

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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## January 2015 Newsletter

End of the 2014 and in the midst of the holidays we can both reflect and look forward. We hope your Christmas was full of pleasurable events and your 2015 resolutions will all be fruitful.

As mentioned at the last membership meeting we were attempting to put together a football bowl party at the club on our new TV's. The interesting College Bowl scheduled didn't work out with the club and planning schedules. We will look ahead to planning a Super Bowl party with snacks, drinks and games. We have a volunteer for the appointed position for the 2015 "chairman of the Board". The board will officially install Ron Dreyer at the January board session. Ron spends quite a bit of time at the club and he will be a welcome addition for the new year.

One of our members removed about 5 paper plates (with bullet holes) that were attached to the 2x4's on the hundred yard range. Please DO NOT put targets on the frame work. Only attach targets to the backer boards. It doesn't take many rifle bullets to ruin the structure frame.

The Cookies and Cocoa with Santa Party was very successful with about 50 kids coming to meet Santa and participate in crafts, stories and an overall fun time with the many club volunteers. Be sure to go to the RSC website to see all the pictures that Ron Parker so graciously provided.

The board has projected 8 improvement projects for 2015 and will add more as funds become available. The first 3 are safety related. 1. North range Improvements. 2. Posting property lines. 3. 100/200 yd eyebrow completion. 4. Cowboy Action Range Stage 5 wall. 5. South Range target stands. 6. Upgrade LED lighting. 7. Skeet field handicap ramp. 8. Technology upgrades.

The newly elected and re-elected officers are looking forward to serving the membership in the coming year and hope everyone who has the time can participate in club events.

Wishing everyone the best year ever.

George

# Regular Meeting Minutes

## December 2, 2014

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

Invocation: Tim Hall

Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge

**Next Board Meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM - all members are welcome.**

**January 6th Regular Meeting - Discussion of New Shoot range rules**

Minutes from the last regular meeting and board meeting accepted as printed in the newsletter.  
**President's report George Mayhak** – Winter Trap and Skeet League starts Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

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

Safety issue – keep targets as close to the banks as possible to prevent bullets from leaving our range.  
Thank you.

Gordon announced that he and Steve Gardner (another name I missed) will be testifying before the State House of Representatives regarding our tax status on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Watch for the Board Minutes later this month for additional information.

Gordon's grandson has been working with Rockford Public Schools – High School administrators and students to encourage the start-up of a student trap/skeet club. Many other area schools are thinking about doing the same thing. A meeting postponed earlier (due to bad weather) to discuss this has been scheduled for Thursday evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for further developments.

**Chairman's report – Barbara Blough** – no report this evening.

**Secretary's Report: Terry Stuart** – Thanked the membership for their help and support. I will be in Florida for much of the winter and will not run for the Secretary's office for 2015.

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

Income and expenses for November– Total Expenses \$2, 438.53. Total income for November was \$3,520.62. This leaves a net income for this period of \$1,082.09.

After the monthly treasurer's report Len went through the proposed 2015 budget line by line utilizing our new video system. After some discussion the budget was approved by the membership. Motion by Terry King and supported by Bob Drury.

Len reminded members that according to the financial operation approved by the Board that all expenses must be approved and signed by the chairman of the project prior to submission for payment. This will help chairman keep track of the expenses in their budget for 2015.

**Sergeant at Arms: Dan Vincent** – Dan was absent this evening.

**Trustee Steve Gardner:** Steve reported that we are connected to Charter Business which gives us access to cable TV, telephone service, and Wi-Fi. For folks using Wi-Fi the connection is "Neil's guest network." This will eventually lead to more security for our club as well as many other benefits. Steve would like to see a committee of members who are familiar with the new technology – computers etc. to work with him to look at the possibilities of this new system.

## Regular Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

**Trustee Tim Hall:** Reported that the next MUCC is January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Committee Reports:**

Trap/Skeet is opened every Sunday from 10 AM on and every Monday and Thursday evening starting at 6 P.M..

CMP scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> which will be the last shoot for this year. Saturday. 10-2 PM.

