



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

January 2018

Fish & Game

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

Gun Laws

The education of new and experienced shooters Gun Laws

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Clubhouse

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

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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Archery

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

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.

from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome New Year 2018 and best wishes to all of you. Another year of progress is behind us and we are looking forward to new challenges and have some fun along the way. Over the past five years we can point to many facility improvements and activity enhancements. That which makes Riverside better each year is the immeasurable component of economics—human relationships!

I'm looking forward to this year are the trout derby in late April or early May—date TBD. The derby will be open to the public, adults and youth categories, much the same the 2016 derby. We will be advertising the event in April and shoot out an email notice via Internet.

The Riverside Gun Club High Power Team will sponsor a shooters clinic geared toward all levels of experience such that everyone will benefit from plenty of useful pointers—therefore, translating into better performance and higher scores. You need not be a High Power match shooter in order to benefit, I therefore encourage both

casual and serious rifle shooters alike to participate. For you new shooters, our objective is to help you remove the new-shooter anxiety and relieve any worries about whether you can or want to shoot competition. All of us want to be a confident, safe shooter performing at our highest level.

I can say the same for pistol shooters, whether you're a novice or experience shooter, come out on Wednesday night around 6:00 pm and see what we do and how your participation in our pistol league will improve your shooting skill.

Our training program has made the "Great Leap Forward" with an array of formal and hands on shooting courses throughout the year. Bill McDonough's education and training program include the basic pistol course but expanded the curriculum with three additional programs: Pistol Skills and Beyond Basic Pistol Skills courses and a new course Basic Pistol Skills Plus. The Defensive /Tactical workshops had great participation and will continue. See Bill's article

that details the programs under the Education and Training section.

Our progress relates to the economics of our organization. In a true sense of the word, economics has traditionally dealt with the bits and pieces of the productive mix—land, labor, capital, raw material, equipment and information technology—while ignoring the environment and integrity of the organization or enterprise, how these constituents are organized into our services and facilities more valuable than the separate components. Value is said to be added—coining the well used term, "Value Added!": But how this heap of resources is piled upon each other is not revealed. The economics of a club or organization is often concerned with the counting and itemizing economic components that we might lose sight of the one component, almost immeasurable, that makes all activity possible: "Human Relationships." Riverside's Value Added!!!

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RGC SKEET & TRAP NEWS

WINTER



5-Stand squad from Christmas Shoot

Another year is behind us, and this one ending with a brutal cold snap. You know it's cold when 20 degrees feels like Summer! Regardless, our brave shooters were out there breaking clays and enjoying the challenge. Between rounds the skeet clubhouse has been a great place to warm up and solve world problems (we think we came up with the answer).



Klaus and Paul cleaning fields

This Fall we were busy putting the final touches on our four year capital improvement program. Renovation of the skeet clubhouse is complete; the place looks great, and our shooters have been enjoying the new look. Thanks again to all those who pitched in to help out.



Art G cleaning fields

We also converted the upper skeet field to all wireless, eliminating the underground wires that were causing issues with the machines. All fields are now wireless. As the warmer months approach, we'll focus on maintenance projects such as cleaning and repainting the skeet and trap houses, along with general maintenance activities.

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Rick M trimming trees over skeet shack

The Fall clean up event, as always, was well attended. Volunteers raked the fields and stocked the houses with targets, along with organizing the storage trailers and light cleaning of the clubhouse. We finished up with a stack of pizzas and lots of camaraderie. Thanks again for your help.

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Kids Christmas Party

The annual kids Christmas Party at Riverside Gun Club was a joy to all.

Click here to see all the happy faces at this online album.

Happy New Year to you all...See you on the range.

Mike Connelley, President



RGC SKEET & TRAP NEWS CONTINUED



The few brave soles on a cold New Years Day shoot in the remodeled Shack



Warming up with good food between rounds



Kenny G Top shooter Riverside/Maynard Fun Shoot



Many helpers loading targets

On November 4th we had the pleasure of hosting a fun shoot with our friends from the Maynard Rod & Gun Club. We shot three events: 5-stand, skeet & trap, and awarded prizes for high scores in each discipline. Congratulations to Kenny Gardner for shooting an overall high score of 64 out of 75! Afterwards, we adjourned to the main clubhouse for a feast from Firefly's. Looking forward to our next fun shoot with the Maynard team.

Finally we had our Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day events. As always, lots of shooters stopped by for fun and food. Thanks again to those who brought delicious dishes for all to enjoy.

Now that a heat wave (30 degrees) is upon us, many more shooters are coming out to the fields. So come on down and enjoy the fun. If you haven't

shot skeet or trap, but would like to, please feel free to email me and I will pair you up with one of our certified instructors to shoot a round or two, and give you pointers.

Happy New Year and looking forward to seeing everyone!

