



**RANGELEY REGION GUIDES' &  
SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
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**OUR MISSION IS THE CONSERVATION,  
PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF  
WILDLIFE FOR SPORTSMEN,  
SPORTSWOMEN, AND FUTURE  
GENERATIONS.**

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## Winter MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## 2013-2014 SKEET & TRAP TOURNAMENT RESULTS By Sheri Oldham

President's Report:

2013 was a banner year for RRG&SA. Attendance at our major summer events and participation in our instructional programs continue to increase. None of this success would be possible if not for the volunteer efforts of many club members and the Board of Directors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed in the last year and to encourage others to volunteer a few hours of your time in 2014.

RRG&SA will embark on a major facilities upgrade in 2014. The rifle/pistol range on the Morton Cut-off Road and the archery range adjacent to the clubhouse will be improved with safety ground work, new shooting stations, and some new equipment. Please follow the progress of this major project on the club's website [www.rangeleyoutdoors.com](http://www.rangeleyoutdoors.com) and on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/RangeleyRRGSA](http://www.facebook.com/RangeleyRRGSA). This project as well as our relationship with Rangeley Skeet and Trap Assoc. should add significant value to your RRG&SA membership.

On a personal note, I feel very honored to have been elected to serve as president of this wonderful, dynamic organization. Since its beginning in 1895, the leadership and faces of RRG&SA have obviously changed, but the commitment to its mission of protecting and preserving our outdoor sporting heritage for future generations remains unchanged. If you would like to increase your level of activity in RRG&SA, please contact me by phone or email. I promise you there is an opportunity for you to help RRG&SA fulfill its mission, work alongside some great folks, and have more than a few laughs while you're working!

Wishing all a healthy and happy holiday season,

Sheri Oldham



The Rangeley Region Skeet and Trap Association (RRS&TA) held its annual Labor Day weekend tournament on Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1. Despite the weather forecast, the competition was held under ideal shooting conditions with partly cloudy skies and little or no wind. This friendly competition produced some fine displays of marksmanship with most contests being decided by one or two successful shots. Some notable performances included Lyn Hewey's score of 25 out of a possible 26 on the sporting clays back course on Saturday. On Sunday, Bob Barlow scored a perfect 25 in the first round of trap shooting but was overtaken for the championship by Al Poudrier in an exciting and entertaining shoot-off. Another highlight of the weekend was the performance of 10 year-old Jack Bouffard. Jack was the runner-up in Class C trap. Jack and his father, Mike Bouffard, visited the range in early June to give clay shooting a try. RRSTA club members provided instruction and encouragement. Jack proved to be a great student and has developed a passion for the sport.

After the contest, competitors and their guests enjoyed a wonderful meal at the RRG&SA clubhouse. The meal

### YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES .... PLEASE CONTACT ME.

- JUNIOR GUIDES       HABITAT RESTORATION       FUND RAISING  
 ARCHERY COURSE       SOCIAL EVENTS       GRANT APPLICATIONS  
 KEEPING FISH LOG       OUTDOOR SPORTING HERITAGE

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

was prepared by chef and newly elected president of RRS&TA David Kretzing. Club members honored past RRS&TA presidents, John McManus and Lyn Hewey, with special gifts to thank them for their many years of service to the club.

The tournament results were the following:

Class A Sporting Clay

Champion: Al Poudrier, Mercer, ME

Runner-up: Kirby Holcombe, Oquossoc, ME

Class B Sporting Clay

Champion: Lyn Hewey, Oquossoc, ME

Runner-up: Richard Venditto, NYC,NY

Class C Sporting Clay

Champion: Robert Millay, Chesterville, ME

Runner-up: Sheri Oldham, Dallas Plt., ME

Women's Trap

Champion: Nancy McManus, Georgetown, MA

Runner-up: Jean Nutile, Rangeley, ME

Class A Trap

Champion: Al Poudrier, Mercer, ME

Runner-up: Bob Barlow, Stamford, VT

Class B Trap

Champion: Robert Millay, Chesterville, ME

Runner-up: Terry Kenniston, Strong, ME

Class C Trap

Champion: Jim Bourque, Portland, ME

Runner-up: Jack Bouffard, Kittery, ME

Based on combined scores of sporting clays and trapshooting:

