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1997 - 1998 Season Results

**Sixtieth Year
Anniversary
Issue**



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TANYA K. METAKSA

April 20, 1998

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Dear Members of the Metropolitan Revolver League,

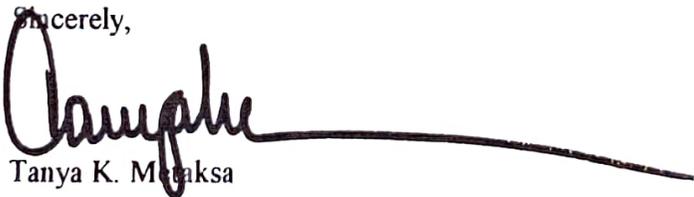
On behalf of myself and everyone at the National Rifle Association, CONGRATULATIONS on your 60TH Anniversary. This is indeed an anniversary that we all should celebrate with pride. I know I will, for I was once a member of the Metropolitan Revolver League while shooting for the Charter Oak team.

The Metropolitan Revolver League has promoted teamwork, discipline, good sportsmanship and pride for 60 years. It has also represented the finest in citizenship throughout the state of Connecticut. During my years as an active participant in league matches with my husband, George, my love for shooting continued to grow and evolved into a lifelong hobby.

As Executive Director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action I fight daily for our precious Second Amendment rights. Each member and every past member has done this through active participation in the shooting sports. Stay visible in your community, encourage your family and friends to shoot by promoting safety, responsibility and freedom.

Best of luck Metropolitan Revolver League, for many generations to come.

Sincerely,


Tanya K. Metaksa

Our Guest Speaker

Tanya K. Metaksa, Executive Director
NRA Institute for Legislative Action
and author of *SAFE, not Sorry*

Tanya K. Metaksa assumed duties as Executive Director, NRA Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) in 1994. She is responsible for developing and implementing NRA activities in the political, legislative, and public communications arenas. Her staff of some 85 professionals is based in Fairfax, Virginia; Sacramento, California; and Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Metaksa has authored a book on self-protection, entitled *SAFE, not Sorry* (ReganBooks of HarperCoffin '97). This book is the authoritative source of information for women who seek to be safe everywhere - at home or on travel, on the street or in the car. *SAFE, not Sorry* digs into the details that self-help books never touch - details that spell the difference between danger and freedom from danger.



She executes her mission to protect the Second Amendment principally through grassroots empowerment and innovative communications strategies. In the 1994 elections, this dual commitment yielded unprecedented results: both press and politicians - notably the President of the United States - credited NRA with the dramatic shift in control of the 104th Congress. NRA gains at the state and local levels were equally impressive.

Her commitment to grassroots and communications made 1995 the most successful legislative year in the 20-year history of NRA-ILA. In 1995 alone, 10 states adopted right-to-carry laws: legislation guaranteeing law-abiding citizens the ability to carry a firearm for personal protection against violent criminal attack while outside the home. Other states adopted equally important NRA legislative initiatives, including measures to protect hunters, anglers and other sportsmen from harassment, intimidation and attack by animal extremists. Under her leadership, sportsmen's protection legislation became law in all 50 states.

CrimeStrike, the division of NRA-ILA devoted to criminal justice reform, juvenile justice reform, and victims' rights is also under the direction of Mrs. Metaksa. CrimeStrike was the first national organization push for and pass the "Three Strikes and You're Out" initiative in Washington State. In 1996, CrimeStrike helped pass victims rights ballot initiatives in eight states with an average 85 percent voter approval. In the past four years alone, CrimeStrike has helped 28 states pass "truth in sentencing" for violent criminals and, through its "Keep Killers in Prison" program, has prevented the early parole of 64 murderers in 23 states.

Mrs. Metaksa chairs the NRA Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF). With NRA-PVF support, over 80 percent of NRA-endorsed federal candidates won in 1994. In 1996, the NRA-PVF maintained a Second amendment majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Also under Mrs. Metaksa's control are the national and regional advertising and direct mail programs. The NRA-ILA annual budget is approximately \$20 million.

In 1997, under Mrs. Metaksa's leadership, NRA and gun owners defeated Washington State Ballot Initiative 676 that would have restricted the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Washingtonians beyond any other state law. Despite early polls showing the Initiative leading two-to-one, on Election Day, 71% of voters rejected I-676 making it the greatest Second Amendment ballot victory in NRA history.

She was instrumental in bringing together a diverse array of organizations to create the World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities (WFSA). The Forums purpose is to further the study, preservation, promotion, and protection of sport shooting activities on every continent. The Forum includes over two dozen groups representing a substantial portion of the international shooting, hunting, and outdoors community.

The National Rifle Association is represented by Mrs. Metaksa on the Board of Directors of the newly formed Ballot Issues Coalition. For the first time, national conservation groups have joined together to protect our American heritage of hunting, fishing, and wildlife management from ballot initiatives and referendums promoted by animal extremists. Currently, twenty organizations participate in the Coalition to fight these initiatives at the state level by coordinating with local sportsmen and conservations groups.

Mrs. Metaksa began her political career in 1969 as co-founder and first lobbyist of the Connecticut Sportsmen's Alliance. From 1976 to 1980, she served as NRA-ILA state and local affairs director and NRA-ILA deputy director. In 1980, she was National Chairwoman, Sportsmen and Conservationists for Reagan-Bush. She then served as Legislative Director to U. S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY).

In 1986, as founder and president of an electronic communications firm, Mrs. Metaksa joined the private sector. She has employed that expertise in NRA-ILA where she has harnessed the Internet and other technologies to enhance communication between NRA and the public.

As a member of the NRA Board of Directors (1991-1994), Mrs. Metaksa served as Chairperson of NRA's Women's Policies Committee. In this leadership role, she conceived and implemented "Refuse To Be A Victim" - a course of instruction that enables women to develop their own crime prevention and personal safety strategy and is the basis for SAFE not *Sorry*.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science at Smith College. Mrs. Metaksa is a competitive pistol shooter and an avid shotgunner and bird hunter. A mother and grandmother, she resides with her husband, George Metaksa, in Springfield, Virginia.

A Little More Info

We claim Tanya Metaksa as one of our own, with her having competed in the Metropolitan League as a member of the Charter Oak Team. A little research on her competition found her 1972-1973 season average of 260.00 with 19 matches. She was director of the Connecticut Sportsmen's Alliance in the mid seventies where she fought hard to preserve your gun rights. Without her hard work we might not have been able to celebrate our Sixty Years of formation. She is a past winner of the coveted Tony Christina Award. This award is known throughout the League as the "Good Guy" award. We must all agree she is definitely one of the "Good Guys". We are all be proud of her accomplishments, and thank you Tanya Metaksa for your help and hard work.

**Join
The
N.R.A.**

Members We Shall Miss

James Joseph "Jay" Boland was born on July 27, 1945. He was a resident of the West End of Hartford for many years. Jay grew up in West Hartford and graduated Hall High School. Jay was the father of three sons and devoted his life to supporting and raising them. Jay was a Life Member of the N.R.A. and was a current member of the Metacon Gun Club at the time of his death. He had previously been a member of Telephone Gun Club for many years. Jay was a man who was good natured, and always let you know where you stood with him. For this writer I always appreciated these characteristics, respected him, and knew him as my friend. He was well liked and respected by most of those whose lives he crossed. This was exhibited completely by the tribute of the long lines of his funeral. In the neighborhood he lived he was involved in the blockwatch program, and was known and respected as ever vigilant for crimewatch. He practically considered it his full time job. This is what caused his death. While returning home late in the evening he accosted a man lurking at a neighbors house. Upon questioning his motive for being there, the cowardly larcenous drug addict, pointed a gun and shot him in the chest. After being shot and falling to the ground, Jay had enough strength and fortitude to pull his own gun and shoot back, hitting this coward twice, before succumbing to his wounds. As Carlos Castaneda once said "Always be a warrior". Jay was this. For this, and all his traits, I will always remember him as my friend. At 52 he died August 17, 1997.

David A. Karlyn, was born May 10, 1937 in Beverly, Mass. He resided in West Hartford for the past 15 years. He was a graduate of Huntington Prep School in Boston and received his BS and Masters Degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and Ph.D in Metallurgy from M.I.T. in Cambridge, Mass. He was a management consultant and was previously President and C.E.O. of the Electrolac Co. in Hartford for 15 years. He was a member of the Hartford Gun Windsor Rifle and Revolver Club where he served as the Vice-President. He was very passionate about the shooting sports and involved himself with heart and soul. He shall be sorely missed. At 60 he passed away April 13, 1998.

Charles (Chick) Saunders was born on March 4, 1906. He became a member of Capitol City in 1958. Chick was an avid bullseye shooter and participated in Met League functions on a regular basis, through the 1995-1996 season (at the young age of 90). Chick passed away this past winter. This bright smile and pleasant personality will be missed by all.



Robert E. Shackett, was born on July 12, 1939 in Rutland, Vt. and was a resident of Plantsville. Bob was a veteran of the U.S. Army, 82nd Air Borne Division. He was employed by Tilcon-Tomasso retiring in 1977. Shooters will remember him as a member of the Manchester Gun Club. where he competed in the Metropolitan League. He was a member of the N.R.A. He passed away Dec. 15, 1997 at the age of 58. We shall miss him.

Tony Christina Award

Tony Christina Died May 19, 1968

Foreword

The Tony Christina Award will be made each year at the Annual League Banquet. The person to receive the award will be picked by the Board of Directors from the League, from a slate of Nominees presented by the Christina Award Committee. The Committee will be composed of four members, with one member going off and the award winner coming on the Committee each year.

