



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 2021

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.



Education & Training

The hands-on firearms courses, education & tactical schedules

Massachusetts Gun Laws are Curious Things

A few weeks ago, I was in a discussion with another shooter about transporting shotguns to the range. The other shooter stated that rifles and shotguns have to be unloaded and in a locked case while being transported. I disagreed and stated that, in Massachusetts, non-large capacity long guns only need to be cased during transport. He was so certain that he was correct that he very gentlemanly asked if I minded if he looked it up. Not only did I not mind, I encouraged him to look it up. I truly believe that, when it comes to gun laws, especially the confusing Massachusetts gun laws, that we must always check and double check to make sure that we always remain on the right side of the law. My friend was certain that he was right because,

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Trout Pond

The Trout Pond will be stocked this spring the 1st week of May. Once the pond is stocked it will be closed for a couple of days to allow the fish to acclimate to their new environment. Opening day will be on May 8th at daybreak. Trout Badges, good for the season, are available now in the clubhouse from 4:00 until 8:00 daily. Pick up your badges today so you can enjoy the opening day fun!

There is a \$20.00 badge season-fee to use the trout pond Associate members \$30.00 Junior and Senior life badges 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
- Catch and Release only allowed if using Barbless Flies
- Persons found harming wildlife, animals & birds) will be subject to executive board action

from the President's Desk

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Spring Cleaning of our outdoor rifle and pistol ranges. We started at 9:00am and finished before noon and polished off with pizza party at the 50-yard range shelter. The ranges are ready to go!

Good News: The function hall is now available to rent for your graduation, birthday, or wedding party. The club is still operating on some COVID restriction---face covering is required, reduced clubhouse hours, indoor pistol range is restricted to 4 lanes, and the function hall is now available to rent for your party. Call Mike Brophy, 978-562-2404 for details or to reserve the hall for your party.

The pistol league began its' summer league. We welcome new shooters, whether you're a novice or experienced.

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Thanks for cleaning the upper field!



Thanks for your help in moving targets!

Spring is finally here! We've had a very busy Winter, and Spring has been even busier. A number of new shooters have joined us, and it's been nice to see them progress and have fun. If you would like to try clay shooting, please let me know and we can arrange for you to give it a shot! I can be reached via the gun club website.

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped with the recent work parties. We loaded trap and skeet houses with targets, raked fields and picked up brush and limbs leftover from Winter. By the way, in case you don't know - we use biodegradable targets and steel shot, exclusively, on the trap and skeet fields. This practice has been in place since 2001, helping the environment, and maintaining a friendly place for wildlife.

We had our first 5-stand shoot on April 18th. The field machines performed well after a long Winter rest. The weather was perfect and quite a few shooters came out to give it a try. We will be shooting 5-stand about once a month. A complete schedule is posted on our skeet page.

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

Frank Harrington
Chairman



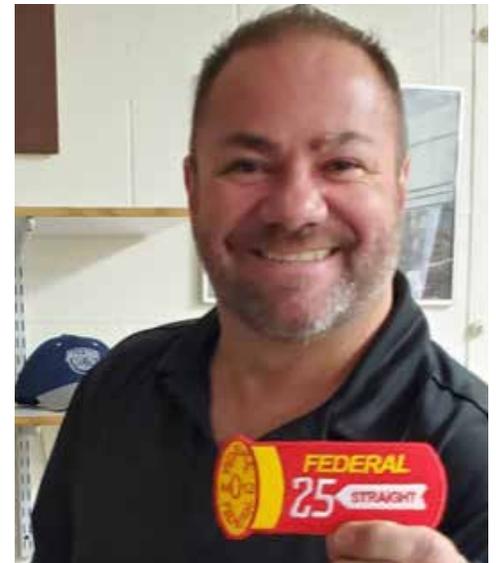
Nash & Jeff unloading targets from trailer.



Annual burn pile.



Joey B first perfect 25, Congrats!



Lairton's first perfect 25, Congrats!



