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From the president

Gaining ground

By David A. Lombardo

A National Sporting Goods Association survey covering the years 2001 through 2005 indicates 3.0+ million women now hunt and over five million enjoy shooting. The findings indicate a 72-percent increase in women hunters from just five years ago and about a 50-percent increase in women involved in recreational shooting.

While the approximate \$420.0 million they infuse is good news for the sports, women still only account for 15 percent of the shooting, hunting and firearms marketplace according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).



John Millington instructing a Power 4 Women class. Millington and Allison Hartman (HSC v-p) have been actively engaged in bringing women into the shooting sports for many years. Photo—Lombardo

“More and more women are discovering that hunting and shooting sports are great family activities,” said Doug Painter, NSSF president. “It’s a new awareness borne from many programs introducing females to these traditionally male sports, along with a growing list of manufacturers who design products especially for, and retailers who cater to, women.” Certainly as a special interest community we’re making inroads with non-traditional shooters but there’s plenty of room for growth.

SAFER USA now has Principal Instructors (PI) who will be working to help increase the number of women, youth and minorities in the shooting sports. At this point we have three PIs to cover the most common basic courses: Phil Koroghlanian (PI—NRA Basic Rifle course), Mike Krickeberg (PI—NRA Basic Pistol course) and Ed McGunn (PI—NRA Basic Shotgun course). I’ll write more in the future about other instructors who have volunteered to help including several young people who hold NRA Apprentice Instructor certification. I would still like to find one more dedicated instructor to head up the Home Firearm Safety course.

With 14 years of law enforcement experience I’m going to spearhead the Refuse To Be A Victim program and the Personal Protection in the Home program. I’m still on a waiting list to be certified for Personal Protection Outside the Home however ultimately I would like to see the two Personal Protection programs fall under a broader topic of personal protection/concealed carry. To that end I’d like to see someone agree to become the PI to develop the more comprehensive program.

As I have been saying since the beginning, the plan for SAFER USA is to continue the outreach programming begun at HSC with the goal of finding property and expanding all the programming. So I would also like to find two additional dedicated instructors to head up program development for Women’s programming and Youth programming to

NRA SHOTGUN INSTRUCTOR COURSE February 23rd & 24th

Instructor: David A. Lombardo

NRA METALLIC CARTRIDGE RELOADING COURSE February 25th

Instructor: John Millington & Allison Hartman

IDPA SAFETY OFFICER CERTIFICATION COURSE March 24th

Prerequisites: IDPA member and one year's match experience

Contact John Millington directly (jmillington@howellshootingclub.com); Registration Fee: \$5

Basic Instructor Training (BIT) course will be held on Thursday, February 22 from 5:00—11:00 p.m. for those who wish to take the Shotgun Instructor course and have not had the BIT in the preceding 12 months.

For further information on all NRA courses (see page six) or to register call David Lombardo at 815-744-5487

include developing Scouting and 4-H programs. I am getting more-and-more calls inquiring about opportunities for scouts and frequently speak to scouting groups about fire-arm safety. This is particularly an area full of potential development.

The sad truth about development, even when everyone is a volunteer, is that it takes money. Yet there is money out there to be had but it takes the time to go after it.

The answer is to offer as many courses as possible to generate seed money for additional program development and to start putting aside money for facility development. One of the things I have a knack for doing is making things happen and

finding money but I have to have the time available to do it. That's why SAFER USA needs a small staff of dedicated volunteers to run the basic classes and help develop new areas. Once I'm freed of those tasks I can concentrate on finding capital and facilities.

Yes, it's a lot of work but its enjoyable work and it is the only way that our sport can sustain itself. If those of us in the sport are unwilling to dedicate the time and creativity to introduce others then all is lost.

One need only look at the dramatic increase in the number of laws governing the shooting sports over the past 20 years. No wonder our ranks have shrunk; its too much trouble to get started.

SAFER USA proposed to be part of the solution to the problem. We are dedicated to bringing new blood into our sport because the alternative path leads to the end of shooting sports in the United States. The question is are you willing to help?

Let me know if you are, we need your help.



ABOVE: Alex Begel (15) demonstrates the prone rifle position under the tutelage of Phil Koroghlanian. Both were participating in the NRA Rifle Instructor course.

