

Maynard Rod and Gun Club

Newsletter



Gifford Perry is the 2015 member of the year!!! Awarded January E-Board meeting!

Gifford has been **the driving force** around maintenance and capital improvements for the trap and skeet committee for many years. Whether it was building a tower for a 5-stand trap, installing safety barriers, renovating and re-roofing the Sudbury trap house, Gifford's been THE MAN estimating the job, estimating the workforce required, managing the work and gettin' it DONE!

Gifford (along with Rick Coughlin) also took on the arduous project of dismantling and disposing of the old trailer on the Maynard side. Gifford brought his blowtorch and went to work cutting it up and dumping the debris in the dumpster. The club has authorized the purchase of a new storage container, and Gifford Perry is leading the charge in organizing and scheduling the new container, which is due in April. The new container will be placed on the Maynard side down at the rifle/pistol and trap range. It will store clay pigeons and rifle & pistol accessories.

For his extraordinary efforts over the years, and in particular last year, Gifford Perry is recognized as our 2015 Member of the Year. We can't thank you enough, Gifford!

2016 Annual Maynard Rod & Gun Trout Derby - April 30th + May 1st from 7am -4pm

Tickets: Adults \$10, Older Kids ages 13-18 \$10, Younger Kids ages 8-12 \$7, Youngest kids under 7 \$free

This year, we have gone to great lengths to improve the conditions at the pond for a better fishing experience for everyone. We have cleared the edges of the pond and removed the fallen trees to provide more fishing spots along the ponds edge. Stocking of the pond will take place on or about April 20th to make sure the fish are very hungry to ensure that a lot of fish are caught this year. There will be roughly 325 Rainbow and Brook trout of all sizes waiting to be caught by you and your kids! Come on out!

For those interested, Member Jerry Peters will be offering fly casting instruction in the field adjacent to the pond on Saturday, 4/30, from 12-2pm. Jerry would be pleased to teach you. All equipment provided for fly casting instruction. Just show up. (No fly fishing, just casting.) For more info, jerrypeters1995@gmail.com

Just like last year, there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in all three categories, Pee-wee, Junior and Adult. This year's prizes have been donated to us by Cabela's Outfitters in Berlin, MA. There will be a bunch of raffles offered this year that you can purchase tickets at the event for and you do not need to be fishing to enter the raffles at the derby, so come on down to your club and see everyone fishing and pick up a few raffle tickets while you're there.

There will be a food court that opens at 6am that will include breakfast, lunch and soft drinks that will be for sale.

The Trout derby is open to the public so please feel free to let family, friends and co-workers know about it. It will only help us to raise more money for our clubs youth programs. We welcome anyone who would like to bring a camper or tent to camp out on the ball field this year. As always there is no cost for camping at the trout derby!

We will also have bait for sale at the check-in area including meal worms and trout worms. This year we will not be selling lures or other tackle so please make sure you bring plenty or your own for the day.

For more info, contact Andy Woods (woodsalta1@gmail.com). We can't wait to see you there this year!

Thank you, The Trout Derby Crew

Open House at MRGC! Sunday, 5/1

Bring your interested friends and family by to see what Maynard Rod and Gun Club is all about! For more info on where to meet and other details, contact Mr. Stephen Locke (stephen.k.locke@medtronic.com)

Taco Night - MRGC Members Lounge - Friday, May 6th, starting at 6 p.m.

\$10 make your own tacos, margarita specials and free nachos. We will have raffle baskets to choose from.

All proceeds to support youth programs.

Come have a great time with fellow members and celebrate Cinco de Mayo (a day late...), or just buy a ticket to support a worthwhile cause. For more info, contact Mike Murphy (mmurphy204@gmail.com)

Women on Target at MRGC - scheduled for 10/1

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 Saturday, October 1st.

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)

Archery

The Archery range is ready for you. No more snow! You can't start practicing too early for whitetails. Come on out! For more info, contact John Demars (jr8487@verizon.net)

Rifle & Pistol Committee

R&P has implemented new procedures to get our new members out on our ranges faster. Rather than wait for the subsequent monthly R&P Committee meeting, new members can now meet with R&P representatives immediately after they've been accepted by the E-Board and get their range credentials approved the night of the E-Board meeting. Now that's what I call member friendly service! For more details, contact Ken Chin (trackertx17@yahoo.com), Jeff DeLand (jmd13@live.com), or Bud Parker. See you on the range!

Jr Rifle Team

The Jr Rifle Program finished out the season with their last practice two weeks ago. The team will be hosting the Maspenock Jr Rifle League banquet again this year on Saturday April 30th. Thank you to all who participated in making this season another great one.

Jr Shotgun Program

The Club's Jr Shotgun Program has started its 2016 season. The program is open to any boy or girl 12 years and older, membership to the Club is not required. The team meets for a weekly practice and runs through September.

The Team had its first outing on Saturday April 2nd, the NE SCTP Spring Open, a 100-target trap shoot held at the Minute Man Sportsman's Club in Burlington. The club had one squad of 5 who shot in the Open division. The team won their division with a total score of 402. Congrats to the team for starting the season out with strong finish. Special congrats go out to Nick Werner who won the high overall with a score of 95 and to Sean Cannistraro for taking second place in the Intermediate/Advanced division.

Our next match is the SCTP Spring Sporting Clays event being held at the Minute Man Sportsman's Club. Stay tuned for results. You can all follow the team via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/The-Clay-Commandos-122233774504961/>

Skeet & Trap

Come on down and try your luck, or be humbled...Every Sunday 9:00am meet for light breakfast and coffee organized by Americas Top Chef (sometimes confused with Americas Most Wanted), Steve Winnick, winvictus@winnlaw.com

Don't be late! Here are some important dates!

4/6 - Taco Night - MRGC Members Lounge

4/16 & 4/17 - Club Clean up days! Every hour worked knocks \$5 off your dues up to a maximum of \$50.

4/30 & 5/1 - Trout Derby! 7am - 4pm. Mark your calendars and bring your kids. (Details below)

5/1 - Open House! - Bring your interested friends and family by to see what Maynard Rod and Gun Club is all about!

10/1 - Women on Target

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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