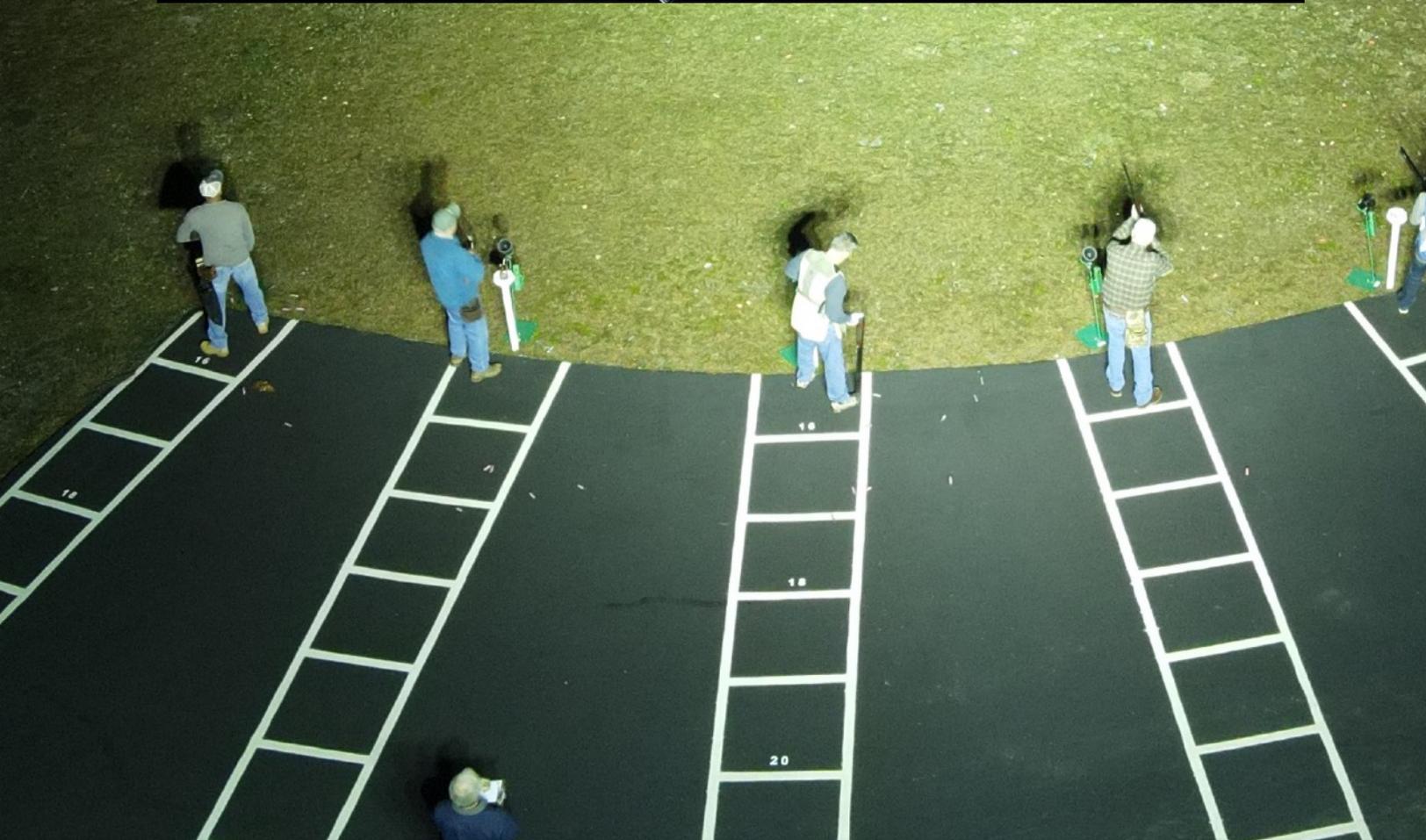


Independent Sportsmen's Club

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Fall Trap League - Drone shot illustrating the coverage and intensity of the new lighting on Sheet Fields 1 & 2. Enlarged insert with shooters - identified on the next page.

Aerial photos courtesy of Paul White

From the President

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Traditionally, fall is a time of increased activity at the ISC. This year is no different. Shotgun leagues have been well attended and, as you read this, the Fall Trap League is just wrapping up. The rifle and pistol ranges have enjoyed more participants taking part in the various shoots that run year round.

Early fall provides comfortable weather to tackle building and grounds projects and repairs. Check out the painting and staining completed on all of the pavilions in the rifle/pistol area, the power washing and staining of all of the fences in the skeet and trap fields.

On Skeet Field 1, the installation of new LED lighting is complete thanks to the efforts of Peter (Chief) Maxon and Dick Wall. The project had a number of challenges including severed underground cables and health-related limitations. But in the end the project is complete and the lights for Skeet Fields 1 & 2 have been tweaked and balanced and they are working very well.

