

# Howell Shooting Club

## January 2003

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### HOWELL SHOOTING CLUB—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003

The meeting started at 0905am with the following board members in attendance: David Lombardo, Clyde Howell, Rick Kimler, Kris Krohn, and Lynnette Krohn. A total of 14 members were present with 4 new members present.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the December meeting were waived due to no December meeting held.

**Treasurer's report:** Larry Yackley reported November 2002 income as \$2511.21 and expenses of \$3066.60 and ending balance of \$17,835.74. December 2002 income was reported to be \$1574.59 and expenses of \$5364.98 and ending balance of \$14,045.35. Motion to approve treasurer's report as read was made by Gene Yackley and seconded by Dennis Davidson. Motion carried.

**Match Directors report:** Rick Kimler stated that paper plates are located in the cabinet at 10 (9 inch circular) plates for \$ 0.20, for NRA Qualification Program. If anyone has any ideas for the fun shoots please contact Rick Kimler.

**Range Safety Officers report:** Per Kris Krohn there is nothing to report.

**Member at Large report:** Per Clyde Howell there is nothing to report.

**Secretary's report:** Per Lynnette Krohn there is a camp meeting being held at 10 am following the membership meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. Camp is half full at this time and registration forms can be obtained by

contacting Lynnette Krohn. The camp will accommodate 80 campers for the 2003 year at a cost of \$100 per camper.

**Vice-President's report:** The Chicago Land Fishing, Hunting, Travel and Outdoor Show is being held January 15<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup> 2003 at the Rosemont Convention Center. We will have a free booth at this event and is being staffed by club members to advertise the camp and the club. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

We need to be more pro active with our NRA courses. The Board has voted to establish 2 new positions for the club. The first being a Membership Committee chairman and the second being an Educational Committee chairman. The NRA courses that are offered bring in good revenue for the club. We will have a booth again at the Hunting and Fishing days and one at the Kendall County fair. Details to be discussed at a later meeting.

Work days not available at this time.  
Event director not present at this time.

**Old Business:** The NRA plate rail is here and located in the south berm. It is requested that no full metal jacket rounds be used and nothing larger than .45.

**New Business:** New members will accompany RSO Kris Krohn on a range walk thru after the meeting today. New members include Bruce Hamp, Jeff Wagner, Erin Richey and Rich Elliman. 2003 classes will be forthcoming in the newsletter. Club member Trevor Bull was present to discuss the IMSHA events and if you require further information please contact him at 630-690-7499. Discussion regarding the cost and start time to be discussed at a later time. The Naperville Police Department will be using the South Berm. They are using all the berms except the South berm on 2 Wednesdays a month. They will be done by 3pm on those days.

Camp meeting at 10 am today.  
Club member Jeff Wagner volunteered to assist with the Web site for the club.  
Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gene Yackley and seconded by Kris Krohn. The meeting was adjourned at 0950 am. Next meeting to be held February 2, 2003.

### HSC Events Calendar 2002/2003 All General Membership meetings begin at 9 a.m.

Please note: The "Police Dates" are ALL Wednesday's . only the South Berm will be open for Club Members

#### January 2003

- . Jan 22, 2003 Police Date
- . Feb.12. Police Date
- . Feb. 26 Police Date

#### March 2003

- .March 5. Basic Pistol 6 PM
- .March 8. Basic Pistol 9AM
- .March 12 Basic Shotgun 6 PM
- .March 12. Police Date
- .March 15 Basic shotgun 9 AM
- .March 26 Basic Rifle 6 PM
- .March 29 Basic Rifle 9 AM

#### April, 2003

- . **April 1, Membership dues**
- . April 2 Police Date
- . April 6 Basic Instructor Training Class
- . April 12 Pistol Instructor
- . April 23 Police Date
- . May 7, Police Date
- . **MAY 30, 31, JUNE 1 Youth Camp**

#### June, 2003

- . June 21 Personal Protection
- . July 9 Basic TBA 6PM
- . July 12 Basic TBA 9AM

#### September

- Sept 3 Basic TBA 6PM
- Sept 6 Basic TBA 9AM

#### October, 2003

- . Basic class-tba -- Oct 15 at 6 pm and Oct 18 at 9 am

#### . Club Fun shoots first Sunday of the month May through October

#### The President's Column

The new NRA plate rail has been installed on the south berm. **Use it safely by not using FMJ ammo or .44, .454 full house loads.** More barrels will be arriving soon. These are for the construction of ballistic walls and shooting barricades - NOT TARGETS OR TARGET HOLDERS. The Naperville Police Department is using some of the berms on one or two Wednesdays a month thru May. They will be finished by 3 pm. However, the south berm and trap range will be open all day for members to shoot. Our complementary annual WORKER APPRECIATION DINNER is coming up at 6 pm cash bar on March 15, 2003 at the UPA building in Plattville (same as previous years). Notices will be sent shortly to those who have completed their required work hours. Please RSVP to BeckySue Yackley -- 630-554-8475 -- fax 630-554-9517 -- [snowelf@att.net](mailto:snowelf@att.net) by March 7 to ensure enuff food. Any club member not completing work hours or guests of workers are encouraged to attend to show your appreciation for those who have assisted with events, activities, work parties or other projects - cost is \$10.00 per person. If you do not receive an invitation by the end of January and feel you have met the work hour requirement, please contact a board member to clarify the record. Want to get involved in personal protection classes - then sign up for the prerequisite basic pistol class. Want to become an instructor - sign up for the basic class of your choice - then the Basic Instructor Training Class - then the discipline specific class. Already an instructor - expand your capabilities with another

