

# The Sportsman

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Happy New Year to all.

As with every new year comes our annual meeting where we elect our new Board of Directors. Voting is open to all members in good standing. You must be present at the annual meeting to vote.

As I reflect on the prior two years as club president, I feel grateful, honored, and humbled to have served the membership and this great club. We accomplished our commitment to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation with the donation to complete the TSCCLF purchase of the 113 acres that our public ranges and archery walk through are on.

As I look at the challenges ahead, the club has been presented with a great opportunity to keep the club solvent for a very long time. A committee has been formed and will be working hard to evaluate the options to present to the membership in 2026. This opportunity should the membership decide to move forward with the committee's recommendations would bring many changes to the club. These changes would bring in new opportunities as well. We must remain united and committed to the future of the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.

I would like to thank my family, Friends (old and new), and every member for making the last two years one of my most memorable experiences in my life.

I hope to see you at the club soon!

Matt Gjerstad



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**GENERAL**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**MEETING**  
**JANUARY 7TH**

**SPECIAL POINTS**  
**OF INTEREST**

**FUN SHOOT JAN 4**

**STEEL CHALLENGE**  
**JAN 4**

**BUG HOLE SHOOT**  
**JAN 11**

**ASI SHOOT JAN 18**

**600YD SHOOT JAN 25**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>*Event details available in-side pages of the bulletin</i></p>				<p><b>1 Archery Shoot- New Year Fun Shoot</b></p>  <p>Office &amp; Ranges Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b> Old Timers Trap &amp; Skeet 9am</p> <p>BOD Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b> Shotgun Sports 9-1</p>
<p><b>4</b> Shotgun sports 10-4</p> <p>Steel Match 8am</p> <p>Fun shoot 10am</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> Shotgun Sports 4-9pm</p> <p>Committee Mtgs Tuesday Social</p> <p>OldTimers Dinner MTG 7pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> Shotgun Sports 10-2 pm</p> <p>Annual Meeting 7pm</p> 	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> Old Timers Trap &amp; Skeet 9-10am</p>	<p><b>10</b> Shotgun Sports 9-1</p> <p>Frozen Fletch Archery Shoot</p> 
<p><b>11</b> Shotgun sports 10-4</p> <p>Bug Hole 200yd Shoot</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Shotgun Sports 4-9pm</p> <p>Committee Mtgs Tuesday Social</p>	<p><b>14</b> Shotgun Sports 10-2pm</p>	<p><b>15</b> Newsletter deadline: com- mittee chairs must have submissions submitted</p>	<p><b>16</b> Old Timers Trap &amp; Skeet 9-10am</p>	<p><b>17</b> Shotgun Sports 9-1</p>
<p><b>18</b> Shotgun Sports 10-4</p> <p>ASI 9am</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> 	<p><b>20</b> Shotgun Sports 4-9pm</p> <p>Committee Mtgs Tuesday Social</p>	<p><b>21</b> Shotgun Sports 10-1pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Old Timers Trap &amp; Skeet 9-10am</p>	<p><b>24</b> Shotgun Sports 9-1</p>
<p><b>25</b> Shotgun sports 10-4</p> <p>600yd shoot 8am</p> <p>BINGO 3pm</p> 	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Shotgun Sports 4-9pm</p> <p>Tuesday Social</p>	<p><b>28</b> Shotgun Sports 10-1pm</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> Old Timers Trap &amp; Skeet 9-10am</p>	<p><b>31</b> Shotgun Sports 9-1</p>

happy new year

## 2026 Nominated Candidates

### Attention Members:

The 2024 nominating committee is looking for members who are interested in becoming more involved in the operations of the Club.

The criteria is:

Must have been a member in good standings for at least a year. If interested or need more information about each position, contact the office or one of the committee members.

We are looking for more than 1 Nominating Position.

**President:** Mike Sleven

**First Vice President:** Chris McGrew

**Second Vice President:** Eric Broekhuizen

**Warden:** Mike Rasmussen

### **Trustee:**

*Nomination 1-* Jana Naleway

*Nomination 2–* Howard Motch

*Nomination 3–* Pat Blackwell

*Nomination 4–* Bill Russell

As we prepare for our Annual Membership Meeting, we kindly ask that all members wear their current membership badge when checking in to vote.