Tony Christina possessed outstanding qualities in the pursuit of his avocation-Pistol shooting and competition: He was an even-tempered, extremely dependable, honest and forthright individual. He was not one to seek recognition in any way, for his endeavors, but rather was often embarrassed with plaudits afforded him. Tony was rich in friends and possessed a humility unparalleled in this league.



QUALIFICATIONS

1. The person selected must have demonstrated an unstinting willingness to help new shooters to achieve in their marksmanship endeavors.
2. A person who could never say 'NO' to any job, no matter how big or how small, selected for him to accomplish.
3. A person possessing a ready smile, jovial word and a dependability, second to none.
4. A person who would accept unequivocally, any office and fulfill any position and attend any committee function assigned to him by his fellow club and State organization members.
5. A person, who, on many occasions, doesn't wait to be asked to do a job, but rather initiates the endeavor himself for the betterment of the shooting fraternity, in general.

THIS AWARD IN NO WAY CONFLICTS WITH THE COVETED ARNOLD GOODWIN AWARD.
THE CHRISTINA AWARD IS NOT CONFINED TO CLUB FUNCTIONS, BUT RATHER ENCOMPASSES THE ENTIRE SHOOTING FRATERNITY THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND IT'S CONNECTIONS WITH NATIONAL EVENTS.

Year	Name	Team	Year	Name	Team
1968-69	Dick Beaulieu	Willimantic	1983-84	Gerry Terwilliger	Eddy Glover
1969-70	Ray Foster	Colts	1984-85	Marty Boyajian	Torrington
1970-71	Tanya Metaksa	Charter Oak	1985-86	Robert King	Windsor Locks
1971-72	Dom Verizzi	Windsor Locks	1986-87	Bill Ives	Willimantic
1972-73	Adam Vabalas	Manchester	1987-88	Rocco Luppachino	Manchester
1973-74	Art Gosnell	Hfd Ins Group	1988-89	Mark Paskus	Manchester
1974-75	John Pikow	Colts	1989-90	Stan Smith	Colts
1975-76	Norm Girardin	Colts	1990-91	Robert Hart	Eddy Glover
1976-77	Doug Heisler	Manchester	1991-92	Matt Shirley	Eddy Glover
1977-78	E.E. "Doc" Watson	Capitol City	1992-93	Robert Dennis	HfdGun Windsor
1978-79	George Carden	Colts	1993-94	Charles Franklin	Windsor Locks
1979-80	Jack Lucas	Willimantic	1994-95	Wally Price	Charter Oak
1980-81	Sebby Juliano	Eddy Glover	1995-96	Joe Calvi	Metacon
1981-82	Francis Lertz	Manchester	1996-97	Pete Bozzo	Middletown
1982-83	Al Capone	Capitol City	1997-98	And This Years Winner Is ?	

Arnold Goodwin Award

Arnold Goodwin Died April 22, 1961

Requirements

1. The pistol competitor who has demonstrated his or her ability to achieve through a genuine desire to practice and a concentrated effort to apply the fundamentals of good pistol marksmanship, during the current shooting season.
2. The individual pistol competitor who, by his or her actions on the firing line and at other times when handling firearms, strictly adheres to the rules of good firearms safety.
3. The individual who made a conscientious effort to participate at most all club team matches of the League without creating hardships on his or her team-mates by absences, and who felt dedicated to the team effort during the matches.
4. The individual who has more than an average interest in the welfare of his or her club and it's members and one who readily takes on responsibilities of his or her club.



Year	Name	Team	Year	Name	Team
1960-61	Del Coe	HfdGun Windsor	1978-79	Pete Bozzo	Middletown
1961-62	Bill Kapachus	Willimantic	1979-80	Doug Heisler	Manchester
1962-63	James McIsaac	HfdGun Bears	1980-81	Norm DeCampos	Colts
1963-64	Tony Christina	Colts	1981-82	Marty Boyajian	Torrington
1964-65	Adam Vabalas	Manchester	1982-83	Bob Dennis	HfdGun Windsor
1965-66	E.E. "Doc" Watson	Capitol City	1983-84	Leo Gagliard	Charter Oak
1966-67	Ray Foster	Colts	1984-85	Art Gosnell	Hfd Ins Group
1967-68	Dom Marconi	Torrington	1985-86	Norm Girardin	Colts
1968-69	Walt Varney	Pratt & Whitney	1986-87	Sebby Juliano	Eddy Glover
1969-70	Robert Hart	Eddy Glover	1987-88	Fran Lerz	Manchester
1970-71	Paul Schafer	Capitol City	1988-89	Ted McKelvey	Metacon
1971-72	Lew Marchesseault	Manchester	1989-90	Jerry Terwilleger	Eddy Glover
1972-73	Carl Blass	Capitol City	1990-91	Tom Harris	Capitol City
1973-74	John Pikow	Colts	1991-92	Francis Stadmeyer	Colts
1974-75	Matt Shirley	Telephone	1992-93	Wallie Price	Charter Oak
1975-76	Al Capone	Capitol City	1993-94	Rocco Lupacchino	Manchester
1976-77	George Carden	Colts	1994-95	Ted Palmer	Tolland County
1977-78	Tom Alicata	Torrington	1995-96	Kamber Bullica	Eddy Glover
			1996-97	Sal Zocco	Manchester

??? And This Years Winner Is ???

**1997 - 1998 Season
Arnold Goodwin Award**



This Years Nominees

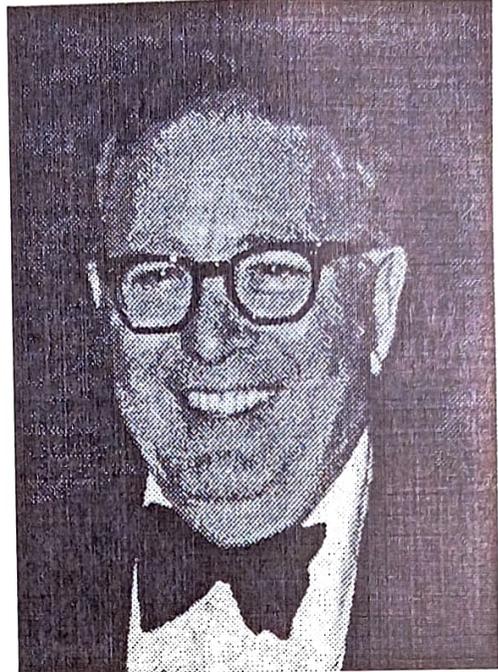
Bell City	No Nominee
Capitol City	Charles Spinelli
Charter Oak	Paul Stakun
Colts	Joe St. Pierre
Eddy Glover	Paul Lundie
Hartford Gun Bears	No Nominee
Hartford Gun Windsor	Dave Valentakonis
Tolland County	Rich Horvath
Manchester	David Laun
Metacon	Everett Kandarian
Middletown	Robert Clayton
Silver City	Arnie Wilhite
Telephone	Dave Walpole
Torrington	No Nominee

Ray Foster Award

Ray Foster Died May 18, 1977

Requirements

1. The overall theme is a person who like Ray, displayed leadership unparalleled, and the ability to get the job done.
2. The individual selected must come from the shooting fraternity of the League, actively engaged in competition.
3. The nominee should be known throughout the League for his or her dedication to the sport, integrity and active participation in League activities.



Year	Name	Team	Year	Name	Team
1977-78	Adam Vabalas	Manchester	1987-88	Mike Mikulcza	Silver City
1978-79	Norman DesCampos	Colts	1988-89	Unknown	
1979-80	Sebastion Juliano	Eddy Glover	1989-90	Unknown	
1980-81	Doug Heisler	Manchester	1990-91	Stan Smith	Colts
1981-82	Hugh Freeman	Hfd Gun Bears	1991-92	Andy Barles	HfdGun Bears
1982-83	Norman Girardin	Colts	1992-93	Unknown	
1983-84	Francis Lerz	Manchester	1993-94	Bob Hart	Eddy Glover
1984-85	Art Gosnell	Hfd Ins. Group	1994-95	Unknown	
1985-86	E.E. "Doc" Watson	Capitol City	1995-96	R. Luppachino	Manchester
1986-87	Robert Dennis	Hfd Gun Windsor	1996-97	Wally Price	Charter Oak

??? And This Years Winner Is ???

John Lucas Award



Requirements:
Age 60 Or Over
Participating in 17
Or More Matches



Masters

Name	Average	Team
Taylor, J.	273.52	Bell City

Experts

Name	Average	Team
King, B.	261.30	Tolland County

Sharpshooters

Name	Average	Team
Kane, A.	248.33	Telephone
Gonski, C.	243.26	Bell City
Curylo, E.	247.88	Bell City

Marksmen

Name	Average	Team	Name	Average	Team
Palmer, T.	237.88	Tolland County	Berner, W.	218.10	Manchester
Shirley, M.	237.60	Eddy Glover	Vabalas, A.	174.48	Manchester
Fortier, R.	236.00	Silver City	Urso, S.	154.94	Charter Oak
Stacey, D.	229.96	Bell City	Mockalis, A.	145.83	Charter Oak
Kandarian, E.	229.30	Metacon	Alicata, T.	130.00	Torrington
Price, W.	227.19	Charter Oak	Welin, L.	125.05	Silver City

Del Coe Award

Del Coe Died Feb. 13, 1992
Chief Range Officer 1961-1973

Metropolitan Revolver League
Excellence In Performance
As A Certified Range Officer

Year	Name	Team	Year	Name	Team
1986-87	Del Coe	Windsor	1992-93	George Carden	Colts
1987-88	Alan Pignone	Capitol City	1993-94	Francis Lerz	Manchester
1988-89	No Award	No Award	1994-95	No Award	No Award
1989-90	Adrien Adam	Capitol City	1995-96	Mark Schillinger	Capitol City
1990-91	David Way	Bell City	1996-97	Roger Bradbury	Silver City
1991-92	Farnk Monchun Jr.	Tolland County	1997-98	And This Years Winner Is?	

