

HOWELL SHOOTING CLUB

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Calendars for MORE courses and events being offered by The Howell Shooting Club and The Range and Field Training Team can be viewed at: www.howellshootingclub.com

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

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

May

- . May 2 General Meeting
9:00 AM

June

- . NO General Meeting

July

- . NO 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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to order:

The meeting of the General Membership was called to order by the President at 9:10 a.m.

II. Minutes of the previous Meeting:

The President announced that the minutes from the last general meeting were not available. It is hope that they will be forthcoming and will publish in the upcoming newsletter.

III. Treasurer's Financial Report:

Larry Yackley provided a Treasurer's Report as set forth on the attached register report for the period from April 1, 2004 through April 30, 2004. The beginning balance of the Club account is \$15,919.45. There was income of \$5,397.00 consisting primarily of membership dues and outflows of \$3,105.51, consisting primarily of lease payments. The ending balance is \$18,211.10. In addition, there is approximately \$15,900.00 in funds being held in reserve. Of this approximately \$5,000.00 is attributable to members work deposit.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

IV. Reports

1. President:

David Lombardo announced the appointments and the introduction of the new members on the Board. Steve Bashaw as Secretary, Kerry Krickeberg, Member at Large, Chuck Mansfield, Match Director, and Bruce Hamp, Range Safety Director have been appointed to fill board vacancies due to the recent resignations of Liz Tryzna, Chris Krohn, Sheldon Latz, and Keith Tomes from the Board. A revised list of the Board of Directors dated May 2, 2004 was circulated with the correction of Bruce Hamp's phone number to be 630-553-2055.

2. Vice President:

Jeff Wagner reported that he has six to eight new membership applications in the mail, but that there has been some reticence to join given the recent uncertainty to the Clubs longevity. The website appears to be an excellent exposure vehicle for the Club.

Membership renewals are largely complete, with a decrease of about twenty-five members based upon non-renewal.

3. Secretary:

There are no minutes available from the departing Secretary. General membership meeting minutes will be published, in the past, in the newsletter.

4. Treasurer:

Larry Yackley advised that the Club received a booth registration bill for the Kendall County Fair. The registration will cost \$250.00, with a prior deposit of \$50.00 available to offset the cost. The question was raised as to whether or not the space had been free last year in exchange for running the range made available to the public. Larry indicated he would check this with Tom Yackley and advise.

The Treasurer also reported that certificates of deposit will be coming due and that they will be rolled over for one-year certificates given the current interest market. The Club does not have a need for cash flow that would require the CD's simply be cashed at this time.

5. Range Safety Officer:

Bruce Hamp advised that he has been looking to take an NRA RSO course. None appear to be available in Illinois at the present time. Bruce also indicated that he would be preparing a new member orientation and checklist which must be signed by each new member. The Secretary provided a copy of the prior checkout form, and there was a discussion relating to record keeping and assuring that the checkout form also provided for giving a copy of the bylaws, rules and constitution to new members. There was suggested language added to the existing checkout forms. Larry Yackley suggested that new, updated checklist be mailed with the upcoming newsletters to existing members to assure that the club has updated the paperwork on all members.

6. Match Director:

Nothing new to report.

7. Member-At-Large:

Kerry Krickeberg reported that the sign at the front of the Club needs to be spruced up, especially for the camp. He also will get signs for the road that will identify The Howell Shooting Club. It was suggested that neither the word camp nor any specific event be put on those signs so that they can be re-used for other, future events. The President noted that the Club was eligible as a NRA "Gold Medal Club" for a grant up to \$5,000.00 for development and improvement of facilities. It was suggested that this is something that should be looked into and a copy was given to Chuck Mansfield to review. Kerry also advised that he had purchased a weed trimmer and will be picking it up from the Hardware Store with a check to be received from Larry Yackley at the end of the meeting. There was a discussion of straw removal and bills were given to the Treasurer for both straw replacement and the trimmer. Kerry also indicated that the archery range needs to be cleaned up and new straw placed as appropriate.

At a suggestion from one of the members present, Kerry indicated that he would put up a "to do list" for the members who visit the Club and are looking to spend a little time working around the farm.

8. YOUTH CAMP:

The Director of Youth Camp, David Lombardo, advised that Susan Goep will not be available to work at the Youth Camp. Accordingly, the Club needs a First Aid Instructor to take Susan's responsibility over.