Men's Clay shooting Champion: Al Poudrier, Mercer, ME

Women's Clay shooting Champion: Sheri Oldham, Dallas, Plt., ME

The Rangeley Skeet and Trap Range is located at the top of Old Skiway Road, above our Clubhouse. The public is welcome. For additional information contact Dave at 864-4323 or visit our website:www.rangeleyoutdoors.com

## FISHING POND

by Sam Spaulding

After a dozen or so years, the Guide's Fish Pond was reclaimed in the fall of 2012 by local contractor M&H Construction. More than 500 cubic yards of material was removed, making the pond deeper and with less fill along the bottom. In the spring of 2013, Pierce Associates stocked the pond once again 150 brook trout which was later supplemented with more fish by MIF&W during Sporting Heritage Day. It has been reported that good fishing has returned and we look forward to another successful season of youth fishing activity.



Youngsters stock the pond with 100 trout from MIF&W on the morning of August 13th as part of the RRG&SA Outdoor Sporting Heritage Day.

In the spring we will once again start a stocking program of Brook Trout and hope that the recent work done will return our pond to its previous success. We were originally told by pond experts, that the life of a pond such as ours was approximately 15 years. We have found that to be true and now hope that the next 15 years will be as fruitful.

## JUNIOR GUIDES 2013 SUMMER PROGRAM

by Elaine Holcombe

Skulls? Pelts? Jawbones? Animal toenails? All of these items and more were examined in the 16th year of RRG&SA's Junior Guide experiential-environmental basic program. The advanced Junior Guide Program emphasized challenging outdoor activities that included GPS, map skill work, overnight camping and canoeing.

Membership: Kathy Brittain

Newsletter: Kevin Sinnett, Sheri Oldham

Rifle/Pistol Range: Harold Fay, Gerry White

Shotgun Range Management: Dave Kretzing

## YOUTH HUNT CONTINUES TO GROW

By Kevin Sinnett

The Club continues to promote and encourage the area youth to embrace the tradition of Maine hunting. This fall 18 youth (10 men & 8 ladies) attended our youth hunt breakfast. They were treated to a hearty breakfast prepared by Dave Kretzing and Sheri Oldham. After the breakfast they were given a complimentary Club ball cap before heading out to the woods. A surprising 45 adults also enjoyed the breakfast!!!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

By Kathy Brittain

We need your continued support in order to continue to make progress toward achieving our mission to conserve, protect and restore wildlife and fisheries populations in Northwestern Maine for the enjoyment of sportsmen, sportswomen, and future generations. Each year some of our members unintentionally fail to renew their membership. You can avoid having your membership lapse by completing your renewal application that will be mailed to you in January. Dues have remained the same; \$20 for individuals, \$30 for families, and \$10 for seniors. Of course, many people renew at higher levels-contributing, sustaining, or sponsoring, and that adds to our ability to provide even more programs and activities for the community. If you are in a position to do so, please consider upgrading your membership, but PLEASE renew as soon as you receive your application. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact Kathy Brittain (ksbrittain@myfairpoint.net). You can also download a membership application from our web site: www.rangeleyoutdoors.org.

## CLUB NOW ON FACEBOOK

Please visit our new Facebook page and make sure you "Like Us" to keep up with the Club activities: www.facebook.com/RangeleyRRGSA. Our Facebook Page is managed by Joyce Fay.

## WEB SITE

Stay up-to-date on the Club activities by frequently visiting our web site: www.rangeleyoutdoors.com.

