

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.

Pro Wrestling at MRGC this Friday, 5/19, Doors open @ 6:00pm OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Eastern Pro Wrestling returns to the Maynard Rod & Gun Club! Friday night, May 19th. 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!



Below are some pictures taken from our MRGC pro wrestling last year to get your juices flowing for this coming Friday night, May 19th. Between the hard core adult fans in attendance, and of course, the energized kids, more than 150 audience members in total raised club funds via ticket sales, food and drink concessions and raffle. The Boston Garden has nothing on us.





MRGC Steak Dinners - Starting June 8th, Thursday @ about 7:00pm, and then every other Thursday for the summer (After June 8th, next is June 22th), Open to the public

Come on out and bring your friends. These are the BBQs under the MRGC pavillion that you'll want to come back to. \$15 gets you an old school delicious feast cooked by the legendary charcoal grillers of MRGC. You don't want to miss this! Sirloin, homemade mushroom sauce, baked potato, corn on the cob, grilled onions and peppers and salad. Are you hungry yet? You can't go wrong (unless you don't eat steak)! Cash bar. Bring your appetite and bring your friends.



Can you say, "Hmm, Medium rare"?

MRGC TROUT DERBY - Update

What a fun time had by all who participated in the MRGC annual fishing derby that was held on April 29 & 30th. With approximately 125 fishing participants, lots of caught trout (2 of which were tagged fish) made the weekend a success. And, thanks to the weather gods for cooperating!

Raffles, contests, first time kid fishing experiences...New members were recruited. Existing members socialized and caught trout. Good times. Good times.

Several thank yous are in order, especially to Andy Woods. Others include:

- The E-Board for allocating the funds for the derby.
- Mike Murphy for food shopping and managing check writing for the event.
- John Demars and Chuch Garlisi for showing up at 5am to cook breakfast each day.
- Billy Allen, Buzzy Costillo and Mark Darcey for helping with setting up the tents in the sales area and cooking lunch both days.
- Brian Hendricks for cooking and donating his famous baked beans.
- Jules Costillo for getting the derby printed in the Maynard middle school's take home newsletter.
- The Town of Maynard for posting the event on the town website and for letting us put the derby sign on the fence at Alumni Field.
- The Clock Tower for allowing us to put a sign on on their property on Main St.
- Cabela's for donating the prizes for the children.
- Lunker's Outfitters of Ashland for ordering a large amount of bait and then accepting the return and issuing us a refund for any unused bait.
- The Pleasant Cafe for their \$50 gift card donation for the raffle.
- FedEx/Kinko's for donating their time to cut up and organizing the raffle tickets.

Here are some pictures from the event:



Paintball at MRGC

Paintball has been reinvigorated this year, as many of you have noticed. Paintball participants are traveling from all over to get to MRGC, which is a good thing. Thanks for your patience during these events. Paintball is important to the club and an offering for our

community. MRGC members get special discounts. If interested, speak with the paintball folks directly.

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

LTC/FID Certifications and Other Training - 5/18, 6:30pm-10:00pm

NRA Class for LTC/FID -On May 18, 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

The 3 shotgun (Skeet, Trap and 5-Stand) Fun Shoot Intramural Tournament hosted by the Skeet & Trap Committee on Sunday, April 30 was a huge success on multiple levels. With 16 shooters S&T had the largest contingent ever for any of its intramural shotgun shooting events, and a great warm up and proving ground for the upcoming club tournament against Riverside to be held at Maynard on Saturday, June 10. The meal of barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers served after in the clubhouse bar was also a big hit. And based on the glowing reports from participants during and after everyone had a spectacular time.

TOURNAMENT TOP GUNS — Jim Leuck was the big winner — first in Skeet with a perfect straight of 25; second in 5-Stand and High Overall. Travis Powell was first in Five-Stand; Dwight Warren took first in Trap. Second place trophies went to Steve Winnick for Skeet and Mike Cavanaugh for trap.

Skeet and trap are busy and the weather is bringing out all the fair weather shooters. Both fields are very busy and with lots of activity and fun times. Quite a few shooters are showing their new shotguns and learning to use them. New wobble skeet machines are ordered and are due in about 3-4 weeks for field#2.

Two weeks ago, skeet & trap received 9 pallets of new clays, so we are fully stocked for the spring and summer shooting. Thank you to all of the volunteers who took off time from work to unload the pallets and stack the boxes of clays for all of us to benefit.

