

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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## March 2015 Newsletter

MUCC is thinking about summer already and has sent their camp program brochure for 2015. The Michigan Outdoors youth camp is held for five weeks during the summer at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center near Chelsea MI. These camps are a week long and everyone in past years that were sponsored by Rockford Sportsman's club has reported a great time. To attend complete the registration form and return to the Club treasurer. RSC will pay ½ the cost and the parents or grandparents pay the other half with the application. When the camper returns the club will reimburse the ½ making this a no cost way to attend camp. Refer to the Youth Camp application in the Newsletter. Last year we had one application and we usually have had several in past years.

A NEW Rockford Coin show is scheduled for a rental on Sunday March 22 from 9 AM to 4 PM. The public is invited with free admission to look, buy, sell and trade currency, silver and gold. Free appraisals will be available from a knowledgeable dealer. This show is planned for a quarterly schedule, providing opportunities for local coin collecting and club rentals.

The weather has been brutal to say the least for those who like to be outdoors however many shooters have been participating in cowboy action, CMP, Trap and skeet and an occasional rifle or pistol practice. We have some hearty students from RHS that have been shooting trap and skeet every week. They are about ¾ through the league. The shoot banquet will be Thursday March 26 in the club house for the league and parents of the students. These young people are doing very well with improving their scores and safety handling their firearms. The members who are working with the group enjoy the opportunity and report a very positive experience.

For those who had the opportunity to spend February in a warmer climate—lucky you. Looking forward to the Spring shooting starting in late March and April.

During the February meeting we took orders for 3 "Wildlife Sketches" 142 page soft cover books at \$6 each. There are two more available to be sold at the March meeting. First come, first serve, however more can be ordered.

Next month (April) is the first quarter fish and game contest winners. Take your pictures and have them available at the meeting. Cash prizes for the winners. Also a reminder that we have a silent auction at every meeting for items you may not use anymore. You set a minimum price. Club get 10% and you get 90% of the sales price.

Welcome to the new members!

George

# Regular Meeting Minutes

## Rockford Sportsman's Club Membership Meeting Minutes February 3, 2015 Call to order at 7:15 P.M.

Invocation was given by Tim Hall.  
Approval of minutes. Minutes are accepted.  
Introduction of Guests. None.

### **President's Report: George Mayhak**

Thank you for member's that helped set up the room for the meeting. No auction items tonight.  
Rockford High School students are coming up and shooting Trap and Skeet, will have a banquet at the end of the season.

### **Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd**

No report.

### **Chairman's Report: Ron Dreyer**

No report.

### **Secretary's Report: Barbara Blough**

Please turn in any specific announcements that you would like in the minutes.

### **Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche**

Mike made motion to accept new members Denise and Daniel Fedko, supported by Dave Devries, motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila**

Total Income \$7,586.90. Total Expense \$4,343.56. Net Income \$3,243.34  
Would like to have 3 to 4 person Investment Committee. Volunteers were Steve Mitchell, Gordon Pickerd, Jim Devereaux and Rick Zimmerman. This committee will review the current investments and report recommendations to the board. George announced that these members will make up the investment committee and will bring a report back to the next board meeting.

### **Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent**

No report.

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## Regular Meeting Minutes continued

### Committee Reports

NSSA shoot on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Michigan Games in June will be held here for Skeet and .22 Pistol State Games of Michigan, winter event on February 21 at Grand Rapids Rifle and Pistol Club.

CMP. Had a sniper shoot, 21 shooters. Thank you for individuals that had chili ready after the shoot. Awards were handed out. Next match February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Bench Rifle first match is in May. Having organization meetings. More information to follow.

Hunter's Safety. See Bill Skallos if you have anyone to sign up or want to volunteer.

MUCC. Dan Hankinson attended meeting. DNR report, poor deer season. Duck banding, over 1,000 ducks. Bear hunting season successful, will be expanding number of permits issued. Youth Camp sent out wish list of items for the camp. In need of various tools, see Dan or Tim if you are interested in donating. Fundraiser tickets for \$5.

Sunshine. Phil Harrison's wife had knee surgery. Bernard Lawton had triple by-pass.

Building and Grounds: Pistol Range Improvements planning being started by Dan Vincent and Gordon Pickerd. Anyone that would like to work on that please see one of them.