Incoming Officers 1998 - 1999



President --- Marty Boyajian --- Torrington



Vice President --- Mark Schillinger --- Capitol City

Secretary --- Richard Zlotnick --- Hartford Gun Windsor

Treasurer --- Rocco Lupacchino --- Manchester

Chief Stat. Officer --- Adam Vabalas --- Manchester

Chief Range Officer --- Wally Price --- Charter Oak

Our Thanks To Roger Sperry For His Past Two Years As President.

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1997 -1998 Team Standings

Rank	Team	Wins	Losses	1997-1998	1996-1997	Change
1	Tolland County	26	00	1425.92	1422.39	+03.53
2	Manchester	22	04	1412.12	1408.81	-03.31
3	Telephone	21	05	1407.85	1393.27	+14.58
4	HfdGun Windsor	18	08	1402.81	1401.46	+01.35
5	Colts	17	09	1396.81	1401.46	-04.65
6	Capitol City	17	09	1390.46	1387.46	+03.00
7	Charter Oak	15	11	1397.00	1396.23	+00.77
8	Silver City	13	13	1364.93	1355.83	+09.10
9	Metacon	10	16	1375.50	1345.81	+09.69
10	Bell City	09	17	1368.08	1345.81	+02.27
11	HfdGun Bears	06	20	1333.77	1314.39	-00.62
12	Torrington	06	21	1358.08	1336.50	+21.58
13	Eddy Glover	02	24	1306.96	1302.27	+04.69
14	Middletown	01	25	1330.88	1320.62	+10.26

Most Improved Team In The League: Torrington +21.58

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Individual Class High Scores



Master

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
1st	Valintakonis, P.	25	290.72	HfdGun Windsor
2nd	Lisitano, A.	21	288.82	Manchester
3rd	McCarthy, J.	25	288.24	Tolland County

Expert

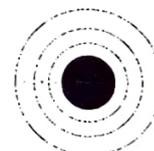
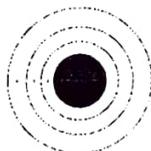
Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
1st	Wilhite, A.	23	272.91	Silver City
2nd	Moseley III, E.	25	272.90	Metacon
3rd	Harris, T.	18	272.72	Capitol City

Sharpshooter

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
1st	Douville, P.	25	254.88	Middletown
2nd	Guletsky, S.	25	254.40	Metacon
3rd	Blake, B.	21	254.10	Telephone

Marksman

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
1st	Brown, S.	22	239.41	Tolland County
2nd	Murphy, G.	22	239.40	Colts
3rd	Jackson, L.	23	239.26	Bell City



League Individual High Score: 298 (98, 100, 100) by Paul Valentakonis - 4-7-98

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(By League Order)

Team	Most Improved Individual	Highest Ranked Individual	Average
Torrington	Olsen, C.	Popham, R.	273.20
Capitol City	Peeke, R.	Spinelli, C.	282.46
Middletown	No Nominee	Bozzo, P.	279.60
Charter Oak	Darling, C.	Stakun, P.	287.59
Colts	Tobey, I.	Aiello, R.	287.44
Metacon	Guletsky, S.	Babenco, Dan	282.90
HfdGun Bears	Truntz, E.	Harper, C.	272.35
HfdGun Windsor	Valintakonis, P.	Valintakonis, P.	290.72
Bell City	Jackson, L.	Wilks, T.	283.45
Silver City	Halla, B.	Bradbury, R.	274.67
Manchester	Coulombe, J.	Lisitano, A.	288.82
Telephone	Marocchini, A.	Marocchini, A.	282.38
Tolland County	Brown, T.	McCarthy, J.	288.24
Eddy Glover	Guyette, B.	Schoonmaker, B.	271.72



Women Shooters Firing Over 10 Matches

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
1st Master	Deegan, T.	25	276.56	Manchester
1st Expert	Babenco, D.	22	263.60	Metacon
2nd Expert	O'Brien, L.	16	260.63	Colts
1st Sharpshooter	Chappel, C.	23	254.65	Charter Oak
2nd Sharpshooter	Boor, S.	21	252.90	Silver City
3rd Sharpshooter	McCallum, S.	25	250.40	Eddy Glover
4th Sharpshooter	Vaccaro, J.	15	248.67	Bell City
5th Sharpshooter	Windish, C.	22	242.59	Colts
6th Sharpshooter	Mukon, C.	16	242.50	Telephone
7th Sharpshooter	Harris, C.	10	240.90	Telephone
1st Marksman	Stacey, D.	26	229.96	Bell City
2nd Marksman	DeMarco, E.	18	215.28	Bell City
3rd Marksman	Ingalls, C.	19	211.11	Charter Oak
4th Marksman	Martin, L.	21	195.86	Telephone
5th Marksman	Pearl, V.	18	194.33	Telephone
6th Marksman	Sauer, C.	13	192.08	HfdGun Bears
7th Marksman	Hager, L.	25	192.08	Silver City
8th Marksman	Tobey, I.	20	144.00	Colts

1997 - 1998 Met League Ranking

For Shooters Who Fired 17 Or More Matches

Masters (272.98 and above)

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
1	Valintakonis, P.	25	290.72	HfdGun Windsor
2	Lisitano, A.	21	288.82	Manchester
3	McCarthy, J.	25	288.24	Tolland County
4	Clark, L.	26	287.69	Tolland County
5	Stakun, P.	22	287.59	Charter Oak
6	Aiello, R.	23	287.44	Colts
7	Lowrey, P.	24	286.83	Manchester
8	Tjon, F.	21	286.33	Tolland County
9	Miller, D.	17	286.25	Colts
10	Wilks, T.	19	283.45	Bell City
11	Horvath, R.	25	283.24	Tolland County
12	Bardoorian, R.	22	283.09	Colts
13	Babenco, Dan	19	282.90	Metacon
14	Liebke, B.	23	282.48	Charter Oak
15	Spinelli, C.	26	282.46	Capitol City
16	Marocchini, A.	24	282.38	Telephone
17	Walpole, D.	26	282.12	Telephone
18	Valintakonis, D.	20	280.95	HfdGun Windsor
19	Richheimer, S.	20	280.25	Capitol City
20	Bergeron, L.	24	280.13	HfdGun Windsor
21	Bozzo, P.	25	279.60	Middletown
22	Palmer, F.	26	279.31	Tolland County
23	Stula, C.	19	279.16	Capitol City
24	Jurras, M.	19	278.70	Metacon
25	Czaplicki, F.	26	278.39	Manchester
26	Sines, K.	18	278.22	Telephone
27	Harris, K.	21	277.81	Telephone
28	Crane, J.	24	277.71	HfdGun Windsor
29	Szewc, J.	21	277.52	Tolland County
30	Bordalo, A.	24	277.25	Charter Oak
31	Starkweather, G.	23	277.22	Manchester
32	Chappel, E.	18	276.83	Charter Oak
33	Deegan, T.	25	276.56	Manchester
34	Cadman, M.	24	276.54	Tolland County
35	Chapman, D.	26	276.12	Telephone
36	Chowanec, R.	24	275.75	Manchester
37	Anthony, P.	19	275.74	Tolland County
38	Rathay, G.	21	275.62	HfdGun Windsor
39	Desmond, B.	25	275.20	Telephone
40	Bradbury, R.	24	274.67	Silver City
41	Carto, J.	25	274.36	Telephone

Masters (272.98 and above)

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
42	Beatson, S.	22	274.36	Charter Oak
43	Ives, B.	24	273.92	Manchester
44	Robertson, T.	24	273.83	Telephone
45	Taylor, J.	23	273.52	Bell City
46	DeMarco, R.	21	273.43	Bell City
47	Popham, R.	24	273.20	Torrington

Experts (254.98 to 272.97)

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
48	Willhite, A.	23	272.91	Silver City
49	Moseley III, E.	25	272.90	Metacon
50	Harris, T.	18	272.72	Capitol City
51	Piascyk, T.	25	272.68	Silver City
52	Rooney, B.	26	272.39	Colts
53	Harper, C.	23	272.35	HfdGun Bears
54	Boudle, C.	22	271.95	Tolland County
55	Doolittle, R.	25	271.76	Torrington
56	Schoonmaker, B.	25	271.72	Eddy Glover
57	Vardal, A.	23	271.61	HfdGun Bears
58	Santilli Jr., L.	23	271.00	Metacon
59	Ruddick, D.	21	270.76	Capitol City
60	Foss, D.	25	270.44	HfdGun Windsor
61	Andrews, G.	20	270.15	Tolland County
62	Lerz, F.	25	269.72	Manchester
63	Bardoorian, M.	21	269.71	Colts
64	Sperry, R.	26	269.69	Telephone
65	Gauthier, F.	22	269.23	Tolland County
66	Adam, A.	20	269.20	Tolland County
67	Grant, R.	25	269.10	Torrington
68	St. Pierre, J.	26	268.58	Colts
69	Sayer, R.	26	268.46	Bell City
70	Stobel, D.	18	268.44	Charter Oak
71	Monchun, F.	25	267.88	Tolland County
72	Doiron, R.	26	267.27	Telephone
73	Basso, F.	26	267.20	Torrington
74	Boland, J.	22	267.20	Metacon
75	Merritt, J.	21	266.86	Manchester
76	Marugg, T.	25	266.80	Metacon
77	Laun, D.	23	266.74	HfdGun Windsor
78	Hugo, A.	17	266.53	Silver City
79	Brookes, R.	25	266.52	Silver City
80	Schillinger, M.	26	265.96	Capitol City
81	Oleson, C.	25	265.70	Torrington

