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# Maynard Rod and Gun Club

## Newsletter

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## Important Upcoming Club Dates!

**5 stand shoot** - 1/17, Sunday @ 9:00AM

**skeet shooting under the lights** - 1/28 Thursday @ 5PM

**skeet shooting under the lights** - 2/11 Thursday @ 5PM

**skeet shooting under the lights** - 2/25 Thursday @ 5PM

**Quarterly body meeting** - 3/15 Monday @ 7PM

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

### **HOURS:**

**MON – FRI - 4:00 – 8:00**

**SAT – Closed**

**SUN – 1:00 – 6:00**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE~!!!**

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## MR&GC 2020 year in review

To the Maynard Rod & Gun Club Membership,

As we all know, this past year has been like no other any of us have ever seen. As the Club was unable to hold an in person Quarterly Body Meeting in December, we would like to offer up a recap of what was this past year. The recap that should have been presented at the Quarterly Meeting.

This year presented challenges none of us could have ever imagined. To those who know me, you know I am always preaching that the Club survives solely on its Membership and would not function without those members who come forward to volunteer on a routine, sometimes daily basis. We all recognize the faces, not all the names are remembered, but the effort is **always** greatly appreciated. Like so many times before, this year saw so many members step up, continued to step up, and the Membership rose to the challenge that was 2020. In a year that has seen so many individuals and business struggle, through the effort of the Club's membership, the Maynard Rod & Gun has held strong.

For a lot of us, we saw the bonds we have made at the Club grow stronger this year. With all that was going on, the Club remained that place where we could get away. Granted it was on a somewhat limited basis, but it allowed us to continue to enjoy our hobbies, meet with friends,

bring family and guests, and enjoy the mutual interests that came as a pleasant change of pace from the home schooling, work from home, countless Zoom calls and the never-ending list of restrictions and guidelines we all continue to try to follow.

Missing from this year were the ever-popular Thursday night Steak Dinners, Kids' Christmas Party, and the Trout Derby to name a few. As much as we could still get out to the range, these popular social gatherings that bring so many together, had to be cancelled in order for the Club to stay within the State's COVID-19 guidelines. The Members' Lounge, Function rentals and Boston Paintball all fell victim to the capacity limits as well and were closed all together for at least some part of the past year.

The end of this past year saw a surge in membership as members continued to bring out friends and family to the Club. This membership growth came at a time the Club really needed it most. Thankfully, we would like to report that the Maynard Rod & Gun Club, with all things considered, has weathered an impossibly tough year pretty well. With the shut down that started last spring, with all the restrictions and guidelines imposed by the state, the Club is in good standing as of today.

As we all continue to get used to this "new normal", we hope that 2021 will see a return of Club activities as we all remember them, and we can get back to OUR normal.

Please continue to come out to support the Club and thank you to all for keeping the Club healthy in an otherwise troubled year.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Peter Early – Club President

### **Treasurer's Report for year ending 2020:**

COVID 19 put a huge damper on club activities this year, but we managed to survive in good financial shape, largely by not spending any money. This of course, means that we have only kicked the can down the road for a year on some important improvements that are needed club wide. The board made a concerted effort to minimize spending not knowing what the future had in store for us during these times.

The Financial Summary:

### **The Bad News**

Through this past year, Function Hall revenues are down 65 % compared to the year prior, while

the Members' Lounge revenues were down by 39%. Paintball revenue was off by 66%.

### **The Good News**

Trap and Skeet revenue has been unaffected by the pandemic and was up by 20% in 2020.

Membership had a significant uptick within the second half of the year with new dues adding to our coffers. Many members have paid their 2021 dues already while more are paying them online. Truly a big help to the Club.

No money was spent on capital improvements, nor were there any big maintenance or repair bills in 2020. All taxes and bills are paid, and we have no debt.

Total cash on hand is 25% higher right now than it was at this point last year. All in all, taking a conservative course of action during the dumpster fire that was 2020 has kept the club on a good footing financially. As we transition back to the new normal, whatever and whenever that is, we expect to see more robust revenue streams and we can comfortably continue investing in our infrastructure.

I look forward to hopefully having a body meeting in March to discuss actual numbers in person.

