

Howell Shooting Club

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HSC Events Calendar 2003
All General Membership meetings begin at 9 a.m.
September 2003
. Sept 27 IDPA

October, 2003
. **October 5** General Meeting
. **October 18 WORK DAY 9 AM**
. Oct 15 Basic Pistol at 6 pm
. Oct 18 Basic Pistol 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**

Minutes of Howell Shooting Club Board Meeting. September 07, 2003

A: President—Not present
B: V. Pres.—Nothing new
C: Secretary—Will make a list of all serial numbers for new and old pistols
D: Treasurer—Have about \$19000 in bank. Made adjustment of \$87.00
E: RSO—Need to talk to Kerry Krickeberg about repairing the berms. Needs to keep the weeds down. Formalize a volunteer work list this month?
F: Match Director—Will watch match today to see how it's done. Needs ideas for shoots—anyone? Would like to get more folks out here for shoots. WE CAN LOAN FIREARMS FOR SHOOTS!!!
Just be sure to bring your own

ammunition.

G: Member-at-large—Please feel free to check the website (often) to post questions and list any firearms for sale!

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H: Director-Youth Camp—Still lack an Asst. Dir. Of Support. Two tier camp this year. Beginners and Advanced groups. Are going to add Hunter Ed. Component. Are going to put a grant request into the NRA for air pistols, air rifles, new pistols for advanced groups, new rifles, and black powder shotguns.

I: Chairman-Work Committee—Not present.

J: Chairman-Membership committee—About 12% growth. Gone from 83 to 94 members. Always welcome new members!!!

K: Other reports—Need to think about what we can do for folks who make generous donations to the camp. More later...

OLD BUSINESS:

A: New Board members were introduced.

B: Handicapped parking—Tom has signs and posts. Will be installed.

C: Trap machine repairs—Need new heads.

D: Trap house renovation—Not present

E: Propane heat for clubhouse—Not present

F: Barrel ballistic walls—Not present

G: Home depot gun safe—unanimous decision to purchase another one. Kris noted that they are running at a less expensive price at Mega sports. Will purchase there.

H: Inventory—Please note that October 18 is inventory day. Good way to get hours in and help at the club!!!

I: Canopy Insurance Claim—Have a \$1000 limit on equipment and a \$1000 deductible. Need to expand coverage and need more canopies for the camp.

J: Armory—Have contacts for burglar alarm.

K: Club patches have been ordered by Lombardo.

L: Installation of air conditioner—Big job. Talk to Kerry Krickeberg

M: Elections—November elections. Next month are nominations for President,

Member at large, and Match director. Tom Yackley would like to continue as president, but would like us to understand that he may not be able to make meetings as regularly as normal. Decided that we would most certainly like him to keep the position.

N: Other business—Jeff will try a new company he knows of for new shirts for new board members and Jim Chapman
NEW BUSINESS:

A: Range brass clean up company-- Lombardo has found someone who will clean up brass and will pay club \$5 per bucket picked up!!!

B: Renting range to other organizations— We need to check with insurance about renting. Lombardo will check.

ADJOURNMENT

Desk of the President

Congrats to Outstanding volunteers for camp 2003 - SHELDON LATZ, KELLY KINDELIN and TIM O'MEARA.

Welcome to our two new board members - Secretary LIZ TRYZNA and Event Director SHELDON LATZ.

Thanks to ALLISON HARTMAN and JOHN MILLINGTON for running an outstanding fun bowling pin shoot at the club picnic. Also, thanks to ALL who participated.

REMINDER: Election of officers - president, event director and member-at-large are coming at the general election in November. If you desire to run for office, contact a board member to get on the ballot. Deciding prior to the October general membership meeting will give you the opportunity to speak to the membership prior to the election. Nominations will be taken up til nominations are closed at the November meeting. All voting is done at the November meeting.

Need work hours - contact Kerry Krickeberg, work coordinator. Or contact Tim O'Meara or David Lombardo about putting in some time at the BB gun range or club booth at the National Hunting and Fishing Days at Silver Springs State Park the last weekend of September.

UPCOMING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS !

Anyone interested in running for the position of President, Member-At-Large or Match Director should come to the October meeting, declare their candidacy and they will have the opportunity to give a brief campaign speech. They are not required to do so but they are given the opportunity should they wish it.

Remember, everyone must maintain a current FOID card and NRA membership. You must send copies of current cards to David Lombardo. Failure to have current information on file suspends your access to Club facilities.

Expired NRA Memberships on file:

Demondo, Rich
Lebbin, Dennis R.
Ellis, Chuck
Prosser, Joe
Pascual, Rolando
Skidmore Jr., Robert E.
Fronek, Gerald
Richey, Erin
York, James

Expired FOID Cards on file

Brieschke, Kenneth E.
Tomes, Keith J.
Pascual, Rolando
Kucia, Dave
Bergeron, James H.

Tired? Back hurt? Physically exhausted? Feet hurt? Just plain worn out?

