

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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July 2014 Newsletter

On a good note, the club grounds are looking mid-summer form. For the most part the grass is growing green and tall. Members are keeping the mower busy (except for the archery field just inside the gate needs attention). On a more sorry note, someone was shooting at a yellow golf ball on top of the berm. (This is a violation of club policy. Shooting only allowed at paper targets except approved cowboy and IDPA events). If anyone is observed not following this policy they will be asked to meet with the board for disciplinary action. The rules for shooting targets have been very clear and written extensively during the past year.

I would like to report on the shooting sports for the Meijer Games which Rockford Sportsman's club hosted the 22 Rifle shooting on Saturday June 21 and the skeet shoot on Sunday June 22. This is the third year of the event in Rockford and the turnout was triple participants with 20 Rifle and 11 events in skeet. Jim Lund, Jack Van Oeveren, Ed Mienko and Jim Hughes worked the Rifle event from 9 AM to 4 PM and received many compliments about the event. It was a family affair with moms, dad and kids participating and picnicking on our tables during the day. The weather was absolutely great for the two days of shooting. The regular CMP shoot took place simultaneously on Saturday and it worked out well for everyone involved. The Meijer games staff had pizza delivered for our workers lunch and the events continued uninterrupted throughout the day. Many of the participants said they were looking forward to next year. Based on comments, the expected the group will be much larger. It should be mentioned that the best rifle score was 892/900 by Mark Van Linden (shoots in RSC Thursday events) and Dan Hankinson had the best skeet score 50 of 50 in 20 gauge.

If you would like to see what the Cowboy Action group has been up to, visit the area the first Saturday of the month or walk back anytime to see the great improvements. They have spent countless hours building and creating a western scene.

Progress has been made on the eyebrow for the 100/200 yard rifle range. The crew is close to pouring the cement foundation for the uprights and will start the eyebrow when that is complete.

Don't forget the July meeting will award the fish and turkey entries. Take a picture with a measurement showing. You may win a cash prize for the best entries. Open to all members fishing on Michigan waters.

The by-laws committee is nearing the completion of proposed changes and will be ready for the membership to vote for approval at the August and September meetings. (Two meeting votes of regular members are required to pass by-law changes).

Until next time keep your powder dry and enjoy the club.

George

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Invocation: Tim Hall

- **Next Board Meeting is June 17 – 7:00 PM - all members are welcome**
- **July 1st Regular Meeting – Judging Deer, Turkey, and Fish – bring your mounts, pictures etc.**
- **Club thank-you to Tony Gates for advertising our Tree Give Away (1500 trees given away in one and half hours), Mike Roche and crew for the great job on the ceiling in the clubhouse, Bob Middlebrook for installation of light on timer for main parking lot.**
- **MUCC District 5 trap/skeet competition at West Walker on July 19th and 20th – contact Dan Hankinson if you wish to participate or stop in the shoot building on Sunday, Monday, or Thursday and indicate your interest.**
- **New members Rob Blakeslee and Lee and Lilibeth Marvin – welcome to our club. There was another new person (Bruce) who was introduced but I didn't catch his last name and he was visiting for the first time and checking out our club.**

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

President's report: George Mayhak – Auction materials on front table (10% of selling price stays with the club), gardens are looking great-lots of hard work by a lot of dedicated members, Cowboy area looking fantastic. Thanks to all members who make these improvements possible. Meijer Games are coming up – opening ceremony at 5/3 ball park on Friday night June 20th. RSC will host the rimfire rifle competition on the 21st, and skeet competition on the 22nd. Help is needed for the rimfire shoot on the 21st. Please contact George or a Board member if you are interested in helping.

Vice-President's Report: Gordon Pickerd – The tree give-away was a big success – thanks to all who helped. Gordon explained that Mike Roche and crew repaired the water damage to the ceiling in the club house for around \$1,000. Our insurance will help with the final insulation application.

- There are two \$250 dollar scholarships available for students attending college. First choice will be given to students entering some type of natural resources curriculum. Students need to send a letter requesting a scholarship to the club and a committee will decide who gets these grants.

Chairman's report – Barbara Blough -no report this evening

Secretary's Report: Terry Stuart - The agenda is available on the check-in table. Thanks to Steve Gardner we were able to use our projection system for the agenda – some problems with the treasurer's report which wouldn't seem to work on our new system – nothing wrong with the system – it was the operators – to be fixed.

Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila:

- **March's Report** – Total Income \$14,870.55, Total Expense \$7,427.28 Net Income for the month - \$7,443.27.

Updating the Bylaws: Work is being done every other week in committee format. Information will soon be made available to the membership regarding these updates. These bylaws will be presented to the membership at August Regular Meeting – to be approved they must be voted on and approved at 2 out of 3 regular meetings.

