

Maynard Rod and Gun Club

NEWSLETTER and IMPORTANT DATES



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Upcoming Events and News

Please check your email and club calendar frequently for upcoming events. And remember, Safety, Safety, Safety.

Indoor Range Closure

Effective Immediately - Due to a mechanical problem with the ventilation system, the indoor range is shut down until further notice. We do not anticipate the closure to last more than a day or two, so please bear with us while we get the parts and resolve the issue. Thank you for your patience. - The Rifle and Pistol committee

NEW MRGC ORANGE LANYARDS WITH CARDS

Remember, it is a requirement in 2017 to wear your lanyard at all times to display your RO credentials at the R&P ranges at all times. Thank you in advance for adhering to this new mandatory policy for safety. We understand this will take some getting used to, but this is the responsibility and obligation of each member to follow. Thank you.

MRGC TROUT DERBY - 4/29 and 4/30 - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2017 Maynard Rod & Gun Club Trout Derby, 45 Old Mill Road, Maynard, MA

Prizes Raffles Camping Food

Breakfast served @ 6:00 am, Lunch served 12pm daily pond side
Fishing starts at 7am sharp and ends at 4pm

Stocking of the pond will take place on or about April 20th to make sure the fish are very hungry to ensure that a lot of fish are caught this year. There will be roughly 300 Rainbow and Brook trout of all sizes waiting to be caught by you and your kids! Come on out!

Pee-wees ages 6 and under fish for free
Juniors ages 7-12 \$7.00
Adults ages 12 and up \$10.00

3 fish limit per ticket with re-entry allowed.
Proceeds go towards our youth programs.

The Trout derby is open to the public so please feel free to let family, friends and co-workers know about it. It will only help us to raise more money for our clubs youth programs. We welcome anyone who would like to bring a camper or tent to camp out on the ball field this year. As always there is no cost for camping at the trout derby!

We will also have bait for sale at the check-in area including meal worms and trout worms. This year we will not be selling lures or other tackle so please make sure you bring plenty or your own for the day.

For more info, contact Andy Woods (woodsalta1@gmail.com). We can't wait to see you there this year! Thank you, The Trout Derby Crew

(Below)

Photo of a vintage MRGC Trout Derby advertising sign



4/30 - Open House - Cancelled

Cancelled due to not enough volunteers.

Cinco de Mayo - Taco Night - Friday, May 5th, 6:00pm

What a treat for a Friday night considering we often celebrate Cinco de Mayo a week late...Cinco de Mayo -Taco night.

\$10 covers your food. Proceeds go to the Sarvela fund for youth programs.

Bring family and friends to the members lounge for tacos, margaritas and ice cold cervesa.

Come have a great time with fellow members and celebrate Cinco de Mayo or just buy a ticket to support a worthwhile cause. For more info, contact Mike Murphy

(mmurphy204@gmail.com)

Pro Wrestling at MRGC - 5/19, Doors open at 6:00pm

Eastern Pro Wrestling returns to the Maynard Rod & Gun Club! Friday night, May 19th, 45 Old Mill Rd. Maynard, Ma. Doors open at 6:00 pm - Bell time 7:00 pm.

Featuring former WWE Superstar Mike Mondo from the Spirit Squad. ROH tag team Tough Guy Inc. Canadian superstar Markus Burke & Wild Man Kongo!!

Cash bar, Grilled burgers and hot dogs.

Fun for the wildest wrestling enthusiast and for the whole family.

\$15 tickets. You don't want to miss this!!!! Get the word out!



MRGC Famous Steak Dinners under the pavillion-

Coming soon to a charcoal grill near you! Look in the next newsletter for dates starting in June every other Thursday evening. Prepare your appetite now!

Paintball at MRGC

The paintball tournament was a giant success at MRGC last weekend, 4/8 and 4/9. People came from all over. Cars were parked literally everywhere. Thanks for your patience during these events. Paintball is important to the club and an offering for the community. MRGC members get special discounts. If interested, speak with the paintball folks directly.

Boston Paintball is starting up and Sunday tournament dates are: May 21, July 9, and August 20. These dates will also be posted in the Shooters Den.

Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp - update

WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR 2 MRGC KIDS!!!

The two lucky winners are:

1. Thomas Mackesy, 14 Years old and son of club member John Mackesy.
2. Aiden Downey, 14 Years old and son of club member Jen Devlin

MR&GC is sponsoring 50% for each camper. The camp costs \$850 per child. This camp is run by Mass Wildlife and will be held from August 6th - August 18, 2017 at the Horace Moses Scout Reservation in Russell, MA. This camping experience is open to both boys and girls ages 13 to 17 years old who enjoy the outdoors. While at camp they will learn outdoor survival skills, plant identification, tracking skills, fishing, hunting, boating, campfire cooking, firearm safety, shooting skills, archery, plus many other skills needed to become an outdoors person. More information can be found at www.juniorconservationcamp.org. What an opportunity! For more info, contact Andrew Woods, woodsalta1@gmail.com

LTC/FID Certifications and Other Training - 4/27, 6:30pm-10:00pm

NRA Class for LTC/FID -On April 27, 2017, from 6:30pm-10:00pm, Ken Chin will be running an NRA Home Firearm Safety Course at the club. If you have friends or family interested in learning gun safety and want to apply for an FID or LTC (License to Carry) permit this is the

class that they need. Pre-registration is required. Class may be cancelled if low enrollment. \$85 fee.

Topics will include:

- Rules for safe gun handling
- Identifying and unloading different firearms
- Practical exercises in safe gun handling
- Types of ammunition
- Cleaning and storage of Firearms
- Massachusetts laws pertaining to permit applications, firearms storage and transportation

Upon course completion, an NRA Course Certificate and a Massachusetts Safety Certificate will be issued.

For more information, or to register for the class, please contact Ken Chin at trackertx17@yahoo.com or you can reach him at 508-361-4259.

Keep an eye on the club calendar for Firearm Safety Classes and other proficiency classes. Our Club is a supportive environment where people can learn and grow in the shooting sports. That truth has been strongly projected in terms of the various training seminars we made available at the Club. We will be hosting more training events at the club in 2017.

The Club and our members are a great resource that prospective and existing members can call upon to grow and develop their skills. Do you want some help thinking about guns or gear? Need recommendations on group or individual training and lessons? An introduction to the shooting sports? The rifle and pistol committee can help you find answers to your questions and offer advice and recommendations on all things shooting. For More information contact rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com

SKEET, TRAP & 5-Stand

As per the S&T agreement with the club about borrowing funds for the new 5-stand equipment, the second repayment was made in January 2017. They are now halfway through the repayment process and the next payment is scheduled for January/February 2018. This spring, look for 5-Stand to pick up again and new locations of skeet throwers to mix up the shooting and hopefully make it easier..

With spring cleanup coming, S&T is looking for help to: repair and straighten fences, replace rotten wood on skeet houses, trim and cut bushes, misc. painting, fix roof leaks and general cleanup. Please consider helping and earn chits the same time! Contact Gifford Perry if you can help and what you can do. trapandskeet@maynardrodandgunclub.com

S&T is also planning another tournament with Riverside Gun Club on June 10th, and an intramural club shoot in April incorporating skeet, trap and rifle pistol. Look for details coming out very soon.

S&T will be getting another clay order of about 7-10 pallets and will look for volunteers to unload and store cases of clays in the skeet houses and storage container.

This past March we had a company service technician come and service the new Maynard trap machine to get it ready for this year's shooting. It's in great shape and ready for you.