This will help expedite the verification process and ensure you receive your ballot quickly and smoothly.

Thank you for your cooperation — we look forward to seeing everyone at the **Annual meeting Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026!**



# **2026 Nominated Candidates**

## **Biography Statements**

### **President— Mike Slevin**

I have been utilizing the club since 1996 and became a member in 1998. Over the years I have shot at all the ranges, initially when I was younger long-range shooting and pistol were my passion, over time after meeting many of you I picked up shotgun, muzzle loading, and eventually archery (cross bow). Muzzle loading Elk Hunting is my favorite activity, followed by Turkey hunting, but I do a little of everything including fishing and reloading.

In 2010 I started becoming much more active in the club and joined the hunter safety cadre and taught classes at the club as part of that team for 13 years. I also ran the annual NRA sports shoot for 6 years prior to Covid. I served on the board of directors for two terms from 2016 to 2022 and was responsible for club finances during this time.

During my service on the board I worked with many of you on several important issues including; lead contamination and L&I concerns, the accusation that a bullet escaped the range and hit a local school (this was debunked), Entrance road easement and Amazon construction, worked on raising club rates to meet expenses and supported increasing the maintenance of club facilities. Finally, I worked to ensure the club-maintained control of the 113 acres of Tacoma Water property for public ranges through the land foundation where I currently serve as president.

I am a professional engineer with a strong background in environmental and civil engineering; I also have and extensive background with finance. I retired from the City of Tacoma with 28 years, where I served as both the Public Works Director and Environmental Services Director. I am currently working as the Public Works Director for the City of Des Moines. I am also a U.S. Army veteran serving 8 years active duty enlisted, and 20 years as an officer in the Washington National Guard with deployments to Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan serving as a Master EOD technician and Airborne Sapper Engineer.

Five past presidents have offered their support to my candidacy, and I know of 3 more that would have if they were still with us. If elected I will work diligently to create a strategic business plan for the Club to make sure we are financially stable for years to come while maintaining our conservation mandate as described in the Charter and Bylaws. It is also important that we simultaneously meet the challenges of this States onerous shooting regulations. I also believe we must expand our business model to include the future of shooting sports, such as indoor ranges, and simulated shooting opportunities, as well as modernizing our meeting and gathering spaces.

I hope you find me worthy of your vote and look forward to working with all of you to set this club up for the next 100 years, not since the club moved here from downtown Tacoma has it faced this level of change, I know working together we can meet this challenge.

**1st Vice—Chris McGrew—*No Statement Provided***

**2nd Vice—Eric Broekhuizen—*No Statement Provided***

**Trustee (2 open positions):**

**Jana Naleway**—Hi everyone, I'm Jana Naleway. My husband and I moved to Washington in 2016 from Western Montana, and we've both been active in the 2A community for most of our lives. Many of you may recognize me from my volunteer work with the club, but also from the range where I serve as an AG&AG and NRA-certified Firearms Instructor, running Empower Her Firearm Training as a contracted training partner with Tacoma Sportsmen's Club. As an instructor, my passion is empowering women by offering a supportive, encouraging, and non-intimidating approach to firearms training.



I also enjoy supporting fellow women firearms owners beyond the range. I serve as one of the Puyallup, WA chapter leaders for the A Girl & A Gun National Organization and am a proud member of the Women Gun Owners Association of America.

When I'm not teaching, you will find me active in the competitive shooting world, participating in USPSA, ASI, or Steel matches on the weekends. Also, if you attend local gun shows, you may recognize me or my husband as he owns Evergreen Ballistics, specializing in ammunition and reloading components. We are also both proud members of the Washington Arms Collectors.

In addition to my experience in our incredible 2A community, I bring 16 years of professional background as a Business Intelligence Analyst, specializing in business strategy, project and program management, and financial analytics. I believe this blend of analytical expertise and my 2A community involvement makes me a strong candidate for the Trustee Board position.

I am deeply committed to preserving the history and traditions that make our club special, while also bringing fresh ideas and strategic insight to support its continued growth and success for decades to come.

