



July 2026 Newsletter

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Happy 250th Birthday USA 🇺🇸

Hello RSC Members,

Hope all is well and that with this beautiful summer weather you're enjoying getting out on the range.

*** It's time for the Richmond Sportsman's Club Election of Executive Officers and Board Members for 2026/2027.*

*Elections will be held at the upcoming **Member Meeting, July 8th at 8:00 pm.***

*Whether you are happy or unhappy with how things are going at the Club, this is the time to make a difference and have your voices heard. ***

A list of Candidates will be sent to members as soon as possible and will also be posted on our Facebook Page.

Please come out and participate on the 8th.


Also, **Membership Dues are due on August 1st**, so if you're able to attend the meeting on the 8th, it's a great time to renew your membership.

Thank you to all the volunteers to came to help out at our ATA shoot on June 14th.

There are still two ATA shoots this year at RSC:

July 19th and September 20th.

RSC Membership currently stands at 285 Regular Members, 110 Junior Members and 66 Life Members, for a total Membership of 461.

Invite your friends to become a member and if you're looking for a great gift idea, consider the gift of Membership!! Click here 

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

Hand Gun Practice started **Monday, May 4th** and runs through to September 14th. Details follow.

Our next **Swap Meet** is scheduled for Saturday, **September 26th** (see flyer).

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The next Board/Member Meeting is July 8th at 7:00 pm/8:00 pm.

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**** If you see anything around The Club that needs attention, please contact one of the Board Members. We'll continue keeping on top of whatever issues may arise. ****

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Please make sure you're following our Website and our Facebook page for all the latest information (click the link you want):

[Richmond Sportsman's Club Web Page](#)
[Richmond Sportsman's Club Facebook Page!](#)

There's an old Facebook page out there that is not being maintained or accessed, so make sure you choose, **Richmond Sportsman's Club / RSC**.

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If you have anything articles/photos you'd like to add to the Newsletter, please send it to richmondsportsmansclubnl@gmail.com by the 25th of the month.

Thanks and see you at The Club!

Larry

Congratulations, Gerry "Spyder" Whiting!

Gerry is being inducted into the Michigan Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame on July 4, 2026. The induction will take place after the last event that day, probably sometime around 5 or after if anyone is interested in being there!

I think he is the 2nd from our gun club to be inducted. Quite an honor! (pics will follow)

The two pics below are from Winter League.

Jimmy congratulating Spyder on his win. Top gun and top veteran. It was predicted this to be the 20th time he took Top Gun. Not too bad for hitting the big "70" in December.

Their team took total points and birds. Not sure any team has ever done that at RSC. The team consisted of Spyder, Ron Yurenka, Tom Westlake, Marlene Bachand and Bruce Downey. Congratulations. Not too shabby with 4 out of 5 in their 70's!

Way to go guys 🥰



A group from Huron Pointe that always supports our ATA shoots. Adam in the middle won his first ATA trophy.



Congratulations, Adam!

Congratulations to the Richmond High School Trap Team!

The Richmond High School Trap Team headed to Mason, Michigan on June 21st with one goal in mind – bring home a State Title!

With 8 squads and 36 shooters ready to hit the line at 9:00 am, the team was locked in and ready for an exciting day of competition.

As the targets kept flying, Richmond kept climbing. Then came a huge performance from 8th grader, Nolan Palombo, who shot the best score of his season at just the right time. His incredible round helped push Richmond to the top of the leaderboard and secure the 2026 USA High School Clay Target League State Championship!!!

What an amazing accomplishment for this group of athletes. Their hard work, dedication and teamwork paid off in a big way. Congratulations to all of the shooters, coaches and families who helped make this championship season one to remember!



Coaches and Team



Senior Class of 2026



Top 5 & scores

Left to right:
Frank Collins(96), Wyatt Bowers(97), Nolan
Palombo (98), Matthaus Schade (97),
Nicholas Palombo (96)



2026 State Champs

Congratulations to you all – well done!

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Please visit our website for all up-to-date information:

[**Richmond Sportsman's Club Web Page**](#)

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Hand Gun Practice

Handgun practice runs every Monday at 5:30 pm, through September 14th.

The cost is **\$25.00** to join up and **\$5.00** any week you choose to shoot for the rest of the summer.

Don't be intimidated, it's an organized practice with a different course of fire each week. We have about 23 people signed up and we've only been rained out once so far!

This is NOT a league so it is open to anyone, and you can show up whenever you can make it.

You will need eye and ear protection, a holster, a handgun that you are comfortable with, and a box of ammunition (50 rounds). This practice is geared towards self-defense and self-improvement.

Come on out and have fun!



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**RICHMOND
SPORTSMAN'S
CLUB**

SWAP MEET

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
BUY/SELL/TRADE**

HUNTING-FISHING-SPORTING GOODS ONLY



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
9134 BIG HAND RD. COLUMBUS, MI 48063**

SET UP: 8:30 – 9:30

Doors open: 10:00 – 3:00

****ALL VENDORS MUST STAY UNTIL CLOSE****

Admission: \$3.00 RSC Members / \$5.00 Non-Members

\$20.00 PER 8' TABLE / \$30.00 FOR 2

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, July 16th @ 6:00 p.m.



Our June Meeting started with our Safety Briefing and we held a parking lot scenario with move and pew and we also fired into ballistics gel.

If the weather is on board, we hope to be on the range for our July Meeting with long guns.

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!

Contact Sue at: armedwomenofamerica.mscc.mi@gmail.com for more information on membership.

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

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Hunter Safety Education ~ Become an 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_X6FEIfn_IRyx_Q5DRMUhWZAWnVu&qclid=Cj0KCQjwvJHIBhCgARIsAEQnWIBvDRvJwVT2aUS2FrNAWx-ciqAWHTZVt-O38gJhIsiGEPCiaBoU6nUaAiXYEALw_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).

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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 borne 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 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 1st 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 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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Take Note

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

**** The "Grease Board" at the club is supposed to be used for patterning your shotguns. This is intended to be shot with either #7 1/2 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

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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 25th of every month, richmondsportsmansclubnl@gmail.com.

If you have other information or changes you need sent out in between Newsletters, send that to 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.

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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 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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Calendar

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/>

Today < > July 2026 Month

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED Jul 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
• 10am Trap Practice 10-:	• 5:30pm Hand Gun Pract	• 7am Tuesday Crew • 4pm RH Trap	• 1pm Trap Practice		• 4pm HS Trap	
5	• 5:30pm Hand Gun Pract	• 7am Tuesday Crew • 4pm RH Trap	• 1pm Trap Practice • 7pm Board meeting • 8pm Annual - Members!	9	10	11
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Richmond Sportsman's Club
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See you at the Club!



Wishing you and your family a Safe and Happy Fourth of July

