

BASS RIVER ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

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REMINDER: *Waivers will be going out to all members at renewal time. Make sure you sign yours and return it with your renewal dues. Waivers for minor guests MUST be signed by parent or legal guardian.*

PRESIDENT'S NEWS: Not much going on now but spring will be here before we know it. A reminder to all committee chairs we need your budget ASAP. Thanks, *President Steve Grindell*

Congratulations!

to Tavish McCoy! He and his dad, Chris, were in Camp Perry for the CMP Camp Perry Open last weekend. Tavish finished in 4th place for Juniors and 7th place overall. His Team finished 2nd in Juniors and 3rd overall.

DIRECTORS MEETING: Feb. 15. The Directors meetings are always held on the third Friday of each month at 7:30PM. All members are encouraged to attend and share your views. The more you participate, the better your club becomes.

MONTHLY MEMBER DINNER: Member Dinners are held each month before the Directors Meeting. Social Hour begins at 6pm and dinner is typically served by 6:30 (ish). BYOB of any kind. Reservations are required by the Tuesday preceding the dinner. To place your reservation call the Club Business line 508-375-9395 and leave your name, membership number and number attending. You will not receive a call back but will be put on the dinner list. The reservation list will be posted in the kitchen. If you are a no-show, you will be asked to support the Club by paying for your meal. Julie's planning on beef stew for February.

REMEMBRANCE: A card went out to Jack Wright's wife. Joe Gemme was in the hospital with an unknown illness but is now home. Various colds and flu cases abound around the club. As always if you should hear of a death or illness of a member or their family, we want to reach out to them After all

they are our "family". Please let me know. *Steve Noyes*

WINTER PISTOL LEAGUE: The Pistoleros are winning but not without struggling. Our ranks are thinned by winter vacations and who shows up is sometimes a wild guess. Our record is great but not as good as it could be. **WE NEED MORE SHOOTERS!** Please come by any night we shoot at home to see what National Gallery Match shooting is all about. All it takes is a .22LR caliber semi-auto pistol, three or more magazines, 30 rounds of ammo and a good attitude, to share in great fun. *Steve Noyes*

EDUCATION: Due to an unprecedented demand a NRA Home Firearm Safety Class was held on January 19, 2019. The second Wednesday of the month will still be OPEN RANGE NIGHT for those members who wish to take advantage of the indoor range and will be manned by a CRSO. Discussions are taking place to hold NRA Home Firearms Safety classes later in the year. These dates will be posted on the club web site. *Steve Noyes*

INDOOR RANGE: Open Shooting Night. The Indoor Range will be open every second Wed. of the month from 6-8 pm. Open Range Night will be staffed by Club CRSOs and Instructors who will be available to give guidance and answer questions. *The CRSO Committee*

OUTDOOR RANGE: REMEMBER. You must complete Range Orientation Parts I and II to shoot at the outdoor range. All shooters must show their current membership card and photo ID before signing in to shoot. All members and guests must sign in before shooting.

KEY FOBS: Key fobs have replaced the metal keys to utilize the clubhouse/indoor range. If you have not replaced your key with the fob, I will be distributing them at 6PM on Open Shoot Wednesdays. *Chris Whiting*



In any club building by order of the Board of Directors 1-19-2018

All Ranges are Open with Range Officer Supervision. Closings due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances are posted on the club website.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE HOURS

MON-FRI 1-4PM
SAT & SUN 10AM-4PM

SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS

members \$4;
non-members \$6

CLAYS:

SAT. 9AM-1PM;
SUN 10AM-1PM

TRAP:

WED. 12-3PM;
SUN. 1-3PM

SKEET:

