



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

February 2023

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

SKEET & TRAP

2022 was a busy year at the clay fields. A record number of new shooters joined us in all disciplines. Our instructors and range safety officers were happy to help with getting these shooters off to a good start. Safety procedures, proper stance, proper lead, and field etiquette are all essential to being safe and having fun. Thank you to all range officers for their efforts.

Over 4,000 rounds of skeet, trap & 5-stand were shot during our regular Tuesday, Thursday nights and Sundays, along with special events and outings.

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Education

Last year, Riverside had a great Education program. It included the NRA Home Firearm Safety course which is needed for firearms licensing in Massachusetts. We also ran the Basic Pistol Skills series of courses multiple times. The Basic Pistol Skills series is comprised of three sequential courses starting from the very fundamental Basic Pistol Skills course for true newbies to shooting and finishes with the advanced Beyond Basic Pistol Skills course which includes drawing from a holster and moving and shooting and much more.

We ran Tactical Tuesdays which is advanced defensive and tactical skills every Tuesday evening (weather permitting) from April through October. During these Tuesday

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from the President's Desk

Quoting Oprah Winfrey, "Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." Typically, the start of each New Year is a time to reflect on the year just past and make plans for the future. It holds a special note, with the promise of new opportunities and the possibility to change our lives for the better. It's also a great time to bond with friends over old memories as you endeavor to make more. Welcome in the New Year by sending inspiring messages to your friends to mark this special time of year.

This New Year---New Governor! Many anticipate a political climate marked by seismic changes in Massachusetts firearm laws. The professionals at the Gun Owner Action League have a finger on the pulse of the state politics

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Boy Scouts enjoying Trap Shooting



Judy came by for Holiday shoot.



Ken B (L) grilling burgers New Years Day shoot



Holiday Trap shooting



Holiday Skeet shooting



Holiday 5-Stand shooting

We were happy to re-start the scout outing program after a two year pause due to the pandemic. Scouts from various towns use the grass field for camping. Many scouts participate in archery, rifle and shotgun (trap). We also invite parents to shoot trap once the scouts finish up their sessions. Instructors accompany each shooter, one-on-one, to ensure the safest experience. In 2022 we hosted two Troops, Lexington & Hudson, and look forward to more in 2023.

We ended our year with our 3 holiday shoots. The Thanksgiving and Christmas shoots were well attended with lots of food and fun. The warm weather brought many shooters out to the New Years Day shoot. Ken B brought his special home made hamburgers and grilled them up for all to enjoy. Thanks!

I would like to thank everyone that helped with seasonal cleanups and projects. We completed a number of major & minor repairs and updates to the clubhouse and clay houses, performed preventative maintenance on clay machines, lawn and snow equipment, did road repairs leading to the back fields, and updated aged infrastructure to avoid future outages.

To learn more about clay shooting, please stop by any Tuesday or Thursday evening from 7:00 - 9:30 PM, or Sundays from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, or contact Frank Harrington

fharrington@riversidegc.org

Looking forward to more fun!

Frank Harrington
Chairman



John B and family and Bob L (R) helping fall clean up.



Dmitriy's First perfect 25 round. Congrats!



More helpers for fall clean up. Thanks



Paul C guarding the donuts with Bob L



Dave D fixing the trap machine



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evenings, we worked on three phases of shooting: accuracy, defensive skills and a course of fire. Tactical Tuesdays are open to all club members who have moderate or better shooting skills.



Ian Strimbeck's Functional Pistol

As in past years Riverside also hosted outside instructors who are known to put on a great program. Ian Strimbeck of Rune Nation Presented two courses: one advanced pistol course and one advanced carbine course during the summer. Everyone loves Ian's courses; they are physically challenging, and everyone is a better shooter after the course.

John McAdam gave a great presentation on self-defense law. John's courses are a serious wake up call for anyone who owns a firearm as he really demonstrates the awesome responsibility we all have when we have when a firearm is on our hands. John's courses are unique, and John provides a great perspective. If you own a gun, you need to attend John's courses

In October the one and only Jon Green, Education Director at the Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) made his Mass Gun Law for Citizens presentation and it was the most well attended event of the year. Jon always draws a large crowd. Jon's presentation is so critical to every gun owner in Massachusetts because our gun laws are some of the least user-friendly laws in the nation. John provided a high energy great explanation of the laws and made the laws fun (well, as fun as they can be).

