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2002 Membership Meeting & Elections

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28, 2002

Swap Meet

8:00 - 11:00

General Membership Meeting and Voting

11:00

BBQ Dinner

(served after ballots are cast)

*All Ranges will be Closed
During the Meeting!*

President's Message

By Jodie Graves

By the time you receive this article, the repairs to the silhouette range should have been completed. I hope those shooters who were displaced will be satisfied with the renovations to that range. To comply with mandated state EPA laws, our ongoing lead removal process continues. We anticipate a prolonged lead removal process on the 15 and 7 yard pistol line since we plan to install an "eyebrow" (bullet deflector) over the berm to prevent bullets from going over that range

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Gateway Rifle and
Pistol Club
has a new
website.

Check it out at
www.grpc-jax.org

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**Weekend Range Officers
 NEEDED**
 8 hours per day
Good Starting Pay
(See Ross Dodd for more information)

Join GRPC
 For only \$65.00 per year (prorated quarterly) + \$4.23 tax + one time initiation fee of \$65.00
 or
Come Shoot as a Day Member
 WEEKDAYS \$10.00 per person
 WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS \$15.00 per person
 Ages 15 and under (accompanied by an adult) shoot for half the adult daily fee
(Day Membership Entitles Shooter to use only the 7, 15, or 25/50 yard Pistol Lines or 50/100 yard Rifle Lines)



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Members wishing to submit an absentee ballot may cut out this ballot and submit it to GRPC via U.S. Mail or personally deliver it to the office, subject to the following conditions:

1. All absentee ballots placed in the U.S. Mail must be notarized, postmarked no later than September 26, 2002, and received at GRPC by close of business on Friday September 27, 2002. Any mail ballots received after that time will not be accepted.
2. Absentee ballots brought in person to the office at GRPC must be verified by the office staff via presentation of a current membership badge. No absentee ballots brought in person will be accepted after close of business on Friday September 27, 2002.

Absentee Ballot	
President	Jodi Graves
Vice President	Will Hux
Secretary	Fred Gatlin
Treasurer	_____ <i>(please write in nominee)</i>
Chief Instructor	Lloyd Watkins.
Public Relations	Bruce Wells
Board of Directors <i>(write in or select no more than four)</i>	Janie Herrick Ray Kerbs Charles "Grit" Preston James Watts Larry Gwaltney J. L. Moore _____ _____
<i>If mailing ballot, please notarize below.</i>	

and onto the smallbore-only rifle range behind those ranges. During the closure of those ranges, daily members will be diverted to the 25/50yard pistol range. This project is expected to take a minimum of 30 days to complete. Other ranges will be scheduled for mining, but I have been assured that it will not impact any major matches. This is an ongoing process, and from time to time each of us will be inconvenienced by a range closure, but that is one price we must pay for the freedom we enjoy.

Along the line of freedom, I have been asked the club's stance on backing political candidates. The answer is this, Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club does not endorse any candidate running for office. However, Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club welcomes the views of all political candidates. The following candidates have taken time out of their busy schedules to come to our club to express their views on 2nd amendment rights: Jennifer Carrol, David Gooding, and John Rutherford. We are a strong political force of over 2500 individual voters who can be expected to vote to maintain their 2nd amendment freedoms. The spouses and friends of those 2500 members can easily represent an additional 2500 to 10,000 votes. Jodie Graves as President of GRPC can not endorse a candidate. However, Doctor Jodie Graves, shooting enthusiast, will cast her vote for those candidates that support her views toward maintaining our constitutional rights and victims rights. The best way to ensure that your beliefs and freedoms are maintained is to support those candidates who represent your

views. The NRA will gladly provide you with the names of the candidates supporting our position as gun owners.

We would like to welcome Larry Gwaltney as a new member of the board of directors and Bruce Wells as the new Public Relations officer. Since these two individuals routinely came to board meetings and have shown a genuine interest in the direction of GRPC, the Board of Directors

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appointed them. The decisions made by the BOD are often difficult, but we are fortunate that every board member honestly seeks the greater good of the club. The individuality of each member balances many decisions. I have learned to appreciate the views of each member of the board and draw from their experiences.

