

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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Newsletter April 2018

Happy spring! Hope the weatherman realizes the change. Turkey hunting is just around the corner. For those hunters (in addition to tagging your turkey) be sure to measure the beard and spurs and save those items for submission in the Wild game judging at the July meeting.

Ok, we are renewing our adopt-a-road permit for another 3 years. Our member, Vincent Ferrarese has headed this project for the past few years and cannot do it any more due to his knees not holding up. We appreciate his work on this project and shout out a big thank you. Vincent says he will help anyone get started however we need a new leader for the community and club benefit project.

THAW (The Well Armed Women) had their first meeting with our leader Jennifer Griffen. Their next scheduled get together is the third Wednesday of each month. This is a versatile program for women about gun safety, handling and understanding firearms with some range time.

Currently there is no budget to rebuild the elevated bow stand as someone suggested. The board has referred bow shooters to take advantage of the West Michigan Archery Center on Ten Mile that is run by many of our previous bow shooters. That range is open to the public. If there is a big interest at RSC it can be considered in the future.

A survey will be done by email and at a membership meeting on the interest in a RSC Swap meet for items you would like to trade or sell of sporting goods type things.

Gordon Pickerd and George Mayhak attended an invitation of the Rockford Lions club at their monthly meeting. The Lions routinely ask organizations to come in and tell about their history, community activity, club information and facilities. It was a nice opportunity to spread the word about our great members at RSC.

The Winter Trap and Skeet Event has ended and the awards dinner will be at the club on Wednesday April 11. Sign up is in the shoot building. The Spring league will begin Monday at 5 Pm on April 2. The five stand will be one of the events once a week on Monday's. If you want more of a hunting scenario come out and try five stand.

See you on the range.

George

**Rockford Sportsman's Club**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**March 6, 2018**  
**Call to order at 7:15 P.M.**

Invocation was given by Tim Hall

George Mayhak made motion to approve minutes, supported by Kevin Kubiszewski, all in favor, motion carried.

**President's Report: George Mayhak**

Please see George for garden maintenance layout and signup.

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

**Spring cleanup help is needed**

Removes stone from behind pavilion.

Replace shingles on east side of main building

Replace roof high house field one

Clean up winter brush along east side of clubhouse

**Chairman's Report: Barbara Blough**

No report.

**Secretary's Report: Ryan Cordes**

No report.

**Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche (Absent) Given by Steve Mitchell.**

**New Member Applications**

Jared & Jennifer Aldrich

Ben & Jody Shine

Scott & Brooke Tetzlate

**Motion to accept new members by Steve Mitchell second Doug Herrmann. All favor, Motion carried**

**Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila**

Monthly Income     \$11,504.25

Total Expenses             \$ 3,820.00

Net Income             \$ 7,684.25

**Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent**

No Report

Committee Reports

NSSA -Shoot Wednesday night 3/7/2018

Trap and skeet- League ends March 22

SCTP-Currently 18 Shooters. 6th-12th Grade. First shoot at seaway. March 17th & 24th

Cowboy -No Report

Pistol- League starts April 16th

CMP-Next match March 24th 10:00am-2:00 pm. First of season. .

Bench Rifle- Starts March 12th. Second and Fourth Mondays

Defensive Pistol. -Starts April 20

Hunter Safety - Next class last week April 23rd , 25th , all day 28th Need help sat afternoon 12-4.

Rimfire Challenge- May 12, 50 registered to date. Last year had 97 total. Will need help from membership

MUCC- Met Feb 24th with wildlife biologist. 30,000 deer killed for testing. 60 deer tested positive for CWD.

Gaylord Jays MUCC meeting this Saturday March 10th. No cost to attend.

Sunshine, Thanks, for sunshine Mark Degeest. Paul Kazmierski is cancer free.

Building and grounds- Excavation of upper lot will start when weight loads are off.

Apparel- Paul met creative concepts. Samples next meeting

Sportsman against hunger. Sport show next week Thursday collecting cans. Need volunteers. 8am-7pm

Devos Hall

Deer fish turkey next month

## **Membership Meeting Minutes Continued**

### **New Business**

The well Armed Women Presentation from Jennifer Griffin. RSC Chapter Leader.  
Organization focus on firearm safety and education.

Doug Herrmann. Propose member swap meet. Doug please /come to next board meeting.

Jon Olinger. Please check the parking lot when you leave, do not lock anyone inside or make sure it is locked if you are the last to leave.

Gary Dredge CPL class April 7. Few openings left. \$130  
Next Class May 5th

Kurt Becker. Military Surplus in Howard City is going out of business. Everything on sale.

