

October 18, 2017

Maynard Rod and Gun Club Newsletter



Newsletter

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



Club News

Rifle & Pistol Committee

Handgun training class debrief:

Sergeant Bill Duggan of the Maynard Police Department recently held a class called "Introduction to handguns" in our action range. The class was offered free to all members and we had a great turnout. There was a wide range of experience levels, from those that carry for self-defense on a semi-regular basis, to those that have yet to obtain their license to carry. By the end of the 4-Hour class, all students were putting rounds on paper, even those that had never shot a gun before. Sergeant Duggan is going to continue these classes in a set of escalating skill levels over the coming months. If there are any openings in upcoming classes we will make sure to announce it.

November Egg Shoot - 11/19:

The Rifle and Pistol committee is hosting an egg shoot at the rifle range on Sunday November 19th at 9 a.m..

This will be a friendly shooting competition in which participants will attempt to shoot an egg on a golf tee at the 25, 50, 75 and 100 yard distances.

The cost per person will be \$8 and proceeds will be used for range improvements.

If you are looking to be more involved in the shooting sports and want to hang out with friendly, like-minded folks, this is the place to be. Please email the committee to find out more about the rules, and don't forget to reserve a spot because seats are limited.

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Free Canine Flash Clinic:

Paragon training's Francis Holder is a widely respected and highly sought-after K-9 trainer for law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Military. Francis and Paragon are happy to offer a free Minute Clinic for members to bring their hound dogs down to the club, at which point he can diagnose and advise on any behavioral issues you may be having with your family's best friend. Please email the Rifle and Pistol committee if you might be interested and watch for a separate email with a specific date and time later in October. Paragon has several upcoming training events at the club that are geared towards family & home defense, hit their website <https://www.paragontgroup.com/> for more information or email info@paragontgroup.com

2nd annual rifle and pistol committee Christmas Cash Raffle:

Ho, Ho, Ho, it's time for the second annual rifle and pistol committee Christmas Cash Raffle. As some of you may remember from last year, the Rifle and Pistol committee put on a 50/50 Christmas raffle. Last year, lucky member Steve S. was the happy recipient of \$2,000 in Cold Hard Cash, and the club took home the other half and put it to good use. Since last year was such a success we've upped the stakes to a \$2,500 grand prize. As you can imagine, at just a week or so before Christmas, there couldn't be a better time to win a big pile of Cash.

Tickets are \$20 each and they are available now from each Rifle and Pistol Committee Member or you can get them at the lounge.

You can also email the Rifle and Pistol committee and we can send you a ticket in the regular mail. We hope you buy tickets to support the club, and we hope you win to enrich your family. You do not have to be present to win but please make sure we can read your name and number on the ticket stub.

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Video corner:

In continuing with our monthly posting of interesting(?) videos, check out this video on rapid rifle fire at the range. Volume on? It'll help to hear what you are seeing. It's called 'how to get kicked out of the range in ten seconds', and it's only 11 seconds long.

<https://youtu.be/51HjuUDK-5w>

Stay safe and we'll see you on the ranges!!

The Rifle & Pistol Committee

rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Bud Parker, Ken Chin, Peter Voymas, Craig Schomp, Jim Foley, Jon Shepard, Chris Manero, Alan Archibald, Tom Neal, Derek Stirk, John Fallon & Bill Boudrot



Skeet & Trap

Duck season is here. Come on out and practice those tough shots.

The trap and skeet fields have been very active and Sundays are filled with shooters. No matter whether it's raining, shooters show up. The wobble skeet range is really bringing in more shooters. Everyone is having lots of fun. With the fall colors arriving and shooters banging away everyone is having a ball and enjoying the great weather. Come on down anytime, but especially on Sundays for good fun with the gang. New shooters and new members are always welcome and encouraged.

FIVE STAND - next expected date is Saturday, October 25, 2017 in conjunction with practice for the Maynard v. Riverside at Riverside fun shoot tournament on Saturday, November 4.

ROAD KILL CAFE - Steve Winnick will be in attendance on Sunday and so the Road Kill Cafe will likewise be open for business.

The month of October is going to be very busy with corporate shooting events.

The following dates the skeet fields are closed:

- October 20th 12:30pm to 3:30pm
- October 21st from 10:00am to 12:30pm
- October 24th from 12:30pm to 3:30pm
- October 28th from 9:30am to 12:30pm

November another clay order will be arriving so stay tuned for those dates. Will need 7-10 helpers and they will be arriving during the week in the afternoon.

Remember all fields on Sudbury are now wireless, so no more cords are needed.

