



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

January 2014

Archery

Year round programs for both junior and adult archers. USA Archery, State Assoc., National Assoc., and the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program.



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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 Rifle Clinic
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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
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Banquet Facility

Function hall, dance floor, band stand, and 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.

Clubhouse

Outdoor Patio, Horse Shoes, Trout Pond, Sports Bar Big Screen in the Smoke free Club House, Banquet Hall dates available.



Club information will be maintained on Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/RiversideGC.org>

Fish & Game

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



JOAD ARCHERY 2018 High Power

End of Indoor Season Report

By Saritha Bade

Riverside JOAD Archers finished up our indoor archery season Goal Sheets at the 2018 Indoor National and JOAD National Championships. Our JOAD and Road teams sent 8 Junior Members to the JOAD National Championship and 13 Coaches and Junior Members to the Indoor National Championships. Riverside was well represented with many shooting their personal best at the tournament. The Coaches are very proud of the improvement in skills and the ability to compete in the archers of the JOAD and Road Teams.

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RIFLE

Civilian Marksmanship Program

The club will be holding Civilian Marksmanship Program shooting clinics this coming year on the following dates: April 15, July 22, and August 26 th . This clinic is designed to instruct the novice as well as the experienced rifle shooter

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from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Famous Quotes:

— Mark Twain always had advice for everyone, . . . *"Eat a live frog first thing in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you the rest of the day."*

— Riverside Pistol Team coach, Army Buckman, gives advice to the team, . . . *"Be Safe and Have Fun."*

— Riverside Archery Head Coach, Larry Sullivan, . . . *"if competition archery and shooting is 10% Physical and 90% Mental, then why do we spend so little time on mental preparation?"*

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High Power RIFLE TEAM

Paul White

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safe and proven techniques for better results. The instruction is based upon the World War 2 M-1 Garand rifle, but members can bring their own AR-15 with any type of sight. We will teach prone, sitting, and standing shooting at targets on the 100-yard range. Club members who participate in the clinic qualify to purchase an M-1 Garand from the Civilian Marksmanship Program (also applies to members that use their own AR-14). This program is run by John McGrath and starts at 8:30am on the 3 dates listed above. The cost is \$75.00 per person and preregistration is strongly recommended. The \$75.00 Fee includes use of the rifle and ammo. Shooters need to bring their own eye and ear protection. Checks can be made out to Riverside Gun Club.

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Well, the winter snows are almost behind us and the new high power rifle season is about to commence. The first match is scheduled for Hopkinton on April 22nd. New shooters and the curious are always welcome. The CMP is a great venue to learn about the competition and the first of three Civilian Marksmanship events is scheduled for April 15th and will open at 08:30. We are also seeking volunteers to assist on April 8th to help prepare the 100-yard range for the new season.

This winter the Northeast High Power League awarded individual awards to three of our team members:

Howard Lamb scored 451.3 in unclassified Match, a remarkable score for unclassified. Michael Hoeffler won the Master category in Match at 482.7. John McGrath took the Expert Match category at 441.6.

Mike Hoeffler was kind enough to share his electronic simulation system with us on a recent Saturday at the club and we presented these awards at that time.

Also, as a side note one of our team members, Bill Downey, had a successful shooting year in 2017. We didn't seem him as often last year as in previous years because he was busy winning 4 CMP Bronze Medals; 1 for the Sniper Match in Camp Butner

NC, 2 at Camp Perry (1 in the Sniper Match and 1 in the Garand Match) and then 1 in the Springfield Match at Camp Ethan Allen VT. Nice shooting! Yes, as Bill demonstrates you can take the skills and expertise from this High Power Rifle Competition and participate at a national level.

We have an exciting new season coming up with opportunities to shoot 600-yard competitions at Reading, Camp Perry, OH, Pelham NH and Burlington, Vermont. Also, of note, we have the CMP Garand and Bolt Action Rifle Competitions the weekend of September 8th and 9th. This will be at Chicopee this season.

