



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.



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.

Jr Rifle NRA Marksmanship Program Certified Trainers guide the shooters through their ranks by improving natural point of aim.

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

Beginning of Outdoor Season

By Saritha Bade

This quarter's Archery report starts with a hearty, sincere and grateful thank you to the many, many volunteers that helped us with the spring cleanup this year. The carnage of broken trees was amazing, but the sheer mass and will of the volunteers restored the club to full functionality prior to the outdoor season opening.

We downed and cut up quite a few large, dangerous trees that died from the 5-year drought we had a couple of years back. The associated limbs and additional brush was collected and burned over several work party

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Jr RIFLE



Junior Rifle Program

We closed out another successful Junior Rifle season back in April with a pizza party and the presentation of hard-earned NRA marksmanship awards. Several participants are now working toward their NRA distinguished ranks.

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from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

"Leave No Trace"

This is the motto for the Boy Scouts when camping at Riverside. They leave their campsite exactly as they found it—no evidence of an encampment or a campfire--you would never know they were ever there. These Scouts do a great job respecting nature and the environment.

Jim D'Angelo is the coordinator for the five scout troops that use our facility. He is also Riverside's Environmental Protection Program (EPA.) Committee Chairman. The Scouts participate in our Stewardship program that serves our club well—

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Jr Rifle NRA Marksmanship Program

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Riverside came in second place in the Central Mass rifle league, beaten out by Marlboro by only a few points. Riverside shooters took first and second place in the advanced category, third in intermediate, and second in beginner – a great showing by our kids!

Last year we were fortunate to receive a large grant from the Massachusetts Shooters Foundation that allowed us to purchase some much-needed support equipment. Also, through the generosity of the club, we have been able to purchase several precision rifles over the past few seasons. The result is that we have great equipment for our kids to use.

Our season runs from October through March on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00. Participants must be 10 to 18 years of age. Our coaches are trained / certified by the NRA in the instruction of junior rifle. The primary goal of the program is to instruct girls and boys in the safe and responsible use of firearms (specifically .22lr rifles).

Safety is always paramount and guides everything we do in the program. We also focus on the development of marksmanship skills following the NRA Junior Rifle 4-Position program with an emphasis on the prone, kneeling and standing positions. The club provides all equipment needed including rifles and ammunition.

For the last few seasons we've had a few of our participants also shoot on an independent competition team. Match opportunities include many local matches as well as Camp Perry in Ohio, West Point in New York, and even the Olympic training center in Colorado Springs. Our program provides a solid base from which interested shooters can then move up to that level.

See one of our coaches for more information.

To give our shooters a taste of competition, Riverside does compete in the local Central Mass Rifle League which runs four matches at local gun clubs. Riverside normally hosts 1-2 of these matches. This is a low-pressure opportunity for our kids to experience a match. Participation is completely voluntary but encouraged.

Our next season will begin in October and we have plenty of room for new kids, please watch the club web site for details: <http://riversidegc.org/jrrifle>





Tom shoots his first perfect 25, Congrats!

Summer is in full swing, the heat is upon us, and the clays continue to fly. After a strong Spring showing, participation appears to be waning a bit due to high temps and humidity. That said, the Father's day 5-stand event was very busy, with a number of families joining us (see pic of filled gun racks in the skeet shack - wow!!). We have also been seeing an uptick in younger folks (teens) and adult couples showing interest in the sport. We hope the trend continues so the tradition will live on.

Our newest range officer, Tom Ryan, shot his first perfect skeet round (25 straight) on July 1st. As a tradition, a shooter's first perfect round requires (strongly encouraged) that his/hers hat is thrown into the air and the entire



Kenny having fun on Segway

squad shoots at it. You can see Tom in the picture, lamenting over his hat full of holes. Paul Coccari surprised us with his Segway on Father's day.



Full racks of guns!

Pictured is Kenny Gardner with his "Segway Smile" as he makes his way around the skeet and trap parking lot checking on shooters.



Andy cutting the grass

The fields are looking good due to the wet weather. Although lightly attended, we got much done during Spring cleanup - raked, cleaned & stocked clay houses, and picked up brush leftover from the series of winter storms. Andy Massa is pictured enjoying his favorite pastime on the Husqvarna.

If you would like to try your hand at skeet or trap, please contact me (fharrington@riversidegc.org); we have loaner shotguns and a number of qualified instructors that are happy to help new shooters get started.

Frank Harrington
Chairman



PRESIDENT'S DESK

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they participate in our wildlife-monitoring program, log animal and bird sittings, clean the outdoor ranges, and police the common grounds.

