



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

April 2019

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.



RIVERSIDE ARCHERS

2019 First Quarter Report

By Sam Bade

JOAD ARCHERY - 50TH US NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



Riverside's JOAD and Road teams sent 11 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 displayed improvement in archer's skills and ability to compete since last year.

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Jr RIFLE



Junior Rifle League concluded the season with an awards banquet March 30th. Participants receiving awards are pictured above. The season runs October - March on Friday night at the indoor pistol range. Participants engage in a structured course with NRA certified Jr. Rifle trainers/coaches focusing on safe firearm handling and marksmanship.

from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

The *National Shooting Sports Foundation* (NSSF) has a program which is bringing attention to the need to be proactive in protecting children from unauthorized use of firearms — It's the "Own it, Respect it, Secure it" initiative associated with their "Project Child Safe."

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HI POWER & CMP 2019 Schedule

May 5th	CMP
June 2nd	Hi Power
June 30th	Hi Power
Aug 4th	CMP
Aug 11th	Hi Power
Sep 22nd	CMP
Oct 20th	Hi Power



Paul C shooting during a full moon



Ken B having fun too!



Vince O shooting in a night snowstorm

With the colder weather behind us, the skeet fields continue to be fairly busy, as they have been all Winter. From January through March, over 700 rounds of skeet have been shot, some of which in the coldest temperatures this year - our shooters are dedicated!

Lessons for new shooters continue to be in high demand. Our NRA certified instructors conducted many lessons this year, with encouraging results. We also offer outings for social events such as birthdays, bachelor/bachelorette parties, corporate work outings and the like. Please contact Frank if you are interested in developing your clay shooting skills, or would like to schedule an outing.

With the Spring thaw, came a very muddy parking area at the skeet fields; but thanks to our friend, Ken Blomquist and his sidekick John Deere, we are smooth and dry again. Our Spring cleanup will be held on Saturday May 18th from 9:00 AM - Noon. We will remove limbs and other debris left behind by the Winter weather, rake the fields and stack the skeet houses with boxes of clay targets. And of course pizza will be served afterward. With enough help this will go quickly and easily. Please contact Frank if interested in lending a hand.

Our 2019 5-stand and special shoot schedule can be found on the RGC web site under the Skeet & Trap tab. We are open Sundays from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, and Tuesday & Thursday nights from 7:00 - 9:30 PM.

Enjoy the Spring, and I hope to see you at the clay target fields.

Frank Harrington
Chairman

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

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NSSF is asking firearm owners to take the following pledge "I choose to own a firearm and therefore accept responsibility for using and storing it safely. I commit to securing my firearm when not in use, being aware of who can access it at all times and educating others to do the same." <http://projectchildsafe.org/take-the-pledge>. NSSF also has their First Shots program and a selection of excellent safety and educational videos.

The Riverside Training and Education Director is offering great educational opportunities to our members and guests. I encourage you to take advantage and sign up for a seminar or course.

In addition to offering basic firearms training schedule that include NRA Home Firearm Safety course, the Basic Pistol Skills course and the Beyond Basic Pistol Skills Course, we sponsor courses with excellent outside-the-club instructors who are nationally respected in their field. We have a close relationship with the Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) such as Jon Green's incredibly informative Massachusetts Gun Laws presentation. Scott Germain of Central Mass Weapons Training teaches a Progressive Carbine course, and The Principles of Concealed Carry.

Course dates are listed on the website for more information as the courses are planned out. If you want more information about any of the Riverside education/training initiatives, please email Bill McDonough at: bmcdonough@riversidegc.org

See you on the range,

Mike Connelley

President, Riverside Gun Club

PISTOL LEAGUE



The Riverside Gun Club .22 Precision NRA Target team completed their fifth season on March 7th and celebrated with a team dinner and awards at the Horseshoe Pub in Hudson. For the 2018-2019 season, Mike Hoeffler took the Top Shooter award with an season average of 271.05. Kevin Paquin received the Most Improved award, raising his average by 41.10 points over the previous season, beating Neal Pressman by only 3/100 of a point in a very tight race. In other categories, Sue Pressman received the Top Shooter award in the Women's Division and Ric Plummer received recognition for having completed all matches for the previous 5 seasons, having shot 100 matches. The team looks forward to the next season





RIVERSIDE JOAD ARCHERS

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The Road Team finished up their indoor archery season Goal Sheets at the 2019 Indoor National and JOAD National Championships and now look toward summer and outdoor shooting as our training turns to preparing for the outdoors and all the things that are associated with it such as fabulous fun, weather, interesting bugs, longer distances, and all of those other things that add to the challenge and make it fun.



“FALL” COMES LATE TO INDOOR RANGES

RGC safety protocols were put to test when high winds sent two tall pine trees crashing on Saturday February 9, 2019 while the regular morning JOAD and Jr. Rifle programs were in progress.

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Minutes after the first tree fell on the road running behind the club building, Larry Sullivan, RGC Archery Chair, was called out to assess damage and noticed that a second, 80' tall tree had a cracked trunk and was in the process of being blown down by the wind. After quickly assessing possible courses of action, he ran back inside and called for immediate evacuation of the indoor archery and pistol ranges. Just seconds after the last person evacuated the ranges, the second tree came crashing down on the roof. The tree only caused some perforation damage to the roof and everyone was safe. Both programs were able to continue to conclusion after determining the range and roof were safe to use.

