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HOWELL SHOOTING CLUB

www.howellshootingclub.com

RANGE HOURS

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

No Sunday shooting Nov-Apr

Official Notices

Dec 3 — Sunday

8:00 a.m. Board meeting

9:00 a.m. General meeting

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L-R: Bill Lavine shoots as Phil Koroghlanian observes and Mike Krickeberg coaches during SAFER USA/HSC's first NRA Basic Rifle course. Photo—Lombardo

SAFER USA & HSC

From the president

By David A. Lombardo

Bill Lear, of Learjet fame, once said, “Never nibble at life, always take a big bite!” The joint SAFER USA/Howell Shooting Club did just that with its new NRA training program.

In just four weeks the program held six NRA courses including Basic Pistol (8 students), Basic Rifle (3 students), Basic Shotgun (6), Basic Instructor (9), Home Firearm Safety Instructor (6) and Pistol Instructor (7). Ed McGunn joined the SAFER USA team as primary shotgun instructor and taught the November 3rd and 4th class. The courses accounted for seven women, 27 men, four young women and one young man.

Eight classes have been announced for the Winter 2006/2007 schedule including Refuse To Be A Victim, several Basic Instructor Training sessions, Rifle Instructor, Shotgun Instructor, Pistol Instructor and the NRA Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course which will be taught by John Millington and Allison Hartman (see schedule on page six).

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HSC 2006 ELECTION RESULTS

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ABOVE PHOTO: The first SAFER USA/HSC NRA Basic Instructor Class was held November 11th preparing nine students to be NRA instructors for the Home Firearm Safety and Basic Pistol courses. **LEFT PHOTO:** Sandra Krickeberg, HSC member Mike Krickeberg's wife, seen firing her first shots ever while enrolled in the NRA Basic Pistol class on October 21st. Sandra successfully completed the course along with seven other students. Mike, who said his wife was never very comfortable with the "whole gun thing," has since been informed that she will be buying her own pistol. Photo—Lombardo



CLUB FACILITY STATUS

The new trailer is set up and other than needing some straightening up its in great shape; a huge improvement over its predecessor. Still in the works is a handicapped ramp required by Kendall County.

So far estimates have included: \$10,600 for a professional aluminum ramp and \$6,500 for a handicapped electric lift that would require the club to lay a concrete pad for it and build a deck at the door where the lift

would let off the passenger. The Board continues to look for a less expensive, code-compliant method.

Meanwhile, three new rifle shooting benches (seen below) have been added to the rifle range. They are lighter in weight with better wheels and a handle making them much easier to move around. All of the surfaces are treated with weather seal so water just beads up and runs off. The plywood tops are also screwed down so they can be easily replace if necessary.

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The goal of SAFER USA is to build upon and expand the pre-existing HSC Outreach program and insure the long term viability of the IRS 501C3 effort including the Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp.

SAFER USA MISSION STATEMENT

The Second Amendment Foundation for Education and Research (SAFER USA) is dedicated to providing knowledge, training and resources: To protect the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; In support of law enforcement; In the safe and responsible use of firearms for self defense and recreation by law-abiding citizens; and in support of the right to hunt fair-chase game.

Unlike many NRA Training Counselors, SAFER USA welcomes new instructor graduates and will happily give them the opportunity to become an instructor. We are looking for individuals who would like to complete instructor training and become a volunteer instructor in support of the NRA classes, women's programs, youth programs and an ever increasing number of public outreach programming.

One excellent area to reach the greatest number of young people with the least commitment of resources is to support the Scouting program.

For example, I have recently been appointed a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor for Rifle, Shotgun, Crime Prevention and Aviation. On



November 10th Corey Clevenger, Troop 71 of Plano, Illinois (shown above), successfully completed his Boy Scout Rifle Shooting merit badge at Howell Shooting Club.

Last April we had a Boy Scout troop camp out at HSC. During their stay they worked on rifle, shotgun, archery, woodcraft and cooking merit badges. The thing that makes supporting the Scouting program so attractive is they come completely self-contained. They are required to have a sufficient number of adult supervisors, carry their own national insurance, bring their own food and return the site to its original or better condition. Even better, they are happy to camp during the shooting off-season so there's no conflict with club shooters.

