

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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## July Newsletter Article

Regular meeting is shifted one week to July 11 as per past practice of observing the July 4 holiday.

Thank you to the lawn mowing and tractor drivers and other landscaping around the facilities.

The wildlife and fish and game judging and awards will be done at the July meeting for entries bagged during the second quarter. Good luck to the turkey hunters and fishing entries.

The zucchini contest is still going with the entries due at the August meeting. The largest zucchini length plus circumference plus weight will have awards for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

As for club equipment maintenance, please fix things that break when using them or leave a note in the shoot building about a problem. The club will reimburse for minor expenses but need board approval for major expenses.

The National games (Meijer State Games) are coming to Grand Rapids August 5 and 6. RSC is hosting skeet shooters on August 5 and .22 rifle shooters on August 6. All residents of Michigan are eligible to compete as well as the winners of corresponding events in all the other states. Signups are already coming in and anyone who can help out with these events please contact George Mayhak at 616-540-3313. The range officers and referees the past few years have done an outstanding job. We need previous volunteers and a few more to keep everything running smoothly.

The trap\skeet\5 stand league is ending their Spring event on July 6 with awards dinner following on July 20 at the club.

We hope everyone is having a nice summer and utilizing the club facilities for the many enjoyable activities.

Shoot straight and often.

George

**Rockford Sportsman's Club**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**June 6, 2017**  
**Call to order at 7:15 P.M.**

Invocation was given by Tim Hall.

Introduction of Guests. Six new members introduced themselves.

Bernie Sobie made motion to accept the minutes as published, supported by Joe Schwark, motion carried.

**President's Report: George Mayhak (Absent)**

**Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd**

South range did not have a lot of dues collected earlier in the year but is getting better. Some dues were deposited at another range.

Sign by road needs maintenance or a new sign is needed. Please see Gordon or Dan Vincent if you would like to volunteer for this project.

**Chairman's Report: Lee J. Christensen (Absent)**

No report.

**Secretary's Report: Barbara Blough**

No report.

**Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche**

Mike made motion to accept new members Kevin and Sara Keeney, Bob and Gail DeVillez, Darrell and Marilyn DeRuiter, Alan and Kathryn Moore, supported by Bill Lane, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila**

Total Income \$12,919.50. Total Expense \$2,145.97. Net Income \$10,773.53.

**Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent**

Graduations are coming up and if you need any tables and chairs please let Dan Vincent know.

Work hours are being put into the range fee boxes. Please put them in the work hour mailbox or submit online.

Reminder to turn ceiling fans off when finished and exhaust fan in kitchen.

**Committee Reports**

NSSA shoot tomorrow night. Skeet/Trap Spring league almost done but may be extended past June 22.

Cowboy had 43 shooters over the two day shoot. Next shoot is next Wednesday.

CMP next match is Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

NSSF Rimfire Challenge, thank you to all the volunteers. Received many compliments on the event. Approximately \$1,300 to club and veteran's home. Shooters came from eight states furthest was Alabama. 97 shooters.

Bench Rest, started second session a few weeks ago, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Defensive Pistol, about 60 shooters at each match. Using on line scoring, need to pre-register.

Next shoot is Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

SCTP. Applying for additional grants. Year is almost done. Two shooters were present tonight. Presented results from this year's shoots. Thank you for the donations that were made to this program. Next shoot is June 17<sup>th</sup>. They are selling raffle tickets tonight for a shotgun, only 10,000 tickets printed.

## **Membership Meeting Minutes Continued**

Hunter's Safety. Next class is last week in July, 24, 26 and 29. See Bill if you want to sign someone up or to volunteer. Another class will be in September.

MUCC next meeting will be in September. CWD analysis is being done in the state and may have areas that need testing during the season. Grouse cycle is expected to increase over the next few years.

Fish/Turkey/Deer Contest. Entries due next month.

### **Old Business**

Tree Give Away. 1,700 trees were given out.

## **Rockford Sportsman's Club**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 20, 2017**

**Call to order at 7:00 P.M.**

Attendees: Lee J. Christensen, George Mayhak, Gordon Pickerd, Barbara Blough, Mike Roche, Len Laitila, Dan Vincent, Steve Mitchell, Dan Hankinson, Steve Gardner, Bill Skallos, Bob Drury, Ryan Cordes. Guests: Shawn Blough.

Invocation was given by Gordon Pickerd.

