

The MUZZLEBLAST



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Range Officer Class held at GRPC

by Robert W. Johnson

A level 1 RO (Range Officer) class was held at our Club on January 25 and 26, 2003. The class was organized and hosted by Public Relations Officer Bruce Wells and Nancy Wells, NROI Instructor/USPSA Range Master John Hurst of Naples, Florida volunteered his time to teach the class and Board of Directors Members Wesley Herrick and Janie Herrick were on hand to lend valuable assistance and insight to the 35 students.

Day 1 was all classroom instruction based on the NROI Level One Workbook published by USPSA/IPSC Inc. and the USPSA Rule Book copyrighted by USPSA/IPSC, Inc. Employing a question and answer format John used visuals, demonstrations and relevant examples from his vast experience.

Day 2 began in the classroom with John acting out various safety violations with a dummy gun while students took turns serving as his RO. The class then moved to the All Purpose Range where a stage consisting of 3 targets separated by 2 no shoot targets was set up. The stage required 6 shots from each side of a barricade and included a mandatory magazine change. Under the watchful eyes of John, Wesley and Janie each student was required to serve as the backup

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Photo

Warren Schryer

by John Gaves

Our friend, Warren Schryer, passed away January 13, 2003. We laid him to rest on January 16, 2003. Warren was a past President, match director, and club manager. He worked at our club store back when it was only a small trailer. For many years he was a fixture on our pistol line – he competed frequently in the Bullseye matches. I first met War-

ren in 1981 when I joined Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club – he was a young man of 61 years at that time. He, along with many others, cultivated my interest in shooting sports. I was not able at the time to afford factory loads and Warren offered to reload for me at an extremely reasonable price. I did not realize at the

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***Submission
 deadline for next
 issue April 19***

Employment Opportunities

Gateway is looking for Range Officers to work from 4:00PM until closing. Contact Sam Cowan or Ross Dodd. 771-2937

From the Editor

This issue has gone together very fast thanks to the many submission from our members. I got several things I was unable to use due to space. I also received scores from the side matches held during the Glock matches in an excel format. While I could read them I sure couldn't figure out what to do with them.

I was rather disappointed not to hear from Chuck Deason and the Sunshine Classic. The match is one of the largest held at Gateway. Several of the ranges will be closed during this event for the weekend.

Nor have I received anything from the Dixie Match folks. I know they will be using several ranges for the 3 days.

E-mail your submissions to dennisg@fdn.com for consideration.

Letters to the Editor

Dennis, thanks very much for editing the Muzzleblast. I especially like the new booklet style format. Now, a couple of suggestions:

The old versions used to give the phone numbers and/or email addresses of the board members. Can we do this again?

I would like to contact Fred Robbins who wrote the F class article, but there was no contact information for him. Would you let me have it, or perhaps ask him to contact me?

Ditto for ICORE. There was an article, but no name or contact information that I could see. I would be interested in finding out more.

Thanks again, Peter Kenny

Congratulations on a job well done on the publication. A few points; Don Hawkins does not want to be known as "Ass. Rangemaster". I personally feel that this would attract to many people to our match, as we only have 20 benches. I need to contact the other rimfire disciplines for info. You need to post e-mail addresses on page 6 (Rangemasters). Whatever. See ya, Bob Pekaar

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January Match Results NRA Hunter's Pistol and Cowboy Silhouette

by Vic Bragalone

Welcome to the New Year and hopefully a better year for Pistol and Cowboy Silhouette. I have to say that in spite of the frigid temperatures some of the more hearty chicken shooters came out and did some respectable shooting. Before getting into the match results I would like to describe this NRA competition. We actually shoot four separate competitions on the fourth Saturday of the month at the silhouette range (range 4). They are Hunter's Pistol, Smallbore Hunter's Pistol, Pistol Cartridge Cowboy and Smallbore Cowboy Silhouette which all use the same size targets. If any members have done shooting on the silhouette range they would have seen a pair of targets atop huge springs at each of the target rails. Well, the larger of the two is the size of the animals that are used for this competition. The rules are simple, first you must be a member of the NRA, second, you must purchase a score book from the match director (there is one for pistol silhouette and one for rifle silhouette) for \$11.50. I usually wave the purchase of a score-book to first time shooters so that he or she can decide whether or not this sport is for them. Next is the equipment, for Hunter's Pistol it is any straight-walled pistol cartridge no longer than a 44 mag plus the 22 Hornet and 32-20 Winchester, this includes 22Mag, 9 MM, 38 special, 357 mag, 40 cal, 45 cal, 45 Long Colt, 44 special and 44 mag. For Smallbore Hunter's Pistol it is 22 LR only. There is two categories in pistol, any sight and open sights. For Pistol Cartridge Cowboy it is any Lever Action tubular fed, pistol cartridge rifle with open sights or tang or receiver peep sights. For example I use a Henry 22 mag I purchased for about \$220. In Smallbore Cowboy it is any tubular fed, 22 LR semi-automatic, pump or lever