Riverside Archers

Spring Season 2021 Report



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST USA ARCHERY INSTRUCTORS AND COACHES

Road Team archers, Sarayu Bade and Cosette Weng, spent a day learning about archery, equipment, teaching and planning skills to be certified as USA Archery Level 1 instructors. They all passed written and practical exams to set up and run a safe and fun archery program. These new Instructors will be used in our Explore Archery and Intermediate JOAD programs.

Level 2 JOAD Instructors spent 2 days learning the differences between being an Instructor and becoming a Coach along with advanced NTS form technique. Coach Sam Bade and Coach Patrick Weng are now certified by USA Archery as Level 3-NTS Coaches. Sam and Patrick are great assets to the Riverside Archers teams and add significant value to our JOAD Archers training programs.

New equipment installed in RGC indoor archery range to help with the fight against COVID-19 and other air borne illnesses:

Over the winter, an air exchange system was put into place to replace the existing air in the range with filtered outside air. This unit will provide a similar environment to our archers as the Commonwealth is providing to Massachusetts students in its schools. When running, this system can exchange the complete indoor archery range air capacity in 20 minutes. It is currently in use between Junior Archery sessions on Saturday and when needed throughout the week.

OUTDOOR SEASON PROGRAM TRANSITION PLAN

All Explore Archery training classes will continue to be performed in the indoor range. Archers graduating from the Explore Archery program will be promoted to and follow the JOAD Intermediate program to continue their training.

Adult Archery Achievement classes will continue to be performed in the indoor range.

Intermediate JOAD will migrate to the outdoor range on May 15. The current COVID-19 attendance limitation of 9 archers per session for the indoor range is increased to 20 archers per session on the outdoor range. It is recommended that at least 1 adult is available to provide drink, food, sunscreen, a place to get out of the rain, and insect repellent (yes, we have ticks, mosquitoes and black flies).

Please contact Archery Chairman Larry Sullivan at 978-875-2338 if you have any questions regarding Archery at Riverside Gun Club.

Larry Sullivan,

Riverside Archery Chair

Outdoor Season Program indoor and outdoor range schedules:

Summer Indoor Archery:

Friday (6:30 - 8:00 pm) Adult Training class times may change to remain in sync with Clubhouse hours of operation, but classes will be held in the indoor archery range.

Saturday (8:45 - 10:30) Intermediate JOAD Archery (May 15 transition to outdoors - weather permitting).

Saturday (10:45 am - 12:15 pm) Explore Archery classes will continue as scheduled indoors.

Summer Outdoor Archery:

Saturday May 1 (1:30 am - 4:00 pm) Road Team training transitions to outdoors.

Saturday May 15 (9:00 - 11:30) weather permitting, Intermediate JOAD Archery transitions to outdoors for the season.



Massachusetts Gun Laws *(Continued from cover)*

when he and some other shotgunners went to Rhode Island for a shoot, they had to unload and put the guns in locked cases. And I agreed that the law required that their shotguns had to be unloaded and put in cases that may have to be locked. What! Did I just contradict myself? NOPE!

In this case, we were talking about two different laws, Massachusetts v. Federal law. So under Massachusetts law, non-large capacity long guns only need to be unloaded and cased for transport within the state. When traveling to Rhode Island (or any other state, Federal law applies, specifically, the Firearms Owners Protection Act (FOPA). FOPA provides us with the lawful transportation of our guns across all states, provided that we can legally possess the firearms at both ends of the trip. So, here it is in summary, when transporting: Massachusetts – non-large capacity rifles and shotguns must be unloaded and cased, FOPA (transporting between states) – All guns must be unloaded and in a (under certain conditions locked) case - simple. The certain conditions are if the gun is accessible to the passengers of the vehicle.

Note that for Massachusetts, I specified non-large capacity long guns but for the Federal law, I stated all guns. In Massachusetts, we complicate things. Our laws separate guns into three categories; firearms (legal definition-handguns and barrels less than 16 inches), long guns (rifles and shotguns), and large capacity weapons. So, as stated previously, non-large capacity long guns (rifles and shotguns) must be unloaded and cased. The recommended practice for firearms (think pistols) - unloaded and in a locked case. Large capacity weapons (any hand gun or semi-automatic long gun with a magazine, attached or detached, which can hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition) must be unloaded and in a locked case. Clear?, good!

