

REACTIVE TARGET

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RANGE HOURS

Mon thru Sat: 8 a.m. – Official Sunset
No Sunday shooting Nov-Apr

Official Notices

Nov 6 — Sunday

8:00 a.m. Board meeting
9:00 a.m. General meeting
ELECTIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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McKinney takes home IDPA honor

Howell Shooting Club's own IDPA Match Director Dave "Hammer Eye" McKinney did some hammering of his own.

McKinney hammered 'em at the Fall Midwest Regional match on September 18th where he took third place in SSP Sharpshooter classification. The IDPA regional competition took place at Central Illinois Practical Shooter's Club in Havana, Illinois.

Fellow HSC IDPA team members who attended included John Untch, Bob Bruining and Dave Lencione. Our warmest regards to all team members for representing HSC and everyone is pumped up for next season.

Be sure to check out the HSC web site (www.howellshootingclub.com) to stay up-to-date on HSC's IDPA matches. McKinney has added an official section with scores, dates and information.



From the president

By David A. Lombardo

During my two years as president the majority of my time has been divided between my strong desire to increase the number of non-traditional shooters (women, youth and minorities) and zoning issues.

I expanded and diversified our Youth Shooting Sports Camp, renewed our commitment to programs such as Power For Women and increased the number of evening shooting leagues. Despite the overwhelming interest shown by members for such leagues in a survey taken the previous year, they were a bust in 2005 and the leagues will not be continued in 2006. The exception to that is Kerry Krickeberg will continue a youth league.

During the past two years IDPA has blossomed into as good a program as you'll find anywhere. Its success lies squarely on the shoulders of Dave McKinney and his crew. Under Dave's tutelage IDPA has begun to attract more women and younger shooters. In 2006, IDPA will be offered on the 4th Saturday of the month.

In keeping with the practical shooting interest of many of our members and guests, Andy Kemp and Bob Houzenga of Midwest Training Group will increase the number of courses they teach at Howell next year (see page 3).

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(L-R) Kerry Krickeberg incumbent Member-At-Large running for his own seat. Chuck Mansfield, currently HSC V-P, is running for President. Dave McKinney, current HSC Range Safety Officer is running for Match Director. His photo is featured on page 1. Photos—Lombardo.

NOVEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The annual election takes place at the General Membership meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2005. The Board positions up for election are President, Match Director and Member-At-Large.

As per the HSC Constitution all candidates for elected office must be published in the newsletter the month prior to the election.

The three uncontested positions are:

President:	Chuck Mansfield
Match Director:	Dave McKinney
Member At Large:	Kerry Krickeberg

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The important thing to keep in mind is that the Board is always open to programming ideas generated by the membership. While the idea of leagues appeared to be of interest to members initially, it didn't pan out but that doesn't mean a different idea won't. However, as with the leagues, having an idea and doing it are two very different things. Come to the board not only with the idea but the plan to implement it! If you're willing to invest the time to coordinate an event the board is more than likely to be able to come up with whatever is necessary to help make it happen.

Over my two year tenure there have been ups-and-downs but I have been buoyed by the support of so many members. I am confident that Chuck Mansfield will do a fine job as president and I have kept him in the loop for months so he'll be ready to take over. At his behest I will continue to be involved with the Outreach Programming and we'll offer regularly scheduled NRA courses in 2006.

Safe shooting!

Advanced Handgun Skills class

Chuck Mansfield

On a picture perfect autumn Saturday, eight men gathered on the front berm at the Howell Shooting Club replete with holsters, magazine pouches, and a variety of defensive handguns. The next day, they went their separate ways leaving over 12,000 empty cartridges and taking with them a bevy of advanced skills and drills to practice and one day, hopefully, master.

What do you call firing 1,500 rounds of full power ammunition out of a 9 mm, .357 Sig, 40 S&W, or .45 ACP semi auto handgun in approximately 16 hours of shooting? Andy Kemp and Bob Houzenga of the Midwest Training Institute (MTG) call it "Advanced Handgun Skills," a two day course covering, you guessed it, advanced handgun skills.

Saturday began with a safety instruction video starring a tender and sensitive Mas-sad Ayoob. (The video was almost worth the course tuition.) After the video, each student's baseline shooting time and accuracy were measured and recorded. Andy and Bob took the class through a course of advanced handgun fundamentals such as natural point of aim, grip, stance, trigger control, the draw stroke and engaging multiple targets.

Fundamental techniques were reinforced through a series of drills such as "The Blind Swordsman," "Bill Drills" and others at distances ranging from 4 to 25 yards. These drills were practiced using a traditional two-handed grip, as well as strong hand only, and weak hand only grips. Students also practiced shooting flat on their back, their right and left sides, their stomach, and upside down. The course culminated in a 60 round timed qualifier. The high score of 296 out of 300 possible points was posted by a non-member (I made sure that he had a membership application in his range bag before he left!).

