

# Howell Shooting Club

## November 2003

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**HSC Events Calendar 2003**  
All General Membership meetings begin at 9 a.m.

### December 2003

. **December 7** General Membership Meeting

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

### Minutes of Howell Shooting Club General Meeting, November 2, 2003

Unanimous decision to approve minutes of last meeting  
Treasurer's Financial Report –Forwarded  
REPORTS:

A: President—Not Present  
B: V. President—Chicagoland Outdoor Club will give us a 30x30 space in return for setting up an air-rifle range. Crossman will provide pellets, targets, and manifold for the CO2. Date for the show is January 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. We'll need someone to coordinate air rifle range!!!! Volunteers too!!! Great way to promote the club. There will be someone coming out to evaluate the armory for the cage and the best way to set that up.  
C: Secretary—Nothing to report.  
D: Not Present  
E: RSO—Pick up your brass!!! Company that was coming out to pick up brass will not be doing that—take note.  
F: Match Director—Thank you to John and Allison for running matches!!!  
G: Member at Large—Nothing to report.  
H: Director-Youth Camp—Have an official OK to add Hunter Ed component. Mike Huber was encouraging about the NRA grant. Need to make a good argument about why we should receive the grant. Are getting statistics together about what we do and provide at the club. The proposal will make the case about why we need this grant in order to better

the club. There is a new schedule that shows the events happening around the club at various times. Please make sure that you have told the president about anything coming up that you will need some space for. Classes, etc. We are looking at possibility of expanding rifle range, widthwise. We're trying to get approval for centerfire rifle. We'll be having go to before the county board. Lombardo did an interview on WBIG for Power for Women. Did an interview with WJCH in Joliet. Should air in December.

### OLD BUSINESS:

A: Propane heat is in.  
B: Air conditioner will be installed in spring.  
C: Claim has been settled for tents.  
D: There will be someone to look at the armory for a cage.  
E: Mike Otto provided dirt and truck.  
F: Thanks to everyone for helping with the inventory in October!!!! Found all sorts of stuff...

### NEW BUSINESS:

A: Need schedules for 2004! Please turn in event schedules.  
B: Anyone interested in CPR or First Aid, please e-mail [scoutmedic@hotmail.com](mailto:scoutmedic@hotmail.com)!!!  
C: Our election winners are as follows:  
President: David Lombardo  
Match Director: Sheldon Latz  
Member at Large: Jeff Wagner

### Membership Data Reminders

Remember the Club must have CURRENT NRA and FOID Card information on file at all times. If your information is not current please make photocopies and send to:  
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### Expired NRA Memberships

Demondo, Rich
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Bruining, Robert A.
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Wilmsen, Edward
Hauser, Wayne
Worthy, Thomas R.
Prosser, Joe
Pascual, Rolando P.
Skidmore Jr., Robert E.
Fronek, Gerald
Richey, Erin

**Expired FOID Cards**

Krohn, Kris (RSO)
Davidson, Dennis
Kucia, Dave
Baker, Robert B.

**From the President**

David A. Lombardo

Immediately prior to the election earlier this month I said the first thing I would do if elected president would be to survey the members about various issues. You will find that survey with this newsletter.

I firmly believe the club is far better today than it was before Tom Yackley took the helm as president; Tom's a go-getter. He got things done, got people involved and the club became more family and training oriented. The growth in membership and the club's orientation was the result of Tom's vision and innate ability to light a fire in people.

When I was thinking about what I would say to the members during the November meeting it occurred to me that, to the best of my knowledge, no one ever polled the members about what they wanted from their club. Though we have a membership of approximately 100, we get very few members at monthly meetings or to volunteer to help staff a booth at fairs, the Chicagoland Outdoor Show or even the kid's camp in the summer. On any given day you can come to the club and, if you're not the only person there, you'll certainly not have any problem finding a spot to shoot.

The problem is that we see the same limited number of faces running the various programs and turning out for work days over-and-over. Eventually they will burn out and then what happens? The program ends? The income stream stops? The facility deteriorates?

Every organization needs the support of its members to keep its various programs alive and growing. The trick is to have programs the members want. To borrow a phrase from NASA, perhaps the organization needs a mid-course correction. Perhaps we've been going in the wrong direction. Today you have a survey in your hands that can help the Board do a better job of guiding your organization. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to me as soon as possible. The most important thing is that the club fulfills the needs of its members.

