



# Illinois State Rifle Association

## Will County Division Monthly Newsletter



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February 2005

### NEXT MEETING

**February 16 - 7PM**

**Sara's Place Restaurant**

### Curios & Relics

We'll have some of our local members discussing the fun of buying surplus guns via mailorder with a Curio & Relics FFL.

*See you on the 16th!*

**Meetings are held on the Third Wednesday of each month at Sara's Place Restaurant located on Route 6 in Joliet, just West of Bush (Empress) Road.**

Please join us before or after the meeting by enjoying a light snack, a full meal, or something in between. Help the cause of Freedom by supporting those who provide us with our *free* meeting room.

### Political Disclaimer

The ISRA and the Will County Division of the ISRA **CAN NOT** and **WILL NOT** endorse any candidate or party. We feature speakers to allow us to learn about the positions a candidate holds about the Second Amendment, and welcome all candidates to speak to us. Only the ISRA Political Victory Fund can endorse candidates or donate to political campaigns.

### Another Dunce Cap for Brady Campaign

You know the anti-gunners are desperate when they have to resort to nonsense like this. Even though violent crime has declined 12 straight years and is at a 27-year low, the Brady Campaign says that 31 states deserve a "D" or "F" grade for their gun laws. This, according to their eighth annual "report card."

If that isn't silly enough, on the January 12 episode of NRA's live talk-radio show, NRANEWS.com, Brady spokesman Peter Hamm claimed Brady's grades are determined by a "secret" formula. There's no secret, though. Plain and simple, Brady gives the highest grades to the states that have the most "gun control." So, for example, the state of Maryland gets the highest grade (A-), even though it has the nation's second highest murder rate and highest robbery rate. But low-crime states with fewer restrictions on the rights of lawful gun owners, like Idaho, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Vermont get a "D" or "F."

If anyone deserves a bad grade, the Brady Campaign does for failing "Civics 101." It reduced Ohio's grade from a "D+" to a "D-" because the state's Right-to-Carry law "forced police to issue CCW" permits! Well of course they did; that's called "democracy." Legislatures, representing the people, pass laws. That's what they do!

The Brady Campaign also gets an "F" for failing math, claiming that "gun control" reduces crime. As noted in numerous studies, including recent ones from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and National Research Council, there is no evidence to support that claim.

Basically, the Brady Campaign's "report card" is a superficial publicity stunt, perpetrated by an extremist anti-gun organization trying to attract attention to itself because it is fast on its way to becoming irrelevant. Name the issue, and the Brady Campaign is either losing the battle, or has lost the war. To wit: the right to arms is now widely recognized as an individual right. The federal "assault weapons" ban expired. The federal waiting period expired in favor of Instant Check. And NRA-PVF-supported candidates were even more successful than usual in the recent elections, while virtually all Brady-supported candidates for national office were defeated.

While sitting in the corner, the folks at the Brady Campaign would do well to read the writing on the wall.

From NRA-ILA (<http://nra.org>)

### A Look Ahead

**Feb 13 - Kane County Gun Show** - Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles - 7:30am - 1pm - (815) 758-2773 - <http://kanecountyfair.com/calendar.cfm> - We will be staffing the ISRA Table - please contact Doc or Paul if you can help out.

**Feb 13 - ISRA Polar Bear Match** - Kankakee Range - Bullseye Match - Visit <http://isra.org/>

**Feb 16 - Will County ISRA Division** - Curio & Relics FFL - 7PM - Sara's Place, Joliet

**Feb 19-20 - Lockport Fishing & Outdoors Show** - Lockport East High School, Lockport - <http://lockportfishingshow.com/>

**Feb 23 - ISRA Lobby Day** - Springfield - watch for details, or visit <http://isra.org/>

**Feb 26-27 - GAT Guns Open House** - GAT Guns, Dundee - (847) 428-4867 - <http://gatguns.com> - We will be staffing the ISRA Table - please contact Doc or Paul if you can help out.

**Feb 27 - Will County Gun Show** - Balmoral Park, Crete - 8am - 1pm (708) 474-0662 - <http://balmoralpark.com/> - We will be staffing the ISRA Table - please contact Doc or Paul.

**Mar 6 - Wheaton Gun Show** - DuPage County Fairgrounds - (773) 237-8844 - <http://pvsashow.org/> - Thanks to Brian Pettlon for running the ISRA Table!

**Mar 12-13 - Kankakee Gun Show** - Kankakee County Fairgrounds - (815) 939-7572 - <http://kankakeefair.org/>

**Mar 19-20 - Princeton Gun Show** - Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton - (309) 689-1934 <http://bcfair.home.mchsi.com/>

Group trips to **Rock Island Arsenal Museum** - Quad Cities area - <http://riamwr.com/museum.htm> - let us know if you can help!

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