



# 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

September 2024

### Archery

Year round programs for both junior and adult archers. USA Archery, State Assoc., National Assoc., and the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program. ([page 5](#))



### 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. ([page 2](#))



### 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



Due to the rain, heat and humidity, shooting at the clay fields has been slow all summer. With the cool weather nearing, we're looking forward to a busy fall.

We have continued work on improvement projects at skeet and trap. Students from Assabet Valley Regional Technical School Paint & Design and Electrical students did some amazing work over the last several months. All trailers and ([Continued on page 2](#))

## Junior Rifle Program 2024-2025

We're looking forward to another successful season of Junior Rifle. As with last year, we will be running three one-hour sessions with eight people per session for a maximum capacity of 24.

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## Archery

It has been a busy summer for Riverside Gun Club Archery. Major outdoor range updates were completed by late spring to maximize usage of the outdoor range.

Tents have been erected over the shooting line as well as new set up tables and seating areas; no more shooting directly into the sun or equipment covered in pine sap. ([Continued on page 5](#))

## from the President's Desk

When I talk to new members about joining the pistol team, a lot of them say they would like to shoot, but never competed before or I'm not a good shooter. That kind of talk is irrelevant to your improving shooting skill and having a good time, which is probably the reason you joined Riverside in the first place. We welcome new shooters regardless of your experience level – we will teach you the ropes. By-the-way: It's not just a man's sport -- I'm happy that we have five lady shooters on the rolls now and they are shooting very well. It's not only about developing shooting skill, but having fun. Our schedule is not demanding and your attendance each week is not mandatory. I'm available

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### OUTDOOR

### CLEANUP



Richard S & John B making new door.



Frank H & Ken B installed new door.



Assabet Electrical Students working on Trap house.



Assabet student working on Skeet House.



Assabet Painting students painting trailer and chimney.



Annual Spring Burn



Spring Clean up gang. Thanks everyone.

fences were stripped and repainted or stained. The electrical students updated old light fixtures, switches and outlets, and removed or replaced outdated or unused wiring and junctions. This work has allowed students to gain practical field experience, while helping the club complete our 7+ year improvement plan. As with any operation, I'm sure we'll find a more to do. Thanks to everyone who helped!

I would also like to introduce a new variation to our 5-stand shoots. The monthly event continues to be very popular. We are now adding "triples" after every 5-stand session. Three targets in the air at the same time! Bring your semi's or pumps and have lots of fun.





Kevin & Margarita at 5-Stand



Michael G shooting triples



Jim D (R) stopped by to say hi.

If you are interested in learning to shoot skeet or trap, please contact me at [fharrington@riversidegc.org](mailto:fharrington@riversidegc.org). The 2024 clay fields schedule is on our website here:

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

Hope to see you at the fields.

*Frank Harrington*

Chairman

[fharrington@riversidegc.org](mailto:fharrington@riversidegc.org)

# JUNIOR



# RIFLE

We will not have any COVID specific requirements, but we do insist that if the junior or parent are ill, they should stay home.

You can sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/azqiPKS>

Payment must be made on the first night of the program when we will run orientation and acquaint the participants and parents with the program. Unfortunately, we won't be able to get to the range on the first evening.

Please note that participants in the program must be junior club members.

About the Program The Riverside Junior Rifle program is dedicated to the advancement of junior marksmanship in Smallbore Rifle discipline. Our top priority in the program is safety. We instruct participants on the safe & responsible use and handling of firearms as well as range safety.

Participants are required to follow all safety protocols at all times. This includes wearing safety glasses on ranges, hearing protection on the rifle range, following safe firearm handling procedures, and observing all range safety rules. Participants are also required to wash their hands thoroughly after each range session. **Due to the nature of this activity, violations of safety protocols may result in ejection from the program.** *For participants under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must remain in the clubhouse for as long as the shooter is present. No Drop-offs.* The program follows the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program and is open to participants aged 10-18 inclusive. Shooters have the opportunity for recognition of advancement through the NRA Junior Marksmanship qualifications for Smallbore Rifle. Qualifications are awarded at the end of the season at the Program banquet. The program runs on Friday evenings at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 beginning on Friday, October 18th 2023 concluding with our end of year banquet on Friday, March 21st . There is no shooting on days when Hudson schools are closed for inclement weather. For this year, signups are online here: <https://signup.com/go/azqiPKS>

