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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Something old; something new...

By David A. Lombardo

Fall brings change to the weather and to us. The Fall 2007 SAFER USA schedule has been posted and several things are slated to begin in October.

After the October 12th & 13th Basic Shotgun class we'll be raising the rates to \$125 for non-NRA members and \$100 for NRA members; up from \$75 and \$50 respectively. The youth rate for 18 and under remains unchanged at \$30.

The primary reason for the price increase is thus far we have been near break-even after profit sharing with Howell Shooting Club and paying for course material and teaching aids. The time has come to begin to set aside money for infrastructure. If the youth camp, NRA courses and other outreach programming are to continue for the long term it is going to be necessary to find some appropriate land and build a small classroom facility.

Fall will also see the implementation of our NRA courses on PowerPoint. Joy Meyers is doing the work on this project and we thank her for her generous effort.

This fall we're offering the basic courses, Personal Protection in the Home, Range Safety Officer and both Rifle Instructor and Shotgun Instructor. We intend to aggressively promote the latter two within the scouting community in an effort to prepare more scout leaders as rifle and shotgun merit badge counselors. We would like to see more scout groups get involved in the shooting sports. Early in the spring schedule we plan to offer pistol instructor so it will be well in advance of the traditional shooting season.



(L-R) Magi Hernandez and daughter Dominene (16) try their hand at pistol shooting. Something they didn't have an opportunity to do together while living in Great Britain. Magi's childhood shooting experience was evident as she consistently put 'em all in the black. Photo—Lombardo

Except for the Shotgun Instructor class in early December we'll be taking off from Thanksgiving until January. Experience has shown it's a busy time of year and few are interested in taking shooting classes. Starting in January and going through March we'll offer indoor classes such as Home Firearm Safety, RSO and Refuse To Be a Victim. We're also negotiating a First Aid/CPR/AED course. Please look for that course on the winter schedule. Anyone that's a shooter, hunter or active in the outdoors really needs to have that training.

If there's one thing I'm good at its recognizing my mistakes principally because I have so much experience at it. One of the bigger ones was assuming (you know what they say about *assume*, I presume) that because most spring courses

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SINCE OCTOBER 2006 SAFER USA HAS ENROLLED 186 STUDENTS

**NRA COURSES: We are offering Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle & Basic Shotgun in August & September
Please see page 8 for details!**

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were full we should offer more courses in the summer. The assumption was that would be when everyone wants to get out and do some shooting.

To borrow a line from the poet Robert Burns, the best-laid plans of mice and men oft go awry. While some classes were full, most were not. It isn't as if the staff didn't warn me that summer is when families go on vacation. Fortunately they're dedicated and weathered the storm of my own making. Thanks to them we never cancelled a class due to low enrollment.

In fact, in the 10 months we've been offering courses we've only cancelled one class and that was the result of instructor conflicts leaving no one available to teach it.

The real problem is a small class doesn't have the synergy of a larger one. Next summer we'll trim back class frequency a bit.

Beginning in this issue of the news-

letter we're going to try to bring you shooting sports news. Gathering news this time didn't seem to be too much of a problem as there was quite a bit floating around; we'll see what happens with future issues.

If you don't see a company or organization covered and have a name and web site address, please forward it to me. Any shooting or hunting related news would be appropriate.

Finally, we will shortly be able to make a portable indoor air rifle range, air rifles and pellets available to organizations interested in marksmanship and/or air rifle training. This would particularly be well suited to scouting, 4-H and similar youth organizations.

For further information see the president's column in the Howell Shooting Club newsletter on page six.

Safe shooting

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TOP: July 20th Basic Rifle Class (L-R): Back row—Jon McDonald, Henry Rush; Front row—John Chione, Andrew Chione and Becky Daly. Photo—Phil Koroghlianian.

BOTTOM: Linda & Ron DuBrock took the August 3rd Basic Pistol class with Mike Krickeberg. Photo—Mike Krickeberg.



