

Maynard Rod and Gun Club Newsletter



Rifle & Pistol Committee

The Rifle and Pistol committee wishes you a happy and healthy New Year!

The committee is proud to announce that we now have our own fledgling page on the club's website. We hope to offer more information on upcoming events and other R&P happenings that we just can't fit in the regular calendar page. In the near future we will be uploading videos and other items of interest for the R&P enthusiasts. Please Bookmark the page for future reference. (URL subject to change.)

<http://maynardrodandgunclub.com/membership-2/member-resources/rifle-pistol-range-rules-procedures/>

The committee will also be posting a schedule of monthly competitive shooting events. The events will start in March or April and continue throughout the year. That being said, we will need a small work party in early March to help us get the ranges in tip-top shape for the competitions.

WORK PARTY: Saturday, March 10th at 8:00am at the Outdoor Range. Weather permitting! Watch for a reminder in next month's newsletter and please let us know if you can make it down - rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgun.com.

Upcoming R&P events to keep an eye out for:

- The annual range officer renewal meeting, sometime in March or April
- The annual Spring Range Clean-up, Saturday 03-10-18
- The annual open house, sometime in April or May
- The second annual running of 'The Gauntlet' fundraiser in July

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

The R&P 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

During the winter, skeet and trap fields remains open. So when it snows, please still come. Just bring your favorite shovel along with your shotgun. There is a snow blower on the Sudbury side to assist.

The past few weeks have not deterred the hardy skeet shooters. Every week we've been shooting. Zero degrees and cold with 30+ knots winds has only added another excuse

on misses...but we keep on shooting!

Last week, the snow fall was 14"+ and drifts were shoveled and skeet shooting continued, and no time was lost. The driveway parking lots are plowed, so all come and enjoy. Skeet field#1 wireless mic's is working again so you can shoot on your own if you want.

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.

The trap and skeet fields continue to be very active and Sundays are filled with shooters in all weather. Come on down anytime, but especially join us on Sunday mornings for good fun with the gang. New shooters and new members are always welcome and encouraged.



Photo taken of the MRGC skeet fields on Sudbury side prior to warm weather and rain last week. What a die hard group every Sunday!



Trap in the summer



Archery

Well, you're pretty brave if you are still shooting archery outside this time of year. If you're up to it, have at it! Come on down and use the MRGC archery range since it's great again! (Please note that broadheads are not allowed with these targets.) The archery range is all set up with all new backstop targets and two 3D targets to shoot. "Making the archery range great again." For more info, email Chris at chris2500hd@gmail.com

Jr. Rifle Program

The Club's Junior Rifle Program for boys and girls age 10 and older is underway.

The program meets every Thursday night at the Indoor Range from 7:00pm-8:30pm and runs from November through to the end of March. The program teaches the kids firearms safety and safe firearms handling and the fundamentals of shooting 3-position small bore. We promote the highest standards of safety and encourage good sportsmanship and personal responsibility. For more details contact coaches Peter Early or Ramzi Maalouf at youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com

LTC/FID Certifications and Other Training - Thursday, 2/8 @ 6:30pm

NRA Home Firearm Safety Class for LTC/FID - Sign up by 2/05.

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. trackertx17@yahoo.com.

Send us your outdoor photos to include in the newsletters!

Have you been out in the woods yet? Bag a bear or a deer? 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 and what. Many members continue to send in their great sporting pictures for the newsletter. See below.

Busting ice and snow to get after a nice haul of mallards and blacks the last week of the late season.



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

The Annual Maynard Rod & Gun Club kids Christmas Party last month was a hit, as usual. Approximately 32 children attended, played games, ate pizza and had a visit with Santa. There were lots of smiles on the faces of families. All who attended had a great time and enjoyed this very festive tradition. A big thank you to committee chair, Ellen

Murphy, as well as her fantastic team including, Jerry Peters, David Williams, Barbra Locke and a few elves that prefer to go unnamed.



Santa arriving at MRGC to greet excited kids.

MRGC Members Lounge

It may be cold outside, but the members lounge is warm with the fire crackling and friendly faces at the bar. Come on in and warm up.

FOOTBALL, FOOTBALL, FOOTBALL on Sundays 1-4pm. Come cheer on your team with food and fans.

The calendar is booking up quickly for graduations and weddings. Members get a discount for the hall and pavilion rental so email us with your dates if your planning a party this year. We can be reached at 978-897-2173 or email Julie or Amanda at rgcomanagers@gmail.com.