It's gratifying to see young scouts enjoy nature as a refuge from the rigors of school. Ralph Waldo Emerson referred to material and spiritual sustenance when he wrote about the "essence unchanged by man!" Since nature and the environment are not synonymous, it might be better stated, the environment often refers to the mess we have made out of nature. The bottom line is that the scouts can walk into nature and enjoy it for its' own sake rather than walk into it to deal with environmental realities and the related political rancor. So, maybe

it would be good for us to take our family camping, fishing or an outing to enjoy nature's beauty. And while we are there—"Leave No Trace!"

Last summer was challenging – We are starting this summer with a renewed commitment to provide an exceptional sporting facility here at Riverside. We are looking forward to two events this season. September 29th we will host a pistol match with the Police Departments that train at Riverside, followed by awards presentation and BBQ at the clubhouse. Competition is similar to center fire pistol workshop every Tuesday at 6:00pm you can join the workshop on the 50 yard range for center fire pistol training. We will also have a Pin Shoot, date TBD in September, on the 25-yard range---

announcements forthcoming.

This is the last newsletter prior to beginning the fall Jr. Rifle Season and the Bulls Eye Pistol League open to all members. Both begin early October and the Fall Newsletter won't be on the street until Mid-October. We will provide ample detail in time for everyone to become involved.

See you on the range,

Mike Connelley

President, Riverside Gun Club





RIVERSIDE JOAD ARCHERS

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weekends. The good firewood was taken to the rifle range and split for heating the range house. (That stove should have enough firewood for years).

The 80 foot wide (used to be tall) tree that was downed across the long practice range by a storm this winter was cut up and removed. It was turned into a bench by the range parking lot for folks viewing the archery activities at the range from this new bleacher.



The steps to the main Archery Storage Shed were repaired and the work to rebuild the shed is planned to begin in a few weeks.





RIVERSIDE JOAD ARCHERS

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A special shout of thanks goes to Boy Scout Troop 160, Lexington, for helping with the cleanup behind the 65 Yard field-target by the pond. Overgrowth and downed trees were causing a problem for field archers overshooting the target as many arrows have been lost there. Riverside Field Archery leader Rob Randall said, "The area looks like a garden," after the "good deed" that the Scouts of Troop 160 performed during their Scout weekend at Riverside Gun Club.

Now that the work has been completed, we can finally use the summer sun to keep warm and start our summer fun. JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) programs are all running outside and the first outdoor tournament for the year is in the books for the MFAA at Riverside.

Mark Gourley, Larry Sullivan, Udo Regensburger and Rob Randall all medaled at the Massachusetts Senior Games archery tournament held at the Lunenburg Sportsman's club. All of these archers, except Udo (40's is too young for National's), have now qualified for the National Senior Games to be held at Albuquerque, NM, next June.

There are many tournaments and training sessions ahead for the Riverside Archers this summer. Our outdoor league is in its 5th week of the 10-week league. The next league will be the indoor 450 league that will start in late September. Check the indoor range for the announcement that will be posted on the bulletin board.

ARCHER SPOTLIGHT: This edition's JOAD Archers spotlight shines on Lilibet M. (Lili)



11 year old Lili is a member of the Riverside Road Team, loves to shoot Archery and really enjoys the Archery competitions. She also enjoys the sport of Karate and the competition of Karate Tournaments.

She became interested in archery when her dad (USAA Level 2 Instructor and Trainer) Dan asked her if she would like to try Archery and she just started shooting.

Lili's favorite thing in archery so far was participating in the Indoor State Tournament held at Riverside in December 2017.

When asked why she does archery, she said, "Archery is a fun sport to do and the competition is awesome. My current goal for Archery is to earn my next Skill Award Pin soon for outdoors. I will add it to the 4 pins I have already earned."

Her advice for new comers to Archery: "Pay special attention to your aiming step. Don't start aiming until after you get to anchor and don't stop aiming for a full second after you stop holding the string."



AMVET FISHING DERBY

For over twenty [20] years the Veterans of Hudson Amvets Post 208 have organized and sponsored a fishing derby at Riverside Gun Club, for our Veterans from the various VA hospitals in our area. The Amvets stocked the pond just a day or two before the derby and Mass Fish and Game generously supplied all rods and reels for the Vets to use.



Jack Vezeau and fellow State Veteran, Tim Eaton, manned the grills flipping burgers and hot dogs, complimentary for the vets. The state vets and Auxiliary members helped serve salad, watermelon, ice, cream and soda pond side, while D! AI Temple of Post 208 provided the music for every ones listening pleasure. The weather cooperated as 100 Veterans enjoyed a day of sun relaxation and prizes while catching about 50 fish.

Riverside salutes the members of Post 208 for their generous support of our Veterans.