As always, every Sunday at 9:00am, sunny or otherwise, meet for light breakfast and coffee on the Sudbury side of the Club in the Shooters' Den. Steve's Road Kill Cafe serves up good times and busted clays. Open to ALL MRGC members. Local clay pigeon aficionado, Steve Winnick, tames the weather gods while club logo apparel model, Gifford Perry, coaches newbies in the art of bustin' clays. Come on down! For more info, contact Gifford Perry. trapandskeet@maynardrodandgunclub.com



Just another Sunday morning...Dan Arthur bustin' clays MRGC style

TRAP LEAGUE

For the first time ever, the Club has put three teams into the Greater Lowell Trap League. We now have a team in the B, D and E divisions of the league. The D and E teams both shoot on Tuesday nights, so through the summer, the outdoor ranges will be closed at 6:00 PM while the teams host their matches. With two teams on Tuesdays, one team will be home ever week while the other team travels. The B team will be shooting on Wednesday nights and will alternate between home and away matches. Please see the Club's calendar on the Club website for dates and range closings. Contact trap team chairmen John Mackesy or Ramzi Maalouf for more details at trapleague@maynardrodandgunclub.com

MRGC Club Logo Apparel - Clothing Order Update

Gifford Perry took large orders of clothing for hats, t-shirts, pullovers and fleece vests with the Maynard Rod & Gun Club logo. Look for a date from Gifford when they are due in. All clothing is to order. Next order this Fall.

For questions, please contact Gifford. wgp27@comcast.net

Send us your outdoor photos to include in the newsletters

Have you been out on the ice yet? Did you take a kid fishing or hunting? Did you take a photo of an extraordinary nature and/or wildlife picture you want to share? Send jpg. photos to Josh at newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com to include in the newsletter and include a short caption of who, where, what.

Thanks to the MRGC member who sent in this below photo taken in Sudbury by the power lines just after the 2016 hunting season.



Rifle & Pistol Committee

News from the rifle and pistol committee.

Bring it and Ring it.

Many members have asked if they can bring their own steel plates for the rifle range and the answer has always been a resounding NO! The committee is glad to announce a new program that will allow you to bring your own steel targets to the rifle range. You must meet with a committee member who will approve the target and how it must be affixed at the 100 yard backstop, and a record will be kept by both parties documenting this. The steel plate must be the typical AR 500 type steel that is intended for gun range use. Any member who wishes to bring their own steel targets to the rifle range must have specific prior written permission from the rifle and pistol committee. Contact the committee at rifleandpistol@MaynardRodandgunclub.com for full rules and information or to set up a time to have your target approved.

Because Steel!

Are you a new shooter who needs a solid introduction to firearms? Afraid to spend your hard earned money on training because you can't tell a jamoke from a pro? We've got a strong recommendation for you, and we know you'll get the value you need. Check our calendar for courses from the dedicated professionals of Paragon Training. They offer classes that will build the foundation of knowledge and skill required to safely and responsibly handle firearms. If you are more advanced, they've got something that will challenge you. Check them out. <https://www.paragontgroup.com/>

Before you go out and spend all kinds of money on guns, gear and training, remember, the rifle and pistol committee has a wealth of experience and we are eager to advise our members.

Committee member Craig Shomp has been very busy as our GOAL representative. If you want the inside scoop on what's going on with our local gun rights group, or if you need the latest information on colonial reenactment events in our area, contact Craig, he will be very happy to get you up to speed. Thanks Craig.

Committee member Jon Shephard worked hard to get the Mass Wildlife Hunter Safety Education course back to the club, and the club was glad to host. It was a great success for all parties, and the club and the state are already looking forward to the next event. Good Job Jon!

Cleanup weekend is coming and the rifle and pistol committee needs your help. We will be doing much leaf and stone raking and grounds maintenance, and we need you to bring your wheelbarrow, rake, shovel and other general implements of destruction. Aside from the typical landscape duties, there will also be an opportunity for the carpenter types to bang together some target holders, and while we have hammers and saws on-site, it's always good to have a couple of extras.

There will be something for everybody, from the indoor range to the outdoor range and everywhere in between. Give the rifle and pistol committee a shout and let us know which day you might come by.

In case you've noticed the trend, the past couple of newsletters have included a link to a YouTube video that the rifle and pistol committee recommends. This month is no different. Check out this quick video on range etiquette, this is a good one for new shooters as well as the more experienced among us. I especially like the part right before they begin to unpack the firearms, because they make sure the bag is oriented with the muzzles pointed downrange before they even take them out of the bag. We love seeing that.

<https://youtu.be/COvFyw-6Fgs>

The action range remains closed to general membership. Law enforcement training activities and special events will continue to occur in the range. The timeline for live fire qualification for the general membership is on schedule for June. Keep an eye out for a status update in May.