Respectfully,

Mike Murphy – Club Treasurer

### **2020 Membership Report:**

While 2020 has undoubtedly been a very difficult year for the country, the Club and all of us, against all odds membership has continued to grow. Efforts to blunt community spread of COVID-19 closed our ranges and precluded new members meetings for a couple of months. The virus caused serious supply chain issues that constricted the availability of ammunition. Social distancing protocols made it more difficult and sometimes impossible for our communities to gather and engage in the shooting sports and social events. Despite all of that, the Club's membership grew in significantly in 2020. Several years ago, Steve Locke, Bud Parker, and I among others formed a membership committee with a goal of getting to 600 members which seemed a bit wishful at the time as membership was only in the mid-400s at the time. Who would have thought at the end of 2020, in the midst of COVID-19 and all its challenges, we'd find ourselves only 9 members short of that goal!

The membership breakdown as of year end:

**Honorary 6**

**Junior 9****Life 46****Minor 5****Regular 486****Social 39****Grand Total 591**

Despite the ongoing challenges, we picked up 95 new members this past year and more importantly most of our members renewed in a year when then may have “taken a pass.” The Club took some steps to accelerate renewals by establishing a late fee and decoupling renewals from the “event of consequence”, the annual Range Officer meeting, which couldn’t be held at social distance or in compliance of state mandated guidelines. Many members weren’t renewing until their range privilege were at risk. Range & Member Cards were mailed to range eligible members in good standing and social and junior members had their cards mailed as well. These reforms will serve the Club well and bring us in line with the policies of other Clubs in our area.

Bob Trombley – Club Secretary

### **Managers’ Report:**

Final Numbers for 2020 with the differential from 2019

As the numbers reflect, COVID-19 has hit this side of the Club very hard. Julie and I are doing our best to keep the Members’ Lounge running and to bring in some positive income.

In an effort to follow the State’s guidelines, the Club was closed completely from March 30th through June 8th.

90+% percent of the Club’s functions we cancelled or rebooked for 2021.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Members' Lounge:</b>	\$74,347.70	\$47,024.25
<b>Rentals:</b>	\$26,435.00	\$13,203.00
<b>Rental Bar:</b>	\$32,998.25	\$8,388.00
<b>Totals:</b>	\$133,780.95	\$68,615.25
<b>Difference:</b>		(\$65,165.70)

We thank the BOD for all their continued support.

Amanda & Julie – Club Managers

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Trap & Skeet:**

The trap and skeet fields have been active and remain active throughout the year. For the first time ever, the Club had four teams in the Greater Lowell Trap League. Although the league

started late and the season shortened, some clubs chose not to participate due to the COVID-19 restrictions. In addition, the Club organized its own fall trap league on Sunday mornings that was well attended and kept many of the trap shooters busy right up to Thanksgiving. Despite the falling temperatures, a hardy group has been shooting skeet under the lights on Thursday evenings. Both of the Club's skeet fields are active on Sunday mornings with a dozen or so members coming on routinely.

Members of any ability are encouraged to join us. By the very nature of Trap & Skeet, it is easy to maintain social distancing allowing us to keep active on the range. With spring right around the corner, we'll be looking for volunteers to help unloading pallets of targets to replenish our dwindling supply. We're also still in the hunt for more members to join the growing numbers in the Greater Lowell Trap League. Keep an eye on future newsletters for more info.

John Mackesy - Trap & Skeet Co- Chairman

### **Rifle & Pistol:**

Everybody thinks that 2020 won't be much fun to look back on, but the year provided a lot of positives if you look in the right places.

I've got to give my biggest thanks to my fellow committee members for figuring out how to overcome every obstacle that came along and still hold our monthly fun shoots. The desire to hold these shoots despite the challenges at hand put a lot of talent and creativity to work and it was great to see that energy come to fruition every month.

Of course, an equally big thanks goes to everyone who supported our events by showing up. They say if you build it they will come, and the membership proved that truth with great turn out at every event. 2020 Members of the Year Scott Grant and Jayson Stoner were directly responsible for a lot of the hard work and organization that went into planning and executing these monthly shoots. With the added obstacles that 2020 provided, they still figured out how to schedule and operate these events in the most practical ways possible.

