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

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. "CMP" on page 10

Pistol & Rifle

A variety of programs for a range of shooting interests <u>"New</u> <u>Shooters" on page 7</u>

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

September 2025

The trout are jump'n in our fully stocked trout pond. Badges available at the clubhouse.



Education & TrainingThe hands-on firearms
courses, education &
tactical schedules

Skeet & Trap



We had a slow start to the summer with rain every weekend, then came the heat. We were finally blessed with good weather and shooting picked up quickly.

5-stand continues to be very popular, with record turnout each month. The new station setup is challenging, yet gratifying for those who want to hone their skills.

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Archery

The outdoor season is now wrapping up and team practices are shifting back inside. Late spring and summer saw record participation in the programs as well as our first outdoor tournament: The Riverside Rangefinder.

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Jr Rifle Program 2025-2026 Season

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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from the President's Desk

After a fun-filled summer, we transition into the fall season. October marks the beginning of both the Jr. Rifle (See the Jr Rifle schedule in this edition) and the Pistol League (October 1) and archery will be moving indoors. However, there is plenty of good weather left for outdoor activities. The outdoor range activity picks up a bit in September as I expect to see a lot of hunters sighting in the guns and practicing archery in preparation for deer season opening day.

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ARCHERY



The new wheeled target bale stands built by Mark Garriepy and Buzz Hooker made the transition between lines effortless. These have also decreased the set-up times for team practices and JOAD programs. As we wait to see what happens with the Hudson transfer station project, some small future improvements are in the works which are compatible with whatever happens in the future.



Dec 6-7 will be the 3rd Annual Riverside Festivus tournament in the indoor range. Registration opens to USA Archery members on September 8. It has sold out quickly in the past. To register go to:

https://www.usarchery.org/events/event-information/47659.

If there are any youth members interested in archery, please contact <u>sbade@riversidegc.org</u>.



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RIVERSIDE GUN CLUB



ARCHERY





Wheeled Target Bale Stands









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ARCHERY





Thank you,

Mark Garriepy RGC Archery Committee Chair President – State Archery Association of Massachusetts USA Archery State Director – Massachusetts



CLUB OFFICERS

Election Day: December 14, 2025

How to Vote for Officers

Each year there is an election for all positions of office. It is your responsibility to vote for the candidate of your choice each year. The privilege to vote is your method of ensuring the members of office are in line with your opinions and interests of the gun club. Please exercise your right to vote.

Elections will be held December 14th. The voting place is the clubhouse from 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. All regular members may vote. Absentee ballots are available from the Secretary to any members who will be out of the state, or those members that cannot come to the clubhouse (for medical reasons only) during the elections.

How to Run for Office

The elected offices at Riverside Gun Club are: President, 1st Vice President, 2ndVice President, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Executive Board / Five members at large.

THE REQUIREMENTS

Must be a member in good standing for one year prior to the election.

Must provide the nominating chairperson with not more than one page resume including the office and your reasons for running.

The nominating chairperson is Arny Buckman, If you intend to run for office you must contact the chairperson and give them your name and the position desired - <u>ABBUCKMAN@RIVERSIDEGC.ORG</u>. At the membership meeting in October, the nominating chairperson will read the names submitted. You must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination. When the nominating chairperson has completed the nominating for each office the president will hear nominations for each office from the floor. At this time any member may nominate other members. The nominations for each office will be closed in turn when the nominations from the membership have been exhausted.

SKEET &





TRAP NEWS





Jeff B shot his perfect 25!

Jeff B smashed the target!

We had a number of outings this summer with a large bachelor party in May, a family birthday in June, large friends outing in July and a group of 12 members from the Masonic lodge in August. We also conducted over 50 one-on-one lessons on the skeet and trap fields this summer.





Jeff B cleaning a machine

Ken B keeping an eye on spring fire







Richard S shot his first perfect 25!



Celebrating Frank H 70th birthday, YIKES!



Rick M cleaning another machine

Fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday November 8th with targets, and do general cleanup, followed by pizza and help will be much appreciated.





Some spring clean up crew Thanks Michael G and his son Nash

Please contact Frank if you would like to schedule from 9-11AM. We plan to rake fields, load station houses lessons, outings, of just have general questions. Contact information can be found on the club website here: soft drinks. If you can, please stop by and lend a hand; all https://riversidegc.org/Contact.shtml and the skeet fields schedule is here: https://riversidegc.org/Skeet.shtml.

