

Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc.

January 2015 Newsletter

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We would like to open this newsletter by wishing everyone a Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and were able to spend their holiday with the ones that they love. There is nothing better than spending time with family and friends (except maybe bagging an eight pointer or catching a pin fish). The Rutland Sportsman's Club hosted 2 events in December to ensure just that. Hoping to put smiles on the faces of both young and old and filling their hearts with the joy of Christmas; we believe we did that with the Christmas Miracles & Magic and the Kids Christmas Party. Please read the details below in the NEWS section.
- The Rutland Sportsman's Club voted in 9 new members in December. Please welcome Edward Fisher, Chuck Thorng, Ron Matta, Kristopher Olson, Richard Prutzanni, John Tremblay, Norman Hill, Tim Nahrwold, and Peter Towler.
- The winner of the free membership for 2015 for having your dues in by December 1st went to Joe Sousa. Congratulations Joe!
- 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The 120+ Club will be starting right about the same time this newsletter comes out. It will be held on Fridays at 6pm. Come to the club and enjoy a fresh cooked meal for just a few dollar donation. Drawing at 7pm. If you have not gotten your ticket time is running out. Any questions contact Bob Hoch @ 508-886-2584.
- The RUTLAND SPORTSMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL 2-DAY ICE FISHING DERBY will be held on February 7th & 8th, 2015. You can fish through the ice at any legal waters in the state of Massachusetts. This derby is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! There are 4 categories: bass, pickerel, yellow perch, and pike. There are 4 winners in each category: 1st place \$300, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75, and 4th \$50. There will be hourly drawings each day from 10am – 4pm for \$50 with the last 2 drawings each day for \$100. You do not have to catch the big fish to win money in this derby! Fish check in times will be 1pm – 5pm on Saturday and 11am – 4pm on Sunday at the Rutland Sportsman's Club and the winners will be announced after the check in time on Sunday. There will also be other raffles held. There is a \$20 donation to get into the derby (This is a fundraiser for our club and all of our members should be supporting it with a donation). Tickets are available at the club any day after 3pm. For more information contact the club at 508-886-4721 or Ron Howe at 774-696-6465. This is a fun derby for all ages and is open to the public. We welcome members from other sportsman's clubs. Get your family and friend together and get out for a weekend of laughs and some friendly competition!
- A Basic Hunter Safety Course will be held at the club in March 2015. Go to www.mass.gov/masswildlife for dates and sign up.

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 – Closed during winter season. Will reopen in the spring..
- 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.
- The sign ups for the Winter Long Ice Derby Started on October 31st. The derby will start when the ice is safe. More detail will be published soon. As for now if you are interested in signing up you can do so at the club any day after 3pm. It is a \$10 donation and includes an awards dinner at the end of the derby. For more information contact Dan Whitner at 508-688-4716. The winners of the spring and summer derby will be announced in the next letter.
- The 120+ Club every Friday at 6pm. Fresh cooked dinner for small donation. Drawing at 7pm.

NEWS:

The Pheasant stocking is over for another year. THANK YOU to Scott Davis, John Gonzalez, and Al Glockner for running this program and the daily care of the birds. Thanks to all the others that kept the birds healthy and helped with the weekly releases.

Thank you to Todd Kauppila for setting up and decorating the club Christmas tree. Thank you to the Howe family for donating the tree our club.

Kids' Christmas Party

One of the Joyous events that were held at our club in December was the Kids' Christmas Party for our member's children and grandchildren organized by Denise Boyer. Denise said "42 children attended the party and there was a gift for all of them". The smiles on the children's faces just lit up the room. Denise wanted to thank all the people that helped wrap up the gifts. The club also thanks Denise for all her time making this event so special for all the kids!



4th Annual Christmas Miracles and Magic – by Joe Regnier

The second Joyous event that absolutely ROCKED our club and I am sure the hearts of many local families, was the 4th Annual Christmas Miracles and Magic. This is a fundraiser to help the Angel Tree and Rutland Food Pantry. It is sponsored by the Senior High Youth Fellowship with the help of Al and Shelly Glockner. I showed up early to see where I could help out. Most of the setup was complete and the food table was filling up fast with all kinds of appetizers and desserts. They kept coming and coming! We needed to bring out an extra table to hold it all. Thanks to all the volunteers that cooked and brought food for this event.

With the food came the guests. The club house was filling fast as The Otters set up their equipment. The laughter and fun had begun and the event had just barely started. People were looking over all the prizes that had been donated by businesses as well as individuals. The line to get tickets to win the prizes had started and went on for hours, right up to the time the drawings began. Thanks to all that donated the prizes. I want to also say thank you to the guests that opened up their pockets with giving hearts to get a chance to bring one of the prizes home with them. I spoke with many of them that really just wanted to donate to this worthy cause and if they won a prize that would be an extra. That is the JOY I am talking about.

The band was set up and The Otters began to play. Soon the guests at the club were singing and dancing and what a festive time it was. We all want to say THANK YOU to THE OTTERS for donating their time to perform for us all and once again ROCKING our club house!

When the band was taking their break the winning names were being drawn and the donation numbers were being calculated. There were so many prizes that it made for a lot of winners. After the last of prizes was pulled Shelly thanked everyone that attended and while holding back tears she announced that almost \$6,400 had been raised! WOW that

brought a lot of Joy to the local families and children in the area that may have had to go without on Christmas Day. Thank you Jesus!

Joe Regnier spoke with Al before writing this piece, asking who I should thank. He told me that there were just too many that donated the prizes to list and he would be sending out a thank you to them. He wanted to make sure The Otters know that we truly appreciate them playing for us. He said the club members really stepped up this year. I want to thank the Senior High Youth Fellowship and also Al and Shelly and all of their helpers for showing us what the JOY of Christmas is all about.





