



Riverside

Located in the densely wooded New England countryside with facilities to support our members whether your interests are competitive shooting, breaking clays, fishing, plinking, sharpening your skills for hunting or just socializing.

Quarterly Newsletter

July 2017

Fish & Game

The trout are jump'n in our fully stocked trout pond. Badges available at the clubhouse.



Clubhouse

Outdoor Patio, Horse Shoes, Trout Pond, Sports Bar Big Screen.

High Power Rifle

A variety of programs for a range of shooting interests including participation in the Highpower, CMP Civilian Marksmanship Program events and the NRA Jr Rifle Program on page 4

Skeet & Trap

Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Shoots every week. Three fields are configured to support different shooting programs including skeet, trap and 5 stand with lights See on page 2

Archery

Year round programs for both junior and adult archers. USA Archery, State Assoc., National Assoc., and the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program. See on page 4

Banquet Facility

Large function hall, dance floor, band stand and attached kitchen area with a separate entrance area and full function bar has a capacity of 150. Rental includes bartender and cleanup. Caterer and DJ available for functions.

from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

The October Newsletter will be too late to announce the Fall/Winter programs; therefore I'll publish details of the Jr. Rifle Program and the Pistol league with a news-blast dedicated to the subject in early September. Both events usually start the first week of October. The last year participants in Jr. Rifle will be notified via the internal mailing list as well. Participants in the 2016 pistol league will receive a similar email notification.

I am happy to report that we netted \$635 on the raffle for Fishing Equipment. The money goes to support our Jr. Rifle Program and Trout Pond.

Jim D'Angelo is the newly appointed Chairman for EPA Activities. He recently completed a top to bottom review and update of our Environmental Stewardship Plan. We recognize that we have a responsibility for environmental quality shared by all those whose actions affect the environment. Riverside Environmental Stewardship is our contribution to a more sustainable future.



Executive Board

Many of you haven't met the Riverside Executive Board and Officers. The men and women who manage your club are pictured (L-to-R) Front Row: Eric Larsen 1st VP, Mike Connelley President, John McGrath 2nd VP. Standing: Mike Brophy E. Board & Club Mgr., Nancy Brophy Financial Secretary, Jim D'Angelo E. Board, Frank Harrington E. Board, Bill McDonough E. Board, Peggy Bartlett Recording Secretary and Larry Sullivan E. Board.

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RGC SKEET & TRAP NEWS

SUMMER



Maynard receiving the trophy

Summer is here, and after a wet Spring, it's nice to break clays in the warm and dry weather. With all the rain, and our three year grass improvement program (thank you, Art), the fields are looking lush and green. We have had a number of outings, including birthday parties and a couple of corporate events, some of which had up to 25 shooters. Our newest shooters continue to benefit from one-on-one instruction. Watching them hit their

first clay is a rewarding experience for our instructors.

Our annual Maynard/RGC shoot was held in Maynard on June 10th. Their skeet, trap and 5-stand program is challenging to even our best shooters. Despite Phil Sharpe's perfect skeet round, and the excellent scores posted by several RGC members, Maynard took the gold by three targets. A great spread of BBQ ribs and potato salad was served afterward, along with a raffle for some very nice prizes. Congrats to the Maynard team, and many thanks to Maynard's Steve Winnick for organizing the event.

We continue to make improvements to enhance our shooter's experience. Over the last several weeks Barry White and I fine tuned a few machines to improve throwing consistency

and reliability - thanks, Barry, for your determined efforts. We are also planning some renovations to the skeet shack; more on that in the next newsletter.

I wish everyone a great summer, and look forward to seeing you at the fields.

<http://www.riversidegc.org/Skeet.shtml>



Barry fixing the trap machine

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Frank Harrington

Chairman

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The Next time the Northeast High Power Rifle League competes at Riverside is August 6th. If you have never seen it, come out and observe the event. The Riverside High Power Team is featured in the photo, L to R: Mike Hoeffler, Max Macrae, Paul White (team captain), John McGrath, Alonso Hernandez, and Kevin Colins.

I certainly hope everyone is taking advantage of the nice summer weather.

See you on the range

Mike Connelley



High Power Rifle

High Power Rifle & Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)



We have a very strong team developing this year. Our new shooters are bringing the team scores into the high 450s and beyond in the match competition.

During the most recent event, the individual scores on a 300-yard range at Westfield on June 25th were as follows:

- Mike Hoeffler ... 483-11x
- Paul White 460-3x
- Eric Brownstein. . 453
- Bill Downey. 403-2x

At Chicopee on June 17th, a 200 yard range our match team scored:

- Mike Hoeffler ... 482-16x
- Alonso Hernandez 458-5x
- Howard Lamb ... 455-6x

At Riverside on June 4th team scores were:

- Mike Hoeffler ... 483-14x
- Kevin Collins. . . . 473-14x
- John Mcgrath. . . . 459-6x
- Paul White 448-7x
- Alonso Hernandez 444-8x.

At Hopkinton, a 100 yard range, our team score consisted of:

- Mike Hoeffler ... 483-22x
- Howard Lamb ... 451-6x
- Paul White 426-7x
- John McGrath ... 431-7x.