## 2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these 2014 events

- o Regular membership potluck supper & meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (except in Nov. and Dec. when we meet on the 2nd Thursday). No meeting in April. Potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by Club meeting and guest speaker, at the Clubhouse.
- o June 7th: Casting For Recovery
- o July 7th: Junior Guides, 6 consecutive Mondays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- o July 10: Strawberry Festival/yard sale
- o July 17: Annual Cookout 5:30 p.m.
- o July 28, 29, & August 4, 5: Hunter Safety Course
- o August 12: Outdoor Sporting Heritage Day
- o September TBD: Turkey Shoot/Open Shooting Day
- o October 25: Youth Hunt Breakfast

## ENDOWMENT FUND

"100 years from now it won't matter how much money you made or how big your house was ..... what will matter is that you helped preserve our outdoor sporting heritage for future generations"

An endowment is available to you as a way of becoming part of RRG&SA's long-term future and leave a legacy for future generations. The fund continues to grow as a result of lifetime memberships, annual contributions and member donations. Contact Don Palmer for information.

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

We would like to sincerely thank the following Club Members who have served over the past years on the Board of Director's. Their resignations were accepted and we look forward to their continued support of the Club: Don Palmer, Mac Dudley, Don Miller, and Shelby Rousseau.

We would also like to welcome our new Director's: David Kretzing, Tom Clough, and Joyce Fay.

PRESIDENT – Sheri Oldham

VICE PRESIDENTS – Kevin Sinnett

SECRETARY – Elaine Holcombe

TREASURER – Doug Rose

DIRECTORS: Marsha Baker, Bill Brittain, Tom Clough, Don Curtiss, Brett Damm, Harold Fay, Joyce Fay, Rusty Harvey, Kirby Holcombe, David Kretzing, Sam Spaulding, and Gerry White

Newsletter Editor – Kevin Sinnett





Special presentations were given by our many volunteers: trapping, laser shot, first aid, compass reading, canoe safety along with special visits to our shooting range were a few of the offerings. Bruce Farnham from Mount Blue State Park every year brings special mounts to test our participants' knowledge of Maine animals. The culmination of our program took place at the Bryant Pond 4H facility where youngsters experienced some archery practice and learned about the opportunities for continuing their studies beyond the Junior Guide Program. In addition, our newly cleaned and restocked pond improved the fishing success of all our youngsters.

We are looking forward to another exciting year in 2014. To pre-register or receive more information, please call or e-mail our co-coordinator, Stephanie Palmer at 864-5647 or donsteff@gmail.com.

### OUTDOOR SPORTING HERITAGE DAY - A GREAT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

By Elaine Holcombe

#### Outdoor Sporting Heritage Day Contest Results

There were 20 participants in the youth fly casting contest. The following were the top winners:

8 and under	Addison Dodge	37'-4"
9 and 10	Nolan Orc	33'-7"
11 and 12	Pat Aubuchan	37'-5"
13 and 14	Jake Lysic	50'-2"
Open	Stephen Marsters	76'-4"

The following youngsters were the winners in the youth spin fishing contest;

1st place	Mary Jo Hembrow	13" TROUT
2nd place	Addison Dodge	12" TROUT
3rd place	Dillion Lynch	7" TROUT



(Mary Jo with her 1st Place Trophy)

Congratulations to the winners and all others who gave it a good try. Mark your calendars for next summer's Outdoor Sporting Heritage Day on August 12, 2014.

### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

By Kevin Sinnett

Beautiful weather greeted the large crowds that enjoyed this year's Strawberry Festival in the Village of Oquossoc. The pre-event efforts of Joyce Fay, Carol Harvey, and Renee Sopol coordinating the various craft & trade vendors and preparation of the fresh strawberries made for a seamless event. A special thank you to Rose Collins for once again making the necessary arrangements for the "Yard Sale". This is one of our major events during the summer, not only promoting our Club but the entire Rangeley Region. Thanks to all our members that helped make this year's event such a success. We hope you can join us this summer. Make your calendars for Thursday, July 10, 2014!!!



### RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE

By Harold Fay

Here we are at the end of another year, either enjoying or cursing the winter snow. The RRG&SA Rifle and Pistol Range has completed its fifth season of operation and we look with anticipation to the upcoming 2014 season. We have planned many improvements to the facility in order to enhance shooting opportunities for both our members and the public. There will be additional shooting positions, including handicapped accessible benches, on both the rifle and pistol sides of the range. Safety and environmental concerns will be addressed with significant enhancements to the earthen berms on both ranges. We are planning to start work on these upgrades as soon as weather permits in the spring.

In addition to the physical upgrades, the range will help the RRG&SA better serve our community and visitors to the area by providing a substantial number of public shooting days. A course to train 20 Range Safety Officers has been planned for February 2014. Safety officers will be manning the range on all dates that are open to the public to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. A special thanks to Sheri Oldham for her hard work in securing funding for the range improvement project.

In August our Junior Guides Program were again at the range for a firearms orientation and shooting session. This is an annual event that the kids look forward to every year.

The Fifth Annual Turkey Shoot was held on October 6th with fourteen gift certificates awarded for a holiday turkey or ham. This year's winners were Fletcher Dellavalle, Connor Hall, William Hardt Jr., Jake Lysic, Luke Quimby and Zach Trafton in the Youth Division. Adult Division winners were Keith Dellavalle, William Hardt, Steve Philbrick and Tom Reed. Congratulations to all our winners. Special thanks to our volunteers Bill Brittain, Tom Reed, Sheri Oldham, Joyce Fay and Dave Kretzing for their work in making this another successful event.

On October 13th the RLRS Outdoor Club, under the leadership of Lucy Simonds and Nini Christensen, came out to pop some balloons then zero in on bullseye targets. The kids absolutely loved the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of firearms safety and to practice their marksmanship.

In closing we wish everyone a warm and safe winter and look forward to seeing you when the mud and snow are gone.

### RANGELEY SKEET & TRAP ASSOCIATION

By Dave Kretzing

2013 was the first year that RRG&SA and RRSTA offered reciprocal yearly memberships. This means that membership in RRG&SA gives you full membership privileges at the trap and sporting clays range. This agreement resulted in an increase in the number of shooters. The weekly Wednesday instructional hour was very popular with women, children, and first-time clayshooters.

In the spring of 2014, as soon as the snow melts, we hope to be able to add several improvements to the range. We also plan to offer several new and challenging sporting clay stations. Our shooting hours and special events will be listed on the RRG&SA website [www.rangeleyoutdoors.com](http://www.rangeleyoutdoors.com). Please join us for some clayshooting in a uniquely Rangeley venue.

### VOLUNTEERS – MAKING IT HAPPEN

By Kevin Sinnett

Our Club's success rests completely on the volunteer efforts of our membership. Raising funds through membership renewals, fundraising events and donations surely helps keep us afloat, but it is the personal time and effort that our volunteers make year after year, that keep us a viable and vibrant Club. Below is a list of our "lead volunteers" for our various Club activities. If you have the time this year, track them down and offer your help.....on behalf of the Board of Director's, thank you to all our volunteers!!!

Junior Guides: Elaine Holcombe, Stephanie Palmer, Nini Christiansen

Strawberry Festival: Joyce Fay, Renee Sopol, Carol Harvey, Rose Collins

Archery Range: Mac Dudley

Hunter Safety: Dick Moore, Bill Brittain

Outdoor Sporting Heritage Days: Elaine Holcombe, Mary Hembrow

Sportsman's Show (Augusta): Don Curtiss

Youth Hunting Breakfast: Dave Kretzing, Sheri Oldham

Kid's Fishing Pond: Sam Spaulding

Raffles: Rusty Harvey, Gerry White

Website/Facebook Page: Kevin Sinnett/Joyce Fay

Casting for Recovery: Dave Borman