Experts (254.98 to 272.97)

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
82	Zocco, S.	25	265.48	Manchester
83	Dias, R.	23	265.17	Colts
84	Carta, H.	22	265.14	Silver City
85	Pear, M.	26	265.12	Eddy Glover
86	Laraia, A.	18	264.70	Torrington
87	Ciccio, S.	19	264.63	Bell City
88	Gazda, G.	23	263.74	Silver City
89	Holmgren, J.	17	263.70	Torrington
90	Babenco, Dawn	22	263.60	Metacon
91	Stephens, J.	19	263.00	Bell City
92	Duran, G.	24	262.25	Capitol City
93	DeJohn, P.	25	262.12	Telephone
94	Fragoine, J.	25	262.10	Torrington
95	Blinkhorn, F.	17	261.88	Silver City
96	Freeman, H.	24	261.58	HfdGun Bears
97	Codraro, J.	26	261.38	Telephone
98	King, R.	23	261.30	Tolland County
99	Baker, B.	22	261.05	Telephone
100	Meuse, J.	20	260.95	Silver City
101	Pelliccio, F.	24	260.88	Silver City
102	Gillette, R.	21	260.80	Torrington
103	Zlotnick, R.	25	260.68	HfdGun Windsor
104	Deming, F.	19	260.58	Capitol City
105	Rook, F., Jr.	26	259.65	Capitol City
106	Joyce, R.	26	259.00	Torrington
107	Shirshac, T.	26	258.77	Telephone
108	Clayton, T.	24	257.54	Middletown
109	Truntz, E.	21	257.43	HfdGun Bears
110	Brogdon, J.	23	257.04	Charter Oak
111	Corneau, P.	23	256.30	Torrington
112	Rotherforth, W.	25	255.88	HfdGun Bears
113	Sardi, D.	20	255.70	Telephone

Sharpshooters (239.98 to 254.97)

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
114	Douville, P.	25	254.88	Middletown
115	Guletsky, S.	25	254.40	Metacon
116	Blake, B.	21	254.10	Telephone
117	Boland, S.	24	253.80	Metacon
118	Miller, W.	24	253.70	Torrington
119	Balboni, M.	25	253.40	Telephone
120	Hart, K.	18	252.94	Eddy Glover
121	Boor, S.	21	252.90	Silver City

Sharpshooters (239.98 to 254.97)

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
122	Balboni, M.	25	253.40	Telephone
123	Hart, K.	18	252.94	Eddy Glover
124	Boor, S.	21	252.90	Silver City
125	Chappel, C.	18	252.89	Charter Oak
126	Pecke, R.	23	252.78	Capitol City
127	Rotherforth, S.	22	252.55	HfdGun Bears
128	Windish, F.	23	252.35	Colts
129	Joslin, N.	24	252.08	Tolland County
130	Kusek, J.	21	251.52	Silver City
131	Whiton, B.	18	250.89	HfdGun Windsor
132	McCallum, S.	25	250.40	Eddy Glover
133	Mukon, M.	22	249.55	Telephone
134	Schoonmaker, L.	23	248.91	Eddy Glover
135	Kane, A.	24	248.33	Telephone
136	Curylo, E.	26	248.00	Bell City
137	Wyand, S.	20	247.40	HfdGun Bears
138	Bouffard, P.	25	246.76	Bell City
139	Longo, R.	17	246.65	HfdGun Bears
140	Holder, D.	22	246.59	Colts
141	Schaper, D.	25	246.30	Metacon
142	Urbonas, M.	17	243.94	Manchester
143	Hammersla, D.	17	243.88	Charter Oak
144	Bernstein, P.	20	243.85	HfdGun Windsor
145	Gronski, C.	23	243.26	Bell City
146	Hayes, T.	19	242.89	Silver City
147	Windish, C.	22	242.59	Colts
148	Brown, T.	22	242.23	Tolland County
149	Gregory, J.	25	242.16	Telephone
150	Favuzza, P.	17	240.90	Torrington

Marksmen (239.97 and below)

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
151	Brown, S.	22	239.41	Tolland County
152	Murphy, G.	22	239.40	Colts
153	Jackson, L.	23	239.26	Bell City
154	Skidgell, B.	24	239.20	Metacon
155	Halla, B.	24	238.83	Silver City
156	Lambert, K.	24	238.70	Metacon
157	Solomita, L.	18	238.17	Bell City
158	Palmer, T.	26	237.88	Tolland County
159	Shirley, M.	25	237.60	Eddy Glover
160	Ingalls, R.	21	237.19	Charter Oak
161	Angell, D.	22	237.00	Manchester

Marksmen (239.97 and below)

Rank	Name	# Matches	Average	Team
163	Provera, A.	20	236.65	Manchester
164	Fortier, R.	19	236.00	Silver City
165	Curley, E.	17	236.00	Capitol City
166	Gresel, R.	21	235.24	Charter Oak
167	Benvenuti, J.	22	234.40	Torrington
168	Fernandes, J.	26	234.31	Bell City
169	Jarsen, E.	24	233.79	Colts
170	Serafin, B.	25	232.92	HfdGun Windsor
171	Lundie, P.	18	232.78	Eddy Glover
172	Francis, R.	22	231.30	Torrington
173	Klimanoski, H.	17	231.10	Torrington
174	Price, W.	24	230.46	Charter Oak
175	Stacey, D.	26	229.96	Bell City
176	Kandarian, E.	21	229.30	Metacon
177	Wertz, D.	22	226.59	Telephone
178	DeMarco, E.	18	226.29	Bell City
179	Boland, F.	19	225.30	Metacon
180	Dilling, S.	26	224.69	Silver City
181	Bonaker, J.	20	220.40	Manchester
182	Halla, G.	24	220.04	Silver City
183	Carden, G.	26	218.81	Colts
184	Berner, B.	20	218.20	Manchester
185	Jankowski, S.	21	218.19	Silver City
186	Darling, C.	24	217.88	Charter Oak
187	Boor, D.	20	212.40	Silver City
188	Goodwin, R.	24	212.00	Bell City
189	Ingalls, C.	19	211.11	Charter Oak
190	Brown, B.	23	208.39	Manchester
191	Godek, P.	26	207.81	HfdGun Windsor
192	Simonsen, H.	17	200.88	HfdGun Bears
193	Coulombe, J.	23	198.83	Manchester
194	Jarzbek, J.	24	198.08	Telephone
195	Martin, L.	22	197.36	Telephone
196	Pearl, V.	19	194.74	Telephone
197	Guyette, B.	20	190.57	Eddy Glover
198	Clayton, L.	23	187.43	Middletown
199	Vabalas, A.	23	174.48	Manchester
200	Hager, L.	25	160.80	Silver City
201	Urso, S.	17	154.94	Charter Oak
202	Mockalis, A.	18	145.83	Charter Oak
203	Tobey, I.	20	144.00	Colts
204	Alacata, T.	19	130.30	Torrington
205	Welin, L.	19	125.05	Silver City

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Torrington

Name	Matches	Average
Boyajian, M.	06	253.50
Hudak, J.	01	249.00
Boucino, A.	04	247.30
Marchand, W.	11	234.30
Serra, T.	01	234.00
Hollis, S.	07	232.70
Maselli, M.	02	220.00
Zordan, G.	03	211.00
Reynolds, W.	01	206.00
Tower, S.	10	193.90
Corbet, T.	01	183.00
Whalen, W.	01	162.00
Woodworth, S.	01	137.00
Redmond, T.	01	104.00
Brown, S.	01	76.00

Capitol City

Name	Matches	Average
Danlies, R.	13	279.08
Kolouch, T.	12	277.50
Valente, F.	06	270.67
Jones, F.	07	269.14
Gubitose, J.	05	268.20
Voog, R.	13	267.31
Mackenzie, P.	05	265.80
Hughes, R.	09	265.78
Pignone, A.	02	261.50
Castangnam, R.	08	259.63
Tavano Sr., L.	13	259.54
Delaura, J.	04	259.25
McEntire, V.	01	256.00
Veith, R.	03	254.67
Yoaps, A.	08	253.25
DeVito, M.	01	249.00
Karnilowicz, R.	16	241.56
Jacobsen, W.	09	239.44
Lazzari, W.	03	238.13
Mongelluzzo, P.	08	236.13
Lopes, R.	04	231.35
Hertle, A.	04	228.00
DeVito, R.	01	227.00
Gaudet, K.	02	226.00
Walter, M.	06	206.83
Lundberg, G.	01	204.00
Puddisto, C.	03	200.67
Pignone, E.	16	194.75

Middletown

Name	Matches	Average
Hogan, S.	13	275.23
Lucco, R.	15	265.71
Stemmler, M.	01	265.00
Dickerson, C.	14	263.64
Reiss, F.	07	263.28
Falco, T.	10	262.10
Zibbideo, C.	10	254.50
Kiley, J.	12	253.50
Kline, C.	15	251.87
Liedtke, W.	03	224.33
Molnar, J.	09	188.56
Kline, D.	07	180.86
Costa, C.	06	166.50

