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### Official Newsletter: Howell Shooting Club & Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

By David A. Lombardo

Last month I said we were waiting for Spring to arrive and the blossoming of our program. Well, Spring has arrived and the program has definitely blossomed in several ways.

We have begun attracting students to our courses from as far away as Springfield and they are signing up further in advance than before. We're also being referred by previous students which any marketing type will tell you is the most important form of advertising.

Our first SAFER USA staff meeting was held last week and we had over a dozen in attendance and several more signed on but unable to make it that night. During a pizza working dinner Ed McGunn demonstrated a large collection of very creative

training aids he thought up. One of the primary reasons for the meeting was to hammer out a Summer 2007 course schedule and hammer we did. I know I wasn't anticipating the process to be quite so time consuming and complicated. Howell Shooting Club has a rather robust schedule so fitting in NRA classes was, in some instances, challenging. Regardless, we have a very aggressive 24-class schedule from April through October.

One of the things that has truly surprised me is the tremendous level of support I have received for the concept behind SAFER USA. We get one or two new volunteers out of just about every class. We have a growing number of instructors and apprentice instructors, IT specialists, accountants, a lawyer and so on. People just offer to help out where they can.

John Conaghan, a Howell Shooting Club member, took a look at my wish list and donated both a laptop computer and PowerPoint projector to SAFER USA so we can put together more professional, standardized courses. John also made some very significant contributions to the HSC Youth Camp (see page 5). Mark Meyers joined HSC at the April meeting and promptly agreed to be our Scouting program coordinator. **More PRESIDENT Page 2>>>**



March 17th NRA Pistol Instructor graduates braved a chilly, windy day to successfully complete the course. (L-R) Back Row: Ron Tragasz, Ed Wilmsen, Larry Turner, T.D. Roe, Bob Pershau and Eugene Doetsch. Front Row: Jeff Johansen, Steven Cherin, Lee Chambers and Margaret Chione. Photo—Lombardo

**SINCE OCTOBER 21, 2006 SAFER USA HAS TRAINED 75 STUDENTS**

**NRA COURSES: We are offering six basic and instructor courses in April. Please see page 6 for details!**

### **PRESIDENT Continued**

His wife Joy, who has extensive PowerPoint experience, volunteered to develop our courses on PowerPoint.

The thing that seems to stir people's imagination is our desire to be all inclusive. What we all share at SAFER USA is the desire to get as many people involved as possible. A diversity of age, sex and ethnic heritage provides a very rich educational experience.

At our staff meeting I explained that everyone who teaches an NRA

course follows the exact same outline. What differentiates one basic pistol class from another will be the way its taught.

Next on the wish list is a video camera so we can tape instructor candidates doing practice teaching. We don't get to see what we look like when we teach; a video camera is a real eye opener. I remember when I was in teacher education looking at myself on the monitor, thinking I looked like a dork then went home and practiced in front of a mirror.



Mike Krickeberg, Principal Instructor—Basic Pistol course, assisted with the March NRA Pistol Instructor class and took the opportunity to recruit additional instructors for SAFER USA. Krickeberg is also Howell Shooting Club's Match Director on the Board of Directors and the Youth Camp Principal Rifle Instructor.

Photo—Lombardo



New HSC members voted in during the April meeting.

(L-R) Back Row: Pete Stapleton, Mark Meyers, Lynn Garnand and Kirk Kobzina.

Front Row: Don Fredenhagen and Bill Boyd.

Photo—Lombardo

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#### **Three Fires Council Seeks Adult Volunteers — May 5th**

**Gerry Senn, a long time Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp supporter, is looking for volunteers. The Three Fires Council is holding its CAM-PORALL at the Sandwich Country Fairground and it will be attended by about 4000 scouts.**

**Senn, who runs the cub scout BB gun range, is looking for adult volunteers for the morning or afternoon shift (or both). "Last time, we had about 1000 cub scouts shoot," he said. "The objectives are safety first, shooting a BB gun for the first time is second, and hitting the target – priceless!"**

**Please support Gerry as he's always been a big supporter of ours. Gerry Senn may be contacted at 630-690-7596 or [GFSenn@WideOpenWest.com](mailto:GFSenn@WideOpenWest.com).**



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## RANGE HOURS

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

## Official Notices

### May 6 —Sunday

8:00 a.m. Board meeting  
9:30 a.m. General meeting

11 Wed Black Powder Rifle  
14 Sat Practical Pistol Skill Drill  
28 Sat IDPA Classifier

**NRA Classes: See Page 6**

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## John Millington 2007 HSC Member of the Year!

“Amid a field of many significant contributors to the club in 2007, one member stands out,” HSC President David Lombardo told the large group attending the April General Membership meeting.

