

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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December 2013 Newsletter

This is the last of 2013 newsletter articles ending a great year for the Rockford Sportman's Club. With the advent of 2014 here shortly we hope to see more new members and continued improvements that enhance member's enjoyment of the facilities.

Currently one of the plans is to expand the 50 yard shooting range to upgrade the handicap accessibility and make it more comfortable for cool weather shooting. While the board was working on the 2014 proposed budget, (to be presented at the December membership meeting) it was noticed that the \$2/day range fee had dropped considerably. It seems like we have had more shooters using the range. We have an honor system for depositing the shoot fee in the canisters. To help yourself remember put some \$1 bills in your gun case and deposit them when you are setting up to shoot. These fees help offset the cost of the range improvements which are expected to be in the \$1000 range.

For some reason the weekend Public site in days were a little less attended this year, however it was still a great event run very efficiently by experienced and a new group of members.

Thanks to all who participated.

The skeet blitz for 13 dates during October increased our shooting income for the month and the drawing for free skeet lines each shoot day. Several times the lowest score of the day was drawn as the lucky winners. It was a fun event that allowed any score to prevail. The winter trap and skeet league will begin the first Sunday after New Year's Day with the same familiar format used in previous leagues. All levels of shooting skills are welcome as each shooter is in competition with individuals in his or her class.

It is finally here—the time to review the new budget for the 2014 year. This will be presented for comments and approval at the December meeting. Also at the December meeting the election of 2014 offices will be conducted. All regular members can cast their ballot, associate members can only vote when they have earned their regular membership status.

Please be reminded of the monthly auction for December. Even if your item did not sell at one meeting it may at the next with the rollover of members that attend each meeting.

Snow plowing was set up for the winter season and will be done any time two inches of snow accumulates. Last year several members completed their volunteer hours by keeping the walkways shoveled. Hopefully we can do the same this year.

Don't forget to bring the children to the club on Sunday December 8 from 1-3 for Cookies and Cocoa with Santa. Bring your cameras and take your own pictures. The children talk to Santa, decorate cookies, do a craft and listen to stories and it is all inside our warm club house. If you would like to volunteer please contact Judy Mayhak at 616-540-1099 or judymayhak@gmail.com.

Enjoy the holidays and hope for a White Christmas with clear roads.

George

**Rockford Sportsman's Club
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 5th, 2013
Called to Order at 7:12 p.m.**

Invocation was given by Tim Hall

Introduction of Guests: Representatives: Rob VerHulen and Pete Mc Gregor

President's Report: George Mayhak

George is home recuperating from back surgery, thoughts and prayers are with him...

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd Gordon presided over the meeting Major work is being done on the 100 and 200 yard burm, Jim Ludwig along with the cowboys, and many volunteers are making headway on these projects. Improvements for the 25 and 50 yard ranges are targeted for 2014. A group of members met on October 10th, and discussed a list of ideas to possibly be put into action. These would be addressing, safety, handicap accessibility, and efficiency of the range. When discussing the projects a monetary number of \$8300 to \$8500 **could** be the tentative cost, NOTHING IS SET IN STONE.

Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila

Total Income: \$6,958.00, Gross Profit: \$6958.00, Total Expense: \$4,680.81, Net Income: \$2,277.19.

The budget for 2014 will be presented at the November Board meeting, which will start at 6p.m..

The approved motion (as of October 15th, 2013) to reaffirm Board of Trustee's policy, and the approved motion (as of October 15th, 2013) to define usual and ordinary –v- unusual and extraordinary expenses were read. These two motions were attached to the October newsletter. Both Representative Rob VerHulen and Pete MacGregor spoke on the issue RSC is facing with Algoma Township and the property tax the club was faced with paying. They are wanting to design legislation to make 501 c 3's exempt (narrow scope of exemptions) from paying property tax. It is a slow process and we will need to be patient

Secretary's Report: Marti Scrivener

Sergeant-At-Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Chairman's Report: Barbara Blough

Committee Reports

Trap/Skeet Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays. Winter League will start in the first Sunday in January.

