



Tuscola County Conservation Club

Newsletter

June, 2019

The Tuscola County Conservation Club is managed by a volunteer board of directors and an active membership of over 300 shooters with several members actively championing duties around the Club. TCCC provides an excellent recreational opportunity as we believe in a facility with resources that promote family participation and fellowship within the shooting sports. Our objectives are to preserve and encourage participation in recreational and organized competitive shooting sports, with attention on the safety and education of firearm skills. Our organization embraces the characteristics and development of honesty, integrity, good fellowship, self-discipline, and team play, which are essential to good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

Membership

TCCC Membership includes a spouse and your minor children for only \$70 dues per calendar year (or 2019/2020 for dues of \$100). Already have a membership? Consider a gift membership! Our facility includes an enclosed 300-yard rifle range (Bay 9), skeet and trap fields (fields 13 thru 16), an enclosed and lighted pistol range (Bay 4), an enclosed and lighted tactical bay (Bay 3), and Bay 8 aka "the old bow bay" has a hard canopy staging stations against the rain. Bay 10 is under construction, but this "monster" bay promises to be the largest of all the shooting bays. There is a large heated hall, comfy clubhouse and the friendliest members anywhere! An application is attached, or *better* >>> visit our website at www.tcccmi.com and go to the Membership page. Dues are invested directly back into the Club after operations and maintenance expenses; they are the significant portion of our income. Improving the shooting experience is priority, taking pride in and striving to be, one of the best gun clubs in the state.

TCCC Range Map

Some of you may have already noticed we have updated the satellite map of the range facilities with a key denoting not only our buildings and fields, but an easy reference to know the names of each shooting bay. Hopefully this map will serve in removing any guess work for our competitive shooting guests, youth, and training event participants as well as new members in general. Just as we have referenced above that the youth will be shooting on Bay 8, likewise if you participate in any of our shooting competitions, squads will begin the day at different designated bays set up with paper and steel targets. If you are new to the club, this process can be confusing. All bays at the club can potentially be incorporated into a competitive match.

The map is a helpful tool that segues into identifying bays that may be set up in advance for a competitive shoot and/or training through the year. Events start early and to enable organizers to bring an excellent shooting experience to participants, planning must be done in advance. The calendar on the tcccmi.com website has all events listed. So if you see a bay set up with paper targets stands, walls, steel poppers, Texas stars, etc., anything that is not a permanent structure then >> please leave the bay alone. It is there for an event.

Rules of the Range: Rules are posted everywhere on the grounds. As a member (we are a membership only club) you have agreed to follow the rules. You have agreed to also keep the club clean. Abuse of club property or the use of unauthorized targets is prohibited and subject to revocation of your membership without notice. Rules are there for safety and legal reasons, following them is mandatory. Rules are also posted on the homepage of the website www.tcccmi.com.

Sporting Clays

We have kicked off summer with a "Summer Target Challenge" starting June 1st through August 31st. The person who breaks the most clay targets wins a case of shotgun shells (12 or 20 gauge)! Targets must be shot at TCCC of course, but can be via skeet, trap or six-stand. If this may be something you would like to try out, lessons are available-*free to members*. This time of year is the perfect time to learn the shotgun sports with helpful friendly people around to get you into the swing of things. TCCC provides the perfect environment for beginners to experts alike. <https://www.tcccmi.com/sporting-clays.html>

Civilian Marksmanship Program

TCCC is a member of the CMP. Our affiliation number is provided to Members only for Camp Perry activities. Members may sign up on their website www.thecmp.org to receive current updates and learn about program opportunities, events and competitions.



New this spring to the gun club is the....

Tuscola County "Sharp-Shooters" 4-H Club

We are very excited to announce Tuscola County Conservation Club has partnered with the Tuscola County 4-H Club to bring an organized Youth Shooting Program opportunity for school aged kids to the Tuscola area.

Tuscola County 4-H shooting sports club has an early focus on BB guns, air-rifle, .22 shooting, and working up to shotgun. Incorporated into the early learning process, the kids start out with target shooting disciplines, and will work towards shotgun / trap shooting.

