



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 2026

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 "New Shooters" on page 7

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

SKEET & TRAP



We had a busy few months in early winter, then bad weather rolled in. Unfortunately we had to cancel two of our fun shoots and almost 2 months of regular Sunday and weeknight shooting due to extreme ice, snow and low temperature conditions. Many look forward to the competition, food and camaraderie, but we couldn't risk the safety of our shooters.

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Archery

The indoor season has continued to see increased participation and traffic in the range. JOAD and Adult tournament teams have taken many victories in the local tournament circuit as well as multiple top archers in the Massachusetts 2025 Rankings.

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from the President's Desk

The outdoor archery and shooting season is upon us and the winter events are wrapped up. The Jr. Rifle Program and Pistol Team ended their season with a banquet (see photos.) Chad Brigham is the top shooter with a 269 average followed by Irina Morrison 257, Mike Hoefler 255, Paul Joyal 253, and Neal Pressman 246. There are two

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Pistol Team

Another great season is over. We now enter into what is euphemistically called the "Summer Season". We will continue to meet and shoot every Wednesday evening at the same time as usual. We'll have relays as usual except that the match protocol rules will be relaxed.

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ARCHERY



The sold-out 3rd annual Festivus tournament held at RGC increased availability this year to host 160 archers across 8 different lines, over 4 days, from across New England. Outdoor season preparations have already begun, and mosquito and tick spraying contracts have been renewed after great success the past two years. The tent covers will also be going back up by mid-April.

A World Archery compliant outdoor tournament returns to the archery long distance range. The Riverside Rangefinder will be held May 30-31. After registration opened less than a week ago, it has already sold more than 50% of the available spots.

For more information, go to <https://usarchery.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/48346/home>





HIGH POWER TEAM



Riverside High Power Team in competition. Home matches this year are May 24th, July 12th and August 22nd

RIVERSIDE JR RIFLE PROGRAM



The Riverside Jr Rifle Program culminated with a awards banquet in the function hall.



Thank you to everyone who helped clear the stations and walkways on those snowy days when we were able to open. A few weeks ago during a severe wind storm the upper part of a pine tree fell at the end trap field, landing on the edge of the trap house. The roof and trim were damaged, and a branch went through the roof and broke part of a stack of targets in the carousel. Miraculously there was no damage to the machine, and we were able to repair the roof quickly.



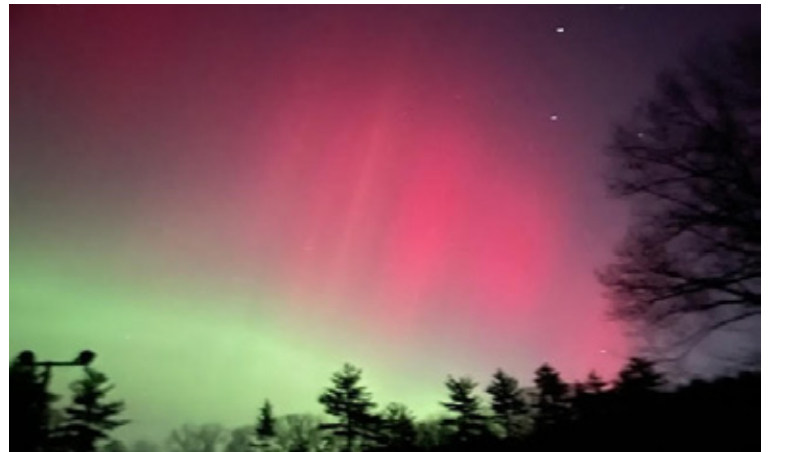
Ken B with Johnny D



The gang moving targets



Audrey, Bob, John blowing leaves



Northern Lights at the club



Sunday Skeet Shooting

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5-Stand Shooting



Thanksgiving Shoot



What a crowd



Andy M, Richard S, & Ken B clearing snow, Thanks



Juliano Cleaning up tree



Fallen pine tree

Our tree guy was able to clean up the mess in short order.

With the warm weather, we are seeing an increase in the number of shooters and lessons. We have several outings planned, and have our new setup for 5-stand ready to go! The 2026 schedule for 5-stand, fun shoots and cleanups is on the RGC website.



Close call!

If you are interested in lessons or outings, please reach out to me. My contact information is on the club website.

See you at the fields

Frank Harrington

Chairman

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TACTICAL TUESDAY

Now that the snow is gone, Tactical Pistol Tuesdays and Tactical Rifle Thursday will be springing up right along with the flowers.

Tactical Tuesdays will kick off on April 14th (weather permitting) and run through October, until the daylight finally gives out on us again. I hope everyone survived the winter storms and is ready to get back into action.

Over the winter, I've been working on developing some new and challenging sessions and doing plenty of reading and research to enhance our training nights. I'm looking forward to bringing some fresh material and new drills to the range this season.

To keep things accessible for everyone, the fee for Tactical Tuesdays will be \$15.00 per session — so cost won't be a reason to miss out.

PRESIDENT'S DESK

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CMP shoots with the M1 Garand this summer beginning June 27th and the High Power Rifle Team has three home matches at Riverside starting May 24.

The high power rifle team will have a practice session Saturday May 2nd at 10am this is a great opportunity for anyone to come see what its is about and give it a try if you want to, just bring your eyes and ears to the range.

Look for the trout pond to open April 25th – note that the pond is closed April 20 -24 to allow stocked trout to acclimate — trout pond badges are available in the club house. The veteran trout derby will be held September 12th. More details about the events and schedule are on the club website: www.Riversidegc.org.