Charter Oak

Name	Matches	Average
Levesque, L.	11	282.55
Kyle, D.	07	277.57
Tweedle, M.	02	269.50
Luman, J.	15	268.73
Hayes, A.	02	259.50
Boss, D.	02	253.50
Tenerowicz, T.	10	253.30
Chadziewicz, B.	10	252.40
Klimas, B.	02	248.00
Schwartz, E.	02	239.00
Ballsieper, D.	06	211.67
Metevier, G.	03	110.00

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While Others Choose To Add Up Their Troubles

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Colts

Name	Matches	Average
Stadmeyer, F.	13	279.77
Goss, M.	05	279.00
Fiala, B.	02	270.50
Knowlton, D.	14	268.93
O'Brien, L.	16	260.63
Twill, J.	04	260.25
Smith, S.	15	258.60
Simmons, T.	03	247.33
Phillips, ?	15	230.33
Colasante, ?	14	225.79
Horton, ?	04	209.25
Hauserman, P.	05	187.80
O'Brien, R.	16	181.00
Cohen, ?	08	144.13
Sobol, ?	08	130.25

Metacon

Name	Matches	Average
Maglieri, C.	06	277.00
Calvi, J.	03	268.30
Greenberg, S.	10	267.30
Lockwood, B.	05	265.60
Aniello, J.	10	263.40
Sylvain, C.	09	258.80
Moynihan Jr., J.	07	257.90
Enot, P.	09	232.80
Guppre, C.	01	233.00

Hfd. Gun Bears

Name	Matches	Average
Stefanakis, S.	16	275.44
Riley, D.	04	261.50
Sauer, S.	13	228.31
Hickey, M.	03	198.00
Sauer, C.	13	192.08

Hfd. Gun Windsor

Name	Matches	Average
Lamb, P.	15	265.13
O'Keefe, J.	13	248.69
Miller, K.	02	227.50
Rensen, P.	16	223.13
Karlynn, D.	03	221.67
Miller, L.	16	178.81

Bell City

Name	Matches	Average
Wisik, E. L.	05	276.80
Silvestre, P.	03	274.67
Blanchette, M.	04	273.80
Cesnius, T.	05	270.80
Surowiec, S.	14	268.57
Hook, F.	15	266.98
Stormberg, H.	16	258.19
Mulbacher, J.	07	251.71
Vaccaro, J.	15	248.67
Doofing, J.	15	238.00
Macelletti, N.	09	236.11
Morran, P.	06	225.83
Michaud, J.	09	223.30
Savage, J.	03	221.33
Walsh, T.	08	207.25
Jablonski, T.	07	192.43
Sawyer, M.	03	101.67

Thought For The Day

"Half The World Is Composed Of People
Who Have Something To Say And Can't,
And The Other Half Who Have Nothing
To Say, And Keep On Saying It".

Robert Frost - American Poet (1874-1963)

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<u>Silver City</u>		
Name	Matches	Average
Staffa, P.	15	267.27
Conners, J.	10	257.90
Kaczetow, ?.	16	244.63
Letourneau, J.	14	243.43
Hayes, T.	14	182.00

<u>Manchester</u>		
Name	Matches	Average
Griffin, C.	01	281.00
Winslow, K.	12	276.58
Kusma, W.	03	270.00
Carpenter, R.	11	266.73
Heisler, D.	09	261.44
Beckwith, M.	05	260.80
Luppachino, R.	14	250.71
Dufresne, G.	07	246.14
Dyke, D.	13	231.00
Carcia, F.	06	192.83
Scalora, R.	06	177.83
Vega, M.	02	107.00

<u>Telephone</u>		
Name	Matches	Average
Cutkomp, B.	08	284.25
Bates, T.	05	272.60
Brodeur, M.	09	270.56
Langlois, S.	09	267.22
Contreras, R.	10	246.40
Mukon, C.	16	242.50
Harris, C.	10	240.90
Palm, T.	13	225.92
Carragher, ?.	02	189.00

<u>Tolland County</u>		
Name	Matches	Average
Mattsson, ?.	02	259.50
Tran, ?.	02	253.00
Burchard, J.	07	245.86
Camilleri, ?.	15	242.13
Farrand, T.	16	226.50
Irish, K.	04	233.00
Isaksen, G.	06	167.17

<u>Eddy Glover</u>		
Name	Matches	Average
Bulica, K.	16	267.50
Hart, B.	06	254.33
Boyce, D.	13	247.00
Knudsen, P.	09	242.33
Terwilliger G.	08	236.75
Chatlas, S.	12	212.38
Nadeau, B.	07	206.57
Bishop, K.	10	197.20

Guess Who Said: "A Strong Body Makes The Mind Strong. As To The Species Of Exercise, I Advise The Gun. While This Gives A Moderate Exercise To The Body, It Gives Boldness, Enterprise And Independence To The Mind. Games Played With The Ball And Others Of That Nature Are Too Violent For The Body And Stamp No Character On The Mind. Let Your Gun Therefore Be The Constant Companion Of Your Walks. Never Think Of Taking A Book With You."

Give Up? That's What Thomas Jefferson Told Peter Carr On August 19, 1785

The Teams - Info And History

Capitol City

Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club was first organized in the 1930's and shot in a leased building in Wethersfield on Jordan Lane where it remained for about 20 years.

In the late 1950's, it became clear to the membership that a better, more modern range was needed. To that end, the members raised over \$8000 to begin construction of the new facility in Rocky Hill. The new 12-port range and club house, was completed in 1963 and the first shot was made by Al Turner in the Spring of that year.

This facility has served more than 200 members of our club each year for the last 35 years, giving 24-hour, daily access to our shooters. Recently, we have completed some major improvements to the facility: improving the ventilation at the ports, access to the club, and outside appearance. Over the years, Capitol City pistol teams have been top finishers, in the Metropolitan League many times. It continues to promote the sport by maintaining a 100% NRA membership, by supporting and participating in the Metropolitan Pistol League, by giving club-sponsored NRA pistol training classes, and by holding the Eagle-Beaver 600, a .22-caliber match that will be in its 27th year.

Dave Ruddick

Charter Oak

In researching past records of Charter Oak Pistol Team, I was only able to go back to 1941. Very little information is available. At that time our club name was Pratt & Whitney Revolver Club. Sometime later the club was reorganized at Charter Oak Park in Hartford under the name of The Charter Oak Revolver & Pistol Club.

The names I can recall as old timers, prior to 1970 was Leo Gagliard, John Pikow and possibly Bernard Klimas & Father, plus Tanya Metaksa. They left their mark on the ten ring. When our club re-organized under the name of Charter Oak, John Pikow joined Colt's Team. In 1971, Tanya Metaksa, won the Tony Christina award.

With the exception of Bernard Klimas, Paul Stakun and Wallie Price, our Club is restively new blood. Our new blood is composed of good sports, good shooters, and individuals who try their best, and love the sport of shooting. At the time we lost Colt's Range, our membership dwindled to seven members. We were lucky to have five shooters show at a match. Thank heavens we are now up to better than fifty. As more get interested in the competitive end of the sport, our team will continue to improve. We are looking forward to our next season.

Wallie Price - Charter Oak Old Timer

Middletown

The Middletown Rifle Club was born at a meeting held 3 August 1915 in the Middletown armory, and received its certificate of affiliation with the National Rifle Association during a following meeting, on the evening of 27 September 1915. It received a War Service Award on 24 September 1943 from the NRA for its classes in basic marksmanship in small arms and has continued to contribute to firearm education. Incorporated as the Middletown Rifle and Revolver Club, it became a union of the Middletown Rifle Club and the Middletown Pistol Club with both sections working together as a single club, and having quite separate lives as individual clubs with very different league affiliations. In recent times, the Polish Falcons Rifle Club lost its shooting range and combined with the Middletown Rifle Club to produce a very much strengthened union called the Middletown Rifle Club, which proved to be a power in competitive rifle shooting. The Middletown Pistol Club joined the League in 1952 and was a power in its own right in the 1980s when it won first place (82-83 and 83-84 seasons), second place (87-88 season) and third place (89-90 season) in the Metropolitan Revolver League competition. Today, the Middletown Pistol Club is undergoing a slow revitalization and remains a committed partner with the Met League in promoting the shooting sports in Connecticut. It owns its own range on Mill Street.

Phillip Raoul Douville

Metacon

A group of shooting enthusiasts that all frequented the same Avon, Ct. barber shop started the efforts that resulted in the forming of what is now known as the Metacon Gun Club, Inc. The first formal meeting was convened on Tuesday, March 24, 1959 at the Ensign Bickford recreation hall in Avon with twenty persons in attendance. Dues were set at \$5.00 for charter members and a \$5.00 initiation fee was set for future members. By-Laws were adopted, a bank selected and incorporation status was secured. Permission was obtained to use the National Guard range in Weatogue for .22 caliber rifle, pistol, trap and skeet. By January 1960, Metacon had joined the National Rifle Association and the Connecticut State Rifle & Revolver Association and maintain memberships to date. Turkey shoots were conducted as early as the fall of 1960 to raise monies for expanding the shooting programs and are still part of the club's income. At the twelfth meeting on April 26, 1960, Mr. Arnold Goodwin of Colt's spoke to the members on the subject of firearms. Application to join the Metropolitan Revolver League of Hartford was made in August, 1961.

Early indoor shooting matches were held in the basement of an Avon, CT building owned by the Avon Chief of Police. When this facility was no longer available, the Colt pistol team kindly gave up their practice night at the Colts Pistol Range, so Metacon would be able to continue in the Metropolitan Revolver League.