Raffle: 50/50. \$48, Paul Zimmerman, Phil Harrison

Meeting adjourned at 8;14 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Ryan Cordes

### **Rockford Sportsman's Club Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2018 Call to order at 7:00 P.M.**

Attendees: George Mayhak, Gordon Pickerd, Dan Vincent, Ryan Cordes, Len Laitila, Mike Roche, Steve Mitchell, Steve Gardner, Bob Drury, Dan Hankinson, Bill Skallos  
Members/Guests: Tim Hall, Ron Dryer, Doug Herrmann

Invocation was given by Tim Hall

President's Report: George Mayhak

Need to find permanent place for veteran's flag.

Is it possible to hang on the wall in the main clubhouse and take down during rentals?

We will currently display it on the sign in table during membership meetings.

Split Rail fence needs repair but we will wait for parking lot repair to be completed first.

Spring Cleanup day will be announced at April membership meeting.

Rockford Sportsman's Club will renew its Adopt A Highway Permit.

We are currently looking for someone to take the lead on this project and organize our road cleanup day.

While cleaning the clubhouse George Mayhak found several old Deer, Fish, Turkey Pictures. These were made into a book and will be left out at membership meetings.

Doug Herrmann has presented the idea of starting a Rockford Sportsman's Club Swap Meet.

Motion to investigate interest by George Mayhak, Second by Bob Drury, All in Favor. Motion Carried

Steve Mitchell will be emailing membership for interest in a Swap Meet at Rockford Sportsman's Club.

**Rockford Sportsman's Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2018 Continued**

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

3 Volunteers have come forward to help replace the roof on the high house on the skeet field, if you are interested in helping please contact Jerry Rice.

George Mayhak and Gordon Pickerd will be presenting at Rockford Lions Club Thursday 3/22. This program is to get their members involved in other organizations within the community.

Tate Cramer shot a 25 at Seaway Gun Club for the first SCTP for a total of 95/100. Junior Varsity team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 3/17 Shoot. Tate Cramer was Rockford's top shooter.

**Secretary's Report: Ryan Cordes**

Rockford Sportsman's Club received a thank you from Grand Rapids Home for Veterans for the donation of \$1160.00

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

No Report.

**Treasurer's Report: Len Laitila**

Income	\$6101.50
Expenses	\$808.93
Net Income	\$5292.57

**Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent**

Rockford Construction will be donating used 2x4s for club projects.

Turning target cylinder needs to be rebuilt

Build new dog house for hydraulic pump

Refrigerator needs to be clean out when events are over.

Grates from hood need to be cleaned.

Main roof needs to be fixed

SCTP shooters have shot 219 Lines in 4 weeks.

**Trustee Reports**

**Bob Drury**

13 shooters at the March old coot shoot. First Saturday in April for cowboy. See George about cowboy cart for sale.

**Steve Gardner**

First CMP match of the season will be Saturday 3/24.

Rimfire challenge has 65 shooters signed up.

Rimfire Challenge is in need of additional space and time

**Dan Vincent** motions to allow the use of the south pistol range for the Rimfire challenge shoot pending defensive pistols approval of using both ranges simultaneously and to allow shooting starting at 9:00am. Second by Bob Drury. All in Favor.

Saturday May 12 all ranges will be closed to non Rimfire Challenge activities.

Bob Drury Approves Barrier at south pistol range for use while cowboy bowls are in use.

Waiting on final approval from Defensive pistol (Both parties must agree on safety)

**Dan Hankinson**

Tree give away second Saturday in May.

**Bill Skallos**

Next Hunters Safety Class is April 23,25, 27

**Steve Mitchell**

Scholarship information has been sent to 42 counselors and 30 high schools

Membership data.

2017 Starting membership 347,

65 New Members

68 members did not renew.

Technology committee met 3/19 to work on getting Internet to action shooting ranges.

**Tim Hall**

MUCC is trying to save the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The funds promise has elapsed and MUCC is lobbying to continue funding. Next meeting for MUCC in April

Meeting adjourned 8:02pm.

Contact Instructor Bill Skallos  
When April 23, 25, 27  
Michigan's Hunter Education Program

wskallos@yahoo.com

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 occurs 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).

Great time for volunteering (See Bill)



United Conservation

Clubs is excited to

reinvigorate a long-standing tradition of the Michigan Out-of-Doors Conservation Insider — a weekly email that rounds up the previous week's legislative happenings, staff blogs and anything else of importance that our members should know. This email will be as inclusive as possible in regards to everything Michigan United Conservation Clubs is working on. This will be your place to look for legislative updates, event reminders and MUCC meetings.

Legislative Update:

#### **House Bill 5321: Ending the sterilization of game species in Michigan**

We have continually asked for your support of this bill and to call your legislators to make your support known. The bill was voted out of its subcommittee last week, and despite some late-in-the-game proposed amendments by those opposed, Michigan United Conservation Clubs was able to move the bill forward with language that we wanted.