THURS. 9-12; SAT 9-12;
SUN. 10-1PM

BASS RIVER ROD & GUN CLUB SHOOTING RANGE ORIENTATION PROGRAM

In order to use the Indoor Range and the Outdoor Rifle and Pistol Ranges, Members must complete the Safe Range Orientation Program. It is in two parts. The Program is staffed by NRA Certified Chief Range Safety Officers and NRA Range Safety Officers who have been providing extra help and refresher instruction to our members. In the end, keeping the Bass River firing ranges safe is the best way to insure the continuation of the Club into the future. **You must make a reservation to take the courses. Email the Corresponding Secretary at operations@bassriverrodandgun.com to schedule.**

SAFETY ORIENTATION – PART I: INDOOR RANGE

Course is held the second Wednesday of the month at 6PM sharp. You must arrive by 5:45 for check-in. Course will run approximately 2 hours. It is limited to 16 participants. Members may not shoot on any range until they have completed this program. Members must bring their own firearm, approximately 50 rounds of ammunition, eye and hearing protection and their current membership card.

RANGE ORIENTATION - PART II: OUTDOOR RANGE

Closed until Spring 2019. New dates will be posted when weather allows.

If you need assistance, we offer the **NRA HOME FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE** and every second Wednesday of each month the indoor range is open for training assistance in both safe gun handling and basic marksmanship.

Please see the calendar and/or website for more information.

MA HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

- Bass River: The Basic Hunter Education Course planned for January - February 2019 at Bass River has been cancelled due to a personal scheduling conflict. We are planning to hold the next Basic Hunter Education Course at Bass River in the late Summer 2019. Watch for the announcement in the newsletter. *Mark Galkowski*

GOAL: Annual breakfast meeting Feb 19 at Maynard Rod and Gun Club Maynard Mass Must be a GOAL member to attend. Tickets on the GOAL website. A big THANK YOU from GOAL to all affiliated clubs that help GOAL keep its eye on the state. Finally Shawme Fish and Game will be holding a BFS Mass Law Primer for any certified instructor whose certification has expired. This will be given by the Ma State Police on March 16, 2019. See GOAL Web site for further information Join GOAL at GOAL.org. *Steve Noyes*

2019 VOLUNTEER HERRING

MONITORS: The herring will be running before you know it. We could use your help. The club is in the process of organizing our volunteer herring/eel monitors for our herring run at Tom Matthew's Pond for this Spring. For just a few hours per week you can help us monitor herring movement into our pond. If you can spare a few hours from mid-March to May please contact Steve Drowne at SDrowne865@aol.com 508-385-4208 or Mark Galkowski at wildturk@outdrs.net 508-771-8528 with any questions and your contact information. We will provide training.

MA YOUTH TURKEY HUNT

PROGRAM: This program is a partnership program between the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife), the Massachusetts State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (MA NWTF) and participating Sportsmen's Clubs. The program is

designed to provide young hunters ages 12-17 an opportunity to; Learn how to properly handle and shoot a shotgun for turkey hunting; Participate in a field workshop that provides specialized training in turkey hunting and safety, and Hunt wild turkey under the supervision and guidance of a safe, experienced adult hunter serving as a mentor on a special day set aside just for youth. The Youth Turkey Hunt date is Saturday, April 27, 2019. Contact Keith Engstrom Ph: 508-280-5777 Email: engstromnk@aol.com.

NO DUMPING! There is to be no dumping of any kind at the club. If you see someone dumping, please try to get a license plate #. Do not confront them. Contact John O'Connor. 385-8794.

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Please provide information about your committee promptly. Deadline is Sunday **after the Board of Directors Meeting.** *Cheryl Cerbone, operations@bassriverrodandgun.com*

All members must carry their CURRENT Membership Cards while on the property. Do not allow anyone to enter unless you have viewed a current membership card. Please read and follow the range rules that are posted at the indoor and outdoor ranges. The Board of Directors may suspend or expel any member of the club who does not comply with the posted range safety rules. If you need further clarification of these rules, please contact Chris Whiting, Steve Noyes or John Vanderhoef.

The Most Popular Guns in America — and Why



Some reports estimate the total number of guns in the United States to be slightly higher than the total population, but such a figure is questionable as it only measures gun sales without accounting for guns which have broken or lost.

