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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Reaching out...

By David A. Lombardo

One of the goals for SAFER USA has been to reach out to as diverse a population as possible. So far we have been working at fostering relationships with scouting. Most recently we are reaching out to academia.

It is difficult to imagine academia caring one whit about firearm instruction however you may be surprised. I recently worked with a young woman who is a sophomore at Joliet West High School where next fall she will be on that institution's Air Rifle Team. Believe it or not, Joliet West High School has an air rifle range and sponsors a shooting team. Try that in Chicago.

She wanted to see how much she would enjoy shooting so we spent about an hour on the rifle range with a .22 rifle.

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June 30th Personal Protection in the Home class (L-R): Back Row—Sam Reynish, Michelle Augustyn, Jim Coyle and Matt Wessman. Front Row—Bill Lavine, Carolyn Clayborn, Brenda Graves and John Conaghan. Photo—Lombardo



On July 1st, 65 students from Westwood College visited Howell Shooting Club for the afternoon. HSC and SAFER USA, working with Rich Schak, program director of the Institute of Justice, and his staff, gave the criminal justice program students basic instruction in pistol and rifle. They were without a doubt one of the nicest, most mature groups to visit the club. Future programs are now in the planning stages. Photo—Lombardo

SINCE OCTOBER 2006 SAFER USA HAS ENROLLED 178 STUDENTS

**NRA COURSES: We are offering Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle & Basic Shotgun in both July and August
Please see page 6 for details!**

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Suffice it to say she discovered what she had anticipated; she loves shooting and I think she'll be a great asset to her team.

Most recently HSC and SAFER USA teamed up with 65 students from the Criminal Justice program at Westwood College. The students, under the direction of Rich Schak, program director of the Institute of Justice, and his staff, received basic pistol and rifle instruction.

HSC provided the firearms, ammunition and range access in return for a \$10 per student donation to the non-profit Outreach Fund making it a good revenue generator for the club and a very economical shooting opportunity for the students. SAFER USA provided oversight, coordinated the program with the college and provided a Chief Range Safety Officer. The college provide the firing line instructional staff. Both Rich Schak and faculty member Dan Smith took the NRA Pistol Instructor class with SAFER USA earlier this year.

It was the first time many of the students had been shooting and the gen-

eral consensus at the end of the day was that shooting was fun.

What interested me most about this large group of students, ranging in age from about 18 to early 20s, was the way they acted.

Admittedly, when they first arrived I was a bit skeptical. Let's face it, in 2007 young people in that age group... well... look different than when I was in that age group.

Tattoos, lip rings, earrings and all sorts of various and sundry decorations abounded suitably accompanied by punk, Goth and various other manner of dress. For those who think the world is going to hell and our kids are leading the pack, let me tell you about this particular group of 65 young people.

You couldn't find a nicer, friendlier, more mature group of young adults if you tried. They pitched in to help set things up, they pitched in to help put things away. Those that weren't shooting at any given time never acted inappropriately or created any sort of distraction.

I watched the firing lines very closely

and not once did I observe any safety infraction. The staff was excellent at giving instruction and running the ranges.

I gave a detailed safety briefing in the beginning and everyone, including those who had never held a firearm before, followed the rules for the rest of the afternoon. Moreover, they were eager to understand what they were doing and how to improve their results. They weren't just going through the motions bored but compliant; they were engaged intellectually and absorbed with what they were doing. I was, quite simply, amazed.

We're already working out a plan for an ongoing relationship with Westwood College; It's a good match.

I certainly met a lot of young men and women that day who I would be happy to share a patrol car with in a couple of years.

In talking with them, I felt a certain level of reassurance that while they may look different than when I was that age they're really not all that different and perhaps the world really isn't going to hell in a hand-basket after-all.

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WISH LIST

If you don't ask; you don't receive!

1. **SAFER USA Newsletter editor**
2. **Attorney—IRS 501C3 incorporation**
3. **Attorney to help develop land donation options brochure**
4. **Architect—Property plan view depicting proposed facility layout**
5. **HD Digital video camera**
6. **Broadcast HD Digital video editing equipment**



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July 2007

RANGE HOURS

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

Official Notices

NRA Classes: See Page 6

Aug 5 — Sunday

8:00 a.m. Board meeting
9:30 a.m. General Meeting

Jul 14 — Saturday

10:00 a.m. Practical Skill Drills

Jul 26—Thursday

6:00 p.m. Trap

Jul 28—Saturday

8:00 a.m. IDPA

Aug 11 —Saturday

9:00 a.m. Trap
10:00 a.m. Practical Skill Drills

Aug 23—Thursday

6:00 p.m. Trap

Aug 26—Saturday

8:00 a.m. IDPA

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Work hours

David A. Lombardo, president

Okay, I know nobody wants to really work around the club. You join to shoot; not to fight back weeds, repair targets or mow the lawn. I certainly don't have any desire to give up what little free time I have to do it and I've yet to have anyone come up to me and say, "I love working outdoors in 99 degree heat. Is there any heavy lifting available for me to do?"

But we have a problem and it's that we are all owners of the club. If the members don't work then the only alternative is to pay someone else to do it for us. If you haven't looked at the cost of labor lately let me tell you that the \$4.69 an hour you throw into the pot at renewal time isn't going to cut it.

For the more forward looking members there are a few jobs around the club that automatically garner your 16-hours of work credit a year such as being an officer, running the web site, being responsible for keeping the sheds in order and stocked with 1x2's and cardboard, and a few others. There's no guarantee you won't work more than the 16-hours but none of them are hardship assignments so people take on the job and do whatever it takes. I can tell you without a doubt that every one of our Board members has, on more than one occasion, put in more than 16 hours in a week but who's counting?

