



# THE MANUAL



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*by* Keith Morris, FLSC President

Happy New Years and welcome to 2024 everyone! We made it through another one and now we get to do it all over again, only better!

Going into this year we are in process of restarting the FLCS training programs. Long time member John Wiley will be taking over as Chief Firearms Instructor for the club this year. John is long time member of FLSC and carries many NRA training certifications and has been a regional director of the Ski Patrol in Michigan for several years. He is the lead organizer medical and safety training classes at FLSC such as Stop the Bleed and CPR / AED training. Keep your eye on the club calendar and Facebook page for upcoming class announcements.

Coming up on January 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club Elections for Officers and the Board of Directors. Any member in good standing may vote either in person on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or via absentee ballot. Keep any eye out for ballot information and absentee voting info coming soon.

Finally, you may notice a change in the FLSC newsletter format and name this month. It felt like a good time for a refresh going into a new year. I would like to thank Paul Taylor for taking on the position of editor for our club newsletter. If you would like to share to the club newsletter, send your submissions to [Newsletter@fentonlakes.com](mailto:Newsletter@fentonlakes.com)

I wish you all a Happy and Bountiful New Year! Enjoy your club and be safe.

Regards,  
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President – Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club  
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## **UPCOMING FENTON LAKES SPORTSMAN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES**

We have a number of fun events this month, so come on out to the Club, make new friends, hone your firearm skills, and just have fun!

### **Junior Rifle League**

The Program is open to Boys and Girls 10-18 who are mature enough, mentally, and physically, to control the firearm properly. The League meets every Tuesday at 5:15 PM, in the Clubhouse basement.

See our page on the [Junior Rifle Program](#) for more general information.

### **Junior Small Bore Rifle CMP Program**

The Program is open to Boys and Girls 10-18 who are mature enough, mentally, and physically, to control the firearm properly. The Program meets on January 4, and 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Clubhouse basement.

See the [CMP Smallbore Rifle Competition Rules](#).

### **Police Pistol Combat Winter League**

Don't let the name fool you-it's for anyone and everyone who wants to hone their pistol shooting skills, and just have fun shooting! The Fall league has ended, and the Winter league is getting started, so clean and holster your favorite pistol, and come out to the Club!

The first day of the Winter League is Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the Clubhouse basement.

See our [PPC page](#) for more information.

### **FLSC Business Meeting**

FLSC members, and the public are all welcome to come to our monthly business meeting on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the first floor hall.

### **.22 Bowling Pin Fun Shoot**

A fun and inexpensive "plinking" event is the .22 Bowling Pin Fun Shoot. Everyone is invited to bring a firearm (pistol or rifle) chambered in .22 LR to the FLSC indoor range every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Clubhouse basement to knock down the pins on our special bowling pin targets.

See our [Bowling Pin Fun Shoot](#) page for more information.

### **FLSC election of Board members, and Board of Directors**

The election is open to all FLSC members in good standing, and is held on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00-8:00 PM.

## RANGE RULE HIGHLIGHT

The FLSC Range Rules are in important aspect of all of our activities at the Club. They promote safety, help reduce damage to and maintenance cost of the Club's facilities, and generally help everyone enjoy the Club as much as possible.

Our range rule highlight for this month are the caliber, load and bullet composition restrictions for the indoor range. These restrictions are prominently posted in the basement of the Clubhouse, and can be found on page four of the FLSC Range Rules.

Basically, most common pistol calibers, *except* for those with a "+P", "+P+", or "Magnum" designation are allowed, as well as rifles chambered in .17, and .22 caliber, as long as the manufacturer's stated velocity for the round is *less than* 1,000fps (feet per second), and the bullet is all lead, i.e., *no* jacketed rounds.

This rule is first, for safety, as our indoor range is not designed to safely handle the more powerful pistol and rifle rounds, so their use indoors might result in unpredictable and dangerous results such as round "splashback", or ricochet. Additionally, the more powerful rounds and/or unusual bullet materials cause excessive damage to the indoor range, which means greater costs for all the members of the Club.

If in doubt, check first with Larry Andrykovich, the Indoor Range Manager, at (810)240-8610, or any Club officer.

We greatly appreciate your attention to the FLSC Range rules!

## Legal Notes

by Paul Taylor

As the field of law is complex, ever-changing, and affects us all, it helps to be abreast of the state of the law in Michigan, especially as it pertains to the sport of hunting, and firearms in general.

While this author, as an attorney, cannot give advice as to any specific course of action anyone should take, without there being an attorney and client relationship, it is certainly permissible to provide FLSC members, and the general public with information and legal analysis of legislation, court cases, and general news.

Of particular note are the three bills enacted into law by the Michigan legislature in regard to firearms. That is, the so-called "red-flag" law, the "safe storage" law, and the "universal background check" law. These laws did not become effective when Governor Whitmer signed them, but will do so ninety-one days after the current Michigan legislature adjourns, which is set for February 13, 2024. That means that the laws will be in effect as of April 14, 2024.

Each of these laws will be described and analyzed in future editions, as well as other topics, so keep your head on a swivel, and when in doubt, don't talk to the police!

*Paul Taylor is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan.*

## REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM SEMINAR

by Jim Twesten

On Saturday, December 9, 2023 the FLSC hosted a Refuse To Be A Victim seminar. The seminar was facilitated by Jeff Lane, VP of Marketing and Jim Twesten, Membership Manager. They both are certified by the NRA to teach the RTBAV seminar. Seventeen people ranging in age from teenager to senior adult attended. Judging from the comments, the seminar was very well received.

Immediately following the seminar Tom Cole from the Fenton Police Department gave a presentation on Active Shooter situations. It too was very well received.

We are looking at offering it again in the spring and officer Cole has agreed to follow-up the RTBAV with another discussion about Active Shooter situations.

Some of the comments received:

**From Walt G.:** I have had a lot of this type of training and found very little new information. But, if your target audience was those who never thought about this before, it was great information. I was very happy to see high school students and teachers interested enough to become involved as I think most people wait until something happens to worry about being a victim.

**From Eric S.:** I enjoyed some of the safety tips as well as some of the shared life experiences from the classroom it was a nice blend of instruction and interaction thank you guys for your time and expertise.

**From Cole J.:** Thank you for doing this class Saturday, I enjoyed the class. It's good to hear other attendees' experiences in the class.



## **FLSC GEAR**

**Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the FLSC Store is the place to for all your FLSC gear. It's a great way to support the club and share it with others.**

**Find it on our website or go to: <https://my-store-c0b81b.creator-spring.com/>**

## **UPCOMING TRAINING**

### **Jr Rifle New Shooter Training**

This training even is required for anyone that wishes to participate in the Junior Rifle League. It will be held on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM , in the Clubhouse basement.