

September 15, 2017

Maynard Rod and Gun Club Newsletter



Newsletter

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

Club News

Rifle & Pistol Committee

ROLL THE (R&P) TAPE.....Here's a breakdown of dry-fire practice basics that will set a great foundation for all your at-home training. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_afw6CzqlrE

ACTION RANGE UPDATE

Developing.....We are working on getting several members of the R&P committee's NRA Instructors qualified as NRA Chief Range Safety Officers. Once this is completed, we will offer the standard NRA RSO course as a prerequisite to using the action range. Using this nationally recognized standard will get us all on the same page and operating with the same expectations.

Look for October/November RSO classes and a spring range opening.

Outdoor Pistol Range

The outdoor pistol pit improvements are back on track and should be underway before the snow flies....A big thanks to members Chris Manero & Alan Archibald for getting us the telephone (er, utility) poles we need to get the job done.

If the lights are flickering at your house, it could be that Chris & Alan are in the neighborhood.....if you are wondering who to vote for in this year's member of the year, these are some pretty stout picks.

Nashoba Valley Pistol League - MRGC NEEDS YOU!

Every year, MRGC puts up two teams in the Nashoba Valley Pistol League. This is a 22LR, NRA Bullseye league that meets once a week on Wednesday nights through the winter. This league is a great intro for new shooters and the format is very laid back and welcoming to the newbie. Only the teams top 5 scores on a weekly basis count, so there's no pressure on the new shooter. The schedule is flexible in that the league allows you to shoot ahead if you have dates you can't make, etc. There is some travel, but the furthest club is only about 25 minutes from Maynard. Matches begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights, and half are home and half are away. The league starts in October and runs through to spring.

Any member interested in joining should contact Ramzi Maalouf at pistolleague@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Are You In?

We are gauging interest in a separate email or Facebook page that is specific to the R&P. Would like an email or Facebook update that deals with only the Rifle & Pistol news, maybe once or twice a month?

Let us know, we'd love to build a following and put on some events like egg shoots or other competitions and we need your input. rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Upcoming Training (2):

1. Paragon



PRESENTS

COVERT CARRY PISTOL 1.0

*Pistol Class in Maynard!
Saturday! September 16, 2017
Maynard Rod & Gun Club, Maynard, MA
Tuition: \$195*

This demanding eight (8) hour course will educate and prepare participants in the area of concealed weapon carry. Students will gain knowledge and confidence as they learn the *what, why* and *how's* in the art of concealed carry.

Areas of instruction:

- Proper weapon and holster selection
- What to carry and why?
- How to conceal
- Deployment with efficiency and effectiveness
- Fundamental & foundation pistol skills development
- Multiple opponent engagement & target prioritization scenarios



Register now at: info@paragontgroup.com

2. Basic Elements of Self Defense Handgun Course

The R&P Committee is pleased to offer this free class with MPD's Officer Bill Duggan. Saturday, September 30th 1pm-4pm.

This 3 hour class is designed for the novice or beginner who has little experience with a handgun. It will focus on the safe handling of a handgun, nomenclature, beginning marksmanship and self defense combat shooting. Information on obtaining a license to carry (LTC) and purchasing a handgun will be discussed. Also, thoughts and tactics on keeping and carrying a handgun as well as your "combat mindset" will be introduced.

This class will be the first in a series that consider the tactical awareness one should have while integrating situational awareness and response for real-world situations. “Being prepared for anything at any time.”

Required equipment:

- 200 rounds of ammunition
- Appropriate holster and magazine pouch
- Comfortable, weather appropriate clothes and shoes

Instructor: Bill Duggan

Bill has been a police officer for over 17 years and is currently a sergeant and firearms instructor with his department. He spent ten years in the US Army Reserves serving as an MP and force protection specialist. Bill deployed to Afghanistan in 2010/11 where he conducted US Customs missions and also acted as firearms instructor/trainer. He also currently serves on the N.E.M.L.E.C. SWAT team. He has worked executive protection details with the Army in Panama as well as privately in Mexico.

Contact the Rifle & Pistol Committee via email to register for this class, slots are limited, act fast.

R&P Committee Members Wanted

The committee has recently grown in number and we want to keep the momentum going. If you want to help the club we'd love to have you on the R&P because we've got big plans. We only meet once a month. Contact us to learn more.

Best regards,

Bud Parker, Ken Chin, Peter Voymas, Craig Schomp, Jim Foley, Jon Shepard, Alan Archibald, Chris Manero, Derek Stirk, John Fallon, Thomas Neal

The R&P Committee

rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Trap & Skeet

Bird hunting season is less than a month away. Come on out and shoot straight.

