

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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## August 2014

Have you been to the club this past month? When the rain takes a break lots of activities are happening. Several members have been working on improving the insulation in areas that were less than needed to avoid the ice buildup that occurred last winter. This will also lower our heating and cooling costs.

Some of the things on this page are in addition to the normal events, like Ric Zimmerman and Gordon Pickerd moving the gravel back into the drive ( I guess that is why they call rain storms "gully washers") There was a significant drop off on the right side that has been corrected.

The grass and gardens are in very nice shape. All the work in these areas is appreciated. Usually this time of year the dry-up starts but landscaping is still looking fine.

A group from Michigan Retrieving Dogs came out for the day on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> and spent their time shooting trap and skeet. About 50 men, ladies and kids shot 72 combined lines during the day and had a place for their dogs to run after the shooting was done.

An off-site MUCC event was attended by a five member RSC team to shoot 2 lines of both trap and skeet at the West Walker Sportsman's Club. The team took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the class B skeet event and had the 1<sup>st</sup> place Junior in the combined trap and skeet score. The team consisted of Dan Hankinson 46-45, Kevin Kubiszewski 45,44. Gordon Pickerd 44-43, George Mayhak 45,38 and Junior Collin Pickerd 34-29. Skeet scores are posted first followed by the tram scores. As a side note (no award) the RSC team came in second in Class B trap five targets behind the winner. There were 17 teams entered in the MUCC shoot.

Discussions by the MUCC district officers will be addressed at their September meeting (held at RSC) to improve promotion of future annual shoots. Tim Hall is the RSC representative at the district meetings.

Our August meeting coincides with the primary election on the same day. If you can attend the meeting after voting (in person or absentee) we will be happy to see you. If you don't make the meeting, still try to exercise your voting privilege.

The revised by-laws should be ready for a vote at the upcoming meeting.

Keep shooting the centers out of the targets.

George

# Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Invocation: Tim Hall

- New members (Motion by Steve Mitchell supported by Gordon Pickerd – approved) We welcome new members Mark and Elizabeth Christy, Jared and Sabina VanOrman, Raymond and Marsha Bowers, Robert Tofel, and Tim McManus.
- The Rockford Regulators are offering 200 yd. Long Range Competition after lunch at the July 5<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and September 6<sup>th</sup> monthly match. Any questions should be directed to Shiloh Red (Steve Haynes) at [sdh75bird@charter.net](mailto:sdh75bird@charter.net) 616.874.5454.
- 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). Meijer Games were held recently and our Rimfire Rifle competition on June 21<sup>st</sup> was a great success. Thanks to all who helped as well as the Skeet competition on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Our own Dan Hankinson went 50 straight in 20 gauge for the Skeet Competition – Great shooting, Dan! These events will be back at our club in 2015 with even more competitors.

\*Help is needed to open and close the skeet/trap fields on Sunday. Hopefully we will be able to find 5 or 6 volunteers to rotate this job. You would need to open the gate and shoot building before 10:00 AM and close the shoot building after 1:00 PM. Please contact George Mayhak, Dan Hankinson, or Dan Vincent if you would be able to help with this.

## The turkey contest and fish contest winners were announced

Turkey 1<sup>st</sup> place – Mark Degeest with a double beard – 9 ½ and 10 inch beard, 1 and 1/8 inch spurs. (19 pounds)

Turkey 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Bob Gillesee – 10 ¼ inch beard and 1 inch spurs.

Turkey 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Phil Harris – 9 ¼ inch beard and ¾ inch spurs. (20 pounds)

Fish contest winner (where are our other fishermen) Ryan Cordes – Brook Trout – 13 ½ inches, Brown Trout – 18 inches, Yellow Perch – 10 ¾ inches, Northern Pike – 27 ¾ inches. Ryan also caught a large Dog Fish and Black Sucker which were not eligible for any prizes.



**\*\*Next Regular Meeting is August 5th\*\***  
**All members need to be in attendance. We will be discussing the new By-Laws. It will affect how our club operates in the future.**

**Thank you to all who participated at the Defensive Pistol Shoot on Saturday, July 26.**  
**Pictures can be found at:**  
**[www.rockfordsc.zenfolio.com](http://www.rockfordsc.zenfolio.com)**

## Regular Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

**Vice-President's Report: Gordon Pickerd** – The check (\$4,091.50) from the insurance company has arrived and will help with the completion of the ceiling in the main building – the insulation will happen soon. The main heat duct overhead will need to be resealed (the Board will act on this at the next Board meeting) and there is a quantity of trash in the ceiling area that needs to be removed.