Well, some people are counting. I was surprised recently to learn that someone who took on a recurring assignment just quit when the 16-hour mark was hit. As soon as I heard that I went out to the club and told the grass to stop growing. Fortunately some board members, who've been slacking off and only have a couple hundred work hours so far this year, filled in the gap left by the person who hit 16. Perhaps what we really need is an annual work fee of \$240 to pay \$15 an hour for labor so the few, who do it all, can take the summer off.

SCHEDULED WORK DAY

The third Sunday of every month (9:00 a.m.—Noon) is a regularly scheduled work party day.

There is a lot of varied work that needs to be done. All work counts toward required hours. Please come help out.

HSC NEW MEMBER RECRUITING DRIVE

From now until the August 5th membership meeting any member that recruits a new member into the club will get a \$25 credit towards their 2008 membership dues up to the full value of their annual membership dues renewal rate.

Sign up a member & save on your 2008 renewal!

Treasurer's Report—Jun 2007

Financially, June was relatively quiet in the Operating fund but the Youth camp program saw the flurry of transactions normal for the month of the camp. Although the Outreach fund stayed about even, there are significant revenues projected for this fund in the next couple of months. These conditions go a long way in addressing our annual cash flow situation, resulting in a much more positive outlook. However, an increase in membership of 10-15+ members would put the operating in a much more stable fiscal position – so let's all promote the club to any and all prospective members.

	Operating	Outreach	Youth Camp	Total
Beginning balances(5/01)	9,186.40	2,973.50	20,410.54	32,570.44
Revenues	2.30	329.72	1,038.28	1,371.30
Expenditures	488.46	339.65	7,191.17	8,019.28
Ending balances(5/31)	8,700.24	2,963.57	14,258.65	25,922.46

CD balances (reserves for future liabilities) 13,423.03

Total club cash assets as of June 30, 2007 39,345.49

General Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2007

Under the provisions of the HSC Constitution and Bylaws, the July General Membership meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum.

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NRA TRAINING COUNSELOR WORKSHOP

NRA INSTRUCTORS—Become a TRAINING COUNSELOR

Do you have:

What it takes to turn good shooters into good instructors???
The DESIRE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS and ATTITUDE to be a leader?
A COMMITMENT to purpose and the future of the shooting sports???

If so, step up and become a NRA Training Counselor !!! If you are a Training Counselor and would like to advance to the Senior (STC) or Master (MTC) levels this class is also for you. Join the Training Counselor Workshop at the Aurora Sportsmen's Club in Sugar Grove, Illinois on July 13-14-15, 2007.

30 hours of classroom will give you the opportunity to test your abilities and training techniques.

Contact: Hank Washburn, MTC at 630-556-3794 or Hwashburn@aol.com for details.

CALL TODAY!!

POSITION VACANCY NOTICE

HSC WEB MASTER

With the departure of HSC member, Board member and good friend Keith Romig for bigger and greener pastures in a land far, far away, we're short a web master for the Howell Shooting Club web site. Now that the club has moved primarily to an electronic newsletter the position of web master is more important than ever.

The job consists of keeping the web site up-to-date, posting the monthly newsletter and event notices, adding some photos from time to time, and generally keeping up with the technology to keep the web site as efficient as possible and maximize our use of it.

The position includes an automatic annual work fee compliance. Anyone interested in maintaining our web site should send an email to the president at word-smith@voyager.net.

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10th Annual Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp May 30—June 1, 2008

**Next year—A milestone!**

David A. Lombardo, Director

It's difficult to believe but next year will be the 10th Annual Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp.

Clyde and Yvonne Howell's dream for a youth camp finally happened when Clyde was a sprightly 82 years old.

I started as a pistol instructor at that



Yvonne and Clyde Howell enjoying another year of the Youth Camp they make possible. Campers helped Clyde celebrate his 91st birthday. Photo—Lombardo

first camp and Clyde, Yvonne and I have been attending ever since but we're hardly unique.

Walking around the grounds this year I noted many adult volunteers who go all the way back to the early years. Many of whom were instrumental in the

camp's early organization..

There wouldn't be a camp but for the efforts of such people as Lynnette Steven, Tim O'Meara, Kelly Kindelin and far more names than there is room to list them.

We are, without a doubt, a family of volunteers. Like all families there have been squabbles, hurt feelings, stubbed toes and a few black eyes over the years but the weekend of the first Sunday of June everyone puts aside their differences and gathers together to put on what is arguably one of the nation's finest, most affordable, youth shooting events.

And so the cycle begins yet again, there is planning already in progress and the old-timers have already resolved to get up yet another time at the crack of dawn to make it all happen. But even as we do I can hear the clock ticking and wonder just how long do we have?

I'd like to make the 10th something special but so far no bolt of lightning has struck me. If anyone has any thoughts on interesting ways to celebrate the anniversary please drop me a line.

In any case I'll see you all next year, the good Lord willing and the river don't rise. - dal

Howell Shooting Club/SAFER USA NRA Courses

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

Class size limited to 10—preregistration required

Cost displayed after course:

Non NRA Member* / NRA member / 18 & under

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

JULY COURSES

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

Jul 21, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Jul 22, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

AUGUST COURSES

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

Aug 3, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Aug 4, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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

Aug 10, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Aug 11, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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

Aug 24, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Aug 25, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

One last thought... “You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.” - Abraham Lincoln

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