

Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc.

September 2012 Newsletter

Thank you to the 32-members that made a \$25 donation to our 2012 dues account; we raised about \$800 to our \$4,000 goal. Those that would like to still make a donation is greatly appreciated.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

- We lost a 13 year member of the club this past month, Robert A. Strong of Princeton. Our condolence goes out to all the members of his family and friends.
- New Memberships: Welcome 4 new members for the month of August, Bryan Brooks, Pierre Gemme, Andrew Kolofsky, and Tim McElroy.
- Annual Meeting and Election of Officers: The Annual Meeting of the club will be held on October 2, 2012 @7pm. During this meeting the election of officers for the upcoming year shall be held. Any member wishing to run for an office must be a member in good standing for at least 6-months and shall post their intention to run for office no later than 2-weeks prior to the Annual Meeting on the board at the back entrance of club house.
- 2013 Membership Renewal: The membership renewal period is between Oct 1st to Dec 31st. Anyone that renews prior to the Dec 1st is eligible to be entered into a drawing to be reimbursed for your 2013 membership dues. The drawing will take place at the December General Meeting. The dues for 2013 have change after the executive board budget review earlier this year; the new rates are as follows: \$75 - Regular Membership, \$37.50 - Junior Membership, \$25 - Senior Membership. Renewals can be paid any day at the club after 3pm or mailed to Rutland Sportsman's Club Inc, PO Box 134, Rutland, MA 01543. Go to club website for additional details: <http://www.rscma.org/membership>
- Friends of NRA – Banquet and Auction – Friday, September 21st at 6pm. This event is held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Leominster MA. The cost is \$40 per person. Anyone interested in going to this event please contact Bill Gonzalez at 508-641-6121 or email bill.gonzalez@rscma.org. See www.rscma.org/committees/nra website for additional details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Annual Chicken BBQ – We will be holding our chicken BBQ on Saturday September 29th at 4PM. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 in advance. They will be \$12 the day of the event, so plan ahead for this fun filled day. We will also be holding a horse shoe tournament starting at 12:30 and sign ups will begin at noon. We will need help from our members to buy and sell tickets, cook, serve, and clean up. Bill Gonzalez has once again taken on the planning part of this event. Bob Hoch, as always, will be our grill master. To volunteer to help with this event contact Bill Gonzalez at 508-641-6121 or by email at bill.gonzalez@rscma.org.
- Horn Pout Derby – We will be holding a horn pout derby on Saturday, September 22nd. The sign in is at the club bar any day after 3 pm as well as the night of the derby. There is a \$5 entry. Prizes for the lunker, longest, and 3-fish total weight. The derby will run from 6pm till 10:30pm. ALL FISH MUST BE WEIGHED IN BY 10:30. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Anyone interested in helping out with this derby contact Dan Whitner 508-688-4716.
- 10 Week Fishing Derby Dinner – the spring and summer derby dinner will be held on Friday, October 5th. Appetizers served at 5:30 dinner at 6pm. If you are in the 10 week derby there is no cost unless you want to sign up for the 10 week ice derby. If you are not in the derby the cost is \$10 which also enters you into the 10 week ice fishing derby. Dinner will be stuffed chicken breast, potato, vegetable, and cranberry sauce. There will be a huge raffle table thanks to D&G Bait and Tackle. Raffle tickets will be sold at the dinner. If you are interested in helping out at this dinner contact Dan Whitner 508-688-4716.
- Fish & Chips / Raffle – Friday, October 19th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. OPEN TO PUBLIC! Dinner will be served during this time; raffle will be at 7pm, which will be lobsters and/or meat packages.
- A pistol milk jug shoot is being planned for September. This is a fun and exciting action shoot. The date and details have not yet been set, but details will be posted at the club and thru email notifications.

