

## **CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES**

### **PRESIDENT**

#### **Rick Spencer**

I would like to start out by saying Thank You to all the USC members and the Board of Directors for allowing me to be your President for the past 25+ years. Because of your confidence in me and the commitment of all the Board Members I've had the pleasure of working with the Club and the Club is in great shape. The dues you pay have been used to meet the Club's mission, to make a lot of needed improvements from Range Safety, New Buildings & Range Equipment, Improved Roadways and a commitment to Youth Shooting Programs. I would appreciate your vote as President and you have my commitment to continue to improve our Club.

#### **Lawrence Jenkins**

I have been a member of the USC for over 40-years and I am currently the Rifle Range Chairman. During my tenure I have held a Board member position previously. I have also served on the Skeet & Trap committee several times throughout the years. Over the years I have used my personal equipment (Dozers & High-Lifts) to work on projects at the approval and request from the Board of Directors. The Board provided fuel and grease for the equipment and I provided the equipment and labor at no cost to our club. Ultimately the Board granted me a Life-time membership for which I am grateful and appreciative. Currently, I use the equipment that USC purchased to help maintain the gravel roads, which has significantly lowered our road operating expenditures to commercial companies. I truly believe this is a voluntary club and if we can, we should all help where possible. I look forward to serving on the Board again and ask for your support in the upcoming election.

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

#### **Wayne Medley**

I'm a 30 year Retired Army Officer, Missouri National Guard. I established and served as the Director of the Military Funeral Honors Program in the State of Missouri. I've been a member of the United Sportsmen's Club for 30 years and actively volunteer with the Trap and Skeet Committee. I'm a Rifle Range Safety Officer (RSO), work the rifle range to keep our members safe and participate in Sporting Clays and 5 Stand. I served as your Vice President this past year and served two terms on the Board of Directors (6 years). I'd appreciate your vote.

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

#### **Tim Ripperger**

Thank you for the privilege and honor to serve as your Secretary/Treasurer these past several years. One of the most enjoyable aspects of my position is the opportunity to meet each of you! We continue to improve the Club in many aspects, including the overall finances, the ranges, and the infrastructure. My role is to take care of the Club's finances, communicate with members, and be an active Board of Directors member and to record the club's business. Thank you for your past support and I'd appreciate your vote this year.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Dan Bernskoetter**

I joined the United Sportsmen's Club in the mid-1970's, moved away in 1980 and rejoined the club after moving back to Jefferson City in 1982. I retired from a 42-year telecom carrier that included both network engineer and supervisor. During my last years in telecom, I began photography work. I enjoy nature photography, as well as portrait and commercial photography. I have had images published in Three Gun magazine, Outdoor Life and Jefferson City magazine. I have also had many images featured each year in the Missouri Department of Conservation's natural events calendars. I have been involved at the club in fishing, rifle, pistol, archery, skeet, sporting clays and five-stand. After being a member for many years, I thought it would be enjoyable to be member of the board of directors of the club and give back to the club I enjoy.

## **Board of Directors**

### **Luke Isenhardt**

I believe in the mission of the USC and am thankful for those who have been involved to make the club what it is today. I was raised at the USC, have made many great friends and learned a great deal about the shooting sports from other club members. With one young child and another on the way, I want to do more to "Keep the club great" so that I can teach my kids to shoot at a top notch facility. It would be my honor and privilege to serve the members of the USC on the board of directors and I would appreciate your vote.

### **Vern McGaffic**

Range Chairman of the Trap and Skeet facilities since 2014. Club member since 2005, Board of Directors member for the past seven years. As Chief Range Safety Officer I've assisted in providing Range Safety Officer training to over 90 club members to facilitate safe use of the Club's Rifle Range. I'm a Life Member of the National Rifle Association and a strong advocate for all aspects of personal and range safety. I assisted in the development of the Standard Operating Procedures and facilitated changes to the Constitution and By-Laws for the club. I routinely organize and run fun shotgun shooting events including the Club Championship, annual Turkey Shoots, and the Monday Night Skeet Derby. I've worked to increase other club activities that included wobble skeet and wobble trap shooting at the club. I work with Helias, 4H, FFA and other schools to train and compete at our shotgun ranges.

