



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 2022

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



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

Riverside Archers

First Quarter Report

*JOAD 53RD US NATIONAL
INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS*

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THE WARM WEATHER AHEAD*

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(Need Government Permission to Carry)

A few years ago, I spoke with a gentleman at the Florida Department of Agriculture Firearms Licensing Division about the need to

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Education Director

The education program for 2022 continues to evolve. We held an NRA Home Firearms Safety (MA Licensing Course) on April 2nd and are starting up the Basic Pistol Series of courses. As per previous years we will have the NRA Home Firearm Safety course every 4-6 weeks. By the time this newsletter goes out, John McAdam will have completed his two courses in one day: Self-Defense, The Law, You & Not Guilty and Shots Fired (What is the human response?).

Our in-house Basic Pistol Skills program of three progressive courses will be offered monthly starting in April. And our defensive/tactical workshops are again scheduled for Tuesday evenings starting in mid-April. All of that is just our in-house program.

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from the President's Desk

Many of us value rivers and streams that we see only every year or two. Just knowing that these places exist gives us a thrill and that's why we often return to the same places--just knowing that they are there, just waiting for our return. Being a trout fisherman myself, I've often heard the old adage that trout only live in beautiful places and in my mind nothing could be closer to "Ground Truth." I love winter, but at the end I long for the arrival of spring or should I say spring fishing. Experiencing that first spring fishing trip is exhilarating. Nothing bursts your bubble more than seeing the wilderness occupied by a dozen other people. Irrespective of seeing all these people tromping through paradise, it is especially

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JOAD ARCHERY – 53RD US NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Riverside’s JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) and Road teams sent 12 Junior Members to the JOAD National Championship and five Coaches and Junior Members to the Indoor National Championships. Riverside was well represented with many shooting their personal best at the tournament. All but 3 met or exceeded their personal goals for the competition.

One of our archers is a young female Bare bow shooter who came in 1st in our region and came in 2nd in the United States in her class. When asked how she was able to sustain such high performance for the duration of the tournament, she responded, "I was only trying to beat my older brother who shoots an Olympic style recurve that has a sight." The Coaches are very proud of the displayed improvement in our archer’s skills and their ability to compete since last year.

As we left the competition venue, thoughts turned to setting new goals for the upcoming outdoor archery season and the training plans that would be needed to reach them. We took advantage of the time since that competition to do more training at all levels of the program and now look toward spring, outdoor shooting 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.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING AND THE WARM WEATHER AHEAD

A large THANK YOU to several of our general members who already cleared off the pine needles and fallen limbs from the range. This week, we applied a multi-spectrum insecticide to the range that has shown a good performance in controlling ticks and many other pesky insects over the years. The main field and hunter range was treated.

Next up for our young archers will be training for proper use of outdoor clothing, sun protection and how to “sip-n-nibble” during training to keep their bodies hydrated and maintain their nutrition to keep fresh on the line. We have a lot of competitions coming up this summer in the New England area. The training we have been doing over the winter has helped many to prepare for them.

LEAGUES COMING

Based on participation available, outdoor leagues will be offered starting near the end of June. If you are interested in participating, please text Archery Chairman Larry Sullivan at 978-875-2338 to communicate your interest. We will shoot the American 600 round which consists of 60 arrows (20 arrows shot at each of three distances: 60 yd, 50 yd, and 60 yd). We will have up to 3-weeks of practice rounds to establish starting averages with 10 weeks of competition.

Please watch the club calendar for when we will have a league kickoff meeting to determine how to meet most of the attending members preferences on day of week, starting time, distances, etc. In addition, will also send a note to all who send me a text. If there are Junior members interested in this league, they may be assigned shorter target distance requirements that. If 6 or more Junior Archers shoot the league, we will consider having a separate league for them if needed.

Depending on the interest, we could also continue our indoor leagues. Please let me know.

All league top 3 winners in each league will receive medals. A league “Pot-luck Cookout” could also be provided if participating archers are interested. We could provide the meat and grill and you could bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. This will be addressed at the league kickoff meeting. Again, text Larry Sullivan at 978-875-2338 to let him know that you are interested in a league or just want to find out more about what we do at Riverside Archery.

