



REACTIVE TARGET

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RANGE HOURS

Mon thru Sat: 8 a.m. – Official Sunset

Sunday: Closed until May

Official Notices

Mar 31 – Thursday

Last day to renew HSC membership

Apr 3 – Sunday

8:00 a.m. Board meeting

9:00 a.m. General meeting

Apr 16 – Saturday

9:00—5:00

Group shoot

Front/back berms club house closed

Apr 23 – Saturday

9:00 a.m. IDPA Orientation Class

12:00 p.m. Official IDPA Classifier

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2004 HSC Worker Appreciation Dinner McKinney gets annual award



Dave McKinney received the president's Member of the Year Award. In making the award, Lombardo cited McKinney for his stewardship of IDPA and running the pistol league. "In addition to those two major programs," he said, "Dave donated his carpentry talent many times. Whenever something needed to be done, Dave did it!"

Over two dozen members and guests attended the March 19th dinner in Platville. Immediately prior to receiving the award, McKinney was called up by club member and fellow IDPA shooter Shawn Stewart.

Stewart recounted that despite McKinney's best efforts he didn't take home a prize the last time the HSC IDPA Team shot competitively. "Because of Dave McKinney, IDPA at Howell Shooting Club is thriving," Stewart said. "All the IDPA shooters pitched in because we
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From the president

The beginning of a new season
By David A. Lombardo

It is the beginning of another shooting season and this one is full of recreational, and educational opportunities for the entire family.

There have been a number of inquiries about shooting IDPA so Saturday morning, April 23rd, Dave McKinney and company will be teaching a half-day seminar on how to shoot IDPA.

The course covers everything you need to know including basic rules, scoring, safety issues and equipment limitations. One of the great things about IDPA is

that it essentially restricts the shooter to stock handguns. You don't spend a lot of money on equipment. The cost of the course is only \$20 but advanced registration is required.

Immediately after the training class McKinney will be holding an Official IDPA Classifier from noon until 3:00 p.m. While you may shoot IDPA at Howell without completing a classifier you can't shoot competitively elsewhere. The cost of the Classifier is \$15 and advanced registration is required.

On Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1st, Samantha Stewart will be offering

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Trap League

Position vacant

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appreciate everything you've done and decided you deserved a trophy even if you didn't win one." Stewart then unveiled a the giant trophy."

In his comments after receiving the



John Untch holding "The Real Deal" Award.
Photo—Lombardo

President's Member of the Year award, McKinney thanked many people for their help with IDPA but singled out John Untch saying Untch agreed from the beginning to help out. "I could always count on John," McKinney said, "He's the 'Real Deal.'"

Lombardo went around the room introducing the members and guests one-by-one and explaining their individual contributions to HSC in 2004. "Ninety-five percent

of what you see done at the club is the direct result of Kerry Krickeberg and Bruce Hamp," he said when he came to Krickeberg. "Bruce had a family commitment this evening but those are the two people you really need to thank."

HSC also thanks the fine folks of the UPA for a great dinner! •

Photo L-R: Ann Mary Klapat, Samantha Stewart and Allison Hartman talking about upcoming Women's programming.
Photo—Lombardo

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the 2nd annual Outdoor Women Program. This year we've expanded it to a two-day event.

Participants will learn shooting and outdoor skills. This is an excellent opportunity to get the wives, daughters and girlfriends involved in the shooting and outdoor sports. For more information contact Samantha Stewart.

In May the full season kicks off so be sure to check your 2005 Schedule to plan ahead. In particular, you won't want to miss Allison Hartman's Power 4 Women Refresher. She'll bring women up to speed so they can participate in our Wed and Fri evening leagues this summer.

And on the 21st member Andy Kemp, of the Midwest Training Group, will be putting on Introduction to Defensive Pistol. This program is an absolute must for anyone living in a home with a handgun.

Safe Shooting!

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New HSC members joining at the March 6th meeting. Standing (L-R) Baltazar Medina, Anthony Carbonara, Richard Smyth. Kneeling (L-R) Michael Hanek and Stephen Dybas. Photo—Lombardo

KENDALL COUNTY FAIR AIR RIFLE RANGE

We are looking for 3 or 4 individuals interested in taking responsibility for setting up, staffing and taking down an air rifle range at this year’s Kendall County Fair.

