



## January 2026 Newsletter

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Hello RSC Members,

Hope you all had a great Christmas! We wish you and your family a Safe and Happy New Year!

Our next Board / Membership meeting will be held January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 / 8:00 pm. Please come to the meeting to hear all about what's happening at our Club. We welcome your ideas for improvements, changes and fundraisers that will benefit the Club (and you).

**A very big Thank You to Betty Christman for her generous donation to purchase our new Snow Blade for our Tractor.**

***Above and Beyond ~ so Appreciated!***

Two big events coming up! Our **Wild Game Dinner** is set for January 31<sup>st</sup>, doors open at 5:00 pm.

Please contact Mark Verlinde at 586-784-9936 or Terri Verlinde at 586-531-4141 for your Dinner and Raffle Tickets.

We also have another **Swap Meet** scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mark Haglund at 989-274-3577.

**Ham & Turkey Shoot** is set for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

We are looking for a volunteer to help us out with Club Equipment Maintenance. Contact Larry for more information.

RSC Membership currently stands at 264 Regular Members, 110 Junior Members and 68 Life Members, for a total membership of 442 Members

Invite your friends to become a member or if you're wondering about gift ideas, consider the gift of Membership!!

<https://richmondsportsmansclub.com/rsc-membership-application/>

If any of you are looking for the perfect place to have an event or party, The Club is available to rent for whatever needs you may have. Please call the Club for more information.

Here's a link to the agreement: <https://richmondsportsmansclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Appendix-B-Event-Hall-Use-RSC-Lease-Agreement-v24-04-12.pdf>.

If you see anything that needs to be addressed, please contact one of the Board Members. We'll continue keeping on top of whatever issues arise.

***\*\* Please remember, DO NOT post your targets on the target frame posts \*\****

Larry

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## 2026 Winter League

Dates to Remember:

Week 2	January 4, 2026
Week 3	January 18, 2026
Week 4	February 1, 2026
Week 5	February 15, 2026
Week 6	March 1, 2026
Week 7	March 15, 2026
Week 8	March 22, 2026
Week 9	April 12, 2026
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Banquet	May 9, 2026

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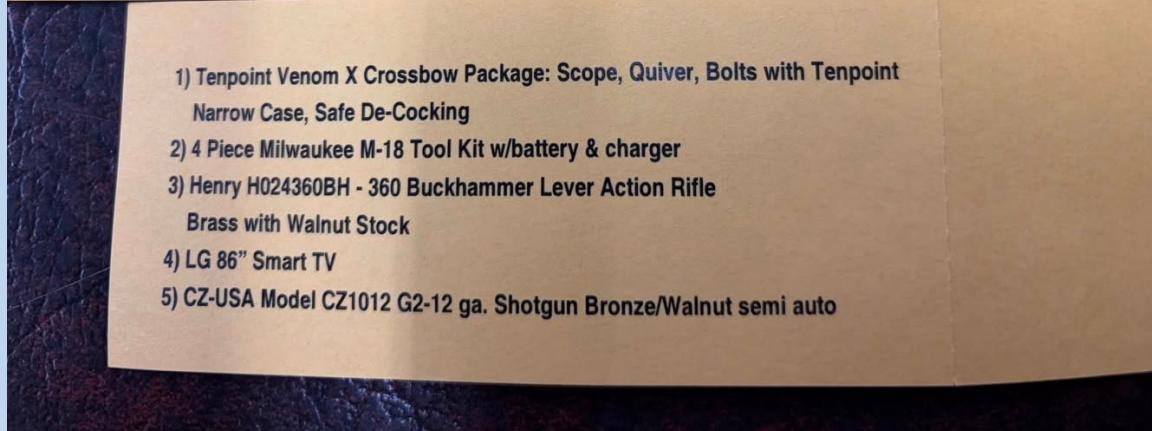
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## Wild Game Dinner

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## Swap Meet

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# SWAP MEET

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
Buy/Sell/Trade

Hunting-Fishing-Shooting-Sporting Goods Only

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
9134 Big Hand Road – Columbus, MI - 48063

Set-up: 8:00 – 9:30 AM  
Doors Open 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Admission: \$3.00 RSC Members / \$5.00 non-members

Vendor pre-registration is required by Feb 24<sup>th</sup>  
\$20.00 per 8' table / \$30.00 for 2  
\*NO SALES WITHOUT TABLE RENTAL\*

Contact Mark Haglund at (989) 274-3577 to register

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE

## Armed Women of America

The next Armed Women of America, (AWA) meeting will be held Thursday, January 15th @ 6:00 p.m.



