

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.

2017 MRGC Membership Update & Mandatory Range Officers Meeting

9AM Saturday, March 11th & 9AM and Sunday, March 12th.

THANK YOU to the more than 400 members have paid their 2017 dues. We are still, however, waiting on payments from many we know and love. Please settle up as soon as you can.

Winter is throwing its last few haymakers, but the **Annual Range Officers's (RO) Meeting** is just around the corner. The meeting will be held at 9AM Saturday, March 11th & 9AM Sunday, March 12th. **Please note: You only need to attend one of these two days.** We're hard at work preparing the credentials for all paid 2017 members whose memberships qualify them to seek Range Officer privileges (Regular and Life memberships qualify).

If you haven't paid yet, please do so promptly so we can get you your credentials on time and you can enjoy uninterrupted range access.

At the Annual RO meeting, you'll get your 2017 membership card! Since we see so many of you at the Annual RO meeting, we are holding the 2017 Membership Cards for distribution there. (After those meetings we will mail Membership Cards to those to members who've paid up but cannot attend either of those dates). If you have not paid your dues for 2017 as of yet, you will be able to pay in person at the RO Meeting.

You'll also get your 2017 Range Officer Cards at the Annual RO meeting, presuming you are a previously qualified member and are paid up in full for 2017. **Please bring your 2016 blue card to verify your current RO status.**

You'll also get a hard copy of the new range rules and a lanyard and card holder for your RO card.

Your Range Officer ID card will be attached to a card carrier displaying the demographic information on file with the Club. During the meeting, please review and update any incorrect information we have, answer all the questions on the card carrier, and sign the card carrier, and your membership and RO cards. Please be sure to provide E-Mail addresses to reduce the Club's administrative expenses.

At the end of the Meeting please TURN IN your updated and signed CARD CARRIER. We will retain or reinstate Range Officer status and access and update information based only the return of signed cards.

Those who don't attend **one of the** meetings will have their range officer status and their range access suspended or revoked until they attend an alternate RO training, **which will be held at a later date.**

Subsequent to the Annual RO Meeting, Range Officer Cards will be made available to members only after the Rife & Pistol Committee **verifies a** members's range officer status.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing our 2017 members at the Annual RO Meetings Saturday March 11th or Sunday March 12th at 9am!

Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp - Aug. 6th - Aug. 18, 2017
Deadline of April 15, 2017 - We are actively seeking two campers of MR&GC members' immediate families to attend this Mass Jr. Conservation Camp.

MR&GC will sponsor up to 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.

Children interested in camp should write a letter explaining why they would like to go and what they think they would learn from attending camp. Those letters can be e-mailed to: woodsalta1@gmail.com and please put Mass Jr. Conservation Camp in the subject line. **Letters should be received by the deadline of April 15, 2017** and the club will pick one or two campers at random by May 1, 2017. Winners will be notified via by e-mail.

What an opportunity! For more info, contact Andrew Woods, woodsalta1@gmail.com

Lucky 15 (\$15 on Sunday the 12th) for St. Patty's Day 2017!

We know this is pretty silly and this doesn't make sense, just like it wouldn't make sense for you to miss this. \$15 is the price of an excellent corned beef and cabbage meal at the Club available starting at 12:00 on Sunday, March 12th! Come on down to support the club for the wearing of the green and get your fill o' corned beef and cabbage...and a beverage. This year, we'll also have a meat shoot raffle. Please come by to purchase tickets available in the members lounge and at the RO meeting. Fun for the whole family!