It becomes even more difficult to declare exactly which guns are most popular, as it is impossible to determine how many guns are purchased by each individual — but there *are* some statistics concerning how many guns are manufactured and sold which allow for a rough estimate. Based on data from 2016 there is a reasonable expectation of gun popularity by type.

Pistol: Smith and Wesson M&P Shield

Although many people might expect the Glock to be the most popular pistol as the favorite among police officers, it actually only rates at fifth in popularity based on manufacturing and sales data. The Smith & Wesson M&P Shield actually rates number one. It is available in a number of different popular chamberings, including 9mm, .380, .22LR, and .45

which provides for anyone's favorite round in a relatively small weapon appropriate for either home defense or concealed carry.

Revolver: Heritage Arms Rough Rider

As a revolver, the Heritage Manufacturing Rough Rider sees the largest sales numbers, even more than the .38 caliber Colt Police. Technically, the gun is a modernized replica of the old Colt Navy, and is a really well designed revolver capable of continued performance under the roughest of conditions. In a standard .22 configuration, the weapon is perfectly capable for self defense and also works well for rodents and pests such as snakes or nuisance animals.

Rifle: Smith and Wesson M&P15

The AR-15-style rifle is commonly called the most popular gun in America, and the saying proves to be true. The data concerning manufacturing and sales numbers suggest the Smith & Wesson M&P15, and Ar-15 platform, is indeed one of the most popular guns available to Americans. The rifle is an efficient all purpose weapon, and light enough for daily use by law enforcement with proven military performance.

Shotgun: Kel- Tec KSG

As far as shotguns are concerned, many people might expect either the Mossberg, Remington, or Winchester models to be the most popular as all three are great guns appropriate for casual sport shooting or hunting purposes. However, although all three are in the top five list of popular shotguns, the Kel-Tec KSG topped the charts for sales in 2016. The interesting bullpup design makes for a gun which is more maneuverable in tight spaces such as needed for home defense, and with a 13 round capacity in its standard design, the gun is well prepared for a fight.

In spite of popularity, the best gun for you is the one you're most comfortable with. However, best selling guns have a proven reputation for reliability and performance, and are therefore worth consideration when you are interested in buying a new gun either as part of a collection or as your first weapon.

~ Firearm Daily

How to Win a Debate With an Anti-Gunner

by Frank Minitier (condensed)

You're not going to completely change a mind on the spot. **You can, however, make people think, and by thinking they can begin to grasp the importance of individual freedom.**

The best way to accomplish this is to let them speak first. Simply ask them why they *feel* the way they do. This way they'll expose their own ignorance. If you begin by pointing out their lack of knowledge, they'll only wall your empirical arguments out with anger. By letting them first stumble over their own views, they'll instead find themselves in an internal struggle. As they thrash about for reasons to support why they feel this way or that, they'll be looking for real answers, not just emotionally pushing back against your facts.

As they explain their feelings, keep in mind that when you answer them, there is no reason to slip and slide down the porcelain wall of their ignorance. Address their points, but lead the conversation quickly to a fact-based debate. Do this by waiting for them to finish before politely challenging their false premises—go right for the basis of their point of view. (Asking the history professor for a historical justification for his anti-gun views was a simple example of this.) If you do this well, they'll soon realize they're in over their heads.

When they do realize that, resist the urge to push them all the way under. Instead, throw their drowning ego a life preserver. You need to let them save face as they swim toward the truth. By pointing out to the history professor that in his bookish life he just hasn't yet had the opportunity to practically learn the truth about his own freedom, I gave him a way out. This is critical because the viewpoints of anti-gunners are typically based on emotion. You need to guide them toward reason.

Using this strategy, here's how you can respond to four common types of people:

1. A school teacher who thinks he or she is on the moral high ground when telling you guns should be banned and that gun-free zones work.

Ask, "Why do you feel gun-free zones save lives?"

They typically respond with a generality, such as that they feel there are too many guns in society. They don't have any experience with guns and are afraid of firearms.

