

Rockford Sportsman's Club



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April 2019

Presidents Report

Spring has finally arrived and there's a lot going on around Rockford sportsman's club and the great outdoors. Civilian Marksmanship, 22 Bench Rifle, Centerfire Rifle and Defensive pistol all have their first shoot coming up in April. The Skeet and trap shooters, Cowboy action shooters, and small bore rifle shooters are starting to enjoy some more favorable weather than they have endured all winter long. All leagues are open to the public and shooters of all abilities. Please check our calendar of events to see all that is going on in the upcoming months.

Turkey season and many fishing seasons are just around the corner. As you bag your bird or fish don't forget to take a picture and bring them to the July membership meeting for our quarterly Deer, Turkey, Fish contest. (Please, no deer this time around!)

RSC Winter Skeet and Trap League scores are posted in the shoot building. Thank you to those who came out in the lovely winter weather for some friendly competition. We have our league banquet coming up in April. The date is still TBD. Please contact Dan Vincent for a date.

Spring Skeet and Trap will be starting Monday April 1st and running through July 1st. We will be shooting Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00pm to 8:30 pm and Sundays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will not be shooting Sunday April 21st.

Rockford Sportsman club is hosting the start of the 2019 Skeet and Trap Round Robin. This is a great way to see other clubs and meet a great group of new people. We will shoot at five other clubs one day a month to represent RSC. We would love to have as many shooters as possible join in this great event.

As always, we are in need of volunteers and maintenance work around the grounds. Spring leaves us looking pretty rough after four months of snow. We have had a few members sign up for garden bed maintenance but there are some beds that are not spoken for. We will have the signup sheet at the April membership meeting. If anyone needs work hours or would like to volunteer please contact Ryan Cordes, Gordon Pickerd, Dan Vincent, or Mike Roche.

Enjoy the lovely spring weather,

Ryan Cordes.

Rockford Sportsman's Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 5th, 2019
Call to order at 7:15 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes

Invocation was given by Tim Hall

No guests – tonight.

Ryan Cordes made motion to approve last months minutes. – Motion carried.

President's Report: Ryan Cordes

MUCC dinner was not overly

Spring cleanup on March 30th. Will start at 8am and go until 2pm.

Vice President's Report: Gordon Pickerd

No Report

Chairman's Report: George Mayhak

No Report

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

No Report

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

Two new membership applications Jason Walburg and Craig Vansplunter.

Jason Walburg was at meeting and introduced himself. Recent graduate of Western Michigan University.

Motion was made to accept new members. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Total current assets of \$171,749

Gross Profit \$4,147

Expenses \$4,410

Net income of -\$262

Looking to switch trash collections carriers to save money. New dumpster is larger and will only be picked up twice a month.

Most income is coming from shooting sports and club house rental.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Make sure you shovel the walks off if you are the first one up after it snowed.

If shooting at 25-yard line hang target at highest mark of hangers to avoid ricochets.

Rockford Ace Hardware changed management. Please bring all receipts to the safe in shoot building.

It was discussed that a board member signature may be required for future purchases.

Committee Reports

- NSSA- shooting tomorrow. Looking for shooters and pullers for the last weekend in April.
- SCTP – Final count for the team this year is 24. This is the biggest group yet. Previous two years were 7 and 16 shooters. Have added new sponsors and were approved for a grant which has reduced the cost to the parents from \$1000 in the first year to around \$400 this year. Goal is to have no cost to the shooters.
- Cowboy No Report.
- CMP – Next shoot will be Saturday March 23rd from 10-2. Last shoot had 8 shooters. The shoot was enjoyed by all. Jim Lund was high overall with 623. Will be setting up another shoot for warm weather.
- Well-armed woman – One year anniversary fun shoot March 20th 6-8.
- Free Style Small Bore – Next shoot will be March 12th at 6:30pm. New shooters welcome!
- Bench Rifle – Clarification will shoot March 12th. Second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Shoots start at 4pm.
- Hunter Safety – Next class April 10th. Class is wide open to sign ups. Consider signing up for this class as the September fills up very fast. Looking for volunteers.
- Rimfire Challenge – Sanctioned for 11th match this spring.
- Rimfire Bench Rifle – Start in April .
- MUCC No meeting in February. Annual convention will be in Hoton Lake. All members are welcome. There will be a policy committee meeting in Saginaw March 23rd. Looking for input on upcoming votes. Be ware of anyone who is publishing information on a cure for CWD. Will be a regional meeting in March.
- Defensive Pistol – Will start in April
- Sportsmen Against Hunger –Then next ultimate sports show will be next Thursday at the Devos Place. Looking for volunteers from 7a to 7p. It is rumored there are cookies available and that they are amazing. Over a million meals have been contributed in the past. Last year \$4500 was raised for North Kent Connect.
- Sunshine-Dan Hankinson had another hip replacement. He is doing well. Ken Groen lost his brother last week.