**Please note:** The program is limited to 3 sessions of 8 participants each, 24 total. **On the first evening (Oct 18), we will have ONE orientation session beginning at 6:30PM. This session will cover important safety information as well as other details about the program and is mandatory for shooters and their parent / guardian. This will be held in the clubhouse. There will not be time to shoot this evening.**

## 2024-2025 Season Calendar Shoot Dates:

Oct 18th	<b>ORIENTATION</b> session at 6:30 No Shoot
Oct 25th	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00
Nov 1, 8, 15, 22	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00
Nov 29	<i>Thanksgiving Break No Shoot</i>
Dec 6, 13, 20	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00
Dec 27	<i>Christmas Break No Shoot</i>
Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00
Feb 7, 14, 21	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00
Feb 28	<i>February No Shoot</i>
Mar 7, 14	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00
Mar 21	<i>End of season Banquet NRA Qualification Awards</i>

Please note that we will not make up any Fridays missed due to inclement weather.

**Smallbore Rifle:** Our NRA/USA Shooting certified coaches provide training and instruction to our juniors in 3 shooting positions (prone, kneeling, and standing). All the various aspects of marksmanship are covered and reinforced including correct position, natural point of aim, sight picture, and sight alignment, hold, trigger control, breathing and follow-through. Safety is paramount and is the overriding principle under which the program operates. Shooting is performed at the Riverside indoor range at a distance of 50 feet. The range has 8 points. The course of fire for beginner and intermediate shooters is 25 rounds at 5 bullseyes. Advanced shooter's course of fire is 20 rounds at 10 bullseyes, with 5 rounds allowed at a sighting target to allow for the adjustment of sight prior to the course of fire. Please speak with one of the coaches for additional information.

**Contact Information:** Please send an email to: [rgc.jr.rifle@gmail.com](mailto:rgc.jr.rifle@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**Cost:** Jr Rifle - \$140 (including Jr Club Membership)

**Advanced Shooting Opportunities:** Although this program is geared toward beginner and intermediate level participants, there are multiple opportunities for shooting at an advanced level locally and nationally. We have had several shooters go on to participate at an advanced level and travel to the Olympic Training Center, Civilian Marksmanship Program in Ohio, and several colleges. If you are interested in these advanced opportunities, please see one of the coaches or send email to: [rgc.jr.rifle@gmail.com](mailto:rgc.jr.rifle@gmail.com)





# ARCHERY



Biweekly mosquito spraying has also been significant in reducing the swampy swarms. This environmentally friendly spraying does not harm the turkeys and possum that help eat whatever ticks or bugs that might still be around. Now that electricity has come to the field, there are more plans in the works for next year...stay tuned!

With all the extra practice, the tournament teams did quite well at the 2024 Massachusetts Outdoor State Championships. Everyone placed in one of the top three positions. For results, visit Between ends or:

<https://massarchery.org/results/>.

Friday night Adult Archery training returns on Sept. 20th 6:30-8pm. Please contact [RGCArchers@gmail.com](mailto:RGCArchers@gmail.com) for more info and to register. No walk-ins please.

We will close 2024 with our annual Festivus tournament December 7-8. This is a USA & World Archery sanctioned event. For details and registration visit 2024 SAAM Star Fita Festivus.

If you are an archer or interested in archery and want to be kept up to date with the latest news, please fill out the form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/RGCArcheryform>. Thank you!

Mark Garriepy

RGC Archery Committee Chair

President -State Archery Association of Massachusetts

USA Archery State Director – Massachusetts





## RIVERSIDE NEW SHOOTERS

The Riverside Pistol Team meets on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 PM. It is open to all regardless of skill level. The only equipment required is a .22 caliber handgun and a desire to meet friendly people. The regular season starts on October 2nd. However, our summer sessions are strictly off the record. It's an excellent time for beginners to try it out. There are knowledgeable people who are more than willing to help you get started and teach you the basics of bull's eye shooting.

Safety rules are always in force. As it has been said before, you're safer in the range during live fire than you are driving to the club. There is no limitation as to the number of participants. Although we have only eight stations, everyone will have a turn regardless of how many show up.