As a brief note Hopkinton won the Springfield 1903 bolt-action competition last year. Chicopee won a clean sweep on the Garand match, the Match competition and the Service competition. We have a good chance to break this near monopoly hold this season with so many qualified shooters from the RGC at sharpshooter, expert or master. Again, we also encourage new RGC members to come out and join us. The more participants on the RGC team, the greater the probability of winning a trophy this season.



Howard Lamb & Mike Hoeffler



Bill Downey 2017 Sniper Match 056 (002)



Paul White & John McGrath



Congratulations to Dick Marshall



a long time club member for being inducted into the **Massachusetts Skeet Hall of Fame!**



Jim D cleaning fields



Jim D and Frank fixed stockade fence



Too much ice!

Mother Nature took her toll on skeet and trap this season. Low temperatures, ice and snow, along with two-plus weeks without power didn't help our shooters improve their game. Hudson Light & Power did their best to take care of us, but their priority was restoring power to residents, and making power lines safe. One of the storms took out a section of fence along the upper skeet field, large branches hit the storage trailers, and a tree fell near the end trap field. We

have been slowly making repairs, and hope to have all cleared within the next week. That said, the fields are open and shooters are having fun.

Our 2018 schedule for skeet, trap, 5-stand, holiday shoots and cleanups is posted on the club website.



A good time at Skeet Shack

Hope to see you soon

Frank Harrington
Chairman



PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Having fun comes relatively easy, however, firearm safety requires considerable attention to detail. Applying safe practices on the range doesn't necessarily come naturally—it must be learned, but you don't have to learn it the hard way—that is by making mistakes accompanied with consequences!

I'm putting a different spin on the approach to firearm safety---mental preparedness—remove the mental inertia and old very bad habits—make some changes in your preparedness. Carelessness and inattention to detail most always are contributing factors to accidents whether in home, shop, or auto. Ask yourself before you set foot on the range—Am I simply going

through the motions or am I alert--- acutely alert! Good athletes develop themselves mentally and focus on all the details and fundamentals with serious discipline! Shooting sport is not any different. Take a look at what you are doing and ask, "Am I sleepwalking into a predictable crisis?" Unlike an athlete losing is just a game and when the games are over they go home none the worse for the wear—losing the firearm safety game and it just might not simply be "over." Unlike the outcome if you eat a live frog, nothing worse will happen the rest of the day, if you screw up on safety and the rest of the day could be a lot worse---down right ugly!

Even though I like reading Mark Twain, I'm siding with Coach Army and Coach Sullivan. My advice—

listen to the coach. Go forward and take advantage of our activities, have fun, be safe and add value to you and your family's life.

Everyone I have talked to said they would like to have a club event of the same level as the St Patrick's Day dinner—the event was spectacular by all accounts--the menu included shepherds pies, corned beef & cabbage, and a variety of side dishes. Everyone said it was the best-corned beef—ever. I owe my thanks to Doug Goodwin and Paul Clark, as well as the other culinary contributors to the St. Patrick's Day event Cindy Bates, Chief Decorator, did a superb job.

...See you on the range.

Mike Connelley, President

Northeast High Power Rifle League 2018 Schedule

April	July	Sept
8 Range Clean Up 8:30 Riverside	8 League @ Westfield	8 Garand @ Chicopee
15 CMP 8:30 Riverside	15 League @ Hopkinton	9 Spfld 03 @ Chicopee
22 League @ Hopkinton	22 CMP @ Riverside	16 League @ Westfield
May	Aug	30 League @ Riverside
12 League @ Chicopee	11 League @ Chicopee	Oct
20 League @ Riverside	25 League @ Chicopee	7 League @ Hopkinton
June	26 CMP @ Riverside	14 League @ Hopkinton
3 League @ Westfield		21 League @ Riverside
17 League @ Riverside		
30 League @ Chicopee		

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Westfield Sportsmens Club: Steve Paiva - 413-562-1774 Ken Lolos - klolos@comcast.net

NOTES: 1. Pre-registered entries must be present at the range 15 mins prior to scheduled starting times or they may loose their slot.