The entire R&P committee also has my deepest gratitude for their generous contributions of time and energy this year. The Executive Board and the Club Managers are also greatly appreciated by the committee for the work they do behind the scenes. We as a committee thank you and your family and friends for showing up at our shoots and we also thank you for your overall continued support.

There is much work to do this year, but with your continued support I'm sure we can accomplish a lot. 2021 Is going to be a good year on the ranges (if you can find the ammo) because the

committee is planning some very fun and friendly competitions. Watch for club emails announcing our monthly shoots and other events coming in 2021.

Until then, please stay safe, stay happy, stay healthy, and we will see you on the ranges in 2021  
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Sincerely,

Bud Parker - Rifle & Pistol Chairman

**Grounds:**

The pandemic has limited our ability to hold grounds Spring and Fall cleanup work parties during this past year. Despite this there have been several volunteers that were able to work “socially distanced” to mow lawns, rake and generally keep the grounds in great shape. Members John DeMars, John Swick and Jim Coughlin were able to keep up with the challenges.

As some of you may not know, two significant storms during the year caused significant tree damage. Many folks pitched in to quickly clean up the damage. Again, John, John and Jim, along with Paul, Ed, Jesse, Dave, and others worked with chainsaws and other equipment to get as much cleaned up as possible and to keep the Club open and accessible. This clean up unfortunately is ongoing as there is still some “heavy stuff” left to move. Some fencing along the parking lot will need to be repaired and replaced.

We hope we will be able to plan a more “traditional” Spring Clean Up for May, should COVID-19 conditions improve, and guidelines allow.

Steve Locke - Chairman

**By-law:**

The Club By-Law committee has gone through the existing by-laws and we hope to be able to come before the Board in January or February for Board approval. Then possibly be ready for the body meeting in March for the first of two body meetings.

**Election:**

We held the Club election on the 20th of December and had 139 members cast votes. The results were reported to President Early and he sent the results to the body via Club newsletter. The Club election results are as follows:

President - Peter Early

Vice President - Jeff DeLand

Treasurer - Mike Murphy

Secretary - Bob Trombly

E-Board – Steve Locke

E-Board – John DeMars

E-Board – Mark Dacey

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Foley - By-law & Election Committees Chairman

### **Indoor Range:**

In March of 2020, the indoor range was closed due to the need for renovations. In July of 2020, the Executive Board commissioned an Indoor Range Renovation Committee to explore the scope of the project and come up with options. Executive board member Jon Shepard volunteered to chair that committee and a call went out in the newsletter for help.

Mark Dacey stepped up as co-chairman, and members Ramzi Malouf, Pete Voymas, Dany Pelletier, Bud Parker, Mike Schwager and Scott Grant all raised their hand to help out as well. Because there was so much work to do, the committee began meeting right away, with in person meetings happening 2 to 3 times a month and phone calls between committee members happening on a daily basis.

The committee explored everything from completely new buildings to minimum renovations and everything in between and came up with a series of options for the board to consider. It took about five straight months of working at that pace to gather all of the information that was required to present detailed options to the Board.

The committee made visits to three or four local clubs, and the committee talked to dozens and dozens of experts in their search for the best information.

Well over a dozen quotes were obtained in the process, and they covered a large variety of subjects and areas of expertise such as civil engineering and concrete pouring, lead reclamation and backstop installation, target systems and heating and ventilation to name a few. We are happy to report that the Board has recently authorized the money that the committee requested to obtain the mechanical blueprints for a properly designed range ventilation system. The club will need these blueprints in order to price and install an up-to-date air exchange system that will ensure the highest possible air quality for our members and guests. There are many steps left in the process of getting the indoor range open again, but the committee is working hard to provide the board with the information that they need to make the best decisions possible to



achieve that goal.

The committee is looking forward to building on the progress that we have made in just the past few months.

Thank you,

Jon Shepard - Chairman

Mark Dacey, Pete Voymas, Ramzi Malouf, Scott Grant, Bud Parker, Dany Pelletier, Mike Schwager – Committee Members

**House and Entertainment:** Due to COVID-19 conditions house and entertainment was not able to do too many things this year for the club and will probably not be doing a game dinner in January hopefully we can get back to normal once COVID-19 is over

John DeMars- Chairman

**Archery:** It looks like a few of our members had success hunting with their bows this year. Archery is quiet now for the winter hopefully will reopen in the spring and be able to move forward without Covid bothering us anymore.