**Howard Motch**—No Statement Provided

**Pat Blackwell**—Pat is running for the position of trustee on the board of directors. Since joining the membership at TSC in 1977 Pat has been active in numerous club functions. He is currently the Chief Instructor for the on-line Hunter Ed classes, and a certified RSO. Pat has served on the board of directors as President, Past president, Vice President and a Trustee. He has been the trap and skeet chairman, the chairman or co-chairman on several banquets, including, but not limited to New Years Eve, the Old Timers Banquet and Seafood Banquet; as a member for over 45 years, Pat has no idea how many banquets and work parties he's helped on. With his many years of involvement with the Club in a wide variety of roles, Pat brings a deep understanding of the Club's history, culture, and operations. This long-standing perspective allows him to contribute thoughtful, well-informed input when making decisions that impact the Club's continued operations and long-term, sustainable future.



**Bill Russell-** Hi, I'm Bill Russell. I've been a member of the club for about three years, and in that time I've really enjoyed getting involved and helping out wherever I can . I completed my RSO training through the club, and I've spent a lot of time working with Jess Matthews keeping the shotgun range in good shape. If something needs doing, I'm usually happy to jump in and help.

I'm running for Trustee because I care about this place and the people in it. I want to help keep the range safe, well-run, and welcoming for everyone— new shooters, longtime members and everyone in between. If elected, I'll do my best to pitch in, stay involved and keep things moving in a positive directions.

**Warden:**

**Mike Rasmussen**—*No Statement Provided*

**Important meeting changes**

Board of Directors Meeting: Friday, January 2nd, 2026

January Annual Meeting: Wednesday, January 7th, 2026

# Scuffed Boots Dance

## Line Dance Lessons

January 12th, 14th, 21st, 26th  
and 28th  
Line Dance Lessons  
7 - 8 PM

All Dates include  
social/practice time till 10 PM



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[scuffedbootsdance@gmail.com](mailto:scuffedbootsdance@gmail.com)

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Non-Member \$10

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leave with  
friendships!  
18 yrs and older

Tacoma  
Sportsmen's Club  
16409 Canyon Rd E  
Puyallup, WA 98375

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa 2025 was a success! Approximately 100 children attended to see Santa.

Thank you to the volunteers who attended our planning meeting. Thank you to the volunteers who goodie bag stuffed on Veterans day. Thank you to the volunteers who decorated the hall the evening before the event. Thank you to Brenda and Eric for the donation of toys. Thank you to those for food and monetary donations towards the event. Thank you to Blue Max Meats for their notable donation. PLEASE show your patronage to this local business. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the event. Thanks to those who cleaned up afterwards. Thank you to Pat for his excellent photography skills as our photographer. Thanks to Santa! ( Jim ) for doing a wonderful job. Last but not least, a HUGE thank you to both Amanda and Brenda who devoted a lot of time and energy organizing this event again this year. And thanks to everyone who attended.



Volunteer co - chairs,  
Sally and Judy



**Sunday 1/25/26 @ 3pm**

**18 years old & over    \$5 non-member  
\$2 for intermission & early bird games  
\$5 for blackout game  
\$10 for the main game**

**Kitchen will be serving a Baked Potato Bar \$7  
Includes butter, sour cream, bacon bits & cheese  
Additional \$2 for chili topper  
We are in need of prize donations and looking for  
volunteers.**

**Funds raised will directly support the club**

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## *2026 Firearm Owner Workshop*

***The 2026 Legislative Session and how it will impact our firearm rights.***  
It is a firearm owner's responsibility to make their voice heard and effectively defend our rights. We will be looking at proposed firearm bills, discussing how to effectively comment on the bills and more.

***Defending Rights. Making Your Voice Count.***

***Guest Speakers:*** Senator Phil Fortunato (R-31), Rep Michael Keaton (R-25) and others have been invited. This is your opportunity to meet some of our local Legislators who support your Second Amendment rights.