Three dates left to shoot for summer: Jun 12, Jun 26, Jul 10, meet under the cover on Bay 8.

This is an excellent opportunity for a family activity for the summer - introducing the shooting sports to youth. At this time, TCCC is planning for the program to continue in the fall. \$20 4-H Club fee (you join 4-H!). We have a dedicated webpage for this activity – please visit it for the latest information (<https://www.tcccmi.com/tuscola-co-4-h-youth-shooting.html>) Should you have questions – please feel free to contact:

Coaches: Eric & Jenni Hoard 734-812-7104

4-H Contact: Katie Cooper, 989-672-3870, coope305@msu.edu

TCCC Contact: John Hardaker, Vice Pres. (810)252-1532

Pistol Practice

Once again, TCCC is hosting a pistol and PCC practice night – first and third Monday through September. Participants practice moving while executing timely mag changes, concentrating on “shoot / no shoot” targets with a “shoot’em as you see’em” strategy. We welcome all skill levels, however we recommend a strong side holster for pistol, at least 2 mags for mag changes as part of the exercises. THEN > when there are five Monday’s in a month: namely 5th Monday in July & Sept, we are running USPSA mini-matches. Fun starts at 6:00 pm
Practice night fees: \$5 members, \$10 non-members, Mini-match Fee: \$10 flat fee
<https://www.tcccmi.com/pistol-practice.html>

CPL/CCW Classes

Concealed Pistol License Classes (CPL/CCW) are held monthly at TCCC. The next class will be held July 13. *What to expect?* There will be five hours of classroom. A Law Enforcement Officer or an Attorney will present a State of Michigan legal review of concealed pistol license and concealed carry laws, liabilities, and responsibilities, which will include a Q&A period. There will also be three hours of outdoor range time (please dress appropriately in case of inclement weather). No experience required. Lunch will be provided. Course materials will be provided. <https://www.tcccmi.com/cpl-class.html>

NRA Defensive Pistol – Levels 1, 2 & 3

CPL holders qualify to attend these intense handgun training courses. Level 1 is classroom and range training covering the fundamentals of defensive pistol shooting. Topics examined in class include the importance of carrying and using a pistol responsibly and ethically for personal protection; how the NRA Rules for Safe Gun Handling are applied to concealed carry; basic principles of concealment; presenting a pistol, re-holstering from concealment and shooting targets at varying distances; reloading under stress; clearing common stoppages ...and more!
Levels 2 and 3 turn up the heat! Watch the webpage for newly posted classes and ramp up your skills to the next level! <https://www.tcccmi.com/classes.htm>

Questions for either the CPL Classes or NRA Defensive Pistol Classes may be directed to Ron Champagne, NRA Certified Instructor (989) 670-5234, or RonChampagne@usa.com

Ladies Basic Pistol Workshop

In April, we held another very successful workshop for women who were interested in learning to shoot, but were not sure where to start or what to look for in a handgun. It is an excellent opportunity for women to join with other like-minded women in a judgement free zone, to learn the basics about handguns by getting to see a plethora of different pistols that you can hold, test the grips, and shoot while asking questions to your hearts content! Our goal is to bring increased self-confidence and self-awareness. Confidence in choosing a pistol that fits! Confidence in learning about ammo! And...we try to also pack in a quick intro to competitive shooting. We begin in a classroom setting, have a lunchbreak, and then move outdoors to our covered pistol shooting bay 4! It is a lot in 6 hours, but we are passionate about introducing women to the first step in protecting themselves with confidence, security and safety.

Competitive Shooting News

USPSA is well underway for 2019. USPSA is the fastest and most exhilarating form of practical shooting and TCCC hosts Level 1 matches on the 4th Saturday of the month through September. July 29th and September 30th (Monday nights) we host mini-matches sporting 4-stages of quick competitive fun!

