



# WILL COUNTY GRASSROOTS DIVISION OF THE ILLINOIS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

**NEXT MEETING - July 16, 2008 - 7:00 PM**

**Sara's Place Restaurant  
3501 Channahon Rd. (Route 6)  
Joliet, IL  
(815) 741-3076**

ISRA Executive Director, **Richard Pearson**, will be our speaker this month. Mr. Pearson will be updating us on the current endeavors of the ISRA and will comment on the recent Supreme Court decision regarding the Second Amendment. As always, we invite you to bring a friend...it's sure to be an interesting and informative evening!

Will County ISRA member, **Robert Vizza**, was the name drawn for the WCGR Gun Giveaway last month. Unfortunately, Robert was not present, so he missed out on the Mossberg 500 shotgun. Remember, the winner must be present, have a valid FOID and comply with all local, state and federal firearm laws.

## The News

It has been a newsworthy month for many of us. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Supreme Court decided that the right declared in the Second Amendment is an individual right. Directly, in DC v. Heller, Washington, D.C. is to give law-abiding Washington, D.C. citizens the opportunity to keep functional handguns in their homes. The next bit of news came about fifteen minutes later when the ISRA and the Second Amendment Foundation filed suit in Chicago to lift the handgun bans implemented by Mayor Daley and the city council.

A week before all of this occurred, Fran Eaton spoke at our Will County Grassroots meeting to tell



us a little about herself. She grew up in the St. Louis area and learned about responsible gun ownership from her father. He hunted deer and squirrels in the area and taught

his family how to care for this source of food once it was harvested. Fran stressed that growing up around firearms instilled respect and responsibility, important ingredients of family values. This conservative aspect allowed Fran to consider how to develop her own children's education and decided that teaching her own children would be

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more beneficial than what was offered outside of the home. Fran has been a strong advocate of home schooling and taught her children for sixteen years.

Fran is a conservative activist and is involved with many organizations. Some of these include: Christian Home Educators Coalition, Concerned Women for America and Illinois Family Institute. She is also the current editor for Illinois Review.com and The Illinois Reader. Fran recently wrote an article for the Southtown Star about the senseless homicides that occurred this past April at the Lane Bryant store in Tinley Park. She questioned the logic of the numerous gun control laws of Illinois, especially pertaining to this specific crime. She pointed out that, even with a police officer in the next lot, a criminal

literally got away with murder. This article is what brought attention to the Will County Grassroots committee. Many times, the articles that come across our desks are anti-gun, socialist rants on how it was the gun that caused all of the crimes. We know better. Fran Eaton does, too. It was refreshing to hear an Illinois journalist comment on the truth and this committee took note of that.

Crimes, such as these, are all too common in the Chicago area and Fran's words brought home the fact that we are unable to give pause to anyone wanting to take from us our property or our lives.



We have had our hands legally bound, while assailants have had their way with us. Those outside of these controlled areas have had less of an impact from criminals and

are more able to counter these attacks. Fran pointed out that the tragedy at Lane Bryant may have had a different outcome if someone had a concealed firearm and used it. Even if a defensive shot did not hit the assailant, it might have caused this criminal to fear for his own life and flee. Lives would have been saved. Since this tragedy is still unsolved, there is a chance of this horrific crime happening again. This criminal is still at large and is dangerous. I believe that more lives are put at risk because of the shortsighted views of the political megalomaniacs in charge of Chicago and Cook County.

News of the lawsuit filed in Chicago has reached all of the major media outlets throughout the world...as it should. The importance of this lawsuit may be far more reaching than the Heller case itself. The goal is to return gun rights back to all law-abiding citizens and to incorporate the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. This suit brought against Chicago, by the ISRA and the SAF, will be a costly one. Much time and money has been already spent on the legal work done up to now. More legal action will be forthcoming and you can be sure that the ISRA will be defending your Second Amendment rights in court. When the time comes and you are asked to help, please contribute what you can. We will need all the

financial support we can get.

The Will County Grassroots of the Illinois State Rifle Association thanks Fran Eaton for spending time with us last month. We know that Fran will have more to say about the rights of which we have been blessed.

I also wish to thank those five Supreme Court Justices for deciding correctly; to Alan Gura, in expertly presenting this case before the Court; and to Mr. Heller, for sticking to his "guns" and not backing down.

Now, to really enjoy this 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Al Tiscareno

**Glock Shooting Sport Foundation  
Illinois State Rifle Association League**

July 27 & August 31, 2008  
ISRA Range, Bonfield, IL

Registration: 8:30am - 2:30pm  
Registration fees applicable

For each different model of Glock pistol registered, you will be entered in a drawing for a new Glock pistol to be given away after the August 31st match.

For additional information or to register, contact:  
ISRA (815) 635-3198  
[www.isra.org](http://www.isra.org)

**ISRA/NRA  
YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP**

August 16, 2008  
8am - 6pm

ISRA Range, Bonfield

**Openings still available - register today!**

Children, ages 10-14, are invited to attend the 5th Annual ISRA/NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp.

NRA certified instructors will be teaching firearm safety, basic firearm components and allow the kids hands-on experience with a variety of firearms including .22 pistol, .22 rifle and shotgun. The cost will be \$25 per child, which includes lunch, use of firearms, ammunition and a T-shirt to the first 40 applicants.

**To register a child or to volunteer:  
call ISRA 815-635-3198**



## Chairman's Comments

1300 people, lots of firearms, beautiful weather and a good time. This describes the Sixth Annual ISRA Range Open House. This year's event was, for the first time, done in conjunction with the NRA. This year was the most successful, in terms of attendees and vendors. I was very pleased to see many families and children there, trying their hand at shooting all the new firearms available.