The pistol team will continue shooting each Wednesday night throughout the summer on a very relaxed and casual score-your-own target session. The summer session is a very good time for new shooters to come out. If anyone is interested contact or Army Buckman Abuckman@riversidegc.org or just drop by on any Wednesday Night around 6:00 pm for an orientation—no experience is necessary. You will need a .22 cal semi-auto with your eye and ear protection.

I'm also pleased to announce that Dr. Steve Dinkelacker will be hosting Tactical Rifle sessions on Thursdays. Tactical Thursday will start April 16th (weather permitting) and run to October, until the daylight finally gives out on us again. That means we'll now have two nights of tactical training each week for those who want to take advantage of both opportunities.

Now is the time to stock up on ammo and get your gear all aligned

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on the range.

Stay safe and get ready for a great season,

Tony Tufo and Dr Steve Dinkelaker have a very robust training and education program schedule for the year. There will be three Basic Pistol Skills classes this summer— This program includes the NRA Home Firearm Safety course, the Basic Pistol Skills course and the Beyond Basic Pistol Skills course. Every Tuesday is the “Tactical Tuesday” Class that is designed to help shooters build confidence, consistency, and capability with their defensive pistol skills. You can find more information in the Education Director's article in this newsletter or you can email Tony for course information and/or registration packages on any of these programs: Ttufo@riversidegc.org.

I would like to invite those of you who are inclined to assist in our volunteer services program to let us know the extent of time, effort or projects you would be interested in helping out for the good of the club. The following are areas where we would like people to help out: Newsletter Assistant, Range Safety Officers and Trout Pond Manager. The spring cleanup on the outdoor ranges is April 25 at 9:00am – come out—bring some tools such as leaf blower, chain saw, rakes & shovels.

I'll see you on the Range.

Mike Connelley



PISTOL TEAM

Although match protocols are relaxed, safety rules are not. The timer is just a guide. This is the time to practice what you think needs practice. Try out that new grip, different gun or different ammo. You might even try weak hand shooting. Score your targets on your own – or not. No records are being kept. Try to develop a rhythm for rapid fire. Shoot at a comfortable rate even if you run over the buzzer. By October, you will be able to complete your string within the allotted time. If you have a malfunction, clear it and continue. If you want to shoot a center fire pistol, you can do so after the rimfire relays are finished. We will shoot until everyone decides that they've had enough for one session. Afterwards, we'll go to the lounge for camaraderie and beverage of choice. If the weather allows, we will meet on the patio.

This is a good time for beginners to join in since there is no time pressure and there are many people willing to help a new shooter.

If you've been away from shooting for a while, this is a good time to get back to it. Dig your target pistol out of mothballs and c'mon down to the range.

Nothing but fun times ahead.

Arny

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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.

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Spring is in the air, and training at Riverside Gun Club is officially underway. We're excited to kick off another busy season of firearms education and skill development.

So far this year, we have successfully conducted three License to Carry (LTC) classes, training 25 new students. We've also updated our LTC curriculum to incorporate all new requirements mandated by the State, ensuring our students receive the most current and compliant training available.

We have three more LTC classes scheduled.

May 2, 2026

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=919766>

June 6, 2026

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=919767>

June 20, 2026

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=919768>

Looking ahead, we have several great training opportunities coming up:

- **Tactical Pistol** – Starting **April 14**
- **Tactical Rifle** – Starting **April 16**

These courses are designed to help shooters build practical skills, confidence, and safe firearm handling in a structured training environment.

In addition, we are excited to host two Civilian Marksmanship Clinics this year:

- **June 27**
- **September 12**

These clinics are a great opportunity for shooters of all experience levels to improve their marksmanship fundamentals and learn from experienced instructors.

Jon Green is scheduled to do GOAL's law update on September 12.

We look forward to seeing many of you on the range this season as we continue to expand and improve our training programs at Riverside Gun Club.

Stay safe and shoot straight!

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.



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.

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Mass Certified LTC Instructor

CMP GSMM Master Instructor

CPR & BLS Instructor

Stop the Bleed Instructor

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.

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.



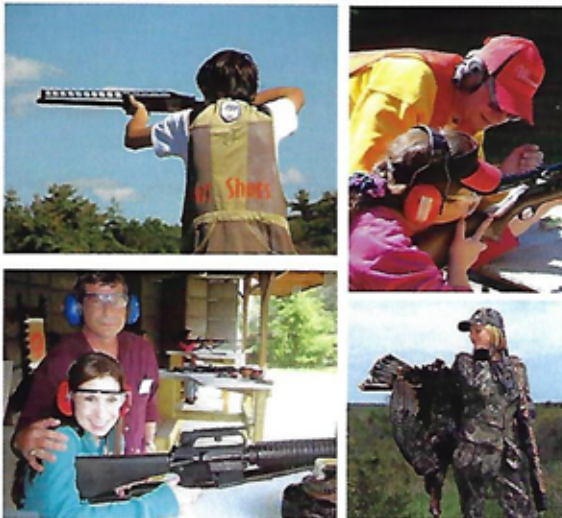
The best \$30 a gun owner in Massachusetts can spend! Become a GOAL member. GOAL is our first line of defense against the anti-Second Amendment forces in Massachusetts.

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)

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

At 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 than 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 change that the local police department won't be concerned about the timing so long as they know where you are.*](#)