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President's Corner



Marc Poleon

Wow how fast a year has gone by. It doesn't seem like that long, but here we are. I first want to start by saying thanks to all. It's been a true honor to call myself your president. The elections are here again and I hope to see all of you at the meeting. I look forward to running for the position again, but cannot encourage people enough to be involved and at the least to come out and vote.

As this year has ended we have finished a lot of projects around the club as well as continued to improve on other ongoing projects. The rifle range being one of the largest ongoing projects has a long-term plan in place, which I hope to see through as your president next year.

I would also like to take this time, as it may be my last address, to thank the members of our board. The club cannot be run by one person and as I was new to the position it would have been impossible without the support of the board.

I would also like to thank all those that come out on Monday nights and do a lot of the behind the scenes work of the club that truly keep things going. I would also encourage anyone that is free or interested in being more involved in the club to come out on a Monday.

Lastly but not least, I would like to thank all active committee members. As projects and improvements are critical to the growth of the club, committees are the driving force behind these projects.

Thank you to all and I hope I can have the privilege of leading the club through another great year.

Sincerely,
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

Sportscaster



General Member Meeting

Annual Members Meeting
January 18th

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

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through TSC and get a
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click on the NRA Logo on our
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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/>

We are now in our second month with the new TSC website. Please check it out if you have not already done so. We welcome any input you may have so we can make improvements going forward.

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

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.
- Continuing berm expansion on the outdoor pistol range.
- Annual Members Meeting January 18th at 7:00 pm. Please attend!

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.

Notice: Election is Rescheduled To Thurs 1/18/24 at 7PM



Club Elections



Vote

**Only Members will be admitted.
Election is for Board and Officers**

Paper Fun Challenge

Indoor range

January 1 ,2024

2pm-5pm

January 8 ,2024

4:00-7:00pm

Range will be "COLD" meaning no gun loaded.
& no mag in gun.

Guns must be boxed or bagged.

22LR Rimfire pistol or rifle.

Centerfire pistol. 9mm 40 and 45

Member Info

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

Current membership: (858)

- ❖ General members: (735)
- ❖ 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

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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.

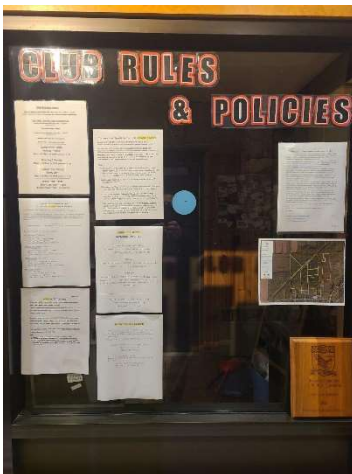
Remember, there is no "ego" in safety. A smart shooter is always learning. A "know it all" is usually the one to do something stupid, with a lame excuse that can never undo an unsafe act.

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 Patterning 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 January 2024 "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		
31	01	02	03	04	05	06		
	Paper Fun (I/R) 2 pm - 5 pm	4-H Club (I/R) 6:30 pm - 8 pm		WNYPPPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm				
07	08	09	10	11	12	13		
	Paper Fun (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		Women Only (I/R) 6 pm - 8 pm	WNYPPPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Match (I/R) 9 am - 12 pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
Paper Fun (I/R) 2 pm - 5 pm	TSC Suburban (I/R) 7 pm - 8:30 pm			WNYPPPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Match (I/R) 9 am - 12 pm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
	Paper Fun (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm			WNYPPPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Match (I/R) 9 am - 12 pm WNYPPPL Setup (I/R) 3 pm - 6 pm		
28	29	30	31	01	02	03		
WNYPPPL Match (I/R) 8 am - 4 pm	TSC Suburban (I/R) 7 pm - 8:30 pm							

2023/24 Tonawanda Sportmen's Club Directors

Role	Name	Year Elected	Term End
President	Marc Poleon	Jan '22	Jan '25
Vice President	Jim Trottmann	Jan '23	Jan '24
Secretary	Dave Wilde	Jan '23	Jan '26
Treasurer	Bill Gersitz	Jan '22	Jan '25
Financial Secretary	Rick Wood	Jan '23	Jan '26
Membership Secretary	Joe Kopec	July '21	Jan '24
Director	Frank Panzarella	Jan '23	Jan '24
Director	Tom Gersitz	Jan '23	Jan '24
Director	Duane "Jake" Jacobs	Jan '23	Jan '26
Director	Donald LeDonne	July '21	Jan '24
Director	Tony (Jon) Dulian	Jan '22	Jan '24
Director	Mark Thornton	Jan '23	Jan '26
Director	Mike Chotkowski	July '21	Jan '24
Director	Mike Rexford	Jan '23	Jan '26
Director	David Gennuso	Jan '22	Jan '25
Director	Joe Kremer	Jan '22	Jan '25

Club Items		Sportscaster January 2024 "Club" Calendar					Club Items
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