Our last meeting was held December 18<sup>th</sup>. We started with a safety briefing, and then we had a social to close out 12 years!

Contact Sue at: [armedwomenofamerica.mscc.mi@gmail.com](mailto:armedwomenofamerica.mscc.mi@gmail.com) for more information on membership.

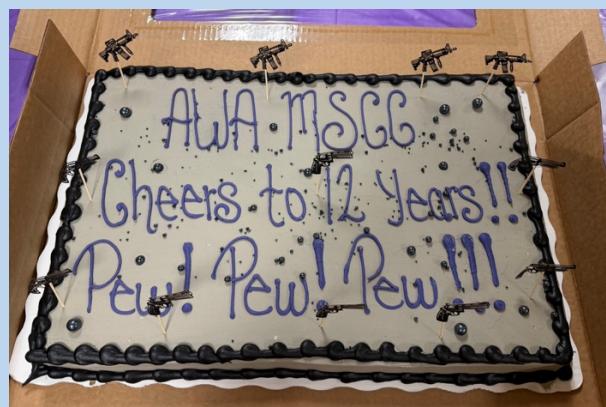
**AWA, Macomb & St. Clair County, meets the third Thursday of the month at RSC from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

***Your first meeting is always complimentary!***

Some of the upcoming meetings we have planned for 2026 are:

- Marksmanship Program
- Gun Cleaning and What's in Your Range Bag
- Gear and Holster Demonstrations
- Stop the Bleed
- Open Shoot
- Long Guns
- 3 Gun
- Situational Awareness
- National Shooting Sports First Shots
- Pumpkin Shoot
- Personal Protection in The Home

**Membership is currently open. Join before January 31<sup>st</sup> to beat the price increase!**



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## **Hunter Safety Education ~ Become an Instructor!**

I recently attended the Hunter Safety Instructor Class to become a Certified Instructor!

If you're interested in becoming an Instructor, you must hold a Hunting License! If you don't have one, then the first step in becoming an Instructor is to take a Hunter Safety Class.

[https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=hunter-ed\\_hunt\\_michigan\\_tier3&campaignid=43653349&adgroupid=15542631259&keyword=hunter%20safety%20michigan&qad\\_source=1&qad\\_campaignid=43653349&qbraid=0AAAAAD\\_X6FEfn\\_IRyxQ5DRMUhWZAWnVu&gclid=Cj0KCQjwvJHIBhCgARIsAEQnWIBvDRvJwVT2aUS2FrNAWx-cjqAWHTZVt-O38gJhlsiGEPCiaBoU6nUaAiXYEALw\\_wcB](https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=hunter-ed_hunt_michigan_tier3&campaignid=43653349&adgroupid=15542631259&keyword=hunter%20safety%20michigan&qad_source=1&qad_campaignid=43653349&qbraid=0AAAAAD_X6FEfn_IRyxQ5DRMUhWZAWnVu&gclid=Cj0KCQjwvJHIBhCgARIsAEQnWIBvDRvJwVT2aUS2FrNAWx-cjqAWHTZVt-O38gJhlsiGEPCiaBoU6nUaAiXYEALw_wcB)

Once you have taken that Class, you are now eligible to become an Instructor.

If you are interested in becoming an Instructor, head to the DNR website to get more information.

It's all volunteer hours, but the program is so important for our youth.

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/about/get-involved/volunteer-recreational-safety-instructor>

Once you've applied to become an Instructor, there are three Modules (with exams) that you are required to take and PASS. There's a lot of information there, but support is available to anyone who becomes an Instructor. Once you have completed these modules, you will be invited to attend the Instructor Training and there are 3 available locations across the State. You will choose the date and location that is most convenient for you.

