

TCSS 2022 3rd Quarter Newsletter

VICE Presidents Update:

Hello, we have sad news to report. Our President, Alex Paul a charter member, has decided to step down. He and his wife are moving to be closer to family, we wish him all the best.

Further, we as a board are working on a number of projects to close out the year. Anyone that wants to help please keep an eye on the website and watch for emails for scheduling days and times

Current Board Members:

President: TBD

Vice President: Harold Howell

Recording Secretary: Charlie Mussi

Membership Secretary: Jerry Smith

Treasure: Phil Chase

Range Manager: Larry Marty

At-large Director #1: Jim Dickey

At-large Director #2: Joe Kraudelt

Membership Update:

2022 membership totals as of the end of July 2022 includes 419 total members. Last year at this same time we had 380 total members, a 10% increase. Since April 1, we have added a total of 46 new members, Primary and Associate. At the end of July the membership fee for new members was prorated to \$75.

Construction Update:

Shotgun Range – Understandably, there has been a lot of frustration with the lack of progress. The survey has been completed and stakes are in place. The next thing in line is construction of the retaining wall, filling and leveling of the shooting field, pouring the foundations and construction of the skeet houses. All to be done by our contractor. Then it will be back to TCSS for the sweat equity to finish. And there really is a lot of work to be done by our volunteers to finish. We remain cautiously optimistic that the contractor will have their part completed by the end of October. But as you can see, at this point we still have a lot of work to be done, both by our contractor and our volunteers.

The existing Trap Bunker had fallen into disrepair and the Shotgun Committee is actively working on getting it back in shape and functional while we wait on the contractor to complete the shotgun field.

In addition, we have discussed opening a temporary shotgun range, primitive as it will be, so that those of you who have your own throwers can have a designated area to shoot.

Fire Mitigation – The fire mitigation roads have been staked out. We're hopeful we can get a contractor with a D6 cat to cut/clear the roads.

25 yd Range – Some dirt work on the back berm has been started with one trench behind the back berm completed but erosion and drainage continue to be a persistent issue. We're working with a contractor to potentially move dirt from the front of the range to the top of the backstop then reshape and build it up from there as well as raising the side berms. TCSS volunteer labor and equipment is key to completing this project.

100 yd Range – Permanent shooting stand materials have been funded, but not purchased. We are researching to see if we can get contractor cost / discount on materials.

500 yd Range extension – We have started replanting some trees as a requirement for clearing and extending to 500 yds but no other work has been done.

Grant Updates:

CPW - Shotgun Range Grant is funded. This for the Trap & Skeet Range. We need to complete the heavy funding this year, as December 31, 2022 is the drop-dead date for this grant.

CPW - Fire Mitigation Grant is funded. This is for fire mitigation roads and fire breaks around the pistol, 100 yd rifle and the 400 yd rifle ranges.

CPW - Permanent Target Bases Grant is funded. This is for the materials to build the permanent target bases on the 100 yd range. Labor is on us.

FNRA – Storage Container Grant is funded. This is for the Conex storage container to be used as an office and store room at the shotgun range. We have a delivery date for this month.

We're proactively looking at our grant submission options for 2023.

Public Days/ RSO:

I thought this would be a good opportunity to familiarize everyone with the roll the RSO program plays for our club. As you know, we are a member owned shooting club. And as such, we are all volunteers. Everybody knows we open the range to the public on weekends. We do this because public days are just one of the conditions we have to meet in order to qualify for the grants our club depends on for range improvements.

Due to our insurance requirements, we have to close the range to the public without a certified RSO on site. So without the support of our volunteer Range Safety Officers, we would be unable to have the public days.

The club currently has 37 RSO's, and we encourage all of our RSO's to volunteer at least two days, or 4 shifts, per year. Many have worked far more than that. We're now almost halfway through our 2022 season, and I'm proud to say, 17 volunteer RSO's have worked 21 public days and 52 shifts through the end of July....Including our monthly club shoots and welcoming the Girl Scouts to the range in June. And...all of our volunteer RSO's maintain their certification at their own expense.

Starting in Aug we have aprox 30 public range days left this year. So the next time you see an RSO working at the range on their weekend, you might offer them a nod of thanks for volunteering.

They're a very integral part of our club.

Jim Dickey - RSO Coordinator

Members Shoot:

This month, the Members Shoot will be on Saturday, 20 August from 10-3. We will have a centerfire handgun match, 25 yards and a No-Draw-Poker Match. The club will bring the meat for the BBQ. Please bring a side dish for 8-10 people. Remember, no guests, only immediate family members. Hope to see you there

Other News and Information:

Minors as Members:

Based on the advice of our attorney, we will no longer be accepting minors, those under the age of 18, as TCSS members. They can still go to the range but as always must be with a parent or legal guardian and parent or guardian must sign the liability waiver. This change takes effect immediately for new members and will take effect at renewal time for current members.

Range Gate:

A reminder that the padlock on the entrance gate was recently changed. To open the new lock, line the combination #'s up with the black dots/line in the top of the window. If you put the combination lined up on the seam in the center it won't open. To relock, close the hasp first and scramble the numbers.

Range Safety:

An important reminder that safety should be everyone's #1 priority when at the range and the range safety rules should be strictly adhered to. We've had a number of complaints of members handling firearms when the range is cold. Firearms are **NOT to be handled** in any manner when the range is cold.

Range Management:

We're seeing fired brass being put in the trash can and not in the brass buckets. Please put your fired brass in the buckets, including .22 rimfire. Also put your duds in the dud jar on the sign-in shelf.