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WINTER LEAGUE CONTINUES

Results for the first half are:

Top Shooters: Brad Rolstad (185);
Ellen Raisbeck (154); Nick Beil (154).

1st Place Team (804) : Rick Richards,
Ellen Raisbeck, Jeff Beggan, Greg
Levenick, Mike Noskowiak.

2nd Place Team (774): Butch Rolstad,
Tim Errthum, John Reinke, Paul
Mieden, Gaylord Kittleson.

3rd Place Team (771): Kevin Hammer,
Dave Long, Mike Sergenian, Curtis
Bohler, Shane Link.

Lewis Class: Winners were Brad
Rolstad, Glen Vedvik, Mel Denison,
Tim Errthum and Art Ofsthun.

Now for the second half! We have 12
teams shooting for the honor and glory
of success at Roxbury's "trap in a hol-
low". League shooting will end April
2. The board used 4 "Joe Shooters" for
completing the 12 teams. None were

needed for the first half. The Joe
Shooter score is 18, which com-
pares to 21 last year. When the
shooters as a whole are struggling,
Joe Shooter just doesn't have a
chance to demonstrate how it ought
to be done. Individual and team
awards for the second half will be
made at the annual meeting, if all

goes well.

Rest assured, soon we will be
shooting in conditions more
like those pictured below.
However, the trap and the trap
house will be different due to
the new Pat Trap machine.
Then we can start to build a
doubles presence at State!



ERRORS, OMISSIONS & RED FACES

Mistakes are like mice. You
might catch one but there are six
more you miss.

In December we thanked club
members who stepped up and
cooked Sunday breakfasts. But
we didn't include Henry Froese.
Henry, a long time club sup-
porter, and part of the Butch &

Bonnie breakfast team, not only
helps supply the fish served but also
handles the deep fryer for those tasty
filets. He is a behind-the-scenes, go-
to guy whether it's cooking, building
a deck, cleaning smelt, or all sorts of
special projects.

Why does this club work so well?
Because there is a Henry making

things happen, and we thank him
now for his guidance and support.

And there are other "Henry's" who
see to it that things get done. We
may not name them all. We may
be accidentally forgetful. But we
don't ever want to be unapprecia-
tive of what they contribute to the
club. Thank You, Thank You!

SMELT, THE TRADITION CONTINUES

At last we have a photo of one of the club's most secret rituals, The Cleaning of the Smelt. The guys are shown performing the sacred smelt handshake-in-a-dishpan.

The turnout for the smelt cleaning Wednesday was amazing. More than 14 people showed up to prepare 120 lbs. for Friday, cutting preparation time to 3 hours.

That extra cleaning must have made them taste better because

226 dinners were consumed on Friday evening. The club was standing-room-only and cars were parked out to the highway.

We raffled off a black powder rifle donated by Al Soper before he left for Afghanistan, and Mark Brabender was the lucky winner.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped prepare, cook, serve, bartend, and clean up afterwards.

The club loves a smelt feed that is a huge success, like this one.



NEW HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

Normally, that title would be geek talk, but at Roxbury it means a new trap is coming and new people skills will be needed to run and maintain it.

We have relied on our Remington 4100 to do the target throwing for years. It has thrown over one-million birds

and it's getting tired and is looking forward to retirement. The cost to overhaul the trap and the uncertain availability of parts prompted the board into an executive decision: purchase a new Pat Trap, which we believe is a proven piece of equipment with possibilities not open

to the club with the Remington machine. One new option will be to throw doubles, which often shortens the time between misses.

The new Pat Trap will be installed after some modifications to the trap house are completed. Here's one of those opportunities to help the club by showing up when the work

needs to get done. Incidentally, the real software improvement can be found on our web site, now under the able guidance of webmaster Gina Bauer. Check it out! Thanks to Gina, another behind-the-scenes key player. Let us know what we can add to the site, www.roxburytrap.org.

ANNUAL MEETING

We have published official notice in this newsletter and on our web site, www.roxburytrap.org. Details are:

April 2, 2006, Noon at the clubhouse.

The probable agenda will include:

Call to Order, President's Welcome and Year in Review.

Minutes from the 2005 Annual meeting and the Annual Treasurer's Report

Election of three (3) board members.

Old Business and New Business

Open Forum with members in attendance

Winter League Awards & Adjournment

The meeting is a prime-time opportunity to help the club just by attending, voting and sharing your ideas and observations.

We all know clubs where that simple notion just never happens. Instead of addressing ideas, plans and problems, other meetings go to hell in a storm of complaints and bickering. We've been there, done that and now we're a whole lot better because of two things: We agree on what the purpose of this club is; and we know that everyone has an important ownership stake in how RVTC goes about realizing its purpose.

That's not to say that there aren't strong egos on the board and among the membership, and we're as capable as anyone when it comes to

resisting change, criticizing different ideas or just being a wee-bit defensive (Not Me!).

Come and help us make the Annual Meeting a positive kickoff event for 2006-2007. We are going to suggest the following projects:

- Rebuild the trap house for the Pat Trap.
- Fix those aging outside window covers.
- Complete the covering over the front stairwell to the clubhouse.

Let us know *What Matters Most* to you.

Reminder: Early Bird Shoot, April 23 and we are also open April 16, Easter Sunday.