

Candidate Biographies 2023

Officers:

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, and youth shooting sports. I would appreciate your vote to continue to serve as USC President. Thank you.

Larry Branson (Vice-President)

I am, Larry R. Branson, and I joined the United Sportsmen's Club in 1982 (41-years). Primarily I am a Skeet Shooter, however, I have used most of the ranges and lake at one time or another. In my tenure I have been on the Board three times before. I also managed the Spring & Fall Skeet Leagues for 21-years (1987-2008) with the help of several other dedicated members, past & present. I am a member of the NRA, I hold a Federal Firearms License, and I am a staunch supporter of the 2nd Amendment. In the spirit of a voluntary organization, I have introduced dozens & dozens of folks to skeet shooting and encouraged others to join our membership roles'. Offering any assistance, I could to help them be at least reasonably successful enough to continue in our shooting sports.

I am retired and have the time and desire to work with the Board while listening to the membership's desires to improve our club in any way we can. My hope for the Board of Directors and Officers is that they will make their decisions based on what is best for the USC and the membership as a whole. I am a team player that is willing to work for the betterment of all USC ranges to improve the Gun Club experience for all of our members.

I would appreciate your support and vote for Vice President in the upcoming election. Thank you.

Gregg Pearre (Vice-President)

I am asking for your vote for Vice-President. I have been a member of the USC for over 40 years. I have served on the board since 1989. During my tenure at USC, I have served as the Rifle Range Chairman, Pistol Range Chairman, Archery Range Chairman and Vice-President. I have also served on the Sporting Clays, Trap & Skeet and Black Powder Committees along with being active in youth shooting sports at the club. I am a NRA Chief Range Safety Officer.

Past shooting accomplishments include Missouri State Champion in NRA Hunter Pistol Silhouette, NRA Action Pistol Champion – multiple times and top 20 finishes in the Bianchi Cup National Championship. I've shot and competed in small bore rifle silhouette, small bore pistol silhouette, 3-D Archery, and Muzzleloader events.

I am a past president of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association and a lifelong resident of Central Missouri. I have a BS in Business Administration and served as the NRA Field Representative in Missouri for 22 years. I look forward to utilizing my historical knowledge Of USC along with my shooting, educational and professional experiences to continue to help provide a safe well rounded shooting facility for all USC members. I am a Benefactor NRA Member, and a Life Member of both USPSA/IPSIC and the Missouri Sport Shooting Association.

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.

Board of Directors:

Randy Pierce (Board of Directors)

I joined the Club in 1980 with the Archery group. I've served as President of Archery and have helped in all aspects of it. I also started the Friday night Youth League which has been successful and running for about 25 years. I am currently the Lake Chairman and I have served on the Board of Directors in the past. I enjoy muzzleloaders and shotguns.

David Scott (Board of Directors)

I feel privileged to serve as your USC Board member for the last three years. I would appreciate your support by voting for me this election. I look forward to serving as your representative. 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.

Lawrence Jenkins (Board of Directors)

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 USC Life Member several years ago for my Volunteer work on the Club and I'm a Life NRA member. 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 Board of Directors. Thank you.

Ed Twehous (Board of Directors)

My name is Ed Twehous and I am volunteering to serve on the board of directors at the United Sportsmen's Club. My wife is Linda and I have two adult children and a daughter-in-law who all live in Jefferson City. I am a member of St Francis Xavier Parish in Taos and I am a graduate of Helias Catholic High School. I am the volunteer head coach of the Helias Catholic High School Shotgun Sports Team. We are currently in our seventh season. Denise McCorckle and I have had over one hundred individual shotgun sports team members in our program over the past seven years and the families of all of those athletes have become members of USC because of our program. I am very proud of the fact that our shotgun sports team members regularly participate in work/clean up days at the club under my and Denise's supervision. I've been a hunter, outdoorsman and gun enthusiast all of my life. I am an NRA certified shotgun coach. I owned and served on the Board of Directors of a hunt/gun club in northeast Missouri for twenty-five years. I've been a member of USC for over twenty years and I've served on the Trap and Skeet committee for the past seven years. I regularly participate in workdays at the club as well as helping out with special projects on various ranges. .

Art Luebbering (Board of Directors)

I have been a member of United Sportsman club for about 15 years. I became a member initially to help instruct 4-H youth muzzle-loading and then ran for the board to look out for the interest of youth shooting. I have served several terms on the board of directors. As youth oriented, I have an interest in all the ranges and do not prioritize one range/discipline over another. I am very impressed with the clubs progress with youth sports. We currently have several high school trap shotgun groups using our club as well as a college shotgun. We have a college archery team, Cole county 4-H shooting sports calls USC home. We host the YHEC competition which I help with each year. I am the range chairman of the Utility Range. And yes, I am a member of the NRA. I am proud to be your board member and hope to continue for the next 3 years. Regardless if you elect me to continue serving you, I will be part of USC for years to come, stop by if you see me and say hi.

