.

As you no doubt have seen, there have been many improvements to our club in 2023. We have new shotgun games including wobble trap, and soon, 5-Stand. Also a needed expansion of our garage is almost complete. Other work on the Outdoor Pistol Range includes enhancing the berms for more safe shooting opportunities in the future. And, the NRA is working with us to make final modifications to the rifle range for needed safety upgrades. There are also many unseen improvements on-going. Volunteers are at work providing maintenance to our buildings and grounds. We all thank them for their hard work. We are always looking for more volunteers to keep the club looking and functioning great.

One aspect of the club I have enjoyed this year is the growing interest in new pistol and rifle shooters, including many women. In fact, there is so much interest that a new Women's Only shooting group has been added to the club activities. Experienced women shooters are training newly interested ladies and having fun doing so. There are no men to offer "mansplaining" at these fun events. New ladies have also joined for the Steel Challenge competition held April through October outdoors. It is fast paced fun for everyone, at all levels of skill, that teaches the fundamentals of shooting pistols and rifles. Please join us (men and women) in the Spring for the Steel Challenge 2024 season.

Speaking of 2024, we will be having the annual members meeting January 11th. In addition to a review of the clubs financial condition and consideration of by-law changes, open board seats will be filled. It is important for you as members to attend and have your voice heard on these matters. Also, if you would like to contribute to the club in an even greater way, consider running for one of the open board seats. There is much to do at a club our size, and we need active directors to help organize and get the work done. Even if you can't serve as a director, consider volunteering on one of the committees. We are looking for help on the rifle committee and other groups. Please consider it, especially in the area of shooting that you are most interested in. Have a safe and fun holiday season and good shooting.

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Club Hours

Shoot Room Trap & Skeet

Wed 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

• Last call 8:30 pm

Sat & Sun: 10 am - 4:00 pm

· Last call 3:30 pm

Sporting Clays

Sat & Sun: 10 am - 4:00 pm

Last call 2:30 pm

Indoor Pistol Range

8 am - 9:45 pm daily

Outdoor Pistol & Outdoor Rifle Ranges

Mon - Fri: 9 am - 8:59 pm or dark (whichever is first)

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

Kitchen & Bar

Wed: 5 pm - 9 pm

• Last call 8:45 pm

Sat & Sun: 9 am - 4 pm

• Last call 3:30 pm

Rentals: dates and times on Range Calendar



General Member Meeting

Annual Members Meeting January 11th.

Shoot Room Trappers Needed

Part-Time Position
Must be available to work
Wednesday 5 pm - 9 pm
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm
See Jake for info

NRA AT TSC

Did you know you can join the NRA through TSC?

You can join the NRA through TSC and get a "Club Discount"

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

New TSC Website

http://www.tonsportsclub.com/

It was a challenge, but we have finally completed the launch of our upgraded TSC website. Featuring improved navigation and ease of use, plus some new content and features are now available.

We will be reaching out to our previous sponsors for advertising in both the Sportscaster and on this new website.

Folks on our IT Committee will be receiving training soon so that we can make our own website updates to content and features in the future.

If you have any suggestions for content, forward them to anyone on the IT Committee.

Please check out the new website. We will also continue to utilize Facebook postings and email e-blasts to communicate with members.

What's New at the Club

- ➤ Needed storage expansion of the garage almost complete.
- ➤ Club purchased a new pickup truck for property maintenance tasks.
- > Continuing berm expansion on the outdoor pistol range.
- ➤ New TSC Website launched in late November.

TSC Shotgun Ammo

TSC will be receiving the following ammunition:

RIO 12 gauge 1 1/8 oz. #7.5 shot 1200 fps

Nobel Sport 12 gauge 1 1/8 oz. #8 shot 1145 fps

Nobel Sport 20 gauge 7/8 oz. #8 shot 1275 fps

This will be in addition to the 28 & 16 gauge already available. A \$2.50 NICS check fee will be charged for each transaction.

