

Howell Shooting Club

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Any questions concerning the operation of the Club can be brought up at the Monthly Membership Meeting or by contacting any of the above Directors. You can submit your ideas or articles for the newsletter to any Board member or Bob Shamasko in the following manners:

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HSC Events Calendar 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

July, 2003

. July 26 IDPA

August 2003

. August 3 General Membership Mtg
. August 23 IDPA

September 2003

. September 7 General Meeting and Club Picnic
. Sept 3 Basic TBA 6PM
. Sept 6 Basic TBA 9AM
Personal Protection in the Home Course
. Sept 27 IDPA

October, 2003

. October 5 General Meeting
. Basic class-tba -- Oct 15 at 6 pm and Oct 18 at 9 am
. Oct 25 IDPA

November 2003

. November 2 General Membership Meeting

December 2003

. December 7 General Membership Meeting

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

Howell Membership Meeting - July 6, 2003

Meeting called to order at 9:30am
Guests and new members introduced Secretary absent,

Jeff Wagner to take notes
Minutes approved as published on motion by Keith and seconded by Ken

Treasurer's Report

a. Net Total 5/31/03-6/30/03: \$644.17
b. Total Inflows: \$2,045.00
c. Total Outflows: \$1,400.83
d. Balance 06/30/03: \$21,367.30
e. Approved on motion by Keith and seconded by Bob

Officers Reports

Secretary -

Not in Attendance

Range Safety Officer

Not in Attendance

Event Director

No report, Open position

Treasurer

Larry Yackley - Nothing to report

Member-At-Large

Jeff Wagner - Nothing to report

Vice President

David Lombardo

Reminded membership of renewal date. If the club does not receive membership renewals by March 31st, membership will be cancelled

Reminded membership that everyone must maintain a current FOID card and NRA membership. Must send copies of current cards to David Lombardo

(Editor added)

Expired NRA Memberships on file: Demondo, Rich Skidmore Sr., Robert E. Lebbin, Dennis R.

Horvath, Clifton
Ellis, Chuck
Treadway, Allen (Rick)
Kaletka, Mark O.
Prosser, Joe
Pascual, Rolando
Skidmore Jr., Robert E.
Fronek, Gerald
York, James
Chohon, Eugene
Hamp, Frank (Bruce)

Expired FOID Cards on file
Baker, Christopher D.
Pascual, Rolando
Kucia, Dave
Chohon, Eugene
Bergeron, James H.

iii. Tom Yackley discussed the insurance liability to the club of members not having a current FOID card and NRA membership. The club must stay in good graces with the NRA.

iv. Keith Tomes reminded membership of his role as NRA recruiter. By using Keith to renew NRA memberships you get a discount and the club gets some money.

v. Lou Tomes discussed the issue of members not wearing badges while on club premises.

vi. Dave reminded membership of the need to wear their badges while at the club.

vii. Everyone who shoots must sign-in. All Guests are required to also, sign-in.

viii. Asked for volunteers to run Archery and Black powder shoots/events

ix. New Club Constitution being reviewed by Board, will be completed soon

1. President - Tom Yackley
 i. Reminded membership to pick-up brass after shooting on the ranges
 ii. Reported the Camp 2003 was very successful.

iii. Board approved Tom Yackley as Executive Camp Director and David Lombardo as Camp Director for the 2004 Camp

iv. Currently deciding dates for Camp 2004

v. Signs will be posted near all ranges to help direct parking for handicapped members

vi. The club has a booth and a BB gun range at the Kendall County Fair, July 31 - August 3. Tom asked for volunteers. Lou and Keith Tomes volunteered to help with the booth and range.

vii. The club also will have a booth and BB gun range at the National Hunting and Fishing Days event. Looking for volunteers.

viii. Club Picnic date set for September 7, 2003

ix. Club will be closed on Saturday, August 9, 2003 due to the Howell family picnic.