Defensive pistol, pistol league, bench rifle league starts again in the spring.

Apparel – RSC shirts were available for sale at the regular meeting..

Hunter Safety: Bill reported on two records set this year – the most students in a class (89) set in August and the farthest anyone has traveled to attend a Hunter Safety Class – hint: Ireland.

Building and Grounds: Work continues on the ranges

Work Hours: See web site

Sunshine - No new illnesses to add for this month.

### **Old Business:**

Election of Officers and Trustees for 2015

Nomination of officers: Bill Skallos, Steve Mitchell, Tim Hall, and Dan Hankinson have one more year as trustee –

Elected by voice vote as there was no one else running for any office or trustee position.

President – George Mayhak

Vice-president – Gordon Pickerd

Treasurer – Len Laitila

Secretary – Barbara Blough

Sergeant at Arms – Dan Vincent

Membership Chairman – Mike Roche

Trustees – Steve Gardner, Bob Drury

**We wish this folks well as they work to improve the club throughout the year.**

**Congratulations!**

### **New Business:**

Discussion of new Membership Dues and Service Hours proposed for inclusion in our new By-laws. Motion by Dan Wilkim supported by Bob Hann. Motion carried. **This needs to be voted on at the next regular meeting. It must pass on two out of 3 regular meetings to be included in the bylaws. So either it is approved in January or, if necessary, in February to be a part of our By-laws.**

### **Open Forum:**

25/25 Drawing Winners: Bill Lane and George Mayhak. (\$36 each)

Respectfully submitted:

Secretary Terry Stuart

# CMP Match Results:

Fall/Winter League completed on December 20.

Final scores and winners are listed below.



## ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE-FINAL - WINNERS

Date Dec 20, 2014

SHOOTER NAME	COURSE OF FIRE	CATEGORY	LEAGUE SHOOTER? (Yes/No)	FIREARM / CALIBER	MATCH NUMBER - AMOUNT PAID/SCORE					TOTAL	AVERAGE
					1	2	3	4	5		
AUSTIN, PAUL	"A" 100 YD	M-1 GARAND	YES	M-1 GARAND 30-06	262	256	256	263	256	1293	258.6
HALL, TIM	"A" 100 YD	M-1 GARAND	YES	M-1 GARAND 30-06	224	245	228	249	250	1196	239.2
LAITILA, BRETT	"A" 100 YD	MODERN-LARGE BORE	YES	M1-A1 7.62 x 51	204	233	211	233	233	1114	222.8
TOL, JIM	"A" 100 YD	MODERN-LARGE BORE	YES	FN-FAL 7.62 X 51	218	143				361	180.5
STRAATSMA, PHILLIP	"A" 100 YD	MODERN-SMALL BORE	YES	AR-15 5.56x45	247	224	249	240	244	1204	240.8
MEINKO, ED	"A" 100 YD	MODERN-SMALL BORE	YES	AR-15 5.56x45	194	136	207	213	208	958	191.6
GARDNER, STEVE	"A" 100 YD	VINTAGE BOLT ACTION	YES	SPFLD 03-A3 30-06	272	247	273	267	274	1333	266.6
LAITILA, ANDY	"A" 100 YD	VINTAGE BOLT ACTION	YES	SPFLD 03-A3 30-06	232	259	267			758	252.7
LAITILA, ANDY	"A" 100 YD	VINTAGE SEMI-AUTO	YES	M1 Carbine 30 Carbine	258	240	249	240	238	1225	245.0
LYNGKLIP, DAVE	"A" 100 YD	VINTAGE SEMI-AUTO	YES	VZ 52/57 7.62 X 39	209	174	218	249	186	1036	207.2
TOL, JAKE	"A" 100 YD	VINTAGE SEMI-AUTO	YES	SKS 7.62 X 39	216	184				400	200.0
LAITILA, LEN	"A" 100 YD	MODERN-SMALL BORE	NO	AR-15 5.56x45	276	284				560	280.0
LAITILA, MIA	"A" 100 YD	MODERN-SMALL BORE	NO	AR-15 5.56x45	237	214				451	225.5
ZOUROS, NICK	"A" 100 YD	MODERN-SMALL BORE	NO	AR-15 5.56x45	139					139	139.0
LAITILA, ANDY	"B" 200 YD	MODERN-LARGE BORE	NO	M1-A1 7.62 x 51	362					362	362.0

Next Match will be **Saturday, January 20** from  
10AM-2PM, weather permitting.