BELOW: (L-R) Alex Begel, Mike Krickeberg, Phil Koroghlanian and Ed Wilmsen braved 25 degree weather and snow to successfully complete the NRA Rifle Instructor course.

Photos—Lombardo

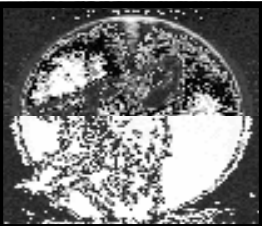


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February 2007

RANGE HOURS

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

Official Notices

Mar 4 — Sunday

8:00 a.m. Board meeting

9:30 a.m. General meeting

NRA Classes:

2/22—BIT Course

2/23-24—Shotgun Instructor

2/25—Metallic Cartridge Reloading

3/11—BIT Course

3/16-17 Pistol Instructor

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WORKER APPRECIATION DINNER Saturday, Mar 24th— 6:00 P.M.
Free—Member & Guest with completed annual work requirement; \$10 Others
Reservations required—call Lombardo



While member Rich Wegner has volunteered to work the youth camp since he joined the club he's best known for the various projects he takes on in his home workshop. Noting the deteriorating state of some of our picnic tables, this year Rich took it upon himself to fulfill some of his work requirement hours by building a really nice table for the club! Photo—Lombardo

ANNUAL WORK FEE

(16) indicates member has satisfied the 16-hour work requirement for 2006

Bank, D (0)	Ferencak (16)	Herdt (0)	Lombardo (16)	Shamasko (0)
Bank, T (0)	Field (0)	Horvath (16)	Mahoney (0)	Smit (0)
Baron (16)	Fleming (0)	Howell (16)	Mansfield (16)	Southworth (0)
Bergeron (16)	Fronek (0)	Hauser (16)	Maratto (0)	Spera (12)
Bowen (16)	Galezio (0)	Johnson (0)	McGunn (16)	Steven (16)
Brieschke (16)	Gallo (0)	Kalfut (0)	McKinney (16)	Strader (0)
Bruining (16)	Gibson (0)	Kaletka (0)	Medina (0)	Svab (16)
Chrencik (0)	Gillespie (16)	Kane (0)	Muckerman (0)	Vogley (0)
Conaghan (16)	Godbold (16)	Kimler (0)	Olson (16)	Wegner, J (16)
Corrigan (16)	Godfrey (0)	Klaprat (16)	Pakosta (0)	Wegner, R (16)
Davidson (0)	Graham (16)	Koplinski (16)	Panagakos (1)	Wilmsen (0)
Deuter (0)	Hamp (16)	Koroghlanian (16)	Parker (6)	Wysocki (0)
DuBois (0)	Hanek (0)	Krickeberg, K (16)	Pickerl (0)	Yackley, G (0)
Dusek (0)	Harmon (0)	Krickeberg, M (16)	Prosser (0)	
Elliman (0)	Hartman (16)	Lavine (16)	Romig (16)	
Eschbach (16)	Hauser (0)	Lencioni (16)	Rudnick (1.5)	

Treasurer's Report—January 2007

January being the middle of the off season makes for a pretty inactive month.

As shown in the following summary, the operating fund is almost depleted. In an attempt to address this, the board in the February meeting adopted a "profit sharing" program with the outreach fund. With a 2006 profit in the outreach program of \$3,866, a portion of this is being allocated to support the operating expenses during this first quarter.

Of greater significance, is the apparent need to increase membership revenue. This can be accomplished by either raising dues or increasing the number of members. For 2007 we are taking the increase in members approach. We encourage all members to invite any shooting friends to consider membership and also to promote the club within your various non-club acquaintances. Howell shooting club has much to offer with open membership (no sponsorship required) and 6 day per week open ranges. These benefits are extremely difficult to find at any other club in the area.