Misc.

m. Grounds Committee Report - Kerry Krickberg

i. Need to paint barrels, both full and empties

ii. Need to rebuild walls with existing gravel and barrels

iii. Will place 5 gallon buckets on ranges labeled for brass

iv. Will place Live Ammo containers on all ranges

v. Must fill in gaps in rear ballistic wall, there are currently gaps between the barrels

vi. Must fix the leak in the training trailer around the chimney

vii. Spray weed killer on all weeds on top of range walls

viii. Will place ground level distance markers on rifle range

ix. Work Day dates will be published soon

IDPA Information

IDPA contact, Bill Barkstrom, 630-655-9496 and general IDPA information will be added to the newsletter and website
 ii. Members discussed IDPA shoot at Howell last weekend and reported a total of 34 shooters participated.

iii. Jeff Wagner will talk to Bill and discuss the possibility of posting Shoot Course layouts on the website prior to shoot weekends

o. Personal Protection In The Home training scheduled for September 6, 2003

p. Personal Protection Outside The Home Training will be coming soon

q. Women's Shooting Camp scheduled for July 19, 2003

r. Please make sure windows are all closed when exiting trailer

s. Bob proposed hosting a

weekend Survival Camp.
Directors to discuss.

t. Next year Bob will be using an ambulance instead of a medical tent

u. A suggestion for improved communications at next year's camp was discussed

Desk of the President:

THE ENTIRE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 TO ALLOW THE HOWELL FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FAMILY ON THIS LOCATION.

The annual club picnic will be held Sunday, September 7. Come for meetings, food and fun - details in next month's newsletter.

Kerry Krickeberg, work coordinator, will be publishing a list of work dates in the newsletter. Check with him on projects to be completed.

Reminder: Please leave the ranges cleaner than you found them. Put picnic tables back on mulched area to facilitate mowing. Any targets or holders set up in grassy areas need to be returned to gravel or storage shed for same reason.

HANDICAP PARKING - Please be aware that our club makes every effort to accommodate any situation. There has been some confusion on this issue. For classes, park on the east end of the clubhouse trailer. On the main berm, park in line with the west end of the barrel ballistric wall, but, behind your established firing line. When using the rifle range or back berm, park on the east side of the main berm at thye south end, just west of the rifle range firing line for 100 yards. To use the south berm or shotgun area, park onb the south side of the covered firing line. NEW SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO DELINEATE

THESE AREAS.

NEEDED: Volunteers to SET UP AND TAKEDOWN the day before and after AND man Howell booths and BB gun ranges at Kendall County Fair, July 31, August 1-2-3 and Nat'l Hunting and Fishing Days the last weekend of September - call president if you can participate.

If you want to have any additional input into the new club constitution, contact a board member

CLUB SHOOT

A hot day, long line of shooters, wind, tall corn, many rounds of shooting - failed to deter the intense competition that took place in the shotgun competition. When all the birds had been broken, no ammunition left, gun barrels showing much heat waves, and the dust had settled - 3rd place went to club president, second place to Clyde Howell, and first place to Ken Brieschke - GOOD JOB KEN. Come join us in August for a .22 rifle event - bring at least 100 rounds and your best .22 rifle.

Camp 2004 date was set at June meeting as June 4-5-6, 2004

"Gun owners have nothing to fear from me"

Candidate Rod Blagojevich, August 2002

"A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

Which part of this is not understood by our elected officials?

"Today, we need a nation of Minutemen, citizens who are not only prepared to take arms, but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as the basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to

consciously work and sacrifice for that freedom." - John F. Kennedy

Some sanity enters Wisconsin.

Home and store owners have the right to carry concealed weapons on their own property for a lawful purpose under a constitutional amendment approved five years ago, the state Supreme Court ruled Tuesday. But the court ruled the amendment guaranteeing the right to keep and bear arms did not overturn the state's 130-year-old ban on concealed weapons. The court voted 6-1 to overturn the conviction of a Milwaukee grocery store owner, who was arrested in November 1999 when police found he was carrying a loaded gun in his pants pocket. A majority of the justices agreed on a new standard devised by Justice David Prosser in balancing the amendment's guarantee to carry and bear arms with the state's interest in a general ban on carrying concealed weapons in public.

Not the attitude in Illinois !!!

