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WINTER LEAGUE, IT'S PRETTY AND IT'S UGLY!

We're 2 weeks away from the end of Winter League. Right now 10 teams are competing, and we had 9 teams of shooters finish the first half. That's 9,000 birds shot at.

First half high guns were: Men—Tom Bristol; Women—Ellen Raisbeck; Juniors—Darin Ripp. Team awards went to:

First Place (850 birds), Glen Vedvik, Brian Magli, Mark Brabender, Nora Bristol, Dave Grosse

Second Place (849 birds), Brad Rolstad, Mike Noskowiak, Vilas Richards, Gaylord Kittleson, Paul Mieden.

Third Place (827 birds), John

Reinke, Rick Richards, Orville Drolshagen, Ken Yerges, Don Peterson.

As you can see in the photo below, some Sundays we have very fine weather for shooting,

not too cold or windy. On the other hand, that all-white background makes it extremely hard to pick up the bird coming out of the trap, track it and smoke it.



EVENTS AT ROXBURY'S FAVORITE TRAP CLUB

SMELT FEED: Almost 100 lbs of smelt went into 160 dinners. John Gulesserian was smelt chef extraordinaire. Helpers were Butch and Ric at the bar, Wally selling tickets, and Donna, Bonnie, Glen, Stephanie, Mike N. and a Ripp and a Rolstad here and

there making things work well. Thanks to all who helped make the evening a fine one.

FUTURE EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING, April 4
END OF WINTER LEAGUE
2003-2004., April 4

EARLY BIRD SHOOT, April 18

KIPPLEY SHOOT, June 20

BRUNO/RAFFLE SHOOT,
August 15.

MEMBERS' FUN DAY, Sep-
tember 19

2005 SMELT FEED, Jan. 28

ROXBURYTRAP.ORG IS UP AND RUNNING

Thanks to those of you who have visited the web site and given me feedback about what’s there. The site is completely built but it is far from done.

Guentherman Consulting Group hosts the site and I’m now able to edit and update the site from my office (my software calls it get-and-put). If I get it right, this newsletter

will be put first on the web site and then be ready for mailing by month end.

One piece we are building is a “history of the club” page. George Roth is the lead author of this document and he has been talking with long-time club members to get their stories as best they recall.

Of course the earliest years are being lost the fastest. If you

have memory and experiences of the starting days of the club in the early ‘70s, please contact George. If you have pictures, that’s even better. I do know that some of the events over the last 30 years can’t be discussed or shown in pictures. Those things shall remain part of the “oral tradition” of Roxbury Trap.

LAS VAGAS

Thanks to everyone who helped out on Sunday, March 7, when most of the board and member-workers were at the NASCAR race. I spotted some breakfast cooks in the replacement crew. And to everyone’s surprise, the travelers didn’t leave all their money out in Vegas. Way to be lucky!

ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 4

The Annual Meeting is the one time where the membership can officially hear how things have been going at the club and vote on what should be going on in the future. Our 1975 incorporation papers set us up as a

board-run operation and while this is convenient, it can disconnect the members from decisions that have and will define the club.

The board assumes that what matters most to it is what will serve the club

best. That’s a dangerous position to let stand unchallenged. Show up and tell us what matters most to you!

Will not showing up be a disaster? Of course not! But RVTC is owned by everybody, not just the guys listed on page 1. There

is no “president for life” nor life membership for any board position. We have board members to elect and business to do. We look for new blood, new minds and new ideas. Show up for that and we’ll have free food, cheap drinks and some shooting fun.

THIS IS A FAMILY ORIENTED CLUB

I noticed Amber and Lance Mefford (right) warming up between Winter League rounds, and it struck me that this is what the trap club is all about. We regularly have three and four generations of a family at the club, having breakfast, playing cards, helping out and shooting trap.

The value of this one-trap operation in scenic Roxbury can be measured by how many families have

been and continue to be active members. On that scale we measure up exceptionally well. No need to ask for folks to bring their kids. It just happens.

You may have noted that Lance doesn’t look too happy in the picture. The reason is that Amber will be shooting better than him very soon, and the camera caught him at the moment of accepting this reality. Hang in there, kid.