Otherwise, contributions are coming in very regularly and the members have one month left to prepare for the Sixth Annual Howell Shooting Club.

Keith Holmes requested the names of

rifle instructors for that discipline.

David Lombardo indicated that all other discipline have their instructors assigned to time slots and that the Rifle Instructors were the only ones remaining to be assigned and that it would be done directly.

9. Committee Reports:

Work Committee:

Kerry advised that the condition of the trap machines will be investigated and the needed repairs would be put on the "to do list".

10. Other Reports:

IDPA: David McKenney reported on the last IDPA shoot there were no safety issues. Twenty shooters attended and half were Club members.

David McKenney also acknowledged that Dick Jameson and Jack Manfre had also attended the IDPA shoots and that their assistance and support was invaluable.

NRA Courses: Keith Tomes announced that since the last meeting three NRA Courses have been conducted: a basic rifle course, a basic instructor training course and basic rifle instructor course. It was noted that there were no attendees at a recently scheduled "Refused to be a Victim" course. Ann Mary worked around the Club during the time that would have otherwise been spent on the course. The next "Refused to be a Victim" course will be offered on June 26, 2004, and it is hoped attendance will be better. It will last 3-3 1/2 hours, and the cost will be only the \$5.00 necessary for materials. The course will begin at 1:00 p.m. and should last until about 4:30 p.m.

The next Family Shooting Sports Outing will be on September 4, 2004.

The Wednesday Evening Shooting Leagues will begin this month. There are no RSVPs to date. The targets are ready and there is a newsletter piece indicating the cost of \$1.00, and suggesting that at

such a low cost members should just come out and try the events. The Club does have firearms available for members who want to try shooting for which they do not have firearms.

The Outdoor Women Program will take place on May 15, 2004. It will be free to members or family of members. Non-members fees are \$25.00. There are twenty-four spots for woman available. Ages 12 and up. The events will be .22 rifle, 20 gauge shotgun trap, outdoor skills and camping skills. Each session will be two hours in length with breakfast and lunch provided.

V. Old Business

I. Status of Club Lease:

President David Lombardo announced that Clyde Howell had reconsidered the recent announcement that the lease would be terminated and the club closed at the end of the current year. The President also announced that the Strategic Planning Committee focus would be to review the options for club locale and long term planning.

Clyde Howell then addressed the members and personally advised the members that after announcing that closing of the Club in April, he had a number of personal conversations with a number of the members of the Board of Directors and found out a lot more about what was actually going on versus what he just received some gossip about. Clyde indicated that he was very happy with the responses that he received and things were going "back to normal".

II. NRA Grant Status:

The President advised that his contact with the NRA had revealed that according to their records, no report had been filed from last year's camp, and therefore the grant for this year had not been acted upon. David had contacted Tom Yackley who said that he had worked on it and believed that he had submitted the report. Tom and Dave will follow-up. It simply could be a lack of

communication between departments at the NRA according to Lou Tomes.

III. Other old business:

Nothing to report.

VI. New Business

I. New Members Application:

The following prospective new members were introduced and upon Motion made, seconded and unanimously passed were voted upon as members:

- (1) Frank Moczulewski and Kathy Mozulewski who had attended a NRA course offered by Keith and Lou Tomes;
- (2) Matthew Rudnick, who is a Cook County Sheriff's Deputy;
- (3) Shawn Collinworth, who had attended the recent IDPA outing and has a background in law enforcement pistol instruction;
- (4) Paul Heinz who is a competitive shooter.

II. Authorized Distribution of Membership List

The recent comments in the newsletter relating to the distribution of membership list and information were discussed. It was announced that the Board of Directors had determined that they need to establish a policy statement relating to the distribution of membership list and data and would do so. The Board had determined that no lists will be given to members. Membership data will be available on an "as needed" only basis by Board members in order to fulfill the club functions. Membership lists and data will not be for sale under any circumstances and membership lists or data will not be provided to other members without Board prior approval. The Howell Shooting Club policy will clearly indicate that we do not distribute our membership list and they are not for sale. Lou Tomes indicated her concern about the distribution of membership data such as her training counselor's NRA number which allows people to have access to her course materials and

the SRA database. The President assured the members that the Board would enact a formal policy statement on membership list distribution at the next meeting.

