



# The Illinois Shooter

**SPECIAL 2023 RANGE EDITION**

***The ISRA Range is now NSSF Five-Star Rated!***

**Enjoy the shooting sports in our safe, expansive, world-class facilities!**



***It's time to find your place at the ISRA Range!***

Are you ready to improve your marksmanship skills, get more training, and enter competitions with fellow shooters? Join us as a member today and enjoy the many rewarding activities at one of Illinois' finest shooting facilities.

Whatever your shooting passion, the ISRA Range has something for you. With 18 shooting leagues to choose from, our NSSF Five Star outdoor range offers a wide array of exceptional facilities within driving distance of most Chicagoland locations.

***New-member savings inside!***

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**“The Illinois State Rifle Association Range excels in all aspects of running a modern public shooting facility.”**

**– NSSF Director of Member Development Zach Snow**



The ISRA Range has demonstrated excellence in all aspects of management and operations and has superb shooting sports development and amenities. It boasts the most diverse array of organized shooting activities in the country, including the largest evening Highpower Rifle League, according to the sanctioning body (NRA). Here you’ll find rebuilt pistol ranges (1 and 2) with new berms to protect the 25-yard turning mechanism, and the impressive highpower range (3) that now has two electronic targets for use by range members. All in all, the ISRA Range has over 250 firing positions spread over 12 ranges. Members can also attend the regular educational events inside climate-controlled classroom facilities.

Membership at the Bonfield, Illinois Range is offered as a premium with dues separate from required ISRA membership dues. The ISRA Range is now open to new members. Clean, well-equipped indoor restrooms are easily accessible with indoor and outdoor entrances. Range members are welcome to bring guests.

**Generous Practice Hours for Your Convenience**

The Range is open 7 days a week, so you can enjoy our facilities at your leisure. Shooting hours are between 8 a.m. and dusk year-round.

**First-Class Facilities for Our Valued Members!**

- Secure gated entrance with year-round key card access given to Range members for shooting & primitive camping
- Comfortable clubhouse with clean, handicapped-accessible restrooms, showers, and large classroom area
- Covered picnic and meeting pavilion, perfect for large luncheons or dinners
- Camping grounds
- Shotgun area, with Lincoln mechanical practice traps
- 12 discipline-specific ranges, including electronic targets on Range 3
- Archery range
- Indoor air gun range
- More than 15 leagues
- Shooting practice 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to dusk
- Instructional classes in basic and advanced pistol, rifle, shotgun, and concealed carry
- Sighting-In Day, NRA Day, youth camp, and fun matches
- No hourly fees



**Range Leagues for Every Shooting Sport**

- Air Rifle Leagues
- Benchrest League
- Black Powder League
- Bullseye League
- Combat Pistol League/3-Gun League
- F-Class 300-Yard Highpower Rifle League
- Marksmanship League
- Paper & Steel League
- Scout Rifle League
- F-Class Smallbore Rifle League
- Springfield League
- Summer Glock League/Fall Glock League
- Tuesday Night Irregular Rifle Highpower League
- Military Benchrest Rifle League

**ISRA Range Guide**

Range 1	Pistol 25/50 yd
Range 2	Pistol 25/50 yd
Range 3	Highpower 200/300 yd
Range 4	Benchrest 100 yd
Range 5	Rifle 10 yd/100 meter
Range 6	Shotgun
Range 7	Archery
Range 8	Training 25 yd/25 meter
Range 9	Training 25 yd/25 meter
Range 10	Training 25 yd/25 meter
Range 11	Training 25 yd/25 meter
Range 12	Airgun (Clubhouse)



**“A range that caters to a diverse clientele and provides consistent and rewarding customer experiences!” –NSSF**

## **Education and Preparation**

### **Civilian Marksmanship Program & Training Courses**

Central to the ISRA’s mission is assisting the Civilian Marksmanship Program by promoting rifle practice, firearm safety, and assisting the State of Illinois and IDNR advocate marksmanship practice as a sport and fundamental aspect of national defense. In addition to its marksmanship leagues, the ISRA offers a popular two-day training program and EIC rifle match as part of its Civilian Marksmanship Program Rifle Marksmanship 101 School.

