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Garand Match *Past Tense!*

By Marion Estes

Saturday, 30 March 2002: The Spring GRPC Garand Match was held, with 41 competitors registered. Thanks to Tom Beattie and Will Hux for handling registration, Ray Kerbs as tech inspector, Tom Inman, Randy Rohlfing and Wesley Curtis (a participant) for their help on the line. We ran out of T-shirts, my fault, no excuses. More shirts are in production, and when ready, will be available in the club with your name tagged. Sorry for the inconvenience and delay. We have ordered 70 shirts

for the next match, and hope to run short there, too.

Sighters down range at 0900, and the show was on. The match went very smoothly, all things accounted for, and only had one example of a classic "M-1 Thumb," a real beauty. Caught the right thumb directly amidstips at the last knuckle, and split the thumb pad into a triangular "owiee." The owner was staunch about the event, had it banded, and finished the match. Bravo.

Think it was close? You bet.

Wesley Curtis won for the second time

in two years, with a very respectable score of 283 and 5 "X" out of a possible 300. This would have placed nicely in the national match Garand event. We suspect the value of Wesley's Garand should increase by about \$100 per win. Some think it is a result of the time he spends shooting small-bore silhouette, high-power silhouette, Conventional NRA high-power, and who knows what else. He was known to gleefully disappear with two grocery bags full of Winchester AA trap shotshell cases, so maybe he plays with a scattergun, too. Very nice guy, to boot. Congratulations on a fine show.

The rest of the pack demonstrated some excellent rifle work, too. Think it was close, again? Behold the top fifteen scores:

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The purpose of this paper is to disseminate news and information to each other.

If you have information about Gateway activities that you want to share with other members,
PLEASE Contact Your Editor!

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MiniPalma-Smallbore Match Seeks a Home

By Marion Estes

Small, Smallbore, short match looking for good home: The Smallbore Palma Match, aka MiniPalma, aka Smallbore Palma, is looking for a good time and place to land. It was initially scheduled to follow the HiPower matches, starting about 1230 on the second Sunday of each month. This worked, but not very well, as it proved a little awkward in the starting time,

and eventually ran afoul of weariness, NFL, and pretty fall days.

The match itself takes one hour by the clock for each stage, and can be one, two, or three stages for an aggregate. All scoring is done at the end of the stage, so no walk-n-paste.

This game is an effective scaling down of the time honored Palma Match, which is contested with center-fire rifles at 800, 900, and 1000 yards,

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with all firing done from the prone position. The Mini Palma involves .22 long rifle chambered guns, in the following classes:

MT: Metallic sight Target rifle: target rifle, metallic sights, sling, mat, coat, spotting scope.

ST: Scoped Target rifle, sling, coat, mat, spotting scope.

F: Free class. Any .22lr rifle you can bring to the line by yourself, any sights, any configuration. Front rests (bipod, sandbag, benchrest, etc. OK) permitted, no rear rests.

All shooting is done from 100yds, and the targets are the Palma targets reduced to correct for the range. Sighter and "record" targets are all on the same piece of target paper, which saves a lot of work.

No Joy Here! No wind flags, wind-mills, devices, etc permitted except at the firing line. A bit of a test of reading conditions, since on the 1000 yd target, the difference between a center "10" ring and a center "7" amounts to one inch. Miss your read, learn to smile under adversity.

Please give this some thought, consider your other shooting activities, and see if we can come up with a mutually agreeable time to run this fun show. The Smallbore line behind the short pistol lines can handle up to about nine shooters at 100 yards, and is a very pleasant range to use.

Input, upget, outgo, call Marion Estes @ 641-7775, home phone, between 1800 - 2130 hours. After that, the phone miraculously fails to work.

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GRPC Store Expansion

We have expanded the store an additional 120 square feet. We have expanded our line of Dillon Precision Products, added a new line of hard cast and swaged bullets from Meister (Bullet Co. and stock various other shooting supplies. Additional fraternal items such as jackets, sweatshirts, golf type shirts, hats and t-Shirts are available as well.

