

Thursday Bulletin – August 29, 2024

Executive Director's Message

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Mother Nature is Signaling Fall is on the Way

Despite the hot temperatures of the previous few days, trees are beginning to turn. Maple trees are showing signs of yellow, and Sumac is showing its glowing red color. The Starlings are swarming, and doves are everywhere. Fall is my favorite season of the year. It is too bad that it's so short. I will certainly enjoy it, while it is here.

Wishing all our members and friends a very enjoyable Labor Day!

While you are relaxing and enjoying time-off from work and your busy life, please take a few minutes to reflect on what Labor Day means.

*The ISRA office will close at noon on Friday, and
be closed on Monday, in recognition of Labor Day.*

You're welcome to leave a voice mail or send an email.

We will get back to you when we return.



Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day?

In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks just to “eke out” a basic living. Children as young as 5 or 6 were often forced to work in mills, factories, and mines across the country to help their family but earning a fraction of what the adults did. People of all ages, particularly the extremely poor and recent immigrants, often faced horribly unsafe working conditions such as, insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities, and breaks.

Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 18th century, labor unions grew more prominent. They organized strikes and rallies to protest poor working conditions and tried to compel employers to provide better hours and higher pay. Often these events turned violent. On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers marched from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding **the first Labor Day parade**

in U.S. history. In 1886, there was the infamous Haymarket Riot, in which several Chicago police officers and workers were killed.

In the wake of this massive unrest and an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law.

ISRA members: The Spring and Summer 2024 Shooter is now on our website at: <<https://isra.org/illinois-shooter-newspaper/>>

LITIGATION UPDATES

As I mentioned last week, we are prepared for our trial in the United States District Court of Southern Illinois, on November 16. All our preparations are completed. Whatever happens, our case Harrel v Raoul is bound for the Supreme Court of the United States. That is the plan.

If you would like to donate to us, please visit: <<https://isra.org/support-us/>>. ***We thank you for your support!***

GET IN THE FIGHT, STAY IN THE FIGHT, JOIN THE ISRA

To Join the Isra, Go To: <https://isra.org/join-us/>

California Must Issue Conceal Carry Permits to Out-of-State Residents

A federal judge has ordered California to accept concealed carry applications from out-of-state residents. In this case, the California Rifle Pistol Association (CRPA), Gun Owners of California (GOC), Gun Owners of America (GOA), Gun Owners Foundation (GOF), and the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) teamed up to challenge California's concealed carry law; the state's refusal to issue or recognize out-of-state concealed carry permits; exorbitant fees for a concealed carry permits; long wait times; a required psychological exam; and discretionary denials by issuing agencies.

The plaintiffs claim that the California concealed carry permit actions were unconstitutional and contradicts the Supreme Court's Bruen opinion. Bruen says the right to bear arms extends beyond the home, and Americans must be able to carry guns for self-defense outside their residence.

The district court judge issued a preliminary injunction nullifying the California law that prevented out-of-state residents from applying for a

concealed carry permit. The judge also ruled that the waiting time – commonly more than 18 months - was too long and unconstitutional. California will likely appeal and request a stay on the judge's ruling.

The 88th ISRA Smallbore championship is in the books. I am pleased to say, we had the largest number of competitors we've had in several years. The match went extremely well, and we are already planning on the 89th ISRA Smallbore World championship next year. I want to thank Jim Miller and all the volunteers who helped make this match a great match!

I also want to thank all the competitors for showing up. I feel those were very fine scores. As I mentioned in my presentation of medals and awards on Saturday, Precision Shooting is one of my passions and the Smallbore Championship is the epitome of Precision Shooting. I will see you all next year, and hopefully there will be more of you!



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Patch Knife - Possibles Bag

2nd PRIZE:
1858 Remington 44 cal. Pistol

3rd PRIZE:
Lyman Plains 54 cal. Pistol

Winning ticket will be drawn on October 20, 2024.

Winners will be notified and do not need to be present to win. All local, state and federal regulations regarding firearm transfers will be observed. Membership dues, donations and purchases paid to the ISRA are not tax deductible. Must be postmarked by October 10, 2024.

The Illinois State Rifle Association

TO ORDER YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS,
please <click here to download an order form>, call the
office at 815.635.3198, or you can order online at:
isra.org/Hawken-200th-Anniversary-raffle/, and
order yours today!

**The Illinois State Rifle Association
is the Home of Marksmanship in Illinois.**

August 30, 1967 – The First African American Supreme Court Justice

Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American to be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States. He served 24 years on the United States Supreme Court.

August 31, 1897 – Movie Camera Invented

Thomas Edison patented the Kintoscope. It would become better known as the movie camera. Edison will be in the movie business until 1917 when the Supreme Court dissolved the trust set up by Edison and Biograph companies. Their trust included all the major U.S. film companies, local foreign-branches, and the biggest supplier of raw film, Eastman Kodak. Edison got out of the movie business, never to return. His invention, including the sprocket system, which advanced the film, at a certain speed, made all the difference in the world.

