

Howell Shooting Club

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Please see the enclosed Calendars for MORE courses and events being offered by The Howell Shooting Club and The Range and Field Training Team.

An AWESOME year for activities and training !!!!!

HSC Events Calendar 2004
All General Membership meetings begin at 9 a.m.
February 2004

. Feb. 01 General Meeting

March

. March 07 General Meeting
. March 31 Final membership due
. Date

April

. April 01 New Membership Year
. April 4 General Meeting
. April 15 Tax Day

May

. May 2 General Meeting

June

. NO General Meeting

July

. July 4 (?) General Meeting

August

. August 1 General Meeting

September

. September 5 General Meeting

October

. October 3 General Meeting

November

. November 7 General Meeting

December

. December 5 General Meeting

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

Minutes of Howell Shooting General Meeting January 4, 2004

Unanimous decision to approve last month's minutes.

Treasurer's financial report forwarded.

REPORTS:

A: President—Nothing new
B: Vice President—Not present
C: Secretary—Nothing new
D: Treasurer—Nothing new
E: Range Safety Officer—Need help at Chicago land Outdoor Show.
F: Match Director—Matches set up for May through October. Give any other ideas to Keith. The events will be posted in newsletter well in advance.
G: Member at Large—Nothing new
H: Director- Youth Camp—We now have 53 campers signed up. BB will now be air rifle and we'll have a basic first aid as well. There are 31 returning campers and 13 hunter's Ed campers. We need more volunteers! Steve Bashaw has graciously volunteered to be the new chef!! THANK YOU!!!
I: Chairman-Work Committee—Not present

OLD BUSINESS:

A: Member survey—passed around. Check last month's newsletter for results.
B: Chicago land Outdoor Show—Please help Jeff Wagner—needs volunteers!
C: Constitution and Bylaws—Passed out to everyone present.

NEW BUSINESS:

A: 2004 schedule—2004 class schedule

is being put together. IDPA will be run by Dave McKinney this year. Yeah for Dave!!! **There is a tentative schedule set for the summer shoots. The second Wednesday of every month will be a pistol shoot, third Wednesday of every month a trap shoot and the fourth Wednesday of every month will be a rifle shoot.** If you are interested in helping please contact David Lombardo.
 B: If you need to sign up a camper, please contact Deb Richey.
 C: The worker appreciation dinner will be held on March 6.
 Motion to adjourn made by K. Tomes, seconded by B. Goep.

ATTENTION!!!!

1: We will hold an American Heart Association First aid and CPR certification class on Saturday, March 13, 2004 from 10:00 to 4:00. Cost will be \$25 per person. Everyone interested contact Bob Goep at scoutmedic@hotmail.com no later than March 5th!

2: Everyone who is a licensed 1st responder, EMT, or paramedic and is interested in being a member of the Howell Shooting Club Medical Safety Team, contact Bob Goep at scoutmedic@hotmail.com ASAP. There is a form you must fill out as the team will be under medical control of Loyola Hospital EMS system. System entry is not needed; this will be a BCS 1st responder team only.

From the Desk of the President

Enclosed in this issue of the newsletter you should find the Howell Shooting Club 2004 Calendar. You will notice Keith and Lou Tomes are again offering a number of NRA courses. Beginning this year they will be teaching the courses for profit rather than for the club so in addition to the courses they will be offering at Howell they will also be offering other courses at other clubs. We wish them well in their endeavor and

continue to support their efforts here.

The 6th Annual Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp is on the schedule for June 4-6. It's shaping up nicely and looks like it will be another record year in terms of enrollment. Allison Hartman and the Power For Women group are on the schedule for September 18th. Ann Mary Klapat will be teaching several Refuse To Be A Victim courses in 2004. Please check your calendar for specific dates; it's the best five-buck investment you can make.

Special thanks goes to Dave McKinney who has agreed to take over IDPA in 2004 beginning a month earlier in April. So it is on the schedule beginning April 24th and every 4th Saturday of the month through October. On March 13th members Bob and Susan Goep will be teaching a First Aid and CPR Certification Course at the club. It's only \$25 and everyone in the shooting sports should have this knowledge and especially camp volunteers. I keep mine current annually as part of my sheriff's department annual training.

In direct response to the overwhelming support for more club activities as reflected in the survey, I have put several things on the 2004 schedule. What is important to understand is that none of these events will remain on the calendar if no one volunteers to help coordinate them. This is our club collectively and that means we have to make it successful together. Here's what I would like to see in 2004.