One flat per transaction. Pricing will be posted. Please be patient as this is a work in progress.

Upcoming Events

Range Training Classes

Training classes for the month of December will be given on the following days.

- Indoor Range 12/9 11:30am @ TSC Boardroom in Basement
- Outdoor Range 12/9 1:00pm @ TSC Boardroom in Basement
- Rifle Range 12/9 2:00pm @ TSC Boardroom in Basement + Follow up Range Tour

If you are planning to attend, please email Ranges@tonsportsclub.com. This will ensure that we have enough lanyards and Fobs available for distribution. Anyone not pre-registering may not receive these the day of if we are short.

Paper Challenge

More in the continuing series.

- Indoor Range 12/3 2:00 5:00pm
- Indoor Range 12/18 4:00 7:00pm

Range will be "cold" meaning no gun will be loaded and no magazine in gun.

Guns must be boxed or bagged.

22lr rifle or pistol

Centerfire pistol 9mm, 40 cal., or 45 cal.

Upcoming Events

CLUB SPONSORED WOMEN'S PAPER CHALLENGE EVENT

Shooting event just for women! Come in and meet other women shooters at TSC and shoot a very fun Paper Challenge. All levels welcome! Please bring any .22 rimfire pistol/rifle, 9mm, 40 cal or 45 cal pistol, 50 or more rounds of ammunition, a case for your firearm, and eye and ear protection.

For this event:

- Range will be 'COLD' (no loaded firearms and no magazines in firearms).
- · All firearms must be bagged or boxed.
- Magazines and ammo must be accessible without opening the firearm compartment.

Who: Members, wives of members and daughters

of members

When: Weds Dec 13 Time: 6-8 pm Where: Indoor Range

*No registration necessary

Questions? Email women-shooters@tonsportsclub.com

Don't have the proper firearm? Come out anyway. You can still learn how to shoot a paper challenge, meet new people, and help us plan the next event!



TSC SWAP MEET

BUY, SELL OR TRADE RIGHT YOUR UNUSED GEAR RIGHT HERE AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Sat December 2nd @ 10 AM

No Setup Fee

Please sign up prior to the event (sign up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse)

Sorry due to NY law no gun or ammo sales

Kitchen, and Bar will be open



Kitchen Specials





Member Info

2023-2024 Tonawanda's Sportsmen's Club Membership Report

Young Adult members: (29)

5C Life members: (13)Life Elite members: (50)

❖ Life members: (45)

Any questions please contact Joe Kopec at

Membership@tonsportsclub.com





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League Updates



WNYPPL A Zone / IPSC

- Practice is every Thursday from 4-7 pm, currently outdoors until October
- See https://practiscore.com/ and signup for scheduled matches.

Anyone interested in WNYPPL/IPSC information can contact Joe Kopec at jlko57@outlook.com

TSC Suburban Pistol League

This season the SPL decided teams will resume traveling to matches within a 30-minute drive. First relay begins at 7:30 PM (or earlier if the first line is ready)

If you're interested or have any questions about bullseye pistol shooting contact Chris Metro at cmetro@gmail.com

TSC 900 League Matches:

Contact Bob Metro for practice and match schedule.

SASS Cowboy League Matches Next April will resume

Contact Rick Wood for more information at rwood1050@aol.com

Steel Challenge League Matches Next April will resume.

Contact Dave Wilde for more information at davis.wilde@outlook.com

TSC Shotgun News

The 2023-2024 TSC Winter League

Five (5) scores must be posted Sunday December 3rd

Eight (8) scores must be posted by Sunday January 7th.

The following Lewis Class Scoring fun events are scheduled as follows:

Monday January 1st-Annual "Hangover" Sporting Clays Shoot

Saturday February 17th – Trap-Palooza

Doubles Trap, Wobble Trap & 27 Yard Trap (100 birds total)

Sunday March 17th – The Irish Ironman Shoot

Sporting Clays, Wobble Trap & Skeet (100 birds total)

Saturday April 13th – TSC Club championship. (100) bird shoot; Trap, Skeet & Wobble Trap





Safety at TSC

It is each members 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 members 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

Club Resources

Stop here for Club Rules and Policies



Stop here to catch-up on what is happening at your Club



Stop here to see what is in the Club Library, Borrow a book or Contribute a book

TSC 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.