Class began at 8:00 am and went until 5:00 pm on day one and was 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on day 2. There were two exams on the second day, you must pass with 90%. You are welcome to go the day before. ***Your meals and lodging are included.*** You pay for nothing but your gas to get there and back. The facilities are quite nice and the food was great too! There's lots to walk around and see and everyone there is helpful and friendly. You will receive your Diploma, Instructor Cap and Vest (to wear while instructing a class) and you must complete the training hours (only a few per year) to keep your Certification up to date.

You may contact Pete at 586-306-3810 or me at 586-925-5755  
[\(richmondsportsmansclubnl@gmail.com\)](mailto:richmondsportsmansclubnl@gmail.com).

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## Don't forget about our RSC Merchandise!

Let us know what's on your wish list so we can add to the selections!

We'll keep you updated on gear and future order dates.

Support your Club!



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## Membership

***Invite your family and friends to become a member at RSC!***

Applications and information can be found here: <https://richmondsportsmansclub.com/rsc-membership-application/>

To be eligible for Membership (from the website):

"Applicant must be 18 years old or older for **Regular Membership** or 10 – 17 years old for a **Junior Membership**.

All members, 18 years old and older, are required to pass a background check, provided by the State of Michigan. Cost related to background check will be born by the Applicant. If the Applicant fails the background check, he/she will be denied membership, and will be refunded all application costs; except for background check cost. Applicants must pass a background check for any felony convictions.

Purpose of the background check is to protect the numerous youth programs conducted by the Club and/or on the Club Property. This is to protect the Club for general liabilities and insurance purposes.

The Club will not maintain the detailed information, the applicant will have to contact the Membership Chair and provide the needed information for the background check. If during the length of the yearly membership the Club discovers that a member has occurred a violation of the background criteria, he/she will be removed from the membership and will not be reimbursed any membership fees.

Junior members under 18 years old, will not be required to undergo a background check.

**Please contact Jan Frickert, Membership Chair at (810)335-0890 or [jfrickert@yahoo.com](mailto:jfrickert@yahoo.com) with application and information for background check.**

Applicants must present fees and application at the next board meeting to be approved for membership.

Upon approval you will be invited to the next board meeting."

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Remember to contact Jan to do the background as soon as you submit your application.

Annual Dues are payable August 1<sup>st</sup> of every year.

Gate keys (\$15) are also available from Jan.

A friendly reminder to always carry your Membership Card while at the Club. If you're not sure whether someone using the range is a member or not, please ask them for their ID and be sure to present yours if asked.

You can also ask to see their gate key and note the serial number.

Anyone refusing, take their photo as well as taking note of the license plate on their vehicle. This is an effort to stop non-members from using our facilities.

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## **Scholarship**

A benefit to a Regular Member or their child is a college scholarship fund for an approved environmental degree program. Call Angela Hemby at 586-552-7725 for more information.

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## **Brick Paver Fund**

Create and leave your legacy here at Richmond Sportsman's Club!

Participate in our Paver Fund.

Three Lines on a 4x8 Brick Paver that will be placed around our Flagpole area near the main entrance.

Honor your family, Military Personnel, deceased loved ones, etc.

Only \$40 for RSC Members and \$60 for non-members.

See or call Alex Balhoff, 586-709-5701.

Forms available at the Club or from Alex.

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## **Club Rental**

If you need a space for your special event, the Club is available to rent for whatever needs you may have. Please contact Jim Smith @ [critterman2005@yahoo.com](mailto:critterman2005@yahoo.com) for more information. We can accommodate up to 250 people!

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## **Club Policies**

**Please remember that our Club is both “Cigarette and Vape” free.  
No Exceptions.**

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The “Grease Board” at the club is supposed to be used for patterning your shotguns. This is intended to be shot with either #7 ½ or #8 shot.

If you want to pattern your shotgun with heavier shot, use the berm!

