



August 2026 Newsletter

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Hello RSC Members,

Lots to cover this month!

The Election for the RSC 2026/2027 Officers/Board was held at the Membership Meeting, July 8th, 2026.

Your 2026/2027 Executive Officers and Board of Directors are:

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A big thank you to Wade Jones and Steve Poynter for your years of dedication and volunteering your time to the Board and Members of RSC. Your service to the Club is always appreciated!

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The next Board Meeting will be held August 12th at 7:00 pm.

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**** We are looking for someone to take over running the Handicap League ****

After years of running the Fall Handicap League, Alex Balholf is stepping down.

The League starts on the first Wednesday in October and runs for 5 weeks. This is a 250 Target League.

We need a person(s) to take the League over from Alex and keep it going.

Alex is available to explain the details to anyone willing to take this over! Please contact him at 586-709-5701 with any questions.

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**** We could use your help on 'Tuesday, August 4th! ****

The Tuesday Crew will be emptying the entire Club in preparation for re-doing the floor on Saturday, August 8th.

There's a lot of stuff to move, the entire club needs to be emptied, and any extra hands would be much appreciated.

Show up at 8:00 a.m., have some coffee and a donut and we can get it done in a couple hours.

Thanks!

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**** Coming up in August is the NSSA Meet (August 15th & 16th) and Chloe's Doubles Event (August 26th thru September 23rd). Flyers are attached!! ****

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Just a reminder that your Annual Membership Dues are due August the 1st and are only \$120.00 for the year. Avoid a late fee by paying on time.

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Please welcome our newest members!

Terry Compo, Robert Whitaker and Michael DuBuc

RSC Membership currently stands at 290 Regular Members, 110 Junior Members and 68 Life Members, for a total Membership of 468.

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/>

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The July 19th ATA Shoot was a Huge Success!

A clap of hands for the volunteers who came out and helped. New volunteers are always welcome!

We had a couple of the AWA ladies learn how to keep score. Good to see our groups mingling together. *We are a Club and we need everyone to help!*

Save the date: the next ATA shoot is September 20th.

Thanks,

Jan & Spider

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

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

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Reminder

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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**** 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**.

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

Come out and Enjoy the Past ~ August 15-16th!

HISTORY IS COMING TO RSC !

(SORT-OF)

STEP BACK INTO HISTORY THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 15-16 AS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NORTH SOUTH SKIRMISH ASSOCIATION (NSSA) MEET IN COMPETITION, BRINGING CIVIL WAR LIVE-FIRE EVENTS TO RSC. THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENT BRINGS AMERICAN CIVIL WAR-ERA FIREARMS TO LIFE, FEATURING RIFLED MUSKETS, CARBINES, SMOOTHBORES, AND REVOLVERS—SOME ORIGINAL PIECES AND MANY AUTHENTIC, APPROVED REPRODUCTIONS. BEST OF ALL, EVERY EVENT USES REAL BLACK POWDER, CREATING THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND EXCITEMENT OF HISTORY IN ACTION.



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- 0800 hours Individual targeting available for purchase
- 0830-1200 Range opens for individuals.
- 1100 hours Commander's meeting for revolver team competitions, held at the revolver range (left side of the firing line). Attendance is mandatory for all teams.
- 1115 hours Revolver team competition (3 person teams, events 12.5 yards)
- 9 clay pigeons on a backer
 - 6 4" hanging ceramic tiles
 - 6 hanging clay pigeons
 - 6 hanging water bottles
- 1145 hours Commander's meeting for carbine and smoothbore team competitions, held at the base of the tower. Attendance is mandatory for all teams.
- 1200 hours Carbine team competition (5 person teams, events 50 yards)
- 20 clay pigeons on a backer
 - 10 4" hanging ceramic tiles
 - 10 hanging clay pigeons
 - 10 hanging water bottles
 - 7 Rolling Thunder event – Breakfast of Champions

Special Brigade event – Young Pups vs. the Old Dogs

This event will start as soon as all teams are ready following completion of the carbine match.

This event will feature two teams: the "Young Pups" - skirmishers under the age of 25 (or so) in a head-to-head competition against the "Old Dogs" – their parents / grandparents / sponsors. Each Pup will designate 1 person as their counterpart to keep the team sizes even. Allowable firearms are carbines, muskets, and smoothbores.

Smoothbore team competition will start as soon as all teams are ready following completion of the Brigade Event.

- 1515 hours or before Smoothbore team competition (3 person teams, most events 25 yards)
- 9 clay pigeons on a backer
 - 6 hanging water bottles
 - 6 hanging clay pigeons
 - 5 6" hanging ceramic tiles (50 yds)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- 0900 hours Musket team commanders' meeting at the tower. Attendance is mandatory for all teams.
- 0915 hours Opening ceremonies
- 0930 hours Musket team match (5 person teams, events 50 yards)
- 20 clay pigeons on a backer
 - 10 4" hanging ceramic tiles
 - 10 hanging clay pigeons
 - 10 hanging water bottles
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Chloe's Doubles 5 Week Event

At Richmond Sportsmen Club
(9134 Big Hand Rd, Columbus, Mi, 48063)

Starts: August 26, 2026

Ends: September 23, 2026

Banquet: September 30, 2026

Member Cost: \$95

Non-Member Cost: \$120

- This is a 5 week doubles event. You will be shooting a pair of doubles (50 shells). The event will be on Wednesday nights.
- All payments are due by the second week of shooting (September 2nd). The payment will cover the bird/operating costs for the event, banquet and award fees.
- There will be a \$5 progressive mystery you have an option to get into in the beginning of the event. If you do not get into the mystery when you pay for the event you will not be able to get into it. If you choose to get into the mystery members cost will go up to \$100. Non-member cost will go up to \$125
- The mystery will get rolled over to the next week if no one score is pulled. If there is a tie between multiple people the money will get split evenly.

Questions or concerns contact Chloe
franchloe13@gmail.com

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

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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 (AWA)

The next Armed Women of America, (AWA) meeting will be held Thursday, August 20th @ 6:00 p.m.



Our July Meeting was safety focused.

Our August meeting will be long guns and First Shots, which is being sponsored by National Shooting Sports Foundation!

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

<https://armedwomen.org/chapter-memberships/>

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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_IRyxQ5DRMUhWZAWnVu&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

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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 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

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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/>

August 2026						
SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Aug 1
• 10am Trap Practice 10-11am	• 5:30pm Hand Gun Practice	• 7am Tuesday Crew	• 1pm Trap Practice			
2	• 5:30pm Hand Gun Practice	• 7am Tuesday Crew	• 1pm Trap Practice	6	• 9am Range Closed for 1	• ACWSA Civil War Shoot
9	• 5:30pm Hand Gun Practice	• 7am Tuesday Crew	• 1pm Trap Practice • 7pm Board meeting	13	• NSSA Civil War Shoot	15
• NSSA Civil War Shoot	• 5:30pm Hand Gun Practice	• 7am Tuesday Crew	• 1pm Trap Practice	• 6pm Armed Women of 1 • 6pm Range Closed	21	• LSHS Trap Fund Raiser
• 10am Trap Practice 10-11am	• 5:30pm Hand Gun Practice	• 7am Tuesday Crew • 5pm Fall Registration O	• 1pm Trap Practice • 3pm Doubles League	27	28	29
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Richmond Sportsman's Club
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See you at the Club!

Photo Gallery



The Richmond Highschool Trap Team held their Banquet and Fun Shoot on July 21st!



ATA Shoot – July 19th



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