I would like to address a criticism concerning BOD unwillingness to hear issues from the members during the monthly meetings. The BOD have the responsibility for setting club policy and maintaining club business. The meet-

ing begins at 7PM and should end around 9PM. This mandatory two hours is packed full of club business: financial report, managers report, safety concerns, policy review/implementation, match reports, committee reports, etc. We have 19 individuals representing 2300-2500 members. However, there are ways for club members to express their views at a BOD meeting. First, prior to the board meeting, you can ask the president to place you on the agenda. Second, you can write a letter to the board and the secretary will present it as correspondence to the board. You can not however, speak from the gallery during a meeting unless addressed specifically by the board to answer an enquiry. Since members feel they are being overlooked, I will permit members of the gallery to speak to the BOD at the conclusion of the meeting. These ground rules ensure fairness for everyone. 1. Make arrangements prior to the meeting. 2. Speak for a maximum of three minutes. 3. Present only facts: time, place, witnesses, safety issue, specific question. I may not be able to get to everyone who desires to speak. I must end the meeting no later than 9:10PM unless the BOD desires to discuss an issue more.

I want to thank all of you for permitting me to serve as president. I hope you will vote for me again in September.

PS Women's Field Day is rapidly approaching again. Let us make it even better this year.

Thank you,
JODIE GRAVES

GRPC 2002

Candidates for Election

G. Larry Gwaltney for Member of Board of Directors

I am employed with Jacksonville Fire/Rescue Department and hold certification as Fire Officer 1 & 11, Public Education Officer 1, Fire Inspector Officer 1 & 11, Hazmat, Emergency Medical Technician, A.C.L.S, C P R In-

structor, I am also on National Board, received Black Belt in Karate in 1965, and FAA Pilot Certification in 1969. I am also a professional photographer.

I have always had a love for hunting and shooting and have been an NRA member for over 30 years. I became a member of Gateway Rifle & Pistol in 1970 and am now a life member. I love all aspects of shooting. I shoot

Bullseye Pistol, Black Powder Cartridge Rifle, High Power Semi-automatic Military Rifle, 22 Plinking, Action, Outdoor Air Pistol, Indoor Air Pistol.

I currently serve on Board of directors being elected in May to fill a vacancy when another member became ill. I would like to continue on the Board for year 2003. As your Board Member, I will strive to provide a clean and safe range. I believe our first and foremost goal should be to finish all the projects that have been started. Then we can identify and prioritize future projects for club improvement.

We need everybody to work together and strive for more member involvement in our club. I look forward to serving you as a board member.

Janie Herrick for Member of Board of Directors

My name is Janie Herrick. I have had the pleasure of serving for the past three years as a director on the GRPC board and would like to submit my name for re-election. I am an active, competitive shooter and life member of GRPC. In addition I am a, Level II CRO through the National Range Officers Institute (NROI), Secretary/Treasurer of South East Practical Shooters Association (SEPSA) and a member of the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA). I am a member of the Glock Sport Shooting Federation (GSSF) and a long time member of the NRA.

I have also served as a committee member for the Friends of the NRA (FONRA) for the past two years.

During the last three years I have been honored to serve with the men and women who are the driving force behind the improvements and everyday running of our range. Having a diverse group with diversified interests generally lends to improved understanding as a whole when it comes to making decisions concerning our (yes...yours and mine) range. During my term I have served on various committees, most recently the Kitchen Committee, the ongoing Web Site Committee and the Plate Rack Committee. When we vote in the boardroom, I do my best to vote in a way that will represent all of our members and

not just a select group.

I shoot and work three to four matches per month both at Gateway and throughout the state. I have worked as registrar and treasurer of 4 major USPSA matches held at GRPC in the last 3 1/2 years and have worked as an RO at matches throughout Florida since 1996 including the annual Glock match held here each January. The most enjoyable part of all of this is the time I get to spend with new shooters teaching them gun handling skills and range safety.

The number of varied shooting disciplines that Gateway offers continues to grow and the interest in the shooting sports is growing at an astonishing rate. The Juniors' Program at GRPC,

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Bruce Wells

For Public Relations Officer Board of Directors

My name is Bruce Wells, I was raised and currently reside on the Northside of Jacksonville. I am requesting your support and vote for Public Relations Officer. I now hold this office since the resignation of the former officer. I grew up in Jacksonville and graduated from Ribault Sr. High in 1970. I served in the US Navy and am a Vietnam veteran. I am a machinist by trade and work for

Smurfit Stone Container Corp. in Fernandina Beach. I am a life member of the NRA and have been a member at GRPC for three years. I am currently serving on the Friends of the NRA committee for this year's banquet. I serve as the Royal Ambassador Director for my church, which is the equivalent of Scouts but for Southern Baptist. I enjoy hunting, shooting sporting clays, and skeet. I enter an occasional rifle match, but I regularly shoot IPSC, IDPA and the Action matches. Thank you in advance for your support.

heard around the club and maybe clear up a few misconceptions about the sport.

