

October 15, 2019

Maynard Rod and Gun Club

Newsletter



Important Upcoming Club Dates!

- 10/20 - Intro to Trap Shooting clinic 10 AM
- 10/28 - Free Goal Gun Law Class 6 PM
- 11/07 - First Jr Rifle practice 7 PM
- 11/16 - Maynard v. Riverside Club Trophy Tournament
- 12/16 - Quarterly Body 12/16 7 PM
- 01/25 - Annual Game Supper

Keep an eye on the upcoming newsletters, the Club's website and Social media pages for announcements as there is always something going on. Stay safe and see you on the ranges!

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MRGC Members Lounge

Lounge Hours:

Monday-Friday 3pm - 9pm, later on Friday usually

Saturday 12pm - 8pm

Sundays 12pm - 7pm, later if people are there

You asked, we answered! What's the best time to join? It would be in autumn...

Often in the 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 Club's, 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 those friends and family who've been on the fence about joining but often come as guests to come down off the fence (it's mighty uncomfortable up there) and join us as members!

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!

Club Elections

Club elections will be held on 12/15 from 10 - 4. If you're interested in serving the club the sign up board is up in the members lounge.

Grounds Committee

Grounds Committee chair Steve Locke is looking for a few members with chain saw's to cut up some firewood for the club.

Recent tree trimmings have yielded some decent tree limbs that are neatly piled on the ground for cutting into firewood for the club. Likely 8 hours work for one; four hours for two. Idea is to cut it into fireplace length, move the cut wood and stack near the clubhouse for use this winter.

CHITS WILL BE AWARDED FOR THIS EFFORT. Please contact Steve at sklocke1404@comcast.net

Annual Game Supper

To the hunters of the club,

It's finally that time of year where we are hitting the outdoors to pursue our passion for wild game. While you're out in the woods and if you're lucky enough to harvest some wild game I'd hope that you'd be willing to donate any of your extra bounty to the club for the annual wild game supper. Any donation of venison, fish, waterfowl, wild boar will be accepted and greatly appreciated. So, if you find yourself in the predicament of having too much meat for the freezer or you're the only one in your family that enjoys it and you don't want it to go to waste, please keep the club in mind this season. Just remember, if your freezer is full, ours will be empty! Please contact Andy Woods at 508-371-5590 to arrange a drop off.

Trap & Skeet

Skeet fields closed 10/26/19 from 9-12:30 am for a corporate private function.

The Trap & Skeet committee would like to remind bird hunters that no hunting loads are allowed on the trap and skeet fields. Targets loads only 7.5, 8 or 9 shot

For a chance to break 25 in row and get more (unsolicited) instruction on shooting and on life, come on down every Sunday morning to join in the fun. Trap and Skeet fields are open everyday @9:30.

If you need Trap and Skeet Range Officer training for the opportunity open the fields please contact either **Gifford Perry:** wgp27@comcast.net or **John Mackesy:** j.mackesy@verizon.net to schedule training.

PREPAID DISCOUNT COUPON PROGRAM. The Prepaid Discount clay fees coupon program has been hugely successful. Members appreciate the discount savings on clay fees, especially for the most active shooters, but also for all members ease of payment with coupons in correct denominations for standard clay fees, instead of being hassled with bringing cash, making change, etc. Most significantly, the program has accelerated Skeet & Trap Committee's cash flow, allowing more frequent upgrades and replacements to be performed to its shooting facilities and equipment. Moreover, it has substantially lessened the administrative burdens on our volunteers who are responsible for collecting, depositing and accounting for the clay fees.

MAYNARD v. RIVERSIDE CLUB TROPHY TOURNAMENT AT RIVERSIDE.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019. Official squad slots are limited, and only two (2) left, so anyone interested in signing up for a Maynard squad position should contact Steve Winnick: winvictus@winnlaw.com as soon as possible.

Greater Lowell Trap League

The club is looking to put a fourth Trap team together for spring 2020 of all skill levels and all are welcome. The league runs from April to August shooting once a week and its a great way to meet and socialize with members of the club. If your interested in joining a team please contact Peter Early@ President@early.pete@gmail.com

Peter Early and Ramzi Maalouf are going to run a Intro to Trap Shooting at the Club on October 20 10AM. If you've never shot trap and want to learn, come on out to learn the basics and have some fun crushing clays. If you don't have a shotgun we can provide a shotgun & ammo for this event.

<https://sites.google.com/view/mrgc-trap-and-skeet/>

Rifle & Pistol

The committee has had a great summer around the club and we want to thank everyone who showed up for any of our events and those who otherwise helped make them a success. We are slowly building our amenities such as canopies and seating in order to make our events more enjoyable, and we thank the board for their support of our efforts.

We had a very big turnout for our recent "I shoot you shoot we shoot" event in the action range, with 21 total shooters. Glen won the \$50 cash prize, and then many of us retired to the clubhouse for some pizza and refreshments, provided by Jeff and the executive board.