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Committee Reports:

- Trap/Skeet is opened every Sunday from 10 AM on and every Monday and Thursday evening starting at 6 P.M. **Spring league** continues and you may still join this shoot. 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.
- Cowboys reported 13shooters for the May Old Coot Shoot and 33 shooters for the May regular match. Eye and ear protection are required for participants and spectators.
- Annual Cowboy 2 ½ day cowboy shoot begins Friday June 6 and ends on Sunday June 8th. A great turnout is expected.
- Pistol league on Monday nights and runs for 5 weeks.
- June 12th – small bore bench shoot – 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.
- CMP shoot had 12 participants in May. Next match is set for June 21st. Contact Steve Gardner.
- Defensive Pistol had 30 shooters on May 28th. The next shoot is scheduled for June 11th.
- MUCC – District 5 – Tim Hall reported that the District 5 meeting to be held at our club is scheduled for September 25. It would be great if we had a good turnout of club members for this meeting. There will be a meal served. The DNR is considering a 10% reduction in antlerless permits for 2014 due to the harsh winter and the large die off of deer state wide. Over 375,000 signatures have been turned in to put a ballot proposal on the next election to protect our hunter rights. (I believe 250,00 signatures were required) Great job by our club and other sportspersons interested in this issue.
- Apparel – Many RSC shirts will be available for sale at the next regular meeting.
- National Shooting Sports Foundation – rimfire shoot – May 9-10th was a huge success with 70 participants. \$1500 was raised of which half goes to our club treasury. Great job Steve Gardner and his huge crew of RO's and other helpers.
- Hunter Safety: No report this evening
- Publicity/Marketing: No report this evening.
- Food and Beverage: No report this evening
- Building and Grounds: The repair and replacement of the ceiling has been completed. All that is left is the insulation which should be installed soon.
- Work Hours: See web site
- Party Committee: No parties planned yet but the annual dinner is scheduled for Sept. 13 catered by Kelly's of Cedar Springs. Donations of prizes would be appreciated. Ticket cost will be \$30 and will include gun raffle tickets as well as door prize tickets and of course a catered dinner.

Gun Show: A new replacement club banner is in the works to advertise all of our venues. Send your suggestions/art work etc. to peter.kreutzfeldt@comcast.net. A new tri-fold pamphlet would be very helpful in introducing people to our club, its history, and its activities. Help would be appreciated.

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- Sunshine – Fran Kazmerski is at home recovering from hip surgery, Tom Smith was in the hospital and is now home recovering, Willy Bradley was present at the meeting – good to see him back on his feet.
- June 21st is the next scheduled personal protection class. See Safe2Carry.com to sign up.

Old Business:

1. We now have a new editor for our newsletter – Melissa and Mike Okenka – thanks for stepping up and taking this responsibility on!!!

New Business:

1.

Open Forum:

George had a different idea tonight about the open forum. He asked for outdoor stories (hunting etc.) that members wanted to share. Turkey stories (including one harvest with two beards), Gordon sharing his grandson's experience with shooting skeet this winter and now in the spring league which made this an interesting end to the meeting.

- 25/25 Drawing Winners: Joe Swark and Paul Kazmierski (\$44 each) - \$44.00 to Sportsmen Against Hunger project and \$44.00 for club revenue. Thanks to all who participated.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Stuart, Secretary

2014 FLY HUNT August 16 12pm – 3pm Please check your email and our website for details



Board Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2014

Attention all shooters – You must follow all safety rules when using the ranges...no unauthorized targets – paper targets only on backers – someone was using a golf ball on the sand berm in front of the 50 yard range as a target. This is in violation of club rules and can lead to revocation of membership. We cannot afford to allow this careless behavior on our ranges to continue.

Attendance: George Mayhak, Mike Roche, Barbara Blough, Dan Vincent Gordon Pickerd, Len Laitila, Steve Gardner, Dan Hankinson, Dave DeVries, Steven Mitchell, Tim Hall and Terry Stuart.

Guest: Tom Smith

Absent Board Members: Bill Skallos

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Barbara Blough. Gordon Pickerd gave the invocation.

Report #1

- By-Law committee update – Steven Mitchell briefly discussed a proposed change to bylaws whereby associate members could bring guests. No formal vote but the general consensus was that the guest policy should remain as it is – only regular/retired members may bring a guest to the club.

Report #2

- Audio/Visual Update – discussed last rental moving AV containers out of the way to unlock the door – then unhooking a number of plugs to plug in their device. Gordon has spoken to the member who had the rental and Steve Gardner and others will look into securing our AV container so that can't happen again.

Business Items

The insurance company is in the process of writing a check to cover the water damage to the ceiling in the clubhouse. We should receive around \$1,700 to help cover the repairs and insulation that is needed.