We have expanded our club "library".

Please feel free to donate any books or informational resources you have on .hunting, fishing, firearms and conservation. Hard cover and/or softcover books accepted.

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 the 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:

- Members are NOT allowed to use personal ATV's or Snow Mobiles on TSC property.
- ❖ "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).
- You MUST be a Member of TSC & the "351" Pheasant program to hunt Pheasants on our property.

Deer hunting/tree stand policy

All tree stands must be manufactured. No homemade or wood constructed stands allowed. Stands cannot be installed until **Sept 1st** and must be removed by **Jan 5th** each season.

A safety harness MUST be used in/on 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 Pattering Board is located to the left of Field #1. The Patterning board can help Trap or Skeet Shooters find their guns "point of impact".

This is important in finding where your gun's 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.

Stand approximately even with the back side of Skeet 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 ½ to 9 shot size and lead shot only.

No Steel Shot, Deer Slugs, Rifles or Pistols are allowed

Shot Gun Home Defense Gun Board

Permanently Removed

The Outdoor Pistol Range Stations 1 & 2 can be used for Shotgun. All members that have completed the Outdoor Pistol Range training can use these stations for shotgun.

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.
 - (2) Pistol Stations: Only Pistol Calibers and Rimfire can be used on these stations.

Indoor Pistol Range

- Access to range is granted only after attending the indoor range safety course
- All rules of the indoor range will be covered in the safety course, all attendees are required to fire and hit a 12' target 5 out of 5 times at 20'.

Outdoor Pistol Range

- 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.
- Only Pistol Calibers and Rimfire can be used on this Range. See rule book for specifics.

Please see complete list of all rules posted inside club near the shoot room.

Trap/Skeet & Sporting Clay Course

 Field/Sporting shotguns only with 7 ½ to 9 shot size.

MANDATORY PISTOL & RIFLE RANGE SAFETY CLASS

In order to use the Indoor/Outdoor Pistol or Rifle Range, you must take the MANDATORY Safety Course for that range. Upon completion of the course, you will be issued a YELLOW lanyard for the outdoor pistol range, a BLUE lanyard for the rifle range or a key fob for the indoor range.

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 > "Club Procedures, Range Rules & Safety Notices" >
- 2. Pull down and read through the rules for the course you are attending
- 3. Email ranges@tonsportsclub.com with your name and date you will attend the class.
- 3. Take the class, sign the paperwork & receive your lanyard or key fob.





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RANGE RENTALS AT TSC

Range Rentals to Federal Agencies is a part of TSC's income and subsidize a portion of our expenses.

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

Range Rental Contact: range.rental@tonsportsclub.com

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 members. 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 December 2023 "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)						
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Paper Challenge (I/R) 1:30 pm - 5 pm	TSC Suburban (I/R) 7 pm - 8:30 pm	4-H Club (I/R) 6:30 pm - 8 pm		WNYPPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		900 Pistol (I/R) 9 am - 12 pm WNYPPL Setup (I/R) 3 pm - 6 pm
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WNYPPL (I/R) 8 am - 4pm	TSC Suburban (I/R) 7 pm - 8:30 pm		Women Only (I/R) 6 pm - 8 pm	WNYPPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Pistol (I/R) 9 am -12 pm
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2023/24 Tonawanda Sportmen's Club Directors								
Role	Name	Cell Phone	Year Elected	Term End				
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Director	Mark Thornton	491-5135	Jan '23	Jan '26				
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Director	David Gennuso	445-6809	Jan '22	Jan '25				
Director	Joe Kremer	359-6551	Jan '22	Jan '25				

	Club Items	Sportscaster De	cember 2023 "Clu	ıb" Calendar	Club Items		
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