### ***Details:***

**Date: Thursday January 8, 2026**

**Time: 6:00 PM Registration 6:30 PM Start**

**Location: Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**

**16409 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup, WA 98375 (Behind Amazon Warehouse)**

***RSVP is Required to attend. Register here:***

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-gun-firearm-owner-workshop-tickets-1968313471579?aff=oddtcreator>

For further information, contact

*Jane Milhans*

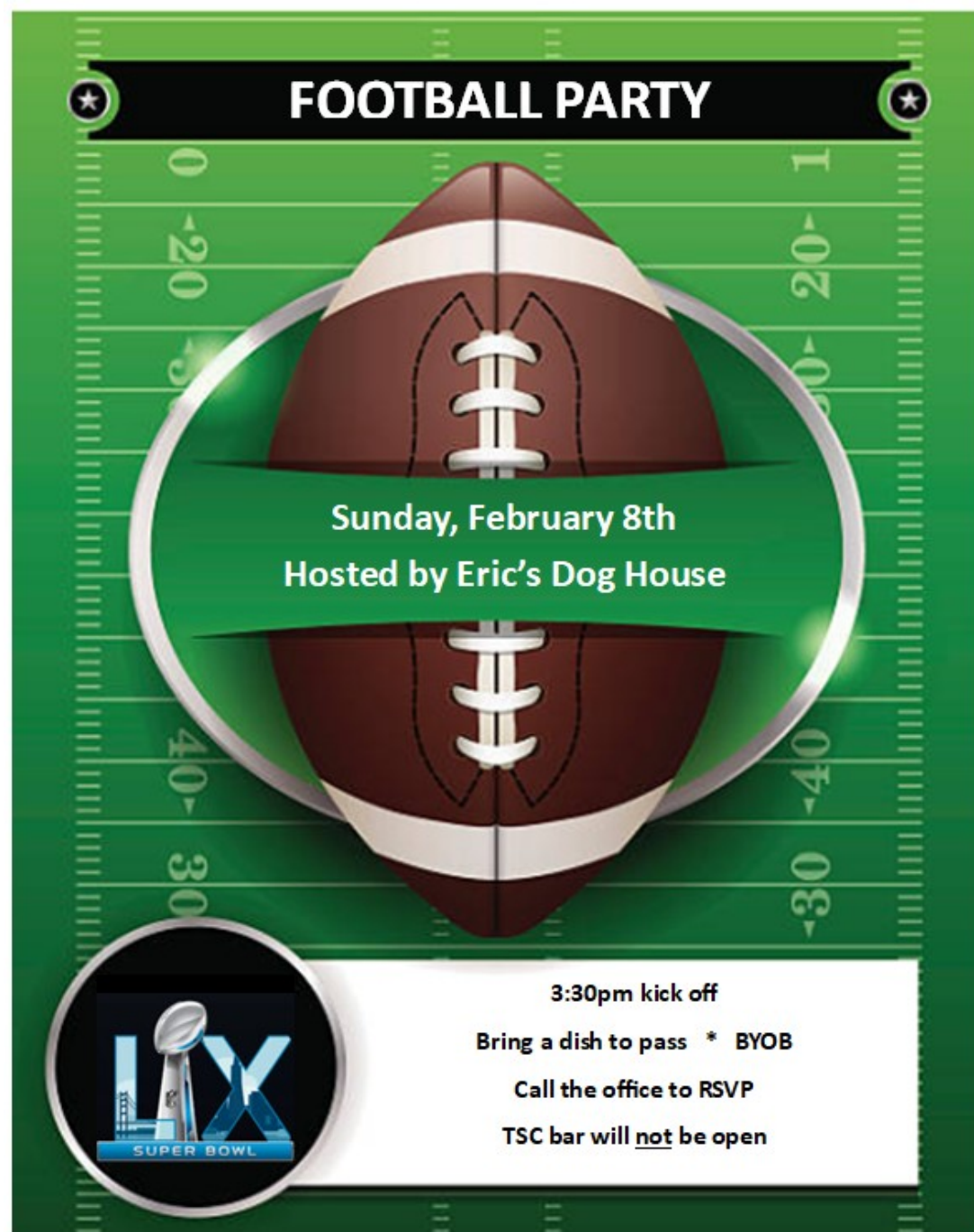
*NRA-ILA Frontlines Leader*

*nra.ila.wa@gmail.com*

*Message: 253-470-1772*







## Car Show Committee

### Hot Wheels & Matchbox Car Drive

Donations of new, in the package cars  
to be given away at our annual car show.

