

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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## Presidents Article

Spring is finally here, hopefully.... Turkey season will be here shortly along with fishing season and hopefully some warmer weather. If you're lucky enough to get a turkey don't forget to bring the beard and spurs to the July membership meeting for the Fish and Turkey contest.

With Spring finally arriving we will be holding a spring clean up day Saturday April 17th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will be doing general spring clean up including blowing leaves, raking out flower beds and removing debris from the winter along with any other project that come up in the next few weeks. Please bring whatever tools you would like to use as we have a limited supply at the club. This is another great way to get your hours and meet new people that you normally would not see in your monthly shooting.

We're starting to come back to normal and will be hosting the tree giveaway as we have in the past. Dan has been working with vans pines on the details and those will become more clear the closer we get. We will need volunteers to help pick up the trees at Vans Pines in West Olive and also volunteers to help distribute trees here in Rockford.

Most of our spring activities start up in April so check the calendar and check out a new activity at RSC. April marks the start of the North Kent Round Robin. For those of you interested in shooting clay targets this is event where we shoot at a different club each month April through September with a banquet and the final club. This is another great way to see and support other clubs, and meet new people with similar interests. The cost is \$20 for registration and \$5 per line. Please check the calendar for shoot dates, locations, and times. April also starts out the defensive pistol season. Glen has done a great job running this for years and has recruited a great team to keep it going. They will be starting Wednesday April 14th and shooting through the summer or till they run out of ammo.

Lastly the Michigan DNR has finally given out Hunters Safety team the green light and the classes are filling up fast. The April Class is currently full and Bill is now filling up the July and September Classes. If you have children or grand children that need the class contact bill early as there is a high demand from missing class last year.

Think Spring,

Ryan Cordes

## Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021

Call to order at 7:00 PM

**Attendees:** Steven Lomonaco, Ryan Cordes, Dan Vincent, Jim Hughes, Steve Mitchell, John Cordes, Bill Skallos, Tim Hall, Kevin Kubiszewski, Karen Kronberg, Len Laitila, Dan Hankinson, Jim Thomson  
**Guests:** Scott Stanley, Gordon Pickerd

**Invocation was given by Tim Hall**

### Guest Topics

- Scott Stanley talked about RSC being a part of PRS, and changes in format for the RTC shoots.
- Gordon Pickard looking for final approval from the board for a grant for SCTP from the Midway foundation for new equipment, motion was made by Steve M. seconded by Dan V. motion was approved to support the grant at 25% to upgrade equipment.

### President's Report: Ryan Cordes

- Looking for volunteers for capital improvements around the club
- Still collecting donations at the membership meetings
- Looking at a date for a spring clean up day/ cook out
- Round robin is on for June 17th and June 20th , looking for help these two days to pull lines
- Going to give Dave Hemmerly 10 minutes at the end of the next membership meeting to talk about the gun bills that are going around on a state and federal level.

### Vice President's Report: Dan Hankinson

- Paint and fix the shoot building

### Secretary's Report: Steven Lomonaco

- No report

### Membership Secretary's Report: Kevin Kubiszewski

- Dan V. made a motion for John Kalata to forgo 2 membership meeting. Motion was approved by the board.
- Still working on a membership committee format, with a group leader, and each other committee member would talk about certain parts of the club and answer each question as it comes up from new members.

### Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

- Total income \$26,899
- Total expense \$7,364
- Net Income \$19,536

**Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent**

- Hospital needs to be in for 2 days, in order to get a card or flowers sent out
- Range backing
- Winter league has ended
- Spring league starts this Sunday
- Please check your dates for the use of ranges

**Steve Mitchell**

- No Report

**John Cordes**

- Scholarship info was sent out to 7 schools
- Schedule for trap and skeet for people to come help pull lines

**Tim Hall**

- Basic Pistol class at Sparta fishing and hunting club
- Still waiting for word on the annual convention in June

**George Mayhak**

- No Report

**Bill Skallos**

- Hunter education is allowed to resume, first field day will be April 24 th .

**Len Laitila**

- CMP shoot this weekend, rimfire challenge this May, reauthorization to purchase timers was approved.

**Jim Tomson**

- No report

**Karan Kronberg**

- Getting Well Armed Women on the web page, motion to put Well Armed Women activity on the web page was approved

Meeting adjourned 8:38pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Lomonaco Secretary

**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**March 2nd, 2021**

**Call to order at 7:15pm**

**Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes**

**Invocation was given by Gordon Pickard**

**Motion to approve the minutes from February was made by Ryan Cordes second by John O.**

**President's Report:** Ryan Cordes

- Spring clean up will be happening in the next few weeks
- New gate will be installed once the weather warms up

**Vice President's Report:** Dan Hankinson

- Wife is home and doing much better
- Looking for some new people for long term planning and financial planning

**Chairman's Report:** George Mayhak

- George is doing well

**Secretary's Report:** Steven Lomonaco

- Thank you letter from the Krause memorial library for our donation of \$500, and the continued subscription to the MUCC magazine Tracks

**Membership Secretary's report:** Kevin Kubiszewski

- Motion to vote new members was made by Kevin Kubiszewski seconded by Steve Mitchell
- New members to be voted in are:
  - Bradford and Lvonne Lamb
  - Jakob Whipple
  - Paul and Karra Lamb
  - Dean Downs
  - Brian and Jennifer Sheler

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Hughes

- Total Revenue \$19,121
- Total Expense \$5,209
- Revenue in excess of Expense \$13,912

**Sergeant of Arms Report:** Dan Vincent

- Please put chairs and tables away after meeting
- New lock on the gate, please leave the zip ties where they are at

## Membership Meeting Minutes Cont.

### Committee Reports

**NASSA-** April 24th

**Skeet and Trap-** Winter league will be wrapping up in the next few weeks; spring league will start March 22nd and run a little longer this year. June 17th and June 20th will be round robin shoots. No more keys for the club house, codes for board members, and renters.