Also, need coordinator.

Fish/Turkey/Deer Contest. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter contest will be in April.

Banquet Committee. September.

Safety Rule Review – Shooting at illegal targets. 100 yrd range, grade stake is 120 feet out from the line. This stake was shot and could not tell if bullets went into berm or at the benches that were beyond. This needs to be stopped. If anyone has information please inform a board member. Also, Flag Pole in Cowboy area has been shot at.

Raffle: 50/50. \$36, Paul Kazmierski and Jim Devereaux.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

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## Civilian Marksmen Fun Shoot 2/28/2015





The Allegan State Game Area is the largest state game area in Michigan and one of Michigan's Wetland Wonders. Join us on Sunday, March 8 to improve wood duck habitat on it! Wood ducks need a cavity to nest in near wetlands abundant with vegetation and aquatic insects for ducklings to forage. This area of Allegan SGA contains one of Michigan's rare coastal marsh wetlands, similar to those on the East Coast, which are wood duck magnets. However, the surrounding forest is encroaching on the coastal marsh, so we're going to cut it back to preserve and expand this high-quality wood duck habitat. Join us March 8th, 2015 at 9am to cut trees and girdle others to prevent forest encroachment on the coastal marsh and to leave some standing deadwood in order to enhance habitat for wood ducks.

See more at: <https://mucc.org/event/otg-wood-duck-habitat-allegan-sga/#sthash.gl6pAKkm.uXKN5n5C.dpuf>

**Date:** March 8

**Time:** 9:00-2:00pm

**Venue:** Allegan State Game Area, 128th Ave & 41st, Allegan MI 49010

**Organizer:** Drew Youngedyke

**Phone:** 517-436-6486

**Email:** [dyoungedyke@mucc.org](mailto:dyoungedyke@mucc.org)

2015 APPLICATION  
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 Cedar Lake Outdoor Center  
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Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Boy  Girl  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (current): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent or Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact #: HOME (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**WE DESIGNATE THE FOLLOWING WEEK FOR THE WEEK LONG RESIDENTIAL CAMP:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Connection Camp (Ages 9-11).....	<input type="checkbox"/> June 21-26.....	<input type="checkbox"/> June 28-July 3.....	<input type="checkbox"/> July 19-24.....	<b>\$380</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Camp (Ages 9-11).....	<input type="checkbox"/> June 21-26.....			<b>\$380</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Wonders (Ages 9-11).....	<input type="checkbox"/> June 28-July 3.....			<b>\$380</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fur Harvesters Camp (Ages 12-14).....	<input type="checkbox"/> July 12-17.....			<b>\$380</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting Heritage Camp - SCI (Ages 12-14).....	<input type="checkbox"/> July 12-17.....	<input type="checkbox"/> July 26-31.....		<b>\$380</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Primitive Skills Camp (Ages 12-14).....	<input type="checkbox"/> July 12-17.....	<input type="checkbox"/> July 26-31.....		<b>\$380</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stewards in Training Camp (Ages 13-15).....	<input type="checkbox"/> July 12-17.....	<input type="checkbox"/> July 26-31.....		<b>\$425</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Counselors in Training Camp (Ages 15-16).....	<input type="checkbox"/> July 26-July 31.....			<b>\$400</b>

**WE DESIGNATE THE FOLLOWING WEEK FOR THE WEEK LONG DAY CAMPS:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Day Camp (Ages 5-8) <b>\$175</b> June 22 - June 26 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
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NOTE: Registrations are accepted on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. To be assured of your first choice, please get your reservations in early. Payment is due by 5/31/15.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Check enclosed (payable to MUCC)  
 VISA  MasterCard  Discover

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Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Amount Enclosed  
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**Adult t-shirt size:**

S  M  L  XL  2XL

Please mail registration form  
 with your payment to:

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**P.O. Box 30235**  
**Lansing, MI 48909**

NO REFUND will be given for cancellations less than two weeks prior to camper's scheduled week.  
 In addition, there is a \$50 non-refundable fee under any circumstance.