Safety Updates

- No report.

New Business

- Saturday the state represented Mark Huizenga at Big Boy in Cedar Springs
- Open carry discussion. At Devos place last year there was a group advocating open carry. Devos Place is now a gun free zone because capacity has increased.
- It was observed that someone was shooting closer to the 25 yard line then the cement. Only shoot at the berm (50 yard) if you need to shoot closer then 25 yards.
- The house of representatives is trying to impose restrictions on firearms. Additionally, it is reported that banks are putting financial pressure on gun manufacturers. There was a in depth discussion on specific proposals.

Raffle: 50/50. \$41 each. Tim Higgins – donated to SCTP. Steve VanderMey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted
Scott Stanley

Rockford Sportsman's Club

Board Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019
Call to order at 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Ryan Cordes, Tim Hall, Scott Stanley, George Mayhak, Jim Hughes, John Cordes, Neil Schaffer, Gordon Pickerd, Jennifer German, Dan Vincent, Tim Thomson, Dan Hankinson, Boy Anaya, Mike Roche, Steve Mitchell, Bill Skallos

Invocation was given by Tim Hall.

Jennifer German

Manager of K branch of KDL. Thanks for yearly donation which helps support education. Howard Christenson is interested in putting on a program at the middle schools. An interactive program idea was fielded. Conversation Olympics was proposed. Class room sized programs would be the target. The two programs plus a summer reading program at the library would cost \$1,200. KDL is ready move forward. Teachers would prefer bussing if possible. This would be paid for by the wildlife encounter money. Their was a motion to approve the \$1,200 which was carried.

Bob Anaya

Retired state police officer who is involved with Kent County Marine. Wants to put on two programs which would require a \$15 donation. This program would be ORV safety and boater's safety. May 25th and 18th from 9am-1pm. The 18th is a conflict with CMP. May 11th was proposed instead. Instead it was decided to schedule for May 1st and 18th. Motion made by Gordon. Seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

Neil Schaefer

Wants to bring the NRL 22lr series to Rockford. This would be more of an action shoot. The targets would include steel. A suggestion was made this would be safe as the bullets are 22lr are not jacketed. A discussion was held about the height of the targets to facilitate them hitting the berm. This conversation will be continued in the committee. Gordy made a motion to carry this conversation to committee. Dan seconds. Motion carried.

Steve Gardner

Rimfire budget was incorrect. Need more money for door prizes. Steve has reached out to over 12 new sponsors and had some responses already. Asking for up to \$350 for door prizes. Also asking for \$130 for a new shot timer. This would decrease the amount collected for the club to around \$900. The timer should be charged to the club, not the event. Dan suggested purchasing the timer and submitting for reimbursement. Dan makes a motion to increase the budget by \$350. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

.President's Report: Ryan Cordes

Spring clean-up in two weeks. No replies yet on specific projects. Working from 8-2 and hopefully burning brush after.

Cowboy shoot this month had 11 shooters with three claiming to members. Yet to see any money from the cowboy shoots. Invited the chair person to this board meeting but no one showed. Nathan did send an update to the activity page. There is a question if there is a member involved in cowboy shooting. Len stated historically the payments have been slow but does show up. This will be discussed with Chuck.

Vice President's Report:

Asked if there has been any action on the land purchase. The sellers dropped to \$8000 but we are still at \$4000 and we may be too far apart. Asked if we might be able to provide donation slip for incentive. It is believed the owner paid \$5000 for this land.

March 30th the Rockford team will shoot here. Recently added a 25th member to the team. Dr. Shibler. Expecting a grant from Michigan National Guard of \$1500. They want to pay through pay pal. \$7000 in sponsored money so far. Current cost per shooter is \$1000. Looking to increase each shooter from 2 to three lines every Sunday. This would increase the total cost from around \$1100 to around \$1700. Need to make sure all people closing down practice are trained in proper procedure.

Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley

A thank you note was received from Ken Groen.

Membership Secretary's Report: Mike Roche

One new membership application for Jose and Reyna Quint Motion by Mike seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes

Revenues in excess of spending by \$6,700 for this month.

Year to date we have had over \$7,000 in rentals.

Checking account balance down from \$73,565 to \$67,390.

Working to separate finances of SCTP.

Investment accounts updated.

Total assets \$182,438 up from \$176,000 from February.

For the year we are \$2,755 in the red.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent

Considering a sign for main entrance. This would require a permit. The sign is far enough back it would not require a variance.

On the long-range plan to put new metal on skeet houses. This will be \$2200.