The next opportunity to get your Range Officer Status restored is Friday, April 21st at 4:30pm at the indoor range. There will be an opportunity on the 22nd & 23rd at 10am, also at the indoor range. Be there or be square. If you haven't gotten your new card and lanyard, you are not authorized to use any ranges.

Bud Parker,
R&P Chairman
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R&P Training

The Rifle & Pistol Committee is pleased to announce several upcoming training dates with the professionals from Paragon Training Group. If you want world class training from people who care about results, this is where you need to be. See their website for more info or to reserve a slot now. <https://www.paragontgroup.com/training>

See you on the ranges!

Please communicate any ideas, issues, observations or infractions to the rifle and pistol committee immediately at: rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgun.com

Indoor Range Use and Closures

The club's two Pistol Teams and Junior Rifle Program started their respective seasons. Please note that the Club's Pistol Teams will be using the indoor ranges on Wednesday nights from 7:00pm until closing. They do travel and have some weeks off, so please check the Club's calendar before heading over to the Club. If you're interested in joining one of the teams, or for more information on the teams/league, please contact Ramzi Maalouf at pistolleague@maynardrodandgunclub.com

The Junior Rifle Program will be meeting on the indoor range every Thursday night through the winter. The program will hold a practice on the indoor range every Thursday night starting at 7:00pm. Practices should run from 7:00 through closing.

Junior Rifle Program

The Club's Jr Rifle Program wrapped up its 2016-2017 season with a final practice on Thursday night March 30th. Over the course of the season, the team practiced every Thursday night, and competed in four different Central Mass Jr Rifle league matches. They traveled to two, one at the Riverside Gun Club, the other at Harvard Sportsmen's Club and hosted two more at home in Maynard.

The team closed out the season by hosting the Central Mass Jr Rifle League Banquet in the function hall on Saturday April 8th. With 134 attendees, the night was a great success. Congratulations to Chris Thomas who received the team MVP award, Thomas Mackesy who won the Most Improved and Sean Cannistraro who won the Unsung Hero award.

With some new equipment in the works, the team looks forward to its 2017-2018 season to start sometime around November. Enjoy the summer.

For more information on the program, contact Peter Early or Ramzi Maalouf at youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Check us out on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/The-Maynard-Marksmen-140765322649616/

Junior Shotgun Program

The Club's Jr Shotgun Program - The Clay Commandos - has started its 2017 season with the NE SCTP Spring Opener held at the Minuteman Sportsman's Club on Sunday April 2nd. With the fields still covered in snow, there were 99 junior shooters in all competing at the event. Congrats to Nick Werner for taking 3rd place in his class. Way to kick off the season.

The program has begun its weekly Thursday night practices and will continue to hold practices on Thursdays through September. Our next event is the NE SCTP Spring Sporting Clays to be held at the Minuteman Sportsman's Club on Sunday April 23rd. Follow the team on Facebook for updates, pictures and scores. <https://www.facebook.com/The-Clay-Commandos-122233774504961/> The program is open to boys and girls, 12 and older, membership to the Club is not required. For more information, email us at youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Our fundraising continues this year with a raffle for a beautiful SKB over/under shotgun with 10 second place Browning Knife Sets. Through the help of the Midway USA Foundation, the gun is being raffled off at \$20 per chance with only 250 tickets being sold. The team would like to extend a thank you to Saxonville Armory in Framingham for providing the transfer. There are still tickets available, see coaches Ramzi Maalouf or Peter Early for details. youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com



The next opportunity for enrollment will be in early June. If you have any questions or need more details, contact Coaches Peter Early or Ramzi Maalouf via e-mail at youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com or by phone at 978-331-0045.

Archery

For more info, contact John Demars (jr8487@verizon.net)

MA HUNTER EDUCATION / TRAINING

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/education-events/hed/basic-hunter-education-courses.html>

Keep your eyes on the newsletter for future training and certification events for hunting.