We invite all club members to visit our store. Feel free to drop in just to say hi, browse, or have a cup of coffee.

The store hours are 8 AM - till dusk / Seven Days a Week! We accept cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, and Discovery credit /debit Cards.

**Gateway Rifle and
Pistol Club
has a new
website.
Check it out at
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1. W. Curtis	283-5
2. T. Pulley	266-1
(with a .30 carbine!)	
3. Lance Turner	265-2
4. Rick Ballinger	264-1
5. Randy Erikson	263-19
6. Grit Preston	260-1
7. General Hearne	259-1
8. Mike Todd	258-2
9. Robert Estes	255-3
10. AJ Frei	255-3
11. Phillip Delgado	255-0
12. L. Gwantney	252-0
13. Mark Ahrens	250-2
14. Jim Rojas	250-0
15. Bill Bush	245-3

This is a very close set of results. The difference between second shooter and tenth shooter is 11 points. Most important, though, everyone seemed to have fun, and it was a safe event. The course of fire was identical to the Garand Match at the National Matches, under the same rules. There is a club south of here which holds Garand Matches monthly, but permits any ammunition. Be aware, the use of tailored hand loads can easily reduce the grouping ability of a rack-grade M-1 Garand by half, easily. That is one reason we use military spec ball ammunition, as it provides a "level field" for all shooters.

The Fudge Factor? A father and son team entered, Fudge Sr. and Fudge Jr., with Andrew Fudge (Jr.) winning the raffle. He is the new owner of a new in box .45 Auto, clone of 1911, with two eight round magazines and a hard carry case. Congratulations!

Thanks to all the participants, the admin/tech support, the line officers, and the nice day! Hope to see you at the next Garand Match! The next match will be in September, and we plan to make this event not just "a Garand Match," but...

"The Garand Match of the South."

SEPSA & Action Shooting

By Larry Kaswan



What do you get when you combine a SEPSA match with an Action Shooting Match? A whole lot of sun, fun, and "run 'n gun!"

The April Action Shooting match, scheduled for Saturday, April 27, was bumped for the SEPSA Area 6 Match on that date. In order to ensure that the Action shooters didn't get left out, the SEPSA folks kindly invited the Action shooters to participate in their monthly match on Saturday, April 13.

Many of the SEPSA shooters participate in Action and vice versa, but we did see a few new faces. Some folks were surprised to see how elaborate the SEPSA match stages are, practically requiring a construction crew to erect.

And don't forget the steel; SEPSA uses lots and lots of steel targets. Stage 3, for example, had 19 steel targets, including a Texas Star, a plate rack and 8 Pepper Poppers. If you've never seen the Texas Star, picture a large metal star that rotates on a central axis. On each of the star's points is a steel plate. When the first plate is knocked off, the star begins to spin and each time another plate is shot off, the rate and direction of the star's rotation changes. Just knock off all five plates as fast as you can...piece of cake!

If you like action shooting with a pistol, you should try it with a shotgun! After SEPSA matches are finished, they run a little shotgun side match where you can use anything from your basic 20-gauge pump to a full-blown Remington semi-auto race gun. During the April match, we were even joined by "Wylie De," aka George Dencer of the Cowford Regulators. Using his 1897 Winchester replica pump gun and loading shells into the chamber *one at a time*, he was able to knock down all the steel on Stage 3 just a half second slower than Grover Robinson using my


tricked-out, 10-shot Remington 1100!

Perhaps you're wondering what the difference is between SEPSA and Action Shooting. SEPSA stands for the South East Practical Shooters Association, which is part of USPSA, the United States Practical Shooting Association, which in turn is part of IPSC, the International Practical Shooting Confederation. This is an internationally sanctioned practical pistol shooting sport where members can be ranked and compete in matches at the local, regional, national and international level. For complete details about rules, equipment, etc., check out the SEPSA web page at www.sepsa.com, which will have links to the USPSA and IPSC websites. SEPSA matches are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month and typically start around 10:00 a.m. Due to the elaborate nature of the courses of fire, SEPSA matches usually run late into the afternoon, but hot food, snacks and beverages are available during the match.

