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Official Newsletter: Howell Shooting Club & Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring means growth

By David A. Lombardo

Just as we await the coming of spring to see our northern states blossom, I'm waiting for spring to see our classes blossom. Most of the basic pieces are in place now, though there is still a lot more work to do, but we're getting the word out and its beginning to show.

As of yesterday, Outdoor Notebook has joined the Illinois Shooter, ISRA web site and NRA web site in giving us free space to promote our courses. Our upcoming NRA Pistol Instructor course on March 16-17 already has nine people signed up. While that makes it our largest instructor class so far the more important issue is that only two people in that class have a prior relationship with Howell

Shooting Club; one through our youth camp and the other through a women's program. Everyone else found us through various advertising strategies. It means the word is getting out and people are responding. We have also begun to get students registering for classes as far in the future as April and May; yet another first. More commonly registrations have been one or two weeks in advance.

Ed McGunn has developed a set of training aids which he'll be reviewing with our instructors at our first staff meeting Wednesday night, March 28th. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with SAFER USA, in whatever capacity, should plan to attend that meeting as we'll be developing our summer schedule. The plan is to offer the basic courses every month from May through October and sprinkle other courses in with them.

It is through the most amazing good fortune that three highly experienced IT people have all expressed an interest in helping SAFER USA. Ed McGunn, Alan Strader and Jim Ferencak have been working together to improve our newsletter delivery and to make our web site flexible enough to accommodate several future goals that have most recently developed: an industry hard news publication and further down the road video web casting—two areas in which I have quite a bit of experience.

Someone recently referred to SAFER USA as a *work in progress*; I can't think of a better description. If you have a need to carve out your own niche, develop and make it work, we have ample opportunity to do so. I can think of countless programs that we can develop that simply lack staffing at this point. Shooting and hunting sports, personal protection and concealed carry programs, youth and women's programs and law enforcement training to name a few.



February 24th NRA Shotgun Instructor class graduates (L-R): Bill Pierce, Anne Mary Klaprat, Kevin Brown and Alan Gillespie [HSC Treasurer]. Photo—Lombardo

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NRA BASIC INSTRUCTOR TRAINING March 11th

Instructor: David A. Lombardo

NRA PISTOL INSTRUCTOR COURSE March 16th & 17th

Instructor: David A. Lombardo

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

NRA BASIC PISTOL April 6 & 7

Instructor: Mike Krickeberg & staff

NRA BASIC RIFLE April 13 & 14

Instructor: Phil Koroghlanian & staff

NRA BASIC SHOTGUN April 20 & 21

Instructor: Ed McGunn & staff

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

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The list of expertise we can put to good use goes far beyond the instructors necessary to teach the courses though we are always interested in adding to our instructional staff. I need to find a highly experienced 501(C)(3) attorney and an accountant to make that transition. I need the services of a real estate attorney to work with me in developing land donation incentives. There's a need for a few administrative helpers, someone with ex-

tensive Powerpoint development experience and I'd love to find a professional videographer/editor interested in the shooting sports.

The most important thing is SAFER USA is up-and-running. We've begun doing what we set out to do and have the staff to do it right. But there is so much more we can offer but for lack of expertise. In any event, we will eventually get it done. I hope you can join us.

SAFER USA INSTRUCTOR MEETING

Wednesday, March 28, 2007—7:00 p.m.

There will be a meeting for anyone wishing to be a volunteer instructor or other staff member for SAFER USA courses. We will be setting the summer 2007 schedule, reviewing basic procedures and goals, and Ed McGunn will familiarize everyone with the new teaching aids he has put together. If you're want to join the group in any capacity, now is the time. Please contact David Lombardo for details.

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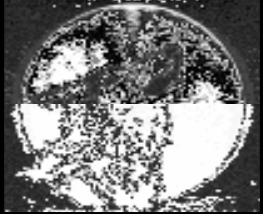


(L-R) Elmer Rossini (Elk Grove Sportsman's Club), David Lombardo (President, HSC) with Rocky, Alan Gillespie (Treasurer, HSC) holding Luci and Bob Balicki (Elk Grove Sportsman's Club) at Erienna Hunt Club in Morris. Nine year old Rocky proved he still had the right stuff and Luci, not even a year old, figured it out by halfway through the hunt as Alan watched her get her first bird! The two dogs worked together finding and retrieving both pheasant and chucker.