Current language would allow Ann Arbor to run its course with the current research permit, but it would not allow the department to issue any more sterilization permits until at least 2022.

This bill has been referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and we may again call on your support to get this pushed through

#### **Senate Bills 302 and 303: Land Management**

"Our priorities for land management include ensuring robust public engagement for any proposed land transaction: sale, exchange or acquisition. We are also working to ensure that areas essential for public recreation and wildlife remain off the table for sale by the state," said Michigan United Conservation Clubs Executive Director Dan Eichinger. "Lastly, we remain focused on seeing the adoption of the Managed Public Lands Strategy which provides key guidance on future land management decisions." No action is needed by our members at this time.

## MICHIGAN OUT-OF-DOORS CONT'D

**DNR Appropriations:** We have been working to ensure that chronic wasting disease receives a separate line item of at least \$1M in the department's \$2.6M wildlife disease budget. \$1M is what the department allocated last fiscal year to CWD and we would like to see at least that amount again this year.

**Michigan Department of Agriculture Appropriations** MUCC has been monitoring MDARD's proposed appropriations. Currently, they have set no money aside for wildlife disease. However, amendments are likely being brought forward to change that. **House Bill 5416:** Adoption of hunter pink as a safe alternative to hunter orange. This bill is currently dead. MUCC opposed this bill in all forms. The safety of hunter pink has not been scientifically proven, and until it is, we will not support any form of legislation that advocates for the use of any color when afield except hunter orange.

### *Proposal for RSC Swap Meet*

A proposal has been made to the Board to host a **Sporting Goods** swap meet. As the Board is unsure of the interest that the membership might have in an event of this kind, we would like your feedback on the following:

Please reply to this by answering both questions if you are interested in such an event.

Saturday/Sunday 2 day event 8am to 5 pm- board to pick dates

Sales day setup by sellers is from 8am to 9am and with doors opening to public at 9am. Nonmembers pay \$5 entry fee refundable if they become a member on dates of events. Member entry fee free to the event.

Once dates are selected they will be announced in regular meetings 2 months in advance and in newsletters. Event to occur after 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement. Newsletter for that month will have the registration info.

Tables will be sold to members only on a first come first serve basis. One table per member at \$10 per day. Member has the option to pick the same table for two consecutive days. A registration ticket will be added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> month's newsletter so members can register for a table. Nonrefundable \$10 payment per day to accompany registration to be mailed in. Tables assignments given out on first come first served basis as payment/registration is received. All proceeds and checks get made out to the club.

### FEEDBACK REQUESTED

- Interested in: A) Attending, B) Swapping

Number of days: A) Saturday only, B) Sunday only, or C) Both

Please Call or email:

Doug Herrmann at 616 550-8347 or [herrmannde@comcast.net](mailto:herrmannde@comcast.net)

## 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

Apr 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Trap & Skeet	2 5pm - Trap & Skeet	3 7pm - Membership	4 NSSA	5 5pm - Trap & Skeet	6 9am - Cowboy	7 Cowboy action shoot 1pm - CPL Class
8 Steve Long ( Baby 10am - Trap & Skeet	9 Centerfire benchrest 5pm - Trap & Skeet	10 Free Style Small	11	12 5pm - Trap & Skeet	13	14 CMP ( Military Rifle ) 11am - Herman's
15 Ram Nitro practice 10am - Trap & Skeet	16 4:30pm - Pistol 5pm - Trap & Skeet	17 7pm - RSC Board	18 Old Coot shoot 8-1 B Well Armed Woman	19 MSP ES Team 50 5pm - Trap & Skeet	20 6pm - DPS Glen	21 Gordy Pickerd 9-9 NSSA Springtime 10am - BellaVistaCh
22 NSSA Springtime Ram Nitro practice Shower Baby 10am - Trap & Skeet	23 Centerfire benchrest 5pm - Trap & Skeet 6pm - Hunter Safety	24 Free Style Small	25 6pm - Hunter Safety	26 4pm - 22LR Bench 5pm - Trap & Skeet	27	28 Hunter Safety-
29 10am - Trap & Skeet	30 5pm - Trap & Skeet	1 7pm - Membership	2 NSSA	3 5pm - Trap & Skeet	4 9am - Cowboy	5 Cowboy Action Wedding Reception 1pm - CPL-25/50

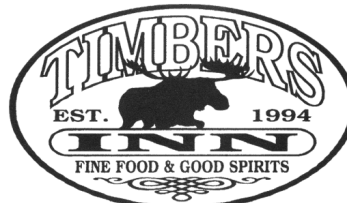


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