2. Westfield has pits to be pulled so it is imperative that competitors be on time for squadding or they may not be able to fire.

Squadding begins at 7:00 AM on match dates.

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RIVERSIDE JOAD ARCHERS

End of Indoor Season Report

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We now look toward summer and outdoor shooting as our training returns to preparing for the outdoors and all the things that are associated with it such as fabulous fun, weather, bugs, longer distances, etc.

But first, we will need to deal with the carnage that the Nor'easters left on our ranges:



One 80 foot tall (now wide) pine tree fell across the middle of the long practice range. It somehow missed our new shed and will be converted into our new car curb at that range's parking area.





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One large pine made a direct hit on the 80 yard target on the NFAA range. It was obviously a “hit,” but only scored 1 point as it just touched the outer black ring!



Several other areas that will need saw work to open the path were spotted on the walk-through between targets #9 and #10.





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The lane for target #11 will also need clearing as many trees were shredded and leaned over by the storms. One broke in half and will need to be removed.

These issues will be dealt with prior to the first NFAA tournament on May 6th. Until these issues are addressed, PLEASE DO NOT WALK IN OR THROUGH AREAS ON THE FIELD ARCHERY COURSE THAT ARE MARKED OFF WITH TAPE!

We also have several regular work parties to address normal wear and tear of the targets and ranges that are coming up in order to start the outdoor archery season. For all who wish to participate in helping us get the ranges back in shape to be ready for our summer programs, please look for the sign-up sheets in the indoor archery range.

Also, before you decide to leave home to use any of the ranges, please check with the club calendar to check if the range is available or the program you are going to attend is still running. We use this calendar to inform our members when there is a conflict.



2018 Pistol League Banquet



The annual Riverside Pistol League Banquet was held at the Horseshoe Pub in Hudson this year. It was a great time. Awards were presented to Mike Hoeffler, Best Shooter, and Paul Tanzi, Most Improved shooter. Sue Pressman got an award for top score in the women's division and Bob Levine got the participation award (AKA largest drop in his average over last year.) Tom Talpey was recognized for developing an mobile range call app for the team. Top Five are Mike Hoeffler 267.19, Tom Talpey 261.23, Mike Connelley 251.45, Joe Romard 250.21, and Ric Plummer 249.50.





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Rifle-Pistol Range Officer Program

We are redesigning the Range Officer Program and are starting with a meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Safety is our first priority in all things we do on the range. Every member is welcome to become a range officer and help keep our ranges operating smoothly. There are a couple of requirements to be a range officer; participate in training meetings and work two-four shifts at the outdoor ranges during the peak months of May through September. If you want to participate, please be at the May 7th meeting. Please email me with questions or comments.

Bill McDonough

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Education Director

The Riverside Education Department is busy. Please take a look at our education calendar on the Club's website. Some highlights are below.

On February 18th, Riverside hosted an amazing First Aid/CPR/AED course which was taught by Code 1. It was a really well organized and informative course. Everyone of us needs to take a course like this to be prepared for the unexpected.

Basic Firearms Classes

- NRA Home Firearm Safety course – This is the required course for getting a firearms license in Massachusetts. Taught about every six weeks. Next course is on May 19th
- Basic Pistol Skills – Learn to shoot your pistol – Next class is on June 14th
- Basic Pistol Skills Plus – Improve your pistol skills learn some drills – Next class on April 14th
- Beyond Basic Pistol Sills – Improve your shooting, work on defensive drills – Next class on May 10th

Advanced Courses

- Functional Pistol 2 – with Ian Strimbeck of Runenation – Exceptional course by a great teacher. Ian ran a similar course for us last year and it was fantastic. Sign up soon and save the date – July 21st

Defensive/Tactical Workshops

- Every Wednesday evening starting on April 17th
- Three phases of shooting; accuracy, defensive drills and tactical course of fire

3-Gun Workshops

- One Sunday every month starting on June 3rd
 - Shoot courses of fire using one (shotgun), two (carbine) or three (handgun) guns
- Email me if you have questions about these courses.