See you at the fields

Frank Harrington

Chairman

fharrington@riversidegc.org



PRESIDENT'S DESK

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This is the last newsletter until the New Year. I don't want to rush into the holiday season; however, it will be upon us before we know it. The club officer elections are December 14th, the annual Kids Christmas party is on the same day. Check the bulletin boards for the activity schedules. There will be a signup sheet for Kids Christmas party in the clubhouse during November.

With the support of volunteers, we are able to accomplish the club objectives as stated in the Bylaws: "promote safety and proficiency in archery and the use of sporting firearms. These objectives will be achieved by conducting formal classes in safety for archery and firearms and by providing operational facilities for practice, training and competition in these disciplines." The volunteer activities within the club are numerous and very rewarding. We are looking for People to complete the range safety officer (RSO) training and volunteer for periodic RSO duty on the outdoor rifle & pistol ranges.

I know it's 3 months away, but this is the last newsletter prior to the club officer election. The election is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th. This is your opportunity to make the greatest difference in Our Club! We need officers who are Team players. All board members and officers are elected annually for a one year term, serving January - December. The requirements for running for office are spelled out in the club rules which are posted on the club website www.riversidegc.org. For additional information you may also contact either Arny Buckman Election Committee Chairman, ABuckman@riversidegc.org 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 that you attend the elections to meet the candidates and yote.

Speaking to those who are new to shooting or maybe feeling nervous on the range? If you have little or no experience with a handgun, we have instructional shooting classes tailored for you. We will walk you through the fundamentals of shooting and the basics of gun safety so you can enjoy the range with confidence knowing that you can apply the gun safe handling techniques, develop proper shooting skill so that you can confidently clear common firearm malfunctions. Learn how to have a trouble-free experience every time you come to the range. Our firearm training programs are designed to develop fundamental skills and a level of comfort with pistol manipulation. Contact Bill McDonough, Chief Instructor, bmcdonough@riversidegc.org. Give it a shot!

On a final note, I would like to announce some personnel changes in Training and Safety. Bill McDonough will be moving to Florida. The Director of Training duties will be transferred to Michael Kinney. The new Director of Safety for Rifle and Pistol is Tony Tufo. Tony will also serve as our GOAL representative.

See you on the Range.

Mike Connelley

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 in October. 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, spend a pleasant evening with friends. Arny Buckman <u>ABUCKMAN@RIVERSIDEGC.ORG</u>



Riverside Jr Rifle Program

Jr Rifle Program continued from page 1.

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

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 both 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 6:00PM, 7:00PM and 8:00PM beginning on October 10th, 2025, concluding with our end of year banquet on March 20th. There is no shooting on days when Hudson schools are closed for 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.

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.

For the 2025-2026 season, signups are online here:

2025-2026 Friday Evening Jr Rifle — Signup Sheet

The program is limited to 3 sessions of 8 participants each, 24 total.

On the first evening (Oct 10th), 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.

Contact Information:

Please send an email to <u>rgc.jr.rifle@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions about the program.

Cost:

Rifle - \$140 (including Jr Club Membership)

The Schedule is on the following page.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANING UP BRASS AT RIVERSIDE

At Riverside, members should take pride in keeping their facilities safe, functional, and welcoming. One often-overlooked responsibility is the cleanup of spent brass after shooting. While it may seem like a small detail, how brass is handled can directly impact the club's bottom line.

The Cost of Neglect

When brass casings are left on the ground, they quickly become dirty, corroded, and sometimes damaged. Once mixed with mud, gravel, or sand, the cost of cleaning up rises sharply. What could have been easily collected and recycled often ends up being labor-intensive to recover, reducing its value or making it unusable altogether. In some cases, brass left to deteriorate has almost no resale or recycling benefit. This means Riverside spends money to get rid of the dirty brass.

Recycling Value

On the other hand, clean, freshly collected brass has consistent value on the recycling market. Riverside sells brass by weight to recyclers generating funds that can go back into range maintenance. Properly gathered brass can turn a costly chore into money for Riverside.

Good Habits Save Money

For members, simply policing your brass after each session makes a measurable difference. Using simple tools like a brass bag, catcher, or small broom keeps casings free of debris. By making cleanup part of your routine, you help reduce club expenses, improve safety, and support the sustainability of your club.