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February 2007



RANGE HOURS

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

Official Notices

Apr 1 — Sunday

8:00 a.m. Board meeting

9:30 a.m. General meeting

NRA Classes:

3/11—BIT Course

3/16-17 Pistol Instructor

4/6-7 Basic Pistol

4/13-14 Basic Rifle

4/20-21 Basic Shotgun

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WORKER APPRECIATION DINNER

Saturday, Mar 24th— 6:00 P.M.

Free for member & guest with completed work requirement; \$10 Others

Reservations required—call Lombardo now!

NOTICE—MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE MARCH 31ST

Annual membership renewals must be postmarked on or before *March 31st* –OR– hand carried to the April 1st General Meeting. If V-P Allison Hartman does not have in hand your completed membership renewal form, photo copies of your current FOID and NRA cards, and your payment by the April 1st General Membership meeting you will be required to reapply for membership including the \$75 administrative fee.

If you do not receive your membership renewal form in the mail by March 15th contact Allison Hartman –OR– download the form from our web site www.howellshootingclub.com and mail it to her or bring it to the April 1st meeting. The form serves for both new and renewal memberships.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS

IDPA UPDATE—John Millington

IPDA matches at Howell are on track. Anyone that has a course of fire they would like to shoot should forward their idea at jmill@sbcglobal.net.

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)	Yackley, T (0)
Elliman (0)	Hartman (16)	Lavine (16)	Romig (16)	
Eschbach (16)	Hauser (0)	Lencioni (16)	Rudnick (1.5)	

Treasurer's Report—February 2007

February had limited financial activity. However, we paid our insurance premium for 2007, filed our tax return and other annual filings and paid the regular monthly maintenance and utility bills. Also, the sum of 3,000.00 was transferred from the Outreach fund to the member's Operating fund. Next month (March) we will see our primary inflow of revenue as this is beginning of the membership year and all membership renewals should be received. Note, that renewals that are not postmarked by March 31 or submitted at the April 1 general meeting will be subject to the \$75.00 initiation fee. This is not a discretionary fee to be selectively enforced by the board, but is dictated by the club's bylaws.

	Operating	Outreach	Youth Camp	Total
Beginning balances(2/01)	1,707.11	5,630.24	10,164.07	17,501.42
Revenues	3,000.50	10.00	2.10	3,012.60
Expenditures	2,589.97	3,000.00	.00	5,589.97
Ending balances(2/28)	2,117.64	2,640.24	10,166.17	14,924.05
CD balances (reserves for future liabilities)				13,264.88
Total club cash assets as of Feb 28, 2007				28,188.93

General Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM with 17 people in attendance. Prior General Meeting minutes, as published in the newsletter, were approved. The Treasurer's report was approved. David Lombardo, president, deferred comments.

Allison Hartman, vice president, reminded everyone that the membership renewal deadline is March 31, 2007 – less than 4 weeks from today. Any paperwork postmarked later than 3/31 will be part of a NEW MEMBER APPLICATION. Hartman expects to get the renewal letters out to all members soon. If you fail to get your renewal package in the mail by Saturday, March 31. You MUST bring it to the General Meeting on Sunday, April 1, or it will NOT BE A RENEWAL – it will be a NEW MEMBER APPLICATION.

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Keith Romig, secretary, asked for feedback on the web site reorganization. The few that noticed were pleased with it. Alan Gillespie, treasurer, commented that there are no surprises. We are OK for now. Kerry Krickeberg, RSO, had no new issues. One new member for walk-around.

