# The Sportsman

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I would like to start by wishing all of you and your families the best holiday season. Whether celebrating with a few or with many, I hope your times are filled with love, laughter, and Joy.

This is also the time of year we are looking for members to run for the Board of Directors. Nominations will close at the end of the December membership meeting. We could use a few more members to run for office. This is a great way to support the club and help move us to the future.

SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY: a) Holding of any elective office shall be contingent upon membership in good standing in the corporation for one-year preceding nominations, at the time of election and during the term of office.

I would like to urge members to attend the next General Membership Meeting on December 3. We will be discussing numbers for potentially selling a large portion of the club-owned property and what the future of the club may look like with a new facility and the leased land that the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation acquired with help of the TSC donation. We will be forming a committee to look into this further.

Come out to the club on Tuesday evenings for social hour and meet some great people. We are currently having food trucks that provide meals for purchase from 5-7 or so and the bar is open 5-9. See the calendar attached to this newsletter for upcoming events.

As you can see, there is a lot going on and it does so with the help from our dedicated volunteers! Remember volunteering can help offset a portion of your annual dues.

To keep our operational reserves at a safe level, please consider donating to the club. Donations are tax deductible as the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club is a 501c3. I would like to thank all who have donated to date!

I hope to see you at the club soon! Matt Gjerstad



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GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
DECEMBER 3RD

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST

FUN SHOOT DEC 1
STEEL CHALLENGE
DEC 7

BUG HOLE SHOOT DEC 14

**ASI SHOOT DEC 21** 

**600YD SHOOT DEC 21** 



December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Event details available in- side pages of the bulletin	1	2 Shotgun Sports 4-9pm Committee Mtgs Tuesday Social	3 General Member- ship Meeting 7pm	4	5 Old Timers Trap & Skeet 9am	6 Shotgun Sports 9-1 Breakfast with Santa 9am
7 Shotgun sports 10-4 Steel Match 8am Fun shoot 10am	8 Scuffed Boots 7pm	9 Shotgun Sports 4-9pm Committee Mtgs Tuesday Social	10 Shotgun Sports 10-2 pm Scuffed Boots 7pm	11	Old Timers Trap & Skeet 9-10am TSC Dance 7pm	13 Shotgun Sports 9-1
Shotgun sports 10-4 Bug Hole Shoot	15	16 Shotgun Sports 4-9pm Committee Mtgs Tuesday Social	Shotgun Sports 10-2pm Scuffed Boots 7pm	Newsletter deadline: com- mittee chairs must have submissions submitted	Old Timers Trap & Skeet 9-10am	20 Shotgun Sports 9-1
21 Shotgun Sports 10-4 ASI 9am 600yd Ham shoot 8am	Scuffed Boots 7pm	23 Shotgun Sports 4-9pm Committee Mtgs Tuesday Social	24 Christmas Eve Shotgun Sports 10-1pm Range last sign in Noon CLOSED AT 1PM	25 Christmas Closed	26 No Old Timers	27 Shotgun Sports 9-1
28 Shotgun sports 10-4	Scuffed Boots 7pm	30 Shotgun Sports 4-9pm Tuesday Social	31 New Years Eve Shotgun Sports 10-1pm Range last sign in Noon CLOSED AT 1PM	1 New Years Day Closed  Happy New Year	2 Old Timers Trap & Skeet 9-10am BOD Meeting	3 Shotgun Sports 9-1



# Elections will be held January 7th, 2026 at the Annual Membership Meeting

**Nominating Committee:** 

Scott Augustine

Mitch Johnson

Don Moyer

Jared Wegner

Owen Widmer



## Leaders wanted! Help guide the future of our club by running for office.

As 2025 nears end, it's time to look to the future and choose club leaders for 2026 and beyond. Election season for club officers is upon us, so now is your chance to join the legacy of leaders at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club (TSC).

TSC has a rich history of conservation, firearms safety, community fellowship, and more—with the tone largely set by elected members of the Board of Directors. If you'd like to join in that work, it's time to throw your hat in the ring to become a board member.

