



# 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 2020

### 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

### 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

### Fall Season Report

By Saritha Bade

### 2019 MASS STATE INDOOR & JOAD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Riverside Archers have been training for State and National tournaments this fall and winter with ultimate goal of a strong finish in the Indoor National and JOAD Championships in February 2020.

Riverside Archers participated in local and regional indoor tournaments including the 2019 Mass State Indoor and JOAD Championship in Lunenburg.

A total of 24 Adult, Road Team and Trailblazer JOAD archers from Riverside competed with 13 of them winning medals!

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*Fall Clean up volunteers. Thanks*

## Skeet & TRAP

A very busy end to 2019! We continue to have high demand for lessons and large and small outings. This is a great way to introduce new shooters to skeet and trap; we see a number of participants return as regular shooters.

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## PRESIDENT'S DESK

Looking back and moving forward. Over the past 3 years we have seen great success maneuvering through the landscape of self-help improvements and we plan to keep it rolling. Our goal is to continue making improvements to our facilities and building relationships with our members and the community.

For those of you bringing young shooters or novices to the range, I highly recommend that you visit the Straight Shooter Jake Blog, entitled Making a lesson plan for a new-shooters. Straight Shooter Jake updated an earlier version on how to mentor new shooters. Summarizing

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We had our fifth annual trophy shoot with the Maynard Rod & Gun club in November. Each club had twelve shooters, and fortunately, Riverside took the trophy. Thanks to Steve Winnick, from Maynard, for his help in planning the event. Always a fun time with this great group of shooters. Looking forward to the 2020 re-match.

We had our fall cleanup in November; many volunteers come out to clean houses, load Targets and rake fields, followed by lots of pizza. Thank you to all who helped to make the task quick and easy.

Our Thanksgiving Shoot was rained out but our Christmas and New Years Day shoots were well attended. There was plenty of food and camaraderie. Thank you to all who helped out and brought dishes.

Skeet and trap will be open all winter, weather permitting, during normal hours. We look forward to seeing you, and wish you a fantastic 2020.

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*Ken B snowblowing walkways.*



*Frank H snowblowing walkways.*



*Guys having fun at Christmas Shoot*



*Jeff & Lisa helping with food, score sheets and fees.*



*Dan L & Steve H at Christmas shoot*

## PRESIDENT'S DESK

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In his introduction, he says that you should start by teaching an "Introduction to Firearms" lesson at home.

Although his article will not provide a full review on the basics of shooting, it will help you develop your lesson plan to get new shooters started. He makes the assumption that you have good familiarity with firearms, but need some advice on teaching beginners. It's packed with good information. I suggest that you visit

<http://straightshooterjake.blogspot.com/p/part-ii-making-lesson-plan-for-new.html>

We are looking for volunteers to assist Rifle and Pistol this winter with the snow removeable of the walkways of the outdoor ranges. If you would like to sign up for a session, contact John McGrath [jmcgrath@riversidegc.org](mailto:jmcgrath@riversidegc.org).

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and sincerely wish you all the best possible happy New Year...

Make firearm safety your highest priority.  
...See you on the range.

*Mike Connelley*, President



# RIVERSIDE JOAD ARCHERS

## End of Indoor Season Report

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### Successful New Saturday JOAD Programs



Beginning October 5, 2019, the regular Saturday morning JOAD Program was reformatted as an intermediate level archery JOAD Program and renamed as “Trail Blazers”. A new beginner level JOAD program named “Path Finders” was launched at the same time that was based on the “Explore Archery Program” developed by USA Archery.



### Saturday Morning JOAD – Trail Blazers:

The learning structure of the morning Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) intermediate program at Riverside was updated with changes to the existing curriculum and content of the current program. The program is named Trail Blazer and is primarily based on “show and do” and continues to alternate between scoring and training weeks. Each training week is followed up with coach/instructor guidance to solidify the training exercises during the scoring week. Coaches observe how much form training each archer has learned and their ability to apply it to building their own.

The doors open at 8:45 am and the session starts promptly at 9:00 am with equipment set up, stretching, shoot/train by 9:15. The goal is to complete each session by 10:45AM.





## Explore Archery Program – Path Finders:



The maiden voyage of our Path Finder program, is our new entry point into the RGC JOAD programs for novices, was a big success with a total of five (5) archers. The novice archers were guided through archery safety, shooting skills, archery styles, equipment, and scoring rules during each of the first six (6) training weeks. Each of the five archers earned the five (5) award tags.

They are currently completing the half of the program, earning the first four (4) USA Archery JOAD ranking pins before moving on to the Trail Blazer intermediate JOAD class.



The majority of each class is a lot of FUN shooting, but with structured drills and practice along with skills introduction. Archers learn an entry level style of archery that builds the basics of a solid shooting form. Successful completion is required before entering the Trail Blazer program.

The Path Finders Program runs between 11:00 am and 12:00 PM every Saturday. The new Winter 2020 Program begins January 11, 2020 and runs through March. The Program exceeded the maximum capacity of 9 archers and several had to be deferred to register for the second quarter Program starting in April 2020.

Please send email to [rgcarchers@gmail.com](mailto:rgcarchers@gmail.com) if interested in getting your young archer into our Explore Archery program.

## Holiday Celebrations!!

The two morning JOAD programs and the Road Team celebrated Halloween and the Holidays with archery themed games and had lots of food and fun!!

### Halloween:

The JOAD archers in all three programs played the Pumpkin Shoot to earn points. The goal of the game was to hit the apple mounted on top of a pumpkin. Some of the apples don't have a fighting chance and exploded as the archers shot arrows through them.

The archers first got to watch a video for the back story (loosely based on William Tell) and setting for the game involving a mean City Mayor and how to defeat him by shooting the apples!





## Christmas and Hanukkah:

The archers in the Path Finders and Trail Blazers JOAD Programs played “Light the Menorah” and “Set the Table” games.

In “Light the Menorah,” candle flames became visible when archers shot balloons hiding them simulating instant candle lighting without the use of flames!



In the “Set the Table” game, teams of archers got to shoot at 1-point pictures of items for setting their holiday dinner table such as plates, utensils, roast, turkey, gravy etc. Most teams were able to hit the forks, spoons and knives that counted 3 points!

Pizza, tons of delicious cookies and other holiday treats baked by archers and their parents was served at the end of the Trail Blazer program and before the Path Finder program. The archers targeted the veggie lover’s pizza leaving the adults with the cheese pizza. Must be the archers taste buds are wired differently?!

The Road Team had a pot luck style holiday lunch. Many archers and parents showed off culinary talents with various delicacies. Following the lunch the archers did their traditional Yankee gift swap. They then went on to play the “Ornaments” game with loaded tummies.