Best wishes and safe shooting,

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Gubernatorial candidate Rod Blagojevich.  
Effingham, Illinois. August 2002

**"I support Mayor Daley's reasonable gun legislation"**

Governor Rod Blagojevich.  
Chicago, Illinois. February 14, 2003

**Have you visited the Clubs Web Page ? Lots of good links, read past newsletters, just some plain good information.**

**Remember Illinois General Assembly goes back into session in November. We (firearms owners) have some good friends, but we also have powerful enemies that would ignore the Federal and State Constitution and take away our rights !**

**Override the Veto HB515 !!**

**OVER RIDE FAILED ! Mayor Daley and CAGE squad on the loose !**

**"And that the said Constitution be never construed to authorize Congress to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms....."**

Samuel Adams, United States Congress, Bill of Rights Ratification, 1779

Excerpt from: NRA-ILA Grassroots Alert Vol. 10, No. 44

**NEW "GUN SHOW" BILL: ALL TRICK, NO TREAT**

Introduced, appropriately enough, on Halloween, the McCain-Reed-DeWine-Lieberman gun show bill masquerades as reform but imposes bureaucratic restrictions aimed at eliminating gun shows. The legislation is based on the McCain-Lieberman bill (S. 890) from the 107th Congress, and, similarly, not only fails to address gun owners' most significant concerns, but also fails to address any issues within the National Instant Check System (NICS). McCain-Reed is not about closing a "gun show loophole" there is no "gun show loophole." Existing laws apply at gun shows just the same as any other place guns are sold. McCain-Reed is, in fact, about eliminating gun shows. It would give any future Second Amendment-hating Attorney General the power to effectively shut down gun shows, invade the privacy rights of American citizens, and impose many other restrictions that have nothing to do with conducting background checks on firearms purchases.

The legislation also seeks to impose a whole host of additional restrictions and unnecessary requirements, including gun owner registration and limitless regulations! Perhaps most importantly, the legislation ignores the fact that multiple federal government studies prove gun shows are not a source of "crime guns." No matter how creative the

packaging, this bill isn't about controlling crime. The attack on gun shows makes no sense as a crime control measure. It is strictly driven by an anti-gun political agenda. Closing gun shows means shutting down one of the most important venues for Second Amendment activists to communicate with other gun owners. That's their real goal

### **SUPPORT S. 659 AS VOTE DRAWS NEAR**

In recent months, we have frequently reported on one of NRA-ILA's top legislative priorities in Congress, the passage of S. 659, the "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act." Dozens of national associations, unions, wildlife conservation groups, and shooting sports organizations representing literally millions of dedicated members, workers, and sportsmen have already expressed their unqualified support for this critically important legislation which seeks to protect America's firearm manufacturers and dealers from malicious, predatory lawsuits.

It is likely that we will have a vote on this crucial legislation in the coming weeks. It is also quite likely that the gun-banners in Congress will do all they can to add anti-gun amendments to the bill in a last ditch attempt to dilute it. Therefore, as we await a vote on this crucial legislation, it is imperative that you continue to contact your U.S. Senators and urge them to fully support S. 659 without any anti-gun amendments! Ask them to do everything in their power to end these meritless lawsuits and ensure that this essential legislation is approved as written. Let your Senators know that it is imperative they cosponsor and fully support S. 659. In addition, please contact your Senators and your U.S. Representative and urge them to cosponsor and support S. 1414 and H.R. 3193 the Senate and House versions of the District of Columbia Personal Protection Act. This important legislation seeks to restore the constitutionally-guaranteed Second Amendment rights of the residents of the District of Columbia. Finally, please

continue to urge your U.S. Representative and your Senators to oppose current legislation seeking to expand the 1994 Clinton gun ban H.R. 2038, S. 1431, and S. 1034. You can find contact information for your elected officials by using the "Write Your Representatives" tool at [www.NRAILA.org](http://www.NRAILA.org), or you can call your U.S. Senators at (202) 224-3121 and your U.S. Representative at (202) 225-3121.

### **ON WISCONSIN !!!!**

Madison - 11.11.03

**Today, at about 1:30 pm, the state senate passed the amended concealed carry bill, SB214, on a voice vote.** (A voice vote means that there was no real objection to passing, and there is no record as to how individual senators voted). It is now on its way to Governor Doyle's office. He will have seven days from the time it reaches his desk to veto the bill. And he is certain to veto it. We must keep calling and writing our representatives and senators to make sure that we have the votes to override Doyle's veto. In the last senate vote we had two more votes than necessary to override. In the assembly we were two votes short of the number required, but the two Republican representatives who voted against it--Representatives Olsen and Townsend--have indicated that they will consider voting to override. This is going to be very tight. We must hold on to at least four of the six senate Democrat votes that we got, and we must make sure that we get Representatives Olsen and Townsend to vote to override, as well as keep the votes of the seven assembly Democrats who voted for the bill.

Again, call your representatives and senators, and urge everyone you know to call as well. If you don't know who your legislators are, go to [www.legis.state.wi.us/waml](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml) to find out. Your friends without internet access can call 1-800-362-9472 between 9am and 5am to be transferred to their legislators'

offices.

This will all be over in the next week to week and a half. It is imperative that we win, or we will not have another chance until at least 2007.

Let's keep the pressure on!

