November 15, 2020

## Maynard Rod and Gun Club Newsletter



Important Upcoming Club Dates!

LTC/FID Certification class - 12/05 Saturday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Club elections - 12/20, Sunday 10am - 4pm Annual membership meeting - 12/21, Monday @ 7:00pm

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! *Follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram* 



#### MRGC Members Lounge

**HOURS:** 

MON - FRI - 4:00 - 8:00

SAT – Closed

SUN - 1:00 - 6:00

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

#### From the managers

Hello Members,

Covid 19 has taken a toll on our club. Not being able to host functions this year has been costly.

You can support the efforts of MRGC by visiting the members lounge and having a beverage or two.

YES, a food purchase is required but Julie and I work hard to keep the cost of an appetizer or snack to a minimum. Two-dollar pretzel, Three-dollar Cheese and Crackers, Queso Dips, Sandwiches and more. *We are* the best deal in town. Come Down, support the servers. All of this supports the CLUB.

Masks are required when moving about – See you at the club.

Many thanks,

Amanda & Julie

\*\*\* There are a few boat storages spots available. \$180.00 to store you boat for the winter season.

Please email <u>RGComanagers@gmail.com</u> to reserve your space.

#### Annual dues for 2021

To make it though this storm that is COVID-19 we're going to have to run at tighter ship. Our major revenue sources outside of membership, the function hall, members lounge and paintball, are down and probably will remain depressed for most of 2021.

Our overhead to maintain the properties and facilities remain at the same levels even in the face of reduced revenue streams. We have looked at our policies relative to our local competition in the area and tightened them up to maintain parity and help the Club's financial position. It's challenging for sure, but, all things considered, the Club is holding it's own financially. That being said, we have had to defer most expenditures on capital improvements this year. Annual dues for 2021 are due by 12/31/2020. While the by-laws have always permitted assessments for late fees, in June the E-board voted to assess them on members who's dues were overdue.

Too many members have been waiting until the Spring RO meeting (which can't be safely held because of the pandemic) to pay their dues. We announced that a \$20 fee would be imposed on dues not paid by 7/31/2020 and that has come to pass.

We also voted to charge a \$100.00 reinstatement fee to any member who lapses a year of dues payment. That will be imposed in January of 2021 for any members seeking reinstatement. This brings us to parity with other local Clubs.

Sadly, all indications are we'll be unable to hold an "in-person" Range Officer's meeting in 2021. We'll likely do what we did this year and mail credentials and codes to members in good standing. We'll do that in mid February of 2021 as we did in August this year. Invoices will go out in late November via E-Mail to most by USPS to those for whom we have no email addresses. Please pay your dues promptly as will be imposing a late fee of \$20.00 after 12/31/2020.

Please review your invoice carefully especially the address. The address on this invoice is the one we'll use to send your cards by USPS. We've had about 50 (out of more than 500) pieces of mail returned as undeliverable which we all want to avoid. Please check to make sure we have your current address. If your address has changed please email an update to <u>secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com</u>

Thanks for investing in the Club in these troubled times.

#### Club elections and Annual membership meeting

Club elections are on December 20th from 10am to 4pm in the members lounge. Please vote.

Annual membership meeting Dec 21st @ 7pm Hear about the year in review, club election results and plans for the coming year!

#### Indoor range survey

In the next few days an email will be sent out to our membership with a link to a survey regarding our indoor range . Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey.

#### Kids Christmas Party canceled

With regret this years kids Christmas party is canceled due to the current pandemic.

#### Club member of the year nominations

The club is looking for nominations for the member of the year award. If you know someone deserving of this award please send your nominations with an explanation why you've nominated this person to Bob Trombley <u>secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com</u>

## Rifle & Pistol

Hello everyone,

The Rifle and Pistol committee is working hard on getting the indoor range opened back up again.

It's going to be a big project, take several months, and cost a lot of money.

The committee and the board will be trying to email out a short questionnaire in the next few days in order to gauge the desires of the membership.

Please stay tuned to your inbox for a standalone email with a link to a survey for our members,

and please take a few minutes to inform the leadership.

The committee is not having a monthly shoot in November, but we are looking to put together a rifle shoot in December, so dust off those 22s and save some ammo because we'll be plinking in the rifle range next month.

We can't tell you how much we're looking forward to 2021 around the Maynard Rod and Gun club. we faced a lot of challenges this year, but now we are battle hardened, and at this point nothing will surprise us in 2021.

We will overcome whatever the obstacles are and make sure that we have a very active and fun year.

The committee is always looking for members to join us and help out with all the stuff we do, from physical labor to 'think tank' analysis, we need all types, so if you want to help the club out give us a shout and we'll put your talents to work to make the club better.

The committee also has a full slate of members running for various board positions this year,

and we're really hoping that you can turn out and vote in December.

Check this newsletter for the voting date and times and watch out for standalone announcements from the committee reminding you of the time and place.

thanks for your continuing patience.

Sincerely,

The Rifle and Pistol Committee.

#### 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.

In the Shooters Den there are supplies for COVID-19 cleaning, rags etc. Please bring your own masks. Please try to keep to a minimum one or two people at a time in the Shooters Den. Skeet and trap ranges are open every day with the first shot 9:30 am

The Fall Trap League here at the club has been very successful and continues to bring shooters together.

Lots of participation and fun among all. Competition is heating up and top scorers are getting tighter.

Skeet continues to be busy every weekend and with cooler days more and more people are coming out to enjoy the weather and tree changing color.

Lots of camaraderie, fun and meeting members who haven't been at the club for a while.

Thursday skeet night under the lights starts November 19 and goes every 2 weeks after that. Starts around 5:30ish and ends at 8:30.

Dates are: November 19 December 3rd December17 December 31

See you all soon, Thanks, Gifford Perry & John Mackesy Trap & Skeet Committee

#### LTC/FID Certifications

Next class will be Saturday December 5, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

# 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 <a href="mailto:newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com">newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com</a> 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.

Club member Jason Johnson took a 5x5 elk shot on state land outside of Gunnison, Colorado. "The only bull I saw all week, on the 5th day of the 5 day first rifle season. Taken at 175 yds. with a Browning x-bolt pro, in 6.5 PRC caliber."



## Mass Wildlife Monthly



#### The rut is on! Are you ready?

## **Club Meetings**

**Quarterly Body** – December 21, 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 after wards in the members lounge. For more info, contact our club secretary, Bob Trombly <u>secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com</u>

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 - 2020 Club Leadership

#### We work for you

Members of the Maynard Rod and Gun Club elected the following representatives for 2020 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.

#### 2020 Club Officers:

President - Peter Early - <u>president@maynardrodandgunclub.com</u> Vice President - Jeff Deland - <u>vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com</u> Treasurer - Mike Murphy - <u>treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com</u> Secretary - Bob Trombly - <u>secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com</u>

#### 2020 Executive Board Members:

John DeMars - <u>captmay8487@gmail.com</u> Steve Locke - <u>sklocke1404@comcast.net</u> Dwight Warren - <u>dwarren8@rcn.com</u> Andy Woods - <u>woodsalta1@gmail.com</u> Mike DeLuga - <u>mdeluga10@gmail.com</u> Dave Jones - <u>dave.jones@outlook.com</u> Jon Shepard - jmselectric09@gmail.com John Swick - afdp02@gmail.com Michael Schwager - michaelhschwager@gmail.com

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

Josh Liberman (Newsletter) - newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com

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