

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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February 2018 Newsletter

BIG PROBLEM—As per photo evidence, some person or persons shot multiple times at the light shield plates on the 100 and 200 yard range. This is serious safety problem and property destruction. The security cameras will be checked to see who has been using the range the past few weeks. Persons responsible will face board action. No outside group has been using the range this month.

We are almost a month into the New Year when we can write 2018 instead of 2017. The cold weather activities are in full swing with all the shooters wearing heavy coats and snow pants for shooting events.

A member suggested that we post quarterly winners for the fish and game contest so here is the 2017 fourth quarter results.

Crappie 12 inches—John Cordes
Perch 1st place 9 inches—John Cordes
Perch 2nd place 8 ¾ inches-- George Mayhak
Whitetail 1st—Tom Boman
Whitetail 2nd-- Mark Kazmeirski
Whitetail 3rd-- Don Bosewinkle
Turkey 1st-- Mark Degeest
Turkey-- 2nd Don Bosewinkle

Cash awards were presented to the winners. The first quarter of 2018 awards will be presented at the April Membership meeting. The only season open in the first quarter are fish entries (maybe special deer in Montcalm County). Ryan Cordes is this year's chairman. Be sure Ryan has you pictures with the length shown or bring them to the April meeting.

More information is in the board meeting minutes, but briefly Jennifer Griffin is forming a ladies only group that would meet regularly creating opportunities to learn and grow as shooters. As this develops timing and details will be forthcoming.

Andy Laitila finished up 2017 with several snow plowing days and hit January with a bang. Andy is doing a great job keeping all the lots and travel lanes clear for our many events. Several members have helped with the sidewalks and entrances which is very much appreciated.

The black topping contract has been signed. The date for beginning will depend on Spring weather conditions.

It was a good turnout for the January membership meeting. Something to accomplish in the Winter months. We are planning an outside presentation for the February meeting. Hope to see you all there.

George

Rockford Sportsman's Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2018
Call to order at 7:15 P.M.

Introduction of guests. –No guests
Invocation was given by Tim Hall
George Mayhak made motion to approve minutes, supported by Terri King motion carried.

President's Report: George Mayhak

Ryan Cordes will be taking over quarterly Deer/Fish/Turkey competition

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

SCTP \$36,000 in endowment Acct. Midway will add another \$9,000 in January due to firearm raffle. There was also an additional \$500 donation from a member.

SCTP start up meeting was 12/19/17, there were 20 Shooters. Expect a team of 20-25 Kids for 2018

Looking for another coach if the team reaches 20-25 kids.

Looking for someone to shovel walks when it snows

Chairman's Report: Barbara Blough (Absent)

No report.

Secretary's Report: Ryan Cordes

Thank you from the Gardner Family.

Thank you from Paul Kazmierski

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

New Members

Kendall & Valeri Rusco

Michael & Victoria Antuma

Motion Mike Roche second Steve Mitchell; Motion Carried

Retired Members

Charles Olmstead

Kim Quist propose

Motion by Mike Roche second John Olinger; Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila

Dec Income \$8473.04

Dec Expenses \$35962.59

Dec Net (\$27,489.55)

2017 Income \$90,777

2017 Expenses \$107,188

2017 Net \$16,411

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

RSC bought a new Husqvarna garden tractor, To use it in the spring, please see Dan Vincent.

RSC also bought Husqvarna backpack blower.

Please shovel if you use the ranges. Packing down the snow creates ice and unsafe walkways.

Use courtesy to hunters on the property. If you see vehicles parked in an area. Stay out of that area. All ranges remain open while someone is hunting

No High brass or steel shot on skeet or trap fields and no shot larger than 7.5

NO shooting before 10 am

Cowboys ask to change range day to Friday mornings from 9:00 am-12:00pm

Committee Reports

Membership Meeting Minutes Continued

Supposed to shoot this Saturday 1/6/18

Pistol- No Report

CMP- Fun Match starts 1/20/2018 9:00 am set up

Bench Rifle- No Report

Defensive Pistol- No Report

Hunter Safety- Next class is in April

Was not able to push up September class to August.

Will have August and September Class for 2018.

Trap and Skeet- Winter League start 1/7/2018

Sctp- No Additional Report

Nssa- Naas Rimfire Shoot is 6/12/18

Mucc- May have meeting in January if not February will be first meeting. Please see Tim Hall if you would like to attend

Sunshine

Terri King getting new replacement

Tom Chirsman, Thank you for card and gift.

Charlie Olmsteads Wife passed away.

