

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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June 2014 Newsletter

We have new Newsletter editors, Michelle and Mike Okenka. They will be assisted by the existing team of assemblers and distributors. Many thanks to Brent Dontje for his work the past few years as the editor.

The garden projects are doing very well. The landscaping makes the club very appealing to members, renters and prospective members. There are a few areas that need attention if you have any interest. The front entrance has now been completed. Several weeks ago someone drove around the front gate and damaged the RSC sign. Rocks have been placed to avoid this happening again.

The new ceiling has been installed in the club house. In addition to a great job on the ceiling, the wiring and insulation were updated. Many thanks to the team of workers who accomplished the job in less than a week and it was ready for a Saturday rental. I am always impressed with the talent and dedication of people who are involved at RSC.

The Bylaws committee is continuing to work on alternate Tuesdays and is planning to have proposals ready for the July meeting. It will require a vote at two meetings to implement the revisions which are to further define loose ends in the current edition and document the present procedures.

Summer time is the season for garage sales, so if you have something to sell, bring it to meeting nights and it can be silent auctioned. The club makes 10% and you unload things you don't need at your set price (people are always looking for a bargain).

The large round target busts were sold to West Michigan Archery for \$2,000. For the members who want to shoot archery we still have back stops in the club house closet and a back stop form in the barn.

As May comes to an end we hope your holiday was enjoyable and will see you participating with club activities. We are always open for suggestions and would need your involvement on any ideas that you may have.

George

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledges by President George Mayhak 7:15 PM

Invocation: Tim Hall

- **Next Board Meeting is May 20th – 7:00 PM - all members are welcome**
- **Robert and Judi Smith and Andrew and Brenda Engelbert were accepted as new members – motion by Mike Roche supported by Dave DeVries – motion passed.**

➤ Minutes from the last regular meeting and board meeting accepted as printed in the newsletter.

President's Report: George Mayhak

Club is looking for volunteers to take care of the various garden areas around the club. Several areas have been assigned. An garden area map was routed around the meeting for volunteer signup.

Vice-President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

- Mike Roche is leading the ceiling repair effort tomorrow. Anyone available tomorrow at 12 noon should meet at the club. We have a one week window to complete the repair to be in time for a scheduled wedding.
- The ceiling fans are in need of cleaning. Please volunteer and pick up club service hours.
- This Saturday we will be working the Tree Give Away at the Algoma Township Hall from 11 am to 1 pm. All are invited to help. We need someone with a trailer and can go to Vans Pines Nursery for tree pickup.
- FYI. North Kent Service Center is accepting used cardboard from the club. It's close, 12 Mile and Northland Dr, plus is supports a charity. They bundle and sell the waste as a funds raising effort.

Chairman's report – Barbara Blough – not present this evening

Secretary's Report: Terry Stuart – not present this evening

Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila

- April Report – Total Income \$3,274.99, Total Expense \$14,070.23 Net Income for the month **\$-10,795.24**. The major expense for the month, \$10,364, was budgeted and was the primary reason for the shortfall.
- A comment was made on the limited use the ranges are getting (range fees are down). Probably due to the late arrival of spring, but, we need to encourage their use.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

- Reduced the cost of the backer boards by 10%.
- New main gate lock. Align the numbers in the center, not at the black marks on the top.
- Rocks have been placed at the north end of the split rail fence to prevent 'guests' from circumventing the gate. The last person(s) to go around damaged the main entrance sign.
- Please report any clay target usage if you take any from the barn. We need it for keeping track of inventory.

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Bylaw Committee Update: Approximately 60% of the Bylaw review is complete. The committee expects to be completed in time for the membership review starting in July.

