

SKILLS...

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

A measure of willingness to persevere as your scores rise, fall, and rise again is a good idea as well, and will be richly repaid.

Novices and intermediate shooters are always welcome. You will be pleased, as time and matches go by, to see your scores rise and occasionally break into the top ranks. Other shooters will be happy to coach you with many small tips before or after a match.

As in any sport, practice is essential to skill development, and the slow transfer of that skill into competitive events. You will find that even a little match shooting will make you a far better "fun" shooter with both pistols and rifles!

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. Usually, 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, Browning, and even classic Colts are most common, and are often customized for their owners with special grips and sights, and tuned-up trigger pulls. Moving up in cost are the Olympic-grade arms by Pardini, Hammerli, Walther, FWB, and others. Top-quality bullseye pistols can be found on the used market if you are patient; ask other shooters for advice.

A key to success is to be familiar with your own particular pistol and to be able to see the front sight or red dot perfectly clearly. A crisp, light trigger-pull weight and hand-filling grips are very desirable. After that...it's up to you!

OTHER EQUIPMENT...

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

THE LEAGUE TEAMS...

Electric Boat Athletic Club

Mystic Rod & Gun Club

Niantic Sportsmen's Club

Nutmegs Pistol Team

N2 Pistol Team

Pachaug Outdoor Club

Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club

Sprague Rod and Gun Club

Eagles Pistol Team

Founded in 1953, the League competes in 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.

The schedule of regular .22 NMC Monday-evening matches begins in September and runs through March, with some holiday breaks. The awards banquet is in May. A statewide Interleague All-Star Match is scheduled at the season's end.

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

Indoor target shooting does not demand extremes in equipment; skill is far more important than hardware. The discipline learned with a good .22 is immediately useful in other shooting sports. Bring your .22 rimfire pistol or revolver—or use one of the member pistols that will be available—along with eye and ear protection. The club Lounge will usually be open for after-match advice in a relaxed setting.

You are welcome to observe our home matches on Monday evenings.

2013-2014 NEW LONDON COUNTY PISTOL LEAGUE COMPETITION



The N2 Pistol Team is now competing in the 60th season of the New London County Pistol League!

Matches are home or away on most Monday evenings, September through March. N2 comprises shooters from both the Niantic Sportsmen's Club and nonmembers who pay a nominal annual contribution to compete.

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