But, you ask, am I not I legal when I carry my handgun loaded in a holster on my hip and drive all over the state including into the People's Republic of Cambridge and the, better-to-be-a-victim-than-protect-yourself-with-a-gun, City of Boson? That depends on your License to Carry (LTC). Refusing simplicity, Massachusetts officials place restrictions on the License to Carry (LTC). So, if you have an unrestricted License to Carry, you can legally carry a loaded handgun in your possession (under your

direct control) while traveling in Massachusetts with some limitations. Even with an unrestricted LTC, it is not legal to transport a loaded a rifle, shotgun or large capacity weapon in your possession, or otherwise.

When I started writing the previous section, I thought that it would take a paragraph, one and a half paragraphs at most. Four paragraphs later, I still have not mentioned everything about transportation of guns in Massachusetts. Although I had to use it above, I hate using the word weapon when I refer to guns as the term weapon encompasses much more than guns. Weapons includes such everyday items like knives, fists, trucks, cars, hammers, sickles and so very much more. But our ever creative law makers chose to redefine the word firearm to be only handguns or guns with a barrel less than 16 inches in length. So while the rest of the world calls firearms, well firearms, in good ole MA we can't. Thus, the word gun means any type of gun and, in Massachusetts legalese, a weapon is a firearm, rifle or shotgun and, of course, firearms are handguns. Pay attention, there will be a quiz on this later.

Well, you are probably thinking why the heck should I give a damn about all of this semantics stuff, that as they say, is what makes the grass grow. Well, it is funny how important words are in the law. Remember, ignorance is no excuse under the law. Read the wrong meaning into the Language of the law and you could find your world turned completely upside down. Especially in a gun unfriendly state like Massachusetts, we must be very careful to always take a conservative approach to protect ourselves from legal overreach.

Ok, let's take a look at some other parts of the law.

Remember just a few lines above we discovered that the word firearm has special meaning under Massachusetts law. Well, our fantastic law makers decided back in '98 that not all firearms are suitable or adequately safe for our purchase from dealers in Massachusetts. We should show our law makers greater appreciation as they work so diligently to protect us from ourselves. So they came up with testing requirements which must be satisfied by all firearms by an independent testing lab prior to the firearms being eligible for sale by a firearms dealer in the Bay State. The end results of the testing process is that the several guns submitted for testing are destroyed (well messed up) in the process. If the guns pass muster, then



Massachusetts Gun Laws *(Continued)*

they are included on the Approved Firearms Roster which is one of four rosters which define the guns which our state government has approved for us. It is a good idea to note at this point that many fine manufacturers of excellent firearms refuse to submit their expensive firearms for destruction, I mean testing, thereby removing many fine products from our selections.

So, you would think, that making it onto the Approved Firearms Roster is enough, but oh no, not here where we must be protected from those underhanded firearms manufacturers. Enter the Massachusetts Attorney General's office. Apparently soon after the creation of the approved rosters, the then Attorney General decided to further protect us using the consumer protection regulations. You know those are the regulations which are used to stop the sale of certain consumer products, like can openers, microwave ovens etcetera, after said product has maimed or killed a bunch of people. Well, ever vigilant to protect us the Attorney General's office preemptively used its consumer regulations to further reduce the firearms available for purchase by adding more requirements for the manufacturers to include on the firearms. Many manufacturers tried to comply but not all were successful as the new regulations were not exactly clear. Thus, this additional hoop, some would say obstruction, further reduces the firearms for us to select for our collections. One example is Glock which is on the Approved Firearms Roster but is prevented from sale to us regular citizens in Massachusetts by the Attorney General's undermining.

