

NEW LONDON COUNTY PISTOL LEAGUE

SKILLS...

Bullseye target shooting is a game of calmness and patience, self-control and concentration.

Your willingness to persevere as your scores rise, fall, and rise again will be richly rewarded. Novices and intermediate shooters are always welcome. As you learn the fundamentals -- and apply these fundamentals with every single shot -- your overall scores will increase and you will gain confidence and team recognition.

Other shooters will be happy to coach you with useful tips before or after a match. Seemingly small inputs can be of great value!

As in any sport, practice is essential to skill development. You will find that the discipline of even a little match shooting will make you a far better "fun" shooter with both pistols and rifles, and add to your knowledge and enjoyment of shooting in general.

TARGET ARMS...

In League shooting, just about any .22 rimfire pistol or revolver is adequate, though experienced bullseye shooters most often use optical or red-dot sights that replace the adjustable, "iron" sights that come with a fine firearm. Most shooters use semi-automatic pistols because they recover more easily in the timed/rapid fire stages -- though great scores have been fired with revolvers in years past.

Target firearms by Ruger, High Standard, S&W, and Browning are most common, and are often customized for their owners with special grips and sights, and tuned-up trigger pulls. Moving up in cost, Olympic-grade arms by Pardini, Hammerli, Walther, and classic Colts are occasionally encountered.

Keys to personal success are familiarity with your particular pistol and the ability to see the front sight or red dot perfectly clearly. A crisp, fairly light, trigger-pull weight is also desirable. Top-quality bullseye pistols can often be found on the used market, or by asking other competitors.

Remember that indoor target shooting does not demand extremes in equipment; skill is far more important than hardware. The patience and focus learned with a good .22 are immediately useful in other marksmanship sports.

OTHER EQUIPMENT...

Eye and ear protection are always required. A sturdy box that can hold your pistol, ammunition, spotting scope, and extra magazines helps. Take a look on a match night and observe how competitors have resolved these needs for themselves.

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NEW LONDON COUNTY PISTOL LEAGUE TEAMS...

E&B Sporting Goods
Electric Boat Athletic Club
Mystic Rod & Gun Club
Niantic Sportsmen's Club
Nutmegs Pistol Club
Pachaug Outdoor Club
Pfizer Pistol Team
Quaker Hill Rod & Gun Club
Sprague Rod and Gun Club
U.S. Coast Guard Pistol Club

The schedule of regular .22 National Match Indoor Gallery matches begins in early September and runs through March, with some holiday breaks. There is an Interleague All-Star Match in April, and the awards banquet is in May. Most matches are on Monday evenings.

The course of fire is nationally standardized, and it's easy to practice on your own. Advice and informal coaching are readily available from experienced League competitors.

Interested?

You are welcome to participate in club matches on Monday evenings! We will be happy to put you in touch with one of our teams. Bring your .22 rimfire pistol or revolver -- or use one of the member pistols that will be available -- along with eye and ear protection. Observe the relays in action, and try your skill in the match format outlined in this folder.

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BULLSEYE COMPETITION

Join Eastern Connecticut shooters for the 55th season of competition in the New London County Pistol League! Matches are home or away on most Monday evenings from September through March.

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The ten-team League uses the .22 rimfire National Match Indoor Gallery Course of 30 shots on three targets in slow-, timed-, and rapid-fire sequences, all at 50 feet.

Because only the top five scores on a given evening count for the total team score, new shooters are very welcome. You will find this form of competition a helpful learning experience that is applicable to other forms of target competition.

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