Action Shooting is strictly a Gateway club shooting discipline with many of the same elements as SEPSA, but the rules and courses of fire are generally simplified, making it a great way to introduce beginners to competitive pistol shooting. The courses of fire are also typically more revolver friendly, so bring that ol' wheelgun. You can shoot a revolver in SEPSA as well, but you better bring LOTS of speedloaders!

Action Shooting matches are held on the 4th Saturday of each month, usually starting around 9:00 a.m. and finish by 1:00 p.m.

If you think you might be interested in competitive pistol shooting, give SEPSA *and* Action Shooting a try. You just might wind up getting hooked on both...like I did!



IR 50/50

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By Bob Pekaar

March 2002

We had a great turnout this month. Wiley and Janet Westfall from West Virginia came down and showed us how to shoot these fancy rifles. This couple shoots about 100 + matches a year and their scores bear this out. Tommy Wood and Bobby Mooneyham came over from the Gulf Rifle Club. Despite all this competition, the Gateway boys took two of the three top prizes. Eley ammo is making it's inroads in our area, but Federal 1000 A is, for some reason, the dominant sporter ammo.

We now have 25 positions (well, you need a shovel and auger on #1). Last year the club hosted the US Rimfire State championship and were also honored to be chosen for the Rimfire Benchrest Association National Competition. We have a great rimfire facility thanks to a team effort to promote the club at other clubs in the southeast, and also to those hard working guys behind the scene.

Gateway has applied for ARA (American Rimfire Association) sanctioning and should begin to shoot that discipline in April. It differs from IR 50/50, whose target appears in our logo, in that the "bull" is slightly larger. Sounds easy, but it's not. There are fewer reference lines to "hold off" on and, they use worst line scoring—if you break a line, you get the next lowest score. It's helpful in other disciplines because it forces you to concentrate on the X, not the 10 ring.

We shoot on the first Saturday of the month. Target frames are up about 0800 and the match starts at 1000.

April 2002

We had a beautiful day to shoot. It

was typical Gateway winds, so we all felt at home. There was no contest in the Sporter- Bill Dampier and Bill Schertz dueled it out and it was won by an X count. Turboman (Jeff Hopper) returned from his Triple Crown at Gulf Coast and taught us how to shoot the big gun (I think he reads too many Bill Calfee articles). He's off to Cordele, GA in the morning. It was a little closer in the 13 ½ pound class. Now that we're serious, everybody is using his or her pet ammo, sent to Florida during the winter. Interesting trend in ammo. I don't know how Bill Smith does it, but he always wins last place; still, when you consider the first target of his career had no holes in it, he's come a long way. He certainly is our most enthusiastic shooter. Last year we gave him the yearly award for "Most Improved Shooter"—this year, a tee shirt that says "Beat Me."

We shot our first ARA (American Rimfire Association) match this month. It's really tough, "worst edge" scoring is used. If your "10" breaks the 10 ring line, it's a 9. It's a ringed bull with a dot in the middle. The center is 100 points and there are 25 bulls. The top score was 2025- Yup, Jeff Hopper again. If you can shoot this game, you can shoot any. It teaches you to concentrate more on the X than the 10 ring alone.

We now have drainage ditches in the front and back of our shooting area. The problems now to be solved are:

1. *How do you get water to run up hill?*
2. *How do you stop banging your head on your trunk lid when retrieving equipment?*

I'm sure our professionals will get these worked out!