Of course, the final insult to the honest taxpayers of the Commonwealth is that law enforcement officers are exempt from the Attorney General's regulations and can buy these firearms for themselves. They are also exempt from the Assault Weapons Ban, which, with little doubt, has not and will not prevent a single crime or injury but magnificently serves its sole purpose - to keep law abiding citizens from exercising their constitutional rights.

Ok enough pontificating. Just the facts from now on.

If you have a firearms license in Massachusetts and you move, you must report your new addresses to the Massachusetts Firearms Records Bureau, the police department where you are moving from (licensing agency) and to the police department in your new town. Even if you are just moving within a municipality, you must still report your movement. You have 30 days to complete the reporting process and there

is a simple form to use. By the way, in Massachusetts there are only two types of people who have to report to the police when they change address; sex offenders and firearms licensees. Perhaps there is a message in there. I seem to recall that a certain, to remain unnamed presidential candidate who did not win the election insinuated or maybe stated that all legal gun owners are essentially criminals.

When being stored, all guns must be kept in a locked container or equipped with a tamperproof locking device, such as a trigger lock. The exception is when the gun is under your direct control and you have an unrestricted License to Carry (LTC).

If you are transporting a large capacity weapon, a trigger lock is not ok to use. The gun must be unloaded and in a locked container.

Ammunition storage is covered by the fire protection regulations. You can have up to 9,999 rounds of center fire ammunition and 9,999 rounds of rimfire ammunition and 4,999 rounds of shotgun ammunition without having a special storage permit which is issued by the local fire department. There are also limits on primers, black powder and more.

The law requires that ammunition be stored in its original box (Yes, this can be difficult if you reload.) and kept in a locked container. Oh, don't forget that it is illegal to purchase ammunition in Massachusetts without a firearms license.

By Federal law, handguns must be purchased in your state of residency. Long guns can be purchased in any state from a Federal Firearms Licensed (FFL) dealer.

Should you purchase a gun, you must report it to the state within seven days on the EFA10 form. Note that I am not making predictions, but in Australia, first firearms registration was required "for public safety". Then, later, the registration list was used to identify, collect and destroy most of the privately held firearms in the country. Just making observations. (Registration is followed by confiscation.)

If you live in one of the many free states, after reading the above, your head must be ready to explode. It could be worse we could be in California, or New York or New Jersey.

Bill McDonough Education Director



RIVERSIDE EDUCATION REPORT

Spring is here and our outdoor shooting season has begun. The defensive/tactical workshops started up again on April 20th. The workshops will continue every Tuesday evening until October weather permitting. If you are an experienced pistol shooter then feel free to join us on Tuesday night and check it out. We do ask for a \$30 donation and you do need some special gear. The required gear includes a quality outside the waistband kydex holster, extra magazines, and, optionally, a magazine holster. If you are not ready for the advanced pistol work but want to get there, we run three basic pistol skills courses with increasing levels of challenges. The first course, Basic Pistol Skills really starts at the beginning working on all of the basics, grip, trigger press, sight alignment, site picture, posture, stance and more. The next course in the series is Basic Pistol Skills Plus which goes beyond the basics and increases the challenges. The third course in the series is Beyond Basic Pistol Skills. The challenges are increase further in this course with engaging multiple targets, shooting faster and movement. The goal of this series of courses is prepare shooters to be able to walk into advanced pistol shooting course feel that they can participate and keep up to all of the other shooters.

Anticipating further reduction in the COVID restrictions, we are beginning to plan more classroom courses. Late spring or early summer we hope to be able to get John McAdam back to do one or two of his self-defense law

courses. We will be scheduling the United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA) *Concealed Carry and Home Defense* course. In the Fall, we might be able to offer a First Aid/CPR/AED certification course and a Stop-The-Bleed course.

Larry Sullivan, Riverside's wizard of archery is an NRA counselor for a number of disciplines. Larry has offered to teach the NRA rifle shooting course/NRA Rifle instructor course. This is a great opportunity for our club members. It has become an annual event for Ian Strimbeck of Runenation to put on exceptional courses at Riverside. Ian will offer his functional handgun course on July 10th and his advanced carbine course on August 14th. These are definitely "don't miss" courses.