September 1, 1939 – Early Days of WWII

Using his new blitzkrieg system, Adolf Hitler's forces invaded Poland. Poland, a Slavic nation, was looked down upon by the Germans and other European nations. The word slave comes from the word slavic. People who were forced to work without pay became known as slaves. Adolf Hitler also looked down upon the Soviet Union, which is a Slavic nation. Hitler would learn to regret his disdain for Slavic people.

In 1939, Americans favored isolationism, and depended on the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans to protect us from the wars of other countries, particularly those in Europe. President Franklin Roosevelt did not believe the United States could avoid war and did his best to prepare the U.S. for what was to come.

On December 16, 1940, the Selective Service Act was passed to draft young American men for the defense of their country. The Act specified the soldiers and sailors would only defend American territories. One third of the American men drafted, had never fired a rifle. A program was put into place to train them. Designated trainers would teach American recruits in rifle marksmanship. Over 300,000 civilian instructors and thousands of shooting clubs across the United States, begin training future soldiers in Marksmanship. The Illinois State Rifle Association was one of those organizations. In the ISRA Museum I have one of those manuals that were used to train future soldiers in Marksmanship. The manual was written by

the National Rifle Association, and thousands of civilian instructors would use that manual to train new recruits. Something that no one seems to remember is that Marksmanship formed the backbone of our National Defense. *This is as true today as it was then.*

September 2, 1901 – Teddy Roosevelt's Good Advice

Theodore Roosevelt advised Americans "to speak softly and carry a big stick". Still good advice. I wonder if anyone in Washington D.C. knows about this advice.

September 2, 1789 – Congress Establishes the U.S. Treasury

Alexander Hamilton would become the first head of the United States Treasury.

September 3, 1783 – The Treaty of Paris Signed

This brought about the end of the American Revolutionary War with England. The treaty forced Great Britain to recognize the United States as a sovereign nation. In those days, it was customary for those who signed the treaties to sit for portraits commemorating the event. The emissaries from Great Britain refused to show up. *Poor babies, you got your butt kicked.*

September 4, 1886 – Apache Chief Geronimo Surrenders

Chief Geronimo was the last Indian warrior to formally give up to the United States government troops, thus ending the Indian wars. Geronimo and his band of warriors would eventually wind up on the Comanche and Kiowa reservation near Fort Sill Oklahoma. Geronimo converted to Christianity and was in President Theodore Roosevelt's inaugural parade in 1905. Geronimo died at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on February 17, 1909.

"The most effective way to destroy people is to deny or obliterate their own understanding of their history."

George Orwell

Other Events & Gun Shows

While the gun show information shown in this email is believed to be accurate, sometimes changes occur. This is provided for informational purposes only.

If your club or organization is holding a gun show, event or class, let us know the details, and we'd be happy to post it in our Weekly Range Schedule.

Now - Sept 20 Rifle Postal Challenge – any suitable shooting site – must be witnessed to participate [<Click here for details in The Illinois Shooter newspaper>](#)
Sept 21 – 22 Crown Pt Gun Show, Lake Co., Crown Point, IN

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Sept 28 – 29 Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club House, Gun & Knife Show, Chillicothe
Sept 28 – 29 Kankakee Gun & Sportsman's Show, Kankakee Co. Fairgrounds
Oct 5 – 6 Central Illinois Gun Collectors Gun Show, Sangamon Co. Fairgrounds, New Berlin, Sat 9am - 3pm; Sun 9 am - 2pm, Admission \$5 adults
Oct 26 - 27 Sauk Trail Gun Show, Bureau Co. Fairgrounds, Princeton
Oct 26 – 27 Will County Gun Show, Will Co. Fairgrounds, Peotone
Nov 9 Youth Wingshooting/Pheasant Hunt, Iroquois Co. State Wildlife Area, Beaverville. Call to register: 815-933-1383 or [<click here for more information>](#).
Nov 30 – Dec 1 Central Illinois Gun Collectors Gun Show, Sangamon Co. Fairgrounds, New Berlin, Sat 9am - 3pm; Sun 9 am - 2pm, Admission \$5 adults

ISRA Grassroots Monthly Meetings

Come and meet fellow activists and learn the latest on protecting our Second Amendment Right! Join us for a buffet style dinner (\$16.99 per person) and attend our meeting with a guest speaker.

East Central Illinois - 3rd Thurs – Clifton Sportsman's Club, 3106 US-45 #52, Clifton, IL;
Doors open 6pm; Meeting 7pm – 8pm

Northwest Suburban - 3rd Tues – Golden Corral, 1591 S. Randall Rd., Algonquin, IL;
Doors open 6pm; Meeting 7pm – 8pm

South Suburban/Cook County - 2nd Thurs – Kenootz Pizza, 4659 147th St., Midlothian, IL;
Doors open 6:30pm; Meeting 7pm – 8pm

Will County - 3rd Wed – Silver Dollar Restaurant, 422 E. Mississippi Ave., Elwood, IL;
Doors open 6pm; Meeting 7pm – 8pm

***Stand Strong &
Thank you for being a member!***



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Stand by for the ISRA Range Post Tuesday!