The \$500 scholarship was awarded to 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.

Work continues on the rifle range with a new beam across the range to be installed soon and berm work continues. Help is always needed and appreciated.

On the 50 yard rifle range – work will be done to lower the range from about 4 feet to 2 feet to even the targets with the cement pads. This will help keep our bullets from leaving the range.

MUCC has decided to work with the legislature to come up with wording to help clubs statewide either become or remain tax exempt. More information to come...

Help is needed to clean the main clubhouse carpet. Contact Gordon if you can help with this.

**Secretary's Report: Terry Stuart** – The club received a nice thank-you from Kevin and Cathy Greenwald. The Board, at the June meeting, voted to continue the Greenwalds' membership for an additional two years. There has been illness in the family. We hope to have them back with us soon. (A personal request – if chairman would jot down dates of their events – and relevant information prior to the meeting and give them to me that would be a huge help in doing the minutes) Spell names correctly please – that also would be a big help. – Thanks!!!

**Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila:** June Report – Total Income \$11,567.90, Total Expense \$3,529.19 Net Income for the month - \$8,038.71. Len made use of our new video system to highlight areas of the budget to show performance of our different venues. Unfortunately, our video system which is supposed to show the folks running the meeting these items is not hooked up yet and I did not catch the amounts for each venue. It appears as if everything is pretty much on target with income as predicted and expenses under control. Please see Len if you have any questions.

**Sergeant at Arms: Dan Vincent** – absent this evening – however Gordon reported that Dan is looking into a combination lockset for the shoot building to allow associate members access to a bathroom as they do not have a key (and also access to a telephone if one is needed).

**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 the August Regular Meeting – to be approved they must be voted on and approved at 2 out of 3 regular meetings.

### Committee Reports:

- Trap/Skeet is open 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 10-1 and Monday and Thursday from 6-9.
- NSSA Wednesday night events continue on the first Wednesday of each month. Next one is July 9<sup>th</sup>..
- Cowboys reported 19 shooters for the June Old Coot Shoot and 48 shooters for the July Main Match. Also there were 7 Wild Bunch shooters in a mini match as well as 13 additional cowboys in a special mini match. Eye and ear protection are required for participants and spectators. Come up and join the fun on the first Saturday of the month.
- Pistol league on Monday nights 5:00 PM – last week 8 shooters.
- Small bore bench shoot – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month. Matches starting times 5:00 and 6:00 PM.
- CMP shoot had 14 participants in June. Next match is set for July 12<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Contact Steve Gardner for more information. (This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 scheduled matches for the summer league.)

## Regular Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

### Committee Reports (cont'd) :

- (A repeat from last month) 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 250,000 signatures were required) Great job by our club and other sportspersons interested in this issue.
- Apparel – Many RSC shirts will be available for sale soon.
- 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](mailto: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.
- Sunshine - it appears if everyone is either well or recovering – no new mention of anyone ill, etc.
- July 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (6-9 PM) are the dates for a Basic Pistol class. Firearms and ammunition will be provided - See Safe2Carry.com to sign up. Also taking reservations for the CPL class on July 19<sup>th</sup>. In August we will have the Personal Protection Outside the Home Class – two days – Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

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

### **New Business:**

### **Open Forum:**

25/25 Drawing Winners: Ed Mienko and Steve VanderMay (\$34 each) - \$34.00 to Sportsmen Against Hunger project and \$34.00 for club revenue. Thanks to all who participated.

Respectfully submitted:

Secretary Terry Stuart

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### **Please Join Us:**

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- Pistol league on Monday nights 5:00 PM – last week there were 8 shooters.

# Rockford Sportsman's Club Board Meeting Minutes

**Attention Members:** Most of the meeting consisted of a line by line, page by page review of the by-laws. After some revisions, the edited bylaws will be sent to Board members for final approval and then to all members. They should be coming shortly. Please take the time to read them over carefully. The Board was unanimous in their approval of the new ByLaws.

**Attendance:** George Mayhak, Bill Skallos, Barbara Blough, Dan Vincent Gordon Pickerd, Len Laitila, Dan Hankinson, Dave DeVries, Steven Mitchell, Tim Hall and Terry Stuart.