Tell them about Evan Todd, a young man who had a gun held to his head by one of the Columbine killers, but who now has spoken at hundreds of schools and in other places about how he wishes a good guy with a gun had gotten on the scene sooner. Then it's easy to calmly point out that mass murderers have a habit of taking guns into "gun-free zones."

Finally, give teachers a way out by telling them they can attain an educated opinion by taking a local gun-safety course.

2. Those who naively think disarming law-abiding citizens will make them safer.

Ask, “Why would disarming your neighbor make you feel safer?”

After they answer, ask if they know their neighbors. This humanizes the point. Then ask why they feel average Americans can’t be trusted. Now that you’ve broadened the point, explain that the nation’s violent crime rate hit an all-time high in 1991 and thereafter declined in 18 of the next 20 years—49 percent overall, to a 41-year low in 2011. This decline includes a 52-percent decrease in the nation’s murder rate.

All this happened even as the number of privately owned firearms and the number of states with right-to-carry laws rose to all-time highs.

You can end the discussion by asking them to be neighborly and tolerant (they love that word), and by showing them how to learn more about their freedom.

3. The well-meaning, but startingly ignorant, types who just want to be safe.

Ask, “How would you feel if you were trapped in a public place with some madman who was assassinating people?”

After they answer, ask, “Now, in that state of helplessness, would you like it if an average American gun owner was there with a chance of stopping the killer, or would you prefer to wait for the police?”

Most reasonable people will stop and ponder that. Maybe they finally say they just want all those military-style arms taken away from people. Maybe they founder about for another false premise. Either way, they’re looking for answers.

It’s easy to explain that just about every type of firearm has been used by the military and US citizens, and about how, in a free country, the two are necessarily linked. You can explain all about semi-automatic firearms, and how this century-plus-old technology represents the most commonly owned firearm type today.

Wherever the conversation goes, just be sure to let them know that it’s okay they don’t know these things, as they are rarely publicized.

4. The committed anti-gun zealot who truly hates you.

Ask, “What makes you feel so cruel toward women and the elderly?”

They usually respond with shock, as they gasp, “What?!” After they’ve had their say, explain that it’s cruel to prevent, for example, an elderly man or woman from having the one tool that we know can stop a bad guy from badly injuring or killing them.

Point out that anti-Second Amendment policies empower thugs and murderers. This is a cruel thing to do to good, law-abiding people

Note that with all these types of people, if you ask the right questions you can at least make them start considering more seriously the real truth about gun ownership. And since we have the facts on our side, once they start looking for the truth, it’s up to us to help them find it.



February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JAN 27 Skeet 10-1 Clays 10-1 Trap1-3	28 Pistol League 7PM	29	30 Wed. Workers 8AM-Noon Trap 12-3PM BLOOD DRIVE 12-6PM	31 Skeet 9-12 NRA Juniors Small Bore Rifle 5PM Indoor Range Pistol Team Practice 7-9pm	FEB 1	2 Clays 9-1 Skeet 9-12 
3 Skeet 10-1 Clays 10-1 Trap1-3	4 Pistol League 7PM	5 Archery 6-7PM	6 Wed. Workers 8AM-Noon Trap 12-3PM Finance/LTP Meetings 6PM	7 Skeet 9-12 NRA Juniors Small Bore Rifle 5PM Indoor Range Pistol Team Practice 7-9pm	8	9 Clays 9-1 Skeet 9-12
10 Skeet 10-1 Clays 10-1 Trap1-3	11 Pistol League 7PM	12 Last day to call club line for Fri. dinner reservations	13 Wed. Workers 8AM-Noon Indoor Range Orientation/ "Open Shoot" 6-8PM	14 Skeet 9-12 NRA Juniors Small Bore Rifle 5PM Indoor Range Pistol Team Practice 7-9pm 	15 Dinner/Social Board meeting 7:30PM	16 Clays 9-1 Skeet 9-12
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