Club Hall Rental:

Accommodations: 190-people (120-Hall + 70-Bar) – Birthday Parties, Family Reunions, etc... Contact Person: Denise Boyer @ 508-882-3537. RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

Monthly Meetings:

- General Meeting: 1st Tuesday of Every Month @ 7pm
- Executive Board Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of Every Month @7pm

- Range Safety Class: 2nd Tuesday of Every Month @6pm - Tony Miller / Ed Cortellini

Continuous Events:

- Trap Shoot: Every Sunday @ 12pm to 2pm; \$3 members, \$4 non-members.
- FREE Pool: Every Wednesday - Regulation size, open to all members all day, come on down!
- Pitch Night: Every Thursday @ 7pm – Come on down and have some fun! THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
- Spring and Summer Trout Derby: Began on Saturday April 14th. PUBLIC WELCOME TO JOIN! \$10 entry fee donation; fee includes a dinner at the end of the season. See Denise Boyer or Dan Whitner to get into the derby!

NEWS:

The July Fish and Chips Dinner had a huge turnout with 55-dinners served. Thanks to Bob Chandonnet for cooking up these dinners. We want to thank Ron Howe & Bob Hoch for running the raffle as well as all who sold tickets. Everyone that had the fish and chips were complimenting on how great it was. So, thanks to Bonnie Fauteux, Tom Murphy, Patty Melick, Billy Glynn, and Denise Boyer for their help in the kitchen, waitressing and serving. We will have one more fish and chip dinner / raffle this year on Friday, October 19th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Let your friends and family know about it and enjoy a night out. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Anyone interested in helping out in the kitchen or waitressing on fish and chip Friday call Bob Chandonnet 508-868-7282

The Rutland Sportsman Club held a Pig Roast on August 4th. The 3 little pigs tried to huff and puff, but could not blow our club down! They were on the smoker the night before and cooked by Rich Hawkins through till serving time Saturday afternoon. Many members worked up their appetites by getting into a horseshoe tournament. Some others took their children for a pony or horse ride. Any way you looked at it, it added up to a great family event! Being such a big event took the help of many people and a lot of careful planning. Thank you to Mark Fauteux & Bill Gonzalez for grabbing this pig by its curly tail and planning this day. Thanks to Doug Wylie, Dennis Guberski, Matt Conway, Jacob Conway, Al Horgan, Ann McKenzie, and Lydia Horgan for planning and volunteering with the horse and pony rides. Thank you to Joe Regnier for running the horse shoe tournament. The winners of the Horse Shoes were Ron Damstrom and Pat Sarkisian. Thank you to all others who help with the supplies, cooking, serving, cleaning, and picking up the slack where needed (Denise Boyer, Ron Howe, Bob Hoch, Michael McDuffee, Audric Fauteux, Bonnie Fauteux, Helen Anderson, Tom Murphy, Dave Zglobicki, Howie Crow, and Tony Miller). I know I have missed some names, our biggest thanks goes out to you as well. 30 lobsters were raffled off to 5 lucky winners. The winners were Bob Wyman (8), John Koziol (5), Jake Zglobicki (5), and Emma Parks won twice (12-lobsters!) Congratulations to the winners. The door prize raffle for all that bought a dinner was first won by Bonnie Fauteux. She donated it back to the club for an on the spot fundraiser raffle that added further to the success of this event which was won by Jim Urbec. Thank you Bonnie!

Left to Right: Rich Hawkins, his son, and Bill Gonzalez



Pig Roast Servers



Ann McKenzie and Lydia Horgan - Pony Ride Volunteers



Dennis Guberski - Pinto "Cooper" Ride Volunteer



Matt Conway and his son Jacob saddle on Cheryl Wylie's bay mare Tabatha



Recently a past member, Mike Hayden, passed away. His family donated Mike's ice fishing equipment to the RSC for a junior club member or member's child/niece/nephew etc. who is interested in ice fishing and needs some equipment. We thank them for their donation. We ran a NO COST raffle. The winning name was pulled on August 7th after the general meeting. The winner of the equipment was Jonathan Raskett. Congratulations Jonathan!

Special Thanks:

We also wanted to thank Kelly Lyons of Advanced Well Drilling in Princeton for volunteering her time and her company's resources in replacing our clubs cracked well cover. Kelly and Tom have stepped up to the plate many times when the club has needed their help. Thank you.

Our club was in need of cases of sporting clays for our weekly trap and skeet shoots. Nimrod League of Holden came to the rescue by loaning us the cases we needed to get by until our shipment came in. Our deepest thanks go out to them. This is what true sportsmen are all about!