The Bylaws establish a procedure to nominate and vote on candidates for open club offices annually, with nominations open at the November and December general business meetings. Voting takes place at the Annual Meeting on January 7th, 2026.

To qualify for nominations, you must be a current member who's been in good standings for at least one year. Club officers come from all different committees and interests, yet their duties cover the entire club.

Positions up for election include: President, First Vice president, Second Vice President, Warden, and two (of six) Trustees. All offices are one year terms, except Trustee, which is a three year term.

At the September meeting, Matt Gjerstad appointed a Nominating Committee, and anyone interested in running for office or just learning more about board duties may contact any committee member: Scott Augustine, Mitch Johnson, Don Moyer, Jared Wegner and Owen Widmer. You may also leave your name and contact information wit the office staff.

Consider running for office and helping lead our club into the next year, and beyond.

## 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:** Nomination 1-Mike Sleven Nomination 2- **OPEN** 

First Vice President: Nomination 1- OPEN
Nomination 2- OPEN

**Second Vice President:** Nomination 1 - **OPEN**Nomination 2- **OPEN** 

**Warden:** Nomination 1- Mike Rassussen Nomination 2- **OPEN** 

**Trustee:** Nomination 1- Jana Naleway Nomination 2- **OPEN** 

**Trustee:** Nomination 1- Howard Motch Nomination 2- OPEN

If you are nominated for a Board position you need to submit a short biography to the office **no later** than December 18th for the January bulletin.



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!

# Important meeting changes

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

January Annual Meeting: Wednesday, January 7th, 2026

Nominations for Club Awards must be turned in by the December 16th House Committee Meeting. If you know a member who has made outstanding contributions to the betterment of Tacoma Sportsman's Club, be sure to nominate them for one of the annual Club Awards. Nomination forms will be available at the bar.

Nominations for the following awards are:
Chairman of the year
Outstanding Sportsman of the year
Inspirational award
Continuous dedicated club service
Larry Beckman memorial award
Auxiliary award

\*\*Previous recipients please contact the office

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH @ 9AM

We are taking reservations!! Join us for a magical morning filled with food, fun and festive cheer— plus a special visit from Santa Claus.



Help us make the event a success! We need assistance with:

- \* decorating Friday, 12/5
  - \* registration
- serving
- photographer

- \* drink table
  - \* cooking
- \* Santa's Helper
- \* cleanup crew

We are collecting:

Food items

Contact the office if you would like to help with any of the above.



# **Toys for Tots Donation Drive**

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We are once again accepting **donations of new, unwrapped toys** for the **Toys for Tots** campaign this year!

There will be **two collection boxes** available:

- •One in the **front entrance** of the office
- •One near the **shotgun booth**

Toy pickup is scheduled for Friday, December 5th.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us in the office.

Thank you for helping make the holidays brighter for children in need!



# **TSC Dance Night!**

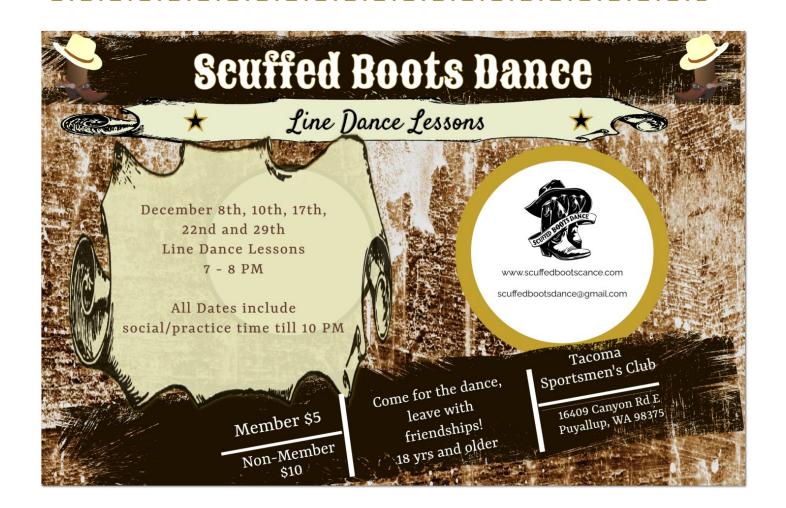
Friday, 12/12 @ 7pm

Join us for a fun night of dancing, music and great company....