Jack Vezeau and fellow State Veteran, Tim Eaton



RGC PISTOL LEAGUE

2018 - 2019 Season

Starting on the first Wednesday in October, the Riverside Pistol Team will commence its new season. We shoot for twenty consecutive weeks excluding Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's day. All club members are invited to participate. The format is off-hand bull's eye shooting using 22 caliber hand guns. Although the rules generally follow the NRA requirements, they are often relaxed for new shooters who have little or no experience in this type of shooting. Coaching from experienced shooters is available to new shooters to help you improve your scores. The atmosphere is relaxed and not highly competitive. The real competition is against yourself. The evening usually concludes with an attitude adjustment session in the club lounge.

Shooting officially starts at 7PM although if there are enough people present, we can start earlier. The session continues until everyone has had his turn. The only equipment required is a 22 caliber hand gun with or without an optical sight. You are expected to supply your own ammunition and the club will supply the targets. If you don't have an applicable handgun, you could probably borrow one from one of the other shooters in order to tryout to see how much you like the sport. We would particularly like to encourage the ladies to join us. Experience has shown that an inexperienced female shooter, after a few weeks of practice, will be very competitive with the men.



RGC TACTICAL TEAM

Formed!

A number of Riverside members who have been working on their tactical pistol and/or carbine and shotgun skills for many months have opted to form a tactical team. The team meets every Tuesday evening on the 60-yard range coincidentally with the Defensive/Tactical workshops. All members are welcome to join and participate in the team's activities.

The team will work on pistol skills, carbine and tactical shotgun skills, including accuracy, defensive drills, courses of fire and shooting under stressful conditions. If you have questions please email bmcdonough@riversidegc.org, or, better still, be at the 60-yard range any Tuesday evening with your pistol, strong side holster, extra magazines and 200 (or maybe more) rounds of ammunition.



Indoor Pistol Range Shooters

This is a reminder for pistol shooters using the indoor range that here are caliber restrictions—No magnum loads. That means, no 357 mag, no 44 mag, no 454 csul, no 50 cal., etc. The 357 ammo often is not stamped “Magnum,” but that doesn’t mean it isn’t a magnum.

The speed and weight of the bullet is the same whether or not it is stamped magnum.

There are alternatives to the magnum load. You can shoot the 38 cal ammo in the 357 revolver. Use your magnum loads for the outdoor ranges where it is permissible.

We are closely monitoring the indoor range for violations.



Our goal is 100% membership in GOAL

The Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) is the official state firearms association in Massachusetts. GOAL is an association of law-abiding citizens who believe that the basic right of firearms ownership.

GOAL works to defend the Constitution and Bill of Rights against those in Massachusetts who wish to infringe upon the freedoms guaranteed by our forefathers.

As we have recently in New York, all shooting sports are under fire from government officials who are determined to eliminate anything that they don’t like including archery. GOAL will be there for you archers when that craziness hits Massachusetts.

If you are not a member of GOAL, you need to join. This organization is the defender of our rights. The Massachusetts legislature just passed a law that essentially allows anyone who is afraid of you because you own guns to file a complaint (valid or not) with the local police and without any hearing or other due process, the police can go to your house and confiscate your guns. The law does not provide a mechanism for you to get them back without an appeal to the court and, even if the complaint is found to be without merit, it can be used as a reason to deny your LTC renewal. This bill ignores all aspects of mental health. The only purpose is to allow the confiscation of our firearms/ removing our rights without due process.

If we don’t have GOAL, we will lose our rights.

If you are not a member, please follow this link: <http://www.goal.org/joingol.html> and join today.



RIVERSIDE EDUCATION

We are very busy! Join in on the fun!

- NRA Home Firearm Safety course (required for a license) about every six weeks
- the next up July 14th then August 25th
- Basic Pistol Skills – Learn to shoot your pistol – next up August 30th
- Basic Pistol Skills Plus – Improve your pistol skills – next up July 12th
- Beyond Basic Pistol Skills – work your pistol – next up July 26th
- Tuesday evening Defensive/Tactical Workshops – every Tuesday at 6:00 PM
- 3-Gun Workshops – First Sunday of the month – 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

The previous listing is just what we run with our own resources.

We are bringing in really great instructors as well.

Riverside Gun Club
and
Runenation
Present Ian Strimbeck's

Functional Pistol 2

Functional Pistol 2 is a one-day course that will expose the student to advanced shooting drills pushing them outside their comfort zone thereby enhancing their survivability when lethal force is the only option.

21 July 2018 9AM-4PM

For more info, contact Bill McDonough
at: bmcdonough@riversidegc.org



- Functional Pistol 2 with Ian Strimbeck – July 21st
- Functional Carbine 1 with Ian Strimbeck – August 18th

Ian Strimbeck (Runenation) is one of the premier firearms instructors in New England. We have had many requests to have him return to Riverside and we managed to get him for two incredible courses. For questions contact me (bmcdonough@riversidegc.org). To register for one or both courses, go to www.runenationllc.com.

If you want to improve as a shooter, there are no excuses, jump onto these exceptional opportunities.

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