

Independent Sportsmen's Club

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First night of the 5-Stand Winter League. **Paul Belanger** and **Greg Sexton** running a squad of shooters as the snow began to fall.

Welcome new members and returning members to another new year at the Independent Sportsmen's Club. Most of us are happy to have 2021 behind us and look forward to 2022 being a year of better health and uninterrupted enjoyment of shooting sports at our club.

This year we celebrate the 74th year of continuous operation at the ISC and we begin the year with a record number of new members.

Shotgun leagues, which had been suspended due to Covid concerns, returned this winter. We ran a very successful and well attended six week 5-Stand League. Winter leagues are always a challenge with unpredictable New England weather, but of those 22 members who signed up to shoot, about 20 shot all 6 sessions of 50 targets/night. Running a league requires time and dedicated volunteers to make it happen. This league was no exception. Without the hard work of **Perry Altemese, Dan Carter, and Dick Wall** it wouldn't have been the fun event that it was! A whole cast of characters spent a number of late Saturday afternoons this fall installing new equipment and building or repairing existing structures, and finally testing (the fun part) all of the setup. The group spent a lot of time designing a menu of targets that would be challenging but fun targets. A casual survey of the 5-Stand shooters seemed to indicate that they would do it again in a heartbeat. A great way to start a new year after being out of action for such a long time.

We all look forward to additional league shoots being organized during the upcoming year.

One last note, recently here in Foxboro, the club had over 2 feet of snow on a Saturday-Sunday that buried everything. But thanks to **Dick Wall, Dan and Paul Belanger, John Young** and **Bruce Potter** the club was able to open on Sunday. My message each season is that we are a club that depends on volunteers...THANK YOU!

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!

William Gilchrist
Robert Guyon
Scott Heap
Gerald McLaughlin
James Paulson
Jared Paulson
Johnnie Roberson
Randy Schmitz

Current Membership Count	4	1	3
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NEW

Effective January 1, 2022 - 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: pfarrington308@gmail.com

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

Current Club Activities

Shotgun Leagues & Other Events

5-Stand Winter League Results

22 members signed up and competed on six Wednesday nights with a mix of cold, wind, and snow for the first shotgun league since the Covid mess and the first 5-Stand competition in years.

First Place - **Joe Sacchetti**

Second Place - **Paul Belanger**

Third Place - **Greg Sexton**

The participants will be celebrating their success and endurance with a league dinner in mid - February. At that time, trophies will be awarded to the winners.

Many thanks to **Perry Altemese, Dan Carter, Dick Wall,** and **Greg Sexton** for organizing and hosting this fun event.



Before the snow!



Hardy skeet shooters from left to right: **Paul Belanger, Joe Sacchetti, Dan Belanger, Dick Wall, and George Bohnenberger.**

Current Club Activities

Rifle/Pistol Events

Bowling Pin Head Shoot Results

December 4, 2021

This was a “fun shoot” with competitors using .22 pistols and carbines. Although it was a fun shoot, apparently, it was a pretty competitive shoot as well. The winner of the carbine class was determined via a shoot-off between **John Needham** and **Dylan Saraceno**.

First Place .22 Carbine - **John Needham**

First Place .22 Pistol - **Tim Mahoney**



Paul Needham and **Moe Langa** competing .22 carbine.



John Needham and **Tim Mahoney** competing .22 pistol.



.22 carbines on the safe table with chamber flags.

Rifle and Pistol Committee

January 2022 Survey Results and Events Planning

Almost every member of the Club received an invitation to participate in a survey on Rifle and Pistol Committee event in early January. About 70 or 16% of the membership responded by completing the survey. Over 80% of respondents indicated and interest in participating in a Club sponsored FUN rifle or pistol event. Fun Is what the R&P Committee is trying to provide along with some skill building. We are not providing Precision Pistol events or High-Power Rifle, USPSA, IDPA, Steel Challenge, Small Bore or 3-Gun events. There are plenty of clubs in the region running regular events in those disciplines and tracking scores. If you want to shoot those organized events, we will help you find the Clubs and people to talk to. We are trying to provide an opportunity for our shooters to try a variety of event types and see what might be involved if they competed or just come out and shoot with some like-minded people. We are also aware that recent years have led to a large number of new shooters buying firearms and joining the Club and other shooters coming back to the sport. Our events are designed for all levels of shooters and, in particular, we look to help newer shooter develop informally before, or in addition to, taking professional firearms courses.