Now it's on to 2023! We have a lot planned for this year. We will run the NRA Home Firearm Safety course and the Basic Pistol Skills series a number of times. Ian Strimbeck of Rune Nation will be back with an advanced pistol course and advanced carbine course again this summer. Self-defense law is being scheduled for some time in the late spring. Our own Tony Tufo will be running the NRA Range Safety Officer course in May. We are working on scheduling the NRA Rifle course as well as the NRA Instructor Rifle course. We're hoping to get a First Aid//CPR/AED course put together for the fall followed by a Stop-the Bleed course.

And Tactical Tuesdays will be back. This year, in June, we will be setting up a Tactical Day At The Range event. This will give our members the opportunity to try out tactical shooting. We will provide firearms, ammunition, instruction, and attendees will be able to try running a course of fire with handgun, carbine and shotgun



Jon Green presenting Mass Gun Law For Citizens

All of this makes for a very busy education schedule. Please take advantage of these opportunities. They are priced right, convenient and offered by very few.

Bill M'Donough

Education Director

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The C & R license – Type 03 FFL What Is It and Should You Have It?

Sometimes referred to as the collectors' license, the Type 03 Federal Firearms License [FFL]/ Curios and Relics, is an interesting and inexpensive firearms related tool that can benefit certain firearms owners and enthusiasts. The C&R license is issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives [BATFE]. This Type 03 FFL is one of the nine different types of FFLs that the BATFE issues.



So, what is a Curio and Relic {C&R} firearm?

According to federal firearms laws, 27 CFR § 478.11 C&R firearms are defined as “those which are of special interest to collectors by reason of some quality other than is associated with firearms intended for sporting use or as offensive or defensive weapons”. Also, from the regulation implementing federal firearms laws 27 CFR § 478.11, to be recognized as C&R items, firearms must fall within one of three categories.

1. Firearms which were manufactured at least 50 years prior to the current date, but not including replicas of such firearms.
2. Firearms which are certified by the curator of a municipal, state, or federal museum which exhibits firearms to be curios or relics of museum interest.
3. Any other firearms which derive a substantial part of their monetary value from the fact that they are novel, rare, bizarre, or because of their association with some historical figure, period, or event.

The Firearms and Ammunition Technology Division (FATD) maintains a “Firearms Curios and Relics List”, the most recent [1972-2018] can be found here:

<https://www.atf.gov/file/128116/download>.

Notwithstanding this list, firearms automatically attain C&R status when they are 50 years old. Any firearm that is

at least 50 years old, and in its original configuration, would qualify as a C&R item. According to the ATF information, “It is not necessary for such firearms to be listed in FATD C&R List”.

The first category above, “*Firearms which were manufactured at least 50 years prior to the current date*”, may be of most interest to people reading this. Fifty years prior to today puts us in the year 1972. Any firearms manufactured prior to 1972 are considered C&R except for replicas of such firearms.

For example, this means that firearms such as the Remington 740 Woodsmaster rifles are eligible for a C&R transfer. I still shoot and hunt with such ‘old relics’ today and have 740 Woodsmasters chambered in both 30-06 and .308. Additionally, a not that old but rare 1970 Albanian SKS chambered in 7.62X39 appears to be C&R Eligible.



So, what does C&R eligible mean?

When you possess a Type 03 FFL [C&R] license you can purchase C&R eligible firearms [handguns, rifles, and shotguns] and have them shipped directly to yourself without the inconvenience and added expense of having it shipped to an FFL licensed dealer who will then transfer it to you for a fee.

There are some important requirements to be adhered to when purchasing C&R eligible firearms with your C&R license. A few are stated here. First, you cannot use this license for commercial purposes like buying firearms and then selling them to someone else. Such an endeavor would be considered a business and require a different FFL. This license is intended to be used solely for the purchase of firearms to enhance your personal collection. Second, this is a federal license; you must also be aware of and adhere to any applicable state and local laws as well. Third, there is a record keeping requirement, keeping a bound logbook



The C & R license – Type 03 FFL (*continued*)

of acquisitions and dispositions (A&D) of the firearms is mandatory. Interestingly, according to the BATFE website, licensed collectors are not required to submit their acquisition and disposition (A&D) records to ATF upon discontinuance of their collecting activity.