## 2015 Rockford Sportsman's Club CMP MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE

**Times: Saturdays 10:00A – 2:00P (dates shown in **RED** are Tuesdays, 4:30-8:00)**

**Dates: Fun Shoots (format TBD): Jan 24, Feb 28 (Weather Permitting)**

**Summer League: Mar 28, Apr 11, May 30, Jun 20, Jul 18, **Jul 28 (makeup)****

**Winter League: Aug 29, **Sept 22**, Oct 17, Nov 21, **Nov 24(makeup)**, Dec 19**

All RSC CMP Military Rifle matches are open to the Public. RSC is a CMP-Affiliated Club, but these are not CMP/NRA "registered" shoots.

Entry Fees:	RSC Member	Non-Member	Junior(16 or under)
League Fees	\$25	\$30	\$15
Add'l Event Fee	\$15	\$20	\$10
Individual Match	\$ 5	\$ 7	\$ 5

League fees cover all five shoots for one class (Semi-Auto or Bolt).

The entry fee includes a CMP Membership Card and Qualification Letter, which entitles the holder to purchase firearms, parts, and ammo directly from CMP.

Standard "**As Issued**" military rifles with iron or peep sights (no optics) (e.g. M1-A1, M-1 Garands, M-1 Carbines, SKS, AK-47, AR-15, Springfields, Mausers, Enfields, Nagants, Krags, etc). Rifles may be available for use and ammo or chamber flags for purchase with advance notice.

Relays will be fired during each match based on both Course A (30 rds, 3-position @ 100 yds, SR-1 targets) and Course B (40 rds, 4-position @ 200 yds, SR targets). Each course will be preceded with (5) sighters.

Classes will include Semi-Auto and Bolt Action, Large and Small Bore. Other classes may be added as determined by the CMP committee. League shooters may fire both Semi-Auto and Bolt for the same League entry, but will compete in Semi-Auto class. One or more awards will be given for each class depending on the number of shooters.

Scores will be recorded, with the winners based on highest average score for the five (5) matches. Ties will be decided first by most "x"s, then by a ten (10) round Slow Fire, Standing shoot-off if needed, or other determinate as agreed by the parties. Call Steve Gardner (616 745-7800) or Tim Hall (616 430-3585) with questions.

# Elk Poacher Caught After Receipt Found in Entrails

March 2, 2015 / [Drew YoungeDyke](#) / [0 Comments](#) / [Hunting](#), [Latest News](#), [News](#), [Policy](#)

*Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) is considering a resolution to increase penalties for elk poaching at its Annual Convention in June. Increased penalties for trophy bucks were passed into state law last year after a similar MUCC resolution from 2011.*

## **DNR Press Release:**

A Jackson County man has confessed to the illegal killing of a small bull elk during the firearm deer season in Otsego County, according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers who investigated the incident.

A passerby discovered elk parts dumped along a rural road Nov. 29, 2014. A DNR conservation officer investigating the scene located a grocery store receipt among the entrails of an elk. A six-week investigation ensued, with a suspect being identified and interviewed. A confession was obtained, and charges are now being reviewed by the Otsego County prosecutor.

According to Lt. Jim Gorno, DNR law enforcement supervisor in Gaylord, conservation officers from the DNR's Gaylord Customer Service Center were assisted in the investigation by officers from southern Michigan, a diligent Report All Poaching (RAP) Hotline dispatcher, and a detective from the department's Special Investigations Unit.

"This case started with very limited clues and evidence, but through solid investigative follow-up, in conjunction with excellent teamwork being displayed by several of our officers around the state, it was brought to a successful conclusion," said Gorno. "It shows diligence and tenacity in investigating cases involving our high-value fish and game species."