The ISRA is also dedicated to educating



citizens on the lawful use and possession of firearms, firearm safety, self-defense, competitive shooting, and sport hunting. To that end, Range members can take NRA Basic Shotgun and Basic Rifle courses, NRA Personal Protection Inside and Outside the Home classes, Pistol Orientation and handgun workout courses, self-defense, and a field hunting safety course.

Higher-level affiliated training and immersion courses bring in specialists from the Midwest Training Group, Armed Response, Defensive Tradecraft, and Massad Ayoob’s intensive advanced training classes to help you become a high-functioning shooter.

### **Sighting-In Day**

This is an important day on any shooter’s calendar. On Sighting-In Day, you can come out to the ISRA Range sight-in your shotgun, rifle, pistol, muzzleloader, or bow (archery range is available). Open to the public and with covered firing points, this event takes place rain or shine.

There is a \$10 per firearm or bow charge that includes targets for rifles, handguns, muzzleloaders, shotgun slugs, shotguns, and bows. Shotgun cost includes use of patterning board. You must use trap loads on the patterning board.

No ammunition is available on-premises. We recommend that you bring at least 25 rounds of ammo for each firearm.

Gunsmithing services are available.



*Sighting-In Day will take place on Ranges 2, 3, 5, and 6. It is open to the public with free parking.*



## 2023 ISRA RANGE LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS

### AIR GUN LEAGUES

Our two air gun leagues are open to all ISRA members. Any air pistol or air rifle that is .177 caliber and under 700 fps can be used. For shooting at 10 meters, we have 12 firing points that can be shot from standing, kneeling, sitting, or prone positions. Fee is \$5 per shooter, no minimum age, and families are welcome.

The **Air Rifle League** meets on Range 12 in the Clubhouse on Tuesdays from November through March, starting at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. Contact Mike James (range safety officer and international coach) at 847-456-3386, or email [mikej308@comcast.net](mailto:mikej308@comcast.net).

The **Air Pistol League** meets on Range 12 in the Clubhouse on Wednesdays from November through March, starting at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. This is an introduction to air gun, with the opportunity to use league equipment and receive coaching in a non-stressful venue. Contact Jeff Davis at 708-476-3257 or John Newman at 815-954-8389, or email [combatpistol@gmail.com](mailto:combatpistol@gmail.com).

### Marksmanship League

The Marksmanship League opens its 2023 season in March and concludes in October with various other dates through summer and fall, concluding the day of finals on October 8th. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. and is finished by noon, accepting walk-ins only. Firearms to be used are .22 pistols, .22 revolvers, centerfire (CF) pistol, CF revolver, and .22 rifles. To participate in the finals, you must compete at least twice. Competitor classes include juniors, women, men, and seniors. This is a timed-shooting league based on the Lewis System. Fee is \$5 per class, per match. Contact Mandi or Mike at [isramarksmanshipleague@gmail.com](mailto:isramarksmanshipleague@gmail.com).

### Benchrest League

The Benchrest League starts in April and runs every Wednesday through October. The league meets on Range 4 from 8 a.m. until dusk or when finished for the day. The League shoots centerfire and rimfire bolt action rifles. No caliber larger than a .308 is allowed. No flash arrestors or muzzle brakes are allowed. Shooters may use a semi-auto, but it must be loaded a single shot at a time. A brass catcher must also be provided by the shooter. This league is for people who love extreme accuracy. New shooters are welcome. Contact Hal Finkle at 815-735-2268 or [halfinkle@ymail.com](mailto:halfinkle@ymail.com); or Mark Lincoln at 630-460-0241 or email [lincolnmark308@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnmark308@gmail.com).