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Pistol

Cowboys They will have an Old Coot shoot on November 13th. Mark your calendar for black Friday for a shoot.

Archery Winter League will start January 17th, Thursdays, and will run for 8 weeks, 6:30 p.m... All are welcome.

CMP November 23rd, Saturday from 10 to 2 p.m.

Hunter Safety April 2014

Sunshine George had back surgery all is going well.

Food and Beverage

Building and Grounds

Banquet Committee

Sportsmen Against Hunger

Fish/Turkey/Deer Contest

Apparel Member, Paul Zimmerman is willing to look into this as our supplies have dwindled, we have members interested in purchasing.

Membership Mike Roche made a motion to accept the following as new members: Tracy & Eric Anderson, William & Shanda Ekberg, Scott & Kim Gerow, Jack & Beth Fan, second by Dave DeVries, motion carried. Mike also made a motion to request that the following Terry King, and Jim & Pam Collins who are regular members be moved to Retired status, Dan Blain second the motion, motion passed.

Safety Rule Review

When hunting this season, please use all caution, and safety apparatus to secure ones self.

The front gate has once again been found unlock, please double check when you are leaving.

Non Members of RSC need to be a "guest" with a member when at the club. Will add signage discussion to the Board agenda.

Old Business

New Business

Nominations for 2014 for the Board at RSC are as follows:

President: George Mayhak supported by Dave DeVries, nomination closed

Vice President: Gordon Pickerd supported by Terry King, nomination closed

Secretary: Terry Stuart, Marti Scrivener, nomination closed

Treasurer: Len Laitila, nomination closed

Sergeant At Arms: Dan Vincent, nomination closed.

3 Trustee seats open:

Mike Roche

Bill Skallos

Donna Briggs

Steve Mitchell.....Nominations closed

If there are any more nominations, please submit them at the November Board meeting, to be put on the ballot at December's Membership meeting.

A correction to the October Board meeting minutes: that Terry Stuart was present.

Open Forum

Raffle \$36.00 to Mike Roche and \$36.00 to Steve Gardner

Meeting adjourned at 8:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Scrivener

Next Membership meeting is December 3rd, 2013.

Rockford Sportsman's Club Board Meeting Minutes November 19th, 2013

Attendance: **Board Members:** Bill Skallos, Len Laitila, Terry Stuart, George Mayhak, Gordon Pickerd, Steve Gardner, Mike Roche, Dave DeVries, Marti Scrivener, Tim Hall, Barbara Blough. **Guest Members:** Shawn Blough, Andy & Staci.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Tim Hall gave the invocation

Officer Reports

- **President's Report: George Mayhak.** Present, but still recuperating from his surgery.
- **Vice-President's Report: Gordon Pickerd:** The Algoma Fire department wishes to be put on the calendar 2014, January 18th from 6 to 9p.m. for their banquet, Dave DeVries second the motion, motion carried. Andy proposed to the Board a contract for plowing for this winter, George made a motion to accept, Terry Stuart second the motion, motion carried. The 2014 elections will take place at the December Membership meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila** Len along with all Board members went thru the proposed 2014 budget. Bill Skallos made a motion to accept the 2014 budget with changes, second by Terry Stuart, motion passed. The summary of the 2014 budget will be presented at the December Membership meeting.
- **Secretary's Report: Marti Scrivener.** After the November Membership meeting, Geralyn Gardner wanted to nominate Pauline Vincent, for a Trustee position.
- **Sergeant-At-Arms Report: Dan Vincent.**
- **Chairman's Report: Barbara Blough.**

• **Trustee Reports**

Mike Roche Mike made a motion to move Full Members, Pam & Jim Collins, and Terry & Cathy King to Retired Membership status, supported by Gordon, motion passed. Mike made a motion to accept the following for new membership, John Fritz, Chris & Karen Brush, second by Dave DeVries, motion passed.