Set-up is Wednesday, August 3rd, the Fair runs Thursday, Aug 4—7 with tear-down at approximately 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 7th. You need not be an NRA instructor to work the air rifle range. The president and members of the Board will help staff the tent to answer questions, recruit members and offer NRA memberships.

Please contact David Lombardo if you’re interested.

OUTDOOR NOTEBOOK

The Club is now getting copies of Outdoor Notebook delivered compliments of publishers Bob & Susan Maciulis.

The publication is free and covers Illinois outdoor sports such as hunting, fishing and shooting. The delivery schedule is such that we should have the latest copied delivered just before our monthly meeting. Be sure to pick up one up at the next General Membership meeting!

For the past 24 years Bob has also been host of WJOL Outdoor Notebook radio show. Tune in Bob on AM 1340 from 6:06—7:00 a.m. Saturday mornings.

NRA Membership renewal

Your NRA renewal earns the club income for its Outreach Program. Get someone to join NRA through us for the first time and he’ll get a free official NRA cap as a premium.

NRA Insurance Program

ArmsCare Plus Firearms Insurance is a supplemental program created specifically to provide protection for your firearms and accessories valued up to \$1.0 million.

Your current NRA membership covers up to \$1000. This program covers the value beyond that initial \$1000 and it is very inexpensive. The fee is assessed as 0.0166 times the insured value.

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RANGE ALERT!

The South Pistol Range is temporarily restricted to paper targets and reactive, .22 caliber, metal targets a maximum of 3-feet high! There have been scatter problems resulting from the use of bowling pins and steel.

Also, orange safety cones are now available at the ranges. Shooters must display safety cones at the approach ends of the range when shooting is in progress. •

REACTIVE TARGET

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All copy is subject to editing for style and the publisher reserves the right to maintain control over content.

Issues are free to all Howell Shooting Club members or to the public by subscription for \$12 a year

In the news...

NRA ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MID-APRIL IN HOUSTON

This year's Annual Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas, from April 15-17, 2005.

In conjunction with the showcase event, the NRA-ILA Grassroots Division will host a FREE Grassroots Workshop. This Workshop has been a regular part of NRA's Annual Meetings for more than a decade.

With our victories in the 2004 elections, we must now work to ensure that our electoral successes last year are transformed into legislative victories this year.

Among our pro-freedom legislative priorities are: ending reckless lawsuits against the gun industry, repealing the D.C. gun ban, lifting restrictions on law-abiding gun owners, and much more. And of course, we must remain eternally vigilant in beating back assaults on our freedom, as the anti-gunners are still pushing legislation to ban guns and ammunition, to shut down gun shows, and to further whittle away our Second Amendment rights.

Your attendance at this year's NRA-ILA Grassroots Workshop in Houston is an important step toward ensuring the future of our gun rights. At this FREE Workshop, NRA-ILA staff and NRA Officers will discuss how you can take on an even more active role in your community in our mutual fight to advance and protect our cherished freedoms, and we will provide you with the materials and strategies you will need to educate and empower your fellow gun owners as well.

To register for the Workshop, please call the NRA-ILA Grassroots Division at (800) 392-8683, or on-line at: www.nraila.org/workshops/. (NRA-ILA Grassroots Alert Vol. 12, No. 9 3/04/05)

ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE ACTION

During the first week of March, the Illinois Senate Judiciary Committee derailed some of the anti-gun agenda when members voted down SB 317, a one-

gun-a-month proposal, and SB 332, a dealer licensing bill that would have added another layer of bureaucracy to FFL holders by creating a state-level license in addition to the federal license for gun dealers.

Anti-gun Chicago Mayor Richard Daley (D) and Governor Rod Blagojevich (D) will likely do all they can to try to revive these measures, as well as promote numerous other attacks on our firearm freedoms.