III. Working Board Concept:

The President read aloud Shelton Latz's recently received resignation letter as recently in which he stated that he perceived the Board members were expected to "work for the Club" and spend significant amount of their personal time on club matters, and had been criticized for not doing so.

The President indicated to the general membership and the Board members present that he believe that this is, in fact, a reasonable expectation. Board members, according to the President, are, in fact, expected to participate in club activities "above and beyond" the level of an 'ordinary member'. Member, Allison Hartman stated that she believed that Board members who are not willing to "work", (i.e., do significant work and contribute significant time) for the Club, were "naïve" in taking their position. Another member indicated that not only do Board members need to "work", but usually each member of a Board should be expected to have a project which they have responsibility for and recruit others to work on with them.

Keith Tomes specifically requested advice as to "Why did two-thirds of the Board resign at the same time?" and stated that he believed that it was because "They were told that they were not working hard enough". The President indicated that he believed that the resigning members did so because they were not willing to commit to the time and effort that is necessary of Board Members for the Club to succeed. In response to a further inquiry, the President advised that the resigned Board members were all still general members of the Club.

Keith Tomes also requested advice relating to the Petition for Impeachment

noted in the prior newsletter. The Secretary confirmed that the Board had been advised that Petition for Impeachment did NOT receive the requisite signatures of twenty-five members in order to be properly presented before the Board and therefore was taken up by the Board, and, if anything, failed. Keith Tomes indicated that he thought that it was important for there to be some acknowledgement of the fact that there was no evidence presented relating to the allegations in the proposed Petition for Impeachment, and the President confirmed this was correct and directed the Secretary to so note in the minutes.

IV. Other new business:

Keith Tomes and Lou Tomes asked to clarify the current relationship and economic arrangement between the Club and themselves relating to NRA classes they are teaching at the Club. The Tomes pay per student fee to the Club of \$5.00 for each student that takes a class at the Club.

The instructors pay all other fees, materials, and provide their own insurance. In addition to the \$5.00 use of range fee, the classes also reimburse the Club for \$5.00 for each firearm used from the Club armory by any student. The Club also receives a rebate of the membership fee from the NRA when those membership fees are generated from an NRA class held by the Tomes at the Club.

The Tomes also provide for sign-up preference to any Club members in their NRA classes, as well as honor certificates given to Howell Shooting Camp interns for no-fee attendance at their classes, and sponsor the monthly "fun shoot" by providing door prizes in the form of certificates for their NRA classes. The President directed the Secretary to assure that the notations of this arrangement, which were approved by the Board of Directors in December as stated, be properly made apart of the minutes and communicated to the membership.

Dick Jamison then stood and requested time to address the Club members relating to the recent IDPA match held at the Club. Dick, who is a long time IDPA competitor and organizer, complimented Dave McKinney and his crew on the match, especially given the fact that it was the first one held at the Club this year. Dick also indicated that the IDPA would like to provide instruction one Saturday a month to members on the IDPA competition procedures. That instruction would be offered with conjunction with Jack Manfre, who is also a well-known IDPA competitor for a \$20.00 per person fee.

The IDPA would be willing to pay the Club a per student fee similar to the arrangement it has with the Tomes for their NRA classes. The classes start at a beginner level and progressively build upon prior skills. The classes would work best if there were two berms at which instruction could be given, but will be able to work with only one berm.

Dave McKenney indicated that he would like to have the instruction take offered, and this instruction is highly recommended and endorsed by his Committee. The issues of calendaring time and other competing resource commitments were discussed and will be resolved. The Howell Shooting Club is currently a IDPA affiliated Club, and pays an yearly \$50.00 fee to the IDPA.

The Board Members were polled by the President and found to be in favor of working with the IDPA to provide this instruction.

It was announced that there will be an open house at the Club on July 4, 2004. There will be no general membership meetings in either June or July due to the Youth Camp in June at Howell Shooting Club and the July 4th Holiday. The Club however, is not closed, but will be open on those days. Allison Hartman indicated that she proposed a potluck informal gathering for the July 4th and there appeared to be a consensus that this would be a good

idea.

VII. Good & Welfare

There was a discussion of the general of the Club and it vision for the future.

VIII. Adjournment :

By Motion made and seconded the General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Steven B. Bashaw,

From the president

Back to the future

David A. Lombardo

With the Howell's reconsideration about closing the club we find ourselves in the same position Marty McFly did in Robert Zemeckis' film, "Back to the Future."