Our weekly informal practice sessions continue on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. at the indoor range, so feel free to come on down if you want to casually hone those skills.

Our next big event is Monday, October 28th at 6 PM, with Jon Green from Gun Owner's Action League out to do his well-known and very popular free class on Massachusetts gun ownership laws. This class is an eye-opener for even the most experienced/informed Massachusetts residents when it comes to their perceptions and the actual realities of Massachusetts gun laws. The committee will be slowing down just a little with the winter months approaching, but will continue to do monthly shoots thru the winter, with the next one being in November. Stay tuned for announcements and we will see you around the club.

Sincerely, Bud & Committee

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

Jr. Rifle Program – The Maynard Marksmen

The Club's junior rifle program will be kicking off it's season soon. The first practice is tentatively scheduled for November 7th starting at 7 PM. 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 & Ramzi Maalouf at youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Archery

The archery hunting season is here. Get out there and work on your archery skills at our outdoor Archery range.

Deer Archery Season (Zones 10 - 14): Oct. 7 - Nov. 30

Deer Archery Season (Zones 1 - 9): Oct. 21 - Nov. 30

LTC/FID Certifications - 10/26 @ 8:30 AM

NRA Home Firearm Safety Class for LTC/FID - 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. Membership Not required. Class may be cancelled if low enrollment. \$85 student fee. 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

History of the Maynard Rod & Gun Club



47 Years ago on 10/01/72 Eliot Farley, MRGC Woodcock Open

If you have any historical pictures, video's or newspaper articles of the club and would like to share them please send them to newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com to be include in the newsletter and include a short caption of who, when and what.

Send us your outdoor photos to include in the newsletters!

Have you been out in the woods or on the water ? 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.

BSA Troop 130 Maynard

Maynard Troop 130 will be holding their annual Recycling event on October 26 @ the Main and Mill lot off of Sudbury street 9-12.

If your looking to recycle your old electronics or appliances, for a small fee that helps support and offset the costs of the troops trips, activities and equipment.

We are also excepting your returnable bottles and cans. [Troop 130 recycling event](#)

Thank you for your support!

Recently the troop had six scouts and two Scouters(adults) complete the Order of the Arrow Vigil & Brotherhood at Camp Squanto.

The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America, composed of Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives as elected by their peers.

Congratulations to Thomas Mackesy, Matteo Mitchell, David Jones & Thomas Fallon for completing their OA Vigil. Charlie Stearns and Patrick Crossland completed their OA Brotherhood. Scout Master Crissy Mitchell and Patty Crossland als completed their OA Vigil.

Congratulations to Nick Prabakaran (not pictured) who completed his week long National Youth Leadership training at Camp Resolute. National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.



THE SCOUT OATH
ON PROMISE
TO MY COUNTRY
TO MY SCOUTS
TO MY BOYS
TO MY GIRLS
TO MY OTHER PEOPLE
AT ALL TIMES
TO BE WISE
TO BE STRONG
TO BE HELPFUL
TO BE COURAGEOUS



Zach St. John has been busy working on his Eagle Project which provides individuals with a “Files of Life” form that can be hung on your refrigerator. These forms are used to help in an emergency situation and provide vital information to first responders with medication, allergies and anything that would assist in that persons medical needs.

Zach and his fellow scout's have put up fliers in store fronts along Nason and Main streets and the scouts were also recently at the Farmers Market and Saint Bridgets hall assisting individuals with setting up the "Files of Life" forms.





MASSWILDLIFE MONTHLY

October 2019



Mass Wildlife Monthly

News from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Pheasant hunting begins Oct. 19: MassWildlife will be stocking 40,000 pheasants statewide.

[Find stocked areas.](#)

Fall trout stocking underway [Find stocked areas...](#)

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masswildlife-monthly-october-2019>

Additional Deer hunting opportunities at Camp Edwards on Joint Base Cape Cod

[HuntCampEdwards_flyer](#)

Club Meetings

Quarterly Body – December 16th, Monday @ 7:00pm - (Open to ALL general members) -

Please attend the annual meeting and meet Club officers and executive board members, 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!

Meets in the Club house the 3rd Monday of the last month (June, Sept., Dec., March.) in the quarter at 7:00 pm. 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 club

secretary, Bob Trombly secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Executive Board (NOT open to general members)

Our elected 13 Executive Board members meet as a board the 2nd Monday of every month 7:00 pm 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

MRGC - 2019 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 Club Officers:

President - Peter Early - president@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Vice President - Jeff Deland - vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Treasurer - Mike Murphy - treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Secretary - Bob Trombly - secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

2019 Executive Board Members:

John DeMars - captmay8487@gmail.com

Dave Loughlin - dloff0924@yahoo.com

Steve Locke - sklocke1404@comcast.net

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Dave Jones - dave.jones@outlook.com

Jon Shepard - jmselectric09@gmail.com

Gifford Perry - wgperry27@gmail.com

A special thanks to all the volunteers who work hard to keep the club going, please keep up the effort!

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