### Black Powder League (Bonfield Muzzle Loaders)

The Black Powder League meets the first Sunday of every month from March until December on Range 2 and in the Clubhouse from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Any black powder rifle or pistol can be used. This league shoots traditional black powder firearms and uses paper and reactive targets. New shooters are welcome. Registration to join the league is \$20, \$5 for the first target, \$1 for each additional target. Lunch is included. Contact Tom Fahrenbach at 630-327-3820 or email [tef1@att.net](mailto:tef1@att.net).

### Bullseye League

The Bullseye League meets on Ranges 1 & 2, once a month on Sundays, from April through October. First line starts at 8 a.m. sharp and the last line is called at 1:30 p.m. Any .22 or centerfire (CF) pistols can be used; bring 2 magazines, and appropriate ammo. Bullseye Pistol is one of the oldest competitions. You may use iron sights or optical sights. Bullseye is shot one-handed, unsupported. Fees are \$2.50 per match or \$10.00 for 4 matches with 5th scorecard free. New shooters are welcome and get their first match free. Contact Jeff Battaglia at 708-614-1628 or email [jeffb@isra.org](mailto:jeffb@isra.org).





### 3-Gun League

3-Gun is held on the first Sunday of the month from May to November. 3-Gun is a tactical style match using barricades, walls and various other props. You will shoot from different positions, including shooting on the move, reloading, from cover, and through barricade opening. We offer a casual, fun, and relaxed shooting experience. Match consists of 4 courses of fire in 25-yard bays. Stages vary each month and use a combination of firearms. As a general rule 100 pistol, 100 rifle, and 100 shotgun birdshot (7 1/2 or 8) rounds will get you through the match with some to spare. \$30 to shoot. Registration is available on PractiScore. Contact Jeff Davis at 708.476.3257 or email dtw1990@comcast.net.

### Paper & Steel Leagues

The Combat Paper & Steel League is designed for those who want to improve their shooting skills. This league is held on every Wednesday of the month from April through October.

### Paper & Steel Shotgun League

The Paper & Steel Shotgun League is on the first Sunday of the month from April through October. Contact Jeff Davis at 708-476-3257 or email dtw1990@comcast.net.

### USPSA Steel Challenge

The USPSA Steel Challenge League is held on the first Saturday of the month from June through October in two stages. Open to public. Contact Jeff Davis at 708-476-3257 or email dtw1990@comcast.net. This is an SCSA-sanctioned level-1 match with 6 of the 8 steel challenge stages of fire. USPSA membership is not required to shoot but is required for SCSA classification. SCSA rules will apply. More details are available at SCSA.org. Any safe pistol, or rimfire, or pistol caliber carbine (PCC) rifle in good condition from .22-.45 may be used (no magnum allowed). Pistol-caliber ammo only. Centerfire pistols are drawn from a holster located at the side or forward of the hip. No inside-the-waistband, shoulder, ankle, or small-of-the-back holsters allowed. Rimfire pistol, rifle, and PCC are shot from low ready. If new to steel challenge or not trained to draw from the holster, you may fire a centerfire from low ready to learn about steel challenge, but scores will not be reported. Eye protection and hearing protection are mandatory for all shooters and spectators. Equipment needed: holsters for centerfire pistol and revolvers, chamber flag and gun bag for pistols and rifles, or chamber flags and a cart to secure pistol and rifle. \$20 for first gun, \$10, each additional gun. Three guns max. Please register individually on PractiScore for each division.

### F-Class Highpower Rifle League Fired at 300 Yards

The F-Class 300-Yard Rifle League meets on Wednesdays, from May through September, on Range 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open to public. Contact Tom Jurgens at 815-573-3041 or jurgens914@comcast.net.

### F-Class Smallbore Rifle League

The Smallbore League meets on Range 5 every Thursday in May through September from 2 p.m. until dusk. Only .22 rimfire rifles are used. Smallbore was started in the 1870s and is one of the most challenging shooting sports. If you want to be precision rifle shooting, then smallbore is for you. F-Class Smallbore uses optical sights and is designed for "lighter rifles." An organizational meeting is also on the first night. New shooters welcome. Contact James Miller at 815-268-4411 or jamesandkay-miller@att.net.