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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**

INDUSTRY NEWS

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR SIGNS AB854 INTO LAW

On Monday, July 30, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed [Assembly Bill 854](#) into law. Currently California law does not allow a firearm manufacturer or dealer to import into the state a handgun that is not listed on the California Department of Justice's "not unsafe" roster list for the purpose of evaluation by a journalist. AB854 will create a system that will allow a loan to take place through a dealer and to be returned to the manufacturer through a dealer for the purpose of testing and evaluation by a publication. (Source: NRA-ILA)

TIAHRT AMENDMENT PASSES U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a bill containing language preserving the integrity of ongoing criminal investigations and safeguarding the lives of undercover law enforcement officers, known as the Tiahrt Amendment, as part of the Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2008. The bill, passed on a bipartisan vote of 281-142, maintains current policy of keeping firearm trace information within the law enforcement community, out of the hands of politicians, trial lawyers and special interest groups. (Source: NRA-ILA)

OSHA TO REVISE EXPLOSIVES RULE

OSHA has announced it will significantly revise a recent proposal for new "explosives safety" regulations. OSHA had originally set out to update workplace safety regulations, but the proposed rules included restrictions with which very few gun shops, sporting goods stores, shippers, or ammunition dealers could comply. The OSHA proposal would have defined "explosives" to include "black powder, ... small arms ammunition, small arms ammunition primers, [and] smokeless propellant," and treated these items the same as the most volatile high explosives. NRA, working with U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg (R-MT) and Congressman Doug Lamborn (R-CO) thwarted the plan and resulted in OSHA rethinking the wording of the rule. NRA will continue to monitor the situation including OSHA's next draft. (Source: NRA-ILA)

NEW HUNTING LICENSE SALES HIT 34,000

Apprentice hunting licenses brought nearly 34,000 new hunters safely afield in 2006. Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi and Ohio offered the new licenses to newcomers with the guidance and support of NSSF, the National Wild Turkey Federation and US Sportsmen's Alliance. (Source: Illinois Shooter; Summer 2007)

D.C. PETITIONS SUPREME COURT TO HEAR GUN BAN CASE

Washington, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty announced the city will appeal the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit's Parker ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. While it is too early to tell whether the Supreme Court will choose to hear the appeal, Fenty's action possibly sets the stage for a showdown over the meaning of the Second Amendment. (Source: NRA-ILA)

REMINGTON ARMS TO BE ACQUIRED BY CERBERUS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Remington Arms Company, Inc. announced it will be acquired by an affiliate of Cerberus Capital Management, L.P. as part of a definitive agreement between Cerberus and RACI Holding, Inc. for an estimated value of \$370 million based upon a purchase price of \$118 million and an assumption of \$252 million in debt including a revolving credit line and subordinated notes.

NORTHWEST AIRLINES ELIMINATES DISCRIMINATORY FEES

Northwest Airlines and its partner KLM Royal Dutch Airlines have rescinded the \$300 fee for each long-gun case checked on international flights. Pressure from the NRA and Safari Club International and their respective members caused the airlines to rethink their position. Long gun cases are now accepted under normal luggage allotment.

HENRY REPEATING ARMS HELPING MILITARY FAMILIES

Henry partnered with Fisher House by donating a series of engraved Henry Golden Boy rifles with Fisher House logos, proceeds go to benefit the organization. Fisher House provides a "home away from home" that enables family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful time - during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury. \$583,000 was raised at the recent Fisher House Golf Tournament. (Source: Henry Repeating Arms).