After two days of intense instruction thousands of rounds fired, bruised hands and sore fingers from slamming and loading magazines, sunshine, rain, thunder, and lightening, what was the result? On Sunday afternoon, compared to baseline shooting time and accuracy measured on Saturday, without exception, each student's shooting time was cut in half with little or no sacrifice in accuracy.

In 2006, MTG and HSC are working together to bring three courses to the Howell Shooting club facility. Introduction to Defensive Pistol, LFI Stressfire, and Advanced Handgun Skills have been tentatively scheduled. For course outlines, information on additional LFI and MTG courses, visit www.midwesttraininggroup.net.

Midwest Training Group returns to HSC next year

Andy Kemp and Bob Houzenga of Midwest Training Group will be returning and expanding their offerings in 2006. Kemp and Houzenga have agreed to do another one-day Introduction to Defensive Pistol on Saturday, April 15th and donate the \$75 registration fee to the HSC Outreach Program.

On Saturday, May 6th, and Sunday, May 7th, MTG will offer the nationally acclaimed LFI Stressfire course. Finally, the pair will again offer Advanced Handgun Skills on Saturday, July 1st, and Sunday, July 2nd. If you have not taking one of these courses please talk to some of the graduates. They will tell you that they are worth every penny.

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. •

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

In The News...

HOUSE PASSES PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

(Fairfax, VA) - Today the United States House of Representatives passed the "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" (S. 397) by a bipartisan vote of 283-144. The legislation now moves to President Bush's desk for his expected signature.

Commenting on the passage of this landmark legislation, NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre said, "This is an historic victory for the NRA. Freedom, truth and justice prevailed, and today S. 397 is one step closer to becoming the law of the land. No other industry is forced to defend themselves when a violent criminal they do not know, have never met and cannot control, misuses a legal non-defective product. American firearms manufacturers will now receive the same fair treatment."

The "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" seeks to end predatory and baseless lawsuits initiated nationwide by the gun control lobby. These lawsuits sought to bankrupt a lawful, highly regulated industry by holding the manufacturers and retailers responsible for the unforeseeable acts of criminals. S. 397 passed the Senate in late July with a bipartisan vote of 65-31.

Joining LaPierre in commenting on this victory, NRA Chief Lobbyist Chris W. Cox added, "Our judicial system has been exploited for politics and Congress put a stop to that. Passage of the

'Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act' would not have been possible without the support of the 257 House co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle. We appreciate the tireless efforts of Rep. Cliff Stearns and Rep. Rick Boucher and the Republican members of House leadership who worked to move the bill in this chamber.

"We are a safer country today because Congress passed this critical legislation and acted to save American icons like Remington, Ruger, Winchester and Smith & Wesson from politically motivated lawsuits. Our men and women in uniform abroad and at home now will not have to rely on France, China or Germany to supply their firearms," Cox added.

During Senate debate earlier this year, the Pentagon stated its concern over the consequences if the American firearms industry was litigated into extinction. The Department of Defense stated that it "strongly supports" S. 397 citing, "that passage of S. 397 would help safeguard our national security by limiting unnecessary lawsuits against an industry that plays a critical role in meeting the procurement needs of our men and women in uniform."

"I would like to thank our members who played a pivotal role in making this bill a reality. Together, we have saved the American firearms industry and protected the sanctity of the Second Amendment," concluded LaPierre.

BUSH ADMINISTRATION GUN CRIME PROSECUTIONS UP

NRA has long maintained that federal gun laws aimed at the criminal misuse of firearms are effective in

reducing crime--if they are enforced. President Bush's administration has clearly heard that message and implemented it.

According to data released by a Syracuse University-based research group, Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC), prosecutions of federal gun law violations have increased sharply in the Bush Administration.

The data, obtained by TRAC from the Department of Justice, show that federal prosecutions are up across the board in the Bush Justice Department, and that cases filed on gun charges are a primary reason for the increase.

In 2000 there were 5,490 such prosecutions. In 2004 there were 10,937. That increase in gun crime prosecutions makes up almost one-quarter of the total increase in federal prosecutions in that period. The data suggest a significant change in priorities between a Janet Reno vs. a John Ashcroft-run Justice Department: the latter went after criminals who misuse firearms, not law-abiding citizens.

Passing more gun laws targeted at lawful gun ownership will not fight crime. Only by prosecuting criminals who possess and use firearms illegally will we have a decline in gun crime in America. The Bush Justice Department has clearly received and understood this truth. (IRA-ILA Alerts, 10/7/05)

BLAGOJEVICH VETO

By: Dan Rutherford, IL State Senator

I want to update you on three Pro-

Second Amendment bills that were vetoed by Governor Blagojevich and will be up for override consideration in Fall Veto Session.