May 15th (Saturday) I have scheduled a *Women in the Outdoors* program. The plan for our first attempt is to take 20 women in the daylong program. Bob Goep and Bill Lavine have already signed up to teach Outdoor Skills and Setting up a campsite respectively. We also plan to have trap and rifle shooting. Rounding out the day will be lunch.

On September 4th (Saturday) I have

penciled in a Family Shooting Sports Day. Details need to be worked out but I envision it free to club members and their family with a modest charge for guests. Given that we own a wide array of firearms we will be able to let attendees try their luck as various shooting sports even if they don't own that particular type of firearm.

Also beginning in May there will be monthly Wednesday night pistol, rifle and trap leagues. Dave McKinney has agreed to head up the pistol league and has already developed a scoring system to come up with a best shooter in each league and an overall best shooter for those who participate in all three. Emphasis will be on diversity of events and having fun.

Last month I said I would address the survey and talk about the camp this month. Unfortunately time constraints as a result of the Chicagoland Outdoor Show have prevented my going over information I needed to give you a good report on those subjects. I should be able to talk about them next month. I apologize for the delay but I've been busier than a two-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs.

Two final thoughts. I'm thinking of sending out an informal email to members keeping them up to date on what I'm doing and areas where the club can use your help. I would like for members who would be interested in receiving it to send me their email address but you must also include your name so I know who's who. You may send it to wordsmith@voyager.net.

Finally, be prepared for the March 31st renewal deadline. Last year as v-p, against the recommendations of the board, I was benevolent and kept renewing people as late as 6-weeks after the deadline. I cannot begin to tell you what a pain in the posterior that turned out to be. More important, it is a matter of insurance.

The Bylaws require members to renew by midnight March 31st. Legally if your renewal payment isn't in by then you cease to be a member and are not covered by insurance. Therefore, and in accordance with regulations, there will be zero tolerance beginning this year. If we don't get your renewal by midnight March 31st your membership will be terminated and you will have to reapply including the \$50 new member fee. Please, please, please get your renewals in on time.

Best wishes and safe shooting.

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**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS
FIRST AID & CPR CERTIFICATION
COURSE**

Who: Open to all but highly encouraged for youth camp volunteers

When: March 13, 2004 (Saturday) - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Howell Shooting Club Clubhouse

Cost: \$25

Contact: Bob Goep (815-577-0870)

Course summary:

1. Anyone interested in being a member of the Howell Shooting Club Medical Safety Team please email Bob Goep at scoutmedic@hotmail.com. You must be a state certified First Responder or higher. The team will be under the Loyola EMS System for medical control. This will be the people to do medical for the Youth Camp and any other requested club events. The

team will operate at the BLS-1st Responder level. These are the only people that will be allowed to interact with patients on medical emergencies due to liability issues.

2. Anyone wishing to take the American Heart Association Heartsaver/First Aid class for certification, contact Bob Goep at scoutmedic@hotmail.com as soon as possible. Class will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday Mar 13, 2004 from 9:00 am to approx. 4:30 pm. Cost will \$25.00 per person and includes a book, CPR mask and certification card. Class size is limited to the first 16 people, another class can be added if needed later. Fees are due no later than Friday March 5, 2004.

Need UPDATED FOID and/or NRA membership data from the following members:

**Demondo, Rich
Wilmsen, Edward
Smit, Glen
Andermann, John F.
Mahoney, Patrick
Worthy, Thomas
Prosser, Joe
Pascual, Rolando
Krohn, Kris
Wysocki, Jim
Skidmore Jr., Robert
Fronek, Gerald
York, James
O'Meara, Tim
Elliman, Richard
De Guzman, Danny
Baker, Robert
Kapson, John
Peltason, Jim
Lambert, Clay
Mansfield, Chuck**

2004 Firearms Course

Descriptions

PERSONAL PROTECTION IN THE HOME:

Unlike other NRA courses, in Personal Protection students provide their own pistols and 150 to 200 rounds of ammunition. The pistol used should be the one you intend to use as part of your home protection plan. Among other things you will be taught; the importance of using firearms responsibly and ethically for personal protection; developing the proper mindset for using a firearm for personal protection and facing a life-threatening encounter; physical and mental preparation for a potentially life-threatening confrontation; the fundamentals of defensive marksmanship; the use of cover and concealment; strategies and methods to enhance your personal safety in and around your home; mental preparation for the aftermath of a violent confrontation; methods for storing a firearm to be used for personal protection; selecting a handgun and ammunition suited to your individual self-defense needs; an entire lesson devoted to the legal aspects of firearm possession, ownership, and the use of deadly force, taught by a law enforcement officer. In addition to the rigorous live-fire exercise, you will take part in an eye-opening demonstration of what is a 'minimum safe distance' between you and an assailant. This course is for law-abiding, adult citizens and may be too 'intense' for younger shooters. The NRA Basic Pistol Course is a prerequisite and participants must be very familiar and experienced with the pistol they bring to this class. This course is an absolute must for anyone contemplating the use of a handgun as part of their personal protection plan. It's guaranteed that you will never again look at this topic in the same way.