**Then this is YOUR DAY !
Save money, get your club work hours in ! If you can count, if you can write, if physical labor makes you ill!**

Club Inventory Work Day 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 2003

**Contact David Lombardo if you have any questions
1-815-741-3474**

ISRA: Illinois Gov. Blagojevich Vetoes Bill That Would Protect Privacy and Security of Hunters and Sportsmen
8/18/03 8:52:00 AM

To: State Desk

Contact: Richard Pearson of the Illinois State Rifle Association, 815-635-3198;

Web site: <http://www.isra.org>

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 18 /U.S.

Newswire/ -- The following was released today by the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA):

In a baffling move, Gov. Rod Blagojevich recently vetoed a popular piece of common sense legislation designed to protect the privacy and security of the state's law-abiding hunters and sportsmen.

Blagojevich's Aug. 12 veto of House Bill 515 came as a complete surprise to the bill's supporters - especially in light of the bill's strong bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate. On March 21, 2003, the bill passed out of the House by a vote of 113-1. HB 515 then cleared the Senate on May 15, 2003 by a 35-22 margin.

The provisions of the bill would have instituted important safeguards to protect hunters and sportsmen from identity theft, burglary, and other serious crimes.

Under the bill, law enforcement agencies would have been required to destroy firearm trace records related to closed criminal investigations. Without HB 515, sensitive gun trace data in closed case files could very easily fall into the wrong hands. Should that happen, innocent civilians could find themselves targets of the criminal element.

Another key provision of HB 515 required that law enforcement agencies

notify individuals whose guns had been traced as part of a criminal investigation. Under the bill, law enforcement agencies would have 60 days after the closing of an investigation to inform affected individuals of the nature of the tracing actions. The bill would have served the dual purpose of shedding some sunshine on government investigations of private citizens and protecting on-going criminal investigations.

"We were all shocked when we heard that the governor had vetoed HB 515," said ISRA president Richard Pearson. "The bill was well crafted to close some serious privacy and security loopholes in the way gun traces are handled. It was a win-win situation all the way around. We hope that the veto was just a matter of the governor getting some bad advice from a staffer."

"The importance of this bill to the state's hunters and sportsmen cannot be overstated," continued Pearson. "Based on the margins of victory in the House and Senate, we're confident that the veto will be overridden. Nonetheless, we'll be working this issue hard from now until the November Veto Session."

The ISRA is the state's leading advocate of safe, lawful and responsible firearms ownership. For over a century, the ISRA has represented the interests of 1.5 million law-abiding Illinois firearm owners.

Text of our Governors Veto message.

August 18, 2003

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives 93rd General Assembly

In light of current budgetary constraints, signing House Bill 515 into law is not appropriate. House Bill 515 notice requirements will divert significant law enforcement resources which should be focused on more important concerns such as Homeland Security and investigating violent crime. As drafted, this bill will also undermine law enforcement investigations into violent crime and illegal gun trafficking. As a result, House Bill 515 has drawn well-deserved

criticism from the law enforcement community. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto and return House Bill 515, entitled AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

Sincerely,

ROD R. (Gun owners have nothing to fear from me) BLAGOJEVICH Governor

"Gun owners have nothing to fear from me." Gubernatorial candidate Rod Blagojevich. Effingham, Illinois. August 2002

"I support Mayor Daley's reasonable gun legislation" Governor Rod Blagojevich. Chicago, Illinois. February 14, 2003

Think the 10 year retention of Firearms Bills of Sale is a joke ? Read this !

From the pages of "The Illinois Leader" Lost gun sale paperwork leads to jail time Monday, September 08, 2003

By Steve Stanek

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CHICAGO -- Lost paperwork regarding the legal sale of a pistol to a Chicago police officer nine years ago has put a man in Cook County Jail on \$100,000 bond.

The pistol was used in an Aug. 27 shooting on Chicago's South Side that left six people dead. State law requires persons who sell guns to keep records 10 years. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor. **Milton Beuck**, 58, sold the gun to Chicago police officer **Richard Schott** in 1994. Schott later sold it to another Chicago police officer, **Robert Bunk**. Neither officer registered the gun, a .380-caliber pistol, as required by city ordinance and police department orders. Both officers are now deceased, and investigators do not know how the gun made its way from Officer Bunk, its last known owner, to **Salvador Tapia**, 36, who shot and killed six people at Windy City Core Supply before police shot and

killed him. Tapia had been fired from the auto supply store six months earlier. Even though Beuck sold the pistol to a police officer nearly a decade ago, **Cook County Circuit Judge Marvin Luckman** set a \$100,000 bond for his misdemeanor paperwork error "because of the seriousness of the crime that was committed with the gun," said **Tom Stanton**, a spokesman for **State's Attorney Dick Devine's** office. Stanton acknowledged that persons accused of felony crimes often receive bonds lower than \$100,000 and that Beuck had no direct tie to the shooting. He said prosecutors did not request a bond amount.

"I was told that after hearing how the gun was used, the judge decided on \$100,000," Stanton said.

Beuck is scheduled to appear for a court hearing Tuesday in Cook County Court Branch 43, 3150 W. Flournoy St., Chicago.

"Ultimately, this is a question for the judge," Stanton said. "I can't speculate on why bonds are set. Generally, we (prosecutors) do recommend bond." At the Chicago Police Department, spokesman **David Bayless** said officers are supposed to register their firearms with the city.

