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From left to right;
Eric Arvedon,
Paul Belanger,
and **Peter Cmaylo.**

Club rules and range safety seem to be an on-going topic. So here we are again...common sense somehow doesn't seem very common. The club **range rules** appear everywhere, they are within the documents we all sign each year for membership renewal, they are posted on our website, they are hanging on the walls of the warmup houses and the rifle and pistol pavilions. Often, members will intervene if they observe unsafe behavior, the matter is dealt with and never rises to the level of reprimand or dismissal from the club. We are fortunate to have a membership with vast experience in firearm handling and safety. Thank you all for that!

Recently however, within a two-week period we discovered a potentially dangerous safety infraction and separately, a club rule violation not safety related.

First, the most serious situation involved a member using our rifle range before normal operating hours. We became aware of this because a neighbor called the club and reported gun activity before 8 am. Review of our security video confirmed that the complaint was valid. The most disturbing discovery however was that the early morning shooter was using the range in a reckless, unsafe manner. All of this was captured on video. The BOD has addressed this situation with input from the ISC Safety Committee.

Second, a situation involving a longtime member repeatedly violating the club's "Guest Privileges" rules. While not in the same category as a safety violation, there is an economic aspect to this that ultimately impacts all dues-paying members. The rules are simple, below is an excerpt from the **ISC By-Laws** on this topic:

Section 8. Guest privileges - The guest of a member may occasionally use the facilities of the Club and participate in its activities without payment of any dues, when accompanied by said member. A guest shall not exceed two (2) visits. A member may bring no more than 2 guests per visit. The exercise of guest privilege shall not be used as a means to avoid paying for club membership. When utilizing rifle or pistol ranges, guests and the host member must share a single shooting station, unless there are shooting stations not in use by, or needed by, other club members.

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

Greg Sexton, President

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!

Shawn Austin	Heidi MacKinnon
Joshua Carrigan	Christopher Mahoney
Anthony Ivas	Jill Mercer
Donald Jagielski	John Polechronis
David Kelliher	Dennis Rossetsky
June Kelly	Diane Silvia-Henningsen
Michael Leverone	Barbara Taylor

Current Membership Count

4

6

6

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
- Paul Belanger
- Bill Schoolcraft
- Jay Rothmeyer
- Bill Gardner

Finance Committee

- George J. Bohnenberger
- Dick Wall Jr.

Safety Committee

- Perry Altemese
- Paul Belanger
- Dan Carter
- Mark Stopa
- Mike Lombardy
- Peter Cmaylo

Current Club Activities

Shotgun Leagues & Other Events

Introduction to Skeet - (Skeet 101) July 16, 2022

Skeet 101 was an idea implemented by member **Eric Arvedon** in 2019. It was so popular that he offered to run it again this year. Members and non-members who have not previously shot skeet were invited to the club early in the day before other members arrived. No pressure...just a chance to learn a new skill. Twelve participants showed up to try their luck at breaking some clays. Eric was assisted by two of the clubs best skeet shooters, **Paul Belanger** and **Victor Rinaldi**.

The curriculum was pretty simple;

- Range safety
- Equipment selection
- Skeet rules
- Basic Technique
- Have Fun

From the feedback that we received, I would say that it was a very successful morning.

Thank you to Eric, Paul, and Victor for sharing their insight and encouragement. Check out the photos below and on the following pages.



Victor Rinaldi briefing the group.



Diane Silva - Shooter, **Paul Belanger** - Coach



Billy Gilchrist - Shooter, **Victor Rinaldi** - Coach



Fred Sullivan - Shooter



Graceann Sullivan - Shooter

Summer Skeet League Results

The 2022 Summer Skeet League is still underway as of August 22. This has been one of the highest scoring, most competitive shoots in years. Three shooters are on top with two more evenings to go. The current leaders; **Victor Rinaldi**, **Joe Sacchetti**, and **Tim Humeston**. These standings are very fluid; there may be new leaders by the time you see this article.

Because the scoring is based on a shooters best 8 out of 12 weeks score, a lot of last minute movement in the standings can occur as the competition wraps up and shooters take advantage of a make-up week . Stay tuned and check the final scores on the ISC website.

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

Good luck to all of the participants!



Left to right; **Peter Kates**, **Joe Sacchetti**, **Jim Folan**, **Dick Wall**, and **Steve Dumican**.



Aerial photos courtesy of **Paul White**

Fall Trap League

Beginning Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Sign up to shoot in the 6 week ISC Fall Trap League.

- Two 25 target rounds shot each week.
- First round shot from the 16 yard line
- Second round shot from the 22 yard line.

This event is open to members and non-members.

\$10 for 50 targets.



Current Club Activities & Results

Rifle/Pistol Events

Bowling Pin Pistol Shoot

June 25, 2022

On a very warm and sunny day, three squads of shooters - two squads shooting semi-auto pistol and one squad shooting revolvers participated in the day's shoot.