The week of March 7th was slated for the Senate Judiciary Committee to take up SB 1482, which seeks to ban .50 caliber rifles and ammunition, and the House Human Services Committee will likely consider HB 1060, which seeks to ban certain semi-automatic firearms, and HB 1098, another bill to ban .50 caliber firearms and ammunition.

On the pro-gun side, the Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to take up SB 56 and SB 57, which both seek to eliminate the current database on law-abiding gun owners maintained by the State Police. Also, the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee could vote on HB 2567 and HB 2607, each of which seeks to establish a Right-to-Carry permit system.

Please call members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and urge them to oppose SB 1482, and support SB 56 and SB 57. And remember to thank members of the committee for opposing SB 317 and SB 332. In addition, call members of the House Human Services Committee and urge them to oppose HB 1060 and HB 1098.

Finally, please call members of the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee and ask them to support HB 2567 and HB 2607. Of course, also ask all lawmakers to oppose any other anti-gun measures, and support pro-gun reforms.

You can find information on committee members, including contact information, by going to the Illinois General Assembly home page at www.ilga.gov/. (NRA-ILA Grassroots Alert Vol. 12, No. 9 3/04/05)

PILOTS; GUN CERTIFICATION MOVING SLOWLY

Leslie Miller

WASHINGTON (AP) - While the pace of

training and deployment of armed pilots on commercial flights has picked up, supporters of the program say the Bush administration still is making it unnecessarily difficult for crews to take guns into the cockpit.

Pilots who monitor the program estimate that between 4,000 and 4,500 have been trained and deputized to carry guns since the Federal Flight Deck Officer program began in April 2003. That total is about three times as many as a year ago, yet a fraction of the 95,000 pilots who fly for U.S. airlines.

David Mackett, president of the Airline Pilots Security Alliance, a group formed to lobby for guns in the cockpit, said tens of thousands of his colleagues are interested in the program.

"We have an armed pilots program that's arming very few pilots," said Mackett, who hasn't signed up because of the way the program is run. He said many others won't join for the same reason.

Mackett contends the Transportation Security Administration isn't moving to get substantially more pilots trained to carry guns because it has never really wanted the program.

TSA spokesman Mark Hatfield disputed that, saying agency chief David Stone fully backs the effort and that procedures have been changed to more quickly get pilots into the program.

"I've got a pipeline with a couple of thousand applicants and we're running two full classes a week," Hatfield said. The TSA can train about 50 pilots per class.

Hatfield said he couldn't disclose which procedures had been adjusted because of the program's sensitive security nature.

The exact number of armed pilots is classified. No pilot has fired a weapon, either intentionally or accidentally, while on duty, according to TSA spokeswoman Andrea McCauley.

The TSA initially opposed the program, worrying that introducing a weapon to a commercial flight was dangerous and

that other security enhancements since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks made it unnecessary. The agency reluctantly endorsed the idea when it was clear Congress was behind it.

The Bush administration now wants to spend \$7 million more on arming pilots in 2006 than the \$25.3 million this year. The increase will mostly go toward retraining pilots who already carry firearms, according to a TSA spokeswoman, Amy von Walter.

Pilots must volunteer, take a psychological test and complete a weeklong firearms training program run by the government to keep a gun in the cockpit. Mackett said it can take from two months to a year to get a gun from the time an online application is submitted. Some pilots never even hear back from the TSA, he said.

Mackett said the psychological testing and background checks are unnecessary because pilots already have been carefully vetted by their airlines to be able to fly commercial jets.

Hatfield countered that the requirements are needed because of the unique stresses of defending a plane from terrorists while trying to fly it.

"All of the testing, including the psych portion, is designed to ensure we have the most capable candidates for this extremely demanding job," he said.

"Unlike other law enforcement jobs, it's not just about making a life-or-death decision and waiting for backup. It's about making that decision and then turning around and flying the plane again."

Another pilots' group, the Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations, gave the TSA a "D" for the guns-in-the-cockpit program as part of its annual "Aviation Security Report Card."

Both pilot groups object to the requirement that pilots carry their government-issue semiautomatic guns in a lockbox when they're not in the cockpit and to store it in the cargo hold when they're traveling but not flying a plane.

