



WILL COUNTY GRASSROOTS DIVISION OF THE ILLINOIS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING - October 15, 2008 - 7:00 PM

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This month, the WCGR is providing time for local candidates and elected officials to speak to our group regarding their stance on firearms rights and issues. We are expecting numerous local candidates to take advantage of this opportunity. We hope that you will be there to listen to what they have to say so that you can make your own, informed decision in the upcoming elections.

Will County ISRA member, *Winnifred Roberts*, was the name drawn for the WCGR Gun Giveaway last month. Unfortunately, Winnifred was not present, so she 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.

More Bow-Hunting Essentials



Last month, Frank Perrotta and Mike Drackley talked to us about bow hunting essentials. They have been out to the WCGR meetings on more than one occasion

to explain the equipment used and the basic techniques needed to become a successful bow hunter.

Bow-hunting season is just around the corner and it is hoped that those that sat in on Frank and Mike's presentation have become wiser and more learned about their equipment and their intended game.

Again, our thanks to Frank and Mike.



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2008 Northern IL Hunting & Fishing Days

The Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days (NIHFD), was held at Silver Springs State Park, near Yorkville. This event was, once again, a great place to be and we certainly had one of the nicest weekends to enjoy the great outdoors. I, along with the help of a great group of volunteers, spoke to many people coming past the ISRA table. It is good to hear that those attending are aware of the many problems affecting this state.

Election Day

November 4, 2008

Exercise your Right to VOTE!



This holds true for Second Amendment issues as well as the concern for the way our governor is curtailing or trying to eliminate what is available to those wanting to enjoy the natural resources here in Illinois.

In fact, one of the questions that was brought up many times concerned the closing of some of our state parks. Because of this proposal, calls to the legislators in Springfield created such a furor that these proposals were postponed...at least for now.

I also spoke with some of the personnel working for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and they are all concerned about what is happening and are concerned about their future. Their jobs are on the line and they are not happy at all about what the future holds.

The problems, here in Illinois, have been growing and their effects are touching all of us. Sooner or later, "we the people" are going to seek new leadership and find someone to plug up the financial holes in this sinking ship.

In the meantime, if the Illinois legislators wish to tax us to death, maybe we can continue to find a little inexpensive refuge at a state park. That is, of course, assuming that the entrance fees are not too steep and the fish that are caught won't be assessed a fee based on poundage.

Al Tiscareno

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Chairman's Comments

Turbulent times. That sure describes the current world and national situation now in the US stock market. It's like a roller coaster ride with steep inclines and severe lows, including the largest one-day drop in history. Bear market, anemic growth in the economy (just barely enough to keep us out of the "official" definition of recession); housing sales disasters and the like are causing many companies to go out of business. A huge bailout bill, passed by Congress supposedly to "save" our economy, is still filled with huge pork barrel projects. Many of the same politicians who protected and got huge financial contributions from the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac projects, are now blaming the other side of the political aisle for allowing their failures. I wonder what has happened to Congress and the voters in this country that these kinds of people keep getting voted into office?

What this is all leading to is that, the way I see it, we have on one side of the political spectrum, John McCain, a candidate for President who attended the NRA convention, voted against the Clinton assault rifle ban, has consistently led the charge and voted against pork barrel projects and never in his 30+ year career, has never once taken a pork barrel project. He also has as his Vice President candidate, Sarah Palin, who is a proud NRA member, an avid hunter, a person who had the ethics and courage to aggressively fight corruption even in her own party. And, in the course of that, got voted in office over an incumbent mayor and then did the same thing to become governor of Alaska over an incumbent. Plus, she has an 80% approval rating in her state.

