



# 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

May 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.



### 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.

### Pistol & Rifle

A variety of programs for a range of shooting interests

### 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 Response Plan For COVID-19

After Governor Baker's extended "Stay at Home" order, we all are anxious to get out and do some archery at decent distance. However, most of us are limited to only visioning our moving the back yard target into their neighbor's back yard to get a 70 meter practice distance. All Riverside Archery programs have been shut down for months, spring is here and all of Riverside's archery ranges are closed.

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## TACTICAL TEAM 2020 Schedule

Tuesday evenings @ 60 yard range  
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## Trout Pond



It's time to forget about corona for a while and get out and do a little fishing! We will be stocking the trout pond the last week of May, currently planned for May 27th and plan to open the pond to trout fishing on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note the pond will be closed to fishing for a few days after the fish have been stocked to allow them some time to become acclimated to their new environment.

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## from the President's Desk

I hope that all of you have endured the COVID-19 quarantine safely. We are looking forward to seeing you on the range soon.

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*Spring clean-up all finished. Thanks to all who helped.*



*Raking fields work party*

The Winter season is hopefully behind us and we were looking forward to green grass and spring shooting. Well, after March 17, we got one out of two. After much discussion and planning, we will be opening the skeet & trap fields on Sunday May 24 with new guidelines.

Until further notice, the fields will be open to only RGC members. Please review all new info and guidelines on the RGC Skeet & Trap web page (<http://riversidegc.org/Skeet.shtml>). Stay safe and hope to see you soon.

*Frank Harrington*  
Chairman



*Jeff and Chris fixing the mower*



*Thank to Jeff Cicoine for cutting up and dragging the downed pine trees to the burn pile.*



