

# Rockford Sportsman's Club



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## Presidents Article

Its finally starting to warm up and feel like spring. Most activities have had their first shoot of the year and others are continuing on in much nicer weather. Turkey season kicked off April 22<sup>nd</sup> and runs through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Walleye, Pike and Trout season opened up April 27<sup>th</sup> and give us plenty of time to get out doors enjoy time with friends and family. With the warmer weather you may even find a few mushrooms while you're out there. Don't forget to take pictures of your fish and save your turkey beard and spurs for our quarterly Deer, Fish, Turkey contest. Second quarter entries will be judged at the July membership meeting.

Rockford Sportsman's club hosted the start of the North Kent Round Robin. Over 120 shooters from the area endured high winds, rain and snow to represent their affiliated club. A huge thank you goes out to all who came out and volunteered for the two days of miserable weather. It's not too late to come out and support our club and throw your scores into the mix. The next round robin shoot is at Creston Rod and Gun Club at 2646 Pettis Ave, Ada. May 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm to 8:30pm and May 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-5:00pm. The remaining dates are posted in the shoot building.

Defensive pistol had their first shoot April 24<sup>th</sup> with a great turn out with over 60 shooters. Shooters enjoyed and interesting and challenging course of fire. The next defensive pistol shoot is May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sign up go to the Rockford Sportsman's Club website and follow the link under defensive pistol to shoot and score it to sign up.

Rockford Sportsman's Club is looking for Adopt a Highway coordinator for the remainder of the 2019 Year. We are responsible for the stretch of Northland Drive from 12 Mile to 13 Mile. The two remaining dates for 2019 are July 13<sup>th</sup>- July 21<sup>st</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. This is great opportunity to get a few workhours and help clean up our community. If anyone could take responsibility for this please contact Ryan Cordes

NSSA Rockford Spring open was April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. With RSC participating in the Michigan Skeet Association Buck Race we had a great turnout of shooters chasing a buckle with added prize money to be awarded at the state shoot in August. The results will available in the next newsletter. Thank you to the volunteers who spent their weekend pulling and scoring for all of our shooters.

Enjoy the nice weather and be safe,

Ryan

**Rockford Sportsman's Club**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**April 2nd, 2019**  
**Call to order at 7:15 P.M.**

**Meeting was called to order by Ryan Cordes**

**Invocation was given by Tim Hall**

Welcome Guest Quintin Atkins and his wife Kerstin. Retired from the Air Force and is from Rockford. Ryan Cordes made motion to approve last months minutes. – Motion carried.

**President's Report: Ryan Cordes**

Deer fish and turkey – submit your pics.

Looking for someone to take over adopt a highway. A volunteer would be much appreciated

Garden bed sign up still has a few spots available.

April 11th and 14th will be the round robin tournament. Will be looking for volunteers.

25 guys came out for the club clean up. Thanks to those that did.

19 new bullet splatters in the light shields on the 100 yard range. Seriously. Stop.

New committee has been meeting to try to improve club participation. Feel free to reach out if you have something to add.

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

Last month was sportsman's against hunger. Good turnout of 12 or so. Collected just under 9000 pounds of food for gods kitchen.

This was an increase from last year of close to 1000 pounds.

**Chairman's Report: George Mayhak**

Cookies for cocoa for Santa will need a new chairman. Only 8 months to figure this out.

4h annual zucchini contest stats tomorrow and goes to August 3 rd . Cash prize and certificate available.

Usually have 3 or 4 entries. Let's get more!

**Secretary's Report: Scott Stanley**

Thank you from North Kent for the recent donation. This donation has allowed many hundreds of people to be served.

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

7 new membership applications.

1. Kyle and Tessa Deuel
2. Nick and Jami Elzinga
3. Kevin and Kirsten Nairy
4. John and Kathleen Kalata
5. Charles and Kasi Howard
6. Quentin and Kerstin Adkins
7. Karen and Joe VanDyke

Mike Roche made a motion to approve associate memberships, seconded by John Olinger

**Treasurer's Report:**

For March

\$7,100 Income

\$1,034 expenses

\$6,111 net income for the month.

For the first quarter \$14,214 in fund raising, total expenses of \$22,736

Still in the red \$2,819 we do have \$4,000 in deposits pending.

Total assets of \$73,501

Total equity \$182,374

**Sergeant of Arms Report: Dan Vincent**

Thanks to the people doing the clean-up.

The whole area on the east side of the club could use clearing of shrubbery. The pine trees are getting choked out.

Make sure you clean up your brass.

Be safe. Please.