Additionally, any C&R firearms regulated under the National Firearms Act [NFA] must still be treated as NFA firearms and be properly registered according to the provisions of the NFA. NFA firearms would include rifles with barrel lengths less than 16 inches among other firearms. A list of firearms regulated under the NFA can be found here:

<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/qa/which-firearms-are-regulated-under-nfa>.

So, how do you obtain the C&R license?

You must be 21 years of age or older to apply for any of the nine different Federal Firearms License types. The application for the Type 03 license is straight forward, quite simple and is valid for 3-year periods. The current cost is \$30 for the three-year period. The application is available here from the BATFE:

<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/form/form-7-7-cr-application-federal-firearms-license-atf-form-531012531016/download>.

There are only four pages of basic information to be filled out in the application and no photo or fingerprints are required. One copy is mailed to the Federal Firearms Licensing Center, and you must also send a copy to your CLEO, the Chief Law Enforcement Officer where you are seeking the license. In my experience I received the license about 6 weeks after I mailed the application. The ATF website says that the current average processing time for an FFL is two months which appears to be a reasonable time frame.

PRESIDENT'S DESK (*continued from cover page*) and they provide us near real time status reports. You as a GOAL member are provided the same service. You can stay tuned to the GOAL Newsletter emailed to members every Friday. GOAL members receive news alerts identifying State's Legislative Action that may seek members to respond to their state congressional representatives. I encourage every gun owner to support GOAL—Support the organizations that support you!

Remember, this is **NOT** a license to carry, use, or possess a firearm and it Confers NO right or privilege to conduct an activity contrary to State or other law and the application form makes it clear that this is not a license to conduct business. Additionally, state laws may also affect which firearms are C&R eligible in your state.

Some statistics to ponder. As of January 2022, the most recent data made available from the BATFE, approximately 85% of the Federal Firearms Licenses in Massachusetts were Type 03, compared to only 39% nationally. There was a total of 3,957 active Federal Firearms Licenses in the Commonwealth, 3,312 of those were Type 03 – Collector of Curios & Relics. In my humble opinion, this licensing opportunity can be an asset in anyone's firearms portfolio, especially in the Commonwealth.

The information presented here is not intended to be legal advice of any kind and is my own interpretation and understanding of the C&R license, you must conduct your own due diligence and research if you are interested in obtaining this license.

by W. Minot Wood

W. Minot Wood is an avid outdoorsman, firearms enthusiast, and a member of the Riverside Gun Club.



Overall, 2022 was a good year and we plan to keep it rolling. Now we are sharpening clarity on our goals for the coming year and embracing what we want our club to be and enable us to enjoy the best possible recreational shooting and archery facilities. 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.

Mike Connelley

President, Riverside Gun Club



JR RIFLE

Junior Rifle and Air Pistol Program (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.



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY





The best \$30 a gun owner in Massachusetts can spend! Become a GOAL member. GOAL is our first line of defense against the anti-Second Amendment forces in Massachusetts.

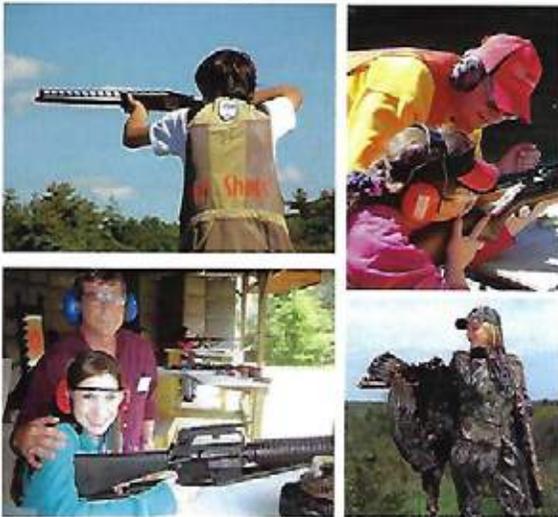
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Our **GOAL**
Is to preserve your heritage

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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