When later asked about the event, Larry said, "We know that there are some huge 18" I-beams that support our

roof and it looks like we came through this well. This event taught me two things: (1) both fully operating ranges (indoor pistol with about 18 people and indoor archery with nearly 30 people) can be totally cleared from the building in less than 90 seconds! (2) If a tree falls on empty ranges it DOES make a sound. A **LOUD** one!"

The next day, club volunteers armed with chain saws chopped up the tree and removed it from the rooftop and the roadway behind the clubhouse. In a spring cleanup party, the debris will be moved to the burn pile. (Please stay tuned)

The following Monday, Mike Brophy, Frank Harrington and Larry Sullivan patched 42 holes the downed tree made in our new roof over the indoor ranges. So far, the patches held perfectly through the winter and

hard rains. The patched area will be resurfaced in the spring to ensure the roof remains a barrier to falling objects and weather for the foreseeable future.

NEW COACHES

Three of our archery instructors; Sam Bade, Greg Riddle and Rosaleen Sullivan, spent 16 hours over two days learning about the archery, equipment, teaching and planning skills to be certified as Level 2 instructors of the National Training System (NTS) developed by USA Archery Head Coach Kisik Lee. They all passed written and practical exams to set up and run a safe and fun archery program and introduce the NTS form of archery to beginner and intermediate level archers. Level 4-NTS Coach Larry Sullivan, and USA Archery Level 3- NTS Coach Dan Mongeau were the course instructors.



KNOW THE LAW

YOUR INNOCENCE DEPENDS ON IT

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On Tuesday March 26th, John McAdam from Know the Law presented an exceptionally informative course – **Self Defense Justification & Legal Use of Force**. John's presentation elicited great participation from the audience who were invited to "judge" if the person in a number of actual events met the criteria for justified use of force and whether the citizen should be **free** or **should go to jail**.

The session was absolutely packed with criteria for justified self-defense, unjustified use of force and what standards an individual has to meet in order to successfully establish a legally defensible claim of self-defense. In other words, meet these requirements and you get to **go home** or don't meet the requirements and **go to jail**. This information is vital to anyone who thinks that they are prepared to defend themselves, their family or innocent others from harm.

One section of the presentation involved the Castle Doctrine as interpreted by the Massachusetts judicial system. Did you even know that we have a **Castle Doctrine**? This law provides legal justification of the use of force to in your home. Of course, Massachusetts applies great limitations. It can only be applied within the four walls of your home – not your porch or garage, front lawn, back yard, car, RV, boat and more. And that is just the beginning of the restrictions. Just as the gun laws in Massachusetts are confusing, the rules for justified self-defense, with either lethal or non-lethal force, are complex.



Roof repairs from fallen trees.

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ADULT ARCHERY PROGRAM

RGC is enjoying a resurgence in participation in the Friday night adult archery program. On average, there are about 20 adult archers every Friday night. They range from folks touching a bow for the first time to those who used to shoot a long time ago to those looking to move from being an "OK" bowman to a "GOOD" one to those who are pretty good, but want to hone and polish their skill to a few couples that attend for "date night" at the range. By the end of the class, a good time has been had by all and several folks retreat to the membership lounge for conversation and a libation. Swing by some Friday night and try it out for yourself for \$5 per session. (The \$5 pays for target replacement, buttress repairs and equipment maintenance)

RIVERSIDE PROGRAMS

Archery:

<http://riversidegc.org/Archery.shtml>

3-D League, Tuesdays \$10 / session (Includes banquet & awards).

This league is for hunters who want to practice shooting foam animals in an environment that progressively challenges the archer. Indoors, January - April.

Paper Leagues, Wednesdays, \$5:00 / session + \$10 / season (Includes banquet & awards).

- Winter – Indoor 600 WA Round, January – March, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- Spring – Indoor 300 Field Round, April – May, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- Summer – Outdoor American 600 Round, June – August, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Fall – Indoor Field 450 Round, September – December, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Adult Archery Advancement Training, Fridays 7:00p - 9:00p, \$5:00 / session. Year round program to develop archery skills in adults. Indoors September - May, outdoors May - September.

Junior Olympic Archery Development (age 7 - 20), \$5.00 / session. Year round programs to develop archery skills in juniors.

- Explore Archery for beginning archers, Indoors Saturdays 9:00am - 10:00am
- JOAD for intermediate archers, Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00pm
- JOAD Road Team for advanced, competitive archers. Indoor practice September - May, Outdoor practice May – September Saturday 1:00pm – 3:30pm + Indoor training Thursday 7:00pm – 8:30pm year around

Skeet & Trap:

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

Members and non-members can use our skeet and trap fields. NRA Certified Instructors provide instructional shooting at no charge to newcomers. Three Shotgun Fields with remotely controlled automatic target throwers are available Tues & Thurs evenings (7:00 PM to 9:30 PM) and Sunday mornings (09:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Two fields have lights for night shooting.

