

# President's Corner



Another month goes by and what's new at the club you wonder? Well construction of the new barn is scheduled to begin this month. This will be the most notable or visual difference you will see. I would ask that when driving to the rifle range you please take that corner extra slow as there will be workers and equipment moving

On the topic of the rifle range, the plan is set. The board and the rifle committee met and have hammered out a roadmap to the end. I am very confident that we have worked out all issues with the rifle range both short and long term. It won't happen overnight, but it will happen, this I assure you. Please stay patient, but know we are close to the finish line. Some work will be short term, some long term such as moving the 50-yard berm to the left side of the range. This will allow visibility of all impacted areas from all firing positions.

Naturally that will take longer to accomplish than some of the smaller changes being made to the range, such as continuing to cut back the steel

Aside from projects around the club, I would like everyone to keep in mind that the election is but a few months away. Are you thinking about playing more of an active role in the club? Well now's your chance. There are several board and officer positions that will be open. Along with the option of running, I cannot stress enough the need for your involvement. You don't have to run, but you can always vote. I don't care if it's our club or our countries elections, I believe if you don't vote you don't have a right to complain. Which if we go off last year's numbers there should be about 800 plus members with a lot less to say.

Please come vote. As always if the board is not your thing, please consider joining any of our many committees. It's our club, be a part of it. As I have always said, it is an honor to call myself your president. Until next month, stay safe.

Marc Poleon

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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

No General Meeting in October Scheduled

# Shoot Room Cashier Needed

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

## 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

### In The News

You may have noticed many improvements with the grounds maintenance. The work party group meets Mondays to tackle all types of buildings and ground work to keep the club looking good. Please consider joining the group and enjoy working with other members! See any board member for details.

## Pendleton Farm and Home Days

The TSC is opening up our club to provide community support for the Pendleton Farm and Home Days group. Their board will be meeting the third Monday of each month. We have club volunteers that will open the doors during their Monday evening meetings.

The board feels that supporting this group is a benefit to the community and our club.

### What's New at the Club

- ➤ New plow truck has arrived. This should last the club many years as did the last one we owned.
- ➤ There is ongoing testing of rifle range baffles. Club looking to bring in an NRA range expert to assist in our safety improvements.
- ➤ New Member Card rollout continues, watch for e-blasts for dates to get your card

# Winter Shotgun League

The 2023-2024 TSC Winter League starts Wednesday October 11th. Individual shooter signup sheet is on the League Scoreboard at the Club. This will be an 18 round League running from October 11th, 2023, through April 21st, 2024.

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

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 - TBD

# **Upcoming Events**





# Member Info

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

Young Adult members: (30)

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

❖ Life members: (39)

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 <a href="https://practiscore.com/">https://practiscore.com/</a> and signup for scheduled matches.

Anyone interested in WNYPPL/IPSC information can contact Joe Kopec at <a href="mailto:jlko57@outlook.com">jlko57@outlook.com</a>

### 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 <a href="mailto:cmetro@gmail.com">cmetro@gmail.com</a>

### TSC 900 League Matches:

 Contact Bob Metro for practice and match schedule.

SASS Cowboy League Matches
Last Match for 2023 – Next April will resume
Setup 10/20 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Match 10/21 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Contact Rick Wood for more information at
rwood1050@aol.com

### Steel Challenge League Matches

Steel Challenge season ends in October. See you next April.

Contact Dave Wilde for more information at <a href="mailto:davis.wilde@outlook.com">davis.wilde@outlook.com</a>

### TSC Shotgun News

Winter League starts Wednesday 10/11. Frustration over the CCIA can be taken out on those flying orange discs. Remember, if you're not having fun, you're doing something wrong.

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. Voice your opinion on Election Day!





# 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

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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

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### 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.

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## **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.

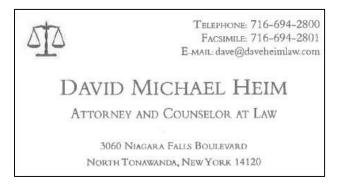
An E-blast will be sent each week with class dates & times for the following week.

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 <a href="mailto:ranges@tonsportsclub.com">ranges@tonsportsclub.com</a> 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 October 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)						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Match: Steel Challenge 9 am - 3 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)	Steel Challenge Practice 4 pm -7 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)	4-H 6:30 pm - 8 pm (Indoor if rain)		Rented 9 am - 4 pm WNYPPL 4 pm - 7 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)		
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	Steel Challenge Practice 4 pm -7 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)			Rented 9 am - 4 pm WNYPPL 4 pm - 7 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)		Match: 900 Pistol 9 am - 12 pm (Indoor Range)
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	OR Rented 9am - 4 pm TSC Suburban League 7 pm - 8:30 pm (Indoor Range)			WNYPPL 4 pm-7 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)	OR Rented 9 am- 4 pm Setup: SASS Cowboy 6 pm - 8 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)	Match: Indoor 900 Pistol 9 am -12 pm Match: SASS Cowboy 8:30 am - 1 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				WNYPPL 4 pm - 7 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)		Match: Indoor 900 Pistol 9 am - 12 pm Setup: WNYPPL 3 pm - 6 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)
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Match: WNYPPL/IPSC 9 am - 4 pm (Outdoor Pistol Range)	TSC Suburban League 7 pm - 8:30 pm (Indoor Pistol Range)					

2023/24 Tonawanda Sportmen's Club Directors								
Role	Name	Cell Phone	Year Elected	Term End				
President	Marc Poleon	430-9419	Jan '22	Jan '25				
Vice President	Jim Trottman	713-9117	Jan '23	Jan '24				
Secretary	Dave Wilde	523-8344	Jan '23	Jan '26				
Treasurer	Bill Gersitz	834-5257	Jan '22	Jan '25				
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Director	Frank Panzarella	260-2297	Jan '23	Jan '24				
Director	Tom Gersitz	435-5889	Jan '23	Jan '24				
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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				

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