### **Mike Mitchell**

I have been a Club Member for over 20 years. I live in Russellville, work in Apache Flats and spend quite a few lunches at the Club. I've been active in Archery, helping with 3D Tournaments and Indoor Archery. Through the years I've enjoyed every aspect of the Club and recently took the RSO training to help and hopefully expand our rifle range hours. I'm at a point I'd like to give back to the Club and believe we should live up to our name the United Sportsmen's Club, not just different ranges. I believe it's important that we remain a positive part of our community and would appreciate your vote.

### **Jerry Rosslan**

I was drawn to USC because of the facilities and safety conscious, courteous members. Here I found members who cared about their ranges and campus. That was the brotherhood I wanted. I joined 7 years ago, and have become an RSO. I like to shoot rifles, pistols, archery, shotguns it's a total passion. Well, except one passion, I am dedicated to introducing new people to our sport and hunting. I've taught my children and others to handle firearms safely. I get more pleasure out of seeing them succeed, seeing the self-esteem grow and sense of independence. I want to pass my knowledge along to them. I do well on boards and have found I have a knack for building a consensus. I will stand up for what I believe, but am willing to hear others opinion because that's how we get things done. Thank you for your consideration,

### **Dave Scott**

I was raised in Jefferson City and raised my family here as well. Some of my fondest memories are the times in the 1960's that I went to the Club with my Uncles. I have enjoyed shooting pistol, and shotgun sports for years. I currently enjoy shooting shotguns with my grandsons at the club whenever possible. I serve on the Trap and Skeet Committee and have volunteered my time and expertise on several electrical projects at the Club. I retired from Ameren as an Electrical Construction Supervisor and would appreciate your vote in considering me for the Board of Directors. Thank you.

### **Troy Thurman**

I am requesting your vote for the board of directors to serve members of the USC. I am a lifelong resident of Cole County where I have been a long time USC member. I was in the first group that volunteered to serve as a range safety officers for the rifle range, which has been my pleasure to give back to the club and USC members. I am a long time member of the NRA, and I am a certified law enforcement firearms instructor. I retired from the military with over 22 years of service, and I have served over 25 years in law enforcement. I currently work for the State of Missouri managing a statewide law enforcement program. I attend and serve on the security team for the First Assembly of God church in Jefferson City, MO. I would appreciate your vote so I can represent you and be your voice.

## **Board of Directors**

### **Vince Vanderfeltz**

I have been in law enforcement for over a decade, and I'm currently serving as a Corporal in the Osage County Sheriff's Office. My passion is firearms, and I am a proud supporter of the Constitution and especially the true spirit of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. During my time as a member, I've seen many improvements to our ranges but I would like to see more. I tend to use the lower ranges, pistol and rifle and would like to see some of those ranges repurposed to allow movement while shooting, much like the action pistol range. I believe we train as we shoot and it is our duty as a club to accommodate today's shooting styles and sports. I believe this would have the added benefit of gaining new members and retaining members. Your vote is appreciated and your wants will not fall on deaf ears.

### **Todd Walters**

I currently serve on the Board of Directors and have served as the Pistol Range Chairman this past year. I feel it's important for each discipline to have representation at the BOD meetings and I'm seeking re-election to continue to work to improve our Club. I'm a Life Member of the NRA, certified USPSA Range Officer and have a strong interest in shooting handguns. My Son Colin and I have run Thursday Night Thunder the past seven years and enjoy meeting old and new members that have an interest in shooting handguns. As Pistol Range Chair I've led and coordinated many improvements to all the Pistol Ranges. We've improved steel targets, target holders, added gravel, and improved drainage and tried to make all the ranges more safe and attractive. I've learned a lot during my time on the Board and I'm asking for your vote to continue to learn and improve our Club.