High Power Rifle League:

<http://riversidegc.org/highpower.shtml>

<http://riversidegc.org/cmptrain.shtml>

The Riverside Team competes in the New England High Power Rifle League on outdoor ranges at RGC (100 yards) and at three other clubs, Hopkinton (100 yards), Chicopee (200 yards), and Westfield (300 yards). Twenty matches are held from April to October on Saturdays or Sundays and you can participate in as many contests as you want. Our RGC members will help you learn how to shoot standing, sitting, and prone positions, with slow fire and rapid fire, all with high accuracy at ranges from 100 to 300 yards. You can use most centerfire rifles from 223 to 308 caliber with iron sights or scopes. Both men and women RGC members can shoot for the team and no competition experience is necessary to get started.

Pistol League:

<http://riversidegc.org/Pistol.shtml>

Bullseye Shooting competition, Wednesday 6:00p - 8:00p, October – March, Indoor target range. The only cost is \$20.00/Year for Targets. Shooters need a semi-auto .22 caliber pistol, ammunition, eye & ear protection Team practices informally during summer months at the same schedule.

Junior Rifle Program:

<http://riversidegc.org/jrifle.shtml>

Age 10 - 18), Fridays 6:30p - 9:00p. Program runs from October - March on Friday nights providing safe introduction and advancement in rifle marksmanship with junior members earning NRA rank advancements as they progress through various shooting positions - prone, sitting, kneeling and standing. Junior members also have the opportunity to develop their pistol marksmanship utilizing competition air pistols and skilled instruction on proper mechanics. Program runs for 19 weeks and is limited to 40 students, with preference given to returning shooters. There is opportunity to participate in match competition in the local Maspenock League with 4 indoor matches December -- March.

Trout Pond:

<http://riversidegc.org/Fish.shtml>

The trout pond is stocked, usually by mid-April—opening day will be announced in the newsletter. The pond is open to members. There is a \$15.00 badge fee. Badges are required and may be obtained at the Clubhouse for a \$15.00 fee good for the year.



PROGRESSIVE CARBINE/COGNITIVE CHALLENGE



Scott Germain of Center Mass Weapons Training is a Retired Special Forces Green Beret who served his country for 25 years, with over 20 of those years in Special Operation Forces. Scott works closely with Gun Owners Action League, to ensure you get the most up to date information on your 2A rights. Scott's personalized training will help you go beyond your current shooting skills, reinforcing and building upon simple shooting fundamentals. (From the Center Mass Weapons Training website.)

Scott, in conjunction with the Gun Owners Action League (GOAL), has held his Progressive Carbine course at Riverside in each of the last two years. It is an incredible carbine course where the students are taught to shoot from a number of positions, using barricades and concentrated, accurate firing. It is in a word – AWESOME.

Last Fall he finished his course with a cognitive challenge. The shooter has to engage a number of targets from multiple positions behind cover. The course involves moving from barricade to barricade engaging the targets following a very specific set of instructions. Sounds easy? No Way! First, before you start, the rules of engagement are read to you, then you have to read the first set of instructions detailing the shooting location, number of shots, which target to shoot and more. There is nothing easy about remembering instructions while trying to accurately shoot a gun. Then before you can start the course of fire, which you have not previously seen, you have to run, yes run, a hundred yards or more and find your first shooting position. It's called a challenge for a reason. Welcome to special ops training at Riverside. Don't miss it this year.





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RIVERSIDE EDUCATION & TRAINING

The education and training program at Riverside is one of the most active in the state. The number and quality of courses and training opportunities is exceptional. We take firearms ownership and safety extremely seriously and provide lots of opportunities for our members to work on their skills. Last year we held two emergency medical courses; one of First Aid/CPR/AED and another on Trauma intervention/Stop the Bleed. These courses gave the participants the knowledge and ability to save lives – there is nothing more important than that! We just completed the Self-Defense Justification & Legal Use of Force course with John McAdam. If you ever find that you need to defend yourself with either lethal or non-lethal force, you would have been wise to take this course. We will be hosting John McAdam again with his companion course Managing the Aftermath of a Self-Defense Event sometime later this year. Don't miss it.

We have scheduled and are working on scheduling a number of advanced firearms courses, all aimed at self-defense. Ian Strimbeck (Runenation) will be returning with an advanced handgun course and an advanced carbine course for the third and second years, respectively. His courses have been very highly rated by our members who have taken them. Ian travels the country teaching these courses and is in high demand.

We are working with Scott Germain (Central Mass Weapons Training) to get his Progressive Carbine course here in the Fall. Scott includes a cognitive challenge which is a most difficult course of fire that is the latest evolution of training for the US Special Forces and we get it at Riverside.

Lastly, we are working with Gregory Cruz (Interactive Gunfighting) to host his Fighting/Defensive Shotgun course. Gregory is one of the highest rated shotgun instructors in the country. He is also an incredible handgun and carbine instructor. We are shooting for some time in June for Fighting Shotgun.

Lastly, we are hoping to get one or two GOAL courses. These are amazing training opportunities. TAKE ADVANTAGE, they are not available at other clubs.

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