

# Maynard Rod and Gun Club

## Latest News



### **Annual Range Officer Meeting and New Card Key Distribution**

With the new card key system now in place, the Club will be issuing the new card keys and key fobs at the Annual Range Officer Meeting rather than mailing them out to the membership. The annual RO meeting will be held on Saturday and Sunday, the weekend of March 14th and 15th beginning at 9:00 AM in the function hall. All members need to attend one of the two days, you do not need to attend both.

As stated, this meeting will also be our annual Range Officer meeting where details and updates to the ranges will be given. This meeting will cover all ranges, trap and skeet along with rifle and pistol. Any member looking to gain Range Officer status should attend, all existing Range Officers are required to attend to maintain RO status for 2015. Along with the new keys being handed out, combinations to the outdoor ranges and gates will also be changed and updated at this meeting.

### **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

Members please join us again this year for our St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday March 15th. The Members' Lounge will open at noon, we'll start serving at 12:30 PM and continue until it's gone. Come on out, bring your friends and family. The dinner will also feature a "Meat Shoot" and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$13/plate. Please purchase tickets in advance, tickets will be available in the Members' Lounge starting on March 1st or you can contact Mike Murphy at [mmurphy204@gmail.com](mailto:mmurphy204@gmail.com) for more details.

### **48" Flat Panel TV Raffle**

There are still some tickets left for the Vizio 48" TV that the Club is raffling off. This TV features built in WI-FI and Vizio Internet Apps plus Smart TV. Tickets are available at the Members' Lounge for \$20 a chance. Only 100 tickets were made available, drawing will take place only when all 100 tickets are sold. Hurry up over to the Club to get your chance

before they're all gone.

### **Quarterly Body Meeting**

There will be a Quarterly Body Meeting on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 PM in the Members' Lounge. ALL MEMBERS are strongly encouraged to attend. This is your Club too and as members, it's important that we all stay engaged with what's going on. The Club has been very active lately -- this is your chance to hear what's going on from the executive board and Club officers, along with the treasurer's and Club manager's reports.

### **Pizza and Plinking**

The Club will host the monthly Pizza and Plinking event on the last Wednesday of every month. Our next Pizza and Plinking night will be Wednesday February 25th on the indoor range. Bring that new gun you've been itching to try out or dust off that old one sitting in the closet. Mark the calendar and come have dinner and socialize with experienced shooters on the range. We'll be meeting at the indoor range at 6:30 PM and go until 8:00 PM. This is a great chance to get in some range time. If you are a new member or one who hasn't been around in a while, come out and get acquainted or re-acquainted with the Club. Meet new and returning members who may not have shot in a while as well. Experienced shooters will be on hand to show you around the Club as well as the ranges, help you with your new gun, an old one, or even let you try out theirs. Rifles (22LR) and pistols will be available if you do not have your own firearm.

The cost for pizza and soda is only \$5 if you have your own firearms and ammo. If you don't have your own firearm, the \$15 fee covers pizza, soda and up to three magazines of ammunition. Extra ammunition will be available for \$4 per magazine.

Pre-registration is required (so we can have enough food and ammo) and can be done by calling Peter Early at 978-331-0045 or by emailing at [vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com). Open to MR&GC members and their guests. Members of the R&P Committee will also be on hand to walk any new member through the Ranger Officer process.

### **Spring Clean-Up**

The Club's Annual Spring Clean-Up will be held the weekend of April 18th and 19th. This is a great opportunity for members to get involved with the Club. Come on out to help the Club, have some fun, socialize and meet other members while earning CHIT's towards next year's dues. Committee chairmen will be on hand and will have a list of projects to be completed for the weekend. Tools, equipment and supplies will be on hand and loaner equipment is always welcomed. Rain date will be the weekend following.

### **Annual Trout Derby**

The Club has scheduled the Annual Trout Derby for the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. Hopefully, the ice and snow is gone by then. Mark your calendars. More details to follow as the date gets closer.