Doc Brown invented a way to transport himself and McFly back to the days of McFly's childhood so he could fiddle with the past to change the present.

Predictably, he runs into all sorts of problems along the way, primarily the result of not thinking things over very carefully.

With a new lease on life it's important that we think things through carefully. Clyde's earliest intentions for Howell Shooting Club were based on the desire for people to have a place to learn. He has told me many times his dream is a place where someone can learn to shoot then progress through various instructional and practical programs to become a highly skilled shooter whether their interested lies in competition, personal protection or hunting.

In keeping with Clyde's wishes, we will continue to actively develop and promote training and programming options. We will also begin to present the club to the public as a place dedicated to learning and organized practice.

To our current membership the change will be relatively transparent with the exception that there will be a greater

array of options available to them. It is a process that has already begun this year with the introduction of several new events. Their growth may be slow but we will continue to offer and nurture them.

What we hope to do is attract new members who are specifically interested in an organization that offers training and programming rather than just a place to come and shoot. There is no intent at all to limit the members from doing so but rather to begin to position our club as the place to be to get help to become a proficient shooter.

Concurrently, the board will continue with both strategic planning and environmental research simply because sooner or later they will both be necessary. The board wants to know in the short run how much we must set aside for property clean-up when the time comes whether it's next year or in ten years. Similarly, the board is concerned with the long term future of the organization and will be exploring options. We're no longer under pressure to do either but research and planning are best done well in advance rather than on short notice.

The important thing is the future of Howell Shooting Club looks bright once again. Now it's your turn to help the club. Please turn out for our Wednesday evening shooting leagues, the NRA courses and other events. The whole idea is to have fun and become a better shooter.

Best wishes and safe shooting.

BASIC SHOOTING COURSE

Location: Howell Shooting Club

Date: June 12; July 17; Aug 14; Sept 11, Oct 9, 2004

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sign in: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

Cost: Club Members \$10.00
NON Club Members \$20.00

Equipment Required:

Semi Auto Pistol: 9mm, .40, .45

Holster

Magazine pouch and 3 magazines

Eye and ear protection

Ammunition: 300 rounds

Course Contents:

Fundamentals of shooting

Orientation and Safety

Stance

Grip

Sight picture

Trigger control

Follow through

Loading and unloading

Instructor: Jack Manfre

Note:

NO revolvers

NO Crossdraw, shoulder or inside-the-waistband holsters

IDPA Exercise Group

The first IDPA exercise of the 2004 calendar year under the new directorship went fairly well. There is a learning curve and there were some teething problems, however none of them were safety related, thank goodness.

It was nice to see that almost half of the 20 shooters that came to the exercise were Howell Club members. Thanks go out to all the helpers, club members and participants from other clubs.

It was a nice surprise to see Dick Jameson show up with Jack Manfre. He is held in quite high esteem by all club members who enjoy shooting practical pistol scenarios. He has not been to the club in some time and I know many were happy to see him including Clyde Howell. Welcome back Dick!
Dave McKinney

From the desk of the Chief Firearms Instructors:

Since the April General Meeting, the Range and Field Training Team (RFTT) in conjunction with the Howell Shooting Club, have conducted several NRA training courses. In addition to other students, on April 10th four HSC members successfully completed the "Basic Rifle" course. They are Greg Begel, Hanson Pickerl, Blair Hicks and his teenage son James. On April 17th, HSC members Liz Krohn and Greg Begel completed their Basic Instructor Training along with a Howell Camp