A 2018 rental of the pavilion and inside hall was donated to the Beacon Santa Telethon this year. Congratulations to the WAVM students for raising \$38,000 for local families in need.

Again, thanks to Mike Murphy and a couple of anonymous members, we have wood to use in the fireplace in the members lounge fireplace anytime you'd like. (Please note that the wood is for use at the club only. Duh!)



Jr. Conservation Campers
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Mass Jr. Conservation Camp

This year's Mass Jr conservation camp will be held August 5th-17th at the Horace Moses Boy Scout Reservation located at 310 Birch Hill Rd in Russell, MA. MRGC is currently looking for children and grandchildren of current members that would be interested in attending the 2018 Massachusetts Jr Conservation Camp. The camp is held in August and includes 13 days of hands-on fun learning about the outdoors. Campers will learn about hunting, fishing, tracking, archery, boating, camping, wilderness survival, shooting safety, shooting sports and much more.

MRGC is looking to sponsor 2 campers this year by paying 50% of the tuition for attending camp. MRGC will review letters written by interested kids and choose. Letters from the prospective campers should include the reasons they would like to attend the camp and what they think they would gain from attending. Letters can be sent to Andy Woods at woodsalt1@gmail.com and be received by Friday, April 1st.

Photos and information can be found at www.massjrconservationcamp.org about what is offered at the camp. Don't miss this incredible opportunity.

Two campers will be chosen from the submitted letters at the April e-board meeting and notifications will be e-mailed shortly after to the chosen campers.

MRGC Game Supper, February 10th

The annual game supper is back this year and is taking place on Saturday, February 10th in the club function hall and members lounge. Tickets will be available in the members lounge for \$35.00 each. Hurry up and get them because we are limiting the ticket sales to 60 tickets this year and you don't want to miss out!

Starting with a social hour at 5pm with drinks and cheese & crackers, and then dinner around 6pm.

The buffet style meal will include:

Appetizer Course

- Salad
- Alligator

Soup Course

- Venison Chili

Main Course

- Venison meatballs in brown gravy
- Rabbit Pot Pie
- Venison Marsala
- Wild Boar Lasagna
- Sweet Italian Venison Sausage with Peppers and Onions
- Ham
- Rice Pilaf

Desert Course

- Bread Pudding
- Home Made Apple Crisp

Want to earn some CHITS? We need volunteers to help set up tables and chairs, food prep, cooking and clean up afterwards. No help will be turned away! Any questions, please contact Andy Woods, Woodsalta1@gmail.com.

Thank you and hope to see you there!

Reach out to Andy Woods at woodsalta1@gmail.com



Mass. Hunter Education Program

(Masswildlife) - Recruiting members from the Maynard Rod & Gun Club

(Photo by Bill Byrne, Masswildlife) The Massachusetts Hunter Education Program, operated by Masswildlife, is interested in recruiting members from the Maynard Rod & Gun Club to become Volunteer Basic Hunter Education Instructors. Volunteer Instructor Teams across the Commonwealth teach thousands of students each year in the safe handling of firearms, lawful and ethical hunting practices, and wildlife conservation. After completing an application and initial training, Instructors are required to participate in a minimum of one course per year to maintain their instructor status. Anyone interested in becoming an instructor should contact Todd Olanyk, MA Hunter Ed. Program Volunteer Coordinator; ph: 508-389-7825 email: todd.olanyk@state.ma.us

Here is a link to the web page that describes how to become an instructor:

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/become-a-masswildlife-hunter-education-volunteer-instructor>

And the winner of the Christmas paid membership raffle is...

We had 229 eligible renewals. Using excel's random # generators to select a winner, MRGC member, Walter Sokolowski was selected!

Thanks for your support and the very best in 2018!

Sincerely,

Bob Trombly

Secretary

Maynard Rod and Gun Club

secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

Got Dues? 2018 – Membership Renewal Dues are now overdue!

First and foremost, thank you so much to the nearly 400 who've responded and paid their dues already. This is a major source of income for the Club and collecting dues promptly helps us pave the way for capital budgets and improvement in 2018.

If you haven't paid and are looking for your invoice, we generated invoices via E-Mail beginning in mid-November. I've been apprised that this year's invoices are emanating from a different address than they did last year. If you want to look in your inbox then be on the look-out for an E-Mail invoice from quickbooks@notification.intuit.com, that's being generated from the Club's Quickbooks accounting system. Most full member invoices were E-mailed our November the weekend of November 18/19th. I will have deducted the value of any chits hours I have received from our Chits chairman, Ken Chin and they'll show as credits. Social member invoices were E-Mailed DEC 2/3. Paper invoices were mailed in mid December as were solicitations to Life members for the annual processing fees.

