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WINTER LEAGUE ONE: BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Before global warming at Roxbury you shot in some really rotten weather. And when it got sunny, you shot in the totally homogeneous, white and bright Roxbury bowl.

In the photo below there really is a target about 10' out of the house. Have you ever tried to track something with your eyes when there are absolutely no background visual cues? That's why we say that if you can shoot well at Roxbury in January, you can shoot well anywhere

RVTC has its identity firmly hooked to winter weather, and this winter's snow, fog, rain and eye-watering wind chills reaffirmed our image. Shooters had to handle greater costs and challenges.

We saw a decline in shooters,

meaning 7 teams instead of 10 to 12 competed in Winter League One.

With fewer teams participating only the top two teams received awards.

First Place Team (875): Mel Denison, George Pearson, Rick Kratochvil, Justyn Kenyon and Joe Shooter.

Second Place Team (857): Pete Rustad, Butch Rolstad, Ellen Raisbeck, Greg Levenick and Vilas Richards.

Top Shooters: Juniors, Nick Beil

(163); Women, Ellie Raisbeck (167); Men, Brad Rolstad (194)

Lewis Class Winners: A, Brad Rolstad (194); B, Rick Richards (193); C, Butch Rolstad (181); and D, Nick Beil (163)

The decline in shooters has continued into the second half but we hope that's only a temporary thing. We'll know more as 2008 events unfold. Stay tuned!



WINTER LEAGUE TWO IN FULL SWING

Winter League-The Second Half is now in full swing. The number of shooters is still down with only six teams posting scores so far. For those who delayed shooting until the "better weather" of the second half, badbeingyou!

Nonetheless, the cold weather, sub-zero temps and wind chills of -25 to -30 degrees have not deterred the hearty souls who *will* shoot. Pictured above are Al Kenyon and his two sons, Justyn and Darien along with the ever-present Mike Noskowiak on Sta-

tion 5. April 6th will be the final day for Winter League-Two. Awards will be given out at the end of the Annual Meeting and food for hearty shooters will cap off our Winter League Shooter Appreciation Day. Eat food, tell stories, and act smart!

IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ADDRESSED

Once a dream, now a reality! The picture shows the new front entrance cover. It looks pretty straight-forward, but this is Roxbury and so you know it wasn't a destination reached by a straight line.

The Club members who got it done can tell you about the details of design and construction. But the story behind the project goes back at least 15 years.

We knew the clubhouse begged

for a fancier entrance but what, how, how much and who were yearly deal-breakers. However, as the membership aged, the need for safety impressed itself upon us, and the result is the completed project shown in the picture.

To be sure, what's inside is what matters most at RVTC. But it's nicer to enter the club and head to the shooting line in comfort and safety. What are the big items for 2008? Volunteer and find out.



SMELT MAY BE THE BEST IN THE STATE

THE COLD, HARD FACTS: 15 dedicated folks showed up to clean 120 lbs of smelt; 2+ hours of smelt cleaning effort was wrung from them; 194 dinners were served on Friday evening.

THE PLEASANT REALITY: It was one fine smelt-eating

evening! We thank everyone who pitched in to clean the smelt, prepare the dinners, tend the bar, do the cleanup and just generally make it a great outing for all despite snowy weather and slippery roads.

The Northland report is that the smelts served in Superior don't

even come close to the crispy fishes from the Roxbury kitchen. The difference must stem from the dogged determination of the preparers, as evidenced in this picture. Rumor has it that they were looking for something they dropped in the mix.



THE ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Sunday, April 6, 2008, Noon sharp. The agenda is as follows:

- Call the meeting to order, followed by the President's welcome.
- 2007 in review by the President
- Approval of 2007 annual meeting minutes (posted on web site) and Approval of annual Treasurer's Report.
- Election of five (5) board members

- Old/New Business followed by an open discussion with Membership.
- Winter League Awards and Adjournment.

This will be your best chance to participate and offer suggestions on improving the operation of the club. Due to the increasing cost of doing business and the need to repair damage caused by this year's winter weather, several items will be discussed regarding raising funds for 2008 work projects.

While the board operates the club, its mission is to serve the club's membership through promoting Friendship, Sportsmanship & Marksmanship. Everyone's contributions to

this mission are welcomed at any time throughout the year. Club members interested in serving on the RVTC Board are asked to contact a current Board member before the Annual Meeting.

We have five positions to fill this year including that of Frank Sukala who passed away last August.

AHEAD IN 2008: (also see web site listings)

The Early Bird Shoot will be Sunday, April 20th. Expect friendly competitive shooting, fun and great chicken BBQ. Check *Shotgun Sports* (March, 2008, pp 13-17) for other games to liven up the shooting fun. Make it a great day!

Shoot well and travel safely wherever you go.

Al Raffetto & Wally Hansen, your friendly Editors