### **SURE ISN'T LIKE ILLINOIS !**

#### **Arizona Constitution**

Article 2 Sec 26:

#### **Bearing arms**

**bear arms in defense of himself or the state shall not be impaired, but nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing individuals or corporations to organize, maintain, or employ an armed body of men.**

Arizona is an open carry state-- it is legal to carry a holstered or cased loaded handgun (visibly) in your car. A.R.S. 13-3102 Misconduct involving weapons; defenses; classification; definitions A. A person commits misconduct involving weapons by knowingly: 1. Carrying a deadly weapon without a permit pursuant to section 13-3112 2. Carrying a deadly weapon without a permit pursuant to section 13-3112 concealed within immediate control of any person in or on a means of transportation; F. Subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section shall not apply to a weapon or weapons carried in a belt holster which holster is wholly or partially visible, or carried in a scabbard or case designed for carrying weapons which scabbard or case is wholly or partially visible or carried in luggage. Subsection A, paragraph 2 of this section shall not apply to a weapon or weapons carried in a case, holster, scabbard, pack or luggage which is carried within a means of transportation or within a storage compartment, trunk or glove compartment of a means of transportation

#### **Quote.**

"The right of a citizen to bear arms, in lawful defense of himself or the State, is absolute. He does not derive it from the State government. It is one of the High

Powers' delegated directly to the citizen by the United States Constitution, Amendment II, and "is excepted out of the general powers of government". A law cannot be passed to infringe upon it or impair it, because it is above the law, and independent of the law-making power. Texas Supreme Court Decision, Cockrum vs State of Texas, 1859

**"By calling attention to 'a well regulated militia', the 'security' of the nation, and the right of each citizen 'to keep and bear arms', our founding fathers recognized the essentially civilian nature of our economy. Although it is extremely unlikely that the fears of governmental tyranny which gave rise to the Second Amendment will ever be a major danger to our nation, the Amendment still remains an important declaration of our basic civilian-military relationships, in which every citizen must be ready to participate in the defense of his country. For that reason, I believe the Second Amendment will always be important."** John F. Kennedy, April 1960

"The American people must be willing to give up a degree of personal privacy in **exchange for safety** and security." Louis Freeh Director of the FBI, 1993

"Banning guns addresses a fundamental right of all Americans to **feel safe**." U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein Associated Press 11/18/93

**"Those who would sacrifice essential liberties for a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."** Benjamin Franklin

"To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of people always possess arms, and be taught alike especially when young, how to use them." Richard Henry Lee, 1788, Initiator of the Declaration of Independence, and member of the first Senate, which passed the Bill of Rights.

"The great object is that every man be armed" and **"everyone who is able may have a gun."** Patrick Henry, in the Virginia Convention on the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

"The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that **they be properly armed.**" Alexander Hamilton

"That the said Constitution shall never be construed to authorize Congress to infringe the just liberty of the press or the rights of conscience; **or to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms ....**" Samuel Adams, "Philadelphia Independent Gazetteer", August 20, 1789

"No Freeman shall be debarred the **use of arms** in his own lands or tenements." Thomas Jefferson, from the Virginia Constitution, Third Draft

"In recent years it has been suggested that the Second Amendment protects the "collective" right of states to maintain militias, while it does not protect the right of "the people" to keep and bear arms... The phrase "the people" meant the same thing in the Second Amendment as it did in the First, Fourth, Ninth and Tenth Amendments -- that is, each and every free person. A select militia defined as only the privileged class entitled to keep and bear arms was considered an anathema to a free society, in the same way that Americans denounced select spokesmen approved by the government as the only class entitled to the freedom of the press." Stephen P. Holbrook, "That Every Man Be Armed: The Evolution of a Constitutional Right", University of New Mexico Press, 1984, pp. 83-84.

"The right of citizens to bear arms is just one guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against the tyranny which now appears remote in America, but which historically has proved to be always possible." Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minnesota)

"Our safety, our liberty depends on preserving the Constitution of the United States as our fathers made it inviolate. The people of the US are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts - Not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution" Abraham Lincoln

"Before Adolf Hitler came to power, there was a black market in firearms, but the German people had been so conditioned to be law abiding that they would never consider buying an unregistered gun. The German people really believed that only hoodlums own guns. What fools we were. It truly frightens me to see how the government, media and some police groups in America are pushing for the same mindset." Theodore Haas, Dachau Survivor

"You do not examine legislation in the light of the benefits it will convey if properly administered, but in the light of the wrongs it would do and the harms it would cause if improperly administered." Lyndon Johnson

"When we got organized as a country and we wrote a fairly radical Constitution with a **radical Bill of Rights, giving a radical amount of individual freedom to Americans .....** And so a lot of **people say there's too much personal freedom. When personal freedom's being abused, you have to move to limit it.** That's what we did in the announcement I made last weekend on the public housing projects, about how we're going to have weapon sweeps and more things like that to try to make people safer in their communities." U.S. President Bill Clinton, on MTV 3-22-94

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