Recently I looked into some pro and anti-gun quotes. I offer the selection below for your entertainment and education.

First the anti-gun (anti Second Amendment) quotes

“A system of licensing and registration is the perfect device to deny gun ownership to the bourgeoisie.”

- Vladimir Ilyich Lenin

“All political power comes from the barrel of a gun. The communist party must command all the guns, that way, no guns can ever be used to command the party.”

- Mao Tse Tung

“If I could have banned them all - ‘Mr. and Mrs. America turn in your guns’ - I would have!”

- Diane Feinstein

“My view of guns is simple. I hate guns and I cannot imagine why anyone would want to own one. If I had my way, guns for sport would be registered, and all other guns would be banned.”

- Deborah Prothrow-Stith (Dean of Harvard School of Public Health)

“I don’t care if you want to hunt, I don’t care if you think it’s your right. I say ‘Sorry.’ it’s 1999. We have had enough as a nation. You are not allowed to own a gun, and if you do own a gun I think you should go to prison.”

- Rosie O’Donnell

(At about the time she said this, Rosie engaged the services of a bodyguard who applied for a gun permit.)

“Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.”

- Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC

“I don’t believe people should be able to own guns.”

- Barack Obama

Now the pro-gun (pro Second Amendment) quotes

“A fear of weapons is a sign of retarded sexual and emotional maturity.”

- Sigmund Freud

“There are no dangerous weapons. There are only dangerous men.”

- Robert A. Heinlein

“But if someone has a gun and is trying to kill you ... it would be reasonable to shoot back with your own gun.”

- Dalai Lama

“A woman who demands further gun control legislation is like a chicken who roots for Colonel Sanders.”

- Larry Elder

... the right to defend one’s home and one’s person when attacked has been guaranteed through the ages by common law.”

- Martin Luther King

“That rifle on the wall of the labourer’s cottage or working class flat is the symbol of democracy. It is our job to see that it stays there.”

- George Orwell

“Men fight for liberty and win it with hard knocks. Their children, brought up easy, let it slip away again; poor

fools. And their grand-children are once more slaves.”

- D. H. Lawrence

“Foolish liberals who are trying to read the Second Amendment out of the constitution by claiming it’s not an individual right or that it’s too much of a safety hazard don’t see the danger of the big picture. They’re courting disaster by encouraging others to use this same means to eliminate portions of the Constitution they don’t like.”

- Alan Dershowitz

“No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.”

- Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Constitution, Draft 1, 1776

“I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery.”

- Thomas Jefferson

“What country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance. Let them take arms.”

- Thomas Jefferson

“The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.”

- Thomas Jefferson



“The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed.”

- Thomas Jefferson

“They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

- Benjamin Franklin

“To disarm the people...[i]s the most effectual way to enslave them.”

- George Mason

“Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed, as they are in almost every country in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops.”

- Noah Webster

“God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.”

- Daniel Webster

“No law ever prevented a crime.”

- Anonymous

“In a perfect world, you wouldn't need guns. This is not a perfect world.”

- Sheriff Ben Johnson,
Volusia County, Florida

“A sword never kills anybody; it is a tool in the killer's hand.”

- Lucius Annaeus Seneca

“The philosophy of gun control: Teenagers are roaring through town at 90MPH, where the speed limit is 25. Your solution is to lower the speed limit to 20.”

- Sam Cohen
(inventor of the neutron bomb)

“I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within.”

- General Douglas MacArthur

Please email me with questions and comments.

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Riverside Gun Club
and
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Present Ian Shimbeck's
Functional Pistol 2
Functional Pistol 2 is a one day course that will expose the student to advanced shooting by pushing them outside their comfort zone thereby enhancing their survivability when lethal force is the only option.
21 July 2018 9AM-4PM
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