

Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc.

January 2013 Newsletter

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Rutland Sportsman's Club welcomed 5 new members in December. Jon "Ed" Novak, Jim McGuinness, Joshua Himmer, David Decourcey, and David Earle.
- The By-law changes were voted on at the December General Meeting. All 10 changes were approved. The new bylaws are posted on the club's website and copies are posted at the club.
- The indoor range will be closed January 5 & 6, 2013 for cleanup and repairs.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Fish & Chips Dinner & Meat Raffle**
Friday, January 18, 2013
Dinner will be served 6 to 7:30pm
MEAT RAFFLE Begins @7pm
- **Annual Weekend-Long Ice Fishing Derby:** This year we will be holding our Annual 2 Day Ice Fishing Derby on Saturday January 19th @6am to 5pm and Sunday the 20th 6am to 4 pm. This derby is open to the public. \$20 entry fee. There will be hourly \$50 drawings from 10am to 2pm and \$100 drawings at 3pm & 4pm each day. Tickets can be picked up at the club any day after 2pm or visit our website www.rscma.org for additional locations, derby rules, prizes and registration forms.

Club Hall Rental:

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

- **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.
- **10 Week Ice Fishing Derby:** Sign up for the 10 week derby has started. If you are interested in getting into the derby there is a sign up sheet at the club. It is \$10 to get into derby. See the club bartender any day after 3pm or contact Dan Whitner at 508-688-4716.
- **2012 Doe & Buck Pool:** This year's challenge will be run by Bob Hoch, Bill O'Hearn, and Pete Moran. Prizes will be given out for the heaviest doe, heaviest buck, and a raffle which includes bow, shotgun, and muzzleloader season. Stop by the club any day after 3pm to sign up!

NEWS:

The Pheasant Finale was held on November 24th. The activities started well before sunrise with the stocking of 5 separate areas. Before the hunt our club put on a hunters breakfast that had a fine turn out. The purpose was not only the food, but also a chance to meet with other hunters and talk the sport. The one great outcome was that many young, or even seasoned hunters without dogs, were able to pair up with dog owners enabling them to better understand hunting pheasants or just to increase their odds of finding the birds. Thank you to those dog owners who selflessly took others out for the hunt making it enjoyable for all. The breakfast crew was Bob Hoch, Al Glockner, Cheryl Wylie, and Ann MacKenzie. Thank you to the people that showed up very early to cook and serve everyone before they too went on the hunt.

There was also a bit of a friendly competition held with a big bird pool. The winner walked away with a few dollars but more importantly bragging rights! Congratulations to Joe Sousa!



Chris Roy



Many members and even non members help care for and stock the birds. We receive the pheasant when they are very young and raise them and care for them for many months. This takes a huge commitment of a few key leaders. Thank you to John Gonzalez for feeding the birds every day as well as maintaining the bird pen. Thanks Dennis Guberski for monitoring the bird's health. Also thanks to Scott Davis for coordinating all of the stocking efforts.

Dave Katinas (Left), Joe Sousa (Center), Joe Katinas (Right)

The Trap Turkey Shoot in November had a great turnout where members enjoyed having a hot dog, chips, and soda while waiting for a turn to have a chance to win a turkey at this challenging event where some luck is needed to be a winner. There were two categories of shooters skill to help level the playing field. There were 7-birds given away to the following winners: Jeff Meilnicki (2), Scott Williams Sr.(2), Bob Lambert, Jim McGuinness, Joe Sousa. Congratulations!

The Miracles and Magic Christmas Party was held at the club on December 1st. Al & Shelly Glockner, and many others coordinated this event. Al said it was a great success raising \$3,400 for the Rutland Food Pantry and the Angel Tree. This will ensure that many young children will have a present on Christmas day and families struggling to feed themselves will have the food they need. Al wanted to thank the Rutland Sportsman's Club for donating our function hall, the Otters for providing the live music that had the crowd dancing and all the folks that helped plan and provide food the event. THANK YOU to all of the people, families, small businesses, and corporate sponsors that donated their products, services, and crafts to make this a wonderful Christmas for those in need.