discipline. Now is the time to contact Keith Tomes or Lou Tomes and get yourself scheduled to assist teaching a basic class to keep your credentials up to date. Come visit the club booth at the Chicago Outdoor Show at the Stevenson Convention Center(formerly Rosemont).

### **REMINDER: Membership renewals are due prior to April 1, 2003.**

#### Basic Pistol Class

Members \$65 Non-members \$85  
Checks payable to Howell Shoot Club  
HOWELL SHOOTING CLUB, INC  
10712 CHURCH ROAD  
YORKVILLE, IL 60560

#### FOR REGISTRATION CALL:

Keith or Lou Tomes  
home: 630-369-1474  
work 630-897-6967 x125

#### IDPA

I plan to follow the same schedule as last year (actually, this year). **The season will start on the 4th Saturday of May with a classifier, and go through the 4th Saturday of October with another classifier for the final event.**

#### From the "PIG PEN"

##### **Do YOU belong ?**

- Do YOU** pick up your empty brass, aluminum, steel casings or shotgun shell hulls ?
- Do YOU** use the metal .22 silhouettes for centerfire handgun targets and shoot holes in them ?
- Do YOU** use the "Camp" sign as a target holder for your targets ?
- Do YOU** try to leave the club/berms just a little cleaner than you found them ?

It was brought to members attention at the last general meeting that some of our members think they have special privileges to be pigs and destructive of OUR property. All of the items above have happened at the Club. Which one's are you guilty of ?

ANYONE who sees another member or guest intentionally damage property or leave a mess, should contact any Officer of the Club. If you know a name ( of the offending party) use it, if you don't, make a note of the time and date, maybe even a vehicle license number. The Club belongs to all of the members . Think personal responsibility and accountability !!

#### From the Editors

**If you need to email articles or information for the newsletter, PLEASE include the word "Howell" in the title, heading or subject manner. We apologize, but with all the junk email around if we see an address we do not recognize we are more likely to delete or block than to open .**

### HSC NRA RECRUITER

#### NRA Membership Renewals

With club renewals just around the corner, it is time to renew those NRA memberships. **Members with NRA memberships expiring between April '03 and April '04 are required to renew, to keep every member current.** If members renew early, their new membership cards may arrive before club renewals. Send a check payable to NRA, in the amount of \$25 to:

**Dennis J. Davidson HSC NRA Recruiter 302 N. Canal St. (Lisbon) Newark, IL. 60541-9733**

Be sure to include all pertinent info including your NRA member number, and your magazine preference...

American Rifleman, American Hunter, America's First Freedom, or the all new *Woman's Outlook*. *WO* premieres in January, '03. If any HSC lady members are interested in changing their monthly magazine, please call (800) 672-3888.

**Press release received via email from the ISRA.**

**Reasons why we need the NRA, Gun Owners of America, ISRA and all other "Pro-Gun" organizations.**

**With our new Attorney General who actively aligned herself with the Brady Organization, watch out gun owners !**

### BRADY CAMPAIGN RELEASES 6TH ANNUAL REPORT CARD Illinois Receives Grade of B+ On Laws Protecting Kids From Guns

(Washington, D.C.) In its sixth annual analysis of state laws protecting children from gun violence, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence united with the Million Mom March, highlighted its progress in protecting children from gun violence. The analysis noted an encouraging decrease in the number of children killed by guns.

**Illinois again received a B+.** The state holds adults responsible for leaving loaded guns around children, requires a license to possess firearms and restricts kids from buying or possessing guns. However, Illinois does not require child-safety locks to be sold with guns, does not have strong handgun safety design standards such as loaded-chamber indicators and magazine safety disconnects, and does not ban assault weapons. In 2000, the most recent year for which data is available, 187 children and teenagers in Illinois died from gunfire.

**Illinois can improve its grade next year by requiring child-safety locks to be sold with guns, setting basic handgun safety standards, and stopping gun traffickers from buying guns in bulk by enacting a one-handgun-per-month limit.**

Unfortunately, once again 29 states received grades of D or F in this year's report card. Not surprisingly, many of these states have child and teen firearm death rates that are higher than the national average. For example, the average firearms death rate of youth in the eight states that received an F grade was 33% higher than the average firearms death rate for the 10 states that received an A or a B.