Coalition president Jon Safle said that forcing pilots to give up their guns is "just not a smart thing to do" and that it exposes the weapons to loss or theft.

Last year, Congress failed to pass a bill that would speed the application and training process, allow pilots to carry guns in holsters and let those among them with military or law enforcement backgrounds carry guns immediately.

Mackett said the pilots will try again this year. (Associated Press, 3/14/05).

FBI Group to Study Gun Law By Donna De La Cruz

WASHINGTON (AP) - FBI Director Robert Mueller is forming a study group to review the law that let suspected terrorists buy guns in the United States after they cleared background checks.

Mueller unveiled his plan to form the Justice Department working group, which will include the FBI, in a letter sent Wednesday to Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J. The group will also review the government report issued earlier this month that said more than 40 terror suspects were able to buy firearms in the United States last year because background checks showed they had no felony convictions and weren't illegal immigrants.

The day the Government Accountability Office report was released, Mueller told a House subcommittee that perhaps the law could be altered. In his letter to Lautenberg, Mueller said "I believe a review of the law regarding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System is warranted given the findings of the GAO report."

The DOJ's Office of Legal Policy will spearhead the review, and will make recommendations to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, Mueller wrote.

Lautenberg, who requested the GAO report, said Thursday that the "FBI knows that terrorist access to guns in our country is a real problem.

"Hopefully the FBI can talk some sense into the rest of the Bush administration and put the safety and security of the American people ahead of the interests of the gun lobby," Lautenberg said.

When the report was released, the National Rifle Association had said the law protects Americans from terrorists while allowing citizens the freedom to own

guns. On Thursday, NRA spokeswoman Kelly Hobbs said the NRA worked last year with the Justice Department to ensure that people on the FBI's internal terror watch lists are cross-checked.

"We will certainly work with the Department of Justice, the (Bush) administration, and congressional leaders to review the information and address terrorism concerns while remembering our core mission to protect the rights of law-abiding Americans," Hobbs said.

The report said that from Feb. 3 through June 20 last year, 35 known or suspected terrorists bought guns in the United States. From July 1 to Oct. 31 last year, 12 more were allowed to buy firearms. (AP, 03/24/05) •

Spent Casings

Advertising policy: Non-commercial advertising, of goods for sale or wanted, is free of charge to club members on a space available basis. Commercial advertising rates available upon request. All advertising must be related to the shooting sports.

WANTED: Empty 25 lb. lead shot canvas bags that will be filled with sand and made available on the ranges. Mike Hauser(630-892-8284)

WANTED: Howell members: Get started on 2005 work hours and help get women involved in the shooting sports at the HSC Outdoor Women's Program. We need volunteers for Friday (April 29th) set-up as well as to help keep the program running smoothly during the weekend (April 30th - May 1st). Contact Samantha Stewart (630-364-0920) or WomensPrograms@howellshootingclub.com

HSC THANKS—

Mike Hauser for building a really nice, new shooting bench.

Kyle Corrigan for arranging for his company to donate our new sign-in table in the shed.

Ted Southworth for donating a refrigerator to the club. It will be picked up soon and installed in the Clubhouse to replace the soft drink machine.

APRIL & MAY PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

Call 815-475-2582 for information

April

- 23 Sat IDPA Orientation Class**
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Advanced registration required
- 23 Sat Official IDPA Classifier**
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Advanced registration required
- 30 Sat Outdoor Women Program**
- 01 Sun** 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Two-day event – April 30 & May 1
Advanced registration required

May

- 04 Wed Youth League**
6:00 p.m.

- 07 Sat Power 4 Women Refresher**
10:00—3:00 p.m.
Advanced registration required
- 11 Wed Pistol League**
6:00 p.m.
- 14 Sat IDPA Match**
8:30—1:00 p.m.
- 18 Wed Trap League**
6:00 p.m.
- 21 Sat Introduction to Defensive Pistol**
Midwest Training Group course
8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Advanced registration required
- 25 Wed Rifle League**
6:00 p.m.
- 27 Fri Women's League**
6:00 p.m.

Parting shot... "Bureaucracy s the epoxy that greases the wheel of progress" - Unknown

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