

Independent Sportsmen's Club

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Welcome, to all the new members who have joined since the last newsletter and welcome back to those who have renewed for 2025.

As always, I would like to thank the members who volunteer time throughout the year to keep the club operating. As you know, the club has no employees and it takes members volunteering to keep the club up and running. Two of the major volunteer opportunities are the spring and fall clean ups that the Rifle/Pistol Committee organizes, and a general club-wide clean up in the spring. These are usually on Saturday and Sunday mornings and have been well attended in the last several years.

The weather seems to be getting warmer and hopefully by the time you are reading this, the ice has melted from the rifle/pistol range parking lot and the 5-Stand field.

As a reminder, the Annual Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday March 4th at 7:30PM in the clubhouse. The Nominating Committee has posted the 2025 Ballot around the club.

Paul Belanger, President

ISC Officers and Directors

The list will be updated following the March 4 election.



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Election of ISC Officers and Directors

March 4, 2025

Please note, voting takes place in the clubhouse at the start of the ISC Annual Meeting March 4, 2025 at 7:30 pm. You must attend in order to vote.

**INDEPENDENT SPORTSMEN’S CLUB
BALLOT 2025
SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

OFFICERS

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> | PAUL BELANGER* |
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(VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN SIX DIRECTORS)

**DIRECTORS
(TWO YEAR TERM)**

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | STEVE McGRATH* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAUL NEEDHAM* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MIKE NILSSON |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ARTHUR SAWYER * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MARK STOPA * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | JIM WHITE* |

*Candidate for re-election

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!

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|------------------|----------------|
| Robert Brennick | Tom Shipley |
| John Catrone | Aidan Trufant |
| Jonathan Hang | Patrick Warren |
| Edward Lyons | Craig Williams |
| Michael Mondello | Dana Wing |
| Leland Morgan | |

Current Membership Count

4

5

3

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 if you plan to attend an orientation.

Paul can be reached at: pfarrington7.62@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.

Current Club Activities and League Results

Shotgun Leagues & Other Events

Winter 5-Stand League

Current Standings

(After 3 nights of competition)

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| First Place | Vinny Lambiase |
| Second Place | Paul Belanger |
| Third Place | Greg Sexton |



News

Due to dangerous icing conditions, night four of 5-Stand League competition was cancelled. More cancellations may be imposed if weather conditions don't improve. Please check the ISC website for updates.



Photos are from week 3
competition, before the ice age.







A wooden surface, likely a table, serves as the background. In the lower right, a portion of a shotgun is visible, showing its dark wood stock and metal receiver. To the left of the shotgun, several yellow shotgun shells are scattered. One shell is standing upright, while others are lying on their sides. The text is overlaid on a black rectangular box in the upper left quadrant.

Fall Trap League Final Results

First Place High Overall Champ

Don Jagielski

Runner Up

Vinny Lambiase

Class B

Don Jagielski

Class C

Mike Cook

Class D

John Beaule'

Current Club Activities & Results

Rifle/Pistol Events

Sunday Steel Shoot

We had 17 participants with up to 14 participating in any of the seven weeks we have shot so far. Odd dates are shot with pistols and even dates with Pistol Caliber Carbines (PCC).

Cold, rain and snow did not deter shooters. Cold and Ice did not deter seven shooters on the 16th from shooting PCC against three steel arrays.

Ice on the parking lot and on the pistol range with steel targets frozen in place did cause cancellation on the 23rd.

There are at least three weeks left and they may extend through the cold weather.

Come on out and give it a try.

Paul Farrington

Thank you to **Bill Schoolcraft** for letting me use his comments following 3 days of Sunday Steel shooting. Despite the difficult weather conditions, I think that it's clear that the shooters were having a good time.

February 2

"Big turnout for a cold day you hardy New Englanders!"

The day started out with a fairly normal array of steel with a Green plate to start, three White plates for content and the traditional Red plate for stopping the festivities. However, the surprise was in the second array ...

The Green and Red plates were swapped out for a single Plate painted Half Green and Half Red. Hanging from a bungy (we shall henceforth call it the Devil's Eye). Yes, the first hit (Green Plate start) sent it spinning and dancing mesmerizing the crowd while the shooter dealt with the White plates and ended on the spinning Green/ Red plate that continued to be all bouncy. Shooter's accuracy and patience were tested.

Finally, we ended on a speed round (one magazine, one string) with a couple of Black No Shoot plates directly behind the spinny Green/ Red plate. No hits on the Black plates surprisingly. None, zilch, nada, not a one. Guess its time we make these shoots a little more ... interesting ..."





February 9

"Today was a bit of an experiment and we mostly used the steel on the range that is roughly 50% smaller than the steel we usually use. Then we also set it up at normal ranges and decided afterwards that to avoid picking up brass in the snow we would shoot from within the house increasing the range even more.

Ah, yes, the experimental part. No Red Plate this week. You heard me, no Red Plate. "But how are we to know when we are supposed to stop" you cry. When your magazine has run dry and all hope has failed.

Lol, well not so much the last bit. Instead we had a gold plate (not yellow) but shiny gold. After hitting the white plates in whatever order you emptied your remaining rounds into the gold plate (silhouette today)."

February 16

"We expected a special someone known to all, with a first name that rhymes with 'Mall' to make up the arrays this week but, alas they were unable to make it.

Anyway we had to make up a few arrays on the spot. One of the steel targets was easy to place as it was frozen to the ground.

****As I write this I am hearing thunder. Neat. On to the arrays.*

First array, our familiar 4 White Plates and then a Red Plate.

Second array, back by popular demand from the week before was the Golden Plate (mag dump).

Third array, (yes, Third Array. We started late and still got in three arrays) was a bit of an experiment and had 4 White Plates and a Hanging Golden Eye (pic on the right) was created. Some interesting strategies were observed and a rather surprising amount of people are able to shoot fast and count how many rounds they used. Anyway Hanging Golden Eye was tough to hit and tough to call."



The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of a wooden surface. In the lower half, a black handgun with a textured grip is visible, featuring a circular logo on the grip. In the upper half, a portion of a rifle is visible, showing the barrel and some markings. A white rectangular box with a red border is centered on the page, containing the text.

2025 Rifle/Pistol Activities Calendar

Over the last 3 months, the Rifle/Pistol Committee has organized and run more than 10 Rifle/Pistol events. These events are suitable for beginners and experienced shooters. Give it a try, there are always a few seasoned shooters around to help you get started.

Please check the ISC website for time and dates of the Rifle/Pistol events. You can click on the activity that interests you and see more detail.

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Editor's Notes

Question...How many ISC members does it take to repair a chair?
Trick question, the answer is 1, the other 2 are consultants.