Last year, and the trend continues into this year, there was a tremendous increase in the number of people who are looking to get their firearms licenses. We offer the licensing course every four to six weeks here at Riverside. If you are not licensed you should get licensed if your family and friends are not licensed then you should encourage them to get licensed. The next licensing course is on May 1st.

Please check the Riverside website to find more details on the education program or email me at:

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Bill McDonough
Education Director

Don't Call 911

A reminder as the ranges get busy again

What! 911 is the national emergency phone number. We have been trained since birth to call 911 in an emergency. You must have rocks in your head!

Yup, Don't call 911 if police, fire, or EMTs are needed on the range. Call the Hudson Police Department.

Every member of the Club needs to do the following: Put the Hudson Police Department's direct phone number in your favorite contacts on your cell phone.

Hudson Police Department
(978) 562-7122

If police, fire or EMTs are called, tell the operator which are needed because there has been an ACCIDENT at the Riverside Gun Club. All guns need to be made safe and, preferable, cased. It is extremely rare to have a gun related (shooting) injury on the range. The typical medical emergencies are falls, heat stroke, heart attacks, strokes, etcetera. If someone has been accidentally hit by a bullet, you can say an ACCIDENTAL shooting and that all firearms have been unloaded and made safe. NEVER just say that there has been a shooting as it will generate a SWAT response rather than EMTs resulting in an unnecessary delay in medical help.



RIVERSIDE EDUCATION & TRAINING

The Gun Goes Click, Not BANG

You expect to hear bang and feel recoil, but instead you hear click not bang and the gun just sits there. It's called a malfunction and it happens. It can be just a minor inconvenience or a major deal depending on the circumstances. If you are on the range practicing, then it is no big deal, and you clear the malfunction. If you are in a gunfight then it could cost you your life. Fortunately, malfunctions are not that common and you, if you practice it, can quickly correct the condition and get back in the fight

Of course, the low probability of a civilian actually being in a gunfight and with the low probability of having a malfunction, combining to make an extremely remote probability of actually having a malfunction while in a gunfight. But it can happen. You can find yourself in a situation where you have no choice but to go to your gun, that is why we train and train with purpose. Then there is Murphy's Law, - "If something can go wrong, it will." Add to that Finagle's law of dynamic negatives - "at the worst possible moment" (often referred to as Finagle's corollary to Murphy's law). Put them together and we get a probability nearing 100% - *to wit* "If something can go wrong, it will, at the worst possible moment" that we are almost guaranteed to get a malfunction if we age fighting for our lives. (it's not easy being Irish.)

So, we train and practice until our response to a malfunction is automatic and rapid, requiring little thought.

Well, now that I have painted a bleak picture, let's look at types of malfunctions. They come in two basic varieties: mechanical and ammunition. Some are easy to fix and others are more difficult.

Ammunition Failures

First, I want to clearly state that modern, newly manufactured ammunition is extremely reliable and safe to use. The manufacturers have gone to great lengths to provide exceptional quality. Since I go through a lot of ammo and I need to stretch my ammo budget, I tend to purchase the least expensive brass cased ammunition I can get. I have never been able to use my inexpensive ammunition as an excuse for my poor shooting (user error).

There are three common ammunition failures: misfire, hang fire and squib load. A misfire is simply that, the hammer, firing pin or striker hits the primer and nothing happens. Click, it is a misfire. Often, we call the cartridge a dud and discard it. It could be that there is no primer compound in the primer cap, or it could be something else which we will cover next. I have encountered misfires many times with 0.22 rimfire ammunition. Sometimes the manufacturing process fails to evenly distribute the primer compound throughout the rim and the firing pin hits a "dead" spot on the rim resulting in a click. Since most of us do not use a 0.22 caliber gun for self-defense, this is but an inconvenience. If you are shooting competitively in a bullseye league, like I do, it is an annoyance and, depending on the target being shot, can ruin the score. But no one gets hurt. When encountering a misfire, the proper procedure is to hold the gun, pointed downrange for a count of 30. Why? Read on.....