Register from our website for one of our matches <https://www.tcccmi.com/uspsa.html> (you do not have to be fast to take part in the fun, nor do you have to belong to USPSA to shoot a match – we have all ages and all skill levels join in because it's fun, you meet new people, learn along the way, and sharpen your skills! *Upcoming matches June 22, July 27, July 29, Aug 24, Sept 28, Sept 30!* <https://www.tcccmi.com/uspsa.html>)

3-Gun / B.R.A.S.S. is also well underway this year - a higher skill level of competition for the ready-for-action shooter! One of the fastest growing shooting sports in the country is this action-packed multi-gun competition sport. In most matches, competitors use three different firearms (a modern sporting rifle aka AR, a pistol, and a shotgun). A shooter moves through different stages, engaging shoot/no-shoot targets in a variety of different positions (sometimes targets are moving!) while requiring different firearms to be transitioned at the same time by the participant. Targets can be clay pigeons, cardboard silhouettes, steel "poppers", or even targets that swing leaving the shooter only seconds to react! Shooters who hit the most targets (avoiding no-shoot targets) in the fastest time – win! You can sign up for the next match on the website <https://www.tcccmi.com/brass-3-gun.html>, or if you would like more information contact Bob Leavitt at 989-891-7623 or carobrass@yahoo.com.

Get Involved

If you have an interest in championing a shooting activity at the Club, *we would love to hear from you!* Some examples of activities we would love to have leadership for are *Trap, IDPA, Cowboy Action, Pellet Gun, Bowling Pins, Bullseye, or Long Distance Marksmanship*, just to name a few. We love to support new activities but we need leaders! Let us know how you would like to be involved! Call 231-290-1291, or email 1060gunclubrd@gmail.com.

Club Calendar

Watch the club calendar to know the latest scheduled matches, activities and events!
<https://www.tcccmi.com/calendar.html>

We are excited about our vision for all the many facets of the shooting sports and encourage **YOU** to get involved, enjoy the out-of-doors, and discover TCCC.

Keep your powder dry!

Doug Kline, President
Tuscola County Conservation Club
www.tcccmi.com

"The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. A well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the best and most natural defense of a free country." - James Madison, I Annals of Congress 434, June 8, 1789

Please forward this newsletter to anyone you may believe would have an interest in TCCC and our activities.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Registration available online at www.tcccmi.com, or complete the following application and enclose a check made payable to TCCC and mail:

**TCCC
P.O. BOX 278
CARO, MI 48723-0278**

2019 TCCC Membership
\$70 (\$50 plus \$20 Initiation Fee)

2019 / 2020 TCCC Membership
\$100 (Initiation Fee Waived)