Considering some cement projects. These were estimated at around \$800. This would require a variance and permit.

New dumpster is here. It has been emptied once already.

Trustee Reports**Jim Thomson**

Follow up on trying to get more people interested in shoots. Wondered if we should have incentives for trap and skeet. Discussion on how to get more shooters from the community. It was noted we have over 900 followers on face book.

Steve Mitchell.

Looking for help from leaders to get projects done.

Dan Hankinson

No report. Turned in a check for brass sales.

Len Laitila

Considering a proposal for a three gun fun shoot.

Bill Skallos

Submitted two checks for hunter's safety. Expecting a small class for hunter's safety this season.

Meeting adjourned 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Stanley

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!!!

The Bob Bond Scholarship fund has for years supported students that are interested in careers in either environmental conservation or law enforcement.

If you have a child a grandchild or are aware of any deserving student interested in either of those fields and lives in Kent County school district, let them know about the scholarship and the May 1st deadline.

Information and the application form are available on the RSC web site by following this link:
<http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/about-rsc/scholarship/>

BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board is for our members and limited to sportsman's gear. If you have good quality items that you would want to sell contact:

Mike Roche mdroche@comcast.net
or Steve Mitchell stevemitchell@rockfordsportsmansclub.com

Just send a list which includes a short description, the condition of the item and the contact person with a phone number. At your discretion you can include an asking price. Items submitted before the 20th of the month will appear in the next newsletter.

BULLETIN BOARD ITEM(S) FOR SALE

Kimber Micro Stainless 380 (Model 330083)
2.75" barrel 2 extra 7 round mags Like new condition.
Less than 100 rounds through it...\$450 Call Tim 616-828-6506

RSC CLUB UPGRADES FOR 2019

The Long Range Planning committee recommended to the Board 10 several potential projects to upgrade the Club during this year. We are looking for a member to step up and lead each of the following projects.

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
Pavilion Re-Roofing	Strip & replace existing 30 year old roof
South Range Expansion	Upgrade to two shooting lanes (separation wall)
Club House Entry	Add airlock to North side entrance

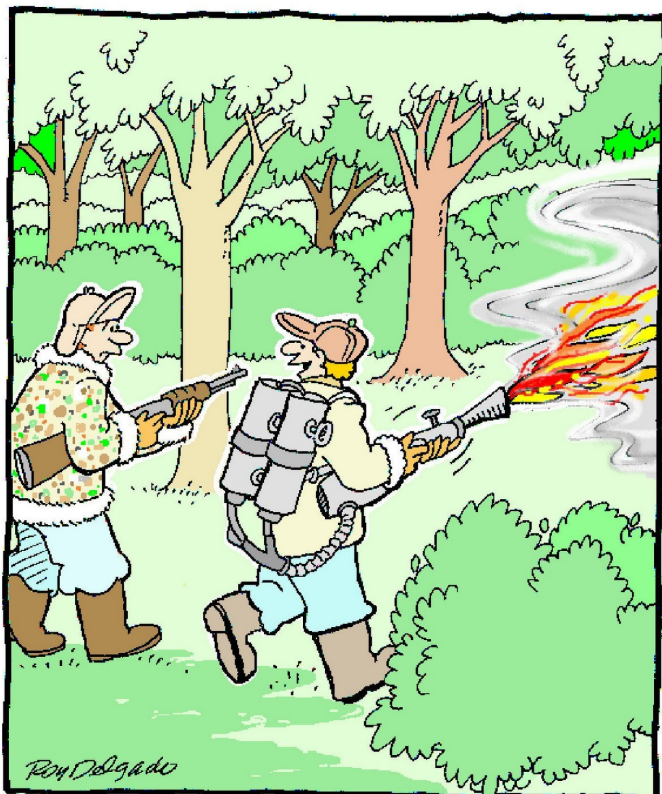
Please contact Mike Roche or Steve Mitchell if you can help us out on any of these projects.

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How Rep Justin Amash voted on HR 8 universal background checks.

A comment was made at the March 5 member meeting that Rep Justin Amash voted for the Universal Background Check Bill. Rep Amash has been a pro gun representative so that didn't seem right. I checked the Congressional Records and found that he voted AGAINST the Background Check bill. However, he did vote for the last minute amendment requiring the FBI to notify ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) any time an legal or illegal alien attempts to buy a firearm using the background check system. 26 Democrats also voted for the amendment even though Nancy Pelosi and the Democratic leadership didn't want it. The amendment was a "poison pill" intended to embarrass the Democratic leadership and reduce support for the bill in the Senate. It contradicts their so-called support of immigrants.

