

## **Rutland Sportsman's Club, Inc.**

### **February 2018 Newsletter**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- New Members: The Rutland Sportsman's Club voted in 4 new members in December. Please welcome Mark McQueston, Joseph Demaranville, Angela and Sean Blood
- Club Dues: Your 2018 club dues should have been paid by now. You can fill out the renewal form and pay your dues at the club any day after 3 PM until closing if you have not yet paid them. Please pay your dues before your key card shut off.
- 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](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 next Meat raffle will be on Sunday February 25 at 2pm. This event is open to the public and is a lot of fun. Let your family and friends know about it and come out for a great afternoon. The bar will be open and the kitchen for hamburgers and hotdogs. Come early for early bird tickets. Bring a non-perishable for the Rutland food pantry and receive free tickets for the raffle. We will be having another meat raffle on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Volunteers are always welcome
- THE 2 DAY ICE FISHING DERBY will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this year. This is a big fundraiser for the club and we want all our members to get involved. There are daily cash drawings so you do not have to fish to win! Here is how it works: \$20 to get into the derby. You can fish at any legal fishing area in Massachusetts from sunrise to 5pm Saturday and sunrise to 4pm on Sunday. The fish weigh in times are 1pm to 5pm on Saturday and 11am to 4pm on Sunday. IF you are not in the line for weigh in at 4pm on Sunday you will not have your fish weighed. The categories are Bass, Perch, Pickerel, and Pike. Prizes are \$300, \$100, \$75, and \$50 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to 4<sup>th</sup> place in each category. Only 1 fish per category each day per entry. Prizes will be awarded right after weighing in on Sunday. We will also have raffles. You can get your entry forms at the Rutland Sportsman's Club any day after 3pm till closing, at Jedd's in Holden, Hanks Marina in Chery Valley, Klems in Spencer, B & A Bait shop in West Boylston, and K & S Bait in Barre. For more information 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:**

- 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!
- 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 Ron Howe at 774-696-6465.

**News:**

The Miracles and Magic was held in December. It was a Great success THANK YOU to all that got involved.

Over 50 members turned out for the annual Christmas party a great time was had by all and thanks to all that helped out

The kids Christmas party again was a resounding success thanks to Denise Boyer, Jeanette Hoch, Olivia Roy and Todd Kaupilla. T.K. is still having nightmares about the clown 😊

A recent deer story was told to me by one of our younger members (15-year-old Eli Thacker) and it is as follows. I was hunting with my friend Bob in the morning for about 4 hours, which proved to be unproductive. In the afternoon, we went to look for his lost phone and then decided to try a different spot. I put out some doe pee and did a little calling and pretty soon I saw a buck wandering through the pines. I thought it was gone but all of a sudden, I saw it again. At this point I was breathing pretty hard, but I calmed down enough to make the shot. I waited for a little while then called Bob and went to look for it. It hadn't gone too far when we found it and then I called mom and dad and said I got a deer I got a deer. Congratulations Eli on your first deer and to his father Jason also with quite a nice deer.