FIREARM INDUSTRY FISCALLY HEALTHY

Sturm, Ruger & Co. (NYSE:[RGR](#)) reported earnings more than tripled in the [second quarter](#). The company reported second-quarter net income of \$5.1 million, or 22 cents per share, compared to \$1.4 million, or 6 cents per share in the same period last year. Total net sales for the quarter increased to \$39.6 million, from \$29.2 million in the previous year. Sales in Olin Corp.'s (NYSE:[OLN](#)) **Winchester** ammunition division increased 16 percent in the [second quarter](#) to \$99.8 million, compared with \$85.7 million in the same period a year ago. Winchester income grew 70 percent in the quarter to \$5.6 million, from \$3.3 million the previous year. The company said the

favorable impact of the higher selling prices and higher shipment volumes more than offset the impact of higher material and manufacturing costs. Overall earnings at Olin were up 8 percent in the quarter. **Smith & Wesson** Holding Corporation (Nasdaq: SWHC), parent company of Smith & Wesson Corp., announced net product sales for fiscal 2007 increased 48.8% over the previous fiscal year. Firearms sales for the fiscal year grew 50.1% over the previous fiscal year, reflecting a 59.7% increase in pistol sales, the full year financial impact of tactical rifle sales, and four months of revenue from Thompson/Center Arms ("Thompson/Center"), which accounted for \$22.5 million of revenue for fiscal 2007. Sales excluding the Thompson/Center acquisition grew at a rate of 34.5% for fiscal 2007. Net income for fiscal 2007 of \$13.0 million, or \$.31 per diluted share, was \$4.3 million, or \$.09 per diluted share, higher than for the previous fiscal year.

REMINGTON ADDS SP-10 AUTOLOADER WATERFOWL VERSION

Remington has introduced a fully camouflaged version of their popular Model SP-10 Magnum 10-gauge shotgun optimized for waterfowl hunting. It features Mossy Oak Duck Blind pattern, a 26-inch vent rib Rem Choke barrel, a special Briley Choke Tube System and HiViz Fiber Optic Front Sight.

SMITH & WESSON WINS M&P45 LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

Smith & Wesson Corp. has received a major order for the company's M&P45 pistol from the Hartford, Connecticut Police Department. The order calls for a total of 500 M&P45 pistols chambered in .45 ACP. An M&P45 will be issued to each officer in the department to replace early-model Smith & Wesson pistols that previously served as Hartford PD's primary duty firearm. Reasons cited for the order include external thumb safety, the magazine disconnect safety, interchangeable grip sizes and accuracy. Currently 223 law enforcement agencies representing more than 60,000 officers across the United States carry the M&P45.

CALIFORNIA PASSES MICROSTAMPING BILL

Rejecting the results of a study it requested, the California Assembly passed by a vote of 44-29 legislation that would mandate a new patented, sole-sourced technology known as firearms microstamping. The study, conducted by the University of California at Davis tested the reliability of microstamping, the process by which a firearm's make, model and serial number are micro-laser engraved on the tip of the firing pin so, in theory, that information would be imprinted on any cartridge casing fired in the gun. The authors of the study concluded that, "At the current time it is not recommended that a mandate for implementation of this technology in all semiautomatic handguns in the state of California be made. Further testing, analysis and evaluation is required." The patent holder, New Hampshire-based ID Dynamics and its owner Todd Lizotte, have been aggressively lobbying the legislature to pass the bill. (Source: National Shooting Sports Foundation)

ANTI-GUN ILLINOIS LEGISLATOR SENDS COPS AFTER CRITICS

The Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA) is expressing great concern over reports that Illinois State Police (ISP) detectives have been visiting the homes of people who phoned or faxed Sen. Dan Kotowski (D-Park Ridge) to express opposition to gun control legislation sponsored by the senator. In the case investigated thus far, the respondent reports that ISP detectives arrived at his home, unannounced, and informed him that their visit was in response to faxes he sent to Sen. Kotowski. The detectives then went on to ask the citizen questions about his mental health and other personal matters. Although the citizen was not arrested, he reports that he feels that the detectives were there to deliver the message that it's not a good idea to criticize Dan Kotowski or the gun control measures Kotowski supports. (Source: Illinois Shooter; Summer 2007)

