

Candidate Biographies

Rick Spencer (President)

I have been a USC member since 1988 and have been on the USC Board and President for 25 plus years. My work experience and education have helped me perform the duties of the President. I am a Graduate of the Missouri State Water Patrol Academy attaining the rank of Sergeant prior to retiring. My last station, I was assigned to general headquarters in charge of budget, purchasing, and fleet maintenance. I also graduated from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy's Supervisor Training. I am currently a MO Farm Bureau Insurance Agent serving residents with their insurance needs in Cole and surrounding counties. I have served with USC Board Members and Range Chairman to improve and upgrade club facilities to make the club a more enjoyable place for members and their families. Throughout the years we have greatly improved range safety, club buildings, range equipment, improved roads, youth shooting sports and greatly improved range safety. I would appreciate your vote to continue to serve as USC President. Thank you.

Lawrence Jenkins (President)

I am a longtime USC member and currently serve as the Rifle Range Chairman. I volunteer a lot of hours as Range Chair and help keep up the roads in the Club. I was honored as a Life Member several years ago for my Volunteer work on the Club. My goals are to see the Club continue to develop and improve in all venues. I worked for the Railroad and manage my own land to day to leave it better for future generations. I'd appreciate your vote for the Office of President. Thank you.

Wayne Medley (Vice-President)

I served 30 plus years in the U.S. Military and National Guard and am a retired Army Officer. I established and served as the Director of the Military Funeral Honors Program in Missouri. I'm a 30 year USC member who is continually active with the Trap and Skeet Committee, am a trained Range Safety Officer and shoot Sporting Clays and 5 Stand. I served on the Board of Directors for six years and have served the past two years as your Vice-President. I'd appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Tim Ripperger (Secretary/Treasurer)

It's been my honor and privilege to serve the last several years as your Secretary/Treasurer. Our collective goals have been to improve the club overall and continue the long tradition of quality communication within the club. I've volunteered to help organize and run a number of shoots to raise funds for USC and introduce people to our club. Some of my goals include improving club facilities, increasing women shooters and diverse cultures within the club and modernizing dues payment along with other internal club functions. Thank you for your past support and I appreciate your vote.

Chris Byrd (Board of Directors)

I have been a Club Member for over 20 years, have 30 years of law enforcement experience with Cole and Osage Counties and 10 years with Cole County as an EMT and First Responder. I'm a Rifle Range Safety Officer and a Life NRA Member. It has been my honor to serve on the Board of Directors for two terms and would like to continue in that capacity. I believe we have a strong club organization and support a fiscally conservative approach to finances. I'd appreciate your vote. Thank You.

Gregg Pearre (Board of Directors)

I have been a member of USC since the late 1970's. I have served on the Board of Directors since 1983. During my tenure at USC I have served as the Rifle Range Chairman, Archery Range Chairman, Pistol Range Chairman, Youth Shooting Chairman, and as a Committee Member on Sporting Clays, Trap and Skeet and Black Powder. Currently as a NRA Certified Chief Range Safety trainer I provide instruction to USC members becoming Rifle Range Safety Officers. I am a Benefactor Member of the NRA and a Life Member of USPSA. I am retired from the National Rifle Association and would like to continue my service to the club. I'd appreciate your vote for the Board of Directors.

Terry Pollard (Board of Directors)

I have been honored to serve on the Board of Directors the last three years and first joined the club about seven years ago. Prior to moving to Jefferson City I served as the President of a gun club in Southeast Nebraska where the membership like USC was a club of volunteers. I serve as a Trap/Skeet Committee member and help the Sporting Clays Committee. I serve as a Rifle Safety Officer where I pledge and volunteer my time to keep the range open for members. While on the Board I have helped to benefit members through cheaper insurance prices, improving SOP's, and making changes to improve and open ranges for our members. I feel the Club can continue to improve and make progress into the future. My door is always open and I look forward to hearing from you. Please consider voting for me in the election. Thank you.

Jerry Greene (Board of Directors)

I have been a club member for 12 years. I have been in law enforcement since 1992 and spent time in the Middle East. I worked for the Columbia Police Department of 14 years and served as a firearms instructor. I shot on the Columbia Police Pistol Team and was a Heckler and Koch sponsored shooter at shooting competitions. I currently am active in Sporting Clays and Trap and Skeet. I enjoy hunting deer, turkey and prairie dogs. I am an NRA member and was a part time deputy for Cole County and serve as a Missouri State Investigator. I have a strong knowledge of shooting sports, want to support our members and move the club forward. I would appreciate your vote.

Luke Isenhart (Board of Directors)

I am a married father of two young men who I intend to teach to shoot at USC. I have been a member of USC for 20 plus years and a volunteer for almost as long. If elected to the Board of Directors I would do my best to make decisions for the long term good of USC using common sense, fiscal conservatism, and humility. I would be proud to serve USC on the Board of Directors.

Don Mumford (Board of Directors)

I enjoy shooting at the Club with my Son-In-Law and we both work on the Trap Committee. I'm a lifelong gun enthusiast, hunter, Safari Club member and teach hunter education. If elected, I will support recreational shooting, promote good sportsmanship, and advocate for good marksmanship. I will help develop honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline and team membership which represent the essentials of good sportsmanship and true patriotism. I'd appreciate your vote. Thank You.

Todd Schattgen (Board of Directors)

I serve on the Trap and Skeet Committee and have continually sought more responsibility over the last four years. USC is an amazing Volunteer run club that offers diverse, high end shooting opportunities. I feel the secret to our success is dedicated volunteer members who put in their time and effort to continually improve the club. I attended the University of MO – Rolla where I attained a degree in Mechanical Engineering and then spent a career in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). During my career I rose to the rank of Commander and commanded two hydrographic survey ships. Our primary mission was to map the coastal waters of the United States. Notable projects included locating and identifying John F. Kennedy Jr's airplane after it crashed in 1996 and mapping a debris field following the crash of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island. I've served as the President of the New Bloomfield School Board, am a Court Appointed Special Assistant (CASA) to advocate and mentor children in the foster care system, and help my wife run the Buddy Pack Program providing meals to elementary school children who may not get regular meals at home. I also serve as a Deacon at my church. I'd appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Doug Smentkowski (Board of Directors)

I learned to hunt and fish from my Mother and Father. My Mother shot her first Missouri Buck in 1946 and was the second woman to kill a buck in the modern deer season. I served in the Army and National Guard where I shoot on the Battalion Rifle Team for five years. I have been active in USC through high power rifle, .22 rifle, archery, and trap and skeet shooting. I have been a member of USC for 34 years. I have been a Hunter Education Instructor for 33 years and served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the archery club. I would like to volunteer on the Board of Directors and serve to move us all toward a better club in the future, youth, women and men. I'd appreciate your support. Thank you.