"Polls consistently show that most

Americans approve of stronger gun laws to protect our children. **Unfortunately, the deep pockets of the gun lobby have paralyzed efforts to enact new legislation at the federal level. Congress and the Bush Administration have turned a deaf ear on the nation's desire for common sense gun laws" said Sarah Brady, Chair of the Brady Campaign.** "It has fallen to Governors and state legislatures to take up the mantle of child safety and pass laws to protect our kids from gun violence. Several states have stepped up to meet this challenge. Working with the Million Mom March and grassroots activists in all 50 states, we will continue fighting until not one child is lost to gun violence."

#### GRADING CRITERIA

Each state was carefully rated for the existence of seven types of legislation that protect children from gun violence, and also for the comprehensiveness and effectiveness of that legislation. The seven types of legislation include:

- **Juvenile Possession of Guns** - whether it is illegal for a juvenile to possess or own a firearm without parental permission or supervision.
- **Sale/Transfer of Guns to Juveniles** - whether it is illegal to sell a firearm to a juvenile or give a firearm to a juvenile without parental permission.
- **Safe Storage and Gun Owner Accountability** - whether adults are required to store their firearms responsibly and out of the reach of children, and whether there are penalties for leaving guns accessible to children.
- **Childproof Guns and Gun Design Safety** - whether guns must be sold with child-safety locks and/or include safety design features such as load indicators, magazine safety disconnects and restrictions on Saturday night special "junk"

guns.

- **Local Government Authority to Regulate Guns** - "Preemption" - whether the state has made it illegal for cities to enact stricter gun control laws than exist in the state in general. For example, in 1995 the Georgia General Assembly pre-empted the city of Atlanta's attempts to more strictly regulate firearms, despite the fact that Atlanta led the nation in violent crime that year. Preemption has been a favorite legislative tool of the gun lobby.
- **Secondary "Private" Gun Sale Background Checks** - whether the state requires a criminal background check or reporting of secondary (private) sales such as can occur at gun shows.
- **Carrying Concealed Weapons (CCW)** - whether individuals are allowed to carry loaded concealed guns and whether the police are forced to issue concealed carry permits or have some discretion to limit the carrying of concealed weapons in public. Grades may be raised or lowered based on whether a state sets strong limits or standards for issuing such permits and whether they recognize permits issued by other states.

Since the Brady Campaign began grading state gun laws six years ago, the number of young people killed by guns nationwide has dropped from an average of 16 per day to eight (based on the most recent available data). During the same period, the Centers for Disease Control reported a 48% reduction in the firearms death rate per 100,000 children and teens. End .

Editors Note:

FYI - 43 States permit some type of

Concealed Carry....Why not Illinois ?

### **How's this from a Law Enforcement Officer in DeKalb County !!!**

#### **Guns, not cell phones, stop crime**

Friday, January 10, 2003

The IL GOP is suffering because it does not understand personal security is the most important thing on the mind of the common citizen.

While international terrorism threatens all of us, there is terror that exists everyday in our poorest neighborhoods.

Victimization exists because both parties have tried to convince citizens that they are subjects rather than citizens with full Constitutional rights.

Chicagoans suffer as they lead the nation in murder rates. Chicago Police Superintendent Hillard says the Constitution does not apply and should be further restricted in an unconstitutional, supposedly gun-free city [["Gun Owners Beware: It's Not Your Right,"](#) January 2].

The Chicago Police brass as well as the political bosses from both parties are missing the point.

When private citizens are allowed to defend themselves from the dregs of society by themselves and at the same time enabled to actively assist their community with available means, law enforcement benefits. You will never stop a crime with a cell phone, a whistle, or a cry for help.

It is undeniable that there are police bureaucrats who have been thoroughly inducted into the simpleminded philosophy that if guns could suddenly vanish, people wouldn't be murdered.

While this may be a worthwhile approach in undergraduate liberal arts programs, it is impractical in real life, which is exemplified by history. While war and its atrocities have been numerous through all the wars of the 20th Century, the startling fact is that many more innocent people were murdered by their own

governments. The Nazis and the Communists disarmed the citizenry "for the good of society" only to lead them into gas chambers and gulags. The progressives/liberals in America are doing the same thing, leading the citizenry to dependence on government and to plea for their lives by criminal thugs who threaten them. Ironically, what leads to bigger problems. In cities like Chicago, the same people who obviously cannot stand up to gangs and form a viable community watch type program because they are disarmed, end up working with the criminal gangs in order to obtain some form of protection or security.

I know the benefits of being an officer in a concealed carry state and I absolutely believe that society benefits when the war against crime is morally fought as "good vs. evil" compared to totalitarian states like Illinois that wage an "US against Them" campaign.

Craig Parnow

DeKalb County Sheriff Deputy  
Sycamore

"That rifle on the wall of the labourer's cottage or working class flat is the symbol of democracy. It our job to see that it stays there." - George Orwell

### **Time to Renew Memberships Deadline is April 1, 2003**

#### **Samuel Adams:**

"The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the PEOPLE of The United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."

#### **George Mason:**

"I ask, sir, what is the militia ? It is the whole people...to disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them