C'mon down and spend a pleasant evening with friends.

Arny Buckman,

[abuckman@riversidegc.org](mailto:abuckman@riversidegc.org)

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

for an orientation – just drop by the club. Give it a shot!

This is your opportunity for you to put your name on the ballot and make a significant contribution to our Club! We need officers who are Team Players. The requirements for running for office are spelled out in the club bylaws and can be found on the club website [www.riversidegc.org](http://www.riversidegc.org).

You may also contact either Arny Buckman, [abuckman@riversidegc.org](mailto:abuckman@riversidegc.org) Election Committee Chairman, or the club manager during normal business hours, Mike Brophy, 978-562-2404. Whether you want to run for office or not, it is especially important to attend the October General Membership Meeting to meet the candidates and cast your ballot in the December election. The Fall calendar is filled with a number of events: Club Officer Elections are to be held Sunday, December 14th and the Kids Christmas Party is the same day as the election. We will have a complimentary buffet on election day, so plan to make a day of it.

The clubhouse is open 7 days a week from 4:00 until 8:00 (open at noon on Sunday)-- when you leave the range, stop in for some chicken wings, French fries and a cold beverage. The club lounge is a great place to be on Patriot's game day—check the fliers on the bulletin board for events. See you on the Range.

*Mike Connelley*







## ***NEW GUN LAW PRESENTATION***

Photos are from the new gun law presentation by Bill McDonough, Director of Training to explain to our members the key features of the legislation. You can find a video on the Riverside website and facebook page.



*New Gun Law Presentation – September 9, 2024*



*Riverside's Education Director Discussing the New Gun Law– Sept. 9, 2024*

## **GOAL**

### **OUR GOAL IS 100% MEMBERSHIP IN GOAL**

The Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) is the official state firearms association in Massachusetts. GOAL is an association of law-abiding citizens who believe that the basic right of firearms ownership.

GOAL works to defend the Constitution and Bill of Rights against those in Massachusetts who wish to infringe upon the freedoms guaranteed by our forefathers.

Now, more than ever, we need to support GOAL and participate in their activities. HD4420 is an incredible attack on our Second Amendment and hunting rights. It has been described as worse than a amalgamation of the worst gun laws from California, New Your and New Jersey. It is a

legislative temper tantrum because our single-party rulers in Massachusetts did not like the Supreme Court's Bruen decision.

If you are not a member of GOAL, you need to join. This organization is the defender of our rights. The Massachusetts legislature just passed a law that essentially allows anyone who is afraid of you because you own guns to file a complaint (valid or not) with the local police and without any hearing or other due process, the police can go to your house and confiscate your guns. The law does not provide a mechanism for you to get them back without an appeal to the court and, even if the complaint is found to be without merit, it can be used as a reason to deny your LTC renewal. This bill ignores all aspects of mental health. The only purpose is to allow the confiscation of our firearms/ removing our rights without due process.

If we don't have GOAL, we will lose our rights.

If you are not a member, please follow this link:

<https://www.goal.org/join---donate> and join today.

**WHO IS GOAL**

- GOAL was founded in 1974
- Over 100 gun safety & educational training classes per year
- Protects conservation lands, Woodlands, Hiking areas, fields, and more
- Grassroots and members supported
- From Beacon Hill to Advocacy - Protecting your freedom begins with GOAL!

**GOAL** Gun Owners' Action League  
Protecting Your Freedom Begins Here!

**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY**

[www.goal.org](http://www.goal.org)



## **Our Rights Are Under Attack**

The so called “Massachusetts Gun Law Modernization” bill is nothing but an **all-out assault** on our rights. Our legislatures ignored us before the law was passed. Now we must fight back.

We are collecting signatures for a petition to recall the law.

There will be signing events in the Riverside clubhouse at the following times:

**Thursday, September 12th 5 - 8 PM**

**Monday, September 16th during the New Law Presentation**

**Tuesday, September 17th 5 - 8 PM**

**Friday, September 20th 5 - 8 PM**

**Saturday, September 21st 5 - 8 PM**

**Wednesday, September 25th 5 - 8 PM**

**Sunday, September 29th 4 - 8 PM**

The signing events are open to all registered voters so bring your friends and family.