The clubs present building on Nod road in the Weatogue section of Simsbury was started in Sept., 1969 on what is approximately eight acres, purchased for \$3,000. Approximately \$12,500 was spent on materials and the labor was in a great part donated by the membership. Membership grew rapidly after the land was cleared for a 100 yard outdoor range in 1984 and is now held to 500 members by the by-laws. Improvements over the years have provided the members with a well lit paved parking lot and paved outdoor firing line of 22 points 6 feet wide with an all weather covering. The indoor range provides nine ports at 50 & 75 feet for .22 rifle and most calibers of hand guns. Activities include a very a successful junior rifle program, high power/small bore pistol & rifle, shotgun, cowboy action, class III. action pistol, and safety training in all shooting disciplines. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month and the clubs business is reported to the members each month in the newsletter, which includes an official calendar for the present month and a planning calendar for the next month. Dues are \$85.00. Membership can be obtained with the payment of an initiation fee after a possible one to two years on a waiting list.

Theodore D. McKelvey

Colts

"I Remember" - The Colts Club was one of the original Metropolitan League founding members. Most of the Founder clubs were factory or company sponsored. After the second world war, Colts under the leadership of "The Commissioner" Ray Foster, started recruiting outside, as company interest fell off. Soon the other clubs did the same, to maintain and increase their memberships.

Some of the early ranges were in very interesting places. Quite a few in basements of buildings, often police departments. In Windsor you shot past the one jail cell. Luckily there were few inhabitants on shooting nights. In Manchester the range was a storage place for stray bicycles and other things, and we shot over them. There was a range in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, north of Springfield in a basement. The facility (toilet) was at the target end of the range, and if there was a an emergency, everyone had to step back from the line after making their guns safe. I guess I remember best the people. If you wish to find a collection of the best people on Earth, go to a pistol match. Respectfully submitted.

George Carden

Manchester

The Manchester Revolver Club, Inc. began in 1952 conducting their matches out of the National Guard Armory in Manchester. They only used the Armory for one year, and although the National Guard Armory had only six ports, that wasn't the problem. The problem was the noise. You see in those days no one wore ear protection, and if you were ever inside a large area with concrete walls, the noise and echo must have been deafening. Needless to say, the Manchester Guys looked for another place to shoot their matches.

In 1953 they found a new home located in the basement of the Manchester Police Station, which they shot out of until 1972. Half way through 1972 season, the Manchester Police Department needed office space, and the only space in the building, you guessed it, was the range. So the Manchester Revolver Club had to find a home to finish that years, shooting season.

They were lucky, and found a home in the Colts Range, where they finished the year. This put both the Manchester Revolver Club as well as the Manchester Juniors and Senior Rifle Club without a place to conduct their matches. The Town of Manchester worked with both the Pistol and Rifle Clubs, and found them a building at the old Nike Site to build a new indoor range in late 1972. Both Club's did all of the work building the range, the town giving them the material for the back stop and target carriers, as well as bricking up windows in the range area. Many hours of work had to be done to the building to make it usable for the range, because the Nike site had been abandoned for several years before the town started using it for recreational purposes. The local children had vandalized most of the buildings, breaking all the windows, and destroying most of the inside of the buildings. The town of Manchester repaired the broken windows, but they also bricked up many of them too.

After several months of hard work, the Manchester Indoor Range open for the 1973 shooting season. The range remained open until December of 1986, when it was closed because of poor maintenance and ventilation. Once again the Manchester Revolver Club was without a range, and once again they were lucky enough to finish the season using the Colts range.

Well to make matters worse the 1986-1987 shooting season, the Colts Range closed down, putting six Clubs out in the cold. All of the Clubs finished that shooting season shooting their home matches at the visiting clubs ranges. Thanks to one of the most generous Clubs in our league, "Silver City" of Meriden, made room for four of the six teams to use their range for the next two and a half years. Two teams from the Colts range, Bears and Windsor joined the Hartford Gun Club and shot their matches there.

In December of 1986 Metropolitan Shooters Inc., was formed by the six teams that shot out of the Colts range.

Its sole purpose was to find a home for all six Clubs to use for their shooting events. In May of 1989

Metropolitan Shooters Inc. signed a ten year lease with the Town of Manchester to renovate and reopen the old indoor range. After several months of very hard work and many thousands of dollars, on January of 1990, the Metropolitan Shooters conducted their first shot ceremony, reopening the Manchester Indoor Range giving not only the Manchester Revolver Club, back their range but also giving back the Colts Club, Charter Oak Club, Telephone Club, and newly formed Tolland County Club a place to conduct matches for many years to come.
Fran Lerz

Windsor

Windsor Rifle & Revolver Club began in 1937 as the Windsor Police Revolver Club., holding matches in the basement of the town hall. They were an incorporating team of the Metropolitan Revolver League in 1938, dropping the Police affiliation. In the first year of league competition, Windsor finished sixth with a record of 5 & 9 Del Coe captured team high average with a 258.10. Both the team and Del improved, taking second place with a 22 & 4 record in 1941-42. Del's 264.64 won him high team average again. The team now competes at Hartford Gun Club in East Granby.

Rich Zlotnick

Silver City

The earliest known about the Silver City Gun Club is that it was first affiliated with the National Rifle Association in April 1926. The few original members were Fred Seigel, Ernie Lappert, William Liedtke Sr., Frank Kaiser, Fred Yale, Harry Anthony Sr., and others, now forgotten.

The club leased a piece of land on the Chamberlain Highway belonging to the Nichols Dairy Farm. They were allowed to build a small clubhouse that served to get out of the, bad weather when they held a shoot. They had a skeet range, a 100 yard rifle range, a running deer target range, and also a 200 yard big bore target range.

When the lease ran out, they wanted to buy the piece of land, but the Nichols family would not sell it. So they started to look for another piece of land on the outskirts of Meriden. William Liedtke Sr., owned a large piece of land on South Curtis Street and sold a strip to the club, 60 feet wide by 600 feet long.

The club cleared the land and in 1941 built the building that now stands. They had plans to install a 50 foot range and also a 100 yard outdoor range. Houses being built along Curtis Street nulled the outdoor range. They formed a rifle team and first joined the Nutmeg Rifle League and later the Charter Oak League. The team participated in many Connecticut State Championships and won many trophies. At this time the club had just a few pistol shooters and it wasn't until much later that they had enough to join a pistol league.

Over the last ten years or so, the members who joined the club were pistol shooters and gradually the rifle shooting began to decline. It was very hard to interest young people into the game of rifle shooting. I joined the club around 1945 and was a rifle shooter for over 35 years. I also taught my daughter Linda to shoot my rifle and she loved it. I was elected Secretary of the club and served for 33 years.

Francis W. Lappert

Tolland County Pistols

Genesis August 23, 1992. The Tolland County Pistols team was organized during the summer of 1992 under the leadership of Theodore Palmer. News suggesting the impending loss of their home range caused a few shooters to start looking for a new home. The board of governors of MSI accepted Tolland County Pistols as a team member in July, and allocated facilities vacated by the Bears, and in August the Met League accepted Tolland County Pistols as a member team.

The organizational meeting was held on August 23, and Tolland County Pistols team was officially launched, with bylaws and a slate of officers. By then, membership had increased from an original ten, to nineteen members, including five charter members of MSI. Acknowledgement must be given to the great amount of assistance and encouragement given during this organization by many fellow shooters. Space doesn't permit listing them all, but Fran Lerz, then President of MSI and Fred Smart, then President of the Met League, are representative examples.

The shooting performance of the Tolland County Pistols has been impressive. The first year of competition they placed #1 in formal league standings. The second year they dropped to #2. The following four years each resulted in a #1 rating. 1998 was completed with no losses. Tolland County Pistols membership has increased to about fifty members since inception. Most are young and eager, but there are two who are old and quite mature looking - all glad to be here to promote and enjoy the sport of pistol competition.

Ted Palmer

Eddy Glover

The Eddy Glover Pistol Club was formed in 1955 as team sponsored by the American Legion Post #6 of New Britain. In 1956 the team joined the Metropolitan Revolver League. The team used the range in the basement of the old New Britain police station until the new police station opened. The new police range was used until 1994 when the police commissioner decided that civilians were not to use the range. When the new police range was first used for matches there was some controversy over the use of the flipping target holders, as other teams were not used to them. There was no getting the last shot off during the buzzer. Many targets were cut in half by the last shot when the target flipped. Therefore the League decided that the flipping targets could not be used for matches. Paul Lundie

Bears

The Hartford Gun Bears Club shows it's existence during the 1960-61 season. The Met League records show James McIsaac as the League Vice President during that season. It was found that the team originally shot under the name of the "Coast Guard" team out of New London. The Bears shot in the 60's through the mid 80's at the Colts range in Hartford. They were one of the teams orphaned when Colts closed the range. At that time they moved to Hartford Gun Club in East Granby along with Windsor Team and both adopted the prefix Hartford Gun to their names. They were a contributing member of the Metropolitan Shooters Group which renovated the Manchester range, until giving up their position to allow Tolland County to form and have a home range. William Rotherforth

Telephone

The Hartford Telephone Gun Club was one of the original founding members of the League. The club originally was a company sponsored team, pulling it's membership from both within S.N.E.T. and A.T. & T. Like Colts they found company interest dwindling, and also began to seek members from the general public. The team currently is composed of only a few telephone affiliated shooters, although the name remains.