Respondents interested in Rifle events were split between timed events vs steel targets (action) and bullseye shooting (paper targets for score)

Respondents interested in Pistol events were also split between timed events (action) and bullseye shooting (paper targets for score) with the action shooters supporting pin shooting (head-to-head) and timed steel shooting.

Events for .22 rifles and pistols similar to those for center fire firearms had support similar to the centerfire options.

All of our events have been held on Saturday mornings. This worked for most respondents but, over 50% of respondents said they would participate in events on midweek afternoons and early evenings. Comments also indicated an interest in mid-week afternoon to sunset events.

Over 80% of respondents want to see events for Juniors, the children and grandchildren of members.

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Respondents provided comments and ideas that we could incorporate into the 2022 Calendar. We are moving ahead with many of them in the draft Calendar. We will see how the initial events are attended and continue or adjust the Calendar as needed. Proposed events are shown in the Pistol and Rifle Calendar on the Club website.

Young shooter events and Ladies only events are included in the Calendar. Several respondents indicated that they did not think they were prepared for shooting in a scheduled event. Events for new shooters to include clinics and coaching are scheduled. The events won't take the place of a paid professional course but, will assist with basic shooting and firearms handling skills sufficient to shoot a Club Bowling Pin or Rifle Plate event. Shooters indicated that Saturday morning events were often inconvenient or too early. The calendar will include events that start later in the morning, some events that will run on Sunday afternoons and mid-week afternoon test events.

Some respondents thought the R&P events were set up for "expert" shooters only. NO. we run fun shoots open to all members and friends who can shoot safely. The regulars are always willing to help first time attendees.

Check the Calendar, find something of interest and come on out.

*For details or if you have questions, contact any of the R&P committee members or email **Paul Farrington** at pfarrington308@gmail.com.*

Please see the next page to view the Rifle/Pistol Calendar or better yet, check the ISC website to see if there have been any changes since this issue of the newsletter.

2022 Rifle/Pistol Activities Calendar

Saturday, March 19 - 9am	Rifle Plates Shoot
Saturday, April 2 - 9am	Bowling Pins Shoot
Saturday, April 9 - 10am	Juniors Shoot
Saturday, April 16 - 9am	Gentlemen's 2-Gun Shoot
Saturday, April 23 - 9am	Gentlemen's 3-Gun Shoot
Thursday, May 5 - 4pm	New Shooters Session
Saturday, May 7 - 9am	Bowling Pin Heads Shoot
Saturday, May 14 - 10am	New Shooters Session
Saturday, May 21 - 9am	Heavy Military Rifle Shoot
Thursday, June 4 - 9am	Static Clays Shotgun Shoot
Saturday, June 25 - 9am 1pm	Bowling Pins Shoot New Shooters Session
Saturday, July 9 - 9am	Rifle Plates Shoot
Saturday, July 16 - 1pm	New Shooters Session
Saturday, July 23 - 9am	.22 Rifle Bullseye Shoot

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

Editor's Notes



Those of us that live or work in Foxboro are comforted by the appearance each year of this well-armed snowman. Thanks to the family of one of the ISC Officers, who will remain anonymous, this vigilant snowman has been on duty for about 4 years. During that time there have been no crimes or foul play reported in that neighborhood.

Thank you to those who responded to my request for photos. Please continue to submit photos that you feel would be enjoyed by fellow club members; I'll find room for as many as I can. Also, if you have any suggestions regarding things that you would like to see within the newsletter, let me know.

When you send photos, please provide a description so that I can create an appropriate caption and photo credit.

Send photos and suggestions to independentsportsmensclub@gmail.com

Thank you,

John