Sporter - 50 Yards

Competitor's Name	Score	X's
Bill Schertz	246	9
Bill Dampier	246	6
Don Hawkins	242	6
Bob Pekaar	240	5
Jeff Hopper	231	6
Chuck Slifer	226	7
Ashley Horn	223	2
Bill Smith	213	3

10.5 LB - 50 Yards

Competitors Name	Score	X's
Jeff Hopper	248	14
Bill Dampier	245	10
Bill Schertz	242	10
Bob Pekaar	241	8
Don Hawkins	236	9
Chuck Slifer	236	6
Ashley Horn	235	5
Bill Smith	233	9

13.5 LB - 50 YARDS

Competitors Name	Score	X's
Bob Pekaar	246	10
Jeff Hopper	245	11
Bill Schertz	243	11
Bill Dampier	242	13
Don Hawkins	238	4
Ashley Horn	224	4
Bill Smith	218	5
Chuck Slifer	DNF	0

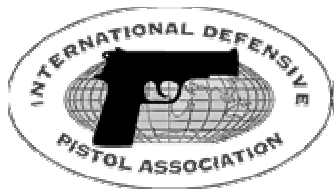


COWFORD REGULATORS

By Dakota Lil

Our March 2002 shoot marked the fifth birthday of the Cowford Regulators complete with a birthday cake. And being it was also St. Patrick's Day that made for a double celebration

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IDPA @ GRPC

By Larry Kaswan

Now that the Muzzleblast is back from limbo, I guess I'll have to get back to work in front of my keyboard and start telling you all about what's going on with IDPA at the Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club.

Since it's been a while, I'll start with the basics. IDPA is the International Defensive Pistol Association, an organization dedicated to providing a competitive shooting discipline that utilizes real-world shooting and survival tactics to solve realistic self-defense scenarios. If you're looking for a fun and exciting way to develop and practice your self-defense handgun skills, then IDPA is just the ticket.

All you need to get started in IDPA matches is a handgun of 9mm/.38 Special caliber or larger, a hip-worn concealment-type holster, a few magazines or speedloaders and a concealment garment. The favorite concealment garment seems to be the

photojournalist vest, but you can get by with just a shirt as long as it covers your handgun. You will also need a way to carry your reloads, such as a magazine pouch, but you can tote them in your pockets if you choose. If you own a handgun for personal defense, chances are you probably already have most of what you'll need to compete. For a complete set of rules regarding what you can and can't use in IDPA competition, check out their website at www.idpa.com.

I'd like to briefly report on the IDPA Florida State Match held at the Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club in Orlando on March 2nd and 3rd. In a word, it was a blast (pun intended)! There were 12 stages initially (one of them got blown away by the wind, so it was discarded), including stages involving shooting from inside a vehicle, shooting in low light and transitioning from a handgun to a shotgun. We even had a stage put on by our own Ed Sevetz and his crew that zapped more than a few shooters who didn't use proper room-clearing tactics.

And speaking of our own GRPC folks, we made a pretty good showing in the match with Rob Kocs taking 3rd Expert in Stock Service Pistol and Mark Nunnally taking 2nd Sharpshooter in Stock Service Pistol. We were also joined by several members from our sister club in Brunswick who came down to shoot the match.

Now, on to more recent events. During our last match, held on April 6th, we finally got to run our first BUG, or Back-Up Gun stage. It seemed that the gun-du-jour for the BUG stage was the ubiquitous S&W J-frame, in its numerous variations, although there were several compact autos, ranging from a Colt .380 Government Model up to a Glock 36 in .45 ACP, represented as well. Everyone I spoke to enjoyed the BUG stage, with several suggesting that we run one during each match.

Now that we finally have our own storage unit (thanks to Fred Gatlin and the BOD) our supply of match props is growing and we no longer have to beg and borrow props from our archrival, SEPSA (just kidding, Wes...we love you guys!). Now if we could just get an old car...

IDPA matches at Gateway start at 9:00 a.m. on the 1st Saturday of each month. The entry fee for each match is \$10 for IDPA members and \$20 for non-members, so if you plan to shoot more than a few times, it really pays to join. You can apply for membership in the International Defensive Pistol Association at the matches or online, and the cost is \$30 annually or \$75 for three years. For more information about the IDPA, check out their website or call Match Director Ed Sevetz at 272-8484. You can also e-mail me with questions or comments at likaswan@aol.com.

(Continued from page 4 - Cowford Regulators) complete with the wearing of the "Green." There were 38 loyal hombres in spite of our competing with an large annual shoot in Eustis, Florida.

