

# Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc.

## October 2014 Newsletter

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- THE ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The fun will begin at 1pm with a horseshoe tournament (the sign-up time is at 12:30pm). A full dinner will be served. The cost is a \$12 donation. Dinner will be served at 4pm. Tickets will be available at the club's bar any day after 3pm. Member help will be needed for this event. To volunteer or get more information contact Bob Hoch at 508-886-2584
- YARD SALE: The Rutland Sportsman's Club will be hosting a multi-family yard sale on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am till 2pm. Table rentals are available to the public for \$5. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and other refreshment will be served. For more information contact Bob Hoch @ 508-866-2584.
- The 2014 Annual Election is October 7, 2014 @7pm. If you are interested in running for any position, the details are outlined in the club By-Laws. More details are available by talking to any of the current officers or executive board members.
- The Pheasants Are In! Before you know it, it will be pheasant hunting season and time to stock the birds. Come stocking season volunteers are needed to stock the pheasants. If you would like to help raise or stock these birds please contact Scott Davis @ 508-769-0162. This is a fun way to put in your hours.
- Volunteers: 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.

### NOTIFICATIONS:

Indoor & Outdoor Range Use Reminders: Please take the time and review the range rules provided when you became a member. Books are available at the club and are posted online. The following are just a few reminders on the range policies that need to be improved upon:

- You must sign-in and sign-out in the indoor and outdoor range books for each visit including your visitors. If you need help locating the sign-in books, please ask.
- The range liability form must be filled out and signed for all non-members for each & every visit to the club, which is limited to 3-times per individual (these forms are only valid for one day). These forms can be printed online and filled out ahead of time or can be obtained from the clubhouse. All forms filled out must stay in the clubhouse.
- Please pick-up your trash (used targets, etc) and empty cases after your done shooting.
- Outdoor Range: All rifles and handguns must be fired at the covered firing point firing line location. The point of impact for all shoots fired must be within the shooting traps boundaries at the designated locations of 25, 50, 75, and 100-yards. The only exception to this rule is when there is a need to shoot closer than 25-yards, you may move forward and shoot into the 25-yard target only when there are no other shooters or other shooters agreed to make the firing line safe and there is absolutely NO gun handling by others.
- There is no shooting at action pistol targets with center fire rifles. These are only to be used during action pistol events at the designated areas. We had two targets severely damaged that were shot at within the last two months which now have holes in them. Please respect club property.

### Club Hall Rental:

- Accommodations: In accordance with rental agreement. – 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 @5:30pm - Tony Miller / Ed Cortellini

### Continuous Events:

- Trap Shoot – Every Sunday at 12pm - \$3 for members, \$4 for non-members.
- The Spring and Summer Season Long Trout 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. For More information you can contact Dan Whitner at 508-688-4716.
- 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. NOTE: Indoor & Outdoor Range is closed from 6pm to 11pm every Thursday for his event.

## NEWS

*By Scot Wiinikka*

"DDT" or "Why you should leave your cell phone in the truck during a Steel Plate Shoot". On September 6th we had a Steel Plate competition. As Gonzo has said in the past, if you haven't tried this type of challenge you should. The competitors that participate in this shoot are great. The experienced shooters are always willing to help the newcomers and no matter where you finish in the standings, you will more than likely leave the range with a smile on your face. That is, of course, if you are not one of Rutland's finest responding to a 911 call. After completing my first round of shooting and preparing for my next turn in the rotation, I was close enough to the trap house to hear a loud whistle coming from someone entering the range. I turned, expecting to see someone coming down from the club house with a message for one of our competitors unable to hear their cell phone over the sound of gunfire. Typically this involves getting home to take care of the lawn or some other tedious task that would spoil their morning. Instead it was one of Rutland's finest. I asked the Officer if there was a problem. He quietly asked what was going on. While telling him about the competition that was just getting under way he asked, "Has anyone called 911?" I said no one had to the best of my knowledge. He then stated that he would need to see everyone's cell phones. As we approached the group of competitors who had quickly made sure that the range was safe for our visitor he asked if anyone had dialed 911. Everyone quickly checked their phones and "Bad Scott" (I am "Good Scot") came forward and explained that he had accidentally dialed 911 using his buttocks. The Officer then radioed the dispatcher who had taken the call assuring her that he had spoken with the party in question and that all was well. I can only imagine the dispatcher answering calmly "911 is this an emergency" receiving no response other than a steady stream of gunfire. Heaven forbid if it was Patrick Petrocelli. Patrick is a very competent and skilled shooter. However, in the heat of competition he can empty a magazine at a cycle rate of fire approaching a MAC-10. Anyway, the Officer and dispatcher were satisfied all was well. The Officer was on his way but not before telling "Bad Scott", "DON'T DO THAT!" All was well... the competition resumed and we all had a good chuckle over the mishap. However, in the future we may want to avoid having our cell phones in our pockets while participating in these events. We can call it the "DDT" or "Bad Scott" Clause in the list of range protocols.

Scot Wiinikka "Good Scot" (Left) & Scott Williams "Bad Scott" (Right)

