

Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc.

February 2017 Newsletter

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Rutland Sportsman's Club voted in 4 new members in January. Please welcome Jonathan Nozzolillo, Earnest Cousino 3rd, Charles Iandoli, Tanner Purcell.
- The Rutland Sportsman's Club will be hosting a HUNTER SAFETY COURSE in March on the 8th 6:30pm – 9pm, 18th & 19th 8am – 3pm.
- The Big Multi Table Meat Raffles have started up again, so mark your calendars. The next one will be on Sunday February 26th, also on April 2nd & April 30th. The start time will be 2pm. The Bar will be open for drinks and the kitchen will be serving hotdogs and hamburgers. These raffles are open to the public and a lot of fun so get your friends and family together for a great afternoon out.
- 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, 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 posted at the club near back door.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- THE ANNUAL 2 DAY ICE FISHING DERBY – February 4th and 5th, 2017 The derby starts at 6am on Saturday the 4th until 5pm and starts back up on Sunday the 5th at 6am and ends at 4pm. All fish must be checked in by 4pm Sunday. There is a \$20 entry fee with up to \$5,000 in cash prizes (based on 200 tickets sold). The categories are Bass, Pickerel, Yellow Perch, and Pike. 1st prize is \$300, 2nd is \$100, 3rd is \$75, and 4th is \$50 in each category. You do not have to fish to win because there will be hourly cash drawings \$50 each day from 10am to 2pm then they jump up to \$100 for the 3pm and 4pm pulls! You can fish any legal waters in Massachusetts. All state laws apply. This is a great time to spend with family and friends for some fun competition. There is a no ice weekend set for February 18th and 19th. This is a major fundraiser for our club and all members should be purchasing at least one entry ticket even if you do not plan to fish. Tickets are available at the Rutland Sportsman's Club every day from 3pm until closing. Tickets can also be purchased at B&A Bait and Tackle in West Boylston, Jed's Hardware in Holden, K&S Bait and Tackle in Barre, and Klem's in Spencer. For more details, contact Ron Howe @ 774-696-6465.

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:

- 120 Club Every Friday @ 6pm. A very good dinner for a small donation. For more info contact Bob Hoch @ 508-886-2584,
- 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 season long ice-fishing derby has started. There is a \$10 donation to get into the derby, which includes an awards dinner at the end of the season. You can sign up at the club any day after 3pm until closing. For more information, contact Dan Whitner @ 508-688-4716.

NEWS:

A few years ago myself (Joe Regnier), Cherry Malcom, and some of our ice-fishing friends were fishing a lake in the Natick area. There was a man fishing close by and we started to speak with him. His name was John O'Leary. We were

cooking some food and asked him to join us. John joined us and while talking I told him I did the newsletter for the RSC. John replied saying that he wrote articles for the Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs. Cherry knew right away, who he was because she reads it cover to cover. After she enlightened me, I too knew who he was. We all spoke for quite a while between flags about hunting, fishing, and cooking. We enjoyed the time we spent with John and since we have always looked forward to reading his article. He was a very interesting and fun man. Cherry and I were sad when we heard of his passing and happy that we were able to spend that day with him. Condolences to the O'LEARY family on the passing of John. We at the Rutland Sportsman Club are saddened to hear of John's passing. His contributions to hunting, fishing and everything outdoors has affected hundreds if not thousands of sportsman. God bless and rest in peace. Sincerely all members of the Rutland Sportsman's Club

The Indoor Range Repairs were completed on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Thank you to the following member volunteers: Bill Gonzalez, Jim Coach, Dan Rock, Andy Speer, Alan Wiinikka, Andy Hartley and his son Sam, and Mark Fauteux -

Jim Coach finishing screwing head post in place - one-man job!



Dan Rock, Alan Wiinikka, and Andy Hartley admiring their work



The RSC Annual Member Christmas / New Year Party was held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 @ 5pm. Thank you Bob & Jeanette Hoch for putting on an awesome party for the members and family.

Bill Banks with his father Bill



Chris Wylie loves his gift pick or is it the bag



Mark Fauteux happy that dinner is served

