

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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Newsletter September 2017

Like it or not summer activities are blending into Fall hunting, fishing and color tours. The upper parking lot has been graded and 3 trees removed for the black topping in the next few months.

Another reminder that shooting of paper targets are the only ones approved to shoot unless it is a special event where other targets are authorized. Shooting Sports magazine recently had an article where a club member (Not Rockford) had to be suspended for 3 months for violating club safety rules. (shooting objects on the turf that contained stones and allowed a ricochet of bullets)

August has already been a busy month with cowboy action events and Skeet NSSA. In addition Rockford was the host for the North Kent Round Robin. There were 130 shooters that took part in shooting one skeet line and one trap line. The last round robin shoot is in September which will be concluded with another shoot and banquet dinner with top shooter and club recognition.

The major event in August was the State Games of America. This was a Friday and Saturday shoot for skeet with 21 entries and a Sunday 22 rifle bench shoot with 34 participants. Many kids in the 13 and under age group were present for the 22 rifle event as was a good representation of the over 50 group. All in all it was a very successful weekend with great volunteer group for both events. The Sate Games of Michigan provided pizza lunch on Saturday and Subway lunch on Sunday for the workers. State game shirts were also given to the RSC workers.

Dan Vincent has been working hard on the landscaping equipment for the two-day NSSA shoot. Total number of shooter is not yet established but the weather is forecasted on the very nice side so we should see a good turn out.

On the skeet scene a five-man team is going to the US skeet open in Northbrook Illinois on September 8 through the 10th. Representing Rockford will be Dan Hankinson, Lee J Christiansen, George Mayhak and Bill Brown. The US open is held at various locations around the United States and this is the closest since 2008 near St. Louis.

The cowboy state shoot is coming up the first Saturday in September. Check with Bob Drury for details.

Our next meeting is the day after Labor Day. Here's wishing everyone a nice holiday. See you at the club or meeting time.

Rockford Sportsman's Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2017
Call to order at 7:13 P.M.

Invocation was given by Jim H.
Minutes are approved as published.

President's Report: George Mayhak

If you are in charge of an event please get details in the calendar.
Entries for Zucchini contest were turned in tonight. Bob Middlebrook is the winner, second Tim McCarthy, third George Mayhak.
Banquet tickets are available from Dan Hankinson or they will be at the shoot building.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

2017 Meijer State Games of America this weekend. Opening events are at the VanAndel Arena.
SCTP events summary of events and rankings.
Lights to Cowboy area have been installed. Thanks to all that worked on this project.
Looking at asphalt for driveway to shoot building. So far cost is too high but working on clearing to make the lot larger.
If you have any ideas for projects let Gordon know.

Chairman's Report: Lee J. Christensen

No report.

Secretary's Report: Barbara Blough

Thank you note received from Fran Kazmierski.
Grand Valley Muzzleloading Gun Club, ladies only weekend August 26 and 27.

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

Mike made motion to accept new members Trenton and Emily Warning, supported by Bill, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila

July 2017. Total Income \$8,103.13. Total Expense \$11,833.24. Net Income (\$3,730.11).
Investment reports. Return is higher than benchmark, return is 8.1%.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Reminder on the tables let Dan know if you need to use them.
South Range, please read signs, they found 25 20-gauge shotgun shells.

Committee Reports

Veterans coyote hunt, flyers available with more information, suggested donation is \$20.
NSSA tomorrow night. Meijer Games Saturday. Round Robin.
Cowboy. Shoot will be 2nd week in August.
CMP. Next match August 26th, start of Fall/Winter league.
Bench Rifle 2nd and 4th Thursday. Completed Summer shoot, will shoot again in the Spring.
Hunter's Safety. Just finished July class, 83 students. Received e-mail thank you to everyone that assisted with class. Next class is September. Maryly broke arm while she was on business trip out of country. Will find out Friday if she needs surgery.
MUCC next meeting will be in September 11, 13 and 16.
Fish/Turkey/Deer Contest. Next October 1st.
Banquet, September 23rd. See Dan for tickets. Gun list will be in next month's newsletter.