Since upgrading our 5-Stand facility last year, we have seen a significant increase in it's popularity. Shooters have provided some good feedback that should help to keep the regulars coming back as well as maintaining an approachable level of challenge to attract new shooters. Two suggestions have been presented:

- Change the target locations on a regular basis
- Program the controller to allow shooters to select from a variety of pre-set programs

One caution, please refrain from relocating and repositioning the targets without checking in with either Greg Sexton or Dan Carter. This will keep our shooters safe as well as ensuring that the 5-Stand design benefits all levels of shooters that visit the club.

Thank you all for your efforts to keep the ISC a safe and fun place to enjoy shooting sports.

Greg Sexton, President

Cover photo:

From left to right;
Mike Lombardy,
George Bohnenberger,
Victor Rinaldi,
Mike Keohane,
Vinny Lambiase
Dick Wall scoring

Membership Information

Membership Committee

Please Note

Applicants for membership must appear at the Board of Directors meeting when their application is to be reviewed. Applicants should arrive to the meeting a few minutes early so that their paperwork can be reviewed. Paperwork includes a signed application, a signed liability waiver, a check or cash for the application fees, and some proof of NRA membership. NRA membership can be either a copy of a current NRA membership card or an email confirmation of a submitted order from the NRA if the applicant has only recently joined the NRA.

Welcome to the following new members!

Christopher Baudinet	Ryan Mann
Robert Cote	Maurice Mendonca
Alan D’Aniello	Robert Mulhern
John Guravage	Leon Rancourt
William Kenney	Daniel Rossi
Thomas Krabey	John Rothermel
Al Lavoie	Brandon Scott
Michael Lontok	Richard Waite

Current Membership Count

4

8

4

Orientations are now held at 10:00 am on the Sunday following the monthly Board of Directors meeting where/when new applications are reviewed. Orientation is REQUIRED for all members who intend to use the Rifle/Pistol ranges. Contact Paul Farrington or Paul Belanger if you plan to attend an orientation.

Paul Farrington can be reached at: pfarrington7.62@gmail.com

Paul Belanger at: iscrcomm01@gmail.com

New members: Remember to check the ISC website for current activities, shotgun leagues, and rifle/pistol competitions. Join-in and meet other members.

ISC Committee Members

Membership Committee

- Dick Wall Jr.
- Paul Belanger

Skeet, Trap & Sporting Clays Committee

- Mike Lombardy

Rifle, Pistol Range Officer Committee

- Paul Farrington
- Bill Gardner
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- Paul Belanger
- Dan Carter
- Mark Stopa
- Mike Lombardy
- Peter Cmaylo
- Paul Farrington

Current Club Activities

Shotgun Leagues & Other Events

Fall Trap League in Progress

Due to a holiday and bad weather, Trap League competition is still ongoing. Check the ISC website for the final results.

<https://www.independentclub.com/scores>

Click on the "Fall" button on the 2022 row to see the scores.



A full moon over the trap fields.

5-Stand League ?

Rumor has it that there may be a 5-Stand League this winter. Check the warmup house for information and sign up sheets.