**Absent Board Members:** Mike Roche, Steve Gardner

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

## Officer's Reports

### President –

George reported that we have one team competing in the District 5 Trap and Skeet event on July 19-20<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$80 per event per team. As in the past the club picks up half the fee for the shooters. Motion by George Mayhak supported by Dan Vincent – approved.

Vice President - Gordon reported that the carpet was cleaned last week – many thanks to Gordon, Dave Tofel, and Al Rau for helping with this project. In addition the South storage closet was cleaned out and one rack of chairs with 2 archery target stands were placed in this closet. The other archery target stands will be torn apart and the materials used for other club projects.

The air ducts will be put up soon, the South shooting field may be started anytime by interested parties – targets lowered and a cover (bullet stop) placed over the targets.

Jeremy of Rockford Construction dropped of some OSB board that can be used for backers. Many thanks!!!!

Secretary – Terry – will be writing a thank you note from the club to Jeremy of Rockford Construction.

Treasurer – Len – As of 7/15/2014 Total Income for July 1-15 was \$2,431.00. Total Expenses \$8,101.89. Net ordinary income **\$-5,670.89**. The main expense was property taxes - \$7,101.00. 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.

\*Motion made by Gordon Pickerd and supported by Dan Vincent to pay \$300 for defensive pistol steel stands. These are being made by Jared VanOrman for \$20 each (while purchased ones go for around \$40) these should last a long time and Jared indicated he would repair any that might get damaged during a defensive pistol shoot.

Motion carried.



**Looking for Work Hours??? There are lots of opportunities for you to help!!! Please contact Gordon Pickerd for details.**

**If you have announcements that you would like included in the newsletter, please contact Melissa & Mike Okenka at [mokenka@charter.net](mailto:mokenka@charter.net)**

## Board Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

### Trustee Reports

Dan Hankinson - Dan mentioned the District 5 shoot on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Rockford has one team for trap and skeet. Dan brought the tickets for the 2014 Fall Gun Raffle and dinner. Tickets are \$30 each and include dinner and a raffle package. Get your tickets at the August Regular meeting, or the shoot building, or see Dan Hankinson. You may also get a package of tickets to sell to your friends.

Tim Hall reported that there was no District 5 meeting last month. He will continue to represent the club at these meetings.

Bill Skallos – Bill expects around 70 students for the August Hunter Safety Class. Some students have already signed up for the September class.

Steven Mitchell – Presented two drafts for the Board to consider. One is a privacy policy and the other is a financial policy manual. **Both policies were discussed at the June's Board meeting and revised accordingly. A motion was made by Dan Vincent to accept the policies as written. The motion was seconded by Dan Hankinson. Motion carried.**

Steven introduced new members Peter and Cynthia Schamel. Steven made the motion to accept Peter and Cynthia as new members with Dave DeVries supporting. Motion carried.

Len brought up Brian Meyerholz and the use of his equipment to move snow and dirt. As a thank you he suggested a first year membership. Dan Vincent supported this motion. Motion carried.

Steven Mitchell – New Bylaws: Steven sent out proposed bylaws to all Board members and there was a lengthy discussion of each section and page. A few changes were suggested by the Board and these will be added and then the final draft sent to all Board members for their final approval. Then Steven will send this document to all members – most by email and those without email addresses will get them sent through the mail. Discussion at the August meeting regarding these new Bylaws – two out of three membership approval votes are required to adopt these as our new Bylaws. The Board was in agreement. Gordon Pickers made the motion to present the revised Bylaws to the membership – motion supported by Bill Skallos. Motion carried.

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 9:15 pm by motion from Dan Vincent.**



**Please remember to vote at the next Membership Meeting on August 5th**



# 2014 FLY HUNT

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**LEGAL EQUIPMENT:** For the 25 yard fly hunt, any .22 caliber or smaller rimfire hunting rifle or handgun may be used. Scopes must be 12x power or smaller than for the hunting. You may have a larger scope on your rifle, but it must be set to 12x power or less.

**HUNTING POSITION:** All shots may be fired from any shooting position, including bench rest with bipods or sand bags front & rear. Hunters and shooters that do not have their own bench — you may use one of the club benches, if they are available. First come, first served. Hunt time will be 3 hours. If we have more teams than space for them, we will shoot in 2 hour relays. We will draw for teams to hunt in relay #1. At the start of relay #2, the baits of relay #1 will be removed, and relay #2 teams will put their bait out.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** No alcoholic beverages are allowed during the hunt.