# Cookie and Cocoa with Santa was a great success!

*Thanks to everyone  
Who participated*



# Rockford Sportsman's Club Board Meeting Minutes—December 16, 2014

**Called to order at 7 PM**

**Attending:** Steve Mitchell, Bill Skallos, Dave Devries, Len Laitila. Steve Gardner. Mike Roche, Dan Han-kinson, Dan Vincent, Gordon Pickerd, George Mayhak, Barbara Blough  
Prayer by Gordon Pickerd

**Discussions:** G. Mayhak

- WIFI—Dan Vincent suggested adding password. Steve G and tech committee will meet in next few weeks. Suggestion was made to have committee make an operational instruction note.
- Paper Plate targets were attached to 100 yard framework. This is a NO-NO. Must attach to backer boards.
- Review Tim Frey Membership. Does not show on latest list.

**Gordon Pickerd:**

- Curt Becker's mother in law passed away.
- Bob Middlebrook asked to look into parking lot lights.
- 7 students ( more projected for next week) attended the first Rockford High School Trap and Skeet Group with a Safety meeting prior to on Hand Shooting. A student league will start in January.
- Steve and Gordon attended the meeting in Lansing for the tax issue on 501C3 charity groups. The proposal died in committee, but can be re-introduced with modification early 2015.

**Len Laitila:**

- Presented 2015 budget which was pre-approved at the membership meeting.

**Dan Vincent:**

- The Deco on the sign at the main drive is ok for various holiday seasons however it should be more limited to a lesser display. The board agreed however the folks who put in the work are appreciated.

**Steve Mitchell:**

- With our change in trustees we have 4 @2 year terms and 2 @ 2 year terms expiring on alternate years. We should develop this into 3 trustees each year and correct the unbalance at the next election.
- South Range discussion is still in progress.
- Capital budget proposal presented for 2015. Motion by Gordon Pickerd, second by Dan Vincent to approve the first 8 items totaling \$20,000. Motion carried.

## Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, January 6—Regular Membership Meeting at 7pm  
Tuesday, January 20—RSC Board Meeting at 7pm

Tuesday, February 3—Regular Membership Meeting at 7pm  
Tuesday, February 17—RSC Board Meeting at 7pm

## Board Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

### Bill Skallos:

- We have an offer from West Michigan Archery to purchase our cross/compound bow target. The board decided not to sell and to keep for our membership and review again next fall.

### Dan Hankinson:

- 50 kids at the Christmas Party (Cookies and Cocoa with Santa).
- Tree giveaway preliminary budget discussed and will be looked at when the event is closer to the spring time.

### Dave DeVries:

- The last board meeting for Dave as a trustee. The board thanked him for his services and the main project of parking lot stripes.

### Mike Roche:

- Motion by Mike to accept new members Allen Johnson and Peter Gallagher. Second by Dan Vincent. Motion carried.
- Retirement member request from Maria Kocsis apparently does not meet requirements due to being an associate member without attaining the status of regular member.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Minutes by George Mayhak for secretary, Terry Stuart.





# Outdoor News

## Elk-hunting season deemed a success in '14

By Bill Parker, editor

January 1, 2015



Atlanta, Mich. — Matt Carpenter thought he was the unluckiest guy in the world. The 31-year-old Bellevue resident has been trying to get a bear permit for the Red Oak Unit in the northern Lower Peninsula. He thought he'd accumulated enough preference points to get a permit this past fall, but when he checked the drawing results, he was "super disappointed" that he didn't get drawn for a tag.

He said that after about 15 minutes of sulking, he decided to check his elk lottery results, but didn't have much hope about getting drawn, since he'd only been applying for that hunt for four years.

