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From the president

By David A. Lombardo

This year's New Year's resolution is to move the newsletter into the 21st century. To that end, Jim Ferencak and Alan Strader have volunteered to not only assist with distribution but to work with Keith Romig, who maintains the HSC web site, and Ed McGunn, who maintains the SAFER USA web site, to move toward an electronic newsletter distribution.

Since combining newsletters for HSC, the NRA Youth Camp and SAFER USA into one, the circulation has approached 300. The time and expense involved is becoming challenging for volunteers. It costs approximately 85 cents per copy, a little over \$3000 a year currently, and about 5 hours a month dedicated to distribution alone or 60 hours a year.

Yet another challenge is apportioning the actual expenses to appropriate accounts so that HSC members are only paying for the newsletter to be printed and sent to HSC members, etc. As you increase the percentage of electronic distribution both the real and labor costs decrease. In keeping with the HSC Board's on-going efforts to reduce overall expenses, electronic distribution is a logical component.

We recognize there are individuals who do not have access to email. I would urge members to avail themselves of the free email accounts that are readily available but we will continue to print and distribute a paper version of the newsletter for them. However, when polled, many HSC members do have email access.

An added bonus of the electronic format is the newsletter is in color. If you haven't already seen it please take a look at a copy on the HSC web site. Unfortunately, the cost of printing the newsletter in color is about three times more expensive than black and white so it is only available online.

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ABOVE (L-R): Andy Koroghlanian (11) loads a new .22 rifle while his brother Aaron (9) gets instruction from their dad Phil on loading the family Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle.

LEFT: Amy Koroghlanian (15), a newly certified NRA Apprentice Pistol Instructor, tries out a Beretta U22 .22 semi-auto pistol. Santa delivered it to the Koroghlanian kids.

The Koroghlanians took advantage of a warm December 29th to spend time at the range. Photos—Lombardo

REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM SEMINAR

Saturday, January 20th, 9:00 a.m.

Tuition \$10

Refuse To Be A Victim (RTBAV) is a four-hour seminar packed with things you and your family can do for little or no cost to reduce the chances of becoming a victim in your home, at the mall, driving your car, at work, in school and when you travel.

Personal safety is not always convenient. You must consciously integrate the options you choose into everyday life until good habits are formed. Remember, criminals prefer easy targets whether it is your home or you personally. The more difficult a target you present, the less likely you are to become a victim. This seminar shows you how to become a *hard target*.

RTBAV was originally developed by the Women of the NRA in 1993 but men kept asking to attend so it was opened up to everyone. While it is an NRA course, it is not about firearms. RTBAV is about common sense, practical tips appropriate for all family members. The instructor, David Lombardo, has 14 years experience in law enforcement, over 6,000 hours of public speaking and is known for his humorous teaching style.

Refuse To Be A Victim is one of the most important classes your family members will ever take. The tuition includes a textbook. Please, do not miss this seminar! For further information and to register call David Lombardo at 815-744-5487.



Apparently HSC President David Lombardo is no longer on the endangered specie list. He was recently sighted at the club actually shooting a real firearm—a Walther PPK. He claimed he was practicing because it is his new back-up firearm when on duty but witnesses observed him enjoying himself raising the question, “Shouldn’t he be working on a newsletter or something?” Photo—Andy Koroghlanian.

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Contact: David A. Lombardo, Publisher & Editor, at 815-744-5487 or info@saferusa.org.

NRA COURSES

There will be eight NRA courses offered in January, February and March. Please look at the last page for course titles and dates. Preregistration is required.

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While Jim, Alan, Ed and Keith are working out the details, the tentative plan is when the newsletter is written it will immediately be posted to both the HSC and SAFER USA web sites then sent via email to everyone with an email address listed. It will also be sent to the printer. Generally, the time between the printer getting the newsletter and you receiving it in your mailbox is about a week to 10 days.

Some suggested we merely send an email notice that the newsletter has been posted to the web site. I don’t like that option because in my own experience I never seem to find the time to go look up a newsletter. For HSC members the newsletter is not just informative, it is the means of office announcement. Therefore the

Board believes we need to put a copy of the newsletter into your hands whether that’s in electronic or paper format.

It has been discussed to add two more pages to allow for increased space to report HSC news and give IDPA a regular column. I would also like to see another column on some subject of interest to members. If anyone has a shooting-related writing itch please let me know.

I know change always brings anxiety and we will not leave behind those individuals who do not have email access. However, while we promise to look out for you, please consider the possibility of adding email to your cache of communication methods.