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

Regular meeting in July is the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meijer Games will be August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. See George if you would like to volunteer and attend planning meetings.

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

Quote for the asphaltting parking lot. Includes parking lot, drive, gutters, \$35,105. Benefits to club, improve rest of parking lot, may increase number of shooters, increased parking. Discussion of benefits, may help increase rentals if we want. Reviewed rental income. Will look at more quotes to do a smaller area.

SCTP took bronze medal over the weekend.

Sold \$2,000 of tickets for gun raffle. Balance in fund is \$17,500

### **Secretary's Report: Barbara Blough**

No Report.

### **Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche**

Mike made motion to accept new members Steve and Vickie Long, Chad and Barbie Soper, James and Holly Schupe, Richard and Catherine Basala, supported by Dan Vincent, motion carried.

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

Total Income \$5,245.00. Total Expense \$6,788.01. Net Income (\$1,543.01).

### **Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent**

When operating equipment at club if it needs repair let Dan know.

AED options. Zoll is best choice, runs around \$2,000. Only recurring cost would be for pads and training.

### **Trustee Reports**

## Board Meeting Minutes

### **Ryan Cordes**

Plan to change lock combination by road. Will be changed August 7<sup>th</sup> in order to get membership informed of new combination. Gordon listed vendors that need to know new combination.

### **Bob Drury**

Had 9 shooters at Old Coot. Lots of people are at the world championships in New Mexico.

### **Steve Mitchell**

Investment committee met with Advisor to discuss clubs conservative strategy. Update given on projects for electrical and lighting. Steve made motion to credit member who donated supplies 10 work hours, supported by Steve Gardner, motion carried. Safety classes had low attendance. Would club consider sponsoring a family shoot in the fall? Something for different age groups. Will discuss at membership meeting.

### **Dan Hankinson**

No report.

### **Steve Gardner**

CMP June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Could calendar include more information about which ranges are closed for specific events? Sometimes it is not clear. Event coordinators should make sure they are providing this for the calendar.

### **Bill Skillos**

Turned in money for July Hunter's Safety.

Will post information about 3D archery in club house. Also posting information regarding the Izaak Walton League.

Next meeting, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Please Note**

Shooting in Cowboy Area is not permitted. Only special events

First one at Club leaves Gate Open, Last one out Locks it

Contact Instructor Bill Skallos [wskallos@yahoo.com](mailto:wskallos@yahoo.com) next class July 24, 26 & 29

## Michigan's Hunter Education Program



Hunting is a time-honored Michigan tradition, providing challenging outdoor recreation and helping develop an appreciation for the wilderness, wildlife and a clean environment. Most hunters know that the lasting enjoyment of hunting comes only when it is conducted safely and ethically.

Safe hunting begins with hunter education, which has had a dramatic impact on reducing hunting incidents in Michigan. Hunting is safe and getting safer!

### Who Needs Hunter Safety?

Successful completion of this class is required of **all first-time hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1960**. In order to purchase a base license other than an apprentice, you will be required to attest that you have successfully completed a hunter safety course.

### The Program

Hunter education courses teach new hunters responsibility, ethics, firearm safety, wildlife conservation and wildlife identification, game care, survival and first aid. Courses are offered year-round throughout the state, though the majority occur in the fall during August, September, and October. The typical hunter education course consists of two to five sessions with a total class time of 10-12 hours. Hunter education classes are typically held in outdoor clubs, schools, police stations and camps. In addition to traditional classroom courses, home-study and online courses -- using a self-paced method followed by a field day of material review and testing -- are also available. [Find a hunter education class in your area.](#)

Hunter education is funded through the Federal Pittman-Robertson tax on archery equipment and handguns, and is made possible by a unique partnership between over 2,500 Michigan volunteer hunter education instructors and the DNR Law Enforcement Division. [Learn more about becoming a volunteer hunter education instructor.](#)

For more information about hunter education, visit [www.michigan.gov/huntereducation](http://www.michigan.gov/huntereducation).

### Frequently Asked Questions About Hunter Education

#### *I'm interested in taking hunter safety. What are my options?*

Those born after Jan. 1, 1960 who are interested in hunting are required to take a hunter education course. There are three options: a traditional class in a classroom, a home-study program or an online course you complete at home. [Search for a course near you](#) or click on one of the following links to take the course online at home:

[www.hunter-ed.com/Michigan](http://www.hunter-ed.com/Michigan)

[www.huntercourse.com/usa/michigan](http://www.huntercourse.com/usa/michigan)

[www.hunteredcourse.com/state/michigan](http://www.hunteredcourse.com/state/michigan)

#### *What is the minimum age to take hunter education?*

There is no minimum age for hunter education, although traditional classes are targeted toward 10-12 years of age. Hunters are not required to take hunter education under the mentored youth hunting program, but must take at 10 years old or after up to two years of apprentice hunting.