Committee Reports:

- **Trap/Skeet** is opened every Sunday from 10 AM on and every Monday and Thursday evening starting at 6 PM. Shooting will be on Sunday from 10-3 and Monday and Thursday from 6-9.
- **NSSA** Wednesday night events continue on the first Wednesday of each month. Next one is June 4th.
- **Hunter safety** had 74 students at the April session. Bill reports that he had 5 or 6 new volunteers this time which he very much appreciated. The next scheduled session will be in August.
- **Cowboys** reported 33 shooters last Saturday. Eye and ear protection are required for participants and spectators.
- **Pistol League** is meeting every Monday. Make sure that you arrive a little early so the shooting can start on time.
- **Rifle League** meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Currently there are 5 pm and 6 pm matches.
- **MUCC – District 5** – Tim Hall represented the club and reported that the DNR is doing controlled burns to improve the wildlife habitat. They noted that the high water levels, due to the unusual winter, was making it more difficult. Other direct results of the harsh winter are duck die off, deer losses are up (especially in the U.P.) and bats coming down with white nose disease (more mosquitoes will result). Of special interest, MUCC will forming a shoot committee at RSC at the September 25th meeting.
- **Apparel** – Many RSC shirts are now available for sale at the regular meeting. A request was made for hats which will be made available.
- **National Shooting Sports Foundation** – Rimfire shoot – This Saturday May 10th. Last minute sign ups are available.
- **Publicity/Marketing:** No report this evening.
- **Newsletter:** Brent Dontje is unable to continue editing the newsletter. A search for a new editor is underway.
- **Food and Beverage:** No report this evening
 - **Party Committee:** A club cookout before the next regular meeting was suggested. A show of hands indicated a low level of interest.

Old Business:

Audio/Visual system is on track (Used during most of the meeting) All that is left is some cleanup work.

Open Forum:

Safety Experience: Bill Skalos related his experience on the 25/50 yard range. Another shooter had set up an entire backer board with his own targets which he was shooting at from the sitting position. Bill was asked to shoot one of the firearms, which he did from the standing position. He targeted one of the targets on the bottom of the backer board successfully EXCEPT his angle to the target resulted in a skip into the Cowboy area!!!! Lesson learned...Targets should always be positioned at or above the midpoint on the backer board to assure that your shot properly enters the berm.

Dan Dixon extended a special thanks to the guys that built up the safety wall back in the Action Range.

Now that the club archery use will be reduced, the Club archery targets are not being used. George has an offer of \$100 apiece for the 20 targets (\$2000) leaving a couple for outside long range use. A member asked if excess targets would be available to a member at that price and George approved.

25/25 Drawing Winners: Joe Schwark and Neil Schaefer (\$36 each) - \$36.00 to Sportsmen Against Hunger project and \$36.00 for club revenue. Thanks to all who participated.

Respectfully submitted: Steve Mitchell substituting for Terry Stuart

Board Meeting Minutes

5-20-2014

Attendance: George Mayhak, Steve Mitchell, Bill Skallos, Gordon Pickerd, Dan Hankinson, Dave DeVries, Tim Hall, Mike Roche, Barbara Blough, Dan Vincent, Len Laitila. Guests: Scott Albini, Ron Dreyer, Dave Syswerda

Called to order 7PM by Barbara Blough

Invocation by Tim Hall

Dave Syswerda outlined a program for a Whitetail Hunt in Minnesota. Details posted in club house.

Scott Albini presented a suggested RSC brochure at \$.60 each. The board will review the context and respond.

George Mayhak

Presented email concerns from Dan Dixon. Discussion followed to help the issues with groups being sure they are on the calendar to avoid conflicts. The backer boards will be kept up to date by volunteer, Ron Dreyer.

Target butts were sold to West Michigan Archery for \$2,000.

Scholarship applications are still coming in.

Gordon Pickerd

Discuss Range improvement schedule with the 100/200 in process. Next the 25 yard south range and then the 25/50 North Range. The south range can start before finish of 100/200 if someone steps up to coordinate. We received a \$50 Donation from Free tree give-away.

Len Laitila

Current balance sheet presented and noted that the accumulated gas bill for the winter of \$1619.36 was paid.

Response not in yet from ceiling insurance, however it has been appraised and work was completed by our members. A big thank you for a job well done by about 10 members with Mike Roche as Crew Chief.