On March 30, 2002, we held a Cowboy Action Shooting Class. It was given by Deadwood Jake (Bob Harris), Doc Monday (Joe Parido) and Double Ott (John Jacobs, who rides for the "Brunswick Brand"). It was a very informative course that was helpful to all levels of cowboy shooters. Thanks to all who participated, and especially to our instructors who put in a lot of time and effort to pull this off.

Happy Shootin'!

Gateway Juniors

By Jerry Vaughan

The Gateway 4H Junior Shooters have had a very busy spring. *Congratulations to all our WINNERS! Good Shooting!* They have completed the State FSSA Junior League. They have competed in the American Legion, National 4H and National Guard Postal matches, State Junior Olympic qualifications, at the National Junior Olym-

pics in Colorado Springs, and at Fort Benning. They won the Team 3Position qualification matches for the NRA Nationals, and had fun every Tuesday and Thursday night at Gateway. In between the shooting fun, the Junior shooters set the targets for the Sunshine Classic Silhouette Match to raise funds for their trip to Camp Perry in July.

Gateway 4H placed second in the FSSA Junior League. The final year-end results showed Andreas Baucom the Match (overall) winner in International Air Rifle, Katie Harrington-Class Winner, Kristie Harrington-3rd in Class, Trevor Boling-Class Winner,

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TOUGH? YOU WANT TO SEE TOUGH? HERE'S WHAT TOUGH IS:

By Marion Estes

So far, the GRPC Garand Match has slugged it out with almost every national and major religious holiday on the calendar. We went against Labor Day, Memorial Day, Mother's Day (very nervy of us), and even Easter weekend. Whew! Looking at the next scheduled Garand match, horror befell, as this was set for the middle of Thanksgiving weekend, the biggest travel weekend in the U.S.. We weren't sure we could successfully fight the Turkey War, so have moved the date of the GRPC Fall Garand match to 21 September. This gives sufficient lead time for shooters to decide to make it or not, and for the organizers to make sure we have the following ready for the show:

- Enough match T shirts
- SR-1 cards for CMP purposes
- Milspec ammunition
- A historically significant example or clone of a military firearm
- Certificates of participation
- Trophies

The turnout for the Easter weekend match was frankly well beyond our expectations, but very gratifying. We can put up to 22 shooters on the line per relay, and would love to see three full relays of fun-loving hard holding .30 cal shooters out there giving it their best.

Again, the match will be run exactly as at the Nationals, with prone slowfire, rapid (sustained, not hysterical) standing to prone, and slowfire standing stages. Sighters will be shot by each relay to get on paper.

There will be five sighter rounds, ten rounds slowfire prone, ten rounds sustained fire prone, and ten rounds slowfire standing. All shooting is done on the SR-2 target, with the 9 and 10 rings in black. The diameter of the 9 ring is 12.75", and the 10 ring is 7."

I heard commentary at the last match which was interesting. Interesting in that the match director should solicit more input, and equally interesting in that the competitor was remarking that there should be a division between the shooters based on their equipment.

That is, when the "serious" shooters show up in the Iron Maiden heavy coats, covered with anti-slide patches, more buckles than a Prussian Trooper, a padded glove, a shooting mat with treads, spotting scope, fitted sling, and all sorts of gizmos, are they in the same match as the shooters who show up with their Garand, a jean jacket (or, "you bet I'm ready...I got TWO T-shirts on for recoil") and maybe a sling, maybe not, and some large piece of cloth or cloth-like material smuggled out of the house for the day, no glove, and no scope?

Fancy gear is not all the game, but the shooting coats, gloves, mats and slings are certainly shooter assistive when engaged in this type of game. Having two classes (MaidenFrame and Normal? Straightjacket Gang and Regular? Top Fuel and Unleaded? Big Gear and No Gear?) makes pretty good sense. This looks like something which will happen. Of course, we operate on the presumption nobody would sandbag.....

Would you like a short period of time added to the sighter period to have some practice at loading/unloading the en bloc clips, especially in the rapid fire drill? Beyond that, is there any interest in a HiPower Rifle Clinic, which would last one pretty full day, demonstrating positions, sling use, sight picture, trigger control, the fundamentals of position precision shooting?