I also did a quick check on Federal gun laws and aliens. **It is obviously illegal for an illegal immigrant to buy or own a firearm, PERIOD NO EXCEPTIONS.** Only an immigrant having permanent resident status can legally buy a firearm under Federal law. . An immigrant with a student or work visa cannot buy a firearm. Such a person attempting to buy commits a felony and would be subject to immediate arrest and deportation. State laws vary but in general



" I'm a very busy man. This way I'm able to hunt and cook at the same time. "



2019 Rockford Sportsman's Club Hunter Safety Classes

Dates and Times.

April class: Monday 4/8 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday 4/10 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm
Saturday 4/13 from 9:00am to 5:00 pm..

July class: Monday 7/22 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday 7/24 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm
Saturday 7/27 from 9:00am to 5:00 pm..

September class: Monday 9/23 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday 9/25 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm
Saturday 9/28 from 9:00am to 5:00 pm..

Students must attend all three class sessions to receive their certificate.

Students completing the DNR on-line hunter safety course only need to attend the Saturday session as the Field Day.

The cost for the class is \$10.00. A donation of \$5.00 maximum is also requested to help defray the cost of the hot dog and chips lunch served on Saturday.

There is no minimum age requirement for taking the course. However, students 10 years old or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Parents or relatives are invited to attend the class with their children. There is no additional charge for sitting in on the class.

The club is located at 11115 Northland Drive, north of Rockford on Northland Drive between 13 Mile Rd and M-57

To sign up for the class contact Bill Skallos at 616 866-0096 or e-mail him at wskallos@yahoo.com.

The class can accommodate physically challenged people. We do ask for advance notice so that we can prepare or adjust the field sessions on Wednesday and Saturday. The Department of Natural Resources also gives us guidelines to accommodate dyslexic or ADHD students. If a potential student or parent has any questions they can contact Bill Skallos.

CLASS DESCRIPTION

The Monday evening session has introductions, safety videos and a question & answer session. Wednesday evening covers treestands and students do a little 3D archery outdoors. Saturday morning has firearms review, outdoor firearm and crossbow range demonstrations. In the afternoon the students have small group sessions: .22 and shotgun shooting, firearms handling, blood trail exercise, preparedness and first aid. A conservation officer comes in to talk about the legal aspects of hunting. The students then take the multiple choice test. We grade the tests as they are handed in, the students receive their cards once we check their tests.

Calendar

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

The Rockford Sportsman's Club

Apr 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>21</div> <div>Spring League 2019</div> <div>10am - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>1</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>2</div> <div>7pm - Mentorship</div>	<div>3</div> <div>NSSA</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Spring League 2019</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Gary Buchanan</div> <div>3pm - Cowboy Range</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Cowboy Action Shoot</div> <div>CPL Class Shoot</div> <div>10am - CPL North</div>
<div>7</div> <div>Ram Nitro Practice 3-</div> <div>Spring League 2019</div> <div>10am - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div> <div>6pm - Hunter Safety</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Center Fire Rifle</div> <div>Small Bore 22 S&W-S:</div>	<div>10</div> <div>6pm - Hunter Safety</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Round Robin 4-9</div> <div>Spring League 2019</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Hunter Safety-Ranges</div>
<div>13</div> <div>Ram Nitro Practice 3-</div> <div>Spring League 2019</div> <div>5pm - Round Robin</div> <div>10am - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>14</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Cowboy range</div> <div>7pm - RSC Board</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Old Cost Shoot 4-9</div> <div>Well Armed Woman</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Spring League 2019</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Steve Washington</div>
<div>21</div> <div>Ram Nitro Practice 3-</div> <div>10am - NO Trap &</div>	<div>22</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Center fire Rifle</div> <div>Small Bore 22 S&W-S:</div>	<div>24</div> <div>DPS 100/200 yard</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Spring League 2019</div> <div>4pm - Bench rifle</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>NSSA Springtime</div> <div>10am - Bella Vista</div>
<div>28</div> <div>NSSA Springtime</div> <div>Ram Nitro Practice 3-</div> <div>Spring League 2019</div> <div>10am - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>29</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>30</div> <div>CMP - Military rifle</div>	<div>1</div> <div>NSSA</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Gordy Pickard setup</div> <div>Spring League 2019</div> <div>6pm - Trap & Skoot</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Gordy Pickard 6-12</div> <div>3pm - Cowboy Range</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Cowboy Action Shoot</div> <div>CPL Class Shoot</div> <div>10am - CPL North</div>

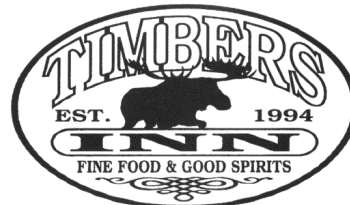


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