CITY BY THE BAY SUPERVISOR ADMITS GUN LAWS WON'T WORK

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors have adopted new anti-gun laws even as a sponsor of the ordinances admitted that they probably won't quell violent crime. "Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, in a remarkable fit of candor, admitted to the news media that these new gun ordinances won't stop violent crime," said Second Amendment Foundation founder Alan Gottlieb. The new ordinances will prohibit the possession or sale of firearms on city property, and require gun owners to lock their guns in containers or with trigger locks. Gun dealers will have to provide an inventory to the police chief every six months. Supervisor Aaron Peskin called the laws "silly feel-good legislation with no teeth." (Source: Second Amendment Foundation)

BROWNELLS ACQUIRES SINCLAIR INTERNATIONAL

Firearm accessory supplier Brownells has announced the acquisition of Sinclair International, Inc., a manufacturer and supplier of high quality reloading tools and shooting accessories.

SAFETY ISSUES

WINCHESTER RECALL NOTICE: 22 LONG RIFLE RIMFIRE AMMUNITION

Olin Corporation, through its Winchester Division, is recalling several lots of rimfire ammunition. Super-X High Velocity (Symbol X22LR) and Power-Point (Symbol X22LRPP) Lot Numbers containing Letters: XN, YA, YB or YC. The ammunition Lot Number is imprinted (stamped without ink) on the outside of the right tuck flap of the 50-round box. Through extensive evaluation Winchester has determined the above lots may contain double powder charges. Double powder charge weight ammunition may cause firearm damage, rendering the firearm inoperable, and subject the shooter to a risk of personal injury and/or death when fired. (Source: Olin Corporation)



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RANGE HOURS

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

Official Notices

NRA Classes: See Page 8

Sep 2 —Sunday

Labor Day Weekend
9:30 a.m. Board meeting
No General Meeting

Aug 25 —Saturday

8:00 a.m. IDPA

Sep 8 —Saturday

10:00 a.m. Practical Skill Drills

Sep 15 —Saturday

8:00 a.m. Power 4 Women

Sep 22 —Saturday

8:00 a.m. IDPA

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MORE BOARD MEMBERS**

Another grant thanks to Friends of the NRA

David A. Lombardo, president

Our 2007 NRA Grant Request: Portable Airgun Range Project has been approved and awarded the entire \$1,712 we requested. The grant, combined with a matching gift from HSC member and SAFER USA instructor John Conaghan, will purchase a Crosman 8 x 24-foot Indoor/Outdoor Portable Airgun Range.

The entire range folds into a few golf bag size containers. Combined with our existing air rifles, custom built air supply hose system and a 20-pound bottle of compressed air, the system is perfect for scouting, 4-H, and other organizations. It can also be used to promote the Howell Shooting Club, SAFER USA and shooting sports in general at the Chicagoland Outdoor Show and local county fairs.

The NRA grant program is state-by-state. Funds are generated within each state by Friends of the NRA dinners. Fifty percent of the money generated goes to support NRA programs and 50-percent stays within the state where its generated to fund grant requests. Over the years I have written a few grant proposals on behalf of HSC and every one has been funded. Without a doubt the Friends of the NRA have been very good to Howell Shooting Club.

On Saturday, September 8th the Fox Valley Friends of the NRA will be holding their 15th annual fund raising banquet at the Gaslite Manor in Aurora. I highly encourage you to support this worthwhile program. The dinners are always first rate and the wide array of silent auction, raffles and live auction items are well worth the trip. For tickets and further information contact Bob Feuerborn at 815-498-4418. I hope to see you there.

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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 end of the year 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—July 2007

Overall, July found the club staying about even. The operating fund ended the month with a balance of 7,808.19 available for the club's facilities which projects to a year-end (membership year) deficit of about \$1,370. Considering that the outreach program is doing well and is expected to continue to do so, the fiscal health of the club looks quite good – barring any major expenditures.

	Operating	Outreach	Youth Camp	Total
Beginning balances(5/01)	8,700.24	2,963.57	14,258.65	25,922.46
Revenues	1.78	1,535.00	5.00	1,541.78
Expenditures	893.83	456.68	155.88	1,506.39
Ending balances(5/31)	7,808.19	4,041.89	14,107.77	25,957.85

CD balances (reserves for future liabilities) 13,509.21

Total club cash assets as of June 30, 2007 39,467.06

General Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2007

The general meeting was called to order at 9:45 am. Several members have been receiving their newsletters in a less than intact condition. There should be two seals on the newsletter, but it appeared that the printing company was only using one. David Lombardo will be following up with the printer to ensure that two seals are used to keep them from getting caught in the postal machines.