Summer Skeet League Results

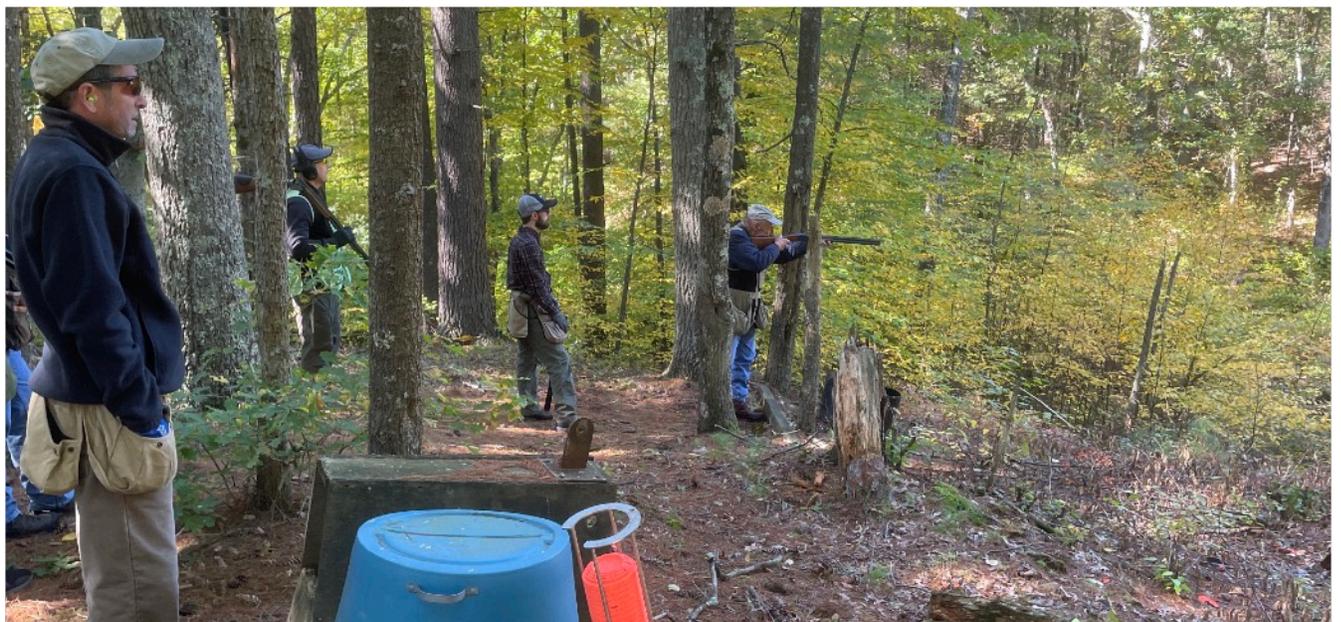
First Place - **Victor Rinaldi**

Second Place - **Tim Humeston**

Third Place - **Paul Belanger**



Dick Wall presenting the Summer Skeet League First Place Trophy to **Victor Rinaldi**



Sporting Clays - **Dan Carter** shooting.
Left to right, **Frank Morrone**, **Mike Leverone**, and **Oliver Kenney**.



Brass Recycling

In 2021, the Rifle and Pistol Committee turned in over \$880 to the club for recycled brass from the rifle and pistol ranges. We will exceed that in 2022 with over \$1369 turned in through November.

Committee members spend considerable time sorting through the brass to separate out material that cannot be recycled like steel, aluminum, rocks, and live ammunition. We screen all brass visually and with magnets and before recycling. You can help by separating cartridge casings before putting them into the correct buckets.

General Club rules for all ranges require that shooters pick up their empty cases. On the rifle and pistol ranges, empty cases are generically referred to as brass, historically most rifle and pistol ammunition had brass cases. (So, we have the "Police Your Brass" signs.)

Rifle and pistol ammunition is now manufactured with steel and aluminum cases as well as brass. The recyclers / scrap dealers will not accept buckets full of mixed material. We have to sort out the steel and aluminum fired cases from the brass. That is the basic idea behind the buckets on the ranges that are marked "Brass Only" (Orange) and "Aluminum and Steel" (Black). It is obvious that some of our shooters are using the generic brass terminology or don't know that the ammunition they are shooting is steel or aluminum based on the amounts of those metals found in the Brass buckets. (7.62x39, 5.56, and 9mm steel and aluminum pistol cartridge cases are found all the time)

Ammunition manufacturers make the visual identification by a casual shooter even more difficult by plating cases. Nickel-plated brass pistol cartridge cases have been around for a long time. In July, somebody dropped about a hundred deprimed nickel-plated brass .38 Spl in the Steel and Aluminum bucket. It looked shiny and silver. Plated brass can go to the Brass (Orange) buckets.

Over the last year, we are seeing copper plated steel cases (7.62x 54 and 9mm are popular) and nickel-plated steel pistol cases (9mm). They are steel and should go in the Steel and Aluminum buckets.



Typical types of finds in the Recyclable Brass buckets. (Part of one day's collection)

The other thing we are not allowed to include with recycled brass is live ammunition. Obvious, right? This includes spilled ammunition swept up off the floor, rounds that did not go bang when struck by the firing pin (Duds) or ejected rounds that just end up in the Brass or Steel and Aluminum buckets. If it still has a bullet stuck in one end, it is not recyclable and it should not go into the trash. There are Dud containers on the pistol range and in the rifle house. Use them for any unfired ammunition that you do not want to take home. The Dud containers are red, marked "DUDS" and only a few steps from the recycling buckets. Duds are destroyed safely off site. Note that significant numbers of live .22 rounds are found in the brass each month

Reloader's can feel free to go through the Brass buckets and take what they want. But, while you are going through the buckets, PLEASE take out any steel, aluminum and non-brass cases that you know don't belong.

If you have any questions on what are recyclable spent ammunition cases or don't know what you have fired, feel free to contact any of the RSOs or the Rifle and Pistol committee. Help with screening and recycling would also be appreciated.

Thank you,

Rifle/Pistol Committee

Editor's Notes

Two "special" competitors in this years Summer Skeet League. If you look closely, you will see that they were awarded medals for their competitiveness in a sub-group called "Leo vs. John". Apparently John Beaulé has an app on his phone and he enters each hit or miss made by Leo during the League competition...adding pressure to an already competitive event. The rivalry was such that Dick Wall, League organizer, decided that these competitors deserved "special" recognition. However, Dick did stipulate that whenever the two compete they are required to wear their medals. So here they are after shooting a couple of rounds in the Fall Trap League. The rivalry continues!



From left to right, **John Beaulé** and **Leo Bedard**