

Rutland Sportsman's Club. Inc.

December 2017 Newsletter

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **New Members:** The Rutland Sportsman's Club voted in 1 new member in November. Please welcome James Tuttle.
- **Club Annual Dues:** You can fill out the renewal form and pay your dues at the club any day after 3 PM until closing. Renewals are due by December 31st to avoid having your key card shut off. If you pay your dues before December 1st your name will be put in a drawing for a free membership. To Apply for Membership Renewal by mailing:
 - Print Membership Dues from www.rscma.org/membership
 - Fill out form completely.
 - Make check payable to Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc
 - Regular Member Rate: \$100
 - Junior Member Rate: \$20
 - Mail form and check to:
Rutland Sportsman's Club Inc
PO Box 134
Rutland, MA 01543
- The 120 club will be starting soon. Captains are needed. Contact Bob Hoch @ 508-886-2584.
- 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 that are posted at the club.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- CHRISTMAS MIRACLES and MAGIC will be held on December 2nd from 7 – 11 pm. There is a \$10 admission with all proceeds to benefit the Rutland Food Pantry and Angel Tree. There will be food, raffles, and live music by The Otters. If you would like to donate prizes for the raffle or bring food for the dish table please contact Shelly Glockner @ 774-364-1450 or Al Glockner @ 508-245-9923. There is also a sign up sheet at the club if you want to bring a dish. Tickets can be purchased at the club bar any day after 3pm and are also available at the door the night of the event. Let's all join together to make a joyous Christmas for the children and families that could use our help.
- KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on December 17th from 11am to 1pm. This event is for members children and grandchildren. The cost is \$10 per child. An additional \$5 per child was donated by Ryan Desrosiers for the children. The club matches that combined \$15 and the money is used for the children's presents. For more information and to sign your children up contact Denise Boyer @ 774-757-7751. This has always been a fun time for the kids!

Club Hall Rental:

Accommodations: In accordance with rental agreement. – Birthday Parties, Family Reunions, etc... Contact Person: Chris Wylie @ 774-364-2028. 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:

- Trap Shoot – CLOSED for the winter – will start-up again in the late spring.
- FREE Pool: Every Wednesday - Regulation size, open to all members all day, come on down!
- The sign up for the Season Long Ice 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 Ron Howe at 774-696-6465.

NEWS:

A child's wish come true with Rutland Sportsmans Club Pheasant Program - by Jeff Stillings

Happiness is making a child smile. And that is exactly what took place in November when members of the Rutland Sportsman's Club Pheasant Program shared the experience of stocking pheasants in the wildlife management areas of Rutland. When 8 year old Ben DiFonso of Rutland caught his first tiger trout at the RSC kid's fishing derby earlier in the year, it was the highlight of his summer. He speaks of this achievement often. Behind the trout pond is the Club's impressive pheasant aviary, where over 400 cock and hen pheasants were raised by members this year. Managing the program were RSC members Scott Davis (Committee Leader), Al Glockner. Eight year old Ben also took a fascination to the pheasants. When he learned that they were to be released in the wild, he wondered aloud if he could witness such coolness.

RSC member Al Glockner spearheads the pheasant program for the club. When Al mentioned that he needed help with Friday afternoon's bird stocking, we had his first volunteer. Clad in hunter orange, Ben was waiting in the driveway for his Uncle, RSC member Jeff Stillings, to pick him up for the secret stocking operation. Judging from his enthusiasm, I suspect he didn't get much sleep the night before. "No one in my class has ever done something this cool" said Ben. Ben, we couldn't agree with you more.

Ben DiFonso (8-yrs old) and mentor Al Glockner



Sometimes we find ourselves in the business of memory making. And sometimes, when we are caught being ourselves, impressionable minds are watching, and a sportsman is born. True happiness indeed through a job well done by the RSC.

The last of the year's meat raffles was held in November. They will begin again in January or February. We will get the word out as soon as we have the dates. Thank you to all that helped to make these raffles a success.

Thank you to all that helped with the Pheasant Program this year. It is a lot of work and as a team you got it done.

I want to wish all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A SAFE and HAPPY NEW YEAR!