

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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**September 2014**

The time is here to attend the RSC fundraising dinner and raffle on Saturday, September 13. The tickets are \$30 and include a nice dinner catered by Kelly's of Cedar Springs and 8 raffle tickets for firearms and 8 raffle tickets for general merchandise. You may purchase additional tickets at the banquet to improve your chances of winning. Dan would like everyone to purchase tickets at the September membership meeting.

In case you missed the info in the August Board meeting minute, we are looking for a "take charge" person to lead the way for the improvements on the South Pistol range. Gordon Pickerd has the information on the availability of the material and a proposed plan for construction and he will be available to provide guidance to those who step up to accomplish the new-safer-look. Dave DeVries is planning to repaint the faded lines in the parking lot.

Just a reminder that the District 5 MUCC (we are in the District 5 group) meeting is being held at RSC. Tim Hall is our representative and members are welcome to attend. Sandwiches will be served for the meeting at 7 PM. One of the items on the agenda is how to improve participation in the District 5 and State shoots.

Our policy is to provide building keys to individuals when they progress from associate members (one Year) to regular members. To provide restroom facilities during their associate year a "code" lock has been installed at the shoot building. All current and associate members have been provided with the access "code" via email or postal mail to those without email. September will be the second meeting for new bylaw proposals. It takes two meetings for approval to implement new by-laws and they passed at the first meeting in August.

The Fall season is approaching and the quarterly Hunt and Fish contest will present awards at the October meeting for the third quarter entries. Show case your accomplishments.

Thanks to everyone who continue to help with club improvements. The gardens continue to improve along with the landscaping. If you are available and want to be a random volunteer there will be a sign up at the sign in table to help project leaders having contact info of available personnel.

Gordon Pickerd and I attended the West Michigan Archery Grand Opening on August 16. The new facility is quite impressive. The original archery folks of RSC have established a very nice venue for the Rockford and surrounding areas along with a facility for major tournaments.

Until next time, Shoot Straight  
George

# Regular Meeting Minutes

## August 5, 2014

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

Invocation: Carol Stuart

Next Board Meeting is Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM - all members are welcome

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting – Discussion of New Bylaws – 2<sup>nd</sup> vote will be taken**

**New members** - (Motion by Mike Roche supported by Jim Lund – approved) We welcome new members Mike and Becky Berrevoets, Jerry and Judy Rice, Denise and Tim Sheets, and Charles Dean.

**Safety Concern** – Do not leave rifle or pistol on shooting bench with the action closed. All actions must be left open and firearms are empty with magazines removed when changing targets, returning to a vehicle to retrieve an item, etc.

**Sportsmen Against Hunger**—Over 4 and ½ million meals have been provided by our participation in the Sportsmen Against Hunger campaign over the past 10 years. Thanks to Rockford Sportsman's Club, Sparta Sportsman's Club, and Madison Square for their generosity in this project. Extra deer may be taken to Marge on 10 Mile for processing for this project.

**Congratulations** - to our winning trap/skeet team at the District Shoot – Shooters were Dan Hankinson, Kevin Kubiszewski, George Mayhak, Gordon Pickerd and Colin Pickerd. Team won Class B – Colin was the high junior shooter!

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

### **President's report: George Mayhak:**

The turkey contest and fish contest winners were announced. They are;

- 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 Harrison – 9 ¼ inch beard and ¾ inch spurs. (20 pounds) (name correction from last month's minutes)

### **Vice-President's Report: Gordon Pickerd –**

- 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.
- Handicap ramp is completed – shoot parking lot – connects to walk on trap field which leads to 100/200 yd. range and 25/50 yard covered range.

### ***Mark Your Calendar:***

**Rockford Sportsman's Club 2014  
Fall Gun Gala & Raffle  
September 13th  
(more information on page 7)**



## Regular Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

**Chairman's report – Barbara Blough** –reminder that the Board meeting scheduled for Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> starts at 7:00 PM.

**Secretary's Report: Terry Stuart** – A reminder from member Curt Becker about the annual fly hunt on Aug. 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> event is a 100 yard match. Regular fly hunt starts at noon. Two member teams – each team responsible for their own bait. See last newsletter for more information.

### **Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila:**

Income for July \$7,308.65 – Total Expenses for July \$9,598.14 (Property tax was \$7,101.74 of the total expense paid in July – Net Income for July -\$2,289.49.

A detailed report is available – see Terry or Len. Defensive Pistol (\$735), Rockford Regulators (\$741) Hunter Safety (\$300) Pistol League (\$70) CMP (\$47) Trap/Skeet/5-Stand (\$1,194) These are some examples of shooting income for the month of July.

**Sergeant at Arms: Dan Vincent** – Dan reported that 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) has been completed. See Dan for the combination. Regular members – your normal key works in this lockset.

### **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 10-1 and Monday and Thursday from 6-9.

**NSSA Wednesday night events continue** on the first Wednesday of each month. It was announced that next month is a two day NSSA shoot. (I did not find it on our calendar)

Cowboys reported 17 shooters for the July Old Coot Shoot and 48 shooters for the August Main 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 7 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 scheduled for Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. 10-2 PM.