Safe shooting!
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January 2007

RANGE HOURS

Mon thru Sat: 8 a.m. – Official Sunset
No Sunday shooting Nov-Apr

Official Notices

Jan 20—Saturday

Refuse To Be A Victim Seminar

Jan 21—Sunday

NRA Basic Instructor Training (Rifle)

Jan 26 & 27 —Friday & Saturday

NRA Rifle Instructor Course

Feb 4 —Sunday

8:00 a.m. Board meeting

9:30 a.m. General meeting

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VOTE TO CHANGE BY-LAWS

Members present and voting at the January 7, 2007 meeting voted unanimously to change the By-Laws from:

BYLAWS ARTICLE V GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The monthly General Membership meeting shall be held on the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 a.m., except when that day falls on a Federal holiday there will be no meeting for that month. The November General Membership meeting shall be the Club's Annual General Membership meeting for the election of Board members.

To the following:

BYLAWS ARTICLE V GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The monthly General Membership meeting shall be held on the first Sunday of every month at 9:30 a.m., except when that day falls on a weekend affected by a Federal holiday there will be no meeting for that month. The Board may also cancel a meeting not more than twice a year to accommodate a special function. The November General Membership meeting shall be the Club's Annual General Membership meeting for the election of Board members.

NOTICE

Effective February 2007, the General Membership meeting will now begin at 9:30 a.m.

ANNUAL WORK FEE

According to records individual member status toward the 16-hour annual requirement is as follows. Please email or call Lombardo with corrections.

Bank, D (0)	Ferencak (16)	Herdt (0)	Lombardo (16)	Shamasko (0)
Bank, T (0)	Field (0)	Horvath (0)	Mahoney (0)	Smit (0)
Baron (0)	Fleming (0)	Howell (16)	Mansfield (16)	Southworth (0)
Bergeron (16)	Fronek (0)	Hauser (16)	Maratto (0)	Spera (11.5)
Bowen (2)	Galezio (0)	Johnson (0)	McGunn (16)	Steven (16)
Brieschke (16)	Gallo (0)	Kalfut (0)	McKinney (16)	Strader (0)
Bruining (16)	Gibson (0)	Kaletka (0)	Medina (0)	Svab (16)
Chrencik (0)	Gillespie (16)	Kane (0)	Muckerman (0)	Vogley (0)
Conaghan (16)	Godbold (16)	Kimler (0)	Olson (3)	Wegner, J (16)
Corrigan (16)	Godfrey (0)	Klaprat (16)	Pakosta (0)	Wegner, R (16)
Davidson (0)	Graham (16)	Koplinski (16)	Panagakos (1)	Wilmsen (0)
Deuter (0)	Hamp (16)	Koroghlanian (16)	Parker (6)	Wysocki (0)
DuBois (0)	Hanek (0)	Krickeberg, K (16)	Pickerl (0)	Yackley, G (0)
Dusek (0)	Harmon (0)	Krickeberg, M (16)	Prosser (0)	
Elliman (0)	Hartman (16)	Lavine (16)	Romig (16)	
Eschbach (16)	Hauser (0)	Lencioni (7)	Rudnick (1.5)	

Treasurer's Report—December 2006

December is typically an inactive month financially and this year followed the pattern. With our trailer in place and the cooperative programs with SaferUSA we are seeing an increase in NRA courses being held. This is expected to continue throughout 2007.

Still undetermined is the timing and cost of installing a ramp for handicapped access to the trailer. While this is not a requirement for the membership, it is mandated for offering programs to the public (classes, youth camp, etc.). It is our intent to comply with zoning and building codes but we will proceed cautiously to responsibly manage the clubs expenditures.

The board is continuing a review of a 2007 budget and cash flow plan and expects a fiscally sound plan defined by February.

	Operating	Outreach	Youth Camp	Total
Beginning balances(12/01)	3,283.30	4,667.76	10,571.10	18,522.16
Revenues	236.84	1,345.76	2.16	1,584.76
Expenditures	1,132.04	111.54	49.98	1,293.56
Ending balances(12/31)	2,388.10	5,901.98	10,523.28	18,813.36
CD balances (reserves for future liabilities)				13,153.58
Total club cash assets as of Dec 31, 2006				31,666.73

Minutes of January 7, 2007 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:20 AM with 16 people in attendance. The December 3, 2006 general membership meeting minutes and treasurer's report were approved as published in the newsletter. Keith Romig, secretary, commented on problems with web email boxes and Alan Gillespie, treasurer, presented a financial summary. John Millington, IDPA coordinator, commented that there is a likelihood of IDPA Safety Officer training being offered on March 24 or March 31, 2007. He is waiting for confirmation. Kyle Corrigan, member-at-

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large, told us that he is still working on resolving the county's requirements for the ramp permit. He and Kerry Krickeberg will work together on arranging for telephone installation in the trailer. Clyde Howell commented he is pleased with the current direction the club is going.