LTC/FID Certifications and Other Training

NRA Class for LTC/FID -On Thursday March 2, 2016, 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

Every Sunday at 9:00am, meet for light breakfast and coffee on the Sudbury side of the Club in the Shooters' Den. Steve's Road Kill Cafe wants to serve you in the New Year 2017. Come on by and join the fun. Local clay pigeon aficionado, Steve Winnick, dependably manages the weather gods while peer club favorite, Gifford Perry, whispers tips and tricks to participants that aid in increased clay pigeon breaking. The guys are still killing the clays with all the wintry white stuff and wind flying around. Come on down! For more info, contact Gifford Perry. trapandskeet@maynardrodandgunclub.com

We are starting a third trap team this year for the Greater Lowell Trap Team. This is a traveling team--half our matches are at home (Maynard Side) the other half we travel to clubs as near as Concord and Nashoba, and as far as Tewksbury and Woburn--we shoot Tuesday or Wednesday nights @ 6:15pm (depending on the team you join) starting late march to early August. We take all levels of shooters (from the people who just started shooting trap to the advanced shooter).

We start late March and go until early August. The cost is to be determined at the league meeting (usually around \$20) and your weekly per round target fees as well.

If you're interested in joining a team, please reach out to team captains John Mackesy and Ramzi Maalouf. trapeague@maynardrodandgunclub.com

MRGC Club Logo Apparel

For those of you who missed the recent runway show in the members lounge, the attendance was so great, there will be a follow up event as well. Don't fret. Gifford Perry has been accepting requests for logo merchandise and encourages you to contact him quickly if you want in on the next order.

Mike Murphy is working on setting up an online store where members can order various logo products. For more info, contact Gifford wgp27@comcast.net and Mike treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com directly.

Quarterly Body Meeting – March 20th, 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 after wards in the members lounge. For more info, contact our scribing secretary, Bob Trombly secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

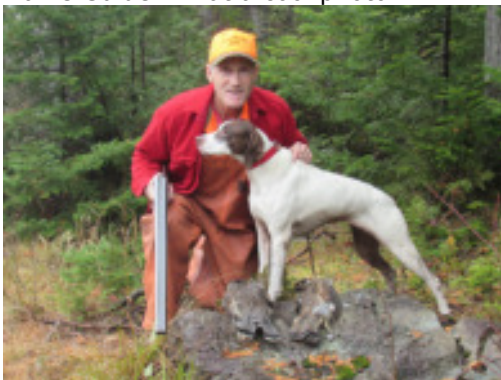
Send us your outdoor photos to include in the newsletters

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.

(Below) Proud MR&GC junior member, Andrea Woods, with her button buck shot during Maine's 2016 youth day hunt.



(Below) Russell Cleary with a brace of birds after a three day bird hunt in the North Maine Woods with dog ZOEY, one of three English Pointers owned and trained by Mark Kingsbury, Maine Guide. What a cool photo.



Rifle & Pistol Committee

A letter from R&P Committee Chairman:

As the new chairman of the R&P committee, I have asked the committee for some big improvements in the coming year, and we begin with a new detailed set of rules and procedures to cover the Rifle and Pistol ranges. We think you will be happy with these new 2017 rules because they clarify several questions that seem to always come up and they put into black and white some of the collective knowledge that has always been passed along verbally. Please keep an eye on your inbox for a separate email with a link to the new rules and procedures in the coming days. The new rules will be online for your review for a few days before they go into effect, and we welcome your comments via email at

rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com . The 2017 rules will officially take effect Monday, March 13th, after the annual Rifle and Pistol meetings.

The annual meetings will be held this year on both March 11th and 12th starting at 9 am each day. (You only need to attend one) We will be distributing hard copies of the 2017 rules and reviewing some of the notable updates. This also when you'll get the new combinations to the gate & range box locks.

The meeting is being held both days in order to accommodate those who cannot make it to one or the other. In order to maintain Range Officer status, you must attend the meeting on either of these two days. Failure to attend will cause your range privileges to be revoked until the R&P can schedule another meeting at their convenience.

Please note that the indoor range will continue to be closed on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 7pm til closing, as the Club's pistol teams and junior rifle program will be using it through the winter. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. The Club's two pistol teams are doing well this season and remain strong competitors. Likewise, the Junior Rifle Program is now in full swing and doing well also.

Lastly, muzzle discipline continues to be an issue and because of that, the R&P Committee urges you to take a few minutes and watch this video, and think about what you can do to contribute to the culture of safety that we try to instill in all of our members. please give it two minutes and you'll watch the whole thing. Share accordingly.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKxukcqPGQA>

We look forward to seeing you all at the annual RO meeting next month.

