



WILL COUNTY GRASSROOTS DIVISION OF THE ILLINOIS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING - October 21, 2009 - 7:00 PM
Ivo's Express Restaurant
23819 West Eames Street
(Southeast Corner of Route 6 and I-55)
Channahon, IL 60410
815-467-0940

This month our speaker will be ISRA Member **Dan "Doc" Beck**. Doc will speak to us about the prevention of hypothermia and other medically related issues you may encounter as you take to the field this season. As always, we invite you to bring a friend.

Will County ISRA member, *John D. Bradford*, was the name drawn for the WCGR Gun Giveaway last month. Unfortunately, John was not present so another name will be drawn at the next meeting. Remember, the winner must be present, have a valid FOID and comply with all local, state and federal laws.

Home Security

When I first moved into my current home twenty-two years ago, I had a locksmith friend of mine install new locks on my home. I asked for the best that he had and he recommended something from his shop and installed them. I have never had a problem and they are still part of my home security. After hearing what Detective Sergeant

Duane Davis from the Will County Sheriff's Department had to say at the last Will County Grassroots meeting, I am ready to purchase a new set of locks that are "bump proof." I had



never heard of this technique to access a home so easily and was shocked to see how it can be done in such a short period of time.

"Bumping" is a procedure where thieves make a specially cut key and with it, are able to easily disengage the locks to your home. The internet has plenty of examples of this procedure and it is amazing how simple it is for a thief to break in!

Sgt. Davis gave a few examples of thieves that

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were captured after breaking into homes after "bumping" the locks. It seems to have become a common way to access homes and is difficult to stop. I also looked up as much information as I could about key bumping on the internet and what defenses a homeowner has against this. The only defense available now is to purchase new locksets that are "bump proof." Some of these can be purchased at the big home improvement stores, but for the very best, your local locksmith is the place to seek advice and obtain these locksets. I am sure that, along with new

locks, a security system would also be an appropriate addition. This may not be economically feasible for many homeowners.

Our local law enforcement has a lot to deal with in all of the criminal activity that occurs around town. One of the things that we can do to help is to keep our eyes open for any unusual activity that may be happening in our neighborhood and know who your neighbors are. Sometimes getting together with your local police or sheriff, as a neighborhood activity, will enlighten everyone to what is going on. It is a good policy to stay in touch with your neighbors and law enforcement.

The past Will County Grassroots' meeting was worthwhile as we all found out about how to better protect our homes. We extend our thanks to Detective Sergeant Duane Davis of the Will County Sheriff's Department.

Al Tiscareno

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Chairman's Comments

by Doug Mayhall

The last couple of weeks were eventful for both gun supporters and anti-gunners alike. The ISRA, NRA and other Second Amendment supporters have much to celebrate. Both the decision by the Supreme Court to revisit the DC v Heller case in regards to whether States are governed by the Second Amendment as well as the decision by the Illinois Supreme Court in *People v. Diggins* (visit for the ISRA Alert on this topic) give hope to those who support gun rights, while causing anti-gunners cause for alarm. While Mayor Daley and President Obama were on an unsuccessful trip to try to secure the Olympics for Chicago, gun rights advocates like you and I were watching the fruition of years of hard work come to pass.

A copy of the *People v. Diggins* decision can be found at <http://www.state.il.us/court/>

After the Supreme Court decision in favor of Heller, many cities did away with their anti-gun laws, admitting they would probably lose in court if lawsuits were filed. Chicago has refused to comply, choosing instead to waste millions of taxpayer dollars in what I think will most likely be a futile attempt at keeping this ideal alive. Ignoring years of statistics that refute his gun ban schemes effectiveness, it appears that Mayor Daley, along with Chicago's Aldermen and their appointees, continue to look at the citizens they were elected to serve as a lower class. It seems as though they feel the citizens are not worthy of the same right to self protection that the Mayor and Alderman exercise, either through tax payer financed bodyguards, or through little known arcane laws that allow the elite class of "Alderman" the right to carry a weapon.

My personal opinion is that our President is cut from the same mold and is part of the same machine as Mayor Daley. We have already seen the same elitist attitude from him towards those who disagree. We must realize that not only can we expect no help from President Obama, we can be assured that he will continue to be a formidable enemy to those who support the Second Amendment and even the Constitution itself.

However, we have right on our side, and as long as we persevere, we will prevail in defending and restoring our rights as gun owners. We must present our case to friends and support those organizations and legislators who support our rights as we remind those who do not of the consequences of their actions.

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Calendar of Events

- October 18** ISRA Carbine & Pistol Match - **ISRA Range** - Bonfield - ISRA (815) 635-3198
- October 21** ISRA Will County Grassroots Meeting - **Ivo's Express Restaurant** -
23819 West Eames St. (Southeast Corner of Route 6 and I-55) - Channahon
- October 24 & 25** ISRA Tacticle Rifle Course - **ISRA Range** - Bonfield - ISRA (815) 635-3198
- October 30-Nov 1** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Basic Instructor-Pistol
Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville-David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- November 1** Wheaton Gun Show - Dupage County Fairgrounds - Jim McAra (773) 237-8844
- November 7** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Reloading-Metallic Cartridge
Gander Mountain - Joliet- David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- November 7 & 8** Kankakee Gun Show - Kankakee County Fairgrounds - Terry Keller (866) 930-4422
- November 7 & 8** CADA Gun Show - DuPage Expo Center - St.Charles - (951) 970-9669
- November 14** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Reloading-Shotgun Shell
Gander Mountain - Joliet- David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- November 18** ISRA Will County Grassroots Meeting - **Ivo's Express Restaurant** -
23819 West Eames St. (Southeast Corner of Route 6 and I-55) - Channahon
- November 28** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - Wilderness First Aid -
Gander Mountain - Joliet- David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- December 6** Wheaton Gun Show - Dupage County Fairgrounds - Jim McAra (773) 237-8844
- December 12 & 13** Kankakee Gun Show - Kankakee County Fairgrounds - Terry Keller (866) 930-4422
- December 13** Kane County Gun Show - Kane County Fairgrounds - Kathy Carlson (815) 758-2773
- December 16** ISRA Will County Grassroots Meeting - **Ivo's Express Restaurant** -
23819 West Eames St. (Southeast Corner of Route 6 and I-55) - Channahon
- March 10, 2010** **IGOLD** (Illinois **G**un **O**wners **L**obby **D**ay) - Springfield - ISRA (815) 635-3198

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