“John Millington has pitched in whenever there was a hole that needed to be filled. He ran Sunday fun shoots, spent a lot of time with IDPA, teaches women’s programs and a reloading course. John’s always there.”

## Don’t miss the small guy

Guest Editorial: Kyle Corrigan, Member at Large

The next time you are on the shotgun range and looking south look at the line of trees about two miles away. Believe it or not there’s a small town hiding in those trees called Plattville. Some of you may have been there as it’s where the worker appreciation dinner is held.

Talk about a time that has gone away. In the 37 years I’ve lived in Plattville it has not grown more than 20 or so houses. Years ago it had two general stores, one being my grandfather’s, where you could buy anything you needed including food, tools, Oliver tractors and Sinclair gasoline. Yes, it was the big box store of the day. Now it’s just a little town where most of the people I grew up with have moved away or passed on.

What prompted this tour of memory lane? My son turned 11 and after attending the Youth Shooting Camp last June he wanted a bow and arrow so for his birthday I planned to buy him a Browning Mini Nitro. As I was headed to one of those “big box” stores I remembered a little store called Strictly Fishing in Plainfield that has both fishing and archery equipment.

I asked them what they had for an 11 year old boy and they couldn’t have been more helpful. I was invited into the back to watch how they set up the bow, align the arrow and set the draw length. It reminded me of how my grandfather did business when he ran his store and thought to myself I could never have gotten that kind of attention at the big box store. The little store made me remember that there are people who still work for a passion; not just a paycheck. Those are the places I like and where I leave fliers about the HSC, the Youth Camp, Power for Women, and SAFER USA.

Here at Howell we’re the little guy and people that frequent those small mom-and-pop businesses are who we need to let know about our club. I know I’ll be going back there for a long time.

### IDPA UPDATE—John Millington

IPDA matches at Howell are on track. Anyone that has a course of fire they would like to shoot should forward their idea at [jmill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmill@sbcglobal.net).

### Treasurer's Report—March 2007

March is the end of our membership year, so in theory the operating fund should be at its lowest level of the year and this is in fact the case. Outreach realized some profit sharing from SaferUSA this month and with the growing interest and inquiries regarding the NRA classes, this will hopefully continue. Youth Camp received 66 registrations and this helped to bolster the Camp funds. Generally, with memberships renewing at a rate much improved over previous years, the next several months look to be fiscally sound.

	Operating	Outreach	Youth Camp	Total
Beginning balances(2/01)	2,117.64	2,640.24	10,166.17	14,924.05
Revenues	271.66	173.63	6,692.08	7,137.37
Expenditures	570.30	46.15	632.41	1,248.86
Ending balances(2/28)	1,819.00	2,767.72	16,225.84	20,812.56
CD balances (reserves for future liabilities)			13,285.63	
<b>Total club cash assets as of March 31, 2007</b>			<b>34,098.19</b>	

### General Meeting Minutes – April 2007

The General Board Meeting was called to order at 9:35. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. We appreciated the fact that this was a well represented meeting, attended by a number of folks interested in becoming members. The prior General Meeting minutes, which had been published in the news letter, were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented by Alan Gillespie and approved. General membership renewal and camp registration have helped to improve finances. Alan warned that although we are seeing financial improvement we must be careful that the funds last all year.

Keith Romig, secretary, was not able to attend this meeting. Mike Krickeberg, Match Director, filled in during his Keith's absence. Mike had no new information to report for Keith. Mike Krickeberg, Match Director, is new at his job but is stepping up to implement activities the first Sunday of each month. The first activity will be held immediately after the General Board Meeting (approx. 10:45 AM). For those of you who are interested in a calendar date that will be May 6, 2007.

We plan to have a 50 yard, .22 rifle, bench rest, Poker Shoot where you will fire at a target printed with various cards. All sights are welcome. The per-

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son creating the best poker hand using only five (5) shots will win so review your poker hands. Everyone is welcome to participate and don't feel that you have to be a great shot - anyone can get lucky! The plan is to have everything wrapped up by 12:00 noon.

Clyde Howell presented the Landowner report. He indicated that he would like to have the club take over the grounds maintenance for the land area encompassed by the trailer and the sign-in shed, along the East edge of the garden, extend South and include the shotgun range and then East to the ends of each shooting range. There were discussions about the size and type of mower required to fill the need. Kyle Corrigan offered to help out with the mowing until a solution can be reached.

Kyle Corrigan, member-at-large, continues to work to acquire the trailer permit. Discussions about making physical improvements around the trailer are on hold until the county issues the permit. Kyle reported the telephone is now operational in the trailer and that a first-aid kit will be placed in the check-in shed. There will be a work day established each month so that members will be able to perform group projects.