Can't find your invoice? I'm happy to resend it to you just E-Mail me at Secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com

- Full membership is \$185 (less up to \$50 for applicable chit hours.)
- Social membership is \$50

If you don't think your chits are properly reflected, please contact the appropriate

committee chair you worked with and they will work with Ken to make any appropriate adjustments and report them for credit. Ken's E-Mail is trackertx17@yahoo.com. We're using Quickbooks E-Mail to save the Club labor and the administrative costs associated with annual renewal mailings.

Using Quickbooks E-mail:

- You can pay by credit card if you wish.
- You can pay by E-Check as well.
- You can also pay by sending us a check payable to Maynard Rod and Gun Club to:

Maynard Rod & Gun Club

c/o Club Secretary

45 Old Mill Road

Maynard, MA 01754

If you pay by check - Please put your name & member # from your access card or fob in the memo field --especially if you're using a corporate account OR please enclose a copy of your invoice to ensure that I credit your account properly.

You can also pay in cash at the member's lounge. There will be envelopes available to fill out your name and member/access card/Fob# to ensure you get credit for your dues payment. Please ask the steward to give you a receipt for your cash and to seal the cash in that envelope.

If you'd like to add or change your email address or your home address or telephone# or any of your demographic data at any time simply email me at secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com or drop me a note at the Club.

I will send surface "snail" mail to anyone for whom I have no E-Mail address or for those whose E-mails come back as undeliverable.

How and when will I receive my paper member card? As we did last year we'll use the Annual RO meetings to distribute the cards as the bulk of our members come to these meetings. This will again save us on administrative costs.

Finally and most importantly, I would like to thank our membership for wonderful 2017! There have been significant improvements on our rifle, indoor pistol and action ranges. Check them out, they've never looked better. This year's steak dinners were verywell attended. We had a great Trout Derby and a successful open house this Spring.

Our Clay Commandos youth program had an impressive finishes in a number of matches and state shoots. VP Pete Early and Ramzi Maalouf do an outstanding job working with these young shooters and are moulding our members of the future.

The Club continues to support the rights of law-abiding citizens to “keep and bear arms” A number of the Club’s NRA instructors have offered classes and training to help attract member and enhance their skills. Additionally a number of talented law enforcement professionals have offered training at our Club. Our own Maynard PD Sgt Bill Duggan taught nearly a dozen eager members some of the fundamentals of defensive pistol shooting. The Stef Theodore, the principal of the Paragon Training Group, have offered advanced training for members at the Club. Check out the newsletter for upcoming opportunities to enhance your skills.

Trap and Skeet has had a banner year with greater participation than ever. Check out the new wobble skeet on field 2 and the challenging 5 stand set up if you want to sharpen your skills.

The Club is growing. This year we have attained membership of 574 strong, with more than 450 full members on board. This is a high water mark for Maynard Rod and Gun Club in the 21st century! Let’s keep going and keep growing!

By all means, especially if it’s been a while, drop by and visit. There’s always a lively crowd in the lounge as the Patriots drive for another Superbowl!

Thanks for all your support and the very best in 2018 to all of you for a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Bob Trombly
Secretary
Maynard Rod and Gun Club

MRGC Meetings

Quarterly Body – March 19th, Monday @ 7:00pm - (Open to ALL general members) - Food and libations included. Please attend the annual meeting and meet newly elected board officers and eboard, and hear about the club. 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 after wards 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 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

Don't Be Late! Important Dates!

2/8 - LTC Training Class AT MRGC

2/10 - Game Supper

3/10 - Annual Spring Range Clean-up

3/19 - MRGC Quarterly Body @ 7:00pm - Open to ALL members

4/1 - Mass Jr conservation camp letters from interested campers Due

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:

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2018 Officers:

President - Jim Foley - 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:

Jeff DeLand - jmd13@live.com

Dave Loughlin - dloff0924@yahoo.com

James Rottman - james.rottman@verizon.net

Dwight Warren - dwarren8@rcn.com

Andy Woods - woodsalta1@gmail.com

Newly Elected/(Re-elected*) E-Board Members:

John DeMars - captmay8487@hotmail.com

Josh Liberman* (Newsletter) - joshliberman@hotmail.com

Steve Locke - stephen.k.locke@medtronic.com