"There's no 180-degree rule, so IDPA is unsafe." Well ...there's no 180-degree rule when you're getting mugged on the street either! IDPA's purpose is to simulate realistic self-defense scenarios, therefore, muzzle control points in IDPA are dictated by individual club rules and range design. Some range bay designs can safely accommodate arcs of fire beyond 180 degrees, so mandating a 180-degree rule for all courses of fire in IDPA is unnecessary.

"I get penalized for doing speed-reloads or not shooting from behind cover." Speed reloads are strictly a game tactic. Discarding a partially loaded magazine or not getting behind cover during a real gunfight would be foolish, and IDPA is about *survival tactics*, not game tactics. In the real world, you won't know in advance how long the gunfight is going to last nor how much ammo you will need.

"There are too many rules limiting the type of equipment you can use in IDPA." There are two reasons for this...the first is to make IDPA courses realistic. The second reason is so that IDPA competitions maintain a level playing field where you can compete with your normal carry gun and equipment.

"IDPA courses of fire aren't very realistic." IDPA at Gateway is still in its infancy and we're beginning to accumulate a variety of match props. IDPA is, after all, still a game, but we try to make it as realistic as well as competitive. Please join us and see for yourself.

(Janie Herrick-Continued from page 4)

Ladies Field Day, and many other local, national and international competitions hosted at Gateway continually bring us new members. I totally support these programs and varied competitions.

Before getting involved in all of this I was just a daily shooter coming out here once in a while with my husband, Wesley. Some think that we should do away with Daily Shooters; I do not. Wesley and I are proof that Daily Shooters **DO** become members and **DO** get involved.

I would like the opportunity to serve you, the members of Gateway, for another term; being your voice and bringing your ideas before the BOD.

About the International Defensive Pistol Association

By Larry Kaswan

IDPA was founded by the same people who founded the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). IPSC started out as a defensive shooting oriented sport, but has evolved and changed. That's not to say that there's anything wrong with IPSC...the top shooters in the sport are phenomenal marksmen and athletes, and IPSC-style shooting is an absolute blast. But it isn't exactly practical anymore.

Consequently, the original founders of IPSC formed the International Defensive Pistol Association, a new shooting discipline designed to test an individual's shooting skills and survival tactics while solving realistic self-defense scenarios in a competitive environment. Since the sport is relatively new to GRPC, I'd like to expound on a few comments I've

See Ballot on Page 2
for a complete list of candidates

**Cast Your Vote at the
Annual Meeting and Election
September 28, 2002
GRPC - 11:00 AM**

4th Annual Women's Field Day November 2, 2002

8:00AM - 4:30PM

Guns Make You Nervous?

Don't Miss this
One Day Opportunity to Learn the
Fundamentals of Gun Handling & Safety
From Experienced Shooters in a
Controlled Safe Environment!

- Refuse to be a Victim Course
- Sight Alignment and Trigger Control Training
- Participate in Showcased Shooting Sports
- Door Prizes
- Lunch Provided



Eye and Ear
Protection are REQUIRED on all
shooting ranges.
GRPC will provide .22 caliber pistols,
rifles, and ammunition.
*However, Feel Free to
Bring your own guns and ammunition!*

Contact: Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club
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Range Maintenance Schedule

	RANGES CLOSED	TIME
Monday	200 yd & Silhouette	8:00 AM - 12:00 noon
Tuesday	7½ & 15 yd pistol ranges	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday	25 & 50 yd Pistol ranges	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Thursday	100 yd Rifle range	8:00 AM - 12:00 noon
Friday	All purpose ranges	8:00 AM - 12:00 noon