Women on Target at MRGC - Scheduled for 9/24

One of the growing segments of the LTC market is women. Maynard Rod and Gun Club, together with GOAL, is pleased to announce that once again we will be sponsoring an NRA Women on Target event on September 24th.

We'll be looking for Rifle and Pistol and Trap and skeet as well as House & Entertainment to support this important and exciting event. Stay tuned for details... Bob Trombly (btrombly@aol.com)

Finance Committee - Volunteers Needed - MRGC WANTS YOU!!!

We have 3 new volunteers on the committee, but we could still use more arms and legs. The Club is kick starting the Finance Committee back into action. The Committee meets to review the Club's finances, make recommendations, and report back to the E-Board on where the Club can make money, save some money or be more efficient in its business practices. Past accomplishments of the committee include an energy audit and savings through Mass Save. The committee will meet once a month for the first 1-2 months to get going and to address budgeting and then just once a quarter. Volunteering is a great way to earn some CHIT's towards next year's dues. For more info, contact Peter Early, pete.early@yahoo.com

MRGC Members Lounge - Bartenders Wanted

A few new bartenders have been hired and we're still looking for another brave soul or two. Do you have what it takes? Enlist now. This club needs you!

Q: What is a redneck's last words?

A: "HOLD MY BEER AND WATCH THIS!"

We are always looking for bartenders in the members lounge. Please contact Brian Pettis, brianpettis1963@gmail.com for more details.

MRGC Meetings –

Quarterly Body Meeting – June 19th, Monday @ 7:00pm (Open to ALL general members)

(June, Sept., Dec., March.) Meets in the Club house the 3rd Monday of the last month in the quarter at 7:00pm. ALL General Members welcome and encouraged! Come hear about the strong health of our club, other club business, committee reports, treasurers report, managers report, and socialize afterwards in the members lounge. For more info, contact our scribing secretary, Bob Trombly secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

E-Board - (NOT open to general members) our elected 13 E-Board members meet as a board the 2nd Monday of every month 7:00pm in the club house. If our general members have a topic they'd like reviewed, or if there are comments, questions or suggestions, please contact any chair member.

(New Members are required to come before the E-Board in person on an E-Board meeting night with their applications filled out. Contact secretary, Bob Trombly secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

GMAIL EMAIL USERS

I have learned that gmail may automatically filter emails into "tabs" (primary inbox, social, and promotional, etc) and some MRGC newsletters may get filtered into "promotional" tab which means members don't always see them until they dig them out of that folder.

A member who uses GMAIL recently found a way to make the MRGC emails arrive in his primary mailbox permanently and thought you might be interested. See below.

I think "option 2" on this web page is the way to go. <https://socialtriggers.com/new-gmail-changes/>

Don't be late! Here are some important dates!

Be on the look out for info on Professional Wrestling, Women on Target, Training Opportunities, and more...

4/22 & 4/23 - Spring Clean-up

4/27 - LTC Training

4/29 & 4/30 - Trout Derby

4/30 - OPEN HOUSE **CANCELLED**

5/5 - Cinco de Mayo MRGC style in the members lounge

5/19 - Pro wrestling at MRGC

6/10 - Skeet tournament against Riverside

6/19 - Quarterly Body Meeting (Open to ALL general members)

9/24 - Women on Target

Maynard Rod & Gun Club
2017 Club Leadership

We work for you:

Members of the Maynard Rod and Gun Club elected the following representatives for 2017 to manage the affairs of our Club. We represent you and we work for you. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have concerns, comments, questions or ideas.

2017 Officers -

President - Steve Locke – president@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Vice President - Peter Early - vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Treasurer - Mike Murphy - treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Secretary - Bob Trombly - secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Returning E-Board Members

Bill Aucoin
Jim Coughlin
James Rottman
Dwight Warren
Andy Woods

Newly Elected/(Re-elected*)/Selected E-Board Members

Jeff DeLand
Josh Liberman
Dave Loughlin*
Aaron Mikloso*

A special thanks to all those who work hard to keep the club going, too many to mention, please keep up the effort.

Keep an eye on the upcoming newsletters, the Club's website and Facebook pages for announcements as there is always something going on.

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