Please drop off all donations

To the TSC office



# OLD TIMERS APPRECIATION DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS WELCOME TO ATTEND

DOORS OPEN @ 5PM WITH COCKTAILS

MEMBERS OF 10+ YEARS: COMPLIMENTARY

ADD YOUR SPOUSE FOR \$5

CALL TSC OFFICE TO RESERVE!

(253)537-6151

MUST HAVE QUALIFIED MEMBER ID# OR FULL  
PAYMENT TO RESERVE

\* Volunteers and prize donations needed for Bingo 1/25/26

\* Volunteers needed for Old Timers dinner 2/21/26

- **Donations & volunteers are needed for all TSC events**

\*\*we are 501c3



- Teens—looking to fulfill your required volunteer hours?  
Contact the office to learn how you can help out at the club  
and make a difference while meeting your graduation  
requirements!



Also:

Painters      Carpentry

Electrician   Wood splitting

Range Officer Assistance

Mechanics: small engine repair/Golf cart maintenance

Roofing

Welders

Cutting & Making Target Stands

## Remember....

Volunteer a minimum of 20 hours & save \$150 on  
your renewal!

Pick up a volunteer card in the office. If you  
have any questions contact the office at  
253-537-6151



12<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**New Year Fun Shoot**

**3-D Archery Shoot**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
2026

Registration:  
7am to 1pm



30 targets  
in a natural setting  
for 1 great day of  
3-D shooting

Shoot Fee	1 Day
Master Senior 65 +	\$15
Senior 55-64	\$15
Adult 18-54	\$15
Young Adult 15-17	\$15

Shoot Fee	1 Day
Youth 11-14	\$10
Cubs 8-10	\$5
Pewees 7 & under	FREE
Family (Immediate & 6 Max)	\$50

**Shoot All You Want Until 3:00pm**



**Rangefinders Allowed**  
\$5 Military Discount  
Target Removal at 3 pm



**Frozen Fletch 3-D Shoot on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Camping available on first come first served basis.

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43<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**Frozen Fletch**  
**3-D Archery Shoot**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
2026

Registration:  
Saturday 7 to 11am



35 targets  
in a natural setting  
for 1 great day of  
3-D shooting

Shoot Fee	1 Day
Master Senior 65 +	\$20
Senior 55-64	\$20
Adult 18-54	\$25
Young Adult 15-17	\$20

Shoot Fee	1 Day
Youth 11-14	\$15
Cubs 8-10	\$10
Pewees 7 & under	FREE
Family (Immediate & 6 Max)	\$60



\$5 Military Discount  
**Rangefinders Allowed**  
Score Cards must be turned in by 1 pm.  
Target Removal at 1 pm with Awards to Follow  
**Wet Buffalo 3-D Shoot on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Camping available on first come first served basis.





## ARCHERY CLASSES



\$20 per person per class non-members, \$10 members

MUST register the Friday prior to class, Minimum age is 3ys old

Contact: Rick Johnson at orlanjohnson1993@gmail.com

Class is Tuesdays 5-9pm at the Archery Flat Range

Compound and/or recurve bows—NO crossbows

We have some Genesis compound bows as well as 20# recurves to use

But your own bow is optimal!

### **Peil Range Fun Shoot**

10am—2pm Register at the Range

1st Sundays of each month

*(Dates are tentative if we have a volunteer to run the shoot)*

Half range for silhouettes/Half range for targets

\$10 first gun, \$5 each additional

Under 16yo FREE

Targets supplied, 50 gauge small bore match

Swing targets, stationary targets plus target range

This is a great place to sharpen your skills, just have some fun, bring **first time** shooters and **kids** without competing with the noise of big bore rifles.

