

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.

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 ranges at all times. Thank you in advance for adhering to this new mandatory policy for safety.

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

Membership Updates

The Annual Range Officer's meeting last weekend marks the unofficial end of annual renewal season. We stand some 491 members strong. We lose about 10% of our membership every year in the natural course of things. So while we have slipped from our DEC 2016 high of 528, we'll gain them back throughout the year and we'll probably crest above 528 by end of 2017.

More than 200 folks availed themselves on-line payment options! Most responded to the invoices we emailed from Quickbooks. Thank you to all that saves the Club on postage!

"Life got in the way. Is it too late to renew?" *It's not too late!* For those who feel out in the cold and want back in the fold, The Club has a very liberal reinstatement policy. Simply pay your 2017 dues and you're back on the inside! No late fees, no requirements to pay lapsed years. We'll process your renewal get you your credentials; restore your access and get you in touch with R&P who will recertify you and we'll get you back on the range in a jiffy. Contact me at secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com if you have questions or issues.

Cards.

2017 Member cards

At the range officers meeting we distributed membership cards and Range Officer cards to attendees. We'll be

releasing membership cards shortly. I'll leave them at the lounge for a bit so you can drop by and pick them up as you enjoy the Club. Those not claimed by the end of April I'll mail. If you don't anticipate stopping in any time soon and would like your card mailed please drop me a line a secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

2017 Range Officer Cards

Only the rifle & pistol committee can certify Range Officers (RO) and release 2017 Range Officer cards. Alternate training dates will be published by Rifle & Pistol in the newsletter and on the Club calendar. Contact rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com if you have questions or issues.

Access Cards and Fobs

Our evergreen access cards and fobs have in the past 3 years paid for themselves over the old system.

We've revoked access for those who have not renewed for 2017 and we're processing the RO access for 2017 Range Officers.

If your card is malfunctioning contact us; we'll get you squared away.

If you've lost your card we'll make you a new card for \$10.

Questions or issues contact secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp - Aug. 6th - Aug. 18, 2017 WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR UP TO 2 MRGC KIDS!!!

(ZERO APPLICANTS THUS FAR)

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 on Sunday the 12th for St. Patty's Day 2017!

"You seriously missed out if you missed out," Yogi Bera. What a hit! The MRGC leprechauns chef'd up a boiled feast! It was fun for the whole family! Meat Shoot, Shotgun raffle, Celtic dancers, Bagpipe performance and cranking wood fire in the fireplace all filled the members lounge with conviviality! Stay tuned for more MRGC Lounge events not to miss.

LTC/FID Certifications and Other Training - 3/30, 6:30pm-10:00pm

NRA Class for LTC/FID -On March 30, 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

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 winter weather gods while club logo apparel model, Gifford Perry, coaches newbies the art of bustin' clays. The guys are still killing the clays with all the wind and white stuff flying around. Come on down! For more info, contact Gifford Perry. trapandskeet@maynardrodandgunclub.com

TRAP TEAM MEMBERS WANTED

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. tragleague@maynardrodandgunclub.com

MRGC Club Logo Apparel

Gifford Perry has been accepting requests for logo merchandise and encourages you to contact him quickly if you want in on the order. If you were one of the many that attended the RO meetings this past weekend, you likely saw Gifford and his high quality attractive sample merchandise. If you'd still like to place an order for MRGC logo hats, shirts, fleece jackets, and/or sweatshirts, please contact Gifford immediately. 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.

MR&GC Member Ice Fishing. (Selfie without self?) Looks like a fun time, but where's the ice?



Rifle & Pistol Committee

Update from the rifle and pistol committee.

The annual range officer meeting was held this last weekend, and there was great turn out. Thanks to all of you who took the time to make it. The new rules are working out well, and we've had several compliments and comments that will make the next revision even better. Now that the partnership between paragon training in the club has been finalized, keep your eye on the calendar and the newsletter for their upcoming training events.

You can also hit their website paragonTgroup.com, and register for their classes there.

The committee has a lot of irons in the fire, but we're always open for ideas and suggestions, so don't be shy. Email us at rifleandpistol@MaynardRodandgunclub.com with whatever you've got and we will respond.

We are taking suggestions for activities on cleanup weekend, so if there's something you've noticed that needs taking care of drop us a line.

As always, safety is our focus and is always at the forefront. Would like to offer you another quick safety video for your enjoyment. Please take a minute to watch this short video on firearms safety. This one is done by the national shooting sports foundation, and reiterates the rules that we live by.

<https://youtu.be/NvDLU-4InbU>

Most importantly, for those of you who missed the annual meeting and now do not have current range officer status, be aware that we've made some changes that will make you stand out on the range. If you haven't been to the meeting it will show. If you haven't been to the meeting, your access to the ranges has been suspended until you can get up to speed with the changes that we've made.

That being said, there will be a range officer orientation beginning at 4:30 PM on Friday March 24, and we will hold another one again at 9 AM on Saturday, April 1, both beginning at the indoor range.

You must attend a range officer orientation in order to restore your active status on the ranges. If you can't make either of these dates please email us and we will work something out.

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>

- 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 getting 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.

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 junior shotgun team, the Clay Commandos, will be kicking off its 2017 program this month. For all returning team members, and kids looking to join the team, there will be a mandatory kick-off meeting tonight (Wednesday night 3/15) in the Club Function Hall at 7:00 PM.

The program is open to any boy or girl, 11 and older, and membership to the Club is not required. The program will run every Thursday night from the end of March through the end of September. No experience required. The program will begin with instruction on firearms safety and safe firearms handling and will teach the kids the clay target sports including trap, skeet and sporting clays. All equipment needed can be provided if you do not have your own.

If interested, please plan on attending the mandatory meeting on the 15th. 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

Mar 29, Apr 1 & 3	Maynard Rod & Gun Club	6:00pm-9:30pm &	To Enroll
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(3 class sessions)

45 Old Mill Road
[Directions](#)

Apr 1: 8:00am-4:00pm

Call 508.389.7830

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

Basic Hunter Education Courses | MassWildlife

www.mass.gov

All first-time hunters who wish to purchase a Massachusetts hunting or sporting (combination) license must successfully complete a Basic Hunter Education course.

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

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. 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

Please contact Bud Parker @ budman20@gmail.com for more info if you're interested.

MRGC Members Lounge - Bartenders Wanted

A new bartender was just hired and we're still looking for another brave soul or two. Do you have what it takes? Enlist now.

"...went to a bar for a few drinks. The bartender asked what I wanted. "Surprise me", I said. So he showed me a naked picture of my wife." Rodney Dangerfield

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)

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...

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

3/29 - MA Hunter Education / Training

3/30 - LTC Training

4/1 - MA Hunter Education / Training

4/3 - MA Hunter Education / Training

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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