In the coming season SAFER USA will be offering NRA rifle and shotgun instructor courses to scout leaders so they can provide their own merit badge counselors. It is clearly a win-win situation.

The plan for 2007 is to try to offer the basic classes once a month during the regular shooting season. We have a commitment from ISRA's Illinois Shooter to run our schedules and have synchronized our schedule to their publishing calendar. We have received quite a few calls about NRA classes as a result of the Illinois Shooter.

We will also be offering courses as fund raisers at other clubs. They provide the students and we will provide the instruction and equipment.

As more individuals step up to take over the principal instructor responsibility for the NRA Basic Courses, I will have more time to devote to promotion and programming expansion. We had a lot of interest at this year's Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days. In 2007 we plan to have a larger, stand-alone exhibit advertising both the club and SAFER USA. I am also currently trying to negotiate space at the Outdoor Show held in January in Rosemont.

My primary focus will be facility acquisition to establish a permanent location for SAFER USA where we can offer courses and continue to hold youth camps. However, the long term goal is to also develop academic scholarships for students with a demonstrated history of pro-second amendment activity that plan to study in areas where we are under-represented. Such academic areas as primary and secondary education, law, public administration and law enforcement.

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One of the primary roles of SAFER USA is to provide both instruction and an opportunity for women, minorities and young people to grow in the shooting sports. We want to provide them with a comfortable place to learn about the shooting sports, develop their skills, expand into other areas of shooting interest and to provide a path to become an NRA instructor.

Young adults who have served as interns at the annual Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp are given a free NRA course. Those that take the time to progress through the program and become either apprentice or assistant NRA instructors are given the opportunity to instruct not only at the camp but in all facets of the training program.

To facilitate young people moving to more advanced shooting skills the HSC Outreach Program is developing a matching grant request to be submitted to the NRA to purchase 9 mm pistols, magazines, holsters and magazine pouches so that they can begin to par-

ticipate in advanced events and competitions. John Millington will be making Practical Pistol Skill Drill (formerly Squaded Practice) available to advanced young people. Dave McKinney has also opened IDPA to advanced skill level young shooters where 17 year old Jake Mansfield, son of HSC member Chuck Mansfield, has been showing up more than a few adult shooters.

We have also been pleased to accompany young shooters to MegaSports to pick out their first firearm. MegaSports has been a major contributor to the Youth Camp since its inception. Recently Margaret Chione and I spent some time there as she reviewed various shotguns. Using baby sitting money Margaret ended up purchasing a new Bennelli Super Black Eagle which she plans to use to shoot trap and bird hunt. The same evening her brother Andrew selected a beautiful Henry lever action .22 rifle with money he'd saved from part time jobs.

If you'd like to help secure the future of the shooting sports with us, we have plenty of room for help. Just pick up the phone.



The NRA Basic Shotgun class, held on November 3rd, had to be the windiest, coldest day of the Fall with clays occasionally hovering in the air. Neither wind nor cold deterred the six students who all successfully completed the course. They are (L-R): Andrew Chione, Margaret Chione, Phil Koroghlanian, John Telford, Dr. Erin Telford and Alan Gillespie. Photo—Lombardo

MINUTES: HSC General Meeting November 5, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM with 13 people in attendance. Prior General Meeting minutes, as published in the newsletter, were approved. The club's Treasurer, Alan Gillespie, reported the net Operating Fund is getting low at just under \$3,600, but that things are okay because the other funds are up. We are going to transfer some money between funds to handle the problems.

David Lombardo, president, reminded everyone that the Chicago Outdoor Show is coming up and offers a great opportunity to publicize the club. He also mentioned the Illinois Shooter. Allison Hartman, vice president, talked about some of the problems with getting the newsletter out. Lombardo volunteered the information that we send a PDF file to J & M, in Crest Hill. They print the newsletters and UPS them back to us and we then address and mail them. There was some discussion about the south berm being muddy and what should be done about it.

Dave McKinney, match director, said that he wants input regarding next year's fun shoots. He also said that if he gets no input, there may be no fun shoots. Kyle Corrigan, member-at-large, told us that he has worked it out with Jay Howell to dump the hay from the old archery targets in the north field, behind the trailer.