volunteer, his two teenage sons and others. On April 24th, after a having spent a total of over 34 hours in the classroom and on the range, six students successfully completed the requirements to be certified as NRA Rifle Instructors. They include HSC members Greg Begel and Ken Lindstrom. Other students in that course who qualified to become NRA Rifle Instructors were a father and his two teenage sons. On May 8th, we completed a Basic Pistol course. Half of the students were female and were pleasantly surprised that one of the Training Counselors teaching that course was also female. One student was a repeat from the February Range Safety Officer course and another has already signed up to take Personal Protection in June. These courses don't teach themselves. It takes countless hours in promotion and student contact, course preparation, actual teaching time and clean up. The central figure of the HSC education program and founder of RFTT is Tom Yackley. Other HSC members who are active instructors in this years courses to date are; Bill Gramley, Rick Kimler, Kris Krohn, Janice and Sheldon Latz, Ken Lindstrom and Al Spera. Our heartfelt thanks go out to each of you for the selfless gift of your time and the use of your personal possessions to make these courses as good as they are. It couldn't be done without you. Our new HSC Match Director (Chuck Mansfield) and our Wednesday night "Event Supervisors" (Keith Le Dez, Ed McGunn and Dave McKinney) are all graduates of the NRA courses taught through HSC. They continue to take other NRA courses through us and further their certifications and value to HSC and the shooting sports as a whole. Our next course will be Pistol Instructor on May 22nd for anyone who has taken Basic Pistol and has their Basic Instructor Training up to date. Due to the Youth Camp in early June, our only course offering in June will be Personal Protection In The Home on June 19th. This course is a must for anyone who has a firearm at home and thinks that they might use it if ever someone were to break in. This course will teach how to better protect your home, property and

family even if you don't own a firearm. We will teach you how to prepare for the possibility of having to use deadly force and what to expect legally and emotionally afterwards. One entire lesson is dedicated to the legal ramifications of the use of firearms in the defense of your family and property. That lesson will be taught by an active duty, law enforcement officer. If you are a reloader, did you know that it is strongly recommended that you do not use your reloads for personal protection? You will each participate in an exercise which graphically demonstrates how close is too close when facing a home intruder. It is almost a sure thing that you will never think of personal protection the same way again. These NRA courses make up a very large portion of the education program at HSC. We are bending every effort to increase class size and bring these courses to as many people as possible. Education is the future of our sport. Thank you all for your support of these courses as students, volunteers and instructors. Range and Field Training fireeam will continue to support you, the Howell Shooting Club, the HSC matches and the NRA.

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE ISRA - MAY 11, 2004

YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED - STOP DALEY FROM RAIDING YOUR GUN CABINET Gun grabbers in the Illinois House today moved a resolution that would result in most of your guns being banned and confiscated. HR 656, sponsored by rabid antigunner Rep. Julie Hamos (D-Evanston, directs the U.S. Congress to "extend and strengthen" the so-called "assault weapons" ban. If Hamos and her friends get their way, then the list of banned guns would grow considerably to include a BAN ON ANY GUN MODEL, OR STYLE EVER PURCHASED BY ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. That would mean:

* All Colt revolvers would be banned

and confiscated.

* All S&W revolvers would be banned and confiscated.

* All Ruger revolvers would be banned and confiscated.

* All Colt 1911 style pistols would be banned and confiscated.

* All Glock, S&W, Sig, H&K pistols would be banned and confiscated.

* All Trapdoor Springfields, Krags, M1903 Springfields, M1 Garands would be banned and confiscated.

From the Illinois Legislature Internet Page

Bill Status of HR0656 *93rd General Assembly*

Short Description: CONGRESS-RENEW FED ASSAULT BAN

House Sponsors

Rep. Julie Hamos - [Elizabeth Coulson](#) - [Eileen Lyons](#) - [Elaine Nekritz](#), [Karen A. Yarbrough](#) and [Harry Osterman](#)

Last Action

05/11/04 Assigned to House Judiciary Committee

Synopsis As Introduced

Urges the United States Congress and the President of the United States to renew and strengthen the federal ban on military-style assault weapons and to ban the import of large capacity ammunition magazines.

Remember: **"Gun owners have nothing to fear from me"** candidate Rod Blagojevich - Effingham, Illinois August 2002
From The Chicago Tribune, January 2004
This year, however, the governor said he would "enthusiastically" support such measures. "I'd fight for that," he said of the assault-weapons proposal

"The name of American...must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations." --George Washington

Dangerous laws created by well intentioned people today can be used by dangerous people with evil intentions tomorrow." - Alan Eppers

State pamphlet for firearms transportation. Courtesy of Champaign County Rifle Association.
<http://www.gunsavelife.com/GSLife/carrygun.pdf>

Web Pages of interest:

www.mynra.com
www.gunsite.com
www.armedfemalesofamerica.com
www.gunsavelife.com
www.gunowners.org
www.jpfo.org
www.libertybelles.org
www.sas-aim.org
www.packing.org
www.womentoarms.net
www.scfirearms.org