Mike Krickeberg, new Match Director, was absent. John Millington spoke in his place. Email Mike at mkrickeberg@howellshootingclub.com with any suggestions for Fun Shoots ASAP. They want to publish a schedule of Fun Shoot activities, for the season, in the newsletter. Millington reminded us that non-IDPA members are welcome at the IDPA Shoots on the 4th Saturday of every month throughout the shooting season. He also mentioned that they will start setting up for the IDPA Shoots around Noon on the Friday before each shoot and would welcome any help. Dave McKinney has agreed to act as the telephone contact for the IDPA Shoots. If you cannot wait for John to respond to your email, you can try to call Dave.

Kyle Corrigan, member-at-large, told us that he is still waiting to hear back from the County regarding the trailer permit. A telephone has been installed inside the trailer. The outside telephone is not done yet. Clyde Howell had no new issues. David Lombardo, Youth Camp Director, had no new issues – OK, so far.

SAFER USA newsletter distribution is up to 300 copies. Jim Ferencak, Alan Strader & Ed McGunn are in the late phases of developing an electronic (via email) distribution system for those who can receive it. This will result in a substantial cost saving. Last month's Shotgun Instructor course included 4 students; the upcoming Pistol Instructor course has 8 registrants; the Metallic Cartridge Reloading course was postponed due to the instructor's illness and will be rescheduled soon. The SAFER USA training classes are now being advertised in The Illinois Shooter and on the ISRA and NRA websites.

Old Business:

The matching grant application for the 9mm pistols is not done yet, but will be done soon. Lombardo is planning to apply for a matching grant for a portable air rifle range as well. Hartman suggested that we might also be eligible for an NRA matching grant for the ramp we are planning to get for the trailer.

New Business:

Hartman talked about the NRA University session, in Springfield, last month, and mentioned that all-NRA clubs, like HSC, have access to lots of NRA programs. The club welcomes new member, Ron Foltz.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.

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

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Time to place your order!

David Lombardo, Camp Director

With the camp less than three months away the time has come for the discipline leaders to let me know what they need this year to run their discipline.

As soon as possible I would like to hear from everyone what equipment and consumables they need or, if they are obtaining them themselves, what you think your budget will be so I can set aside sufficient funds to cover it. Please remember there's only one of me. If at all possible get your own supplies, save the receipts and I'll reimburse you.

I am going to be ordering camper baseball caps in the near future. If you know of anyone that can give us a really good price on screened ball

caps please let me know ASAP. We will continue to offer the same T-Shirt for adult volunteers that we've had for the past two years. If you haven't already gotten one they will be available. We are also looking to explore some of the more expensive options such as port-a-pot cleaning on Saturday night and the rental of extra port-a-pots and portable sinks. If you have contacts please pass them on too. As always, thanks for all your support!



Jim Clingingsmith, modern shotgun discipline leader, high-fives with a camper on the trap line.

Jim works his magic to turn the fear-some shotgun event into a fun one.

Kids who've been worried about shotgun going in, have said it was their favorite event afterwards.

Photo—Lombardo

WANTED—FUND RAISER

Required: Excellent written and oral communication skills. Follow up on long-standing donors and develop new contacts. Donors eligible for IRS 501(C)(3) tax deduction.

Our last fund raiser did a great job, since then I've been very successful and I think you'll find it fairly easy and rewarding. I only have so much time. If interested contact Lombardo.

PLEASE NOTE

One of the most challenging aspects of preparation occurs on Wednesday and Thursday prior to camp and Sunday afternoon. We need as many hands as possible for set-up and break-down. 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

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

Preregistration Required by March 4, 2007

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

March 16, Friday 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

March 17, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by March 4, 2007

IDPA Safety Officer Course—\$5

March 24, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Prerequisites: IDPA member & one year match experience

Preregistration: jmillington@howellshootingclub.com

NRA Basic Pistol Course(10 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

April 6, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

April 7, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by March 23, 2007

NRA Basic Rifle Course(14 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

April 13, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

April 14, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by March 30, 2007

NRA Basic Shotgun Course(10 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

April 20, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

April 21, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by April 6, 2007

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

April 22, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by April 8, 2007

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

April 27, Friday 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

April 28, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by April 13, 2007

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

April 29, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by April 13, 2007

**One last thought... “Malice sucks up the greatest part of its own venom and poisons itself”
- Michael de Montaigne “Of Repentance.”**

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