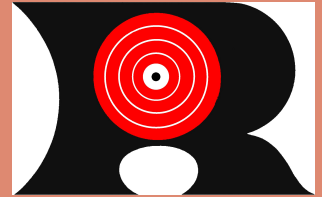


# ROCHESTER RIFLE CLUB

Fall 2014 – SPECIAL EDITION



Mike Drexler, Assemblyman Mark Johns, Rich Funke, and RRC Pres. Ed Cerra

Assemblyman Bill Nojay helps Ed with plaque from NRA

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## RRC CELEBRATES 100 YEARS WITH THE NRA

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> we held a dinner at Valicia's Ristorante in Gates. It was emceed by Rich Funke (candidate for NYS Senate District 55). After dinner, the evening included a presentation of an award from the NRA to the RRC, keynote by Assemblyman Bill Nojay, remarks from Assemblyman Mark Johns (Assembly District 135), update from attorney and policy analyst Ms. Paloma Capana on Second Amendment litigation, lots of door prizes to give away and some

pretty cool cakes for dessert. The 100-year-old charter with the NRA was on display (and guarded maybe better than the White House). It is hard to imagine that our club began with some veterans (probably from the War of 1898 and possibly a few Civil War vets)..... a night to remember. There are only a few AWESOME program booklets still available. The programs included listings of the business and individual sponsors as well as history of the RRC. Contact

committee chairman Mike Drexler or committee members Craig Cory, Don Drexler, and Jeff Lagendyk for more info about program booklets or questions about the celebration.



## An Invitation to join a League

Handgun shooters are invited to join the **Community Pistol League**, which meets at the RRC on Wednesday evenings starting around 4pm. They tend to wrap up around 9pm depending on how many relays of shooters. You do not need to be a member of the RRC to participate in that league. You do need a valid NYS pistol permit. It is a great place to meet people with expertise who would be happy to get you started.

**.22 Rifle Shooters are invited to join the Sporterifle league**, which meets on Thursdays at the Rochester Rifle Club starting around 5pm. Youth ages 12-18 may also choose to shoot Junior Sporterifle on Sunday afternoons from 2-4pm. If you know of a youth who might be interested, bring them down. We have plenty of equipment. We do need to get waivers signed and set up a safety session for new shooters...

## NEWSLETTER DEDICATION FROM MIKE

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of former officer and a founding director of our present indoor range.

**Olin LeRoy** (1903-1986) was a kind man, small in stature but with a big heart and a bigger sense of humor. This writer remembers as a youth how Mr. Olin LeRoy used to get a smile out of him. This former youth remembers Olin's newsletter, which I believe was called the LEADSPITTER, and how I looked forward to each edition. Olin was there when we built the indoor range on Winton Road South in Brighton. One day we had 21 of our 29 members helping install the roof trusses, plywood and shingles in two days. I also remember how at one work party Olin was in the attic working and when I turned around he was standing next to me. Someone noticed and said:

"Olin, I thought you were in the attic." He responded, " I WAS !" (Then I saw the hole in the ceiling where he had fallen through and landed on his feet.) Olin LeRoy was also responsible for "fathering" the Sporterifle program in the U.S.. That league has grown throughout New York State , part of Pennsylvania and has received national attention. The idea of shooting shoulder to shoulder with a light .22 rifle and a scope (no slings or other gear) at a simple target has caught on. His name is sometimes used in Sporterifle Shootoff awards. ( We never did get the patent on that target designed by Olin !!)



## Honors and Champions

At the August dinner, emcee Rich Funke asked for a show of hands of those who had ever won a New York State Shooting Championship (individual or team) or Empire State Games –Shooting medals and a bunch of hands went up. Pretty impressive...We have even had national champions and several national championship teams and members of national teams from the RRC. Olympian -- Jason Turner began shooting as a Junior at the RRC. Jason is currently on the World Shooting Team representing the U.S.A.. Last year the RRC had a male AND female national champion .22 rifle shooter.

This year we had a youth national champion – 14 year old Andre Gross who was getting an award from the American Legion the night of our RRC dinner. A special tribute about Andre and our long-time Junior Instructor –Jeff Lagendyk was read by Mike Drexler.