RELOADING COURSES:

There are two reloading courses, one for metallic cartridges and one for shotshell. They are offered separately and each is nine hours in length. In each course you will learn, among other things; the firing process; the reloading process; why people reload; the fundamental safety rules for reloading; proper handling and storage of cartridge components; the use

of reloading manuals and information on ballistics; the necessary equipment needed, its operation and maintenance; proper reloading techniques; hygienic guidelines for handling lead and components. As part of this course you will set up and operate reloading equipment and reload cartridges. If you do a lot of shooting, setting up a reloading operation can pay for itself in a very short time. Maybe you have a reloading press at home in a box and feel that you don't know enough to use it safely. Come to this course and let us remove the 'mystery' surrounding reloading. Besides,... it really is fun and rewarding to use ammunition that you made!

BASIC INSTRUCTOR TRAINING OR B.I.T. COURSES:

The B.I.T. course gives you the foundation to teach Basic Firearms courses common to all disciplines. You will be taught how to introduce a speaker; the use of a 'training team'; the use of training materials and training aids; how to organize your course and much more. The Basic Firearm course is a prerequisite. The B.I.T. must have been taken within twelve months prior to taking a discipline specific 'Instructor Course' and need not be repeated if all 'Instructor' courses are completed within that time.

INSTRUCTOR COURSES:

Instructor courses are discipline specific and teach you 'how to teach' those particular lessons. In addition, you'll learn how to evaluate and improve the performance of shooters. If you are aged 13 to 17 you can qualify to become an 'apprentice instructor'; or if you are 18 to 21 years of age you can be an 'assistant instructor'; and if you're 21 or older you can be a 'certified instructor'. 'Apprentice' and 'Assistant' instructors must teach under the guidance of a 'Certified Instructor'.

“Gun owners have no thing 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

January 2004

Anti gunners in Illinois and the nation begin the new season of assault on gun ownership.

Notice all of the “News” on gun misuse and how only a select few gun shops can be traced to a “substantial” number of guns used in crimes. New season of assault on gun ownership and firearms dealers.

The Illinois legislature is back in Session. So far they have introduced 5 pieces of legislation in the Senate.

SB2162 could be good.
SB2163 definite YES
SB2165 definite YES
SB2178 definite YES
SB2188 mixed

Use your search engines to look up the Legislatures web site and investigate these in detail. Awesome what those we elected to office are willing to do to our 2A rights.

Chicago Tribune excerpt, January 13, 2003:

The city contends certain gun manufacturers, dealers and distributors have created a public nuisance by marketing handguns to residents of the city, where about 600 people have been murdered annually in recent years. Most of the murders are committed with handguns, and there are also about 5,000 non-fatal shootings a year, despite the fact that it's illegal for a citizen in Chicago to own a handgun.

Governor promises to push “Gun Control” excerpt from Chicago Tribune, January 13,

2004:

And he said he would "fight" for a ban on the sale of semiautomatic assault weapons and support legislation limiting handgun purchases to one per month--stands similar to those he championed while a member of Congress from Chicago until the issue played badly with many Downstate voters during his 2002 campaign for governor. In Congress and before that as a member of the Illinois House, Blagojevich had been an outspoken proponent of strong gun-control measures. But during his primary battle for governor in 2002, he toned down that advocacy after it came in for sharp criticism Downstate, where gun-rights sentiments run high. The governor said he was too busy with other matters last year. But his renewed commitment to push gun control will almost surely stoke resentment in central and southern Illinois, where Blagojevich already stands accused of being too Chicago-focused.

A gun package pushed by Daley, which ranged from a ban on assault-weapon sales to a one-a-month restriction on handgun purchases, went down in flames last spring as Blagojevich sat on the sidelines. This year, however, the governor said he would "enthusiastically" support such measures. "I'd fight for that," he said of the assault-weapons proposal

Have you visited the Clubs Website ? Great layout, lots of good information !

Read about how the rest of the States deal with gun owners, real life situations, liberties or restrictions by State. See how restrictive Illinois is compared to the rest of the U.S. Great site, not a “Chat room” just good solid insight into gun ownership in America. www.packing.org