## **Gun Owner Action League** **Should I support the organization that supports me?**

Have you seen any of the Democrats who are running for president? Everyone of them wants to implement extreme gun control and they are no longer pretending. Some of them are actually saying that they want to take away guns from all citizens. Not a single candidate has any proposal that will reduce violence using guns or prevent a mass murder, but they have lots of ideas to prevent law abiding citizens from exercising their constitutional rights to possess firearms.

The long time Speaker of the House or Representatives (The People’s House) Tip O’Neil said “All politics are local”. Well, for years, the Massachusetts legislators and governors and been in a competition with the states of California, New York, New Jersey and others to implement the most draconian gun laws in the country. There are a number of organizations who are working on a national level to combat the anti-gun forces but not so on the local level where we have already lost a lot. Fortunately, we have GOAL.

I’m a member of the Gun Owner Action League (GOAL) and I encourage Riverside members, or for that matter, every Massachusetts gun owner, who want to maintain the right to keep their guns to join GOAL. This is the only organization that focuses “exclusively on Massachusetts gun owners rights. The organization not only interfaces with Massachusetts Legislature, but also provides training and education programs for individuals and sporting clubs.

Your support to GOAL helps defend the Second Amendment as the GOAL congressional liaison people assist the MA legislature. Many of the MA congressional leaders might draft unfavorable or meaningless legislation without the counseling and expertise of GOAL, therefore reducing the negative impact of the AG and the legislature’s ham-fisted approach. The GOAL training staff cultivates the next generation of sportsmen through education programs and the lectures and forums at our sporting clubs. Their activity if funded by the membership dues. GOAL is the leading authority on local, state and federal firearms laws and a source of information for the state’s licensed gun owners. Members receive an informative weekly newsletter to keep you informed. They are a buffer between congress and the anti-gun lobbyists and political activists. Therefore I say support the organization that supports you.

Education Director [bmcdonough@riversidegpc.org](mailto:bmcdonough@riversidegpc.org)  
*Bill McDonough*





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.

*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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**Gun Owners' Action League**  
*Application for membership*

Dues Effective February 1, 2006

New  Former  Renewal Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior (under 21)**  1 year \$15

Junior birth date (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual**  1 year \$30

3 year \$75

5 year \$125

**Family**  1 year \$35

3 year \$95

5 year \$150

(if choosing a family membership, please list the names of other family members who should receive membership cards)

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**Life \***  Sustaining \$750

Benefactor \$1500

Patron \$3000

*\*For monthly payment schedule, please contact the GOAL office.*

Enclosed is my:  cash  check/ money order

Please charge to my credit card:

Type:  Master Card  Visa  Amex  Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature for credit card

Sponsor (if any): \_\_\_\_\_



## *ARE YOU AWARE*

**A**t least half of all people who have a Firearms Identification Card (FID) or a Massachusetts License to Carry (LTC) are not aware that you must inform the state and the local communities when you move. You have 30 days from the date of the move to get it done. We are in really good company on this as the only two categories of people who have to notify the state/city when moving are firearms permit holders and sex offenders. (I can not control myself so I will editorialize now – Gun owners and sex offenders must register. I suspect that many of our legislators would rather have the sex offenders living next door to them then gun owners.)

Be aware that any change of address must be reported. If you move from 1 Main Street, Unit 1 to 1 Main Street Unit 2 in the same town, you must report the change of address. Not reporting your move can prevent you from being able to renew your FID/LTC or even get it suspended.

Fortunately, the Change of Address form is very simple and not a major deal. The information required is at your fingertips.

Unfortunately, the form must be sent by certified mail, although not difficult, it does require a trip to the post office. Make sure that you do not carry your firearms onto post office property as it is a serious offense. The form must be sent to the Firearms Records Bureau, the police department that issued your current license, and the police department of the community you are moving to. Note that as of 2020, you can call the Firearms Records Bureau rather than sending the form in the mail, however since you will be at the post office anyway.....

You can get the form here.

The important section of the form looks like this:

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Change of Address Notification – 02.2020

What if you moved more than 30 days ago and did not send in the form? You should probably do it now. There is a good chance that the local police department won't be concerned about the timing so long as they know where you are.