For many of the early years, S.N.E.T. top brass was very interested in supporting sports of all types, due to a very interested President. They supported interest in shooting as much as ball type sports. The Telephone Team also shot summers in an Industrial League, although only the company employees were qualified. The company made available awards and trophies for the Industrial League competitors. This support ceased as Corporate structure changed. Information is that the team shot originally in a range located in the basement of the Trumbull Street building. This was closed during World War II due to security reasons and was never reopened. The team shot steady from inception until World War II. It like the rest ceased active competition in the Metropolitan League to do their part in the war effort. The best I can determine from records, indicates that the team did not return to the Metropolitan League until the fall of 1957. They have been active since this time. At this time the Colts range was used by the team as their home base until orphaned in 1986, when Colts closed the basement six port range. This was predicated by safety and liability concerns. They like the other teams were favored, by the Silver City Gun Club, to use it's range to hold their matches. At this time the members joined with others, to form the Metropolitan Shooters Inc., to reopen the Manchester Range. It's members were some of the driving forces in the monumental task to accomplish this endeavor.

Some of the early names found as members of the Telephone Team and also contributing to League duties were, Ray Harlow, Curtis Mcleod, Howard Robinson, Vincent Convery, William Blevish, William Delahanty, Don Litten, Robert Wittig Jr., Robert Kalinowski, and Ronald Oliver, who served up to the mid 60's. Some of the names well known since that time were Matt Shirley, B. Hubbard, Bill Curr, Larry Iaerdi, Irv Perry and Stat. Off. Jack Edgarton into the 70's. There is too many names to list all who have done their best to promote the team, the League and the sport since. Stephen M. Langlois

The Metropolitan Revolver League of Hartford, Inc.
A few brief notes on the history of our league

Winter of 1937 - 1938:

Informal and friendly matches were held between the following clubs, shooting slow fire only at 60 feet.

1. Windsor Police Revolver Club.
2. Capitol City Gun Club.
3. Hartford Courant Pistolects.
4. Southern New England Telephone Revolver Team.
5. Colts Club.

Fall Of 1938:

The above Clubs got together at Colt's and formed the Metropolitan League of Hartford.

The name of the League was selected because the clubs were in the Metropolitan area of Hartford.

Revolvers were used as there were few .22 caliber automatic target pistols available at that time.

The following officers were elected:

President	Robert Dudley of Colt's	V.Pres.	Unknown
Sec-Treas.	Ray Harlow of SNET	Chief Range Off.	Capt. Edward J. LanFish, Hfd. Police Dept.
Advisor	J. Henry Fitzgerald of Colt's		

Teams of the League and the order they finished in the first season as listed in the Hartford Courant.

1. Hartford Revolver & Rifle Club
2. Phoenix State Bank Club.
3. Colt's Pistol & Revolver Club.
4. Southern New England Telephone Revolver Club.
5. Capitol City Revolver Club.
6. Windsor Revolver Club.
7. Wethersfield American League Revolver Club.
8. Mercer & Dunbar Armor Car Club.

Nov. 2, 1938 News Item in The Hartford Courant:

The Windsor Revolver Club defeated the Mercer & Dunbar Armored Car Service in the first match of the Metropolitan Revolver League. Firing was at the Newington American Legion Range. (Building burned down next week).

The newly organized M&D team firing its first shoulder to Shoulder match, suffered somewhat from buck fever.

Score:	Windsor	1160	High score for the match	238
	M & D	799		

Large type time & rapid fire targets were used for slow fire. The Capitol City Club boys have decided that more heat in their range room might improve scores, the thought being suggested by shooting on the delightful Phoenix State Bank range on Main St. in Hartford.

The Metropolitan Revolver League's first season and the teams as they finished.

The averages, and the top shooters of each club:

1.	Hartford Revolver & Rifle	1318.2	Napolen Berube	279.7
2.	Phoenix State Bank	1317.4	W. C. Poole, Jr.	176.0
3.	Colt's Club	1297.4	John Hintlian	264.9
4.	S.N.E.T. Club	1286.3	Arthur Lauritsen	263.0
5.	Capitol City	1273.0	Edward Lally	165.2
6.	Windsor Club	1238.9	Adelbert Coe	258.1
7.	Wethersfield	1213.2	Ray Jesionowski	259.5
8.	Mercer & Dunbar	1123.9	Robert Braman	243.2

March 28, 1939:

The first Metropolitan Revolver League banquet was at the Colt's Memorial Building on Wyllys Street in Hartford. Among several speakers, were, J. Henry Fitzgerald, noted Colt ballistic expert and showman of special shooting, in a brief talk, stated "that an expert shooter must have control over every nerve and muscle in his body". Leonard C. Davis, Colt's Adv. Mgr. gave congratulations upon an amazing first year.

From March 28, 1939 until August 31, 1941, records of the league functions have been lost.

August 31, 1941:

The Metropolitan Revolver League of Hartford held a meeting. Ed Prouty of the Windsor Revolver Club, one of the most active promoters of the League, was elected President. At this organizational meeting, it was voted to establish a new board of governors composed of one member of each club to be added to the elective officers. It was decided to use the NRA type targets this season, and that NRA rules will be in effect with the exception of the League timing and unlimited entries in matches. It was decided not to become a NRA team league, due to the reasons we wouldn't be able to start our matches until December and most of the clubs, being newly organized didn't want to have its members be just NRA members.

The 1941 - 1942 League season comprised of the following teams and their standings:
(With additional teams joining the League)

1.	United Aircraft	25	Won	01	Lost
2.	Windsor	22	"	04	"
3.	Capitol City	19	"	07	"
4.	S. N. E. T	17	"	09	"
5.	Colts	16	"	10	"
6.	Hartford R & R	15	"	11	"
7.	New Britain	14	"	12	"
8.	Pratt & Whitney	12	"	14	"
9.	West Hartford Trust	12	"	14	"
10.	Wethersfield	09	"	17	"
11.	Rocky Hill	08	"	18	"
12.	Hartford Fire Dept	06	"	20	"
13.	Gray Mfg. Co.	05	"	11	"
14.	Hartford Gas Co.	02	"	24	"

The Metropolitan Revolver League of Hartford suspended matches in 1942 until the end of world war II.

The 1946 - 1947 season: The Metropolitan Revolver League of Hartford restarted with the following:
President Chief Edward McNally of the Hartford Fire Dept, and with the following teams:

1.	Capitol City	17	Won	01	Lost
2.	Colt's	14	"	04	"
3.	Mercer & Dunbar	14	"	04	"
4.	United Aircraft	10	"	06	"
5.	Windsor	10	"	07	"
6.	Wethersfield	07	"	07	"
7.	Torrington	05	"	10	"
8.	West Hartford Police	05	"	17	"
9.	Hartford Fire Dept.	00	"	15	"
10.	Gray Mfg. Co.	00	"	15	"

The League continued on until the present time, which now has 15 teams. A number of teams have come and gone since the League was organized. Also a few dropped out due to range problems. The Metropolitan Revolver League of Hartford, Inc. was incorporated some time in 1958 or there about.

Submitted By: Adelbert Coe League Historian 1989

The 1930's

Fall of 1938, Metropolitan League forms with five teams, Windsor Police Revolver, Capitol City, Southern New England Telephone, Hartford Courant Pistoelers, and Colts. First match held at Newington American Legion Range. This burned down the following week. Matches then held indoors and outdoors as locations and weather permitted. Four teams added before the year ends, Hartford Revolver and Rifle, Phoenix State Bank, Wethersfield American Legion Rev., and Mercer & Dunbar. The following year added Hartford Banker's Revolver, West Hartford Police, Rocky Hill Revolver, Reserve Officers, Hartford Gas Co., and Hartford Courant Pistoelers.

Patches from two of the original teams



Outdoor Match 1939

The 1940's

Active competition from 1940 until suspended in 1942 due to W.W.II. Resumed after World War II for the 1946-47 season.

More teams join the League:

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| United Aircraft Guard Pistol Club | Gray Revolver Club |
| West Hartford Trust Co. | Hartford Fire Dept. Rev. Club |
| Pratt & Whitney | New Britain |
| West Hartford Rev. & Pistol Club | Torrington Revolver Club |
| West Hartford Rangers | Mercer & Dunbar #2 |
| Hartford National Bank | Willimantic Gun Club |

This seems to have become the heyday of shooting, as the late 40's brought much interest in competition after the lessons learned in the war. Guns were not a dirty word, as it was seen firsthand how important they were to maintain freedom and the rights of the individual. These lessons seem to be forgotten as time goes on and memories are pushed to the back of the mind. The atmosphere of competitive shooting instills character and respect for others. This is a quality that should be preserved and fostered in the future.



First Shoulder Patch Introduced

The 1950's

New teams start the League:
Pilgrim Rifle & Revolver Club
Univ. Of Ct. Air Force ROTC Club
Eddy Glover Pistol Club

Middletown Rifle & Pistol Club Manchester Revolver Club
Bell City Rifle & Revolver Club Enfield Police
Bears Pistol Team



Revolvers fade away as Semi-Automatics begin to dominate the scene.



Second type patch is introduced.
Followed in the 60's with the patch on front page.

The 1960's

New teams start the League:
Metacon Gun Club

Windsor Locks Club

Shoreline Rifle & Revolver

Scoped pistols begin to show up more often.
The era of "gadgets" has arrived.

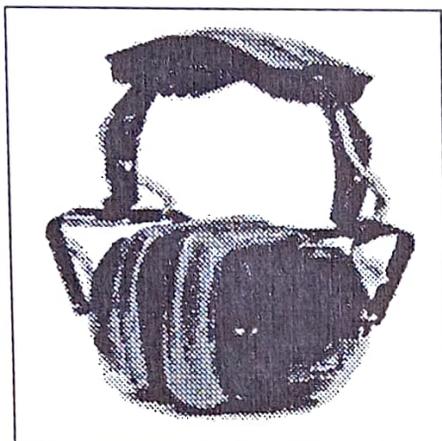
Enfield Police Pistol Team

Located at the Thompsonville Police Station in Enfield, CT.
Joined the Metropolitan Revolver League in 1955, compiling record of 3 & 21. By 1962, they were a team to be beat, compiling a 21 & 9 record. That year Mr. Jerome captured team high average at 278.31, Mr. Duprey was second at 272.08, and Mr. Godek (still shooting with Windsor) was third with 270.38. The team ceased competition at end of the 1966-67 season.



