

# Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc.

## April 2016 Newsletter

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Rutland Sportsman's Club voted in 10 New Members in March. Please welcome Daniel Campo, Ryan Desrosiers, Dennis Ford, Whitney Foster, Carl Herrera, George LaCroix, Cory Lamica, Dylan McCallan, Justin Nichols, and Michael Skrocki.
- We will be doing our spring grounds clean up on April 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am. We will need as many members as possible to get this done quickly. Bring your rakes, brooms, wheel barrels, and other lawn equipment with you. Bob Perry will be heading up this years clean up. You can contact Bob at 978-895-7648 with any questions or to sign up to help. There is also a sign up sheet at the club.
- The awards dinner for the season long ice derby will be held on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm for appetizers, dinner at 7pm. This is also the sign up for the Season Long Trout Derby. Here is how it works. If you were in the season long ice derby you show up for a dinner that was included with your original sign up and also receive any awards that you have won. At this time you can sign up for the season long trout derby which includes an awards dinner at the end. If you were not part of the season long ice derby and want to get in on the season long trout derby show up for a free dinner and sign up for the season long trout derby. Your entry will include the awards dinner at the end of the season. It is a \$10 donation to get into the derby. If you are at the dinner you sign up that night. If you are unable to make the dinner the sign up sheet will be posted at the club that night after the dinner. Just go to the club any day after 3pm and tell the bartender you want to sign up and they will get you in on the derby. If you have any questions contact Dan Whitner at 508-688-4716.
- 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](http://www.rscma.org) whenever changes to an event are made. This will include postponements, cancelations, 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:

- MEAT RAFFLE – The Big 7 table meat raffles have been extended! The last one for the season will be held on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. Mark your calendars because this is a good time 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.

### 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 @6:15pm - Ed Cortellini

### Continuous Events:

- Action Pistol Shoots – Saturday's @ 10am on following dates: May 7, 21; June 4, 18; July 9, 23; August 13, 27; September 10, 24; October 8, 22
- Trap Shoot – Will start up again in the spring when the range is ready.
- Indoor Range Pistol Shoots - Wednesday @ 7pm
- Indoor Range Archery Shoots - Thursday @ 7-9pm
- 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 Trout Derby has been posted inside the club. 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:**

Ice Fishing Derby – The Annual 2 day ice derby was held at the end of February. The weather was mild for this years derby which made it all that more challenging. What was good ice on Saturday morning was going bad by the end of the day, leaving the derby participants looking for new spots on Sunday.

We want to thank everyone that got involved to make it a success. Big thanks go out to our sponsors who donated to our raffle and sold tickets to the derby. Thank you B&A Bait and Tackle in West Boylston, Jed’s Hardware in Holden, K&S Bait and Tackle Shop in Barre, Klem’s in Spencer, and D&G Sporting Goods in Cherry Valley. Please remember these businesses when you are out shopping for the products they sell. Support those who support us.

I recently found out that Dave at D&G Sporting Goods is retiring and closing D&G around the end of April. All of us at the Rutland Sportsman’s Club want to wish Dave the best and thank him for always being there for our club. Dave has sponsored so many of our derbies and donated so much gear for our raffles over many years. Thank You!

Here are the winners of the 2 Day Ice Derby: in the bass category 1<sup>st</sup> place Doug Stasukelis 7.68 #, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ralph Busold 6.3 #, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ronald Huguz 5.83 #, Anthony Hoch 4.75 #. For Pickerel 1<sup>st</sup> John DeMarco 5.37 #, 2<sup>nd</sup> Butch Bullard 3.87 #, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Johnson 3.39#, 4<sup>th</sup> Jeff Clark 3.03 #. For yellow perch 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Powers 1.54 #, 2<sup>nd</sup> Authur Scanlon 1.48 #, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ralph Busold 1.30 #, 4<sup>th</sup> Arthur Scanon 1.25 #. Congratulations! I am sorry if any of these names were not spelt properly.

Left to Right – Ron Howe (Derby Chairman),

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners – Matt Powers – Perch, Doug Stasukelis – Bass, John DeMarco – Pickeral



3rd Place Bass Winner – Roland Hugue



1st Place Pickerel Winner – John DeMarco





Game Dinner – We held our Game Dinner on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This year like all years it sold out weeks before the dinner. Bob Hoch has run this dinner for many, many years. He gathers the game through out the year in preparation for this one night and Three days before the dinner our Kitchen comes alive! A controlled chaos of cutting, grinding, mixing, seasoning, and laughter! Oh the fun we have.

This year's menu consisted of: Sil, Smoked Salmon, Smoked Goose Breast, Salmon Cheese Roll with Walnuts, Pheasant Cheese Roll with Almonds, Moose Chili, Venison Stew, Fish Chowder, Hare Pie, Bear Stir Fry, Sweet Beaver, Venison Roast, Perch Tenders, Moose Meatloaf, Squirrel Lumpia, Raccoon Roll Ups, Boar Stuffed Peppers, Elk Stuffed Mushrooms, and Venison Heart and Liver.

We all want to recognize Bob Hoch for the huge commitment he makes throughout the year to ensure that we have one of the best game dinners in the state each and every year. Bob wanted to thank everyone that donated to this years dinner and who put in countless hours in the kitchen (to many names to list, we know who you are). There is one name I will mention because for a few years now, including this year he has taken on one of the most thankless jobs there is. Dan Rock hangs over our wash basin for about 10 hours the day and night of the dinner cleaning up the pots, pans and utensils to ensure the rest of us have every thing we need to keep things running smoothly, also seeing to it everything is clean at the end of the night. He has this big smile on his face the whole time! Thanks Dan!

This year and the past few years we have needed egg roll wraps for our Lumpia (squirrel) and roll ups (Raccoon). Helen and Jack at Cheoy Lee's in West Boylston have always graciously donated them to us. Thank you so much the roll ups are always a big hit with our guests. We like to support those who support us so if you are looking for a place to have your lunch or dinner give Cheoy Lee's a try.

Game Supper Servers





Game Supper Guests – Thumbs-Up for #1 Dinner!



Game Supper Gun Winners – Tom Meagher & Cherry Malcom





Indoor Archery by Joanne Freeman – On Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> we had our first archery evening shoot. I myself who has never shot a bow before was anticipating on being the only one who was new to the sport. To my great surprise there were three others who were willing to learn. What a fun filled eventful evening! I couldn't wait for our next meet on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's a lot of fun and great way to meet members of our club. I have been verbally bragging about the "Archery League" so when Bill Gonzalez asked me to write an article about it, I was eager to do it. Please join us on Thursday evenings between 7 & 9pm in the indoor range for archery. If you don't own a bow, NO Problem! We all share each other's bows. It's a great learning experience for beginners. All ages welcome – kids would love this!  
Sincerely, Joanne Freeman – Bullseye

