

April 20, 2019

Maynard Rod and Gun Club



Newsletter

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

Best wishes to all of you and your families for a happy and especially healthy Easter and Passover.

All ranges and members lounge are closed for next weekend 8:30-3pm 4/27 and 4/28 and we need all the help we can get to tackle the repairs and maintenance for the Spring Grounds Clean-up Work Party.

(Please note the only open range exception is for the Defensive Handgun Training previously scheduled on 4/27.)

Membership Updates

The Annual Range Officer's meeting last month marks the unofficial end of annual renewal season. We stand some 515 members strong! We lose about 10% of our membership every year in the natural course of things. So while we have slipped from our modern DEC 2017 high of 570, we'll gain them back throughout the year and we'll probably flirt with 600 by the end of 2019.

More than 300 folks availed themselves on-line payment options! Most responded to the invoices we emailed from Quickbooks. Thank you to all as 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 2019 dues and you're back on the inside! Unlike other area Clubs, no late fees, no requirements to pay lapsed years or repay initiation feeds. 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

2019 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 June 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

2019 Range Officer Cards

Only the rifle & pistol committee can certify Range Officers (RO) and release 2019 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 5 years paid for themselves over the old system. **We've revoked access for those who have not renewed for 2019** and we're processing the RO access for 2019 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

Soliciting a Volunteer - MRGC Newsletter

It's been a fun three and a half years of compiling and sending this MRGC newsletter to our fine club. Unfortunately for me, with shoulder surgery scheduled, this will be the last monthly newsletter sent out for a while, unless another member would be willing to volunteer and take it over for a period. I'd be glad to support a new volunteer for this task and help with a transition. Please let me know if you'd be interested.

Thanks,

Josh

joshliberman@hotmail.com

newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com



Actual photograph taken of MRGC members volunteering at the 2018 MRGC Spring Clean Up Work Party managed by Steve Locke and Gifford Perry.

Spring Grounds Clean-up Work Party -

Saturday, 4/27th and Sunday, 4/28th, 8:30AM - 3:00PM

This weekend event is a great opportunity to earn Chits towards your dues, as well as meet new friends in the process. General grounds clean-up, raking up winter debris, leaves, etc. Spreading bark mulch. Fence repair. Outdoor painting, etc. Clean up around the pond in preparation for the upcoming Trout Derby might require some light chain saw work. Light breakfast items and lunch will be served to all workers both days!

Coffee and Pastry at 8 AM. Work begins at 8:30AM. Typically day ends by 3 PM latest. Lunch provided.

Bring lawn rakes if you have them.

Reminder. Ranges and members lounge will be closed during the work party.

- 1) Build new storage shed next to the Shooters Den: Saturday and Sunday. Need help building the floor deck Saturday and start the shed. Sunday continue to complete the shed, its roof, and hopefully paint it.
- 2) Cleanup all grounds, ranges, trap and skeet houses Including raking, leaf blowing, etc
- 3) Cleanup the Shooters Den; wash, vacuum interior, etc.
- 4) Trim bushes at trap and skeet ranges

CHITS. All volunteers will earn chits that can be applied to reduce your annual dues. Don't forget to sign in on the attendance sheet to get chits credit.

Please email Grounds Committee Chair Steve Locke at sklocke1404@comcast.net for more information OR if you can commit to one or both days.

Steve Locke

FID / LTC Certification Class at MRGC

Next Class is: Wednesday, April 24th, 6:30 pm

COST: \$85

DESCRIPTION: 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.

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

The class registration fee is \$85 and 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.

MRGC Trout Derby-Open to Public, 5/4 & 5/5

This year's trout derby will held on Saturday and Sunday, May 4th & 5th rain or shine at the club's trout pond! All are welcome including family, friends, co-workers and your neighbors! We will have food, prizes, raffles and 5 tagged fish that are instant prize winners! If you have a camper or a tent please feel free to camp out in the clubs ballfield and rise early to claim your favorite fishing spot after grabbing a breakfast sandwich at the cooking pavilion located pondside starting at 6am! Fishing starts each day at 7am and finishes at 4pm. Bait will be available for purchase at the check in area. Pee-wee anglers 7 and under are free, Juniors 8-12 are \$7.00 and adults 13 and over are \$10.00 each. Each ticket includes 3 trout and you can purchase as many tickets as you'd like. Re-entry is required each day (unused tickets are only good for the day they are purchased). We look forward to seeing you there!

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Send us your outdoor photos for the newsletter!

Have you been out in the woods or on the water this fall? 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 and what. Many members continue to send in their great sporting pictures for the newsletter.



Does this make you think hungry trout? A beautiful female Hendrickson.



Get daily trout stocking updates at Mass.gov/Trout

Archery

Soon enough the snow will melt and the archery range will look like a range again. The MRGC Archery committee will be looking for volunteers to help fix up the range a little bit as soon as the snow is gone so we can all get shooting again. We have more new back stops targets and some new block targets to set up. Also, we'll be getting more 3-D targets. The committee will need some volunteers to help get set up and clean up the range a bit. Please reach out if interested in helping for chits and good fun.

Chris Manero

Trap & Skeet Committee

Trap and skeet continues now through the mud season, no longer cold winter months. Neither cold nor rain and now mud has deterred the hearty shooters. It shows a strong commitment to the club and to the shooting sport that nothing deters the hearty shooter.

Thursday night shooting continues on, but an on call basis, so if you're interested send out a blast email to those who might want to attend.

Gifford & John (co-chairs) has instituted a new range officer training program where new shooters has to follow a written guideline and sign their name for each range course they are trained on and they must sign there name. A 3-ring binder is in the Shooters Den for your information with the information.