The dog days of summer have done little to slow down shooting. This summer trap & skeet committee installed a new wobble skeet machines on the Sudbury side on field #2. This field is now very active and everyone has reported it's a great new addition and lots

of fun. People are reporting they are actually hitting more targets and doing better. As an example Bob Trombly went a perfect score hitting 25 straight! Congratulations Bob. Waiting lines occur as people want to try it out so get there early.

Remember all fields on Sudbury are now wireless, no more cords are needed. Wireless controllers in the locked closet in Shooters Den in a white cabinet.

Please remember to close ranges completely; people are leaving lights on or power on to the machines and or not releasing the throwing arm and or leaving trash around, etc.

On September 10, there was an intramural shoot. We had wobble skeet and 5-stand. It was great turn out with many shooters. Steve Winnick cooked up lunch on the grill, home made salads, sodas and chips. High overall shooter was Travis Powel who was also first on 5 stand. Michael Schleppe came in first on Skeet. Steve produced trophies, hats and other apparel for runner ups.

October 28th, Sudbury skeet is closed from 9-12:30 for a private corporate event. Trap remains open both sides.

Gifford Perry reports there are still clothing to be picked up from last January's order. Please contact him to arrange pickup.

For more info, contact Gifford Perry, wgp27@comcast.net

5-Stand Range Officers Needed - Enlist Today and Serve!!!

There has been a consistent drum beat from our members for more frequent and consistent 5-Stand shooting. The difficulty is that we do not have sufficient specially trained RO's who know how to open, operate and close up the 5-Stand operation (located on Skeet Field No. 1 as a combination range with regular skeet).

For that reason we are forming a volunteer SOG (Special Operations Group) of 5-Stand Range Officers to perform these suicide missions on a rotational basis three weekend days per month (2 Sundays and 1 Saturday).

The few, the proud, the SOG 5-Stand ("Don't Barrel Sweep On Me!"). For your selfless foolishness you will earn the thanks of a grateful Skeet & Trap Committee.

So please, LINE UP, SIGN UP AND RE-ENLIST TODAY for SOG 5-Stand by replying to Steve: winvictus@winnlaw.com.

Greater Lowell Trap League

This year the Club had three teams competing in the Greater Lowell Trap League. Congrats to all for an awesome, fun season. Congratulations to the Maynard E-Division team for taking third place in their division. They ended the season tied for third, had to travel to Woburn for a shoot-off with the Westford team. In the end, they finished 2 birds ahead to take the third place spot. Congrats to Mark Brenan, Joseph Milavec, Dave Jones, Sean O'Callaghan, Chris Cannistraro, Sean Cannistraro and Peter Early.

The B team completed the season with a less than perfect record, but a great time was had by all. Our Top Gun Jim Leuck did manage to win the best record in the entire division. Congrats to Jim! Pictured shooting are, Mike Cavanaugh, Chris Niedzinski and Whitney Beals.





Jr. Rifle Program

The Club's junior shotgun is winding down it's 2017 season. The team has one more shoot traveling down to RI to shoot sporting clays on Sunday the 24th. Please follow the team through their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/The-Clay-Commandos-122233774504961/>

The Club's junior rifle program will be kicking off it's season soon. Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. The first practice is tentatively scheduled for the first week of November. As in past years, the program meets on Thursday nights at the indoor range from November through March. They compete in four matches through the season, two hosted at home, two away. The program is open to any child 11 and older, membership to the Club is not required and all equipment is provided. For more details, please contact Peter Early at youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com

LTC/FID Certifications and Other Training

NRA Class for LTC/FID - Ken Chin will continue running NRA Home Firearm Safety Courses at the club once he returns from Air Force duties out of the country after October. 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.

Archery

You've asked and we've listened... The archery range is all set up with all new backstop targets and two 3D targets to shoot. **Please note that broad heads are not allowed with these targets.** Also, the tree stand has been re-secured, and the old wood tree stand will be removed. We're moving forward and we're "making the archery range great again." WOO HOO!!! Whitetail bow season is right around the corner. Come on out and practice.

For more info, email Chris at chris2500hd@gmail.com

Send us your outdoor photos to include in the newsletters!

Have you been out on the water yet? Bag a bear? See a rare bird? 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. Many members continue to send in their great fishing pictures for the newsletter. See below.

Like father like daughter...Andy Woods, MRGC eBoard member, caught this impressive 42" striper last week right before his daughter, Andrea, out did her dad with this even

more impressive 48" monster. Note that Andrea's smile is about 6" bigger than her dad's!



Women on Target - Postponed

We apologize. Stay tuned for details.

Stay tuned for details... Peter Early, vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com

MRGC Member's Lounge Management

After many years of service, our current manager Brian Pettis has decided to step down. Brian was instrumental in building the club's lounge and function activity levels on his watch. Please join me in thanking Brian for his efforts when you see him!