The disappointment quickly turned to elation when Carpenter realized he'd been drawn for an any-elk tag.

"It felt like someone threw a bucket of ice water in my face. I've never been so surprised in all my life," he said.

Carpenter was one of 15 Michigan hunters from a pool of 30,000 who received an any-elk tag for the recent Dec. 6-14 elk season. On the third day of the hunt, he tagged a 5x5 bull that dressed out at 535 pounds.

The DNR made available 100 elk licenses this year – 50 for the early hunt, which took place in September and October, and another 50 for the December season. There were 15 any-elk tags and 35 antlerless-only tags available for each hunt period.

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During the December season, 41 hunters were successful in shooting elk – 14 bulls and 27 cows. Early season hunters killed 37 elk – 13 bulls, 23 cows, and 1 calf.

To read more of this article, visit: <http://www.outdoornews.com/January-2015/Elk-hunting-season-deemed-a-success-in-14/>



## New Member Appointed to Natural Resource Commission

December 4, 2014



On Thursday, November 20, Gov. Rick Snyder announced the appointment of a new member to the Michigan Natural Resource Commission. Along with the reappointment of NRC Chairman J.R. Richardson of Ontonagon, Christine Crumbaugh from St. Louis now has a position on the NRC as well. Commissioner Crumbaugh replaces John Madigan of Munising, who stepped down in August just prior to the end of his third term.

Crumbaugh has a lengthy background in agriculture, being the vice president of Crumbaugh Legacy Inc., a sizeable farm between St. Louis and Breckenridge. She also is a board director of GreenStone Farm Credit Service, as well as a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Sugar Co., and the Michigan Corn Growers Association.

Unrelated to farming, she owns and operates Captured by Christine Crumbaugh, which is her photography business. She earned her associate degree from Davenport University and her bachelor's from Central Michigan University. On the NRC, she will represent the Republicans along with reappointed J.R. Richardson.

There are seven members on the Natural Resource Commission, all appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. No more than four members may be from the same political party, and the term length for appointees is 4 years. The NRC is the entity that holds exclusive authority to make decisions regarding the manner and method of take of game animals, and once the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act goes into effect this spring, they will also hold exclusive authority to regulate sport fishing and add species to the game species list.

- See more at: <http://mucc.org/new-commissioner-appointed-natural-resource-commission/>



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## Calendar

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Changes: Dan Vincent or Mike Roche, Calendar and Web design by James Ruder [jim@ruders.com](mailto:jim@ruders.com)

## January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public	29 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public	30	31 9:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bow/Rifle/Pistol	1 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public	2 10:00 AM Michel ( pending )	3 8:00 AM Cowboy Action Shooting
4 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter League 2015	5 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public Winter league 2015	6 7:15 PM General Membership Meeting	7 9:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bow/Rifle/Pistol NSSA	8 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter league 2015	9	10
11 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter league 2015	12 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public Winter league 2015	13	14 9:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bow/Rifle/Pistol Rockford Public Safety North pistol range 10-5	15 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter league 2015	16	17 Algoma fire Main club house (Pickard) 3-12
18 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter league 2015	19 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public Winter league 2015	20 7:00 PM RSC Board Meeting	21 9:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bow/Rifle/Pistol	22 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public MSP ES Team 100 yd range Winter League 2015	23	24 10:00 AM CMP- 100/200 Range
25 10:00 AM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter league 2015	26 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet open to public Winter league 2015	27	28 9:00 AM Range Maintenance - Cowboy Bow/Rifle/Pistol 5:00 PM EGR Public safety N pistol range	29 5:00 PM EGR Public safety 6:00 PM Trap & Skeet Open to Public Winter league 2015	30 5:00 PM EGR Public safety	31

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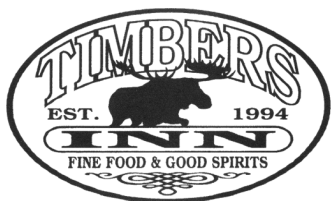
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