Dan Vincent

Round Robin at RSC took in \$932 Sunday 5/18 and \$120 on Thursday.

500 backer Boards were purchased. Ron Dreyer picked up with his trailer.

Two rifle benches have been completed and are they the size that can be stored on the back wall under the overhead of the 100 yard range.

Bill Skallos

Hunter Safety statements have been presented to the treasure and there already are a few paid for September class

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Dan Hankinson

1600 trees given away by RSC at the Algoma Township Hall in first hour and approximately 10,000 to 11,000 all day.

MUCC shoot at West Walker July 19 and 20. See Dan Hankinson if you want to register

Tim Hall

District 5 MUCC will be held at RSC with light food provided by RSC. Discussion by MUCC will investigate how to promote future MUCC shoots. MUCC has a new President.

As of April (end of May deadline) MUCC has accumulated 230,000 of the 300,000 signatures needed for the wildlife ballot proposal. (RSC has sent in more than 150)

Steve Mitchell

Requested board input on voting eligibility for the revised by-laws. The membership will receive the proposal of all revisions at the July meeting. It requires a vote at two meetings to pass new by-laws.

The web site affiliation section is being updated and Steve suggested the club apply for a NRA membership. The cost is \$150 for 5 years. George Mayhak motioned and Gordon Pickerd seconded to do this membership. Passed.

Handling of scholarship applicants to be recommended by Scholarship committee for board final decision.

Dave DeVries

Motion to adjourn and passed at 8:55 PM .

Minutes provided by George Mayhak, substituting for Terry Stuart.

NOTE: The Email version of the Newsletter now contains your membership information: Membership start date, Meetings attended and Service hours.

For each member that will change to Email the Club can conserve the paper/ink and postage saving approximately \$8.00/year.

To change to Email: Send a request to 'stevemitchell@rockfordsportmansclub.com'

Ruger Rimfire Challenge 2014





2013/14 Rockford Sportsman's Club CMP MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE

Time : Saturdays 10:00A – 2:00P

Dates: Summer League: Apr 19, May 24, June 21, July 12, Aug 30
Remaining 2014 dates: **Sept 20**, Oct 18, Nov 22, Dec 20

Open to the Public. Although RSC is a CMP-Affiliated Club, these are not CMP/NRA "registered" shoots.

Entry Fees:	<u>RSC Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>	<u>Junior(16 or under)</u>
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, Kraggs, 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. 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, Standing shoot-off if needed, or other determinate agreed by the parties. Call Steve Gardner (616 745-7800) or Tim Hall (616 430-3585) with questions.



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2014 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

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Jun 2014 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Spring league 10am - Trap & Skeet	2 Spring league 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	3 7:15pm - General	4 NSSA 9am - Range	5 Spring league US Marshals N 6pm - Trap & Skeet	6 Cowboy setup 2 6pm - Andy Iatila	7 12am - Andy Iatila 8am - Cowboy
8 Cowboy action 10am - NO Trap &	9 Spring league 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	10	11 Judith Thomas 5- 9am - Range 2pm - Judy & Mac 5pm - Defensive	12 22 LR Bench rifle Spring league 6pm - Trap & Skeet	13 Skailos Reception US Marshals Pistol	14 Skailos Wedding
15 Spring league 8am - Gauthier 10am - Trap & Skeet	16 Spring league 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	17 Round Robin @ 7pm - RSC Board	18 Old cool shoot 8-3 9am - Range	19 ES Team 50 yd Spring league 6pm - Trap & Skeet	20 10am - DHS Craig	21 CMP - 100/200 CPL (PPITH) 9am - Gun Show @ 10am - Meljer
22 Round Robin Spring league 10am - Meljers 10am - Trap & Skeet	23 Spring league 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	24	25 9am - Range	26 22LR Bench rifle End of spring 6pm - Trap & Skeet	27	28 10am - Defensive
29 9am - Gun Show @ 10am - Trap & Skeet	30 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	1 7:15pm - General	2 9am - Range	3 6pm - Trap & Skeet	4	5 8am - Cowboy

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