Open to Members and the Public!

Entry Fee: \$5 members with badge, \$10 for the public Food will be potluck style snacks! Club bar will not be open. No outside alcohol.

Want to attend more events like this? Contact our office (253-537-6151) to learn more about becoming an Associate Member and enjoy access to future club gatherings!





# Sunday 1/25/26 @ 3pm

18 years old & over \$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
Additional \$2 for chili topper
We are in need of prize donations and looking for kitchen volunteers.

Funds raised will directly support the club

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=oddtdtcreator

For further information, contact



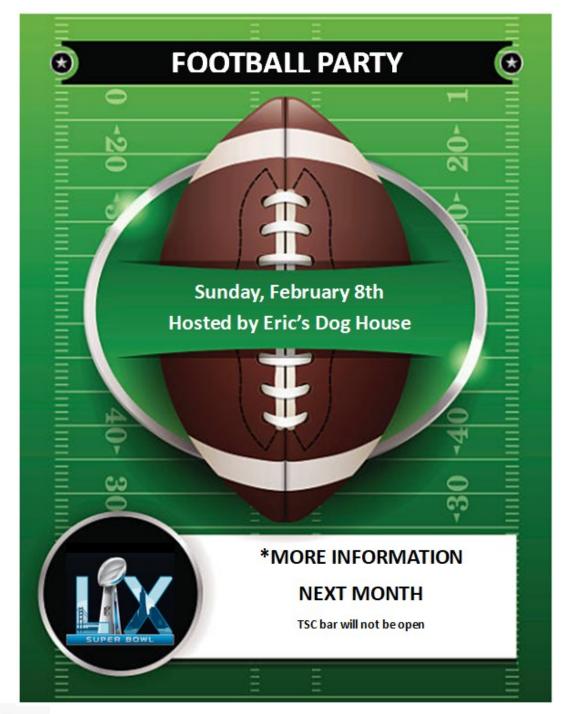
Jane Milhans

NRA-ILA Frontlines Leader

nra.ila.wa@gmail.com

Message: 253-470-1772





# MATCHBOX

# 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





# DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE A GIFT CERTIFICATE

## **AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE**

OR CALL US AT 253-537-6151





- \*Chairperson needed for Crab Feed in February
- \* Volunteers needed for Old Timers dinner 2/21/26
- Donations & volunteers are needed for <u>all</u> TSC events



• 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 Roofing

Welders Electrician Wood splitting

**Cutting & Making Target Stands** 

Range Officer Assistance

Mechanics: small engine repair/Golf cart maintenance



## 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





# December 14 2025— HAM SHOOT



#### Classes

<u>Hunter</u>: Factory actions and barrels with muzzle diameter of .700 or less. Scope magnification limited to 12 power or less.

Vermint: Factory actions and barrels with muzzle diameter of .930" or less. No scope restrictions.

<u>Custom</u>: Custom actions, barrels and triggers. No benchrest stocks allowed; i.e. no stocks with flat bottom forends and buttstocks. No scope restrictions.

Benchrest: No restrictions. Custom actions, barrels, triggers, flat bottom forends and buttstocks.

<u>Tactical</u>: Factory semi-auto tactical rifles. No scope restrictions.

50 BMG: Any rifle chambered in 50 BMG. No scope restrictions.

Iron Sight: No scopes or red dot sights.

A shooter may only shoot a gun once, however more than one shooter may shoot the same gun.

