

Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc.

December 2015 Newsletter

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- On behalf of the Rutland Sportsman's Club we would like to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year! Please be safe throughout the holiday season and remember to take care of those that are less fortunate. Peace be with you.
- The Rutland Sportsman's Club voted in 3 New Members in November. Please welcome Richard Cushing, Jeffery Erickson, and Donna White.
- Membership renewal started in October and must be paid by the end of December. As an incentive to pay early we will be raffling off a free membership. Here is how it works. If you pay your membership dues before December 1st 2015 your name goes into the raffle. The first Tuesday in December, at the general meeting a name will be drawn. That person gets their membership free.
- An events calendar has been set up for our members that allow you to check when the indoor and outdoor ranges are closed before you take a ride to the club. <http://www.rscma.org/calendar>.
- PLEASE NOTE: Updates for all of our events are posted on our website www.rscma.org whenever changes to an event are made. This will include postponements, cancellations, time changes, etc.
- 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 5th Annual Christmas Miracles and Magic fundraiser, sponsored by the Rutland Sportsman's Club and Senior High Youth Fellowship, for the Angel Tree and Rutland food pantry will be held on December 5th at 7pm – 11pm at the Rutland Sportsman's Club. There will be live music by The Otters. We will have raffles, door prizes, appetizers, and deserts. Anyone that has been to this event in the past will tell you it is festive and a ton of fun and the music is great. Most importantly it ensures that families and children have the things they need on Christmas Day. Tickets are \$10 per person and this is open to the public. All appetizers and desserts are donated so feel free to bring your favorite dishes along for the food tables. Donations for the raffles are now being accepted. For more information contact Al or Shelly Glockner at 508-245-9923 or 508-886-2506.
- The Annual Kid's Christmas Party at the Rutland Sportsman's Club will be held on Sunday December 13th, 11am – 1pm. It is for children ages 10 and under. This party is for children and grandchildren of members only. It is \$10 per child and a reservation form must be filled out and returned no later than December 9th. The forms are available at the Club everyday after 3pm. There will be entertainment by Maggie the Clown and Santa will be making a special appearance to help with the presents. For more information contact Denise Boyer 508-882-3537.
- The Big 7 table meat raffles started up again this fall. Mark the calendars because this is a fun night out and open to the public. Not only can you get in on the raffle but the kitchen will be open serving hotdogs and burgers. Also refreshments will be available at the bar. The next raffle is on Friday December 18th at 7 pm.

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 Shoots: Ended on last day of November, trap will resume in spring as soon as weather is good and range is dry.
- 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 up for the Season Long Ice Derby will be starting soon. It is a \$10 donation and includes an awards dinner at the end of the derby. You can sign up at the club any day after 3pm with the bartender. For more information contact Dan Whitner at 508-688-4716.

NEWS: SOME YOUTH HUNTING STORIES

In November Chris Wylie took his 14 year old son Zach out Pheasant hunting for his first time. Bob Hoch brought his dog Blue along to help find and flush the birds. They did not come across many birds but when they did Zach was ready. Blue flushed a pheasant, Zach lined up his shot, pulled the trigger, and with his first shot took down his first pheasant! Congratulations Zach! Your dad Chris Wylie is so proud of you!



Conner Deardon First Pheasant Hunt

Ken Gogen took Connor Deardon on his first pheasant hunt with is son Nick and their dog Bella. Conner did well, got his 2 and Nick got 1. Bella worked hard and flushed at least 6-birds!

Conner Deardon First Pheasant w/ his father Paul



Nate Gogen w/ his dog Bella



Boar Hunt Story written by: Tim Butler

It all started with archery shooting for Ryan, when at age 10, he got a chance to shoot a bow and arrow. He was barely able to draw back the bow we bought him for Christmas, that year. But, never the less, he was determined to shoot against me, correction, best me. In short order, he was doing just that and we found ourselves at Archery Plus' JOAD Program, where he shot against older kids at 20 yards. Eventually, he asked if I would take him hunting and I told him under a few conditions; maintain your grades, enroll in the hunter's education course and show me you can shoot out to 40-yds with a crossbow, and I will take you.

Determined, within a few months, he held up his end of the bargain - kept his grades, passed the HEC at RSC with a 94 and could literally crack an egg at 40-yds. As promised, I booked a hunt for early fall at Tioga Ranch in PA.

We stalked his boar, the first time to within 35 yards, when an even bigger white one came in to within 7 feet of us. Our guide finally threw a log at it because it was so close to us... it squealed and ran off. You could see the saliva and hear it "popping" its' jaws open and closed! Ryan never lost his nerve, but did confess to being really nervous. After calming down a bit, we stalked the boars and positioned ourselves within 35 yards, of where we thought they would appear. Once his pig came into the clearing, Ryan was on autopilot.

As the boar stepped clear of the smaller animals, he aimed, disengaged the safety and fired without hesitation. At the shot, the pig literally dropped in its' tracks, and let out a death squeal. It never took a step. When we went up to it, Ryan asked to help gut it and the guide talked him through the process.

When we looked at the wound, I had thought it was a little far back, but the results speak for themselves. His bolt entered the first lung, severed the main artery and exited the other lung, lodging in the opposite shoulder.

Since then, he has been shooting with me every chance he has - anything from his AR 15- 22, revolvers in 45 long colt and 45 ACP, semi-auto pistols, .270s, shotguns and of course, archery. However, his favorite so far, has been trap shooting and he took to it like a fish to water, and RSC's members have helped correct some of his and my, early teaching mistakes. Thanks to you guys...You know who you are! Anyways, I ended up sending out my old 12 gauge O/U (Salisarz) to Gracoil in Georgia, to have them adjust the LOP and add a recoil reduction system. He now shoots his "new"

gun without any problem from recoil. Just last week he shot two rounds, back to back, breaking 15 clays in his last round and loved every second of it.



See photos of Ryan with his "new" 12 gauge O/U - a priceless heirloom now, (haha) and his 339 pound boar. Way to go son, so proud of you!

Ryan Butler 12-yrs old First Pheasant

Hunted with Bill Gonzalez and his brothers brittnay dogs Guinness & Keagan along with Thomas Becker.