Lombardo, as Camp Director, said the 2007 Youth Camp is still 'on track'. His major concern, at the moment, is that it is hard to get in touch with the camp registrar.

Lombard, as SAFER USA representative, commented on the new format of the newsletter and talked about expanding the official HSC section.

OLD BUSINESS

Lombardo announced we will have a booth at the Chicagoland Outdoor Show (January 10—14), that he'd received the application forms for the NRA Matching Grant to apply for some additional pistols for training, that the Worker Appreciation Dinner date had moved to March 24th, and there would be a summary of the members' work hours in the next newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Ferencak & Alan Strader have agreed to take over responsibility newsletter delivery and for assisting Lombardo to move toward electronic distribution for those that have email. It was agreed that we would like to keep prior, as well as current, newsletters available on our web site.

Arrangements were discussed for staffing a Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days booth (Sep 22-23); Kyle Corrigan committed to be there. Krickeberg said we needed to organize a mowing schedule for next season.

The lock hasps on the trailer have been repaired to avoid accidental lock out.

Corrigan mentioned that the stone that was delivered last fall is supposed to be billed to us for \$150 but the bill has not been delivered yet.

The vote was held to amend the bylaws, as specified in the newsletter. The amendment was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.

**9th Annual
Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp
June 1—3, 2007**

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The spirit of giving

David Lombardo, Camp Director

As I am writing this I'm staffing our booth at the Chicagoland Outdoor Show. It's Thursday and my experience told me the crowd would be light so I opted to do some work at the same time and brought my computer.

Yesterday evening I was talking about the camp with a family, detailing the various training sessions and the amazing support personnel and systems we have in place.

I talked about our discipline leaders and instructors who work those long days on their feet and still maintain a smile. And who doesn't recognize the mess tent staff's superior performance?

They are up long before anyone else and work all day and evening. Jim Bergeron, Dave Schillinger and their staff practically live in the mess tent. Others, like Tim O'Meara and Kelly Kindelin, get up at 4 a.m., help in the kitchen then go work their individual disciplines.

I went on to explain the amazing support services we have with Bob Goepf bringing an ambulance and assuring we have paramedics on duty 24/7 backed up by our camp nurse Rick Ritacco who is also there 24/7.

Then there are the behind the scenes people who just get things done. Jeanette Ortery works with administrative issues year-around. Matt Kimmey, Kerry and Mike Krickeberg and others are putting up tents,

moving Port-A-Pots, fixing things that break and generally engaged the week prior and all through the camp. There are too many wonderful volunteers to mention them all. When I told the family campers only pay \$100 they couldn't believe it.

We can't do it without you. While June seems far off, the ball is already in motion. We hope you'll be joining us again this year and sign up a friend too!



Kelly Kindelin demonstrates you can get up at 4 a.m., help in the kitchen and still get some sleep before working as an instructor. Photo—Lombardo

PLEASE NOTE

One of the most challenging aspects of preparation occurs on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the camp and Sunday afternoon. We need as many hands as possible to help set up then break down tents and equipment. If at all possible please plan to help on May 30 & 31 then again the afternoon/early evening of June 3rd. Let us know if you can commit to any time during those periods.—dal

Howell Shooting Club/SAFER USA NRA Courses

Call 815-744-5487 for information - All courses open to the public

Cost displayed after course:

Non NRA Member* / NRA member / 18 & under

NOTE: A Basic Instructor Course is a prerequisite for all Instructor courses

Refuse To Be A Victim (4 hrs) - \$10

January 20, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

NRA Basic Instructor Course (6 hrs) - \$50/\$25/\$15

January 21, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by January 12, 2007

NRA Rifle Instructor Training (14 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

January 26, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 p.m.

January 27, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by January 12, 2007

NRA Basic Instructor Course (6 hrs) - \$50/\$25/\$15

February 18, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 2, 2007

NRA Shotgun Instructor Training (11 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

February 23, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 p.m.

February 24, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 2, 2007

NRA Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course

(8 hrs)-\$75/\$50/\$30

Students under 18 must be accompanied adult

February 25, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 9, 2007

NRA Basic Instructor Course(6 hrs) - \$50/\$25/\$15

March 11, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 23, 2007

NRA Pistol Instructor Trng(11 hrs)-\$75/\$50/\$30

March 16, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 p.m.

March 17, Saturday 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Preregistration Required by February 23, 2007

One last thought... “People are more violently opposed to fur than leather because it's safer to harass rich women than motorcycle gangs” - Unknown

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