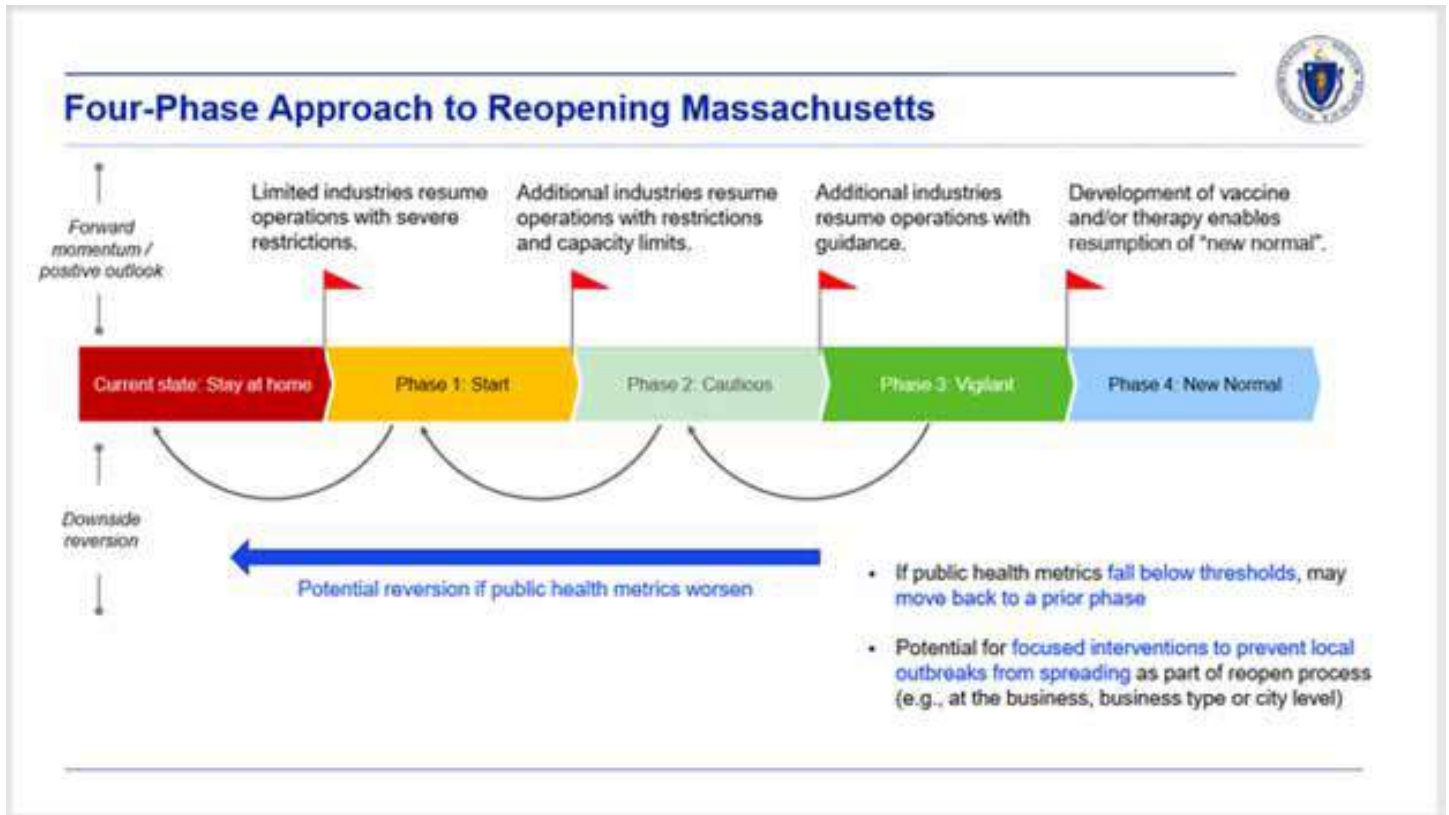


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**RIVERSIDE ARCHERS: COVID19 Response Plan**

Over the last few months, we watched federal and state authorities shuffling and disregarding as well as swearing by and at testing data as it was collected and reported. The data was always specific, but not always accurate. Models were then created with this data to make forecasts that changed erratically the virus spread forecast. Massachusetts has become one of the leading states in testing and is starting to get a handle on understanding the shape of the curve and able to detect and respond to hot spots quickly. Hospital capacity is meeting current demand. Now there is a vaccine that shows promise in preliminary stages of testing, but may not be available for a while.

The Riverside E-board met recently to pull a plan together that aligns with guidance found in the Governor Baker’s four phased approach (see below) to returning from the pandemic.



**RIVERSIDE ARCHERY WILL IMPLEMENT THE BEGINNING OF OUR RETURN STARTING PHASE 1 ON MAY 25.**

*(Note: Outdoor restrooms will open on Memorial Day May 25, 2020.)*

Patience with the process will need to continue as the Phases will only progress as fast as public health data showing improvement progresses in six designated areas. In order to advance to the next phase, each phase will last a minimum of 3 weeks duration to monitor and assess public health metrics against threshold levels. Mandatory workplace safety standards were also announced. All businesses that reopen must follow the standards. The following protocol shadows what have been created for businesses opening in Phase 1.

**PLEASE NOTE: ARCHERY RANGES MAY BE REQUIRED TO CLOSE AGAIN IF THIS PROTOCOL IS NOT FOLLOWED**



## PRESIDENT'S DESK

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### **RIVERSIDE ARCHERS: COVID19 Plan**

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**Phase 1: Start.** *(Limited industries resume operations with severe restrictions.)*

- **Outdoor archery ranges will be open for practice only.**  
*(Indoor range will remain closed until clubhouse is allowed to open and a protocol has been developed for indoor archery)*
- **No organized training groups or Leagues**
- **ONLY MEMBERS or Jr. MEMBERS ON RANGE!**
  - **Limit of 10 archers on main range at a time; limit of 4 archers per target on any archery range.**
  - **All persons must remain at least 6 feet apart to the greatest extent possible.**
- **Face coverings or masks required for all archers not able or unwilling to social distance. Remember: face masks are not as much to protect you from everybody else, they are more to protect everybody else from you.**
- **Maintain social distancing while SHOOTING, PULLING ARROWS, and ANYWHERE ON THE RANGE.**
- **Shoot from yellow shooter position stakes which are spaced 6 or more feet apart on shooting line.**

### **Hygiene protocols**

- **Archers must clean/sanitize hands prior to (keep targets clean) and after (leave your virus at range) shooting.** *(Hand sanitizing solution will be provided at range. Please ensure the sanitizer is available for other archers when you leave.)*

Kind regards,  
Larry Sullivan  
Riverside Gun Club Archery Chairman

return of employees, coaching staff and members. Tentatively the plan is to open all the outdoor ranges soon---of course with some restrictions. You can shoot at the outdoor rifle and pistol ranges now, but the ranges are restricted to members only and COVID-19 rules are posted. Archery and Skeet & trap will have a modified schedule and restrictions (see the respective article in this newsletter.)

We aren't sure about reopening the bar, indoor pistol range and archery range but likely will be no earlier than June 8th, Gov. Baker's Phase - 2. Reopening the indoor facility is a work in progress. However, I want to confirm that next General Membership meeting is scheduled for June 15th and we will induct new member applicants into the club's membership.

Putting up with the COVID-19 episode has everyone stressed out and in need of some activity and a change of scenery to maintain your sanity—me too!

We will keep you informed as we receive guidance from Governor Baker.

See you on the range,

*Mike Connelley*

President, Riverside Gun Club

### **Trout Pond** *(continued from cover page)*

To purchase badges please make arrangements to meet Mike Brophy you can call him at the clubhouse at 978-562-2404

As per the new normal, please practice proper social distancing and be smart about your interaction with others.

Have Fun!