First Place Semi-auto - **Nick Lococo**

First Place Revolver - **Bill Gardner**

A new electronic scoring system worked really well for the two large squads, thanks to **Nick** and **Walter** for tracking their squads and keeping things organized.

Range Officers were **Paul Needham**, **Bill Gardner**, and **Paul Belanger**.

Bowling Pin Pistol Shoot (with a Twist)

August 6, 2022

In this case the "twist" was not something added to a cocktail, it was a variation on the normal Pin Shoot. Fifteen shooters showed up, their challenge was to use .22 pistols to shoot only the pin heads and then switch to center fire pistols to shoot the pin bodies. There were other details but you'll have to ask **Paul Belanger** to explain them.

Apparently, Paul Belanger received the credit (blame) for this experimental shoot format but most said that they would try it again in cooler weather.



Bill Gardner - Shooter, **Paul Belanger** - RO, trying to hide from the sun.

New!

Steel Challenge League

First time pistol league, with 13 members signed up to shoot in the six-week event. There were 3 classes: Semi-auto Pistol, Revolver, and Pistol Caliber Carbine. Each week, shooters had four opportunities to shoot at each of the two different target arrays.



Bill Kelley



Moe Langa - Winner Semi-auto Pistol



Dan Belanger



Paul Belanger



Dennis Brooks - Winner Pistol Caliber Carbine



Paul Farrington - Winner Revolver

Steel Challenge League Dinner



Congratulations to all of the Steel Challenge shooters! **Dan Belanger, Ron Cataldo, Moe Langa, Dennis Brooks, Ben Greenfield, Leo Bedard, Paul Needham, Bill Gardner, Bill Kelley, and Paul Belanger.**

Missing from the photo: **Bill Schoolcraft, Tom Kelly, Mike Leverone, and Paul Farrington.**

Photo courtesy of Paul Farrington



2022 Rifle/Pistol Activities Calendar

Saturday, August 27- 9am	Center Fire Pistol Shoot
Saturday, Sept. 17 - 10am	.22 Pistol Bowling Pin Head Shoot
Saturday, Oct. 8 - 9am	Center Fire Pistol Steel Shoot
Thursday, Oct. 20 - 3pm	Long Range Pistol Shoot
Saturday, Oct. 29 - 9am	Bowling Pin Shoot
Saturday, Nov. 12 - 9am	Rifle Bullseye Shoot
Saturday, Nov. 19 - 9am	Static Clays Shotgun Shoot
Saturday, Dec. 10 - 9am	Gentlemen's 3-Gun Shoot

For more information about these activities, go to the ISC website - Rifle/Pistol Calendar and click on the activity type that interests you.

**One more time, below are the ISC Range & Field Rules. Please read them.
If you have questions, please contact a Club Officer or Board Member.**

INDEPENDENT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB RANGE & FIELD RULES

RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE HOURS: Monday – Saturday – 9:00 AM to Sunset. Sundays & Holidays 12:00 PM to Sunset.

SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS: Wednesday - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Saturday & Sunday – 1:00 to 4:00 PM

GENERAL - ALL RANGES

- Sign in before shooting and sign out before leaving the range. There are **separate** sign-in sheets for rifle and pistol ranges and shotgun fields.
- Members must sign in and out, and sign for any/all guests. Members are 100% responsible for guests, and must accompany their guests at ALL times.
- Children (less than 18 years old) must NEVER be left unattended.
- Shooters shall be free to point out unsafe actions to other shooters and to report observed and uncorrected unsafe activities to the rifle and Pistol Range Committee or the Board of Directors.
- ALL Range Rules are STRICTLY ENFORCED.
 - Anyone found violating range rules may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors up to and including revocation of range access and expulsion from the club.
- ANY shooter may call a "CEASE FIRE" for any reason.
- When present, the Range Safety Officer's (RSO) decisions are final.
- EYE and EAR protection are mandatory at ALL TIMES. (All ranges/pavilions).
- Only "Controlled Fire" is permitted. Controlled fire is when one's ability allows that ALL shots are on target at the speed at which they are shooting.
- Full automatic firearms are not allowed on the ranges.
- Armor piercing, tracer and exploding ammunition is not allowed on the ranges.
- Steel core ammunition in any caliber is not allowed on the ranges.
- Exploding targets are not allowed on the ranges.
- Shooters are REQUIRED to pick up their targets, trash, empty cases, etc.

SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING

- **ALWAYS** keep the firearm unloaded until ready to shoot.
- **ALWAYS** keep the firearm pointed DOWNRANGE.
- **ALWAYS** keep your finger out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- **ALWAYS** treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- ALL firearms SHALL BE carried to/from the pavilion/range unloaded, with actions open, and in a safe condition.
- Safe tables monitored by a Range Safety Officer may be utilized during shooting event.
- A loaded firearm must NEVER be out of the shooters hands.
- **COLD RANGE** shall be called and all firearms made safe before anyone moves downrange to set or retrieve targets, collect brass or for any other reason.
 - All shooters and guests must acknowledge range is COLD and all shooting stops.
 - **No one moves downrange until range is cold.**
 - NO handling of firearms when people are DOWNRANGE.
 - ALL firearms MUST be unloaded with the action opened with a **CHAMBER FLAG** in place.
 - ALL firearms must be placed on a bench with the muzzle pointed **DOWNRANGE**, or in a rifle rack with a CHAMBER FLAG in place. The only exceptions to this, is an "unloaded" cased firearm.
 - ALL shooters and guests must move behind, and stay behind the yellow Cold Range line painted on the floor.
 - Magazines may be loaded and gear adjusted BEHIND the Cold Range line.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
- ALL rounds MUST impact the DOWNRANGE berm/backstop.

Portions of the rules may be suspended during scheduled shooting events, which are monitored by Range Safety Officers.

TARGETS – Rifle and Pistol Ranges

- Shooters shall supply their own targets.
- Paper targets MUST be positioned so that ALL rounds impact the berm/backstop/DOWNRANGE.
- NO plinking at other than paper targets is allowed.
- Shoot only at the target in front of you. Firing across the range is not allowed.
- Only Paper/Cardboard targets are permitted.
- Targets shall be placed only on Club supplied stands.
 - Targets shall be mounted such that rounds will **NOT** impact the target stands / frames.
 - Targets shall be mounted such that rounds will NOT impact any downrange target stands / frames / structures.

ADDITIONAL RULES - 100 Yard RIFLE Range

- Shooting is ONLY permitted from the seated position, INSIDE the pavilion.
- ONLY rifle (including Black Powder), SLUG shotgun, or pistol (4" barrel minimum, fired from the seated position with a rest) shooting is permitted on a rifle range.
- Drawing a pistol from a holster is NOT allowed at the rifle range.
- Only paper targets are permitted, and shall be hung on the club provided target frames (at 50 or 100 yards).
- Targets shall be mounted such that rounds will NOT impact the target stands / frames / structures.
- When shooting at targets on the 50-Yard stands, targets and shooter shall be positioned such that fired rounds will not hit the targets / frames / structures at the 100-yard. Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
- Steel targets provided by the Club may be shot once the shooter is confident they will not hit target frames or supporting structure.
- **Cold Range** Turn on Cold Range lights or mount flag on pavilion framing.
- When not being fired, firearms may be placed on the benches with action open and a CHAMBER FLAG in place.
- Shooters shall notify the **Rifle and Pistol Range Committee** or **Board of Directors** of any damage observed to target stands / frames / structures.
- Shotgun patterning is not allowed on the rifle or pistol ranges. Patterning is permitted in the area adjacent to the trap fields.

ADDITIONAL RULES - 25 Yard PISTOL Ranges

- All shooting shall occur from behind the bench, inside the pavilion, from the standing position.
- Shooters shall set up in, and fire in only one marked lane if other shooters are present.
- When not being fired, firearms may be placed on the benches with action / cylinder open and a CHAMBER FLAG in place.
- ONLY "pistol", or 22 Rimfire rifle, or Black Powder pistol/rifle shooting is permitted at the pistol range.
- **NO Shotguns of any kind are allowed on these ranges.**
- **NO Center-fire Rifles of any kind are allowed on these ranges.**
- Drawing from a holster is NOT allowed, UNLESS: you are an active Law Enforcement Officer.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
- ALL paper targets must also be placed so that shots fired, enter into the "bullet trap" at the end of the range.
- Targets shall be mounted on frames such that rounds will NOT impact the target stands / frames.
- Targets shall be mounted such that rounds will NOT impact any downrange target stands / frames / structures.
- Steel targets supplied by the Club shall **NOT** be placed closer than 10 yards downrange of the bench.

ADDITIONAL RULES – Skeet, Trap, 5-Stand Fields, and Sporting Clays Course

- Sign in at the warm up house desks BEFORE Shooting.
- Keep guns unloaded with actions open until ON shooting stations.
- Do NOT walk to or from stations with a loaded gun.
- 7 ½ lead or 6 steel are the LARGEST shot size permitted to be used anywhere.
- No more than TWO shells may be loaded in a gun on the Skeet or 5-Stand fields or the Sporting Clays course.
- No more than ONE shell may be loaded in a gun on the Trap fields unless you are shooting doubles.
- Patterning of shotguns is NOT allowed on the Skeet, Trap or 5-Stand fields. Patterning is permitted in the area adjacent to the trap fields.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RULES, ASK AN RSO, RANGE COMMITTEE MEMBER OR B.O.D MEMBER