Regular shooting hours commences on Sundays around 9:30am with coffee and donuts before hand in the Shooters' Den (Sudbury side). 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 wind gods while club logo apparel model, Gifford Perry, coaches newbies (and some not so new) in the art of bustin' clays. Come on down! For more info, contact Gifford Perry. trapandskeet@maynardrodandgunclub.com

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 trapeague@maynardrodandgunclub.com

MRGC Club Logo Apparel - The Clothing Order Has Arrived!!!!!!

Last Sunday, May 7th, Gifford Perry was handing out clothing that was ordered. If you missed last Sunday, plan to come over the next couple of Sunday's for pick up.

If you are one of the lucky who placed your order months ago, it is time to see Gifford Perry at the Shooters Den (by the Sudbury side skeet fields) this Sunday, 5/21 between 9:30-noon for pick up. Gifford will be present from 9:30-12:00 engaged in his usual Sunday morning ritual of breaking clay after clay, but he promises to make time for each of the 40 or so members who need to pick up their logo apparel.

The large order of t-shirts, pullovers, fleece vests and hats with the Maynard Rod & Gun Club logo looks terrific. If you missed out this time, but still want to place an order, please reach out to Gifford directly to get in early on the next order. All clothing is to order. The next order is likely for this Fall, or once there is enough interest again. For questions, please contact Gifford. wgp27@comcast.net

Send us your outdoor photos to include in the newsletters

Have you been out on the water yet? Bag a turkey this spring? 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.



Kudos to Andy Woods catching his very first striped bass of the year on Cape Cod in May (last week)! Note the angle of the picture makes the fish look quite small against big Andy. However, this measured and weighed striper was actually 47", 44LB (verified by Andy's own recollection)!

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.

Rifle & Pistol Committee

News from the rifle and pistol committee

The entire Rifle and Pistol committee would like to thank everyone who turned out to take care of the spring cleanup. Your labor over those two days is going to pay dividends for many months and we appreciate the hard work you all put in. The entire club will benefit because of your efforts, thank you.

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.paraqontgroup.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. In case you've noticed the trend, recent 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 trigger discipline https://youtu.be/kTkGXp_XrrY

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 later this month. Contact the R&P for more info.

The next opportunity to get your Range Officer Status restored is Friday, May 26th at 5:30pm at the indoor range. Be there or be square. If you don't have your new RO card and lanyard, you are not authorized to use any ranges.

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. Visit their website for more info or to reserve a slot now. <https://www.paragongroup.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 - It's Back Open - Use and Closures

Thanks to our MRGC crew, the indoor range is back open with new and improved ventilation fans. The mechanical problems with the ventilation system have been addressed. Come on down and check it out.

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 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 its 2017 season is underway! The program has begun its weekly Thursday night practices and will continue to hold practices on Thursdays through September.



Attaboys! MRGC Sean C. and Nick W. competed in the Junior Olympics Bunker Trap at Minute Man May 6, 2017. Nick W. took first place in J3 age category (14 and under) with a score of 87. Sean C. took the bronze in J2 (15-18) with a score of 57.

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

Membership Message -

Know someone who's MIA? Encourage them to drop us a line...

We're a volunteer organization and our records aren't perfect, and neither are our volunteers. Every year there are folks who contact us and say they didn't get a renewal. Mistakes get made, but we're happy to fix them and get people back in the fold especially as the warmer weather and prime shooting season approaches. If you or a friend feels like they've gotten lost in the shuffle, by all means drop me a line at the Club at secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com. I'll get back to you as soon as possible. If you or your friend aren't up to surfing the net call and leave your name and number at the lounge and I'll call you when I pick up that message at the Club.

Got Access?

Card Access is set for members and range officers. All members in good standing have access. The lounge typically opens at 3pm week days and noon on weekends. The lounge doors are programmed to this schedule and won't open by card before those times. Similarly, the indoor ranges door is on a 9am-9pm schedule. To qualify for access you have to be a Life, Regular or minor member who has recertified as a range officer in 2017. The range won't open before or after 9 (and won't open to those who haven't certified with R&P at all). Need to be re-certified for R&P? Please check the newsletter for announcements or contact rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com.

Card escaped you?

Please let us know so we can deactivate it and replace for you for a nominal fee of \$10.

Card Broken?

If your card is malfunctioning and not working properly please contact me at Secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com and we'll meet and test and replace your card if necessary.

Paper Membership Cards remain available in the (spiffy new) member correspondence box in the lounge.

Swing by and visit! Pick yours up? We'll be mailing those left file out soon, but visit, the Club is absolutely at its most beautiful this time of year.

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...

5/18 - LTC Training

5/19 - Pro wrestling at MRGC (Open to the public)

6/8 - Steak Dinner (Open to the public)

6/10 - Skeet tournament against Riverside

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

6/22 - Steak Dinner (Open to the public)

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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