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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

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Saturday	
May 2002			1	2	3	4 High Power Silhouette (3) IR 50/50 (4) IDPA (5)	
	5 Club 1800 (1) Small-bore Rifle Silhouette (4)	6	7	8	9	10	11 Muzzleloader (4) SEPSA (5) Air Pistol Silhouette (Ind.)
	12 Mini Palma (22) High Power Rifle (3&4)	13	14	15	16	17	18 Plinking (4) Hunter Ed. (5)
	19 NRA 1800 (1) Cowboy Action - SASS (5)	20	21	22	23	24	25 Black Powder Rifle Silhouette (3) Pistol Silhouette (4) Action Pistol Shooting (5)
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Saturday	
June 2002	ATTENTION: If an event is omitted from these calendars, it is because no one informed the EDITOR! <i>Hint! Hint!</i>					1 High Power Silhouette (3) IR 50/50 (4) IDPA (5)	
	2 Club 1800 (1) Smallbore Rifle Silhouette (4)	3	4	5	6	7	8 Muzzleloader (4) SEPSA (5) Air Pistol Silhouette (Ind.)
	9 Mini Palma (22) High Power Rifle (3),	10	11	12	13	14	15 Plinking Match (4) Hunter Ed. (5)
	16 NRA 1800 (1) Cowboy Action - SASS (5)	17	18	19	20	21	22 Black Powder Rifle Silhouette (3) Pistol Silhouette (4) Action Pistol Shooting (5)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30						

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Brent Boling-Class Winner, and Amanda Crews-Class Winner. In the Small Bore, Andreas Baucom-Class winner; Katie Harrington-3rd in Class, Kristie Harrington-2nd in Class, Chip Vaughan-4th in Class, Trevor Boling-Class Winner, Brent Boling-Class Winner and Amanda Crews-2nd in Class. In the Sporter Air Rifle, Bobby Shank was the Class Winner.

In the National 4H Postal Match, Gateway Junior Shooters won 9 of the 21 Medals awarded. In the 3 Position Air Rifle: Kristie Harrington placed 2nd Overall in the Junior Category and Katie Harrington placed 5th in the Senior Category. In the 3Position Small Bore competition, Kristie Harrington placed 1st and Brent Boling placed 5th in the Junior Category. In the Senior Small Bore category, Katie Harrington -1st place, Beka Vaughan-2nd, Andreas Baucom-3rd and Chip Vaughan-5th place. In the .22 Pistol match Kristie Harrington placed 1st.

The American Legion Postal Match which they shot in April resulted in Andreas Baucom and Katie Harrington competing individually at the National level as well as with their Gateway Team members Kristie Harrington, and Beka Vaughan. Final results are expected soon.

Four of our Juniors (of 8 State-wide) qualified and competed in the National Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs in both the Small Bore and Air Rifle competition. Although they won no medals, each of our shooters finished in the upper half of all competitors and did shoot some of their personal bests. Maybe the mountains and the snowstorm were distractions but it was reported they placed first in beginning snowball toss!

The Juniors also qualified at the Florida State Qualifying Match held at Gateway for the State 3Position Air Rifle Nationals to be held in Atlanta in June. The "ALL GIRLS" team: Beka Vaughan, Amanda Crews, Katie and

Kristie Harrington will represent Gateway and Florida at the Nationals.

The National Guard match results have not been received but our scores were strong, so we hope to be in the top levels.

Juniors, parents and coaches set the chickens, rams, pigs and turkeys for the spring Sunshine Classic Silhouette Match to raise funds for the Juniors going to Camp Perry in July. Many thanks to Chuck Deason and all others responsible for making the Match successful and all of the Match participants for their generous contributions. That was our most successful fundraiser ever.

For more information on Gateway's Junior Program, contact Jerry Vaughan (904) 725-4317. If any groups/disciplines need help at your matches, the Junior Shooters are available. They need to raise additional funds for their trip to Camp Perry as well as other match fees and travel expenses.

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