**Committee Reports**

**Skeet and trap** – NSSA has a shoot tomorrow night. 27th and 28th big NSSA shoot. Expecting a big turnout. Month of April will see the use of a lot of birds. Looking for volunteers to pull and shoot at the NSSA club.

**SCTP** – Shot at seaway on Saturday. Very cold. "bitter". So cold the birds blew the wrong way. Cost \$1056 for the kids shooting in this event and all was covered by sponsors. 150 kids shooting and RSC took several medals. Logan came away with two medals. 3 25s were recorded on the skeet field. One of the intermediate shooters on the sporting clay course shot a 61 first time ever on a sporting clay course. This Saturday shooting at North Ottawa. Hoping for better weather. There are three young ladies this year and they are progressing well.

**Cowboy** – No report. If anyone knows a cowboy shooter please drag them to a meeting.

**CMP** – Next match will be 30th of April at 4pm and will go to 8pm. Second match of spring. Bring out any military rifle.

**Rimfire challenge** – 56 registrations so far. Expecting double that. Will need lots of volunteers. Volunteers will meet sometime late this month. Still seeking sponsors to provide door prizes, hopefully to every shooter. Center fire bench rifle – shooting targets at 200. Lot of the shooters reload and that is part of the fun. Often get together after the shoot. Any caliber. Hunter group is up to 10 power and varmint is unlimited power. Only 25 rounds to score.

**Rimfire Bench Rest** – Free introductory shoot on the 25th of this month. Feel free to come out for a bullseye target style competition. Regular season starts in May. Welcome to do an individual match or the whole season. Well-armed woman – one year party last month, currently up to 5 members. Next meeting April 15th 6-8 pm and will be covering malfunctions.

**Hunter Safety** - Starts this Monday the 8th at 6pm. Signs up this year were down. Will still have a class. If you know anyone looking for hunter safety please still reach out to Bill Skalos. You can show up Monday before 6pm even if not signed up.

**Defensive pistol** – Shoot April 24th. Show up 15 minutes early for safety briefing. You will want to sign up early as this first shoot sometimes has a wait list.

**MUCC** – Policy committee will be meeting to go over club resolutions. There were at one point 32 resolutions. One buck per peninsula proposal. Feral cat as an invasive species proposal. RSC gets 5 votes so look at the resolutions and talk to Tim. Tim is the voice of the club and welcomes input.

**Sunshine**

One of our previous members Mike Reed was in the VA home and passed away and a memorial service will be held at the VA.

Kim Quist's brother passed away.

## Meeting Minutes Continued

### Food and Beverage

No Report

### Building and Grounds

No Report

### Apparel

No Report

### Fish Deer and Turkey

Large Mouth Bass George Mayhak  
Pike – Joe Schwark and George Mayhak  
Lake Trout Tom Mroczkowski  
Blue Gill – George Mayhak  
Crappie – Joe Schwark  
Perch – Tom Mroczkoski

### Old Business

Question about the considered land purchase. Currently RSC is way off on the purchase price from the seller.

There was a discussion about the reason to but a piece of land that might not be useable. It was mentioned that it might be advisable to purchase the land to expand our boundary.

It was reported for Justin Amash did not vote for H.R.8.

### New Business

New class being taught for next month by Gary Dredge. Defensive training fundamentals. This will focus on presentation from the holster, lateral movement and clearing malfunctions. The cost is \$180 to club members. This includes an eLearning class and 6-8 hours of range time and will involve 400 rounds fired.

A few years ago, a group from the vets' home was taken to the archery range. Could RSC take them to the club for some rifle shooting?

Please ignore fishy emails from Ryan Cordes. Form emails from Iran may be suspect. Just saying. Ryan is officially not a Nigerian Prince.

July 20th is national train a teacher day. Steve Washington would like to train interested teachers in firearms. Volunteers would be gladly accepted.

Another work day is tentatively scheduled for June 8 th .

If a group shoot is cancelled please have it removed from the calendar.

### Safety Updates

No report.

Raffle: 50/50. \$43 Dan Vincent and Ray Bowers

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.**

**Respectfully submitted**  
**Scott Stanley**

**Rockford Sportsman's Club  
Membership Meeting Minutes**

**April 16th, 2019**

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

Attendees: Neal Shaffer, Mike Roche, Dan Hankinson, George Mayhak, Dan Vincent, Gordon Pickerd, Ryan Cordes, John Cordes, Jim Thomson, Jim Hughes, Len Laitila, Tim Hall, Steve Mitchell

**Invocation was given by Tim Hall.**

**Presidents Report – Ryan Cordes**

Zoning hearing – camping facility wants to expand. Seeking a special use permit. It is not known that the club has any objection from RSC  
There were two calls complaining about the shoot that started at 9am last weekend.  
Working on a survey to gain feedback from member on why there is a lack if involvement. Looking to send out through google forms.  
Still questions on the cowboy activities. There will be a request that a member attends the next meeting, or they will be removed from the calendar. There were no objections.  
Club Clean up day had 25 volunteers.