ADULT ARCHERY TRAINING

We are still running adult training on Friday evenings from 6pm to 8pm. In this program we cover all things archery. Regardless of your current skill level, you can come to learn how to shoot, learn how to shoot better, get an introduction to your equipment, learn how leagues work or just ask us about any other thing archery. Video coaching sessions can be arranged so that you can see what the coach sees and relate that to what you are feeling as you shoot. Drop in the indoor archery range on Friday evenings to check us out and let us know we can do to help.

10’s to all,

Larry Sullivan, Archery Chairman, Riverside Gun Club
USA Archery Level 4 NTS Coach





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Education

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And back again, Ian Strimbeck from Ruenation will be putting on two courses: advanced pistol on July 9th and limited signature carbine on August 13th.

And there is more in the works. We will be scheduling a First Aid/CPR/AED course and probably follow up with a more advanced “stop-the-bleed” course.

More information is available on the website. Watch the emails for more on all of these courses.

Be Safe, Be Legal

Bill McDonough

PRESIDENT'S DESK *(continued from cover page)*

disheartening to see people disrespect the natural beauty--littering trash, cans & bottles. But really, that piece of wilderness never really belonged to me-- It's simply my privilege to be there. However, I can do my fair share to preserve and protect the environment.

One of the objectives stated in the Riverside Gun Club's bylaws is as follows: “this organization shall include in its membership all the sportsmen in Hudson and the surrounding territory to carry on a program for the protection and propagation and restoration of forest and fish and game, insofar as it relates to hunting and fishing.” I encourage everyone to actively participate in conservation. There are many organizations whose stated purpose is to protect our forests, wetlands and water ways. You can go online for information about many organizations such as

Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, Mass Audubon, The Arbor Society and Stripers Forever, just to name a few. There are a multitude of others.

Everyone supports what they value. If you're a fisherman, hunter, Campers or outdoor enthusiast, support your values. Every individual can make an impact on preservation of our natural recreational resources. Support the organizations that support you.

I would like to thank all the members who came out for the annual Rifle Range cleanup. We spent a little over 2 hours getting the ranges ready for spring shooting. Everything looks slick and clean. Checkout the photos throughout this newsletter.

See you on the range.....*Mike Connelley*



A Tale of Two States

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have a firearms license in Florida when transporting guns from the home to the range in a locked container. Being from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts where so many members of our state legislature do not see any difference between lawful gun owners and criminals with guns, my questions seemed odd to him as Florida has a very different attitude towards gun ownership. He actually said something like “here in Florida, we have the Second Amendment”. In that discussion, the difference was that in Florida, you can have firearms on the basis that you are a law abiding citizen and it is your constitutional right while in Massachusetts, you have to first demonstrate to the satisfaction of the local police chief (or designee) that you are law abiding enough to be entrusted with firearms even if you are not carrying them and they are in locked containers during transport. Being able to carry a loaded firearm(s) on your person is an entirely different thing.

You need government’s permission in both states if you want to carry. Getting said government permission in each state is as different as the winter weather is each state. Writing this document, I am sitting in my Boca Raton condo in mid-January with the windows and doors all open, enjoying the awesome 77-degree breeze which is gently providing a heavenly feeling while back in the Bay State (we reside there 9 months per year) it is 15 degrees today with a nasty, arctic, bone chilling wind blowing. Did I mention that we are taking the dog to the beach in an hour? Oh, the ocean water is a big chilly at 82 degrees, but we will suffer through it.

OK, back to business. One year ago, I renewed my Massachusetts License to Carry (LTC). On Thursday, I renewed by Florida Concealed Weapons of Firearms License (CWL). The differences in the process are remarkable. Fair warning, if You are from Massachusetts or any similar state (you know who your are: California, New York, New Jersey), you might not want to hear this as your blood might just hit 212 degrees Fahrenheit.