**DATE:** August 16, 2014

**SHOOTING TIME:** The hunt will begin at 12:00 PM and will end at 3:00 PM.

All firearms are to be unloaded and actions open.

Once the hunt has started, no one will be allowed to go down range until the hunt is over. Any sighting in will be done during your relay time.

**LUNCH will be available. AWARDS will be after the shooting is done.**



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**BAITING:** Your baits may be placed at your hunt area anytime. Any bait material may be used at the hunter's/shooter's discretion. The bait must fit in a margarine tub style container. A bait platform will be placed at the proper height for the bait containers to sit on, but the top of the bait pile must be below the hunting area. Nothing may be attached (decoys are permitted), applied, or smeared, inside the hunting area except bullet holes and flies. **No shots may be fired into the bait bucket.** While this practice may stir the bait and increase fly activity, it will also spray nasty bait material around the range and on the target backers, which will have to be handled when the hunt is over. When the hunt is over, hunters will put their bait bucket into a posthole that has been dug for this purpose. The standard bait containers will be provided; so all containers will be same size.

**HUNTING/SHOOTER PARTNERS:** This is a two-person team event; with one shooting and the other spotting. Taking turns shooting and spotting if they choose to. The person spotting keeps scores for the team, maybe with some input from the shooter.

**COUNTING LEGAL KILLS:** Killing shots made outside of the hunting area (State Land) will not be counted. If a beast is sitting on the edge of the property when the shot is made the bullet hole must touch the property border and some of the splatter must hit on the property in order for the kill to count. No extra points will be awarded for any species of fly. Horseflies, houseflies, deer flies, fruit flies, yellow jackets, wasps, and just plain big old ugly flies will all count the same. Dragonflies and butterflies are both protected species, and taking them without a Federal Fly Stamp will not be permitted. There is no limit to the number of shots that may be fired during a hunt. There is no extra credit given for the highest percentage of kills with the fewest shots. A hunter shooting 100 shots making two kills will beat a hunter firing two shots with only one kill. Killing game on neighboring State Land or neighbor's hunt area will be considered poaching and is illegal and considered unsportsmanlike conduct.

**100 YARD SHOOT:** This is open to any paid shooter willing to try it. No bait required.

This is a timed fire match. Shooter is allowed 10 rounds. Any gun .22 caliber rimfire or smaller and any sighting system is acceptable. The first relay will begin at 10:00 am.

**COST:** The entry fee for each hunter/shooter will be \$10.00. (No more burgers)

In the case of a tied number of kills, (or in the event of NO kills) a shoot-off will be held. The shoot-off target will be a National Standard Ten Fly Target at 25 yards. The team with the best bait will be awarded the coveted MASTER BAITER award.



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## 2014 Calendar

Please check website for latest changes <http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/calendar/>  
Changes: Dan Vincent or Mike Roche

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Aug 2014 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
3 10am - Trap & Skeet	4 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	5 7:15pm - General	6 NSSA Round Robin @ 9am - Range	7 6pm - Trap & Skeet	8	9 12am - CPL Stuart 10am - Defensive 12pm - Westphalia
10 CPL Stuart (PPOH) Round Robin @ 10am - Trap & Skeet	11 10am - Work on 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	12	13 Old cool shoot 8-3 9am - Range	14 5pm - Bench rifle 6pm - Trap & Skeet	15 12pm - Wedding -	16 Grand Rapids Gun & NSSA Summertime 10am - FlyHunt- 12pm - Wedding -
17 Grand Rapids Gun & NSSA Summertime 10am - Trap & Skeet	18 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Hunter Safety 6pm - Trap & Skeet	19 7pm - RSC Board	20 9am - Range 6pm - Hunter Safety	21 ES Team 50 yd 6pm - Trap & Skeet	22	23 Hunter Safety
24 10am - Trap & Skeet	25 5:30pm - Pistol 6pm - Trap & Skeet	26	27 9am - Range 5pm - Defensive	28 5pm - Bench rifle 6pm - Trap & Skeet	29	30 Wedding reception 10am - CMP -
31 10am - Trap & Skeet	1 6pm - Trap & Skeet	2 7:15pm - General	3 NSSA 9am - Range	4 6pm - Trap & Skeet	5 US Marshals Pistol	6 8am - Cowboy

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