

Membership Information

Joining the Concord Rod & Gun Club is a relatively simple and easy process. Membership is open to any person who is eligible to obtain a Massachusetts sporting license. Additionally, any person under the age of 18 may join with the written permission of a parent or guardian.

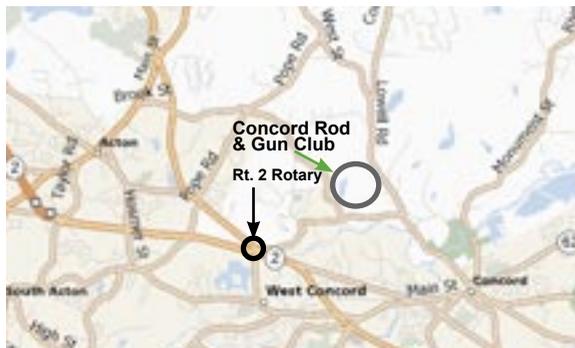
Candidates for membership must submit a Club application and be sponsored by a principal sponsor. An applicant without any sponsor will be appointed a sponsor. You and your sponsors will be asked to come before the Club's Board of Governors for approval as a Limited Member. Once accepted as a Limited Member, you are required to perform ten hours of work at the Club and then be voted upon by the Club membership before Full Membership is attained.

Directions to the Club

From Route 128, take Route 2 west. From I-495 take Route 2 east. At MCI Concord (state prison), there is a rotary.

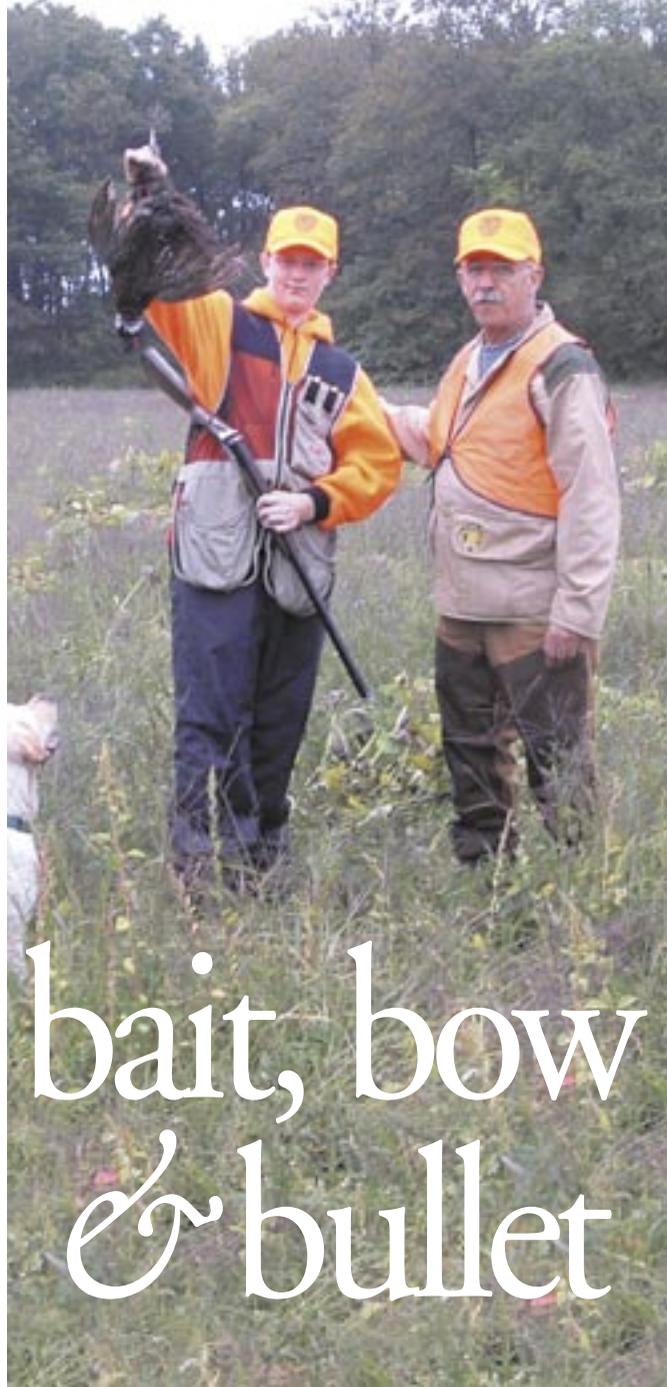
For those traveling east on Route 2, take the third road off the rotary (Barrett's Mill Road).

If you are traveling west on Route 2, Barrett's Mill Road is your first exit off the rotary. After 1.5 miles on Barrett's Mill, take a left onto Strawberry Hill Road. Proceed about 200 yards to the Club entrance on the right.



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THE CONCORD ROD & GUN CLUB WELCOMES YOU.

Founded in 1926, the Club is located on 45 scenic acres off Strawberry Hill Road in historic Concord, Massachusetts. Here you will find a wide range of facilities and activities throughout the year: archery, boating, fishing, pistol, trap, youth activities, and numerous social events.