- There is a \$20.00 badge fee for members to use the trout pond. Associate members cost is \$30.00, while Junior and Senior life members remain free. Badges may be obtained at the Clubhouse.
- The pond is open dawn to dusk
- NO swimming or wading at any time
- NO boats or floatation gear at any time
- Children under the age of 10 must be supervised by an adult
- Limit of two (2) fish per day, maximum Six (6) per week
- No fishing within 20 feet of the dam
- NO fishing from the road
- NO corn or live bait (except worms)
- One lure per line, one fishing rod per person
- No selling of fish at any time
- No fly rods during any derby
- Catch and Release only allowed if using Barbless Flies
- Persons found harming animals will be subject to executive board action



## RIVERSIDE TACTICAL TEAM

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### TENTATIVELY RESUMING IN MID-JUNE



The Tactical Team meets every Tuesday evening on the 60-yard range coincidentally with the Defensive/Tactical workshops from Mid-April through Mid-October. All members are welcome to join and participate in the team's activities.

The team works on pistol skills, carbine and tactical shotgun skills, including accuracy, defensive drills, courses of fire and shooting under stressful conditions. From November through March we have a number of training sessions in the indoor range.

If you have questions please email [bmcdonough@riversidegc.org](mailto: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.

*Be Safe, Be Responsible*  
Education Director

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# RIVERSIDE EDUCATION & TRAINING

We had a very aggressive education calendar planned for 2020 but, to quote Robert Burns (*To a Mouse, 1786*) “The best laid schemes o’ mice an’ men, Gang aft a-gley”.

Well we are not quite ready to create a new schedule as we are probably looking at Phase 3 of the Massachusetts reopening plan before we can have classes that require being close. Most firearms courses are hands-on which requires that the instructor be close to the student, often touching the student’s hands and certainly exchanging firearms person-to-person. That is just not going to happen in the short term. Thus, it will be a while before we have the NRA Home Firearm Safety course or the Basic Pistol Skills course.

I am hopeful that the more advanced courses which can be done with no person-to-person contact or sharing of firearms will be offered sooner, maybe as soon as mid-June, but more probably early July.

I am hopeful that Runenation’s advanced pistol course which is scheduled for July and the advanced carbine course which is scheduled for August will be doable.

I was planning to hold a first aid course and a stop the bleed course this year but have scrapped those plans for the remainder of the year.

I hope to get John McAdam in to teach his legal use of self defense course in the Fall.

As anxious I am to get back out on the ranges running some bang bang classes, I am not willing to put anyone at risk so we must remain flexible..

If you have questions, email me:

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**Bill McDonough**

Riverside Education Director



*Fighting Shotgun with Gregory Cruz*



*Know The Law with John McAdam*



*Functional Carbine with Ian Strimbeck*



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# RIVERSIDE EDUCATION & TRAINING

## IF YOU OWN A GUN, UNDERSTANDING SELF-DEFENSE LAW IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT.

### Consider this:

You and your spouse are enjoying a day shopping at the mall. Everything is on sale, so you are going a little crazy buying all sorts of stuff. Both of you have your arms full of bags loaded with your newly purchased goodies so you leave, exiting to the parking lot. As you are walking through the parking lot you hear a ruckus from behind a van. You carefully put your bundles down behind your two-week old mid-sized SUV and proceed to investigate the activities on the other side of the van.

Ordinarily, you would just drive away and maybe call 911, however you are armed, and invincible. (After all you have a License to Carry and took a course where you shot 2 different guns, so you are good to go.) Now it sounds like a woman is being abused (muffled screams). As you poke your nose around the corner of the van, you see two large me trying to subdue a woman who appears to be fighting for her life and giving those two brutes more than they can handle. The men are yelling and cursing telling her to stop struggling while working to get her on the ground.

It is definitely hero time! You draw your new Ruger American Pistol, chambered in 9 mm Speer hollow points and take a good Weaver stance, which you read about in a guns magazine, get a good two handed grip on the gun and point it at those two ruffians and yell: "Stop, I am an armed citizen and will shoot you if you do not let her go." You are feeling good when all activity

stops but they don't let go of the woman. One of the men tells you to shut up, go away or else. You think: "I have a gun and I am in charge here". Now you are angry and yell: "Let her go NOW or I will shoot." One of the men starts to say something but you are ready and point your gun right at his face and say: "Open your mouth again and I will fill it with lead". (Sounds like something Dirty Harry would say so you are feeling very cool.)

The ruffians get the message and let the girl go. You instruct them to get on their knees and put their hands on their heads, interlocking their fingers. (Learned that one from watching Adam 12. You tell the woman to come over to you where it is safe, but she unexpectedly runs away as fast as she can go. You attribute her behavior to the fact that she was just terrified, and she is just following her flight reflex. You are the hero, even if she is not there to express her eternal gratitude.

What happens next?

You are arrested and go to jail and you can not use the affirmative defense of self-defense/defense of others. Why not?

If you know, or think that you know why you are going to jail, send an email to me:

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