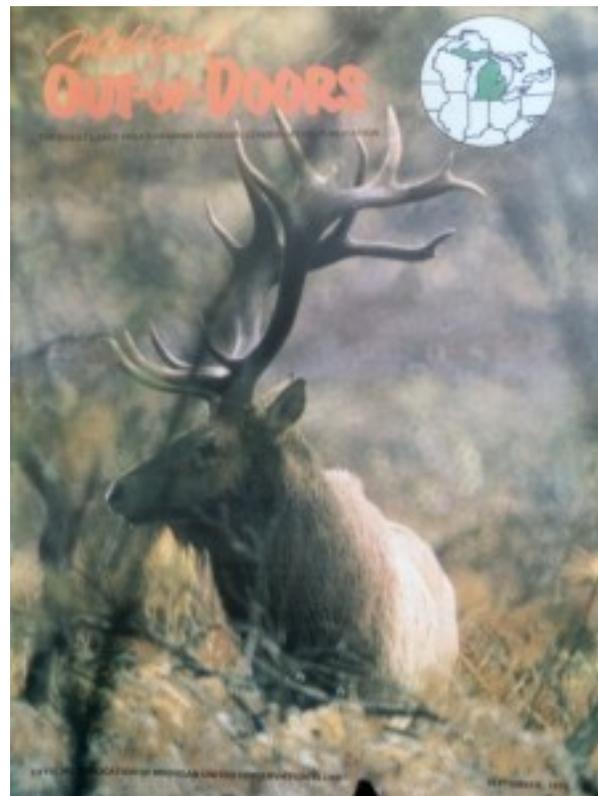
Elk poaching carries fines of up to \$2,500, restitution to the state of up to \$1,500, loss of the firearm used in the incident and loss of hunting privileges for up to three years.

Conservation officers continue to investigate a number of poaching-related incidents involving elk in northern Michigan. Anyone with information regarding any incidents is asked to call the DNR Law Enforcement Division at the Gaylord Customer Service Center at 989-732-3541 or the 24-hour RAP Line at 800-292-7800.

Any fish, game or natural resources violation can be reported to the DNR's RAP Line or with the [online reporting form](#) available at the DNR website [www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers](http://www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers).

Information leading to an arrest and conviction is eligible for a cash reward funded by the Game and Fish Protection Fund. Information also may be left anonymously.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).





# CMP

Civilian Marksmanship Program

## More CMP NEWS

- We held a second CMP FUN SHOOT last Saturday at Rockford Sportsman's Club.
- We had ten shooters brave a rather chilly morning to make the match. We shot a POKER SHOOT, with some of the big winners being Brett Laitila with FOUR ACES, JACK HIGH with his M1-A1, Ryan Wilson shooting FOUR ACES, 10 HIGH with his Remington 700 in .270 Winchester, Steve Gardner shooting a 9-K STRAIGHT, KING HIGH with his Colt AR-15, and Scott Stanley shooting THREE KINGS, 7 HIGH, with his Remington 700 in .223 Remington.

A good time was had by all, as usual.

Our next match will be Saturday, 28 March from 10:00 - 2:00 at Rockford Sportsman's Club. This will be our first Spring League match, but non-league shooters are welcome. Please refer to the 2015 CMP flyer on the page 6.

Please review and feel free to contact me if there are questions.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Best Regards,  
Steve



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## Calendar

Please check website for latest changes <http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/calendar/>  
 Changes: Dan Vincent or Mike Roche, Calendar and Web design by James Ruder [jim@ruders.com](mailto:jim@ruders.com)

### March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public WINTER LEAGUE 2015	2 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public Winter league 2015	3 7:15 PM General Membership Meeting	4 8:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy BowI/Rifle/Pistol NSSA	5 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter league 2015	6 National Federation Turkey (6am-12pm)	7 8:00 AM CowboySetup 10:00 AM Cowboy Action Shooting
8 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter league 2015	9 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public Winter league 2015	10 10:00 AM DHS Craig Smith north pistol and Rifle ranges (D Vincent )	11 8:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy BowI/Rifle/Pistol	12 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter league 2015 (Last day)	13	14
15 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public	16 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public	17 7:00 PM RSC Board Meeting	18 8:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy BowI/Rifle/Pistol 8:00 AM Old Coot Shoot-Cowboy bowl	19 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public MSP ES Team 100 yd range	20 10:00 AM DHS Craig Smith n pistol and rifle ranges ( D Vincent )	21 12:00 PM Relay for Life (Scott Gerow)
22 7:00 AM Coin Show-Main Bldg 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public	23 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public	24	25 8:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy BowI/Rifle/Pistol	26 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter League Banquet ( 6pm )	27 US Postal Inspectors N Pistol Range 10-2 Mark Dayhuff	28 9:00 AM CMP-100/200 Range
29 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Spring League	30 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public spring league	31	1 NSSA	2	3	4

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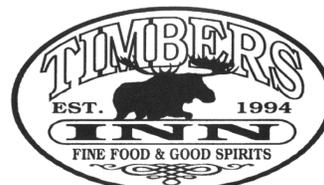
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