Old Business

New gate code will be effective next Monday.

Membership Meeting Minutes Continued

Raffle: 50/50. \$45, Dean Darwaetor and Don Bozewinkle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Blough

Rockford Sportsman's Club
Board Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2017
Call to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Invocation was given by Gordon Pickerd.
Dan Vincent called meeting to order, Lee J. arrived later.

President's Report: George Mayhak

Meijer Games was August 5th and 6th. Profit was \$1,755. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

SCTP meeting was held last week. Ordered shotgun for raffle. Discussed having tickets 5 for \$20. Discussed plans for fundraisers and getting matching gifts. Raffle ticket sales to start in October. Getting more interest from individuals that want to participate.

Additional matching funds were received into the SCTP account.
Gordon has collected door prizes for banquet and will give to Dan.

Secretary's Report: Barbara Blough

Wheelin' Hunters sent Sight In Days information. Their date is not available on the calendar. Dan Vincent will contact them.

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

Mike made motion to accept new members Aric and Megan Davis, Martin and Elaine Tidball, supported by Steve Mitchell, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila

August Total Income \$9,420.50. Total Expense \$918.97. Net Income \$8,501.53.

Sunshine committee chair requested guidance from the board for procedures to follow for different situations; budget was set low for 2017. Discussed there should not be difference between Associate, Regular or Retired members. Suggestion that members and immediately family in hospital or has passed, flowers or gift card up to \$50. Extended family, cards.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Updating calendar for ranges that are closed for scheduled events.

If you see anyone not using appropriate targets on the ranges let Dan know, also inform the member that they are not using appropriate targets.

Trustee Reports

Ryan Cordes

Sight in Days, November 4, 5, 11, and 12th from 10am-3pm. Will be asking for volunteers at the September meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes
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event, and additional \$9.50 per person if over 75 people, supported by Ryan Cordes, motion carried.

Long Range Plan next project are updates to the rifle range.

Year to date range fees for the south range is \$244.72. Discussed expanding the South Range and the changes that would be needed to the berms and road.

Lighting on 100/200 range. Going well, on budget. If have there is remaining money in the budget a light will be installed in the shed.

Dan Hankinson

Banquet is September 23rd. Carol's will be doing catering. See Dan if you are interested in volunteering to help with the banquet. Gun list was turned in to publish.

Tickets are available at membership meeting or at the shoot building.

Steve Gardner

CMP match will be August 26th.

Next meeting, September 19th, 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ram Nitro Shooting Team Wraps Up Season at State Shoot

The *Ram Nitro high School Trap & Skeet Team* has wrapped up their inaugural season, and by all accounts, it was a smashing success. The team started the year with 7 shooters, and finished with 9 (adding two team members during the season). The team was recognized as a school club sport at Rockford High School, allowing kids the opportunity to earn school letters in shooting.

Understanding the financial challenges that shooting teams can face, Ram Nitro also started a Midway Foundation endowment to help fund the shooting team in the future. The team has grown the account to over \$12,000 in the first 6-months, and also gained a seat on the Rockford Sports Boosters Club. The team just received its first endowment grant payment of \$526 to help offset team expenses in 2018. These funds will be used to offset tournament registration fees and to encourage kids participation. The long-term goal is to provide any youth, regardless of financial ability, the opportunity to be part of a shooting team if they are willing to work to support team goals and safety standards.

The team is looking for businesses interested in being a 2018 team sponsor. Business providing team sponsorships will have their logos displayed on the back of the team shooting shirts in 2018, along with a logo being prominently displayed on a team banner. Interested sponsors should contact Gordon Pickerd at the club.