### **Club Open House**

Once again the Club will be hosting an Open House Membership Drive on Sunday May 3rd. Open to the public, all ranges and areas of the Club will be made accessible for potential new members to come and try the Club. We will have instructors on hand at all the ranges where people can come in and try the place out. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration and check in as well as members who can assist on the ranges. Another great opportunity to come out and get involved while earning CHIT's towards next year's dues. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Steve Locke at [president@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:president@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

### **Taco Night at the Club**

Ocho de Mayo is Taco Night again at the Club the year. Since Cinco de Mayo falls on a Tuesday, we're celebrating on Friday. Please join us in the Members' Lounge once again for Tacos and Margaritas. As we did last year, all proceeds for this event will go to the help fund the junior programs at the Club. More details to follow as the date gets closer, please mark your calendars.

### **Rifle and Pistol News**

Improvements to the indoor range have continued through the winter. Recently, the R&P Committee replaced all the target carriers with a lighter weight, easier to use set-up. The R&P committee would like to remind everyone of the new clean-up policies for the indoor range and that while indoors, only paper targets are to be used.

The Annual Range Officer Meeting will be held the weekend of March 14th and 15th. All current Range Officers must attend one of the two days to maintain your RO status for this year. Any member looking to gain Range Officer status should attend one of the two days. In addition, new Club card keys and key fobs will be handed out to the membership. Please note there will no longer be separate RO cards, your new card key or fob will be set to give you access to the ranges.

Please remember that the indoor range is closed on Wednesday nights, beginning at 7:00 PM, as the pistol teams bring their seasons to a close. The junior rifle program also practices on Thursday nights at 7:00 PM.

On the afternoon of Saturday March 21st, the Club will be hosting the Sudbury Boy Scouts on the indoor range. Also, on Saturday May 2nd, the outdoor rifle range will be closed from noon to 3 while the Club hosts its Annual Colonial Shoot. More details on the Colonial Shoot will be posted as the date gets closer.

Any member looking to gain Range Officer status for rifle and pistol and the ability to open up the ranges on your own schedule should come to the monthly meeting with the committee. The committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Members' Lounge at 7:00 PM to get the walk through and instruction. For more information on

becoming an RO, please contact Jeff DeLand or Ken Chin at [rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

## **Youth Programs**

### **Junior Rifle**

The Club's Junior Rifle Program will be winding down its season with only two matches left. The team will continue to hold practices on the indoor range on Thursday nights beginning at 7:00 PM through April. The team will be heading to the Harvard Sportsman's Club for its fourth match of the season on Saturday March 7th. The team will also be taking part in an outdoor match in April.

The team is proud to announce that they hosted their first ever league match on Saturday February 7th. The team had members from the Maspenock Rod and Gun Club, Holliston Sportsmen's Assoc as well as the Southborough Rod and Gun Club in attendance. Starting at 9:00 AM that cold Saturday morning, there were four lines of shooters, 24 junior athletes competing in all. What a great day for the team and the Club. You can check out some pictures from the day on the team's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/The-Maynard-Marksmen](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Maynard-Marksmen)

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

You can also follow the team on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pages/The-Maynard-Marksmen](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Maynard-Marksmen)

### **Junior Shotgun**

The Club's Junior Shotgun program will be starting up again soon. As in years past, the program is open to any boy or girl, 12 and older. Membership to the Club is not required. Please stay tuned to the newsletter for more details.

## **Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand News**

Despite the cold and wintry weather, the trap and skeet fields continue to remain very active. Breakfast is served most Sundays in the Shooter's Den on the Sudbury side starting at 9:30 AM. Members typically gather between 9:00 & 9:30 AM with first shots being fired around 10:00 AM. The Maynard side trap field remains covered in snow, but the Sudbury side is open for business. So bundle up, grab a box or two of shells and head on over to join us on a Sunday morning. Come on down and join the fun!

Any member looking to gain Range Officer status for Trap & Skeet and the ability to open up the ranges on your own schedule should come down on any Sunday morning and meet with the committee to get the walk through and instruction. For more information on becoming an RO, please contact John Mackesy or Gifford Perry at [trapandskeet@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:trapandskeet@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

## **NRA Safety Classes**

Have a friend or family member looking for a safety class that meets the state requirements for a firearms permit or license to carry? Maybe you're just looking for a refresher course? Check the Club's calendar as we now have a few instructors who offer different courses scheduled every month. Please see the Club's website for details.

**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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