For the last few matches, Mike Hoeffler on has been averaging around 483 and just under the High Master with Xs that are 15 to 20. Kevin Collins is averaging about a 468 and is closing in on the Master category. He recently competed at a NRA Leg Match in Reading, where he won a Bronze medal with a score of 450-9x. Congratulations Kevin!

Close behind Kevin is Alonso Hernandez, John McGrath and Howard Lamb having markedly improved scores--all in the 450s. So, by the end of the season, our team could potentially have 4 or 5 experts, a Master or 2 and one High Master.

We look forward to seeing other new members join us this season and our schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows: 9 July Hopkinton, 30 July Hopkinton, 6 Aug, Riverside 13 Aug Hopkinton, 19 Aug Chicopee, 17 Sep Riverside, 1 Oct Westfield and 7 Oct Chicopee.

All scores are out of 500---Note Classifications are as follows:
 Marksman Less than 420
 Sharpshooter 420 to 444
 Expert. 445 to 469
 Master. 470 to 484
 High Master 485 and over
 Contact John McGrath for detailed information and registration.

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Kevin Collins at the 600 yard range in Reading, MA where he won a Bronze Award in the Leg Match



ARCHERY: FUN IN THE SUN . . . FINALLY!

By Megan Regensburger

Summer is here! It is time for some fun in the sun! The outdoor archery ranges are open daily from dawn to dusk. The Long range offers a permanent target at 50m from the shooting line and three field targets at 40y, 50y, and 60y. The Hunter range has a variety of 2-D targets at various distances. The NEAA range consists of a course of 14 targets distributed throughout the woods at different distances.



Last fall, a few of the volunteer coaches and JOAD parents made some awesome improvements to the outdoor fields. 2 sheds were put up to house the new target butts, target faces, and accessories for each field and Coach Mongeau installed new distance markers along the side of the range. Before the beginning of this season, the range was treated against bugs and ticks to ensure the safety of archers.

On Saturdays, archers of the JOAD program meet from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. These young archers shoot from



Riverside "Bling" Winners

distances of 15m to 70m as they progress in skill. USAA certified coaches assist the young archers in honing their skills and reward their progress with JOAD pins indicating their ability to achieve a certain score at a specific distance.

From 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, the competitive Riverside Road Team has its practice and shoots on the Long range at distances from 25 m to 90 m depending on their age as they prepare for tournament competition.

Coach Sullivan and 4 female team members recently participated in our first outdoor tournament of the season at the Ace Archers Outdoor Cup held in Mansfield, MA. I am happy to report that all brought back bling (medals) to show for it. Our next tournament will be the Bay State Games tournament held at Simcock Farm in Swansea, MA in July. Hopefully, the rest of our team will be able to make this next one.

Anyone interested in finding out more about our archery programs, please contact RGC Archery Chairman Larry Sullivan at: lsullivan@riversidegc.org.



Attending Riverside Team



2017 Riverside Gun Club Basic Firearms Training Schedule

NRA Home Firearms Safety course

The NRA Home Firearm Safety course is a non-shooting course which teaches students the basic knowledge, skills, and explains the attitude necessary for the safe handling and storage of firearms and ammunition in the home. This course is for safe gun handling that is conducted in the classroom only. Students are taught NRA's three rules for safe gun handling; primary causes of firearms accidents; firearm parts; how to unload certain action types; ammunition components; cleaning; care; safe storage of firearms in the home; and the benefits of becoming an active participant in the shooting sports. Students will receive the NRA Home Firearm Safety handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, Basic Firearm Training Program brochure, course completion certificate. In addition to the classroom materials, at Riverside, an optional live fire session is offered at the end of the classroom work.

Saturday, February 4 th	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, March 18 th	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, May 6 th	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, June 10 th	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, July 29 th	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, September 16 th	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, October 28 th	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, November 18 th	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Basic Pistol Skills course

This course teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for owning and operating a pistol safely. This course is 2 ½ -hours long and includes classroom and range time learning to pistols. This course is for people who have their License to Carry (LTC) or are in the process of getting one. The NRA's rules for safe gun handling are reinforced and practiced on the range. The skills practiced include; pistol parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting stances, and cleaning the pistol. This is a hands-on course which is best if done with the students' own handgun, however "loaner" guns are available. Fundamentals of shooting are taught including, the grip, the stance, sight alignment/sight picture and trigger control. This course is intended for shooters who have their license and may have a gun or are in the process of buying one but are unsure of your basic abilities or need a refresher on basic pistol skills.

Thursday, February 16 th	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Thursday, May 18 th	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Thursday, July 13 th	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Thursday, September 14 th	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Thursday, November 2 nd	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Beyond Basic Pistol Skills course

This course teaches expands and builds upon the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude learned in the Basic Pistol Skills course. This is a shooting course, during which the students will learn and practice drawing from a holster, presenting the gun and shooting with accuracy. Drills will include multiple shots on a single target as well as engaging multiple targets. This course is 2 ½ -hours long on the range experience. Fundamentals of shooting are reviewed including, the grip, the stance, sight alignment/sight picture and trigger control. This course is intended for shooters who have experience with their own guns and want to further their abilities. The Basic Pistol Skills course is a pre-requisite for this course.

Thursday, May 25 th	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Thursday, July 20 th	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Thursday, September 21 st	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Email BMcDonough@riversidegc.org for information and/or a registration packet.

All courses can be provided at other times for groups.