Shoot Dates:					
October 10	One ORIENTATION session at 6:30. ALL participants, and a parent or guardian MUS attend. WE WILL NOT have time to shoot on the first evening.				
October 17, 24	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00				
November 7, 14, 21	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00				
December 5, 12, 19*	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00 / *Dec. 19th Holiday Shoot				
January 9, 16, 23, 30	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00				
February 6, 13, 27	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00				
March 6, 13	Assigned timeslot, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00				
March 20	End of season banquet (TBD), NRA Qualification Awards				
NO Shoot Dates:					
October 31, 2025	Halloween				
November 28, 2025	Thanksgiving				
December 26, 2025	Christmas Break				
January 2, 2025	Christmas Break				
February 20, 2026	February Vacation				

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

GOAL

Gun Owners' Action League (GOAL) has submitted an Amicus Curiae brief in support of the United States Supreme Court granting a writ of certiorari for Commonwealth v. Marquis. An "Amicus Curiae brief" is a legal argument filed by a "friend of the court," or, a third party not directly involved in the case but has a strong interest in the outcome. A "writ of certiorari" is an order from a higher court to a lower court to send up the records of a case for the higher court's review.

Marquis, a non-resident of Massachusetts, was involved in a motor vehicle accident. At the scene, he voluntarily declared that he had a firearm on his person and did not have a temporary license to carry. He was subsequently arrested by state police and charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. The Massachusetts state district court judge dismissed the case, citing the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen decision. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court then chose to intercede and issue an opinion in tandem with a similar case (Commonwealth v. Donnell) that reversed the District Court judge's opinion citing the Commonwealth's "updated constitutional" firearms laws.

Currently, the attorney for Mr. Marquis is appealing the case to the United States Supreme Court citing violations of federal law by the Commonwealth. GOAL's amicus brief in support of this appeal outlines the specific problems with the state's temporary licensing scheme for out of state citizens that want to bring a gun to the Commonwealth for lawful purposes. From the Constitutional problems stemming from the Commonwealth's "suitability" standard to the significant delay problems with the system, we are hopeful that the Supreme Court will grant this petition and give us a chance to show the country how little the Commonwealth respects their Second Amendment civil rights and the decisions of the Supreme Court.Gun Owners' Action League

(GOAL) is beyond pleased to hear that the New Hampshire Attorney General is seeking clarification of the Commonwealth's new gun laws for non-residents in an Amicus Curiae brief regarding the petition for a writ of certiorari in the Commonwealth v. Marquis case. GOAL has also submitted a brief in this case as well.

Non-residents of Massachusetts who may enter the Commonwealth for any reason should never face criminal prosecution for mere possession of a firearm without a license. Last May GOAL and the National Rifle Association met with the New Hampshire Attorney General's office to

warn them of the serious dangers of prosecution facing New Hampshire citizens who may be coming to MA to hunt or just travel through.

The danger is compounded as there has been so much confusion and misinformation disseminated from the Commonwealth concerning non-residents coming to MA with firearms for lawful purposes. The:

- MA State Legislature;
- MA Governor's Office;
- MA Supreme Judicial Court;
- MA Attorney General;
- MA District Attorneys;
- Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
- Department of Fisheries and Wildlife;
- Department of Conservation and Recreation;
- Firearms Records Bureau;
- Environmental Police;
- State Police; and;
- Local Police;

all have failed to provide reliable information about what *our* new laws mean for residents and non-residents who just want to exercise a civil right without facing prison. We hope the Supreme Court takes up this important matter and gets us all the answers we deserve, because we all know we won't be getting them from Massachusetts.

Tony Tufo

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CMP GSMM Master Insturctor

CPR & BLS Instructor

Stop the Bleed Instructor

RIVERSIDE GUN CLUB

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 <u>bmcdonough@riversidegc.org</u> Bill McDonough

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.



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.



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

City:	Sta			
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Junior (under 21)	□ 1 year	\$15		
Junior birth dat	te (required):			
Individual	□ 1 year	\$30		
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	☐ 5 year	\$125		
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Are You Aware

At least half of all people who have a Firearms Identification Care (FID) or a Massachusetts License to Carry (LTC) are not aware that your 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:

Date		Date of Birth My new <u>mailing</u> address is: Same as residential, or:			
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My new <u>residential</u> address is:					
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Apt.# or Unit #			Apt. # or Unit		
City/Town	State	Zip	City/Town	State	Zip

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 change that the local police department won't be concerned about the timing so long as they know where you are.