## Summer Glock League

Summer Glock League meets on Range 11 on the last Sunday in June, July and August at 8:30 a.m.

## Fall Glock League

Fall Glock League meets on Range 11 on the last Sunday in September, October, and November at 8:30 a.m. Any caliber Glock may be used for both summer and fall leagues. Contact Frank Perrotta at 630-240-5403 or email [fperro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fperro@sbcglobal.net).

## Springfield League

The Springfield League meets on Range 10 on June 20th and on Range 11 on July 18th and August 22nd beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at noon. Limited to Springfield Armory XD, XDM, 1911s, and concealed carry division subcompact models, using Springfield targets. This is an intermediate league designed to help shooters learn to change magazines during shooting and drawing from the holster. New shooters are welcome. Contact Tony Jacobazzi at 630-918-1631 or email [tjacobazzi@comcast.net](mailto:tjacobazzi@comcast.net).



## Tuesday Night Irregular Rifle League

The TNIRL shoots NRA sanctioned Highpower rifle matches on Range 3 on Tuesday afternoons starting in April and ending in October. There is a relay at noon for those free earlier in the day; otherwise, the league starts at 5:30 p.m. AR-15s with iron or telescopic (max magnification 4.5) sights are most commonly used. A 30-caliber division allows use of traditional highpower guns such as the M1A and M1 Garand. New shooters are welcome. Half (40 rounds plus 4 sighters) of a full-course match is shot each week. One week offhand and rapid-fire sitting are shot at 200 yards, and on alternate weeks, prone rapid and prone slow are shot at 300 yards. Members do not have to attend every match. At the end of the season, 200- and 300-yard recorded scores will be paired up to submit for NRA HP classification. A light barbecue dinner is provided after each evening's match. See the flyer available on the ISRA calendar listing for Tuesdays during the season. Prospective new league members should arrive by 4:00 p.m. and request an orientation session. The course of fire, line safety, commands and target scoring will be reviewed, and questions will be answered. You should have a 100-yard known zero on the rifle sights along with the ammunition you plan to use. If you are unsure, bring extra ammunition and ask for assistance prior to the sign-in time. Don't forget the May 2023 New-Shooter Highpower Clinic at the Range! Contact Bryan Coyle by email at [TNIRLeague@gmail.com](mailto:TNIRLeague@gmail.com).

## Military Benchrest Rifle League

The Military Benchrest Rifle League starts the second Monday in June and goes through the second Monday in September, from 3:00 p.m. until dusk on Range 5. The League is for people who enjoy shooting M1s, 1903 Springfields, Enfield P17s, M1As, AR-15s, and so on but can't because of physical limitations. It is a 100-yard match shot from the bench. The course of fire will be 5 sighted shots. The match will consist of 10 shots slow fire, 10 shots timed fire, and 10 shots rapid fire. One string will be 2 minutes and the other, a minute and a half. We will shoot this on an SR-21 target. Registration fee is \$10; each match will be \$5. Contact Richard Pearson at 815-635-3198 or email [executive@isra.org](mailto:executive@isra.org).

## The Scout Rifle League

The Scout Rifle League starts the second Monday in June and ends the second Monday in September on Range 5. The league is for both experienced and new shooters. The course of fire will be 5 sighted shots. The match will consist of 10 shots slowfire, 10 shots timed fire, and 10 shots rapid fire. A bipod may be used for slow fire. Timed fire will be shot using a low barricade. These both will be at 100 yards. Rapid fire will be shot standing using a barricade. Rapid fire will be shot at 50 yards. Slings are allowed. There will be two classes: one for optic sights and one for iron sights. There will be two relays: the first relay begins at 3:00 p.m. and the second begins at 4:30 p.m. There is an initial registration fee of \$10, and then each match is \$5. Contact Richard Pearson at 815-635-3198 or email [executive@isra.org](mailto:executive@isra.org) or Jessica at 815-635-3198 or email [jessica@isra.org](mailto:jessica@isra.org).





