

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Rutland Sportsman's Club voted in 9 new members in February. Please welcome Arleen Stevens, Richard Whitehouse Jr., Robert Warsheski, Matthew Power, John Lugo, Ed Kupstas, Matt Hadley, Ed Garofoli, and Mark Belanger.
- The Rutland Sportsman's club will be holding a Gun Raffle in September 2013. Details will be announced in the April newsletter.
- Follow us on our new Facebook Page for all public events www.facebook.com/rscma.org
- Basic Hunter Safety Course will be held at the Rutland Sportsman's Club on February 26, 2013 from 6:30pm – 9pm and March 9th and 10th, 2013 from 8am – 3pm. This course has already filled up. The indoor and outdoor range will be closed during this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MEAT RAFFLE - Friday, March 22nd @ 7pm. 6 BIG TABLES, 6-items each. The kitchen will be open from 6 to 7:30pm.
- A benefit will be held for Billy Glynn on March 16, 2013 from 7pm – 11pm. There will be food, raffles, and live music from The Otters. A 50 inch wide screen TV will be raffled off and there will be door prizes. All donations will be welcomed. Billy has done a lot to help this club over the years and I know when he is well he will continue to do the same. It is a time for all of us to show our appreciation for all that Billy has done. It was great to see Billy at the club after the fishing derby, we have all missed you. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 or \$15 at the door. For continued updated information on this benefit visit the Rutland Sportsman's Club Facebook page. Contact Chris Wylie 774-364-2028 for tickets.

Club Hall Rental:

Accommodations: 190-people (120-Hall + 70-Bar) – Birthday Parties, Family Reunions, Halloween Parties, Christmas Parties, etc. Contact Bob Hoch at 508-886-2584 to make arrangements and see the facility.

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.
- Winter .22 Pistol League- Every Wednesday 6pm to 8pm; open to all members. This is a NRA 300 Match with voice commands (slow fire, timed fire, and rapid fire).

NEWS:

The Annual Weekend Ice Fishing Derby was held on February 9th & 10th. What a derby it was! It started on Saturday morning as we all woke up to about 2 ½ feet of snow with up to 5 foot drifts. Most of the contenders got out very late on Saturday or not at all. This put a lot of pressure on people to fish hard on Sunday. The conditions did not favor the weak minded or the casual ice fisher. The snow on the ice was deep and after drilling your hole they filled with water and made big slush puddles. Once again the strong willed and competitive made it to there favorite spots, caught fish, and showed up to the weigh in with smile on their faces and stories of their day. The Bragging rights went to the following ice fishers:

In the bass category Nick Sears took first place 2# 15 7/8 “, 2nd to Bill Stringham 1.9# 15 3/4”, 3rd Adam Hebert 1.78# 15 1/2”, 4th Tom Lyons 1.62# 15”. Tom was heard in the club house saying “I fished for 8 hours to win my prize money and all my wife had to do was buy one of the raffle tickets and won more than me”. That is funny Tom, and remember you have the bragging rights!

The pickerel prizes went to Hannah Woodward 2.68# 22 ¼” first place, 2nd to Cherry Malcom 2.13# 20”, 3rd Ron Hardy 1.95# 20”, 4th Ed Mello 1.88# 20”.

For the Perch 1st place, a pin fish, went to Wayne Andrews 2.17# 15 ½”, 2nd Jonathan Clark 1.44# 14 ½”, 3rd Matt Power 1.43# 14 ¼”, and 4th Hannah Woodward.81# 11 ¾” her second win in this derby, NICE FISHING!

In the pike category only one came in and the 1st place win went to Joe Waite 8.44# 32 ¾”. Man that must be exciting to see a fish like that cone up through a hole.



Congratulations to all of the derby winner as well as the raffle and drawing winners. Thank You to all that found the strength within themselves to get out on the ice, endure the elements and make this derby a big success. Also thank you to all the club members that helped out with this derby and to Ron Howe who once again made this derby happen.

Special Thank You goes out to the bait stores that advertised the derby, sold derby tickets, and donated prizes for our raffle: B&A Bait & Tackle in West Boylston, D&G Sporting Goods in Cherry Valley, Jed's Hardware in Holden, K&S Bait & Tackle Shop in Barre, Klem's in Spencer, and The Comet Pond Bait Shop in Hubbardston.