Questions? Email macavella@comcast.net

Or call the office @ 253-537-6151



## **TSC STEEL MATCH**

A Speed/Time Based Steel Plate Competition

1st Sunday of each Month

Match Fees:

First 2 Guns \$20

Additional Guns \$5 each

8am registration—9am match begins

Classes: Centerfire, Rimfire, Revolver, PCC, Optics

Each match will be 4stages with 5 steel plates, shot 4 consecutive times per stage (subject to change)

Course design will be different for each stage

Caliber restrictions apply (no magnum or bottleneck rifle cartridges)



# ASI Match @ Tacoma Sportsmen's Club

3rd Sunday of the month, held in the Action Bays

New shooter orientation @ 9am—Match starts @ 10am

\$20 for TSC Members, \$25 Public shooters, \$15 Junior shooters (17 & under)

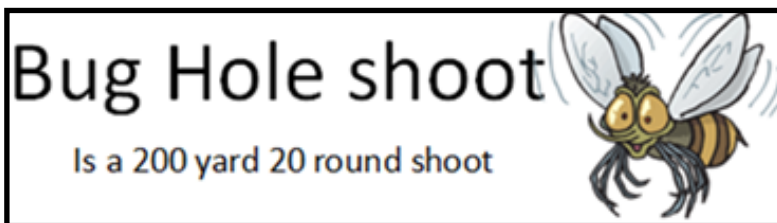
If you're looking to expand your training outside of stationary shooting at the flat range, come to our monthly event! ASI stands for Action Shooting International—is a move & shoot sport for everyone. If you're a seasoned shooter looking to get more trigger time in or if new to firearms looking to get some more experience in a fun & safe dynamic environment, come check it out. No previous training required, no specific equipment required—as long as you have a pistol caliber fire-arm, ear & eye protection you're all set! This match is **not** just for members—its open to the public so bring your friends!



Pre register at  
practiscore.com by  
searching "Tacoma  
Sportsmen ASI" or by using  
the QR code



Questions? Reach  
out to  
tsc.action@gmail



JAN 11, FEB 8, MAR 8, APR 12,  
MAY 10, JUN 14, JULY 12, AUG 9,  
SEP 13, NOV 8, DEC 6

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## **600 Yard Shoot**

JAN 25, FEB 22, MAR 22, APR 26,  
MAY 24, JUN 28, JUL 26, OCT 25,  
NOV 22, DEC 13



## **Information for BOTH shoots:**

\$21 TSC members, \$26 Public shooters,  
\$16 every additional rifle

Questions? Call or email:

Rick 253-318-7845, RDR66@comcast.net  
or

Daniel 253-678-2580,  
Da.perez87@outlook.com



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**Office Hours**

Monday—Friday  
9:00am—4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday  
9:00am—3:00pm

**Range Hours**

Members Rifle & Pistol  
Mon-Sun 9am-4pm  
Last sign in at 3pm

Public Rifle & Pistol  
Mon-Sun 9am-4pm  
Last sign in at 3pm

**Shotgun hours**

Saturday 9am-1pm  
Sunday 10am-4pm  
Tuesday 4pm-9pm  
Wednesday 10am-2pm  
Friday 9am Mbrs & Guests

**Bar Volunteers**

JAN 6— Jason M  
JAN 13— Kurt R  
JAN 20— Gary P  
JAN 27 — Mike H

**Kitchen Open:**

Tuesdays 5pm-7pm

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Matt Gjerstad
1st Vice President	Chris McGrew
2nd Vice President	Eric Broekhuizen
Warden	Jared Wegner
Past President	Rick Yorkk

**TRUSTEES**

Mark Arnold	(2025)	Gary Pietila
Jess Mathews	(2027)	Igor Strupinskiy
Sally Boyle	(2029)	Charlie Parker

**Meetings**

Don't forget to come out for Tuesday night  
Committee Meetings!

**1st Tuesday** of the month  
Shotgun 5:30pm  
Archery 7pm

**2nd Tuesday**  
Rifle & Pistol 7pm

**3rd Tuesday**  
Ways & Means, House &  
Membership Meetings 7pm

Want to know what's going on or volunteer for a particular interest you have? Come out for a meeting or just hang out. Bar & Kitchen open at 5pm. Have some suggestions? This is the best place to start!

**Need to rent a space?**

We have Picnic grounds, the  
Chateau, Foyer and Beer Garden  
available.

Members and non-members  
Email or call the office!



## Advertise

If you would like to reach more people with an ad we have great rates by the month or get a discount for the year.

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We're all thinking of Dave and  
wishing him a speedy, strong, and  
healthy recovery.