Senate Bill 57, would require the Illinois State Police to end its practice of registering firearm owners and then to erase its database of lawful firearm transactions.

Senate Bill 2104, would standardize firearm and ammunition transportation laws statewide so that hunters, sportsmen and other lawful gun owners would not be hampered by inconsistent local ordinances.

House Bill 340, reforms the waiting period provisions to lift the waiting period when a lawful gun owner trades one firearm in for another.

I voted in favor of each of these bills. The Governor has vetoed them. I will vote to override the Governors veto. I will keep you informed as to the progress of the Veto Session.

To view these bills go to <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation>, select the correct Senate Bill number range then click on the appropriate bill number.

FEMA NEW ORLEANS GUN BAN
Under pressure from NRA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is "reconsidering" a ban on the possession of firearms in the trailer parks providing homes for hundreds of families left homeless by hurricane Katrina.

As the experience on the streets of New Orleans showed us, there is a demonstrable need to protect life and family after a disaster. Yet, according to an October 12, Associated

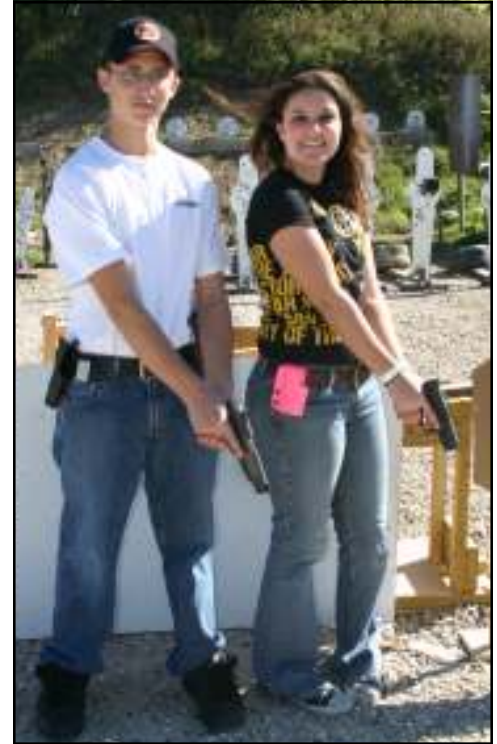
Press article, FEMA has had a general policy for several years to prohibit guns at such parks anywhere in the country.

The AP also reported that FEMA spokesman Butch Kinerney said that they were "trying to figure out who wrote the rules and what the intent was." The result, however, is clear--600 families were deprived of the option of keeping a firearm for self-defense.

NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre threatened legal and legislative action against FEMA, which is already facing Congressional scrutiny for its mismanagement of the government response to hurricane Katrina. "Whether it's a national disaster, a flu pandemic, or an earthquake, the Constitution can't be thrown out the window," said LaPierre.

We still need to hear from members who have been a victim of gun confiscation in Louisiana. If you have personally had a gun confiscated in Louisiana since Hurricane Katrina hit, please call (888) 414-6333. Be prepared to leave only your name and immediate contact information so we can get back to you. Once again, we are seeking contact information from actual victims of gun confiscation in Louisiana only.

If you would like to contribute to our legal and legislative efforts in Louisiana, please go to www.secure.nraila.org/contribute.aspx or for additional information, please visit www.NRAILA.org or e-mail NRA at ila-contact@nrahq.org. (NRA-ILA Grassroots Alert Vol. 12, No. 41 10/14/05)



Jake Mansfield, son of HSC V-P Chuck Mansfield, and Samantha Kemp, daughter of Midwest Training Group's Andy Kemp, joined about 40 others for the final IDPA meet of the season. At 16, both are becoming solid shooters and are slated to take the NRA pistol instructor course. They will be helping instruct pistol at the 2006 Youth Camp. Under the direction of Dave McKinney HSC's IDPA program has begun to attract female and younger shooters.—dal

ZONING STATUS
The most recent development regarding the proposed amendment to our zoning variance relates to a requirement that we have running water toilet facilities as a condition of installing a new clubhouse.
The Howell's do not want the necessary septic field installed to allow that to happen so the HSC Board is exploring options before we continue with the Kendall County Board process. - dal

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

Call 815-475-2582 for information

HSC's official 2005 shooting season has ended.

NRA courses may be arranged on demand until the 2006 season kicks off in the Spring.

All ranges are open for use but there is no Sunday shooting until the first Sunday in May.

Happy Winter!

Parting shot... "People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought , which they seldom use." Kierkegaard

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