Additionally you are invited to participate in clinics for archery, fishing, trap and pistol during the year. You can also take advantage of certified firearm instructors who offer private and group Firearms Safety Training Courses required for obtaining a License to Carry Firearms or Firearms Identification Card as well as instructional courses.

You will soon discover the Club members are dedicated to educating, encouraging and promoting the proper use of rod, gun, bow and hunting dog; to propagating fish and game when practicable and promoting conservation; to investigating and notifying Club members of legislation affecting fish, game or gun laws; to encouraging social relations among members; and to assisting in enforcing the fish and game laws. To these ends, you may find, like so many other Club members, that joining the NRA and Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) are right choices for you as well.

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Archery

If archery is your passion, you can learn from fellow members or fine-tune your existing skills at our archery practice range. Here you'll find (6) 20-yard target butts plus 30, 40, and 50-yard target butts. All can be shot from the ground or from our 20-foot platform stand. You can also "walk-through" a 24-station course that takes you through the Club's woods with shots at varying distances.

The Club belongs to the "Baystate Archers Association", which holds 3D shoots every Sunday from January through late October at various clubs throughout the state, including at our club.

You'll discover Thursday night is "Archery Night" at the Club with plenty of target practice, instruction for those who want it, some good story telling and hearty chow.

Boating

As a member you can use any of the rowboats and canoes the Club provides. You can row upstream and view the abundant wildlife that thrives in the forest and marshes surrounding the Club, sit out and simply enjoy the scenery, or just relax and fish.

Fishing

You may fish the Club's man-made pond year-round. Usually in April it is stocked with trout at least twice. Other species you'll find in the pond include largemouth bass, pickerel, black crappies (calico bass), yellow perch, and sunfish.



The Club hosts a Members Fishing Derby and a Kids Fishing Derby also in April. As a member, you can fish from the land surrounding the pond, from a dock, or from boats and canoes available from the Club. No license is required to fish the Club pond. However, one is required should you fish the outlet stream.

Pistol

If you're interested in pistol shooting, the Club has a 4-position 50' indoor pistol and small bore rifle range. You may want to join one of the Club's Pistol Teams that shoot in the Nashoba Valley Pistol League on Wednesday nights from October to April. You can also take part in informal pistol shoots during the year. It's available for both new and experienced shooters alike.



Trap

Once you experience our trap field, you may agree with many others that it is one of the finest and most picturesque trap fields in Massachusetts. It features 5 shooting stations plus a voice-activated release system. What you can also experience here is what makes our trap activities so unique: our

decidedly social nature, a reflection of the town in which our club resides.

On any given Sunday from April through November, you will find first-time shooters on the trap line next to veterans with decades of trap experience. Shooters of all ages are, of course, welcome. Here even youngsters will find a safe and comfortable place to learn the exciting sport of trap.

You may also want to join one of four teams that compete in the Greater Lowell league. These teams also have youth members. All members are invited to join us to shoot on Sundays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to dusk.



Social Events

You'll discover the social highlight of the year is the Wild Game Dinner held in February. Members contribute game of all types that they have harvested during the hunting seasons. As many as 25 different delicious dishes are served. Also during the year there are team breakfasts, lunches, and dinners, a St. Patrick's Day boiled dinner, a Family Outing during the summer, several ethnic-themed dinners plus a roast beef dinner traditionally held just before Thanksgiving. Many of these social events feature prizes that are raffled off.

Youth Activities

If you have youngsters, you'll want to make sure they participate in our Youth Activities Program. It was created to encourage the safe and responsible use of nature and recreational resources by youth.

You'll find that the Club is committed to cultivating and encouraging an interest by young men and women (ages 13 – 19) in fishing, hunting, and shooting. For instance, your kids can participate in the Mass Wildlife Young Adult Pheasant Hunt and Mass Wildlife Youth Turkey Hunt. Also they can enjoy the Scholastic Clay Target Program at local shooting clubs or on the Club's trap teams with their fathers.

Some of the training they'll receive is in the safe handling of firearms (handgun, rifle, shotgun and muzzle loader), boating safety, archery, fresh water fishing and in developing sport shooting skills. The education programs include adult-supervised classroom training, shooting activities, and participation in various hunting venues as well as the other sponsored youth events of the Club.



Conservation

Perhaps you'd like to play an active role in helping foster conservation. If so, you've come to the right place. The membership, led by the archery crew, has been busy conducting some conservation work on the Club grounds enhancing wildlife habitat. Last year in the back field of the lower parking lot cover crops were planted. The results: whitetail deer were often seen feeding there in late summer and early fall.

In 2009, 24 crabapple trees were planted in the lower field, which hopefully will provide plenty of crabapples for deer, turkey, and other wildlife. Other improvements consist of pruning and cleaning out existing apple and fruit trees on the Club grounds.

This habitat improvement is provided by volunteers who donate supplies and trees at zero cost to the club.