#### Match Basics

- Shooting will take place from the bench. No prone shooting available at this time.
- All shooters must perform a confirmation shot at specified board. If shooter cannot make the shot they will be removed from competition. This may take more than one shot.
- Competition consists of confirmation shot (s), unlimited sight-in and 10 record shots.
- Record shots performed in five shot strings in 5 minutes with cool down period in between.
- Shooting a target other than your assigned target will result in match disqualification. Shooter whose target is shot may have option for reshoot.
- Class winners receive a plaque. Monetary prize for shooter closest to the center X.
- Iron sight match takes place after main match. Consists of confirmation shot (s) sight-in and 10 record shots.
   Extra shots needed for tiebreakers.
- Standard centerfire calibers accepted. Non-standard calibers subject to review by committee chair and Chief RSO.
- Registration starts at 8am, shooting at 9am.

#### Cost

\$21 members, \$26 non-members, \$11 every additional rifle. Iron sight match \$11.

#### Questions? Call or email:

Rick 253-318-7845, RDR66@comcast.net or Danny 253-678-2580, baggedmerkman@live.com



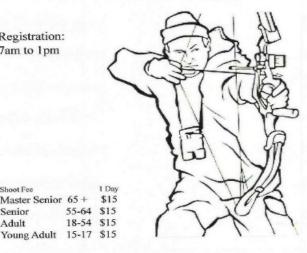
# 12th Annual

# New Year Fun Shoot

3-D Archery Shoot
January 1st

2026

Registration: 7am to 1pm



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

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



Shoot Fee

Senior

Adult

Master Senior 65+

## 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 10th

Camping available on first come first served basis.



# 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# ozen Fletch

3-D Archery Shoot

Registration: Saturday 7 to 11am



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



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

Shoot Fee 1 Day Youth 11-14 \$15 Cubs 8-10 \$10 Peewees 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 7th & 8th

Camping available on first come first served basi



## **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 OCT 5, NOV 2, DEC 7 Match Fees:

First 2 Guns \$20

Additional Guns \$5 each

8am registration—9am match begins

Classes: Centerfire, Rimfire, Revolver, PCC, Optics

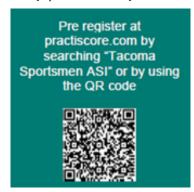
Each match will be 4stages with 5 steel plates, shot 4 consecutive times per stage (subject to change)

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 firearm, ear & eye protection you're all set! This match is not just for members—its open to the public so bring your friends!



Questions? Reach out to tsc.action@gmail





Nov 9, Dec 14







# 600 Yard Shoot

Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 21





# **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

# **NEW MEMBERS**



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New members

will be sworn in

at the

**December 3rd** 

General Membership meeting Mark Arpin

Adam Batinich

Jason Benedetti

Patrick Boatman

Jason Bolechala

Christopher Buirch

Tommy Chhoeum

Joeen Figueroa-Rodriguez

Ruben Gonzalez

Scott Hunt

Marcos Lopez

Nathaniel Marth

**Eric Moffat** 

Stephen Nonay

Reed Spangler

John Towery

Congratulations

To our new

Lifetime members

David Lombard #2504



# TACOMA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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

#### **Bar Volunteers**

DEC 2- RODERICK'S
DEC 3- RALPH DEATHRIDGE
DEC 9- JARED WEGNER
DEC 16- KURT REUTER
DEC 23 — MIKE FUQUA
DEC 30- RICK & MICHELLE

<u>Kitchen Open:</u> 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.

Different sizes available from a business card to full page. Call, email or drop by the office with any questions. 253-537-6151, TSC1933@outlook.com





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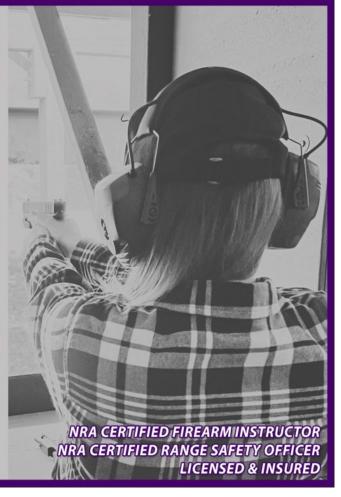
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support!





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