On the other side, we have two avowed anti-gunners, with Barack Obama being the most anti-gun candidate ever to run for President. In fact, I think his extreme anti-gun views make Clinton's seem almost moderate. In the Illinois Senate, he voted "present" over one hundred times, showing he has no backbone to take a stand on many issues. About the only issue for which he took a stand and lead was to promote the elimination of ALL guns from the hands of law-abiding Illinois citizens. This he did with a scary

consistency in speeches and votes. Now in the US Senate, he blames the other side of the aisle for the housing mortgage mess, yet he is second in the amount of political contributions received from them. And, he has two of the disgraced bosses from Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae for two of his political advisors. He has as his Vice President candidate, another avowed anti-gunner, who was caught plagiarizing and lying about facts. I have to wonder why the major media makes no mention of those issues.

We have a clear choice this election. If we lose, we will find that anti-gun Mayor Daley and Governor Blagojevich are in the minor league compared to what an extreme anti-Constitution President can and will do. He will put anti-gun Supreme Court justices in, with the Republications having not enough votes to block them. Then, a legal case will go to them, such as the Heller case, and it will be overturned. We are sure to very quickly lose all of our firearm rights. He will revive the anti-gun attitude in the United Nations that will trump the United States' Constitution. He will press for new draconian anti-gun laws and a new all-encompassing assault rifle ban. Our firearm rights are now in more trouble than ever before in history. It is up to all of us to do what we can to make sure McCain wins and Obama goes back to his Senate seat. We must dig in our pocketbook to donate and, equally important, talk to everyone we know to get them to register to vote and encourage their friends to register, contribute and vote. We must also constantly encourage all who believe in our Civil Rights, especially the Second Amendment, to join the ISRA and the NRA...and not just one or the other. It is just \$60.00 a year, or 17 cents a day, to help protect and preserve your Rights. That is a bargain for anyone who believes in the future of our country. Freedom is not free.

Doug Mayhall

Ozinga On The Range

by Edward Ronkowski

After speaking at the July meeting of Will County Grassroots Chapter of the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA), 11th District Republican Congressional Candidate Marty Ozinga contacted me to ask for an opportunity to go to our ISRA Range and do some shooting.



Arrangements were made and Marty Ozinga showed up at the range early on August 22, 2008 with his son, Tim, and Mary Harmon of his campaign staff. They were all eager to get in some shooting. After familiarization with safety practices and range rules, out came my .38 caliber revolver, my .380 automatic pistol and my .22 rifle. First, Marty Ozinga shot a series of bullets, followed by his son and his campaign worker. As each became familiar with the weapon, an informal competition began over their target scores, resulting in a friendly father-son rivalry. After about a hundred dollars of ammunition was expended, Tim Ozinga nudged out his father on the total of their scores. Mary Harmon was just happy to fire away and diplomatically stayed away from the competition. The smiles on their faces showed how much they all enjoyed the experience.

Since that experience of shooting at the ISRA Range, Marty Ozinga has become an ISRA member. Tim Ozinga bought his own pistol and, with his friends who are aspiring to become Illinois State Police Officers, regularly goes to Mega Sports and Rinks to hone their shooting skills.



In his dad's office where they work, Tim has posted his target with his winning scores to remind everyone that while his dad, Marty Ozinga, is the big man running for Congress, Tim can still outshoot him at the range.

*** Political Disclaimer ***

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.

Once In A Lifetime

Fellow women voters! We have a once in a lifetime opportunity this November to help make history. Please do not let this opportunity to vote for the candidate of your choice pass you by.

This election may well be decided by our votes. Please keep this in mind as you go to the polls on November 4th. Ladies...let's make sure our voices are heard!

The Future

This will be the last WCGR newsletter before the November 4th elections. When the WCGR meeting convenes on November 19th, our mood will likely be dependent on the outcome at the polls. I don't know about all of you, but I am more apprehensive about this election than the Heller case and all of the previous presidential elections.

Not only will this be a very close Presidential race, but also an election that will determine the future of our country and the world. The next president will get the opportunity to determine the next group of Supreme Court Justices, who will evaluate and determine how our Constitution is to be interpreted. Hopefully, as originalists, they will be looking at this profound document with the full intention to preserve our rights and powers as citizens of this great republic.