Defensive Pistol had 44 shooters in July. Next shoot is scheduled for this Saturday – Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>. (Eye and ear protection required – strong side holster – pistol .22 caliber and up) 100 rounds required – you may want to bring extra.

(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.

Apparel – Many RSC shirts will be available for sale soon.

Hunter Safety: Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> (Monday), Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), and Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday (all day) – 81 students signed up. Help is always welcome – especially Saturday afternoon.

- Publicity/Marketing: Gun Show Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Help is always appreciated – Peter Kruetzfeldt is in charge.

## Regular Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

- Food and Beverage: No report this evening
- Building and Grounds: Work continues on the ranges
- Work Hours: See web site
- 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 \$10 worth of gun raffle tickets as well as \$10 worth of 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
- Hunter Safety – Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> (Monday), Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), and Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday (all day) – 81 students signed up. Help is always welcome – especially Saturday afternoon.

- **Hunter Safety – Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> (all day).**  
**Help is needed and appreciated.**

**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: Updating the Bylaws—** By-laws were sent to all members who do not have an email on file. Other members received theirs via email. After discussion a motion was made by Gordon Pickerd and supported by Terry King to approve said By-laws. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. This is the first vote. The membership will vote again at the September regular meeting. These By-laws must be approved at 2 out of 3 regular meetings.

**Open Forum:**

25/25 Drawing Winners: Dan Hankinson and Kim Olinger. Sportsmen Against Hunger and the Club shared in the revenue.

Respectfully submitted:

Secretary Terry Stuart

**SPECIAL NOTE:** *It is not too early to consider running for an office on the Board of Directors!*

**Nominations begin in October.**

All officer positions (President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms) and several Board of Director Positions will be open.

Bill Skallos, Steve Mitchell, Tim Hall, and Dan Hankinson

have one more year as trustee. Trustees whose term expires this year include Steve Gardner, Dave DeVries, and Mike Roche.

Depending on how the vote turns out for the new By-laws we will be electing either one new officer (membership chairman), and two new trustees, or if the By-laws remain as they are currently written – three trustee positions will be open.



# Rockford Sportsman's Club Board Meeting Minutes—Aug.19, 2014

**Attention Members:** The membership approved the new By-laws at the August 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. It takes one more approval vote by the membership to make these new By-laws official. This can happen at the September regular meeting or if not approved then, at the October regular meeting.

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

**Absent Board Members:** Len Laitila,

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Barbara Blough. Tim Hall gave the invocation.

## **Officer's Reports:**

President – Patrick Boss – our scholarship winner received his check.

### Vice President -

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. Member Steve Falarski will be putting up the insulation soon in the clubhouse where the new drywall was installed. Beams are ordered and ready to be picked up for the continuation of the 200 yd. range safety project. We are waiting on a larger crane to put the beams in place. Some work will need to be done at the end of the 200 yard rifle range to lower the targets a bit. This work will not interfere with any existing shooting events planned for that area. The total area to be lowered is approximately 20 X 30 feet and this will need to be lowered and leveled out about 9 to 15 inches.

Gordon reported that he and George Mayhak will attend a meeting next Monday concerning the 2017 State Games. They are looking at the North Grand Rapids/Rockford area as one of four possible sites for these upcoming games. Gordon also reported that the South Range project (covered berm) is ready to be started. All materials are available and as soon as someone volunteers to head up this project the telephone poles that will support such a covered structure will be put in place. Materials have been donated for the cover.

Secretary – No report this evening    Treasurer – Len (absent tonight)

## **Trustee Reports:**

Dan Vincent – suggested that all shooting venues either request set-up time or start their event ½ hour later than posted. It seems as if this has caused some confusion among members when they consult the calendar, see an event scheduled for 5:00 PM – show up before that to shoot and are told the range is closed due to set-up.

Dan Hankinson - Dan brought the tickets for the 2014 Fall Gun Raffle and dinner which will be held at the club on Sept. 13. Tickets are \$30 each and include dinner and a raffle package. Get your tickets at the September regular meeting, or the shoot building, or see Dan Hankinson. You may also get a package of tickets to sell to your friends. Dan is looking for some set-up help on Friday evening Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and also some additional help selling tickets on the night of the banquet. Please contact him if you are able to assist.



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

**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)

Tim Hall reported that we are hosting the District 5 meeting in September – Tim hopes for a good club turn out for this meeting. Major discussion will center around making the District 5 shoot better.

Bill Skalos – Bill expects around 80 or so students for the September class – help is needed especially Saturday afternoon. The October class already has over 40 students signed up.

Steve Gardner – A CMP match will be held Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Steven Mitchell – New Bylaws will be presented at the September meeting for a vote – if approved they will replace the old Bylaws.

Mike Roche: Recommended new members Janet and John Scovel and Dan and Janice Scovel. Motion by Mike Roche supported by Terry Stuart to accept these folks as new members – approved.