Monthly Club Match Directors

IR 50/50 22 Benchrest Bob Pekaar - 268-4537
High Power Silhouette & Black Powder Rifle Cartridge Silhouette Mel White 786-8115
IDPA Ed Sevetz 272-8484 (office callback)
Club 1800 Bullseye Randy Erickson 448-3174
Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Chuck Deason 772-1778
USPSA / IPSC / SEPSA Wesley Herrick 771-7548
High Power Rifle Will Hux 355-1777
22 Rimfire Plinking Shoot William Peoples 378-9109
Black Powder Muzzle Loading Barry Wheeler 730-3415
NRA / 1800 Bullseye Randy Erickson 448-3174
NRA / 2700 Bullseye James Watts 387-6287
Cowboy Action / SASS Bob Harris (aka Deadwood Jake) 724-7012
Action Shooting Grover Robinson 716-7531

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Saturday
1 Club 1800 (1) Small-bore Rifle Silhouette (4)	2	3	4	5	6	7 High Power Silhouette (3) IR 50/50 (4) IDPA (5)
8 High Power Rifle (3&4)	9	10	11	12	13	14 Muzzleloader (4) SEPSA (5) Air Pistol Silhouette (Ind.)
15 NRA 1800 (1) Cowboy Action - SASS (5)	16	17	18	19	20	21 Plinking (4) Hunter Ed. (5) Garand Match - 8:00
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Mini Palma (22) Black Powder Rifle Silhouette (3) Pistol Silhouette (4) Action Pistol Shooting (5) ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION!!!!
29 USA Tryout (22, 1, Indoor)	30	September 2002				

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Saturday
October 2002						
6 Club 1800 (1) Smallbore Rifle Silhouette (4)	7	8	9	10	11	5 High Power Silhouette (3) IR 50/50 (4) IDPA (5)
13 High Power Rifle (3),	14	15	16	17	18	12 Muzzleloader (4) SEPSA (5) Air Pistol Silhouette (Ind.)
20 NRA 1800 (1) Cowboy Action - SASS (5)	21	22	23	24	25	19 Plinking Match (4) Hunter Ed. (5)
27	28	29	30	31	ATTENTION: If events are omitted from these calendars, it might be because no one informed the EDITOR! Hint! Hint!	

Mini Palma - 4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 - Smallbore Range

- 1) .22LR rifles, in three classes: TI: Target Iron sighted, TS: Target Scoped, F: Free class- any safe .22LR rifle, which can use any sighting system and any type of front rest, but no rear rest.
- 2) All shooting is "belly," or prone.
- 3) All shooting is at 100 yards. No wind flags/etc beyond the muzzle of the rifle.
- 4) All shooting done on one piece of paper, which has the sighter and record bulls for simulated 800, 900 and 1000yd targets.
- 5) Timed match, approx. one hour per match, if anyone ever wants to go for the three match aggregate, OK.
- 6) Each "distance" is scored as a match, and the aggregate is a separate winner.

Got a good .22? Want to wring it out? Here's your chance!

Ten Indicators that You Might be a Dedicated Rimfire Benchrest Shooter!

1. Your coffee cup is sculpted in the shape of a spent .22 cal shell.
2. You watch TNN's "American Shooter" thru your spotting scope.
3. Your favorite arm chair is stuffed with "heavy sand."
4. You have your Gunsmith's telephone number on speed-dial.
5. You order staples for your office by specific "lot number."
6. Your aftershave is a mixture of Kroil and Butch's Bore Shine.
7. Your TV remote control was built by Arnold Jewel.
8. The buttons on your radio have been replaced with "target knobs."
9. You named your last litter of puppies, Eley, Lapua, Federal, RWS, and CCI.
10. You decorated your front lawn with Wind Flags.

There's an old Indian saying, taught to me by an old Indian, that says, "90% of life is showing up" and I believe it. I feel that I am providing the rest of the Rimfire BR shooters a service! After all, if I didn't show up, one of them would have to come in last. I think that I am contributing to the good morale and welfare of my fellow competitors. I will wear my "Beat Me" T-shirt with pride, in hopes that it will inspire all who see the "infamous" logo. With the jocularly aside now, I would like to comment on Rimfire Benchrest Shooting as it resides at GRPC. For anyone who might be interested in trying this sport in the future, please come by and join us at our next shoot, you will be more than welcomed, as I was about 18 months ago. There is not a single member of this group of individuals that won't stop to answer any of your questions. The cost of participating in this sport is measured in dollars and time, the friendship and camaraderie, priceless!

By Bill Smith

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