Bud Parker,
R&P Chairman
budman20@gmail.com

rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com

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>

- Feb 25th - The Armed Female: Street Survival - \$200 for members (\$225 non-members)
- Mar 14th - Law Enforcement Performance Pistol - \$200 for members (\$225 non-members) LEO's only
- Mar 19th - Handgun Skills Development 1 - \$175 for members (\$200 non-members)
- Mar 27th - Female Law Enforcement Performance Pistol - \$200 for members (\$225 non-members) LEO's only

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 is about half way through its season. The program is open to any boy or girl 11 and older, membership to the Club is not required. The program begins with basic instruction on firearms safety and safe firearms handling. As the program progresses, the kids learn basic rifle marksmanship skills and are introduced to the sport of 3 position small bore rifle shooting. Firearms and ammo are provided.

On February 11th, the team traveled to Riverside Gun Club for the 3rd match of the season. The team competed against shooters from Riverside and Marlborough. Congrats to shooters Nick W, Sean C, Chris T and Ryan K. Job well done. The team has one more match at home in March and then they close out their season with a league banquet held at the Club on Saturday April 8th.

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 will be starting up soon. They are working on finalizing the schedule. Sign-ups will be in March, first practice in early April. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more details or contact coach Peter Early at pete.early@yahoo.com

Action Range

If you are not authorized to use the action range, and have interest, now is your chance. More classes to follow. For questions, training and more info, please contact R&P Committee chairman Bud Parker at rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Anyone interested in earning Chits by helping the R&P committee with improvements can email Jeff DeLand rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Archery

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

New MRGC Website

The Club's website has a fresh new look. Check it out here: maynardrodandgunclub.com
Let us know your thoughts, and please send your news worthy information and photo's to newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com to include.

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

The Club is looking to kick start 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 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 som CHIT's towards next year's dues.

For more info, contact Peter Early, pete.early@yahoo.com

Membership Committee - MRGC NEEDS YOU!!!

Membership Committee volunteers needed.

The Membership Committee is seeking additional volunteers to help the committee achieve its goals in the coming year. The committee meets monthly on the Sunday before the executive board meeting, at 1pm in the members lounge. We are also available on Executive Board meeting nights from 6:00pm to 7:30pm as we meet and greet new members each month. Due to the recent weather, for the month of February, the Membership Committee meeting was rescheduled to this Sunday the 19th, at 1pm. If you have been wanting to help the club but weren't sure how to contribute, this could be a great way for you to do so.

We look forward to hearing from you and we thank you for your consideration.

Some of the duties & goals for the upcoming year:

- Offer club tours
- Meet and greet new members with a welcoming attitude on Executive Board nights
- Create an 'on-boarding experience' that is positive, sustainable, documented and repeatable
- Revamp and refresh the now defunct 'New Members Welcome Handbook'
- create and implement a new member's gift bag with safety glasses, a club patch, etc. Develop and implement strategies to recruit new members
- Develop and implement strategies to strengthen the connections between members and to broaden the inner-club community

We hope to see you this Sunday, 2/19 at 1:00pm, or please contact Bud Parker @ budman20@gmail.com for more info if you're interested.

MRGC Members Lounge - Bartenders Wanted

Can you make a bull shot? Can you make your shoes smell? Can you offer color commentary on the days politics and queue up some sports trivia at the same time? If so, you have been called and need to apply to bartend at MRGC tonight! We are always looking for bartenders in the members lounge. Please contact Brian Pettis, brianpettis1963@gmail.com for more details.

MRGC Meetings –

E-Board - (NOT open to general members) our elected 13 E-Board members meets 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 suggestion, 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)

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

3/11 & 3/12 - Annual RO Meeting (Members should attend of the two days)

3/12 - St. Patty's Day Party in Members Lounge

3/20 - Quarterly Body Meeting (Open to members)

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

4/29 & 4/30 - Trout Derby

4/30 - OPEN HOUSE

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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