***I was born before Jan. 1, 1960 but I am planning a hunt in another state or province that requires hunter education. What should I do?***

The Experienced Hunter Exam is available to Michigan residents born prior to Jan. 1, 1960. The exams are offered at the DNR's [Operations Service Centers](#), and you must call ahead to schedule. You may also wish to take a hunter education class – a good way to do this is by sitting through a class with your child or grandchild.

***What are the differences between the traditional and online courses?***

The major difference is the field day component. In all cases, you are required to complete a field day portion of the course. In the traditional classes, this is included with the classroom instruction. In the home and online versions, you must pre-register for the field day before taking the class. The purpose of the field day portion of the course is for the instructor to review safety in the field, such as firearm handling. There is usually a small fee of up to \$10 associated with the field day for the home-study and online courses.

***How long is the field training?***

Typically, field training is only half a day. Online students can contact any regular scheduled class and request to attend the field day portion of the traditional class to complete their field day, although not all are available due to format or space. Instructors can be found by county here ([click to search](#)). The field training is required to cover material review, law and ethics, gun handling, and the traditional hunter education exam.

***What if I'm not sure that I will continue hunting? I just want to try it once with my friends or family this fall before I decide.***

In Michigan, we have an apprentice hunting program that allows you to hunt for two years without the hunter education requirement. The two years (seasons) do not have to be consecutive. After those two years, you would be required to complete a hunter education course. We recommend that you do not wait the full two years to find a hunter education class.

Contact Instructor Bill Skallos [wskallos@yahoo.com](mailto:wskallos@yahoo.com) next class July 24, 26 & 29  
Visit website for more info <http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com>

# NOTICE

The entry gate combination will be changed on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

On or about August 1<sup>st</sup> you will receive the new combination via Email.

If you do not have an Email address, the Club will notify you via U.S. Mail.

## Calendar

Please check website for latest changes <http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/>

Calendar and website Changes Dan Vincent, Steve Mitchell or Mike Roche

Web Design—Jim Ruder

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Jul 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Shipalal, Melissa 10am - Trap & Skeet	26 5pm - Trap & Skeet	27 200 Yard Bench Rest DHS North Pistol	28 DPS Setup @ 430-6 8am - Range	29 10am - DHS North 5pm - Trap & Skeet	30	1 Cowboy action shoot
2 10am - Trap & Skeet	3 Pistol league 5pm - Trap & Skeet	4	5 NSSA 8am - Range	6 5pm - Trap & Skeet	7	8
9 10am - Trap & Skeet	10 5pm - Trap & Skeet	11 200 Yard Bench Rest 7:15pm - General	12 Old cool shoot 8-1 B 8am - Range	13 4pm - 22LR Bench 5pm - Trap & Skeet	14	15 DPS Setup @ 830-10
16 Farrick ( ) 10am - Trap & Skeet	17 Pistol league 5pm - Trap & Skeet	18 RR@ Qkz 3-9pm 7pm - RSC Board	19 8am - Range	20 MSP ES Team 100yd 5pm - Trap & Skeet	21 Rockford Band	22 CMP 8am - 4pm
23 RR@ Qkz 10-4pm 10am - Trap & Skeet	24 5pm - Trap & Skeet 6pm - Hunter Safety	25 200 Yard Bench Rest CMP 8am - 4pm	26 8am - Range 6pm - Hunter Safety	27 4pm - 22LR Bench 5pm - Trap & Skeet	28 DPS Setup @430-6	29 Hunter Safety-
30 10am - Trap & Skeet	31 5pm - Trap & Skeet	1	2 NSSA 8am - Range	3 5pm - Trap & Skeet	4	5 Meijers games 8am - CPL/Def.Pistol

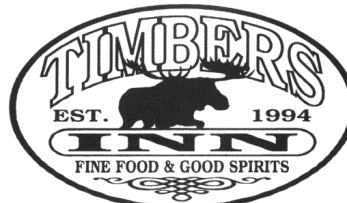


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