Many of the well known and loved shooters have passed on, and the Arnold Goodwin and Tony Christina commemorative awards have been instituted. They become quite coveted by the League members.

The 1970's



Ear and Eye protection begins to be prevalent at the matches. Soon becomes a requirement at all ranges. For years, shooters used no protection and many suffered long term consequences. Amazingly no serious known injuries incurred. Safety awareness heightens.

New teams start the League:
Charter Oak Pistol Club
Hartford Fire Insurance Club
Silver City Gun Club
Connecticut Yankee

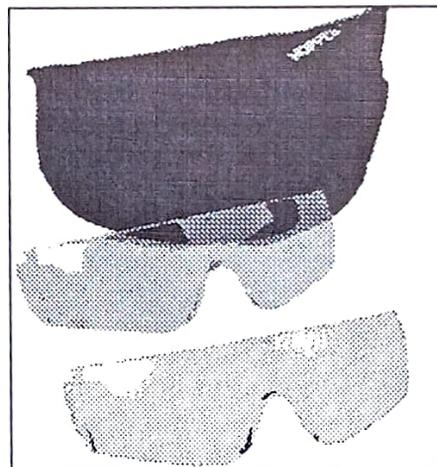
The league quite actively begins observing the political arena, instituting a Legislative Officer. "New and Better" gun laws were being introduced each year, which ultimately would decimate the League if left unchecked. This becomes an ongoing battle with restrictive gun laws proposed almost every year henceforth.

Ray Foster dies and an Award in his name is started.

The new phrase of the day becomes

Get Out And Vote.

The 1980's



A new level of sophistication and professionalism enter the League as safety requirements demand better ranges. Awareness begins at the ranges, for the health of the shooter and neighbors. Concerns are also for Lead Hazard, and many ranges are shut down due to this liability. This began with the Manchester range, soon to be followed the Colts range which shut down permanently, due to the Lead Hazard. Renovations to the Eddy Glover range at the Police Station for better air filtration systems close this facility for a period during the Eighties. This is reopened to the League for a short while.

A two year entry into the League roster is made by the Watertown Pistol Club, holding their home matches at a local grade school basement range. They like many others find that this schoolyard atmosphere does not mix with competitive shooting as schools no longer are interested in promoting sports shooting, or any kind of gun ownership for that matter. Many school teachers and faculties have taken a liberal "No Guns" attitude and work in a direction opposite to that of the League.

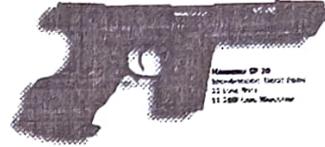
With many ranges being closed for "Health and Liability" issues, members became painfully aware that it is not just by restricting guns, that the anti-gunners have set their eyes on their ultimate goal of a total ban of guns. This tactic somewhat backfired, as it made the League more aware of benefits to the shooter, and improvements to the sport were made. By maintaining flexibility to change we will move ahead.

The 1990's

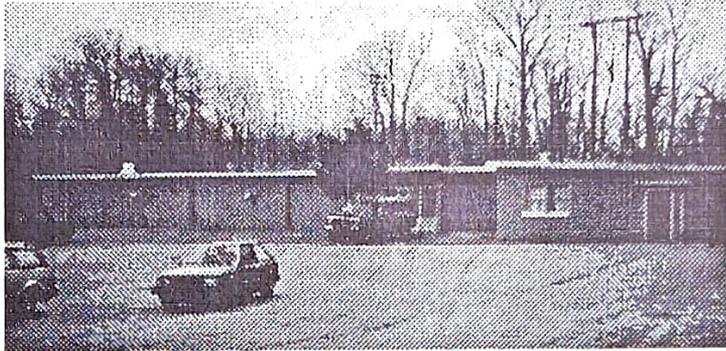
New style guns being used in competition.

Wolf's Bristol Club started, and competed only the 1992-93 season.

Tolland County Pistol Club forms and starts dominating the League.



Hammerli SP 20



January 1990 - The six teams of Metropolitan Shooters, Inc. held opening ceremony on renovated Manchester Range.

Windsor Locks Gun Club Inc.

Organized in 1955 at the Memorial Hall on Elm Street.

Original Officers:

President	Phillip Randall
Executive Officer	Evan T. Kullgren
Vice President	James H. Whitten
Chief Instructor	Everett P. Boyle
Secretary-Treasurer	Robert E. Pease

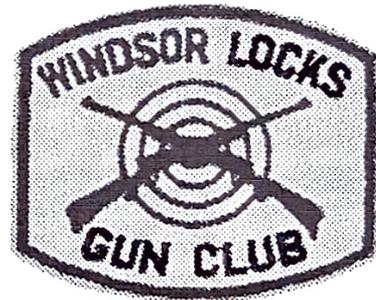
Moved to the Middle School on Center Street in 1956.

Completed 6 port firing range in 1957.

Added 3 ports in 1965, added final 3 ports in 1969.

Joined the Metropolitan Revolver League in 1967, when the members of the Enfield Police Pistol Team became members after their club closed.

Windsor Locks had to close in June 1996.



On a closing note I just want to say that I believe that for all the turmoil we have been through these past six decades, I am sure we will look back and think they were a cakewalk. I think in the coming years, we must endeavor to be more vigilant to oppression of our gun rights, and do everything we can to increase our membership and therefore our ability to survive. This will take much time and money. Join the N.R.A. and bring in new League members. As it is said in Latin "Parabellum".

I want to thank everyone who contributed information and memorabilia to produce this timeline. If yours was not used please take no offense, as there was limitations both to time and cost, in creating these pages. I literally could have devoted ten times the space with all the information I have. Maybe I can spend a few years putting it together and with much financial cost, have one hell of a 75th anniversary issue.

Stephen M. Langlois

The New Shooter

What's it like to be a new shooter in the Metropolitan League? I'm glad you asked me that because I'm going to tell you my experience. See if you can relate. Back in the late sixties and early seventies, when I was twenty-something, my buddies and I would shoot outdoors every weekend. We would go through two or three bricks of .22 ammo on a Saturday without breaking a sweat. Of course that was when you could do so without drawing a crowd of police. One day I was relating my ballistic pleasure of the weekend to an acquaintance, and he suggested that I come and shoot for his team, which was Colts in the Metropolitan League. He assured me that I could be an asset to the team. I remember thinking with my "vast experience" that I could hold my own with anyone on the team, and possibly teach them a thing or two. I should mention now that the name of my acquaintance was Norman Girardin. Well I was all excited, because Norm invited me to come to Colts range and see how I liked Bullseye Shooting and, of course I was anxious to show off my shooting prowess.

I arrived at the range with my trusty Browning Buckmark .22 and some nice new Remington high velocity ammo. Norman explained to me that we were going to shoot a National Match Course consisting of slow, timed, and rapid fire. He handed me the targets and in all honesty they did look awful small, "however", I said to myself "I can do this!!!" What's that Norm? Oh it's only one hand shooting! Needless to say I really showed Norm my shooting ability when I cracked 140 out of 300. Norm shot a 290. I was devastated!!

Norm what can I do to improve? He said "Practice Practice Practice." So I took his advice. I worked in Hartford and I could drive to Colts range and practice on my lunch hour. It was the middle of May and my first real match would not be until September so I felt I had plenty of time. It was on one of these practice hours that I felt someone standing behind me watching me shoot. I turned and saw this man with his hands on his hips smiling at me. "Can I help you?" I inquired. "No" he said "But I can help you." "Excuse me" I said "There is no excuse". He said "your stance is all wrong, your breathing is wrong, and you're not locking your elbow, plus that gun you're using isn't helping." I'm thinking, who is this know-it-all? So I introduce myself and I find out that his name is John Pikow. Well it turns out that John is an ex-marine and a very competent pistol instructor who took me under his wing. Three months later I was shooting in the mid 270's. John was right about so many things and the new Smith&Wesson model 41 pistol did help a lot.

September was upon us and our first real pistol match of the year and I was ready! So here I am in my port ready to shoot in my first match and I notice that my mouth is dry and my forehead is damp with sweat, and as I raise the pistol up I'm shaking much more than usual. Well I shot a sterling 252 !! John I asked "What happened"? He looked at me and laughed and said "Match pressure, something all shooters feel and eventually lessens in time."

As I look back on those years I realize that all John had tried to instill in me are the same things that we try to instill in new shooters today. The point I'm trying to make is that shooters are generally gregarious, helpful and friendly. If you need help someone will be only to glad to give you a hand. I hope to see you at the range. I'll be the guy standing behind you.

John Codraro
Telephone Team

Introduce a "New Shooter" to our League and the Sport This Year.

**Let's try to be here for the Hundreth Anniversary.
Without more, and new competitors it might not happen.**

**Take the challenge this year. Everyone bring in one new member to the League.
And have them join the N.R.A. to support our cause, or we'll have no gun rights.**

**Congratulations On The
60th Anniversary
Metropolitan Revolver League**

Hartford Telephone Gun Club

With 60 Years

Of Continuing Participation



**Congratulations Met League
On 60 Years**

Silver City Gun Club



Congratulations from



BELL CITY RIFLE CLUB

with 42 years

shooting at—



Metropolitan Revolver League

Happy 60th Anniversary