David Lombardo, Youth Camp Director, indicated that all is on track for this year's activities. David also addressed the topic of club e-mail. All members need to understand the saving associated with using e-mail for the newsletter. It was brought to our attention that several members have new e-mail addresses. Most recently mailings have been sent back due to what we think are address changes. If someone has a new e-mail address please share it with the club, however, if your preference is to receive the newsletter by regular mail be sure to make that known so that we keep you informed of all the activities. A great advantage of the e-mail newsletter is that it is color.

SAFER USA has seen an upsurge in activities. Instructors met March 28, 2007 to create class schedules. Classes schedule for 2007 are now available on-line as well as in handout form. The next class, Basic Pistol, is scheduled for April 6 & 7 and has 10 participants. See the schedule for training that interests you. Remember, you don't have to be a member to participate.

Old Business: Allison Hartman, Vice-President, reported that she is working to request funds from the NRA for the installation of a handicap ramp for the trailer. Dave Lombardo reported that the club received a thank-you letter from Chris Lauzen for our support through the year. Dave also mentioned that everyone who works must log their hours so that the club has a record at membership renewal time. Logging your hours could translate into a \$50.00 savings - lots of ammo!

New Business: Howell Shooting Club offers recognition to a member who has spent extraordinary time and provided exceptional leadership during the year. This year David Lombardo presented the award to John Millington which came as no surprise to the membership. David recognized John Conaghan for his donation of cash, a Henry rifle, ammunition, and PowerPoint equipment for club presentations. New members were: Lynn Garnand, Pete Stapleton, Don Fredenhagen, Mark Meyers, Bill Boyd, and Kirk Kobzina. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

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

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HSC member John Conaghan made the single largest contribution in Youth Camp's history. Photo—Lombardo

**The generosity of others**

David Lombardo, Camp Director

From the earliest days the camp has always been blessed by generosity.

There's a long list of major annual contributors such as Mark Daniels of MegaSports, Chris Hodgdon of Hodgdon Powders, Knollwood Gun Club, Safari Club of Chicago, Laidlaw Education Services, Pioneer Valley Sportman's Assc, g and Metro Paramedics. And now, add Howell Shooting Club's John Conaghan to the list.

John has made the single largest cash donation in the history of the camp. While John didn't want to make a big deal out of it and asked us not to mention the figure, I can tell you that John has significantly passed the previous high of \$1500 cash. It will be used to leverage two three-way (NRA, John & HSC) matching NRA grant requests.

Each request is approximately \$3,000 with one going to purchase half a dozen 9 mm handguns with holsters and magazine pouches for use at camp, in advanced youth programs and teaching NRA classes. The second \$3,000 grant will be for a Crosman portable air rifle range.

As if John's donation were not enough he also threw in 7,000 rounds of .22 ammo and a new NRA commemorative Henry lever action .22 rifle. It is through this type of generosity we are able to provide a first class camp at a very low price. Thanks John and thanks to everyone who gives so generously.

**Camp Volunteer Picnic  
5:00—9:00 P.M., Friday,  
June 29th  
\* Food \* Prizes \* Ranges open  
RSVP Lombardo**

**WANTED**

The time has come to order screened baseball caps for the campers. If you have an economical source for screened caps please contact Lombardo ASAP.

**HAVE A POTTY CONNECTION?**

Waste Management figures they're the only game in town and increased their 2 1/2 day service this year from \$900 to \$1250 and they won't pump them out Saturday night.

Bob's Septic used to pump them for free until Dave's near fatal accident forced him out of the business. If you know anyone that rents and/or services portable toilets who's second amendment and kid friendly, please contact Lombardo as soon as possible.

## 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

#### **Basic Pistol Course**(10 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

April 6, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

April 7, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Preregistration Required**

#### **Basic Rifle Course**(14 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

April 13, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

April 14, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

**Preregistration Required**

#### **Basic Shotgun Course**(10 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

April 20, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

April 21, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Preregistration Required**

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

April 22, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Preregistration Required**

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

April 27, Friday 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

April 28, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Preregistration Required**

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

April 29, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Preregistration Required**

#### **Shotgun Instructor Course**(10 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

May 04, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

May 05, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Preregistration Required**

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

May 06, Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Preregistration Required**

#### **Pistol Instructor Course**(11 hrs) - \$75/\$50/\$30

May 11, Friday 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

May 12, Saturday 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Preregistration Required**

**One last thought... “People who know how much they’re worth generally aren’t worth much.” Nelson Bunker Hunt**

## SAFER USA

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