A note on rimfire ammunition: It is not that uncommon to strike a dead spot on the rim of the cartridge. Unless there is something clearly bad with the round, I do as previously mentioned and keep the gun pointed down range for a 30 count and then I take the round out, spin it and rechamber it and shoot it with successful results. Just had to hit a better spot on the rim.

A hang fire is more insidious than a simple misfire and we must, for safety reasons, treat a misfire as a hang fire. A hang fire occurs when the primer is slow burning and takes longer than normal to ignite the gunpowder. I have never experienced a hang fire; however, they do happen, otherwise we would not have a name for it.

So how do you know the difference between a simple misfire and a hang fire when you hear click? You don't! Just follow the safety procedure and hold the gun pointed downrange for a 30 count before reloading.

Now we get to squib loads which can be recognized when they happen if you are familiar with your gun's performance and can tell when something is not right. In other words, you have to practice a whole lot to, not just be able to shoot the gun accurately, but also be able to feel when the gun is working properly or not. A squib load happens when there is a lack of, or insufficient gunpowder or the gunpowder is corrupted or



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contaminated, resulting in the bullet being pushed off the end of the case but not flying out of the barrel properly. The bullet may get out of the barrel or it may get stuck in the barrel. I have seen this happen twice with one being bit of a curiosity and the other being quite dramatic.

The first event happened at an indoor range during a bullseye competition. One of the shooters had a squib load. When he pressed the trigger and gun made a noise somewhere between click and bang and the gun had a very limited recoil. The shooter both heard and felt the difference in the gun and knew he had a squib load. If the gun sounds and feels different than normal, STOP SHOOTING and that is exactly what the shooter did. He proceeded to check the firearm and found that it was in proper working order, especially noting that the barrel was clear. During the subsequent cease fire, we inspected the area in front of the bench and found the bullet about 10 feet in front of the shooter.

The other squib load event was dramatic. It occurred during an advance carbine course which had 10 students running and gunning with the AR15 carbines for the whole day. It is hard to express how much fun this advanced carbine course was plus the exceptional instruction upped everyone's skills. One shooter was shooting at about 50 yards and was on the far left side of the range. This drill had two shooters and the other was at the same distance but on the far right side of the range, about 25-30 yards between the shooters. They were shooting, fairly rapidly, 3-5 rounds at a time (semi-automatic, we can't have selective fire on this range).

The shooter on the left was firing when the action of his AR15 blew out. It was incredible. The action just blew out leaving a hole in the bottom and ejection port side of the gun. The magazine was thrown across the range nearly reaching the shooter on the far side of the range. A range full of experienced shooters stood silent with their mouths hanging open hardly able to comprehend what just happened. Fortunately, no one was injured. The only casualty was a destroyed AR15.

Lesson learned. Do not screw around with squib loads.

As an aside, to add to the difficulties for the shooter. His AR was destroyed and, living in Massachusetts, he could not purchase a replacement. If you live in a free state where the rights of citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights, you may not understand. Massachusetts adopted a duplicate of the 1994 Clinton Administration "Assault Weapons" Ban in 1998. (note: the term Assault Weapon was

made up in attempt to demonize the AR & AK platforms and make our unknowledgeable neighbors think that we are crazy people with Assault Rifles which are quite different.) The 1994 "Assault Weapons" Ban was bad law and the Congress recognized it so there was a sunset provision resulting in its being removed in 2004, however, this ridiculous law remains in effect in Massachusetts. A number of years ago, July 2016 to be precise, the Massachusetts Attorney General, trying to curry favor with the pre-election anointed Hillary Clinton Administration, took it upon herself to throw away 20 plus years of "Assault Weapons" law and change the enforcement of the ban to include any weapon that had a similar (copycat) action to the original Colt that was specifically mentioned in the ban. So, since July 2106, it has been illegal to purchase an AR15 in Massachusetts. Just a s a reminder: The right of the people to have and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Mechanical Failures

Mechanical failures also come in a couple of varieties, simple and complex failures. A simple failure is anything that can be fixed with a tap/rack. The failure can have different causes including bad ammunition or a unseated magazine, but the fix is simple: upon click, not bang, tap (whack) the bottom of the magazine/mag well, then rack the gun. Some include a roll during the rack to turn the gun basically upside down to allow any fresh or spent cartridge to fall free of the gun.