John DeMars- Co-Chairman

**Building & Maintenance:** N/A

**Pond:** It's still wet.

**Junior Program:** Temporarily shut down due to Covid

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## Dues reminder

According to our bylaws as of January 2nd 2021 dues are overdue! A huge thank you to the nearly 450 members who have paid their 2021 dues already. While a short period of grace will continue we expect that the E-Board will impose late fees on unpaid dues shortly. We expect to print and distribute via US mail member and RO cards as we did last years since COVID-19 will

preclude an in-person Range Officer's meeting.

Need an invoice? Need to change your mailing address? Please contact [secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

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## Open Executive Board seat

The club has an open Executive Board seat. If your interested in serving on the board there will be a signup sheet in the members lounge.

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## Calling all contractors

The indoor range committee will be receiving a set of drawings for ventilation for the indoor range. We would like the first opportunity for quotes to go to club members who are contractors, such as HVAC, Plumbers, Electrician's and Carpenters.

Please contact committee chairman Jon Shepard by email at [jmselectric09@gmail.com](mailto:jmselectric09@gmail.com) with your contact info and once we have reviewed the drawings/blueprints we will be ready to request quotes.

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## Rifle & Pistol

The rifle and pistol committee is hitting the ground running in 2021. if you've been to one of our shoots in the last several months then you know we are operating with an online reservation system and reserved time slots. This has allowed us to get more shooters through in a day than we could in one large gathering, and it has worked out very well for all involved.

Our first shoot of the year is this Sunday the 17th and it is already fully booked!

Keep an eye on next month's newsletter for a full 2021 schedule events from the rifle and pistol committee, and until then please stay safe, happy, and healthy.

Sincerely,

The Rifle & Pistol Committee

Jayson Stoner Jon Shepard Jon Smith Alexander Gruntzig

Scott Grant Dan Barrett Dany Pelletier Dean D'Agostino  
Dennis Goldberg Greg Young Gui Barroso Jim D'Agostino  
Jason Lopez Josh Goldberg Ken Chin Kyre Cluett  
Max Garcia Mike Pitas Mike Schwager Neil Ryder  
Paul Amante Pete Voymas Jim Lueck Bud Parker

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## Trap & Skeet

**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. see John Mackesy or Gifford Perry to purchase coupons.

### Trap and Skeet news

Reminding everyone Thursday night skeet shooting under the lights continues and have been very popular.

It's a great way to get ready for the weekend and let off some steam from working all week. Anybody can shoot anytime as long as they have been trained and understand the systems. See John Mackesy or Gifford Perry for training.

The following dates are::

January 28

February 11

February 25

Send out an email if you want to shoot on another Thursday or any other day or if the weather is bad.

December 20th we had a great 5-Stand showing and will continue into this year.

Next 5-Stand shooting is January 17th. Don't forget 5-Stand shooting costs \$1.00 more and need many hands to help set up and break it down.

Remember we need snow shovelers when it snows, please come with your favorite shovel to

help out.

If you can help shoveling during the week or a Saturday before our regular Sunday shooting that really helps out and much appreciated.

When it does snow please don't come and do donuts on the parking lots. It makes plowing very difficult and it's add more time. Cameras caught Jeeps and SUVs doing it!

Remember when closing up to clean up the range, people have been leaving shotgun hulls behind.

Also load machines, release the throwing arm and turn off lights. People have been leaving lights on.

You also must close the gate, please remind people who are still shooting when you leave to close the gate.

We're considering looking into purchase lead and wads in bulk quantities for those guys that reload.

We have some logistics to overcome first so not sure if this is definite yet.

The lead would be delivered when we order clays, which is in Spring of this year. We can get 7 1/2, 8 & 9 shot lead. We can also get magnum loads in 8&9 shot.

We cannot purchase primers. No limit on how much lead you want.

Cost is \$39.00 per 25lb bag.

Please send Gifford Perry an email if you're interested and how much you want.