At the dinner, we also recognized several LONG-TIME members: Bill Donovan (former 70 years of membership, Don Drexler 67 years of membership, Barry Smith 60 years of membership.



Andre Gross



Barry Smith



**We also acknowledged Tom McNamara 44 years, Jeff Lagendyk 42 years, Mike Drexler 40 years. Tom McNamara and Fred Lupi (37 years) recently retired from the RRC Board of Directors. Who else has 40 or more years consecutive membership at the RRC? There should still be a few more folks out there from the days at the Commercial Street RRC Range. Please drop an e-mail to [mjdrexler@frontier.com](mailto:mjdrexler@frontier.com).**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE regarding Spousal & Junior members on your renewal:

RRC must have a record of all members (including spousal and junior members) having had some form of basic firearms training before becoming a member and using the range. RRC's board made this retroactive to include all previous spousal members several years ago. If we have a record of such training, the spouse or junior member's name will be printed on the renewal notice. **If the names are not printed on the form, it is no longer acceptable for you to write in the name, the RRC does not have a record of their compliance** with the required training AND waivers. In this case, the spousal or junior's membership is not renewed and a paper membership card will not be issued despite the hand written name and payment of the renewal fee. Please contact me if my records are in error or to obtain the necessary training so the membership can be renewed. Dave Vogel, RRC Membership Director, 585-657-5413, membership@rochesterrifleclub.org.

### 2014 Raffles - Hand Gun Raffle

We have begun two different raffles. In the fall renewal mailing from the RRC, members received one ticket for the Handgun / AR-15 style .22 rifle raffle. Those who return \$10 and the stub will be entered into the drawings for ALL 3 guns. You could win 1, 2, or all 3 guns. Winner must be Brady Law compliant and 18 or over. See the next page for our second raffle, the gun safe raffle.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Springfield .45ACP  
Range Officer 5" Target Pistol

OR

Smith & Wesson 15-22 -(AR-15  
style rifle ...modified to be NYS  
compliant)



OR



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Ruger MKIII 5.5"  
.22LR Bull Barrel Pistol



**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Smith & Wesson –  
Shield .40 3 1/8" Black Barrel

## 2014 Raffles - Gun Safe Raffle

The other raffle we are doing again is for a 24-Gun Safe. The 24-Gun SAFE tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. You may order additional tickets with the attached form. Please send raffle monies separate from dues. That makes life easier for Dave –our Membership Director and the Raffle Committee.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** 24-gun Safe  
with digital lock

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize:** \$150.00

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize:** \$75.00



### RRC Raffle Order Form

Request and return the **Handgun / AR-15 Rifle Raffle** stub and \$10.00 payment AND / OR **24-GUN SAFE RAFFLE** stubs and appropriate payment **by December 1, 2014.**

Checks payable to "R.R.C.". Please do not enclose other fees with this payment.. Please mail to:  
**RRC Raffle Committee, PO Box 20617, Rochester, NY 14602-0617.** ONLY return money with completed stubs. PLEASE do not include in membership renewal. Send separately to above address.

If you would like to **order more Raffle tickets**, please fill out the below form.

Send no money if only ordering tickets.

a) R.R.C. Handgun / AR-15 style Rifle # \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$10.00 each

b) R.R.C. 24-Gun Safe ticket booklets (booklet of 6 tickets for \$5.00) # \_\_\_\_\_ Booklets at \$5 / booklet.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Remember to Vote

This November get out there and vote for government officials who are pro-sportsmen. Look what happened with the governor and the "late night introduction of the SAFE Act". Research who voted for that atrocity even though most of the County Sheriffs were opposed to it. A NYS Senator claimed to support sportsmen and hunters, then immediately upon his election voted FOR the SAFE Act. Ouch. You *should* feel betrayed. In talking to numerous sportsmen at a recent Gun Show, the feeling is that sportsmen and ladies must vote for candidates who represent them. Otherwise, start planning to surrender your guns with NO RECOMPENSE from the government. This includes those of you who figured your children or grandchildren would just inherit your guns. Maybe not. So Vote on Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014!!!




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