There can also be a stovepipe. This occurs when the case being ejected does not clear the ejection port and gets jammed in the ejection port when the slide rams forward. The most common cause of stovepipe is weak wrists/loose arms. A semi-auto handgun is designed to be held securely during the cycling process. If the shooter allows rearward motion of the gun during the cycling, the absorption of the energy in the wrists/arms prohibits proper function and the action jams up of the spent case. There are a couple of ways to clear a stovepipe. The tap/rack with a roll should clear it. Another method is to take your off hand and sweep the top of the gun in a rapid motion, hitting the jammed case and dislodging it. A word to the wise - if you are not wearing gloves, it can hurt.

The complex malfunction is the one that gets you out of the fight. Get to cover. It can be a double feed, or some other jam where rounds are just being pressed into the action the wrong way. You need to drop the magazine. Chances are that the magazine will not fall out and you have to strip it out. Turn the gun upside down to allow anything in it to fall out, and rapidly rack the slide multiple times. Insert a new magazine, chamber a round and get back into the fight.



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Think about this; You are in a fight for your life. You have never experienced this level of stress and adrenaline flow all resulting in physical failures: tunnel vision, auditory loss, loss of manual dexterity and more. Remember Murphy's Law and Finagle's Corollary? This is the ideal time for a complex failure. At this time, just shooting your gun is a challenge, racking it is a monumental feat and now, now you have a failure. This is when you have to remember tap/rack/roll, or worse you have to remember to strip it and rip it, get the magazine out, rack multiple times, get the new magazine in, re-acquire the threat and stay alive.

This stuff must be instinctual. The only way that happens is to practice, practice and practice some more, then add some safe stressors and practice some more. Practice while keeping your eyes on the target/threat so that you can do it all by feel. If you carry a gun for self-defense, you need to be training all the time. You need lots of good quality, court defensible training with a quality instructor.

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Bill McDonough, Education Director

PRESIDENT'S DESK

The program follows the NRA bullseye shooting rules, but in a very relaxed manner—shooters score their own targets and they are not recorded. It's the perfect time for new shooters to come out 6:00pm on Wednesday night and explore what the league is all about. Also, it gives you enough time work into the program at a relaxed pace before we start the winter league that runs from October to March.

The clubhouse is open 7 days a week from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, featuring a select--menu of food & beverages. Indoor pistol range and archery range are available during club hours. Skeet and Trap continue their normal operations—Sunday morning and Tuesday & Thursday evening. The outdoor rifle and pistol ranges are open daily. The education and training programs are published for the year—see Training an education article in this newsletter or visit the club website.

Stay safe---Remember that a face mask is required inside the club house. See you on the range,

Mike Connelley

President, Riverside Gun Club

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Join Today!

Our **GOAL**
Is to preserve your heritage

Gun Owners' Action League was formed in 1974 to protect the right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes in Massachusetts. We are a grass-roots organization of law-abiding citizens who are working to protect our rights and our shooting sports heritage.

Whether you choose to lawfully own a firearm for recreation, self-defense, hunting, competition, collecting, or any other lawful reason, GOAL is working to restore and defend our rights and heritage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please join the thousands of other lawful gun owners who have made the commitment to restoring and protecting what is rightfully ours. Your membership could make the difference in how the future looks for lawful gun owners! Thank You.



Gun Owners' Action League



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<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Former	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal: ID # _____
Junior (under 21)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year	\$15
Junior Date of Birth (Required): _____		
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year	\$30
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 year	\$75
	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 year	\$125
Family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year	\$35
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 year	\$95
	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 year	\$150
List family members: _____ _____		
Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	\$750
	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$1,500
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