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Steve Gardner Steve brought and presented to the Board several proposals for replacement/upgrade of the audio/visual Equipment the main club house. Len made a motion to accept proposal B contingent on the info and to put a \$ amount of \$9600 into the budget, setting up a committee with Steve Gardner to head it up, the committee will be tabled until January 2014

Other Items

Meeting to adjourn second by Dave DeVries at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marti Scrivener

Ho Ho Ho,

Yes it is time for Cookies and Cocoa with Santa. This event will be held on Sunday December 8 from 1-3 at the Sportsman's Club. We need you to do two things, first and most important tell your friends, neighbors and relatives to bring the kids up for a fun time. Second, if you would like to volunteer we can always use the help, just give me a call at 616-540-1099 or e-mail judymayhak@gmail.com. or if you have any questions.

This was a great event last year and we are hoping to make it even bigger this year. Because this is a community event it helps to qualify our club as a charitable organization. Volunteering at this fun event also helps you get your work hours in for the year.

Thank you in advance.

Judy Mayhak



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2013 Calendar.

Please check website for latest changes <http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/>
Calendar Changes Dan Vincent, Terry Stuart, Barbara Blough or Mike Roche
Calendar and Web design by Kyle Van Leuven kyle@appicstudios.com

Sun Dec 1, 2013 - All day Hoving Steve Christmas party ,10am Trap & Skeet
Open to Public,
1pm JOAD Archery
Mon Dec 2, 2013 - 6pm Trap & Skeet open to public
Tue Dec 3, 2013 - 7:15pm General Membership Meeting
Wed Dec 4, 2013 - 9am Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bowl/Rifle/Pistol, 6pm JOAD
Archery
Thu Dec 5, 2013 - 6pm Trap & Skeet Open to Public
Sat Dec 7, 2013 - 8am Joad Archery, 9am Cowboy Action Shooting
Sun Dec 8, 2013 - All day Cocoa with Santa 12-2, 10am Trap & Skeet Open to Public,
1pm JOAD Archery
Mon Dec 9, 2013 - 6pm Trap & Skeet open to public
Wed Dec 11, 2013 - 8:30am Old Coot Shoot, 9am Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bowl/
Rifle/Pistol, 6pm JOAD Archery
Thu Dec 12, 2013 - 6pm Trap & Skeet Open to Public
Sat Dec 14, 2013 - All day NSSA 4x50, 8am Joad Archery
Sun Dec 15, 2013 - 10am Trap & Skeet Open to Public, 1pm JOAD Archery
Mon Dec 16, 2013 - 6pm Trap & Skeet open to public
Tue Dec 17, 2013 - 7pm RSC Board Meeting
Wed Dec 18, 2013 - 9am Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bowl/Rifle/Pistol, 6pm JOAD
Archery
Thu Dec 19, 2013 - All day ES team Tpr. Isserstedt 50 yard range 10-2pm, All day
Wyoning PD rifle range 10-3 Dave Thompson, 6pm Trap & Skeet Open to Public
Sat Dec 21, 2013 10am CMP-Rifle League, 11am Andy Laitila Christmas Party
Sun Dec 22, 2013 - 10am Trap & Skeet Open to Public, 1pm JOAD Archery
Mon Dec 23, 2013 - 6pm Trap & Skeet open to public
Wed Dec 25, 2013 - 9am Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bowl/Rifle/Pistol
Thu Dec 26, 2013 - 6pm Trap & Skeet Open to Public
Sat Dec 28, 2013 - 8am Joad Archery
Sun Dec 29, 2013 - 10am Trap & Skeet Open to Public, 1pm JOAD Archery
Mon Dec 30, 2013 - 6pm Trap & Skeet open to public

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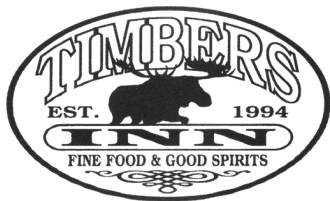
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