Thanks and Happy New Year,

Gifford Perry & John Mackesy Trap & Skeet Committee

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## LTC/FID Certifications

### **No classes scheduled for January**

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.

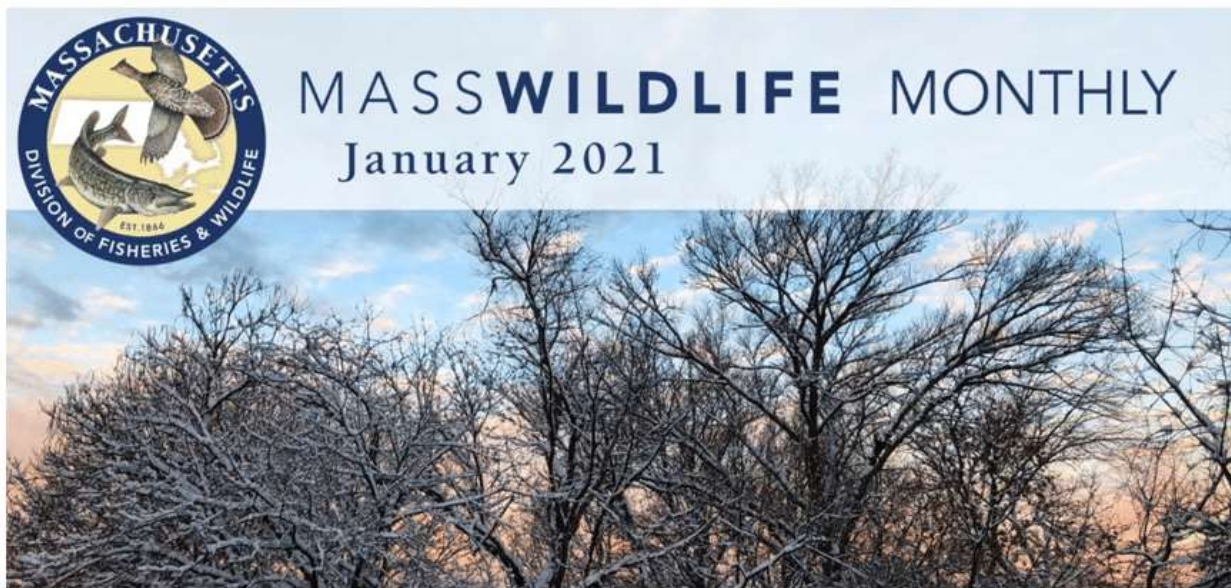
For more information, or to register for the class, please contact Ken Chin at [trackertx17@yahoo.com](mailto:trackertx17@yahoo.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

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## Mass Wildlife Monthly



### Stay safe on the ice this winter, 2021 licenses, and Thank You

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## Club Meetings

**Quarterly Body** – March 15, Monday @ 7:00pm - 8:00pm (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!

meetings will be held in the function hall 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 afterwards in the members lounge. For more info, contact our club secretary, Bob Trombly [secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

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## Maynard Rod & Gun Club 2021 Club Leadership

### We work for you:

Voters of the Maynard Rod and Gun Club elected the following representatives for 2021 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.

### 2021 Officers -

President – Pete Early – [president@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:president@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Vice President -Jeff DeLand - [vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Treasurer – Mike Murphy - [treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Secretary – Bob Trombly - [secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

### Returning E-Board Members

Mike DeLuga - [mdeluga10@gmail.com](mailto:mdeluga10@gmail.com)

Dave Jones - [dave.jones@outlook.com](mailto:dave.jones@outlook.com)

Jon Shepard - [jmselectric09@gmail.com](mailto:jmselectric09@gmail.com)

John Swick - [afdp02@gmail.com](mailto:afdp02@gmail.com)

Andy Woods – [woodsalta1@gmail.com](mailto:woodsalta1@gmail.com)

### Newly Elected/(Re-elected\*)/Selected E-Board Members

Mark Dacey – [mark.dacey@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.dacey@yahoo.com)

John DeMars - [captmay8487@gmail.com](mailto:captmay8487@gmail.com)

Steve Locke - [stephen.k.locke@medtronic.com](mailto:stephen.k.locke@medtronic.com)

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