Massachusetts: Might get a post card indicating that your license is up for renewal. If you don’t get the post card and you don’t renew there is a grace period. You have to download a new application and complete it. You must go to the local police department in order to renew.

Florida: Receive a letter with the renewal application which has the information already filled out, you just have to make corrections. Instructions are included and you can renew in person, online or by mail.

Massachusetts: Call and make an appointment with the local police chief or his/her designee. In my case the first appointment was two months away. I live in a town that is supportive of gun owners. I know that in a nearby city, the next appointment is nine months away. Personally, I think that waiting nine months for an appointment to ask permission to exercise a constitutional right is outrageous less that acceptable.

Florida: Went online, the next appointment available was the next week, however I chose to select a date in a couple of weeks as it was more convenient for me.

Massachusetts: Complete the application which includes an affidavit that you have not lost or had guns stolen. Note that the law requires that you report any lost or stolen guns so the inclusion of this affidavit is sort of insinuating that you are not trustworthy. Go in for an interview at the appointed time, get a new picture taken, pay the fee of \$100. Leave and wait patiently for your license. By law, the process can take no more than 37 days, however, don’t count on it. The local police have 7 days to process your application and forward it to the Colonel of the State Police who has 30 days to process your application, totaling 37 days. Historically it has taken much longer in some communities. In my town, I received my license in less than 37 days, but there are many horror stories. In the days of COVID, there is a built-in excuse (pandemic) for feet dragging of applications. I have friends who have waited 4 months or more.



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Florida Go to the appointment. Show your renewal application at the counter, go to a desk in the office where your application is brought up on a computer and you verify all the information. Electronically sign and pay the fee of \$42. Have a new picture taken and wait for your new license to be printed. Be handed your new license with a receipt, then be escorted to the door and thanked repeatedly for coming in. You leave with your renewed license in hand. Total time in the office – 15 minutes.

Note that this discussion has been about the firearms license renewal process and not the initial application. These follow similar paths, however, in Florida they have the Second Amendment, and any law-abiding citizen has the right to own firearms without government permission which is only required if said law-abiding citizen wants to concealed carry. In Massachusetts, you need the state's permission just to own a firearm or ammunition or a stun gun/taser.

So, there you have it. Two states that both required its law-abiding citizens to get government's permission to exercise their constitutional rights to carry firearms, are completely different. In Massachusetts the law-abiding citizen who has previously been granted the state's permission to carry firearms must complete an application and an affidavit that he/she has not previously lied about having guns lost or stolen has to be interviewed and then must wait from one-to-many months before receiving a renewed license. While in Florida, the entire renewal process is accomplished in the time it takes to complete the Massachusetts LTC application.

One Final Comment: As of publication time, Florida's legislature and governor are beginning the process to make Florida a constitutional carry state. That means, if you are not a prohibited person then you do not need government's permission to own and possess firearms. Currently there are 25 states (That is half of the states!) have constitutional/permitless carry. Massachusetts – NO!



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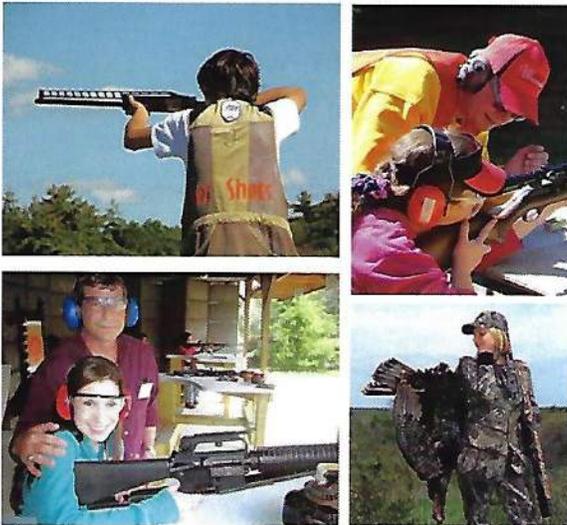
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Our **GOAL**
Is to preserve your heritage

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.



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Highlights from the Spring Cleanup!