The Executive Board is pleased to announce that, after a lengthy selection process, a management team has been selected! Amanda Tyler and Julie Costello have accepted the position of Manager/Co-Manager, and will be transitioning into the position by the end of September.

MRGC Game Supper - End of January 2018

Put this on your calendar and start to think about how you can help. We'll need donations of game meat for the supper. Please consider donating venison, bear, elk, waterfowl, upland birds, fish, etc. that you harvest from your productive outings. Stay tuned for more details to come. For more info, contact Andy Woods, woodsalta1@gmail.com

MRGC Meetings

Quarterly Body – September 18th, Monday @ 7:00pm - (Open to ALL general members) We will be serving light snacks during the meeting!

Come down and join us to hear about club planning and operations, and to share ideas. We hope to see you there!

(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 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

Building Committee

Looking for Interested Licensed Contractors. We're getting ready for some new siding and trim improvements where needed around the club house.

If you are a licensed contractor, or know of one who may be interested, please contact Dave at dloff0924@yahoo.com. (Must be licensed and insured)

Membership Committee

Ode to the Camelot that is Maynard Rod & Gun Club. If ever I would join you... it would be in autumn...

Often in course of corresponding with prospective members, I am asked what's the best time to join the Club. On so many levels that's so subjective it defies an easy answer. Why do you want to join? What do you hope to accomplish, for everything there is a season.

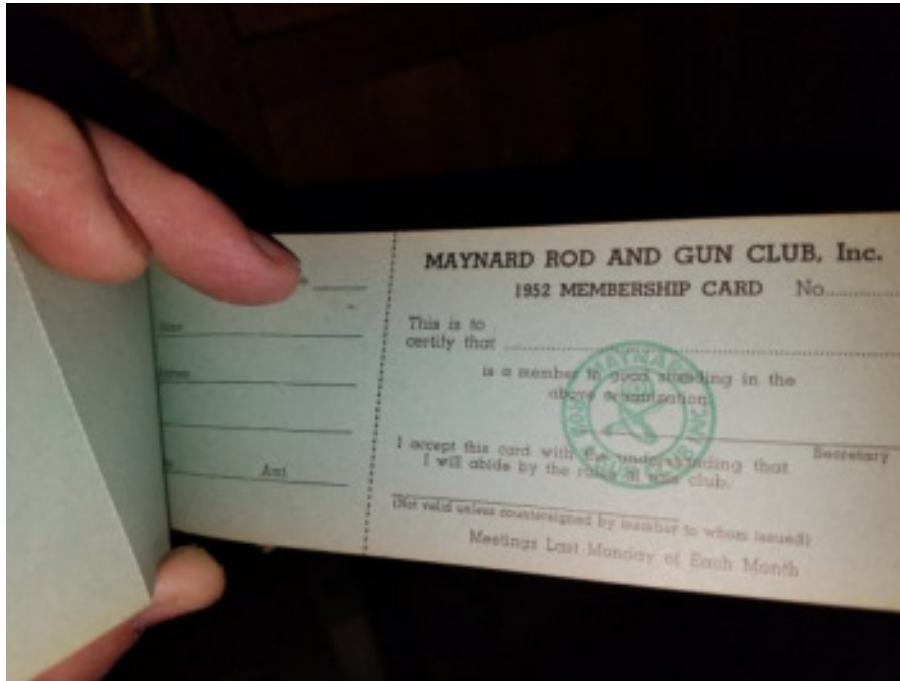
While it's hard to say what the best time to join is because that's so personal, I can certainly state that there's a time when it's clearly best value. And that time is coming now, it's the 4th Quarter of every year. Through the 1st three quarters, the Club doesn't prorate membership fees they are calendar year and renewal is due January 1st as specified in the By Laws. But according to our By Laws, the Club does roll those members who join in Q4 of every year, all the way through the next calendar year. So join in October and get 125% for your money.

I'm not sure exactly what the origin is for the Q4 exception, whether it is the Clubs, hunting legacy and wanting to attract those preparing for the fall season, or enticement to attract new members before the cold winter months set in, but no matter, the important thing is to encourage friends and family who've been on the fence to come down off the fence and join us!

Our facilities are truly never more beautiful than they are in autumn. The Sudbury skeet, 5 stand and wobble skeet fields overlook a blaze of color, even now the maples begin to turn. Russet oaks crown the trap field and action range and rife ranges even as the bright green grass of softball fields ripen to gold for winter's slumber.

Come and embrace it all and bring new friends with you!

For more creative prose, contact Bob Trombly, secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com



Picture of a 1952 MRGC Membership Card

Don't Be Late! Important Dates!

9/16/2017 - Paragon Training

9/18/2017 - Quarterly Body Meeting – Open to ALL general members

9/30/2017 - Bill Duggan Training

10/28/2017 - Skeet Range Closed, 9-12:30

1/2018 - Game Supper

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.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

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*