This spring we'll be the installing new security cameras for Sudbury side skeet fields and cameras for Boston Paintball. Hopefully this will be a great tool to monitor activities on and off hours.

Whoever dropped of the microwave at the Shooters Den please come and get it. If you want to donate something please talk to John & Gifford first and they will determine if there is a need for something. No one has claimed ownership so it gets thrown out now.

Spring is around the corner and look for more 5-stand shooting events. Look for Steve Winnick's email blast when events and new items are coming up. Contact

Mike Cavanaugh to get the latest news on 5 stand.

Shooting is picking up, so please come out and enjoy some trap and skeet shooting.

However, please remember, ONLY 7 1/2, 8 or 9 shot can be used on MRGC trap and skeet fields. Absolutely NO hunting loads are ever permitted for safety. Targets loads only, PLEASE.

R&P Committee

Hello everyone,

The annual Rifle and Pistol meeting was a great success with many hundreds of members coming through to hear the latest news and everything that the committee has planned for 2019, as well as get their range status renewed.

<https://sites.google.com/view/mrgc-rifle-and-pistol/home?authuser=0>

Bud and Committee

Sincerely,

Bud & R&P committee, rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 2019
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
(DAY 1)

**INTRODUCTION TO DEFENSIVE
COMBAT HANDGUN**

The Rifle and Pistol Committee of the Maynard Rifle and Gun Club is pleased to announce the return of top-notch firearms instructor Dan Kingan for 2019.

Dan is an accomplished shooter and a certified instructor and he is offering a special introduction class focused on defensive combat handgun principles at a special low price.

This course is designed as a two-day skill building event
Day 1 on Saturday, April 27th.
Day 2 on Saturday, June 1st.

sign up now - space is limited

The classes are \$125 each if taken individually, but you can bundle and save.
You can attend one or both of these great classes, but if you sign up for both you'll save money and pay only \$225 total for both days.

Day 1 overview: A handgun course for the LIC holder who is looking for formal training in using a handgun for self defense in a deadly force encounter. The course will feature an overview of firearms and equipment selection, proper draw and holstering techniques, and a variety of combat handgun techniques that have been street proven through decades of development and use by law enforcement. This is a full 1 day course, with a second full day of training available that will advance these concepts even further.
Prepare to shoot up to 400 rounds on day 1

<https://sites.google.com/view/mrgc-rifle-and-pistol/events>

MASS JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP

MRGC is open to sponsoring 2 kids to attend this year's Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. This terrific outdoor opportunity is usually held in August comprising of 13 days of camping, hiking, shooting, boating and more! Boys and girls interested in attending must be between the ages of 13-17 and be the children or grandchildren of a club member. If an interested youth writes and submits a letters of recommendation, it should include why they are interested and what they think they will learn from attending camp. The club will sponsor 50% of each campers (\$475 per camper) tuition for up to 2 kids. Letters can be sent to the club at, 45 Old Mill Rd, Maynard, MA 01754, Attn: Andrew Woods or Seymour them by email to woodsalt1@gmail.com by April 30th.

Thank you, Andrew Woods

Ladies Day at the Ranges @ MRGC with GOAL

5/25, 9:00am - 3:30pm - \$99

The poster features a blue background with a central orange circle containing the text 'LADIES RANGE DAY' in large, bold, yellow and green letters. Above this, it says 'PRESENT' and 'together with GOAL'. The GOAL logo is a stylized white outline of the word 'GOAL' with a checkmark. In the top left corner is the Maynard Rod & Gun Club logo, which includes a shield with a rifle, a handgun, and a target. A circular badge on the left says 'ONLY \$99 Per Person'. Below the main title, it says 'May 25th 9am TO 3:30pm'. At the bottom, there are three circular images: a group of people at a table, a person on a golf course, and the GOAL logo. Text at the bottom describes the event: 'Come take the Home Firearms Safety Course to apply for your LTC, enjoy a catered lunch and then go out on our ranges for the supervised shooting of shotguns, handguns and rifles. Quality Safety Gear to keep is included in the class price of \$99'. A banner says 'Pre-Registration Required' and a URL is provided: <https://sites.google.com/view/mrgc-rifle-and-pistol/events>.

MRGC Youth Rifle Program

Ramzi and Peter

MRGC Members Lounge

Come come in to purchase your new 3/4 zip black Maynard Rod & Gun sweatshirts for sale. \$40.00. Available in the members lounge.



Club Meetings

Quarterly Body – June 17th, Monday @ 7:00pm - (Open to ALL general members) - Please attend the annual meeting and meet board officers and eboard, and hear about the club. 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 after wards 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

Important Dates!

4/24 - FID/LTC Certification Training

4/27 - Club Cleanup
4/28 - Club Cleanup
5/4 - Trout Derby Weekend
5/5 - Trout Derby Weekend
5/25 - Ladies Day at the Ranges
6/17 - MRGC Quarterly Body Meeting
June - Steel Array R&P shoot
September - Ladies Day at the Ranges
8/10 - Gauntlet

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 - 2018 Club Leadership

We work for you: Members of the Maynard Rod and Gun Club elected the following representatives for 2019 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.

2019 Officers:

President - Peter Early - vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Vice President - Jeff DeLand - jmd13@live.com

Treasurer - Mike Murphy - treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Secretary - Bob Trombly - secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

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Mike DeLuga - mdeluga10@gmail.com

Jon Shepard -

Dave Jones - Dave.jones@outlook.com

Gifford Perry - Filling in

Josh Liberman (Newsletter) - newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com

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