The next president will also express either continued support for our efforts in the Middle East and elsewhere that our brave servicemen and women are stationed or will pull the plug on their efforts and walk away from it all. One of the countries that is extremely concerned about this is Israel. Iran knows that Israel is prepared and determined to destroy those areas within Iran that are known to produce weapons-grade nuclear components. With a little help from a North Korean rocket, Iran could reach Israel with a nuclear device. Depending on who wins this election will determine if Israel will attack in the near future or wait to see if a strong U.S. presence will be maintained in the Middle East.

Our federal government is burdened by the ever-

increasing size of the bureaucracy that grows like a cancer. One candidate wishes to control that maddening growth and see if it can be slowed down. The other candidate wants more programs, more bureaucracy and more control over how we are to live, work, or even when humans are to die.

These past few months have also drawn us into the financial market fiasco. The problems that have reared their ugly heads were not something that just happened overnight. Common sense lending regulations were softened up in the early 90's to allow low and moderate-income borrowers to purchase homes. This set the stage to undermine our financial and housing markets. Some legislators saw the fallacy of the practices that were playing out and said something about it. Others were not so vocal about it. I really do not expect that 700 billion dollars to come back to where it came from.

In past newsletters, I have asked you to think about November 4th. Think, not only about your responsibility to vote, but also to help someone else get a chance to vote on that day. Too often, many voters can't get out because of scheduling problems, lack of transportation, or lack of an available baby sitter. Get together with your family, neighbors and friends with the intention to organize a "One More Vote" campaign. If you have the time, help someone out and see if they can fill out an absentee ballot.

This election is important. Please do your duty and go to the polls. The ISRA PVF and NRA PVF have published lists of those candidates that need our support. These recommendations are available on the ISRA PVF and NRA websites. We will have ISRA PVF copies available at the October meeting for those members who ask for these recommendations.

This next meeting should be interesting. Please take the time to attend.

Al Tiscareno

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Calendar of Events

- October 12** Kane County Gun Show - Kane County Fairgrounds - Kathy Carlson - (815) 758-2773
- October 12** Allied Illinois Markswomen "Fun Duck Shoot" - Aurora Sportsmen's Club - Sugar Grove - www.girlswithguns.net - Registration & fees applicable
- October 17-19** SAFER USA NRA Pistol Instructor - Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo (815) 744-5487 - Early registration & fees applicable
- October 19** **ISRA Carbine & Pistol Match** - ISRA Range - Bonfield - ISRA (815) 635-3198
Fees applicable.
- November 1** SAFER USA Range Safety Officer - Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487 - Early registration & fees applicable
- November 2** Wheaton Gun Show - Dupage County Fairgrounds - Mike Holan - (630) 365-2808
- November 4** **ELECTION DAY - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ! IT'S YOUR RIGHT !!!**
- November 8 & 9** Kankakee Gun Show - Kankakee County Fairgrounds - Terry Keller (815) 930-4422
- November 8 & 9** Bloomington Gun Show - Bloomington Sale Barn - Bob Leckrone (618) 495-2572
- December 7** Wheaton Gun Show - Dupage County Fairgrounds - Mike Holan - (630) 365-2808
- December 13&14** Kankakee Gun Show - Kankakee County Fairgrounds - Terry Keller (815) 930-4422
- December 14** Kane County Gun Show - Kane County Fairgrounds - Kathy Carlson - (815) 758-2773

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- February 20 & 21** **ISRA Annual Meeting** - Crowne Plaza - Springfield - look for more information to follow in future newsletters
- March 11** **IGOLD - IL Gun Owners' Lobby Day** - State Capitol - Springfield - ISRA (815) 635-3198

** * Please use the above contact information for detailed information (i.e. fees, registration) and to confirm events as dates are subject to change without notice * **

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

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