Most of the major manufacturers were there, showing off their new products. There were representatives from both Midwest Guns in Lyons and Chuck's Gun Shop in Riverdale to help out, in addition to over one hundred ISRA members who volunteered their time to assist with the large crowds. Hundreds of people were able to try out the latest and greatest firearms at various disciplines, including shotgun, rifle and pistol. Many also tried their skill at black powder rifle, air guns and archery. An abundance of ISRA merchandise was sold and many attendees joined or renewed their membership to the ISRA and/or the range.

A big hit this year was the addition of WWII military vehicles on static display. Re-enactors from WWII and Viet Nam set up a military tent with hundreds of period items on display. The re-enactors set up a checkpoint guardhouse, complete with guard dog and MPs. Some re-enactors, dressed in period uniforms and carrying (non-firing) weapons, walked about the range throughout the day, allowing everyone to see them in "action". Another set of re-enactors was in attendance, although from a different era. They were the French and Indian War re-enactors, donned in proper buckskin clothing. Their displays, complete with teepees, weapons and tools of that era, drew a lot of attention and prompted many questions from the attendees.

All in all, it was a very good day, but very tiring as

well. A big thanks goes out to all the manufacturers, volunteers, committee members and behind-the-scene people that helped make this year's Range Open House the best yet!

Another extremely important event happened since our last meeting. The Supreme Court (finally) agreed with what we have been saying all along; that the right "...to keep and bear arms..." granted to us in the Second Amendment is, indeed, an individual right. Upon the announcement of this decision, the ISRA immediately filed a lawsuit against the city of Chicago. The NRA has also filed, I believe a total of five lawsuits, to insure the ruling is enforced. Several communities, including Wilmette, have already announced they will rescind their gun bans. Chicago's Mayor Daley said that he will spend millions to fight the ruling. In my opinion, it is nice to know that Daley knows more and feels he is more important than the Supreme Court and its rulings.

As beneficial as the Supreme Court Ruling is for us, those like Daley are going to make us fight very hard and spend a lot of money to make this a ruling from which we can all benefit. To this end, we all need to encourage our friends and family members to join the ISRA and NRA. If they're already members, encourage them to upgrade their memberships and donate what is comfortably possible. Above all, we need to VOTE in the November elections. Preventing Barack Obama, probably the most anti-gun Presidential nominee ever, from becoming President is imperative. The way I see it, if Obama becomes President, he will use the United Nations, the Attorney General and all the other tools at his disposal to ignore our Constitutional Rights and take away ALL of our firearms. Let's all do our best to insure that does not happen!

Doug Mayhall

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The ISRA and the Will County Division of the ISRA **cannot** and **will not** endorse any candidate or party. We feature speakers to allow us to learn about the positions a candidate holds on the Second Amendment and welcome all candidates to speak to us. Only the **ISRA Political Victory Fund (ISRA-PVF)** can endorse candidates or donate to political campaigns.

## Calendar of Events

- July 11**            **Second Amendment Freedom Rally** - Thompson Center, Chicago - special guest: Dr.Suzanna Hupp - ISRA office (815) 635-3198
- July 11-12**        SAFER USA Basic Shotgun - Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487 - Early registration & fees applicable
- July 12**            Firearm Safety Training, Inc.-NRA First Steps Pistol Orientation-Mega Sports-Plainfield Kent (815) 545-4872 - Early registration is necessary!
- July 18-19**        Firearm Safety Training, Inc.-NRA Personal Protection in the Home - Mega Sports-Plainfield - Kent (815) 545-4872 - Early registration is necessary!
- July 18 -19**        SAFER USA Basic Pistol - Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487 - Early registration & fees applicable
- July 27**            **GSSF/ISRA Glock League** - ISRA Range - Bonfield - Terry Kreimeier - (815) 635-3198  
Note: The third (and final) GSSF Match will be held on August 31, 2008
- August 2**            Firearm Safety Training, Inc.-NRA First Steps Pistol Orientation-Mega Sports-Plainfield Kent (815) 545-4872 - Early registration is necessary!
- August 2**            SAFER USA Personal Protection in the Home - Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487 - Early registration & fees applicable
- August 15-16**      SAFER USA Basic Pistol - Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487 - Early registration & fees applicable
- August 16**        **ISRA/NRA Youth Shooting Camp** - ISRA Range - Bonfield - *volunteers also needed* - ISRA office (815) 635-3198
- August 16**        Firearm Safety Training, Inc.-NRA First Steps Rifle Orientation-Mega Sports-Plainfield Kent (815) 545-4872 - Early registration is necessary!
- August 17**        **ISRA CMP Qualification & Vintage Military Rifle Match** - ISRA Range - Bonfield - Jess Brandt (815) 697-2205 or John Newman (815) 485-0351
- August 30**        SAFER USA Handgun Marksmanship Qualification Course (Part 1 of 2) - Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487 - Early registration & fees applicable Note: Part 2 of 2 will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008
- August 31**        **GSSF/ISRA Glock League** - ISRA Range - Bonfield - Terry Kreimeier - (815) 635-3198

*\*\* Please use the above contact information for registration information (where applicable) and to confirm events as dates may change without notice \*\**

*Please contact Chairman, Doug Mayhall, or the ISRA office if you would like to volunteer at any of the **ISRA** events*

*E-mail us at [willcounty@isra.org](mailto:willcounty@isra.org) if you have any events you would like included in the monthly newsletter*

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