Please Note

Shooting in Cowboy Area is not permitted. Only special events

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



Rockford Sportsman's Club 2017 Fall Gun Gala & Raffle September 23, 2017

Dinner Ticket and Raffle
Package-\$30/Person
(includes dinner plus \$20 of Gun & Door
Prize Tickets)
Happy Hour 5:45-6:30 PM

Public Welcome

Dinner Menu

Stuffed pork chops and chicken cordon bleu,
green beans, mashed potatoes w/gravy, 7
layer salad. Cakes for dessert

for Tickets:
Dan Hankinson
(616) 784-6811

Or

Pickup at the Shoot Building
during Skeet & Trap hours

Or

They will be available at the
Members Meeting



Current Gun List

Ruger 10/22 Special Edition
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Ruger Predator 6.5 Creedmoor
Ruger Ranch Rifle 450 Bushmaster
Tristar Setter O/U 28 Ga.
Savage 64F 22 LR
Savage 93R17 17 HMR
Kel Tec Sub 2000 9mm
Thompson Center Impact 50 cal.
Walther CCP 9mm
S&W Shield 45 ACP
Ruger 22/45 Target
Walther PPKS 22 LR
Ruger LC9S 9mm
Ruger LCP w/laser 380 ACP

Firearms will be added to the Chinese
Raffle as ticket sales increase





Rockford Sportsman's Club 2017 Fall Family Event October 8, 2017

Food & Fun with 12 activities scheduled from 1-4 PM for MEMBERS & family only. An enjoyable afternoon, sponsored totally by the Club, has something for everyone from toddlers to adults.

Reservation Only Event

Menu

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Chips, Veggies, Watermelon & Cookies, lemonade & coffee.

Activities w/Prizes

Duck Grab - Pumpkin Decorating
Bucket Toss - Bean Bag Toss
Balloon Toss - Fish Cast
Safety Class/Quiz

Adult/Kid Teams

(Teams provide own firearm/ammo)
Tic Tac Toe Shoot - Balloon Shoot
Trap Shoot



Make Your Reservation Now

(Must be received by October 1st)

Download the Reservation/Activity Schedule Form from the Club web site Home Page:
rockfordsportsmansclub.com

Contact Steve Mitchell via Email
stevemitchell@rockfordsportsmansclub.com
or Telephone: (616) 485-3617

or

Drop form off @ Shoot bldg desk

Face Painting - Balloon Guy



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

Sep 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10am - Trap & Skeet	28 5pm - Trap & Skeet	29	30 8am - Range	31 5pm - Trap & Skeet	1 Alicia Bigelow	2
3 10am - Trap & Skeet	4 Pistol league 5pm - Trap & Skeet	5 7pm - Membership	6 NSSA 8am - Range	7 MSP ES Team 100yd 4pm - 22LR Bench 5pm - Trap & Skeet	8 DHS North pistol	9 DPS Setup @830-10 Gordy Pickard Main Wheelen Hunters
10 10am - Trap & Skeet	11 DHS North Pistol 5pm - Trap & Skeet 6pm - Hunters	12 RR@ Creston 4-9pm	13 Old Cool Shoot 8-1 B 8am - Range 6pm - Hunters	14 5pm - Trap & Skeet	15 Len Latilla 8am-	16 Hunters safety @
17 RR@ Creston 9-5pm 10am - Trap & Skeet	18 Pistol league 5pm - Trap & Skeet	19 7pm - RSC Board	20 8am - Range	21 4pm - 22LR Bench 5pm - Trap & Skeet	22 DHS North Pistol	23 2017 Banquet 4- CMP 8am - 4pm
24 10am - Trap & Skeet	25 5pm - Trap & Skeet	26	27 DPS Setup 430-6 8am - Range	28 5pm - Trap & Skeet	29 6pm - Setup for	30 A.J. & Felicia Estep

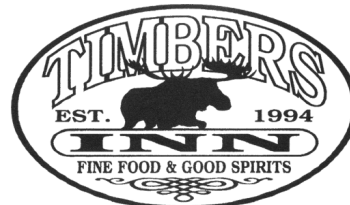


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