Safety. Pick up spent brass even 22 lr

Banquette committee- No Report

Sportsman against hunger- No report, Deer Count for February meeting.

Old Business

New Business

Concealed carry class scheduled see Gary Dredge

Explanation of range lighting. If you need help please see Dan Vincent, Gordon Pickard, George Makhak

Deer fish turkey in news letter

Fish

Perch

1st John Cordes 9"

2nd George Mayhak 8 3/4"

Crappie

1st John Cordes 12"

Deer

1st Tom Bowman 9pt @ 18 1/2" Wide

2nd Mark Kazmierski 8 pt @ 17" Wide

3rd Don Boezwink 8pt @ 15" Wide

Turkey

1st Mark DeGeest 1-1/8" Spurs; 10-1/2" Beard

2nd Unknown 3/4" Spurs

Raffle: 50/50. \$40, John Olinger, Neil Schaefer

SCTP Gun Raffle –Tony Knoll

Browning Knife Sets

Steve Falarski

Jon Stotz

Pierce Guswiler

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted

Ryan Cordes

**Rockford Sportsman's Club
Board Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2016
Call to order at 7:01 P.M.**

Attendees: George Mayhack, Gordon Pickerd, Len Laitila, Dan Vincent, Mike Roche, Ryan Cordes, Steve Mitchel Steve Gardner, Dan Hankinson, Bill Skallos, Ryan Wheeler, Barbara Blough Absent: Bob Drury
Members/Guests: Tim Hall, Jennifer Griffin, Donna Martorono

Invocation was given by Tim Hall

President's Report: George Mayhak

Guests Presentation By The Well Armed Woman

45 min -1 hr/ Month on women shooting education. Looking for facility.

5013c 300 chapter nationwide 11000 members. Started 4 years ago.

Own liability. Regional trainer here. 2 hour meetings twice a month in greater grand rapids.

Bringing women into male dominated sport. Area Chapters: Caledonia, Holland, Muskegon, Battle Creek, Cadillac, Ludington.

The Well Armed Woman carries their own liability insurance and would name Rockford

Sportsman's Club on Policy

The Well Armed Woman has a \$50 annual membership.

The Well Armed Woman is focused on education, safety and self defense

The Well Armed Woman would supply their own Range Safety Officer.

Motion to Discuss Acceptance of The Well Armed Woman, George Mayhak. Second, Gordon Pickerd. Motion Carried

8:02 pm-revisit with just board.

Bill Skallos moves to open negotiation for use of the club By The Well Armed Woman. Supported By Barb Blough, All in favor .

1 Year Trial for the Well Armed Woman

\$10 per event for non-members of Rockford Sportsman's Club, \$5 per event for members of Rockford Sportsman's Club

Supply own targets.

Speak in March membership meeting

Motion to negotiate terms with The Well Armed Woman by Bill Skallos; second By Steve Mitchell. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

SCTP, 5 or six students are shooting in winter league. Program plans to deposit \$5000-\$6000 in endowment fund by end of 2018

Secretary's Report: Ryan Cordes

Thank you from Sharon Pickerd for sunshine gift card.

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

New Member-Jennifer and Jerry Griffin. Motion to accept members by Mike Roche, Second by Gordon Pickerd. Motion Carried.

Ken Kargenian requests to be reinstated as a full Member. Motion to reinstate by Mike Roche, No second; Motion Failed. Must be an associate for a year.

Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila

Gross Income \$5,999.50, Expenses \$1,291.25, Net Income \$4,708.25

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Paving will be done in the spring. Excavation by Rowland. Work with Michigan Paving. Project include Excavation, Paving, Striping.

Trustee Reports

Steve Gardner

CMP Shoot this Saturday 1/20/2018. Rifle and pistol. New format as boot camp qualifier.

Dan Hankinson-No Report

Steve Mitchell

All scholarship information has been updated to reflect change from \$500 to \$1000

Rockford Sportsman's Club website has been updated with current information.

The RSB board has received a request from Gary Dredge to add his company information to the website.

Board concluded that a business must buy advertising space in the newsletter. Other business owners have had to do the same.

Ryan Wheeler-No Report

Bill Skallos-No Report

Guest - Tim Hall. January MUCC meeting is postponed to February. Date to be announced.

Motion to Adjourn by Gordon Pickerd; Second by Bill Skallos Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 8:12pm.

GENERAL NEWS TOPICS

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!!!

Now Is when high school seniors begin in earnest to find assistance with their continuing education. The Bob Bond Scholarship fund has for years supported those students. Specifically those that are interested in careers in either environmental conservation or law enforcement.