****Officer's Reports**

President –

Tom Smith presented the committee's choice for the club scholarship. All three applicants came from Rockford Public Schools – the winner is Patrick Bos who plans on attending Aquinas College with a major in Environmental Science. He had an outstanding high school career with glowing letters of recommendation from teachers and administrators. His volunteer service hours to the community were a long list of helpful projects. His hobbies and interests include 3-D archery, trap shooting, and hunting. Len Laitila made the motion with Gordon Pickerd supporting to award our \$500 scholarship to this young man. Approved. (Great job Tom – thanks for your hard work on this project – good to see you back on your feet.)

George announced that the Michigan games are coming up soon. RSC is hosting a rifle shoot on Saturday, June 21st and the skeet event on Sunday, June 22nd. He is looking for a little more help on Saturday.

George also announced that our 5 year membership in the NRA was signed and ready to send in. Len will take care of this.

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George turned in our auction commission of \$18.90 – this is from the sale of member items at the regular meeting.

Vice President – It appears as if State Law needs to be changed to allow us to be a property tax-free entity. Our legislators are working hard on making this happen. Our rifle range (200yd) project is coming along nicely. The berm needs to be raised another 4 feet and the targets lowered 3 feet. This is in the works.

Gordon made a motion to put together a budget for a combination lock on the main shoot building door to allow access by new/associate members. This will allow access to a bathroom. Motion supported by Steve Mitchell. Motion passed 10-1.

Secretary – Terry – suggested that the Board look into a camera system to monitor our range use. At this time the Board thought the expense did not justify doing this. It may be brought up in the future.

Treasurer – Len – As of 7/17/2014, total Income for June 1-17 was \$4,694.00. Total Expenses \$2,551.83. Net ordinary income \$2,551.83. A detailed report is available from the treasurer at every regular meeting if you wish to look over the books. The secretary also has a copy for the official records.

Sgt. At Arms – Dan Vincent - Dan mentioned that one of our members has undergone two open heart surgeries and is not able to work at this time. Dan requested that we allow said member a two year extension on his current membership status. Motion by Dan Vincent – supported by George Mayhak to allow this. Kevin Greenwald who works extensively with 4-H is the member – motion passed unanimously.

Dan also brought to the Board's attention the golf ball target he found. See box at top of page.

Trustee Reports

Dan Hankinson - The District 5 trap and skeet shoot will happen July 12th and 13th from 9-4 each day. If interested please contact Dan to get signed up on a team. The Round Robin will occur this Sunday, June 22 at West Walker.

Dave DeVries had no formal report but contributed to the general discussions.

Steve Gardner – The sound cabinet and sub-woofer speakers were donated by Neil Schafer – wow – Thanks, Neil! Gordon made a motion supported by Dave Devries that a 5 Star Acorn in Neil's name be added to our giving tree. Motion passed.

Tim Hall reported on the need for a special license for crossbow hunting. At this time it does not appear that this will be necessary. More information to come.

Bill Skallos – absent this evening.

Steven Mitchell – Presented two drafts for the Board to consider. One is a privacy policy and the other is a financial policy manual. More discussion to come as Board members read and consider both policies.

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Mike Roche no report this evening. It did come up in conversation that the members who were interested in indoor and outdoor archery will be leaving for their new facility on 10 mile. It is expected that some of these members will remain with the club.

General announcement – The range improvement projects this spring will follow this order – complete the rifle range, improvements to the South pistol range, then the major project on the North pistol range.

Respectfully submitted by, Terry Stuart - Secretary

Meeting ended at 9:05 pm by motion from Dan Vincent. Next board meeting July 15th



JUNE COWBOY ACTION 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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July 2014 Calendar

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Jul 2014 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
6 10am - Trap & Skeet	7 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	8 6pm - Ladies CPL	9 NSSA rockford 50s Round Robin @ 9am - Range	10 22LR Bench rifle 6pm - Trap & Skeet	11	12 10am - CMP -
13 Round Robin @ 10am - Trap & Skeet	14 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	15 6pm - Ladies CPL 7pm - RSC Board	16 Old coot shoot 8-3 9am - Range 5pm - DPS shoot	17 ES Team 100 yd 6pm - Trap & Skeet	18	19 CPL (PPITH) Stuart Gordon Pickard
20 10am - Jim Collis 10am - Trap & Skeet	21 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	22	23 9am - Range	24 22LR Bench rifle 6pm - Trap & Skeet	25	26 10am - Defensive
27 10am - Trap & Skeet	28 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	29	30 9am - Range	31 6pm - Trap & Skeet	1	2 8am - Cowboy

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Calendar Changes: Dan Vincent or Mike Roche

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