**SCTP-** have had 500% growth, and have had a lot of help was able to use sponsor funds to get some ammo for the team to use. RSC is close to being the biggest team in the state.

**CMP-** fun shoots were completed in the last few weeks. March 20th will be the first regular shoot.

**Rimfire Bench Rest-** coming back in April

**Well-armed women-** 3rd year with the club and going over how to clean a gun.

**Hunter Safety-** was told to keep the date for the next field day for April, Bill is still in contact with the DNR. No minimum age to attend hunter safety but anyone under 10yrs old have to have parents attend hunter safety. Students need to take hunter safety on-line before attending a field day.

**Defensive pistol-** starts in April

**MUCC-** resulations for this summer

**22 Reactive Target Competition-** Next shoot is planned for March 9th , 2021 at 6:30pm, always looking for new shooters.

**Rimfire challenge-** it is a benefit match, .22lr pistol and rifle with about 200 rounds shot all on a time, 100-120 shoots, door prizes for everyone. Match proceeds are split between the club and the vet's home

**Sunshine-**

- Tim Hall having surgery
- Sandy Hankinson rehab
- George recovering from back surgery

**Food and Beverage-**no report

**Sportsman's Against Hunger**

- Collection food items in the shoot building. This month's collection will be to God's Kitchen

**Building and Grounds-** sign ups see Ryan C., Some painting needs to be done see a board member.

**Apparel-** March 20th for orders, and you can drop them off at the shoot building.

**Marketing-**

**Safety Updates-** n/a

**Deer/Fish/Turkey-** bring fish pictures in for the April meeting.

**Old business-** n/a

**New business-** n/a

**50/50 Raffle-**

- Paul Kazmierski
- Rick Zimmerman

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted

Steven Lomonaco Secretary

## **ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB TRAP AND SKEET FIELD ETIQUETTE**

### **BASICS**

- ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction down range.
- ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- ALWAYS assume a gun is loaded.

### **FIELD PROTOCOL:**

#### **GENERAL**

Your gun should be empty and open and your hands should be off your shells until you're standing on the shooting station.

While moving from one shooting position to another, the shotgun must be unloaded with the action open, carrying over/under and side-by-side with muzzles/barrels in front of you, and all other shotguns with muzzle/barrel to the sky or ground.

Pull - when you give a verbal command, such as "pull, heyah, yep, bird" or any other sounds to call for the clay pigeon to be released.

Change - Called when everyone changes post positions after shooting five shells.

#### **ACTION OPEN / UNLOADED UNTIL IT'S YOUR TURN**

No guns shall be loaded until the shooter is on the shooting station, the green pads that are clearly marked on Skeet & Trap fields.

#### **LOAD ONE OR TWO**

Only load one shell, 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> or smaller shot, at a time for Trap, or two for doubles (Skeet / 5 stand). Maximum of two shells in a shotgun at any time.

#### **QUIET**

Keep quiet during the round. You can usually chat between shots, although you want to keep it down when someone is shooting.

- No spectators on a shooting field.
- Always stand out of sight of the person shooting.

#### **HULLS**

Wait till the end of the round to reach down and pick up empty shells from the ground. Movement from other shooters may distract someone who is lining up for their next shot.

You don't want your hulls to hit the ground or the person next to you. Hold your hand over the breech of a break action to catch the ejected hull and put it in your vest pocket.

Invest in a shell holder or pouch so that you always have shells at arm's reach when you're on the course. If you shoot with a semiautomatic, it's important that you have a system to prevent shells from ejecting and hitting the other the shooters.

### **REMEMBER**

Safety is everyone's job. You are responsible for your own safety, the safety of others and for the behavior of your guests. If you see that someone else isn't following the Club range rules or etiquette, you should alert the Score Keeper to the offending shooter to correct their action. If the advice is ignored the situation will be brought to the Club Sergeant-at Arms.

## Calendar

Please check website for latest changes <http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/>  
 For calendar additions or changes contact: Dan Vincent

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Apr 2021 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Spring League 10am - Trap & Skeet	29 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	30	31	1 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	2 skeet practice 4-6	3
4 10am - NO Trap &	5 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	6 7pm - Membership	7 NSSA	8 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	9 skeet practice 4-6	10 CMP 100/200 yard Desirea Whitey
11 Spring League 10am - Trap & Skeet	12 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	13 22 RTC Set up 5:30 Membership	14 Defensive Pistol (set	15 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	16 SCTP practice 3-5	17 CLUB CLEAN UP DAY Karon Kronburg Wedding Reception(
18 Coin Show main Spring League Well Armed Woman 10am - Trap & Skeet	19 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet 6pm - Hunter Safety	20 7pm - RSC Board	21 Hunter Safety Class	22 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	23 SCTP international	24 Hunters safety Field Rockford
25 Rockford Spring SCTP practice 3-5 Spring League 10am - Trap & Skeet	26 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	27 22 RTC Set up @ 5:	28	29 Spring League 4- 5pm - Trap & Skeet	30	1 Defensive pistol South range Brian T

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