

# Maynard Rod and Gun Club

## NEWSLETTER and IMPORTANT DATES



### Maynard Rod and Gun Club

#### Upcoming Events and News

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

#### Got Dues? 2017 – Membership Renewal Dues are now overdue!

First and foremost, thank you so much to the nearly 400 who've responded and paid their dues already. This is a major source of income for the Club and collecting dues promptly helps us pave the way for capital budgets and improvement in 2017.

If you haven't paid and are looking for your invoice, we generated invoices via email beginning in mid-November. I've been apprised that this year's invoices are emanating from a different address than they did last year. Be on the look-out for an email invoice from [quickbooks@notification.intuit.com](mailto:quickbooks@notification.intuit.com), that's being generated from the Club's Quickbooks accounting system.

- Full membership is \$185 (less up to \$50 for applicable chit hours)
- Social membership is \$50

The value of any chits hours I have received from our Chits chairman, Ken Chin were deducted from your invoice should show as credits. If you don't think your chits are properly reflected, please contact the appropriate committee chair you worked with and they will work with Ken to make any appropriate adjustments and report them for credit. Ken's E-Mail is [trackertx17@yahoo.com](mailto:trackertx17@yahoo.com).

We're using Quickbooks E-Mail to save the Club labor and the administrative costs associated with annual renewal mailings. Using Quickbooks E-mail:

- You can pay by credit card if you wish.
- You can pay by E-Check as well.
- You can also pay by sending us a check payable to Maynard Rod and Gun Club to:

Maynard Rod & Gun Club  
c/o Club Secretary  
45 Old Mill Road  
Maynard, MA 01754

#### LTC/FID Certifications and Other Training

Keep an eye on the club calendar for the next 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](mailto: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. For more info, contact Gifford Perry. [trapandskeet@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:trapandskeet@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

MR&GC Trap Teams and the Greater Lowell Trap League - It won't be long before the trap season kicks off the 2017. The Club has had teams competing in the Greater Lowell Trap League and this year, we're looking to expand on teams. In the past, the Club has sponsored two teams in the league, this year we're looking to add a third and hopefully a fourth. The teams compete once a week, either on Tuesday or Wednesday nights, depending on division. The league starts this spring and continues through the summer. No need to be an expert, all skill levels are welcome. If you're interested in joining a team, please reach out to team captains John Mackesy and Ramzi Maalouf. [trupleague@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:trupleague@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

### Annual Kid's Christmas Party with Santa - Last month on 12/18

What a hit!!! If you didn't bring your kids, you missed out. Put this on the calendar for next year and plan around it. The hall was completely filled with families. Santa arrived by Maynard fire truck and surprised eager kids who were playing games, doing arts & crafts projects and eating pizza. Families participated in raffles. And, Santa had each child sit on his lap, then lean into his belly and beard before he graciously gave a gift to each child...And, Santa's elves charmed all as well. A great time for all and a great family event. Good old fashioned Fun, Fun, Fun. (A HUGE thanks to the Maynard Fire Department, Steve Locke, Brian Pettis, Brian's wife Sue and all of the elves who made the event so successful!)



Above: Santa walking towards awestruck MRGC members kids with a sack of candy canes to greet all. Below: An action picture of just some of the musical chairs participants left who had all been able to find a chair when the music stopped. Big congratulations to returning MRGC musical chairs champion, Hannah Peters.



### MRGC Club Logo Apparel

Based on numerous requests over the the past year, Gifford Perry and Mike Murphy have lined up MRGC logo apparel for us. T-shirts, hats, pull-over sweaters, zipper sweaters, long sleeve shirts and Speedo bathing suits will be available. Gifford plans to model the merchandise at one of our upcoming meetings where he'll be taking orders.

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](mailto:wgp27@comcast.net) and Mike [treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

### Send us your outdoor photos to include in the newsletters

How did your fall hunting turn out? Did you bag a trophy buck? 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](mailto:newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com) to include in the newsletter and include a short caption of who, where, what.



Member Jerry Peters and daughter Hannah (above) and son Holden (below) in the deer stand with bow. Proud dad teaching his kids and spending quality time outside together.



### Rifle & Pistol Committee

The Rifle & Pistol Committee would like to remind everyone of two important topics for 2017.

Range safety. Keep a vigilant attitude towards safety. Please make sure the muzzle of your firearm is always pointed in a safe direction, downrange. Remember when someone is down range, no one can handle or otherwise manipulate firearms, ammo, magazines, cleaning supplies, etc. magazines must be removed, chambers must be open, & a visual check of firearms should occur. Hands Off! Everyone must step back from the benches when people are down range. Wait until everyone is back behind the benches before you resume handling. When anyone goes down range on either the Rifle or Pistol side, both ranges are closed. Please remember it is up to all of us to create and maintain a safe environment for all of our shooters.

Range clean up. It is the responsibility of all members who use the ranges to clean up your shooting stations & remove all of your targets before signing out. Use the burn barrels for all paper and cardboard. Trash must go in one of the provided trash barrels. It is your responsibility to pick up all of your shell casings. We have provided brass buckets for your convenience. Please pick up your brass and do what you can to reduce the amount of spent shell casings on the ground.

Please note the time/day change for the R&P Committee meetings. The committee has changed their monthly meeting to the Thursday night prior to the E-Board meetings. They no longer meet on the third Thursday of the month. Anyone looking for Range Officer status should reach out to the committee or attend one of the monthly meetings.

The Club would also like to congratulate Member of the Year Bud Parker on his new post as Rifle and Pistol Committee Chairman.

If you'd like a refresher on the Rifle and Pistol rules please feel free to email us. Please communicate any ideas, issues, observations or infractions to the rifle and pistol committee immediately at: [rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgun.com](mailto: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 most Wednesday nights 6:30-8:30pm. 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](mailto: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 to 8:30 or so.

Sunday, 1/15/17, there is a Pistol League match (annual event) that the Nashoba Valley Pistol League organizes and MR&GC hosts. Range will be closed for the entire day.

### 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.

For more information on the program, contact Peter Early or Ramzi Maalouf at [youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Check us out on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/The-Maynard-Marksmen-140765322649616/](http://www.facebook.com/The-Maynard-Marksmen-140765322649616/)

### 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](mailto:rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Anyone interested in earning Chits by helping the R&P committee with improvements can email Jeff DeLand [rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

### Archery

For more info, contact John Demars ([jr8487@verizon.net](mailto:jr8487@verizon.net))

### New MRGC Website

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

For more info, contact Peter Early, [vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

### Membership Committee - MRGC NEEDS YOU!!!

The club is looking to build up the membership committee for 2017 and we want you to join us. The committee meets every month on the Sunday before the Executive Board meeting, and we are present to greet prospective members on each Executive Board night. The next Membership Committee meeting is Sunday, February 12th, with the Executive Board meeting the following evening.

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

If you are interested in contributing to the club and having a favorable impact on new members and the membership in general, please contact Bud Parker @ [budman20@gmail.com](mailto:budman20@gmail.com)

### MRGC Members Lounge - Bartenders Wanted

Are you a mixologist? Can you pop a cap off a bottle of beer or soda like the best of them?

Can you provide superior customer service at all times with a smile to even the most demanding MRGC lounge member? We are always looking for bartenders in the members lounge. If you are interested please contact Brian Pettis at [brianpettis1963@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com))

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

2/12 - Membership Committee meeting

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

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](mailto:president@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Vice President - Peter Early - [vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Treasurer - Mike Murphy - [treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Secretary - Bob Trombly - [secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto: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 Miklos\*

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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