

# Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc.

## March 2014 Newsletter

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Rutland Sportsman's Club voted in 4 new members in February. Please welcome Jason Seavey, Aiden Seavey, Kile Jankowski, and Dana Malozzi.
- If you are looking for ways to put in volunteer hours there is so much that can be done. Please contact any of the committee members that are posted at the club.
- The Indoor Pistol League has started. Check our website for more details. ( [www.rscma.org](http://www.rscma.org) ).

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Meat Raffle** The Rutland Sportsmans' Club will be holding a meat Raffle on March 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be 6 meat tables and 1 seafood table. Each meat table will have an Easter ham. Start time is 7pm but the kitchen will be open for hotdogs and hamburgers, and early bird tickets given out starting at 6pm. Chris Wylie will be running the raffle and is looking for help with this event (a fun way to put in your hours). Chris can be reached at 774-364-2028.
- **Handgun Basic Operation & Maintenance:** We will schedule the handgun program once we have an idea of how many members are interested in this training and their availability. The training will develop into a hands on practice of shooting basics, then move towards hands on shooting. To sign up go to [www.rscma.org](http://www.rscma.org) and select committee, then range – indoor or contact Bill Gonzalez at 508-641-6121.
- **Club Hall Rental:**

Accommodations: 190-people (120-Hall + 70-Bar) – Birthday Parties, Family Reunions, etc... Contact Person: Bob Hoch @ 508-886-2584 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:

- Indoor Pistol Shoots have started for members only every Wednesday. Each of the following shoots will be on a 4 week revolving schedule. \* Center fire action pistol shoot \* .22 Rimfire bullseye – 300 match \* .22 Rimfire action pistol shoot \* Kid / Juniors rifle shoot. To sign up for any of these shoots go to [www.rscma.org](http://www.rscma.org) and select committee, then range – indoor. If you do not have access to the website , call Bill Gonzalez @ 508-641-6121
- The Season Long Ice Fishing Derby sign ups have started and anyone interested in signing up can do so at the club during club hours. It is a \$10 donation to get into the derby and includes an awards dinner at the end of the season. More details will be announced in the next newsletter, or you can contact Dan Whitner at 508-688-4716.
- ~~The 120 Club every Friday at 6pm there will be a dinner offered for a small donation.~~
- 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.

### NEWS:

The Rutland Sportsman's Club Annual 2 Day Ice Fishing Derby was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. There were a lot of nice fish brought in but not all of them were able to keep their place on the winner board! Here are the names of those who have the "Bragging Rights" for this year's derby. In the BASS category 1<sup>st</sup> place Colin Mirles 5.57 # 21", 2<sup>nd</sup> place Thomas Power 5.37 # 20 3/4", 3<sup>rd</sup> place Jonathan Clark 5.24 # 20", 4<sup>th</sup> place Eon Woods 4.80 # 19 3/4". The Yellow Perch category 1<sup>st</sup> Charlie Wisniewski 2.12 # 15 1/2", 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Wisniewski 1.90 # 14 3/4", 3<sup>rd</sup> Wayne Andrews 1.80 # 14 1/2", 4<sup>th</sup> Ival Stark 1.72 # 14 3/4". The Pickerel Category 1<sup>st</sup> Eon Woods 5.72 # 27 1/4", 2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew Power 5.11 # 25 1/2", 3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas Power 4.81 # 24 1/2", 4<sup>th</sup> Colin Mirles 4.46 # 24 3/4". In the Pike category only one was entered and that 1<sup>st</sup> place fish was caught by Mark Binns 9.69 # 33 1/4. Congratulations to all of the winners of this derby! Thank you to all who participated in the derby and to Ron Howe and everyone that help Ron run this years derby. Also a BIG THANK YOU to our sponsors: B & A Bait and Tackle in West Boylston, Jed's Hardware in Holden, D & G Bait and Tackle in Cherry Valley, K & S Bait and Tackle in Barre, and Klems in Spencer.

THE FISH STORY.....On the first day of the ice derby in stated my walk on to the ice, with Cherry and Johnny D, just as the sun was coming up. My long time friend Tim and 15 year old Colin Mirles were already putting in their tilts. Colin lives near one of Tim's relatives and Tim has taken Colin under his wing teaching him how to ice fish. This was Colins

2<sup>nd</sup> time ice fishing and his first ever derby. We got our holes popped in the ice and tilts in the holes. We all were getting flags and a couple of worthy pickerel had been caught. Colin was checking and adjusting the depths of his shiners and noticed weeds on one. Tim told him to get it a bit above the weeds, that he knows there are big bass here. Shortly after this adjustment he got a flag. Colin made it to his tilt as the rest of us strolled out. He said it was running again and sank the hook. We could tell the fish had weight to it by how it was coming in. Up through the hole comes a big open mouth, always a thrill to see a large bass coming out of the hole. We were all excited, Colin's biggest bass ever. I pulled out my digital scale 5 pounds 8 oz! During the Quick "photo op" I noticed Colin's hands shaking and we laughed, all of us knowing of that excitement. The day rolled on and other nice fish are caught. We pack up to head to the club for the Saturday weigh in. I went first and had a 4<sup>th</sup> place Pickerel. Tim was next with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place bass and 3<sup>rd</sup> place pickerel, knocking mine off. Colin was next with his bass club weight 5.57 #! It sat in 1<sup>st</sup> at the end of day one.

Day 2 of the derby we are walking on the ice at sun rise. Tim and Colin have their holes cut waiting for me. Yup, I had the bait. I cut the rest of the holes needed and before I had my 3rd tilt in the hole Colin had a flag. He went to the hole by himself as the rest of us set up. He said it feels good and after a short fight pulls out a good sized pickerel. We all started to him for the quick photo shoot and weigh in. 4 ½ # pickerel, Colin is on a roll! I told Tim that this is a pin fish in the Youth category. Tim said his bass was also and an affidavit was already filled out. Other nice fish were caught during the day. The laughs were plenty, the food was great and now it was time to get to the club for weigh in. When we arrived at the club we noticed Colin's bass was still in 1<sup>st</sup>. Tim's bass in 3<sup>rd</sup> his pickerel in 4th. The 4<sup>th</sup> place bass was smaller than the one I threw back, OUCH! We went inside with Colin and his pickerel was 4.46 # 3<sup>rd</sup> place and knocking Tim's off. There was 20 minutes left in the derby, some big bass were coming in. We could tell Colin was anxious he wanted to win! We were at the board outside looking at all the fish still in it when the door opened Ron Howe stepped out, cell phone in hand official time 4pm the contest was over. Colin had the 1<sup>st</sup> place bass and 4<sup>th</sup> place Pickerel! Oh Yah, some other big bass knocked off the forth place bass and was bigger than the one I put back but also taking Tim's off the board. CONGRATULATIONS COLIN!!!! 2 days of fishing, 2 winning derby fish, 2 pin fish, and only your 2<sup>nd</sup> time ice fishing! NICE!!!! Thank you Tim for taking the time to introduce Colin to ice fishing and creating an ICE FISHING MONSTER!!! What a fun weekend.