Yvonne Howell told us that he husband Clyde is sore from a fall he took last week, but would like visitors.

Lombardo, as Camp Director, said the 2007 Youth Camp still needs an Advanced Hunting Skills program coordinator. He also said the camp has already received a \$1,000 donation from the Safari Club. Lombard also talked about the SAFER USA/HSC venture and announced that he had 16 enrollments for the three NRA courses he held in October, quite a few people were signed up for upcoming courses and the venture looked like it would be a good revenue source for the club.

OLD BUSINESS

We are negotiating with a ramp supplier from Yorkville who wants \$3,500 for a ramp. This supplier guarantees approval by the county inspectors.

The newsletter was sent out. We had a few problems. Keith Romig, secretary, will try to teach Lombardo how to generate the mailing labels directly from his membership spreadsheet. The 2007 schedule is firming up. Anyone who wants to schedule something needs to tell Lombardo ASAP. The first IDPA event for 2007 will be a qualifier in March.

We received the final approved amended zoning document. Hartman announced that she has a generator that was purchased by Power-for-Women that she is planning to bring over to store at the club. She will probably wait until spring to bring it.

NEW BUSINESS

2007 Elections – the following people have agreed to serve and are unopposed: Vice President – Allison Hartman; Secretary – Keith Romig; Treasurer – Alan Gillespie; and RSO – Kerry Krickeberg. John Millington made a motion that the entire slate be approved unanimously. Mike Krickeberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM.

HSC October 2006 Treasurer's Report

Expenditures have returned to normal – however we are now making a trailer lease payment every month, which we did not have to do in previous years. Also one major expenditure remains for this year, this being the addition of a Handicapped access ramp to the trailer and this acquisition is still in the process of being negotiated. Due to the additional expenses incurred over this summer and early fall surrounding the procurement of our new meeting/classroom trailer, a temporarily low cash position in the Operating fund resulted. We are addressing this by utilizing some of the surpluses generated in our non-membership supported funds (specifically the Outreach fund) to subsidize this Operating Fund. Over the next couple of months, we on the board will be reviewing a 2007 revenue/expense budget and study how we can better allocate the cost of our facilities so as to avoid any need for this type of an transfer between funds next year. As is evident from the following summary, you can see that by looking at the whole organization, Howell Shooting Club remains financially healthy.

	Operating	Outreach	Youth Camp	Total
Beginning balances(10/01)	5,712.52	5,995.09	9,665.09	21,373.51
Revenues	281.39	55.00	1,002.07	3,588.46
Expenditures	3,149.56	480.45	903.12	2,930.50
Ending balances(10/31)	2,844.35	5,569.64	10,569.02	18,983.01
CD balances (reserves for future liabilities)				13,112.63
Total club cash assets as of Oct 31, 2006				32,095.64

SAFER USA & HOWELL SHOOTING CLUB NRA COURSES

Call 815-744-5487 for information - All courses open to the public

Cost displayed after course:

Non NRA Member* / NRA member / 18 & under

Refuse To Be A Victim (4 hrs) - \$10

January 20, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by January 5, 2007

NRA Basic Instructor Course (6 hrs) - \$50/\$25/\$15

January 21, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by January 12, 2007

NRA Rifle Instructor Training (14 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

January 26, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 p.m.

January 27, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by January 12, 2007

NRA Basic Instructor Course (6 hrs) - \$50/\$25/\$15

February 18, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 2, 2007

NRA Shotgun Instructor Training (11 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

February 23, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 p.m.

February 24, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 2, 2007

NRA Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course

(8 hrs)-\$75/\$50/\$30

Students under 18 must be accompanied adult

February 25, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 9, 2007

NRA Basic Instructor Course(6 hrs) - \$50/\$25/\$15

March 11, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 23, 2007

NRA Pistol Instructor Trng(11 hrs)-\$75/\$50/\$30

March 16, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 p.m.

March 17, Saturday 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 23, 2007

One last thought... “No punishment has ever possessed enough power of deterrence to prevent the commission of crimes.” Hannah Arendt—*Eichmann in Jerusalem*

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