Wireless controllers in the locked closet in the Shooters Den in a white cabinet.

Please remember to close ranges completely; people are leaving lights on, power on to the machines, not releasing the throwing arms, leaving trash around, etc. Thank you.

Upcoming Tournaments

1. Maynard v. Riverside at Riverside, November 4th, (a 2 or possibly 3-gun event: Skeet and 5-Stand; possibly Skeet; Wobble Skeet; and 5-Stand). I am in charge of organizing that. The roster of 10 official shooters from Maynard TBD; price per entrant: \$30 which includes all clays fees, trophies and prizes; and sumptuous meal following. Riverside is steel shot only. So entrants must bring their own steel shot or purchase it at Riverside for \$7 per box (which is a very good price for steel shot ammo).

2. Santa Intramural Tournament: Back by popular demand, it will be the same Sunday as the Club elections, 12/17. 3-gun tournament: 5-Stand; Wobble Skeet; and Trap. \$30 including clays fees, trophies and prizes; and BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs with sides and fixings.

5-Stand and New Trap Machine Loan Repayments — will be made in January.

NOTE: Only members who have renewed for 2018 are entitled to the repayment installment being in made in January, 2018 or the final installment due to be paid in January, 2019.

For more info, contact Gifford Perry, wgp27@comcast.net



Jr. Rifle Program

On Thursday, November 2nd, the Club's Junior Rifle Program will be starting up its 2017-2018 season.

The program meets every Thursday night at the Indoor Range from 7:00pm-8:30pm. The season will run from November through to the end of March. The program is open to boys and girls age 10 and older and membership to the Club is not required. The program teaches the kids firearms safety and safe firearms handling and the fundamentals of shooting 3-position smallbore. Focusing on shooting smallbore rifles, members will have the opportunity to test and showcase their skills through local, state competitions. Our goal to promote the shooting sports through the safe and responsible use of firearms. We promote the highest standards of safety and encourage good sportsmanship and personal responsibility.

All equipment will be provided.

For more details contact coaches Peter Early or Ramzi Maalouf at youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com

LTC/FID Certifications and Other Training - Thursday, 10/19

NRA Class for LTC/FID - Sign up. 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.

Archery

Get out there and tune that bow on the new backstops at the archery range and drop a nice buck or doe this fall. We all know how much practice it takes...And, we need donations for the game supper! So, come on down and use the MRGC archery range since it's great again! Please note that broad heads are not allowed with these targets.

The archery range is all set up with all new backstop targets and two 3D targets to shoot.

We're moving forward and we're "making the archery range great again." Whitetail bow season is here. For more info, email Chris at chris2500hd@gmail.com

**Send us your outdoor photos to include in
the newsletters!**

Have you been out on the water yet? Bag a bear? See a rare bird? 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. Many members continue to send in their great fishing pictures for the newsletter. See below.

Thanks to Frank who took this photo of a doe browsing in his backyard and shared it.



MRGC Kids Christmas Party - 3rd Sunday in December, 12/17

Looking for a volunteer to Coordinate the kids Christmas party. Traditionally held on the 3rd Sunday of December. All inquires to Steve Locke please.

Each year the Executive Board approves an expenditure for the Annual Children's Christmas Party. This party is typically held the same day as the elections which would be Sunday Dec. 17th. any child or grandchild aged 12 or under, of a member in good standing, would be eligible to attend. Kids enjoy games and food before receiving a gift from Santa (after Santa arrives on a firetruck).

Regretfully it appears that we might not have any one stepping up to run this event this year. At present we lack a chairperson to coordinate the event. Anyone interested please contact President Steve Locke at president@maynardrodandgunclub.com.

Meet and Greet - New Co-Managers, 10/22 (1-3pm), 11/17 (5-7pm)

Many members have stopped by the lounge to imbibe and to meet Amanda and Julie. If you haven't already, come on down to meet the new Co-Management Team. They have been working on their bar room humor and have several one-liners in store for you, if you can take it (parental discretion is advised).

We've organized two "Meet and Greet" times on October 22nd, 1-3pm and again on Nov. 17th, TGIF, 5-7pm. Stop by for food and fun.

MRGC Game Supper - End of January 2018

Game Supper may be back! We'll need donations of game meats for the supper. Please consider donating venison, bear, elk, waterfowl, upland birds, fish, boar, antelope, etc. that you harvest from your productive outings.