"Likely penalties can range from reprimand to suspension," Bayless said.

"Our general orders require them to register. My sense is it's fairly uncommon for them not to register, because all they're doing is asking for trouble. It's part of coming on the job."

12 days in jail and \$100,000.00 bond. All for the lack of a Bill of Sale from 9 years AGO!

"Gun owners have nothing to fear from me." Gubernatorial candidate Rod Blagojevich. Effingham, Illinois. August 2002

ILLINOIS GUN OWNERS – YOUR TRIAL IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

The Roderick Pritchett case is going (gone) to Court. Gun friendly Skokie is the location. Hope you have been aware of this case, legal transport by Rodericks statement, illegal transport according to Chicago P.D. Roderick is NOT charged with violation of any Chicago ordinance but with UUW for illegal (?) transport of a firearm. More Cook County prosecution of LEGAL firearms owners.

FLASH! To accommodate the furlough (vacation) of one of the arresting officers, the trial date has been postponed. A new hearing date is tentative for early October when a new trial date will be set. Is THIS how Justice moves in Illinois? Wonder if Pritchett was on vacation if they would postpone?

Legislature Veto Session

The November Veto Session of the Illinois Legislature is fast approaching. Pressure needs to be put on those in Springfield to override the Governor's veto of HB515. Help stop some of the abuses by Mayor Daley and units of the Chicago PD. They will also figure out some way to address the Gun Show Bill to get passage AND the Assault Weapons Ban which is technically still alive.

Justices take up firearms control 2 cases testing makers' liability

By Christi Parsons

Tribune staff reporter

September 11, 2003

SPRINGFIELD -- In two cases that could dramatically expand the ability of gun-control advocates to fight the flow of weapons, the Illinois Supreme Court on Wednesday heard arguments over whether makers and distributors of firearms can be sued on the grounds that their products create a public nuisance. As the high court launches its consideration of the unusual legal strategy, lawyers for the City of Chicago and for families of victims of gun slayings argued in separate cases that the industry should be held accountable in civil court for the harm done by gun violence.

Although lower courts have said the public nuisance argument is valid in these cases, some justices were clearly concerned about so radically widening the scope of a legal doctrine usually used to address pollution and other property matters. Justices questioned whether doing that would open the floodgates for all kinds of civil suits, perhaps even against the makers of automobiles that end up being used in crimes.

Grilling one of the plaintiffs' lawyers, Justice Robert Thomas asked at one point for explanation as to why the reinterpretation of the public nuisance law wouldn't constitute "a pretty dramatic extension of Illinois law."

That is one of the key questions justices will examine as they consider the cases, both of which employ an unusual legal theory that anti-gun violence forces are testing in courts across the country. Since the 1960s, local governments have used public nuisance laws mainly to force companies to stop polluting.

But gun-control advocates now say the same principles should apply to companies that make and sell guns because they should reasonably assume that some will be used in the commission of crimes.

In one case, the family of Michael Ceriale, a murdered Chicago police officer, and other families are suing the companies that made and distributed the firearms used in the slayings.

In another case, Chicago is suing several gunmakers and dealers that city officials contend are partly responsible for the flow of guns into the city and for its high crime rate.

The plaintiffs contend the makers and sellers of guns introduce firearms into the Chicago area with the knowledge that some will be illegally transported into the city and sold to gang members and others who are not legally eligible to purchase them.

"What happens in [suburban] gun shops is a foreseeable consequence," said Locke Bowman, an attorney for one of the families suing the gun industry.

Gunmakers and distributors are in a class

by themselves, lawyers for the plaintiffs argued. The use of public nuisance law to stem the tide of guns flowing into the Chicago area wouldn't logically extend to the makers of cars, they said.

"They make a product that is inherently lethal, emphasizing characteristics that make them attractive to criminals," said Bowman.

But defense lawyers say their clients make and distribute lawful products, and that they--along with manufacturers of all kinds of other goods--can't be held responsible for what a few lawbreakers may choose to do with them.

The defendants include gunmaker Smith & Wesson Corp., as well as a small gun shop that, at one point, sold the weapon used to kill Ceriale.

The key question, they argue, is whether the actions of any of the federally licensed makers and dealers were a "proximate" cause of the gun violence in question, a traditional requirement of the public nuisance laws.

In the case of the gun used to kill Ceriale, for example, lawyers detailed a "chain of nine links" in which the gun changed hands before it was used by a gang member to murder the police officer in August 1998.

In both cases before the Supreme Court, defense lawyers said, the public nuisance law doesn't apply. The gunmakers and sellers weren't in control of the guns or the people who used them to commit crime.

"Plaintiffs are attempting to hold manufacturers of lawful products liable for their sale to licensed distributors," said Jim Dorr, an attorney for gunmaker Sturm, Ruger & Co. Inc.

Ultimately, said Bowman, the makers and dealers named in the suits should have been able to foresee that an illegal gun market would emerge in Chicago and threaten public health and safety.

But by that logic, countered Justice Thomas, "that is foreseeable for anyone who makes guns."

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