**Vice President Report – Gordon Pickerd**

Checked on the adjacent property because several people approached indicating they would donate towards purchasing the property. Property tax increase is estimated at \$45 a year. Gordon strongly suggests we purchase the property.  
Len Laitila moved we continue to pursue the property. Dan Vincent seconded.  
Ryan Cordes added to the discussion by suggesting we continue to pursue but be patient. He suggested the rate might go down if the economy takes a dip.  
It was mentioned that it might make sense to develop a long-range plan that includes purchasing other adjacent land.  
The shoot in Hillsdale went well for Rockford. Sporting clays is a growing sport in high school and RSC is already becoming a leader with only a few years in the program. RSC had several of the top shooters including 2 of the top 3 places.  
There will be a gun raffle coming and the drawing will be at the August meeting. SKV auto loader will be the rifle. All the proceeds will go to the endowment. This was donated by pheasants forever.

**Mike Roche**

Doug Herschleb is on active duty and requesting a forgiveness of dues, work hours and meetings for the year.  
Motion to approve \$1050 to expand internet and add two cameras. Seconded by Dan Hankinson.  
Motion carried.

**Bill Skallos**

Last April was the largest class ever. This year was the smallest at 25. Next class will be the end of July.  
All ranges will be closed for hunter's safety classes.

**Treasurers Report**

Increase in checking from approximately \$67,000 to approximately \$73,000 and we are officially in the black for the year.  
Scholarship fund has increased to \$13,147

## **Meeting Minutes Continued**

### **Dan Vincent**

NSSA shoot April 27th and 28th starting at 9am.

Round Robin collected \$1,164

There will be a couple of requests coming including two cement projects. This should total \$600.

Motion by Dan Vincent for the funds seconded by Len L. Motion passed.

Discussion on new sign for the gate. New quote is \$6,900. No variance will be required but need a permit because the sign is illuminated. Dan made a motion to pursue the new sign at the amount quoted. Seconded by Ryan Cordes. Motion passed.

### **Steve Mitchell**

Third quarter report indicated RSC investments increased by 11.5%

Notices were placed in the April newsletter requesting volunteers with zero reply and the same in March.

Two meetings so far discussing improving shooting events. It is appearing that the commonality in the successful events in good leadership and outside sponsorship. Most of the successful events are matches scored by event, not going on. Also, the successful events are interactive. Research of other clubs showed the successful targets are all reactive target shoots.

It is believed that an opportunity exists to increase participation if we could include steel targets in a league only shoots.

It was identified that Neal's proposal for a practical 22 league would be an opportunity.

### **Jim Hughes**

Indicated the contact info should be listed for all events on the newsletter. These are from the minutes at the meeting. If anyone who presents states the name and contact info for the event this will be included in the minutes.

### **John Cordes**

Looking to haul out some of the scrap steel next weekend.

### **Tim Hall**

Next MUCC meeting is a week from Saturday. There will be several proposals voted on.

### **Dan Hankinson**

Commented on the effectiveness of social media. Our face book page has over 1,100 followers.

### **George Mayhak**

Ryan Wheeler's father passed away and he may use the clubhouse for a memorial service.

### **Neal Schaefer**

Proposal for a new league to be named the 22lr reactive target league. Looking for approval of up to \$1,000. This event would replace the Freestyle Small Bore League and would occur the second Tuesday of each month. Gordy made a motion to approve. Motion seconded by Steve Mitchell. Motion carried

It was determined the shot timers need to be stored in a locker in the shoot building so all members have access.

Neal Schaefer will check what is available at the club before any purchases.

**Meeting adjourned 8:27pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Stanley**

**Boater Safety Class**

Saturday June 01, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Fee \$15

Students completing the 4 hour course and successfully passing the final exam will receive their license to operate watercraft in Michigan. The final exam consists of a combination of 60 multiple choice questions. Students must get a minimum of 45 correct questions to pass. Students will acquire the basic knowledge required to safely operate boats and personnel watercraft (Jet Ski). This license is recognized in every state in the U.S.