	Operating	Outreach	Youth Camp	Total
Beginning balances(12/01)	2,388.10	5,901.98	10,523.28	18,813.36
Revenues	65.59	.00	2.30	67.89
Expenditures	746.58	271.74	361.51	1,379.83
Ending balances(12/31)	1,707.11	5,630.24	10,164.07	17,501.42
CD balances (reserves for future liabilities)			13,153.58	
Total club cash assets as of Dec 31, 2006			31,666.73	

General Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. with 12 people in attendance. Prior General Meeting minutes, as published in the newsletter, were approved. The Treasurer's report was approved. David Lombardo, president, was absent and Allison Hartman, vice president, deferred comments. Keith Romig, secretary, reminded everyone to check the web site regarding the rescheduling of the upcoming Basic Instructor Training class.

Alan Gillespie, treasurer, presented a financial summary and pointed out that he had pre-paid for our participation in the 2007 Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days (September 22-23, 2007). If you would like to help, contact Kyle Corrigan.

Kerry Krickeberg, RSO, had no new issues. Dave McKinney, retiring Match Director, made no report.

Kyle Corrigan, member-at-large, told us that he is waiting to hear whether the County wants anything else before they issue the trailer permit. He and Kerry Krickeberg are still planning to work together on arranging for telephone installation in the trailer.

Clyde Howell had no new issues.

Allison Hartman shared the fact that she and John Millington had attended last week's NRA University presentation, in Springfield. Her general impression was that the presentation was a little ad-hoc. The NRA is willing to come to your club and set up your programs for you. She also shared that there is a separate Association of Ranges, that advises on range operations, that HSC may be interested in joining. Hartman also suggested that we apply for an NRA grant to pay for part of the cost of the new trailer ramp.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM.

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**9th Annual
Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp
June 1—3, 2007**

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Donations make it work

David Lombardo, Camp Director

As we approach June 1st it is time to turn our attention to the tons of supplies it takes to run the camp. The primary reason we are able to keep the cost of the camp at \$100 per camper is so many of you donate so much to the cause.

Every year we receive thousands of dollars in cash and in-kind contributions. I cannot underemphasize the enormous importance of those donations. Without them we have calculated the camp would cost at least twice as much per camper.

This year Air Rifle will require 880 TQ7 targets, 8,800 pellets and 10 lbs of CO2.

Muzzleloading Shotgun will go through 2700 clays, 20 bottles of black powder, 13 bags of shot, 19 bags of wads and three boxes primer caps.

Rifle will use 10,500 rounds and Pistol an additional 16,400 rounds of .22 cartridges.

Modern shotgun requires 130 boxes of 20 gauge shells, 35 boxes of 12 gauge shells and 4,800 clays.

Advance Hunting Skills will need 100 rounds of .44 mag cartridges, 20 boxes of 20 gauge shells, 640 clays, 100 rounds of 20 gauge slugs, and 20 boxes of .22 ammo.

While those requirements are sufficiently expensive consider the mess tent. The food list takes three pages and includes 60 dozen eggs, 200 hamburgers, 200 hot dogs, 500

breakfast sausages, 12 lbs of butter and 7 1/2 gallons of orange juice. Food expenses, after significant in-kind contributions of food, comes to over \$2200.

Some of the other major expenses incurred include rental of a dumpster, additional Port-A-Pot rental and cleaning service Saturday night, a freezer truck, tables, chairs and large tents for the mess hall.

If you support the philosophy behind our camp please consider making a cash donation today or letting me know if you have an in-kind contribution you'd like to offer. The kids will be grateful.

NOTICE

Volunteers who are HSC Members
There is no administrative registrar connection between the camp and HSC records. If you're a club member please remember to list your camp work hours on the appropriate HSC work hour form in the sign in shed. Working the camp counts toward your 16 hour work requirement IF YOU REPORT IT!

PLEASE NOTE

One of the most challenging aspects of preparation occurs on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the camp and Sunday afternoon. We need as many hands as possible to help set up then break down tents and equipment. If at all possible please plan to help on May 30 & 31 then again the afternoon/early evening of June 3rd. Let us know if you can commit to any time during those periods.—dal

Howell Shooting Club/SAFER USA 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

NOTE: A Basic Instructor Course is a prerequisite for all Instructor courses

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

February 22, Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 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

IDPA Safety Officer Course—\$5

March 24, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Prerequisites: IDPA member & one year match experience

Preregistration: jmillington@howellshootingclub.com

One last thought... “War involves in its progress such a train of unforeseen and unsusposed circumstances that no human wisdom can calculate the end.” - Thomas Paine

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