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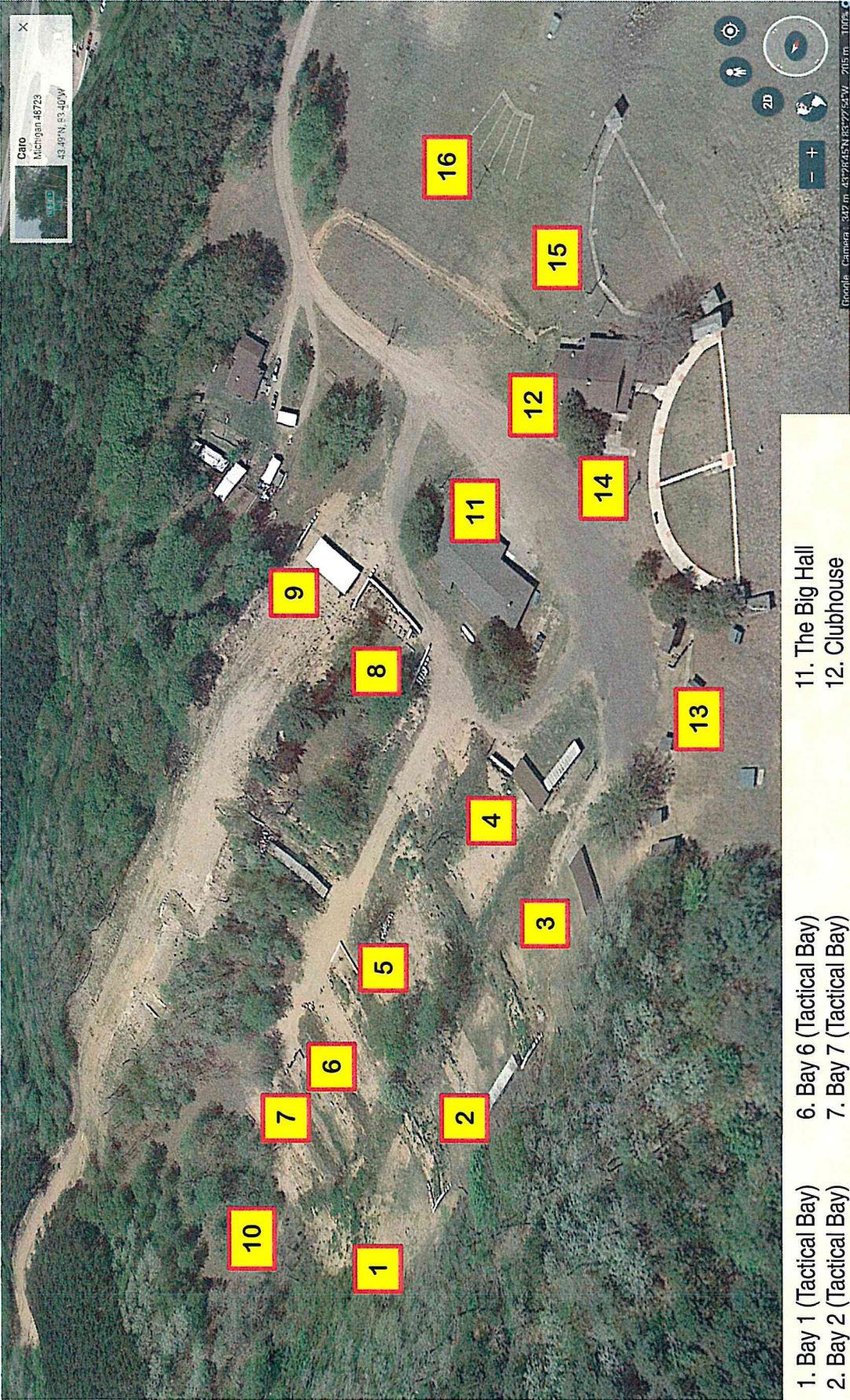
Name		<i>Spouse Name (If extra card needed)</i>	
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City		Zip	
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Your email address will not be shared. It is the primary method of communication with our membership.

Do you have any special skills, licenses, or certifications that you are interested in sharing with TCCC to make it better? YES NO Specify:

- ***Members are required to carry their Membership Card on their person and be willing to show the card when asked.***
- ***A Membership with Tuscola County Conservation Club includes their spouse and minor children.***
- ***After a Club Member has used the range, it is expected that all trash, shells, and debris be disposed of in the provided dumpster.***
- ***No Armor Piercing Ammo Allowed (green tip).***
- ***Do not shoot Glass targets; do not shoot at the ground, nor the cement blocks, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.***
- ***Mandatory visual confirmation of a clear range or bay is required prior to shooting.***
- ***Safety is our first concern and thereby all Members are expected to wear eye and ear protection, or they will be excused from the Club Grounds.***
- ***Rules of the Club are mandatory and are to be followed for the safety and protection of all.***

Tuscola County Conservation Club
By Google Earth



- 1. Bay 1 (Tactical Bay)
- 2. Bay 2 (Tactical Bay)
- 3. Bay 3 (Tactical Bay)
- 4. Bay 4 (Pistol Bay)
- 5. Bay 5 (270 Bay)
- 6. Bay 6 (Tactical Bay)
- 7. Bay 7 (Tactical Bay)
- 8. Bay 8 (Old Bow Bay)
- 9. Bay 9 (Rifle Range 100/200/300yards)
- 10. Bay 10 The Monster Tactical Bay (under construction)
- 11. The Big Hall
- 12. Clubhouse
- 13. 6-Stand Field
- 14. Skeet/Trap Field #1
- 15. Skeet Field #2
- 16. Trap Field