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

Frank Harrington

Chairman

CLUB BADGES

Our long time vendor went out of business. A replacement has been identified and new badges are coming soon.

Riverside Education

Last year was an exceptional year for education and training at the Riverside Gun Club. We continued with the NRA Home Firearm Safety courses (required for a firearms license) approximately every six weeks. We also conducted the Basic Pistol Skills course (learn the basics of pistol shooting) and the Beyond Basic Pistol Skills course (improve your pistol skills). In May we began our Defensive/Tactical Workshops on Tuesday evenings and continued every Tuesday until the days got too short in November. We even had a couple of indoor workshop sessions. Every shooter saw significant improvement. In October we tried a Shotgun/Carbine/3 Gun day which was very successful. Those were our internal courses.

In conjunction with the Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) we hosted Scott Germain's Progressive Carbine Day 1 course. Jon Green from GOAL taught the Principles of Concealed Carry course and the Intro To Concealed Carry Pistol course at Riverside. Intro To Concealed Carry Pistol is a try before you buy course where Jon brought in about 15 pistols for the students to try.

We also hosted Ian Strimbeck's (from Runenation) Functional Pistol Application 2 which was an amazing whole day course of challenging pistol drills.

Well that's history now. 2018 should be even busier. As we did in 2017, we will run the NRA Home Firearm Safety course

every six weeks or so. Please let your unlicensed friends know about the course. It is very comprehensive and includes a live-fire session where the students get to shoot up to five different guns. You just don't get this level of course at a commercial range. We will continue to build with our basic pistol skills program with the Basic Pistol Skills and Beyond Basic Pistol Skills courses. This year we will be offering a new course Basic Pistol Skills Plus. This new course fills in the gap between the other two courses, introducing the students to basic drills and skill builders. The basic pistol courses are all one evening courses.

The Defensive/Tactical Workshops were very successful last year and will begin again in mid-April. We will also expand the Shotgun/Carbine/3 Gun program to one day per month (typically on the first Sunday of the month) starting in June.

We have already lined up a couple of other courses with outside instructors for the year and expect to add more as the year goes on. The first course is one that every person should attend. It is The American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED course. This is a certification course which teaches how to recognize and treat sudden illness and injury in adults, children, and infants. Participants learn how to provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

The next course that we have lined up is with Ian Strimbeck of Runenation. Ian's course last year was so well received that we have invited him back to provide an even more challenging course this year on July 21st. If you do defensive shooting, this is a don't miss course.

Other courses we are considering include some GOAL courses. Jon Green from GOAL is an incredible instructor and we are lucky to be able to get him so look for announcements for his courses.

We might be able to have Scott Germain put on his Progressive Carbine Day 2 course. Scott's courses are exceptional and a must for carbine shooters.

We are also looking into setting up a precision rifle shooting course. If you shoot a rifle, this should be of interest.

Clearly this is a lot going on with some great opportunities to improve your shooting skills. All you have to do is sign-up and show-up. Well, plus have a great time in the classes.

I am always looking for feedback and other ideas. Please let me know what you think.

To register, email:

bmcdonough@riversidegc.org

Be safe, Be Responsible

Bill McDonough

RIFLE SHOOTER CLINIC

RGC is having a rifle-shooting clinic on Sunday, March 4th, starting at 1:00 pm. The clinic will be for any members at any level of experience that want to learn how to shoot a rifle accurately from prone, sitting, and standing positions.

We will be shooting at the 100-yard range. The club has mats to use when shooting from the prone and sitting positions. We will be teaching the proper use of a sling from these positions, so if you have a sling for your rifle, please bring it. We will also teach the proper stance and technique for accurate shooting from a standing position (known as offhand).

Bring your own rifle, any caliber, any sight (AR15 with tactical sights, Ruger 10/22

with 10x scope, or whatever you have). It would be best if you have your rifle already zeroed in at the 100 yard range before the clinic, but if not, at least have it on paper at the 65 yard range. Our shooters will provide help if needed.

If you do not have a rifle and want to borrow one of the clubs M1 Garands, we will have them available and will teach you how to use it. If you use the clubs M1 Garand, we will provide ammunition for a fee of \$50.

Regardless of the rifle you use in the clinic, the clinic qualifies as a Civilian Marksmanship Program safety clinic and will allow you to purchase a fully refurbished M1 Garand through the CMP, (yes, they are legal in Massachusetts).

The targets used for the training will be the same targets used by the club's High Power Rifle team in competitions held at RGC and other Massachusetts clubs a dozen times during the spring, summer, and fall.

We will shoot 50 shots on five different targets during the three-hour training session. Bring about 70 rounds so you have plenty of spare ammo for sighting in the rifle. The High Power Team will be providing the training for the clinic and will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the competitions.

This clinic will make you a safer, more confident and more accurate rifle shooter.

Please RSVP to John McGrath at johnmcgrath624@gmail.com.