# OTHER ISRA PROGRAMS

## Hard Dogs

The Hard Dogs is the ISRA Junior Highpower team. ISRA sponsored, its primary mission is to develop marksmanship excellence in service rifle competition (AR-15 target rifle) for youth ages 12 to 20. Experienced adult competitors provide coaching, team clinics, and work with individual members. The Hard Dogs learn competitive sportsmanship values in a team setting. Firearms safety and range procedures are core requirements for participation in the program, which competes in highpower rifle matches at 200, 300, and 600 yards. The sport provides many opportunities for development and growth. Juniors learn the value of dedication through practice. Mental discipline and personal responsibility are essential attributes for success on and off the rifle range. Matches are held throughout Illinois, the surrounding states, and nationally at the National Highpower Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Some team members compete at the NRA National Championship Matches at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. The team also has Palma rifles for mid- and long-range matches at 800, 900, and 1,000 yards. The season starts in the spring and continues through the fall. ISRA match information can be found on the Tournaments page of [www.illinoishighpower.org](http://www.illinoishighpower.org). The team continues its efforts to recruit and train more youth from across the state. If you have an interested young man or woman, please contact [harddogs@isra.org](mailto:harddogs@isra.org).



## Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program

This is one of the oldest and best programs to improve your marksmanship skills. Millions of people have been trained under the 100-year-old Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program, which is designed to take inexperienced shooters and turn them into excellent marksmen through repetition. When the shooters achieve the highest goal, they are awarded the NRA Distinguished Expert medal. Over the years, the Distinguished Expert medal has changed. The newest version is the best one yet. Currently, we are using our leagues to promote this program. The participating leagues are Benchrest, F-Class, and Junior Smallbore. All scores have to be witnessed and sent to the ISRA office; we will submit your score to the NRA.

## MAG 40 Class

Massad Ayooob is a master instructor who puts on an annual MAG 40 class at the Range. This is a must for every Concealed Carry License holder or combat shooter. Sign up while there is still room through the Midwest Training Group website. We have many additional classes at the ISRA Range. Please check the Range calendar for dates and details.



**Become a new Range member today!**  
**815-635-3198 • [member@isra.org](mailto:member@isra.org) • [www.isra.org](http://www.isra.org)**



## DIRECTIONS TO THE ISRA RANGE

The ISRA Range is located at 1589 N Warner Bridge Road. (Warner Bridge Road is also 7000W road.)

Via I-57 from the North:

Exit at Manteno (exit 322). Turn right (west) approximately 8 miles to Warner Bridge Road. Turn left (south) 8 1/2 miles to the ISRA Range.

Via I-57 from the South:

Exit at Kankakee, Route 17 (exit 312). Turn left (west) for approximately 9 miles to Warner Bridge Road. Turn right (north) 1 1/2 miles to the ISRA Range.

Via I-55 from the North:

Exit at Braidwood, Route 113 (exit 236). Follow Route 113 south through Braidwood and Custer Park approximately 13 miles to Warner Bridge Road. Turn right (south) 4 1/2 miles to the ISRA Range.

Via I-55 from the South:

Exit Dwight Route 17 (exit 217). Turn right (east) approximately 26 miles to Warner Bridge Road. Turn left (north) 1 1/2 miles to the ISRA Range.