Texas Governor Rick Perry has signed a bill into law that could impact where you can carry a concealed handgun. Gun activists say for years some cities and counties have been exploiting a loophole in the state's criminal trespass law to illegally ban you from carrying a concealed handgun on certain public property. They say senate bill 501 closes that loophole. Wally Dunks has taught concealed handgun classes for six years. He says the new bill is simple. **It forces cities and counties to obey state law.** Dunks says 'well, some of the municipalities, not Lufkin, but some of them were restricted. They were saying where you could carry a gun or not, rather than follow the state mandate. And all this law did was to kind of clean it up so it was clear that the city couldn't come in and say 'okay, we're not going to allow any concealed handguns within the city limits."

Coming soon to Illinois ?

If Mayor Daley has his way !

Beware, the Illinois legislature goes back into session in November

State of Mass. Just raised its Firearms owners card fees.

A woman seeking to legally carry a \$10 container of Mace or pepper spray now has to pay a \$100 fee to the state. The fee for a Firearms Identification Card, which is required to carry chemical sprays, ammunition and long guns, **quadrupled** at the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, along with the charges for a license to carry a handgun.

More Quotes:

"It might be 50 years before the United States gets to where Britain is today. Passing a law like the assault weapon ban is a symbolic--purely symbolic--move in that direction. Its only real justification is not to reduce crime but to desensitize the public to the regulation of weapons in preparation for their ultimate confiscation."
--Charles Krauthammer, Washington Post, April 5, 1996

And from the US Congress.....

Reauthorizing the Clinton Gun Ban

H.R. 2038: A Giant Step Down Gun Control's Slippery Slope

On May 14, the Washington Post reported House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas) as saying most House members are willing to let the ban expire next year. That, the Post warned, would deal "a significant blow to the campaign to clamp down on gun sales nationwide." Count on the Post doing its best to drum up votes for **legislation like H.R. 2038**, which would:

- Ban every gun made to legally comply with the Clinton ban.
- Ban "any" semi-automatic shotgun or rifle an Attorney

General claims isn't "sporting."

- Ban target shooting rifles: the Colt AR-15, Springfield M1A and M1 "Garand," for example.
- Ban guns, such as the Ruger Mini-14, the Clinton ban expressly exempted by name.
- Ban semi-automatic shotguns that have "any characteristic" that "can function as a grip."
- Ban detachable-magazine semi-automatic rifles that have "any characteristic" that "can function as a grip."
- Ban 65 named guns.
- Ban semi-auto fixed-magazine pistols of over 10 rounds capacity.
- Ban frames, receivers and parts used to repair or refurbish guns.
- Ban importation of magazines exempted by the Clinton ban.
- Ban selling an "assault weapon" with a magazine of 10+ rounds capacity.
- Begin backdoor registration by requiring manufacturers of guns, frames, receivers and other parts to report the names of their dealers. Require dealers to report the guns and parts in stock.
- Ban private sales of the guns and parts. Next step: register purchasers.

"Common Sense" from Congress

And now Sen. Feinstein is back trying to keep alive the ban Bill Clinton inflicted on law-abiding Americans. Joined by comrades such as Sens. Chuck Schumer and Ted Kennedy, she has introduced S.1034, the "Assault Weapons Ban Reauthorization Act of 2003." It makes the Clinton gun ban permanent and also bans the importation of large-capacity magazines. Certainly Feinstein's bill is less "ambitious" than McCarthy's and undoubtedly will be portrayed as a "reasonable," and "common-sense"

alternative by firearm-phobic editorial writers at the New York Times and Washington Post.

The U.S. Senate will soon vote on S.659—a bill that will outlaw the baseless lawsuits against lawful firearms manufacturers that have cost our industry millions to defend—and could cost your job if they continue. Anti-gun Senators Charles Schumer and Dianne Feinstein are threatening to block this important legislation by a filibuster; however, the bill has a good chance of passing if members of the firearms industry urge their Senators to support it. Your help is urgently needed.

Save Your Sport, Save Our Industry and Save Your Job — depending upon the intended audience.

If your Senators do not support this bill, it's critical that you call or send a letter **TODAY** to urge that they do so.

If your Senator currently supports S.659, call or send a written thank you and urge continued support.