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## **Please Remember Our Range Rules and Policies**

***DO NOT post your targets on the target frame posts.***

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### **Range Rules / Policies**

1. Range hours by township regulation are 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. We would prefer that rifle and pistol shooting take place at little later in the morning.
2. Targets are to be posted at the backstop not in the middle of the field. This is to prevent possible ricochets over the backstop.
3. Fasten targets to the backers, and not on the uprights and crossbars of the target frame.
4. No fully automatic fire. Avoid rapid fire that sounds like automatic fire.
5. Target benches have been placed at 100 yards and at 50 yards. Please don't move them. If you absolutely have to move them, then return them to their proper places.
6. Do not shoot at glass targets. Remove all target debris and put it in the dumpster on your way out.
7. Limit the number of guests that you bring to use the range to two. In October and November limit your guest to two members of your immediate family. That time of the year sees heavy range use due to sighting in for hunting season. The range is intended for the use of club members and bringing extra people may limit member use.
8. On your way out, please drop \$5 (or more) in the range vault for each person using the range. The vault is located on the left side of the roadway across from the dumpster.
9. Lock the gate on your way IN, and on the way OUT.
10. Do not loan your gate key to anyone. The range is for members only. Membership card required while on the range.
11. Check the club calendar before coming out to the range to be sure that there isn't another event going on that would prevent you from using the rifle and pistol range.
12. The use of Tannerite and other explosive targets or projectiles have been BANNED from use.

**Please clean up when you're done**

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### **Four Rules of Gun Safety**

- All Guns Are Always Loaded
- Never Let The Muzzle Cover Something You Are Not Willing To Destroy
- Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Your Sights Are On The Target
- Be Sure Of Your Target And What Is Beyond It

**Respect**

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## ***In Case you Missed it!!***

The gate lock\* was replaced in 2024 and the new keys are serial numbered. If you do not have a new key, again, please contact Jan Frickert. Keys are \$15. **Remember**, these keys are not to be given to anyone else.

The password to connect to our Internet Provider, "Frontier4496" at the Club is: 4057843128.

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**Click the Link below to Like, Follow and Share our Facebook Page!**  
We'll post up to date news and/or changes here!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552084570486>

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Richmond Sportsman's Club is run by its members. Remember, it's **your** Club, be a part of it!

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Remember to check out the Website, <https://richmondsportsmansclub.com/>, for upcoming events and other information, range availability, etc. Site maintained by Scott Jackson and Paul Lipka.

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Please send your **Newsletter** submissions in the format you would like them published (add photos, links, etc.) to Sue by no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month, [richmondsportsmansclubnl@gmail.com](mailto:richmondsportsmansclubnl@gmail.com).

If you have other information or changes you need sent out in between Newsletters, send that to [richmondsportsmansclub2022@gmail.com](mailto:richmondsportsmansclub2022@gmail.com) and it will be mailed separately and published on the Facebook page!

Your suggestions and concerns are always welcome and can be submitted (anonymously, if you wish) through the RSC Newsletter Email at , [richmondsportsmansclubnl@gmail.com](mailto:richmondsportsmansclubnl@gmail.com).

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### **Classes Offered at RSC**

We will be offering CPR classes at RSC as often as possible.

If you are looking for a **CPL Class** or a **Range Safety Officer Certification Class**, please contact Sue Beach at [armedwomenofamerica.mscc.mi@gmail.com](mailto:armedwomenofamerica.mscc.mi@gmail.com) to set up your class.

***We plan on offering these and other classes on a regular basis. Please follow the FB page for upcoming events.***

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### Before you Leave the Club, Please Remember to Check That

- The Coffee Pot is Unplugged
- The Lights are Off
- The Doors are Locked and the Building is Secure

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**Always** remember to always check the website calendar for range availability before coming out to the Club.

Here's a quick link to the Club Calendar:

<https://richmondsportsmansclub.com/calendar/>

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# See you at the Club!

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4 • 10am Trap Practice 10:- • 10am Winter League We	5	6	7 • 2pm Trap Practice	8	9	10
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25 • 10am Trap Practice 10:-	26	27	28 • 2pm Trap Practice	29	30	31 Wild Game Dinner

**Richmond Sportsman's Club**  
Events shown in time zone: (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time - New York  
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Cheers to a Safe and Happy 2026!