## Hotels located near the ISRA Range:

Fairfield Inn

1550 State Rt 50

Bourbonnais, IL 60914

815-935-1334

Hampton Inn

64 Ken Hayes Dr

Bourbonnais, IL 60914

815-933-3800

Super 8 Motel

1390 Lock Dr

Bourbonnais, IL 60914

815-216-9461

Hilton Garden Inn

455 Riverstone Pkwy

Kankakee, IL 60901

815-932-4444

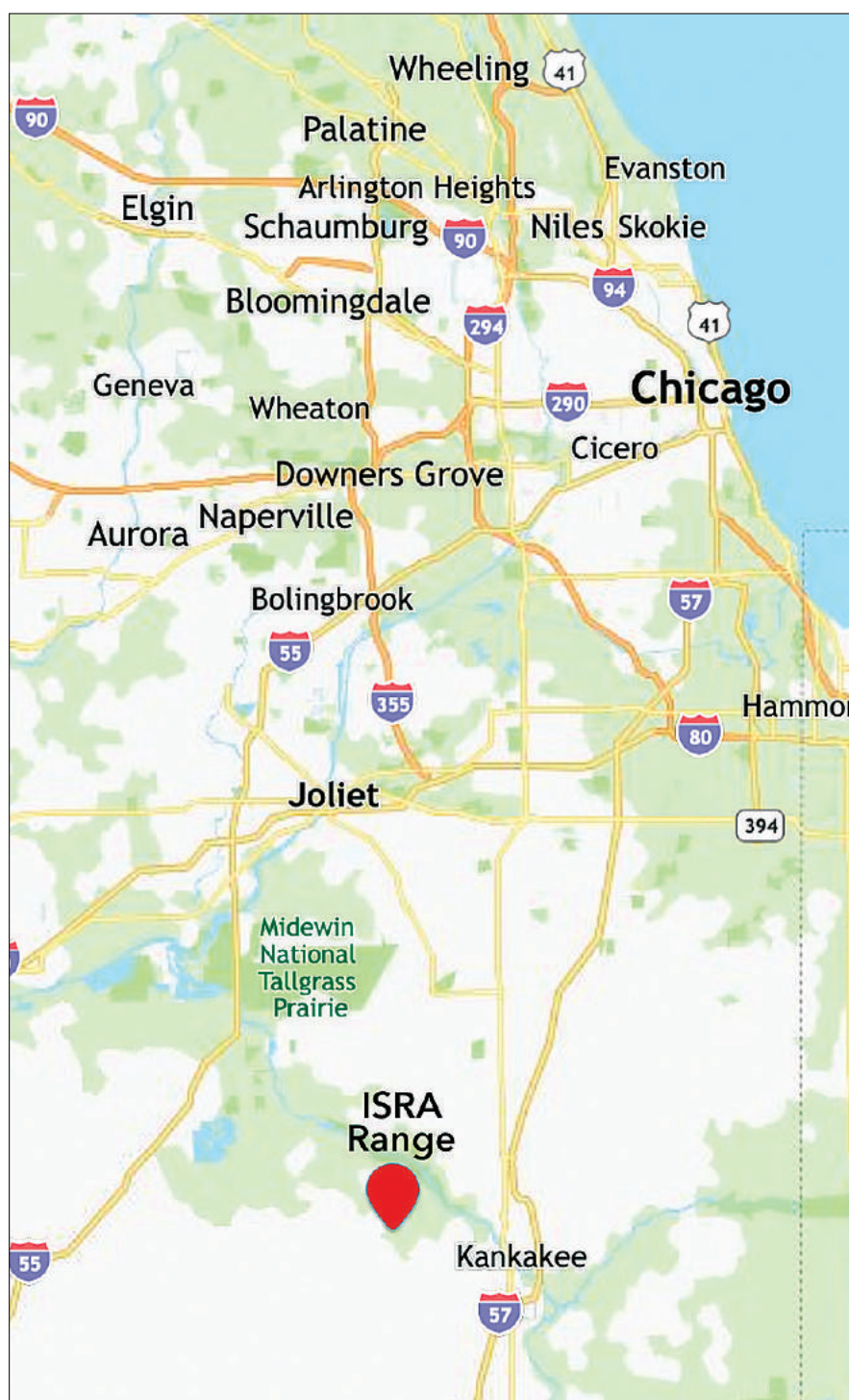


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## GPS Coordinates to the Range:

Decimal Degrees: N 41.14073°, W 88.010488°

Degrees/Minutes/Seconds: N 41° 8' 27", W 88° 0' 38"



## Practice your shooting skills and enjoy your Second Amendment rights!

Get in on the action. Take this opportunity to join the ISRA Range and save with our **special new-member discounts!** Use the form enclosed in this special issue or enroll on ISRA.org. Do it today!

**"Illinois recreational shooters have a true asset in the ISRA Range." –Zach Snow, NSSF**