This year, for the 1st time, the scholarship is twice as valuable. The Board decided to increase the amount from \$500 to \$1,000 in recognition of the rising cost of education.. If you are aware of any deserving student interested in either of those fields that lives in Kent county, let them know about the scholarship and the May 1st deadline.

Additional information and the application form are available on the RSC web site under the 'About RSC' tab. The information also available directly by following this link.

<http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/about-rsc/scholarship/>

RSC CLUB UPGRADES FOR 2018

At the end of last year, the Long Range Planning committee recommended to the Board 10 potential projects to upgrade the Club during the coming year. The list consisted of one major upgrade, two carry over projects along with seven others.

The Board approved the development of the all the projects on the list. The next step for any of the projects is to obtain Board approval. That requires identifying a project manager who would then develop a design and budget. The project manager would submit the project for **Board approval** to move ahead.

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
Shoot Building Parking	Blacktop the parking lot / Integrate drive with Main drive
Sound Abatement	100/200 Range acoustic sound absorption
Club House Entry	Add airlock to North side entrance
Club Fencing	Extend the split rail perimeter fencing by the pole barn
Pavilion Re-Roofing	Strip & replace existing 30 year old roof
Shoot Building Entry	Add airlock to entrance with case bench & gun rack
Club Wi Fi Infrastructure	1st phase of the Technology committee's long range plan
Main Gate Replacement	Replacement with a powered cantilever dual commercial gate
South Range Expansion	Upgrade to two shooting lanes (separation wall)
Pistol Range Lighting	Upgrade 25/50 yard range to LED lighting

Dan Vincent has taken charge of the Shoot building parking/driveway project. He has developed the design, obtained three quotations and submitted the project for Board approval which was granted. Dan will keep the membership informed as to the project timing as it may effect the availability of some of the club facilities.

Watch the newsletter for updates as progress is made on other projects.

Why do we insist on shooting only paper targets with berm background at RSC?

How lethal are bullets or shells after they ricochet off of dirt or buildings? How much kinetic energy do they retain after ricocheting? Are some rounds specifically designed to ricochet more "effectively"?

(You can see here that some of the very shallow angle ricochets are nearly indistinguishable from a directly fired round.)

It really depends on the angle, the type of round, and luck. At a very shallow angle, you might only see a 10-20% reduction in velocity, or you might see 60%+ if it catches a weird skip. At deeper angles, you might end up with 90%+ reductions. Bullets are weird. I know a guy who took a 7.62 round to the mouth at close range, and it deflected off of his tooth and out his cheek. By all logic that should not have happened. But some combination of the angle he was falling at, the angle the shooter was aiming, and the good graces of St. Maurice intervened.

The best way to illustrate ricochets is to watch tracers fired from a machine gun at ground targets at night. You'll see every so often ricochets fly off at ridiculous angles with very little retained energy, but you'll also see some that continue roughly past their target at high speed. There are tons of YouTube videos out there, but some pretty stills will do the trick as well.



From: <https://www.quora.com>

Calendar

Please check website for latest changes <http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/>

Calendar and website Changes Dan Vincent, Steve Mitchell or Mike Roche

Web Design—Jim Ruder

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Feb 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10am - Trap & Skeet	29 5pm - Trap & Skeet	30	31	1 5pm - Trap & Skeet	2 9am - Cowboy	3 Cowboy Action
4 10am - Trap & Skeet	5 5pm - Trap & Skeet	6 7pm - Membership Meeting @ Clubhouse NSSA	7	8 5pm - Trap & Skeet	9	10
11 10am - Trap & Skeet	12 5pm - Trap & Skeet	13 Free Style Small	14 Old Coot shoot 8-1 B	15 MSP ES Team 10-1 5pm - Trap & Skeet	16	17
18 Ram Nitro practice 10am - Trap & Skeet	19 5pm - Trap & Skeet	20 7pm - RSC Board	21	22 5pm - Trap & Skeet	23	24 CMP (Fun Match) Deer Management
25 Ram Nitro practice 10am - Trap & Skeet	26 5pm - Trap & Skeet	27 Free Style Small	28	1 5pm - Trap & Skeet	2 Wild Turkey 9am - Cowboy	3 Cowboy Action

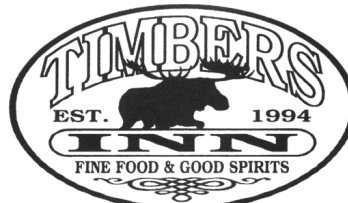


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