**Off Road Vehicle Class**

Saturday May 11, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Fee \$15

Students completing this 4 hour course and successfully passing the final exam will receive their ORV License to operate ORV's in Michigan. The final exam consists of a combination of 50 true & false and multiple choice questions. Students must get a minimum of 38 questions correct to pass. Students will acquire the basic knowledge required to safely operate ORV's. This license is recognized in every state in the U.S.

All materials will be supplied by the Kent County Sheriff's Office; the only thing students need to bring to class is a number 2 pencil

Class Instructor Roberto Anaya <gonzoazul@charter.net>

**BULLETIN BOARD ITEMS FOR SALE**

Taurus—Tracker—22 Magnum—9 shot revolver—6 ½ inch barrel. (\$395 @ 100%)

Beretta—92F—9mm semi-auto—15 shot—5 inch barrel—two magazines—night sights. (\$799 MSR w/ night sights)

Beretta—3032 Tomcat—32 Cal. ACP semi-auto—7 shot polished stainless—two magazines—2 1/2 inch barrel. (\$350 @ 100%)

Kel Tec—PMR 30—22 Magnum—30 shot—4.3 inch barrel—two magazines—Fiber optic sights. (\$500 @ 100%)

Glock—Model 19 Gen. 4—9mm—15 shot—tactical attachment—3 magazines. (\$749 @ 100%)

Kimber Micro Stainless 380 (Model 330083)—2.75" barrel—2 extra 7 round mags—Like new condition, less than 100 rounds through it. (\$400 OBO; Contact Tim (616) 828-6506)

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### Hunter's Safety Note

I wanted to pass along my thanks for a very well-run hunter's safety course this week. My daughter Leah enjoyed it and learned a great deal of information. All of your instructors were well-informed and presented the material at a sobering level easily understood by those youth who participated. I'm sure it takes a great deal of coordination and time to lead these classes so I appreciate all of your efforts. Although I do have a few Conservation Clubs closer to my home offering courses, I was most impressed by the offerings of RSC.

I always remember my hunter's safety course and her certificate which will allow us to enjoy conservation pursuits together into the future.

Again, thank you!

### Pork Belly, Jalapeno, and Duck Breast

#### Poppers

##### Ingredients

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon Old Bay
- Pinch of Salt
- 8 Jalapenos, halved & seeded
- 2 pounds duck breast, sliced thin
- 16 slices pork belly or bacon
- 8 skewers (2 poppers each)

##### Directions

Preheat oven to 350F.

Combine cream cheese and spices in small bowl. Spoon mixture into each pepper half, until level.

Wrap each in sliced duck breast, then wrap in pork belly or bacon, and place on baking sheet. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until bacon is done. Remove, slice, and enjoy!



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## Calendar

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

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

### The Rockford Sportsman's Club

May 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
NSSA Springtime NSSA weekend 3-6 Ram Nitro Practice 3-	Spring League 6-8pm 6pm - Trap & Skoot	CMP - Military rifle	NSSA	Gardy Pickard setup Spring League 2019 6pm - Trap & Skoot	Gardy Pickard 6-12 3pm - Cowboy Range	Cowboy Action Shoot CPL Class Shoot 10am - CPL North
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Coin Show 9am-3pm Spring League 2019 10am - Trap & Skoot	Spring League 6-8pm 6pm - Trap & Skoot	7pm - Membership	DPS 100/200 yard	Spring League 2019 4pm - Bench rifle 6pm - Trap & Skoot	NCSA Rimfire	NCSA Rimfire
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
NO Spring League 10am - NO Trap &	Spring League 6-8pm 6pm - Trap & Skoot	Center Fire Rifle Cowboy range Small Bore 22 6-8-9	Well Armed Woman 8am - Old Coat Shoot	Spring League 2019 6pm - Trap & Skoot	Boarding wedding	Boarding Wedding Bob Anaya Boster CMP - Military match
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Spring League 2019 10am - Trap & Skoot	Spring League 6-8pm 6pm - Trap & Skoot	7pm - NSC Board		Spring League 2019 4pm - Bench rifle 6pm - Trap & Skoot		DPS 100/200 yard
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
NO Spring League 10am - Trap & Skoot	NO Spring League 6pm - Trap & Skoot	Center fire Rifle Small Bore 22 6-8-9		Spring League 2019 6pm - Trap & Skoot	Cowboy 2 Day Shoot Jonny taylor	Bob Anaya Boster Cowboy 2 Day Shoot

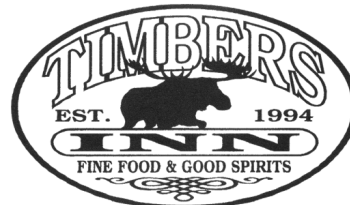


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