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As far as work around the club is concerned, the steal targets have been repaired, but need to be painted. The two berms with gravel have also been sprayed with weed killer, so we ask that you don't lick the gravel anymore (not that any of you would be doing that anyway). We have also had some members show up for work Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month), but no one was there to coordinate the effort. It was assured that someone will be there for the next work Sunday, and in the future, we may have tasks posted on the website with a contact person. David Lombardo has reminded us that we are the owners of the club and that 16 hours of work is only a benchmark in which the work fee is forgiven for the next year's membership. There are some members that routinely work over the 16 hours. Please refer to the club bylaws for more information.

The club has received grant money for the portable air gun range, and will be receiving funds for Glock pistols with additional magazines and holsters. Part of the grant process is that half of the money needs to come from the club, and this came from a donation made by one of the club members. Last month, as posted in the newsletter, we had several students from Westwood College come out to use the range which provided in excess of \$600 to the club. We look forward to working with these types of programs in the future as it was a positive experience for not only the club, but the students as well. We are also working with the Aurora Sportsman Club to advertise each others events in the newsletters.

Insurance is always an issue, and until recently, an NRA endorsed insurance company was predominantly the avenue for the clubs such as ours to be insured. Other insurance companies are now entering into providing insurance for clubs such as ours for significantly less than what we can currently be ensured by the NRA. We are looking further into this as it may provide more coverage for less cost to the club.

There will be no general membership meeting next month due to the Labor Day weekend, but the members are encouraged to attend the Gander Mountain re-opening August 18th, and 19th where the club will also have a booth setup. Also, don't forget the Yvonne Howell Women's Shooting Camp September 15th.

We are pleased to welcome 3 new members and 3 families to the club. Also remember that \$25 will be taken off of your next year's membership for each new member that you bring to the club. Please keep in mind that firearms and alcohol do not mix and is against club policies. - RB

POSITION VACANCY NOTICE HSC WEB MASTER

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.

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

**The Next Generation**

David A. Lombardo, Director

One of my disappointments with the Camp over the years has been the lack of involvement by campers after the camp.

The progression was always intended to be camper to intern to NRA instructor. To that end we have, for years, offered interns a free NRA class.

Unfortunately, I can count on one hand the number of interns that have taken advantage of the opportunity.

Parents tell me their kids have football, basketball, baseball, soccer, cheerleading, poms, dance, martial arts and more reasons why they don't have the time.

True enough, life is about choices. But consider this: How many 40 year old soccer players, cheerleaders or poms do you personally know? Compare that to the number of shooters and hunters who are 40.

I certainly have nothing against playing sports and being involved in school activities but the shooting sports are something that will go

with you for the rest of your life.

Similar to athletics, the shooting and hunting sports teach maturity, judgment and responsibility. Shooters and hunters gain a tremendous sense of self worth and a strong sense of self reliance.

The big difference is the shooting and hunting sports are family activities. Considering what's going on in schools today, wouldn't you rather be more involved with your kids?

Shooting and hunting are activities that are not only shared with parents when the kids are young but become long-standing family traditions that will be passed on from one generation to another. You don't see a lot of grandparents, parents and grandchildren playing football together.

I am constantly looking for ways to get young people involved in the shooting and hunting sports. If you have any ideas how to keep kids involved after camp, please share them.

It's good for you, your kids and the future of our country.— 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

AUGUST COURSES

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.

SEPTEMBER COURSES

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

Sep 07, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Sep 08, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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

Sep 21, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Sep 22, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

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

Sep 28, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Sep 29, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

One last thought... “A hero is no braver than an ordinary man but he is braver five minutes longer.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

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