\*If you have suggestions on how the club could improve its operation please drop your suggestion in one of the shoot money boxes along with your name and telephone number. Many thanks –

Two member requests: Steve Dertien to be excused from the meeting requirement due to work responsibilities for one year – Gordon made the motion supported by Terry Stuart – approved. Mona Irvine to be moved to retired status – motion by Dan Vincent supported by George Mayhak – approved.

A thank you to Tom Wachter who painted the fascia and door of the barn....much appreciated!

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 Hankinson. Next board meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## Information about our Recent Petition Drive:

Many more signatures were collected than needed. Thanks to all who helped!

The State Senate approved a bill that would allow the wolf hunting issue and all future hunting decisions to be handled by the Department of Natural Resources. We are waiting on the return of the State House Members to consider the same bill, vote and hopefully approve and then send it to the Governor for his signature.



**To read more, go to:**

**<https://mucc.org/house-passes-prohunting-citizen-initiative-law/>**



# Rockford Sportsman's Club 2014 Fall Gun Gala & Raffle September 13, 2014

Dinner Ticket and Raffle Package—\$30/person  
(includes dinner & \$20 worth of Raffle Tickets)

Happy Hour 6-6:30 PM

Public Welcome...  
Invite Friends!!!



For Tickets:

Dan Hankinson  
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They will also be  
available at the  
September Meeting or  
in the Shoot Building



## Tentative Gun List

Ruger 10/22 w/Lasermax  
Ruger 10/22 Manlicher STk  
Ruger 22/45 Lite  
Sig P250  
Beretta PX4 (40 Cal)  
S&W M&P .22  
Bersa .380  
Para Ordnance 1911 45 ACP  
Ruger SR .22  
Sccy Ind CXP2 9mm  
Ruger American 22 LR  
Rem 597 HB  
Henry Goldenboy .22  
Mossberg 500 Field .410

**More Firearms will be added as  
ticket sales increase and more will  
be added to the Chinese Raffle**

# August Hunter Safety Class

**Thank you to all who helped and participated in the August Hunter Safety Class.  
It was a great success!**

*We wanted to share a letter that we received regarding the August Hunter Safety Class:*

Bill,

I wanted to follow up with your hunter's safety course. My daughter Olivia was in class both Monday and Wednesday and my son Noah took the on-line 2 day course then both attended Saturday for field day. My daughter wasn't so excited to go Monday but after class she was really engaged in talking about the handbook and what she needed to do before Saturday. Wednesday rolled around and she was itching to get to class. Driving to class from Grand Rapids was an issue with traffic and all I heard from her was we couldn't be late. Saturday morning I was prepared for a fight, trying to wake twelve year old on a Saturday at 8am. One call and she was up and 8:30 she was ready to go. She met a couple other kids there and she is still corresponding with them. Both are still arguing who shot better with the 22 rifle. Enough said, both kids (myself also) enjoyed your class. Thank you for all your time and effort it takes to conduct such an important task. Thank all the members of Rockford Hunting/Shooting Club for me also. It really showed that the whole group was and is passionate about hunting and shooting.

Sincerely,  
Mike Lucas

To see pictures from the Hunter Safety class, go to: [www.rockfordsc.zenfolio.com](http://www.rockfordsc.zenfolio.com)

## 2014 Winter League Schedule

(One Tuesday night in September necessitated by desire to end league in December)

**Saturday, Sept 20, (10-2)**

**Tuesday, Sept 30, (5-8)**

**Saturday, Oct 18, (10-2)**

**Saturday, Nov 22, (10-2)**

**Saturday, Dec 20, (10-2)**

\*Note that League Shooters must complete all five (5) matches, although matches can be made up by shooting two or more relays during the same match.

**Please call (616 745-7800) if there are questions. Hope you can make it!**

Thanks!

Steve Gardner



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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](mailto:jim@ruders.com)

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Sep 2014 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6pm - Trap & Skeet	7:15pm - General	NSSA 9am - Range	6pm - Trap & Skeet	US Marshals Pistol	8am - Cowboy
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am - Trap & S	6pm - Trap & Skeet		Round Robin @ Trl 9am - Range	22LR Bench rifle ES Team 100yd 6pm - Trap & Skeet		Shad Kusma Wheelin hunter 5pm - RSC
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Donna Briggs (club) Round Robin and 10am - Trap & S	6pm - Trap & Skeet	7pm - RSC Board	Old cool shoot 6-3 9am - Range 5pm - DPS Glen	6pm - Trap & Skeet	US Marshals Pistol	Gary Drege main 10am - CMP -
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
CPL Stuart (PPITH) 10am - Trap & S	6pm - Hunter 6pm - Trap & Skeet	10am - DHS @	9am - Range 6pm - Hunter	22LR Bench rifle 5pm - MUCC District 6pm - Trap & Skeet	10am - US Postal	Hunter Safety-
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10am - Trap & S 12pm - Richard	6pm - Trap & Skeet	5pm - CMP-100/200				

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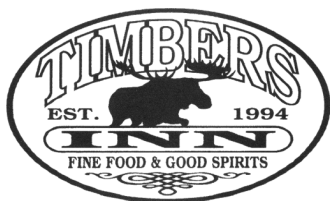
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