Please, if you can, donate ANY game meats, or if you can, volunteer to help prepare or serve. Stay tuned for more details to come. Reach out to Andy Woods at woodsalta1@gmail.com

2018 Renewal Season will soon be Underway

We've had a very successful 2017 in terms of membership growth. At our last eBoard meeting, 16 new members joined us in October to carry us to 555 members. If you have friends and family who are "On the fence," encourage them to come down off the fence and join us. This is the right time! Take advantage of the Club's generous Q4 offering of the final months of '17, plus all of '18 (all for just one low price).

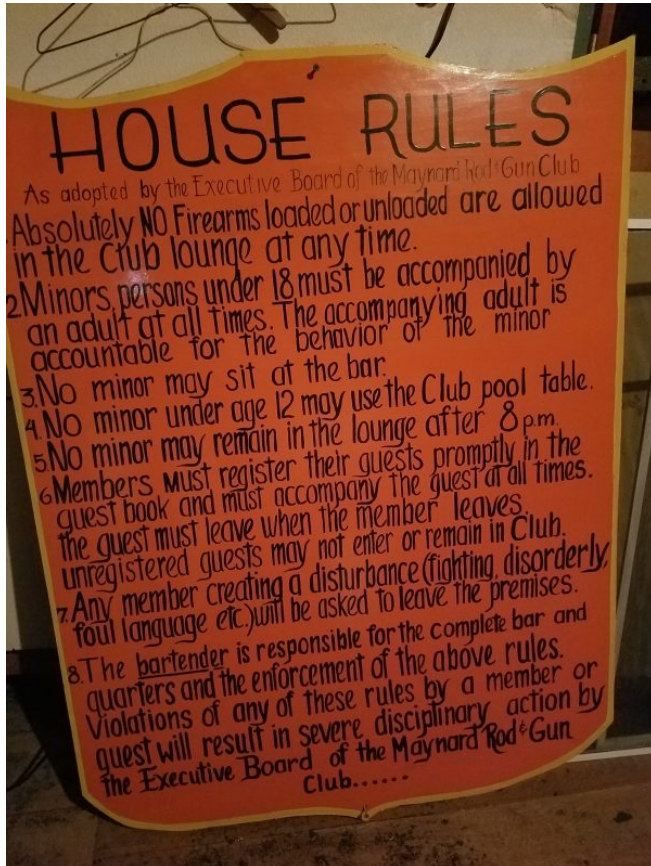
If momentum continues, we should finish at another 21st century high for membership with nearly 450 regular full members! That's up substantially by over 100 over the past two years.

That means that 2018 membership renewal season is almost upon us. Has your E-Mail address changed? Changed your address or telephone numbers? Please bring us up-to-date!

Please send any updates to me for processing, secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com. As the frost comes on the pumpkins, we'll soon be sending our 2018 renewal notices. To save scarce administrative resources (the mind I save may be my own), we'll send

first notices by E-Mail. You'll once again be able to print the notice and pay by check, or by credit card "On-line" should you so desire. For those members who don't have E-Mail we'll use "Snail mail." You'll receive an E-Mail receipt as I process renewal checks. I will hold 2018 paper member cards for distribution at the RO meetings to save postage.

Questions? More info? Feel free to contact (Bob Trombly) at secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com



MRGC House Rules

Est. Circa 1955-1965

MRGC Annual Elections for club officers and executive board members - 12/17

Annual elections for club officers and executive board members will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17th. Any members in good standing that might be considering serving on the Executive Board, or in a Club Officer position, should consider signing up. The nomination board is prominently displayed in the club lounge. Interested parties must place their name on the nomination board in order to be added to the ballot.

MRGC Meetings

Quarterly Body – December 18th, Monday @ 7:00pm - (Open to ALL general members) We will be serving light snacks during the meeting!

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 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 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 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

Building Committee

Looking for Interested Licensed Contractors. We're getting ready for some new siding and trim improvements where needed around the club house.

If you are a licensed contractor, or know of one who may be interested, please contact Dave at dloff0924@yahoo.com. (Must be licensed and insured) or text.

Don't Be Late! Important Dates!

10/19 - LTC Training Class AT MRGC

10/22 - Meet and Greet New Co-Managers in Members Lounge, 1-3pm

10/28 - Skeet Range Closed, 9-12:30

11/4 - Skeet Tournament with Riverside

11/17 - Meet and Greet New Co-Managers in Members Lounge, 5-7pm

11/19 - November R&P Egg Shoot

12/17 - MRGC Kids Christmas Party with Santa (Volunteer chairperson needed)

12/17 - Skeet Holiday and Vote - Intramural 3 gun Tournament

12/17 - MRGC Club Elections in Members Lounge

12/18 - MRGC Quarterly Body meeting - Open to ALL members, 7pm

1/2018 - Game Supper

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 - 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*