action rifle with open sights or tang or receiver peep sight. Again for example I use a Henry lever action I purchased at Wal-Mart for under \$200. As you can see especially for Smallbore Cowboy you may have any one of these sitting in the gun cabinet. The targets are set on rails at 40 meters for chickens, 50 meters for pigs, 75 meters for turkeys and 100 meters for rams. These steel silhouettes come in two thicknesses for obvious reasons. The scoring is simple enough, the shooter shoots one shot at each of 5 targets, if the target falls down an X is marked on the score card, if it doesn't an O is marked, oh, there is some twists to this. First the shooter has 30 seconds of preparation time and 2 minutes to fire 5 shots. This is done twice for each animal for a total of 10 animals. So with four animals you will need 40 rounds. Second, the shooter can only use his body for support (no slings or rests) for rifles and for pistols no part of the body can touch except for the hands. If you are interested or have any questions come by on the 4th Saturday from 9 AM to sometime in the afternoon usually 3 or 4 depending on the number of shooters or you can reach me at 223-1188 or e-mail vicbrag@attbi.com. The entry fee is \$5 per gun.

Practice started at 9 AM and the match started at about 10:30 with 6 shooters shooting a total of 11 guns. High shooter in Smallbore pistol open sights was George Adams with an 18x40. High shooter in pistol any sight was Danny Doyle with a 26x40. High shooter in Smallbore cowboy was Mike Hicks with a 25x40. High shooter in pistol cartridge cowboy and the days High score was Vic Bragalone with a 27x40. The next match will be 02/22/03. Come on out and have a little fun.

Range Officer Class

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RO (scorekeeper), the RO (timer) and finally as the shooter.

Students were then given 2 weeks to submit a completed 50 question test requiring both written answers as well as citation of applicable rules. After the tests have been graded by John each student will be notified as to whether or not her or she has become an RO.

Without RO's there could be no IPSC, USPSA, SEPSA or Action matches at our club. When you participate please remember that the RO's primary responsibility is SAFETY followed closely by assisting the shooter. So shoot safely...shoot well...have fun...and if you don't know...ask your RO.

Robert W. Johnson

Member GRPC, USPSA, SEPSA, IDPA

From the President

Due to the overwhelming response to the closure of the shotgun range, this range will remain open. It will be a topic of discussion at a future date. Engineering drawings are being made to erect eyebrows and baffles for those ranges, which are responsible for lead bouncing over on to the closed smallbore range. The employee handbook and mission statement has been approved and has been signed by our current staff. The board approved at the January meeting to increase club dues to seventy-five dollars per year. The board also passed the motion to have range officers available during all hours the club ranges are open. A fresh coat of paint should soon be visible on many of the buildings. Maintenance has been slowed due to recent surgery on our Bob's arm. Unfortunately, lead mining is taking longer than expected.... I am considering filing a missing person's report on Eldon. The BOD approved an absentee ballot

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HighPower Rifle Clinic

GRPC Offers a Two day HighPower Rifle Clinic, 29 and 30 March 2003. The focus is on conventional Highpower match shooting from three positions, Standing, Sitting and Prone. Service Rifles are most used and include the 1903 and A3 Springfield, M-1 Garand, M-14 and clones, and the M-16 and AR variants. This does not exclude bolt action, semi-auto, and even lever action rifles of US and foreign manufacture. Sight systems range from "open irons" to optics. Sling use is critical for precision, so consider rifle choice based on rifle setup.

Clinic Topics:

Day One: 0900

Range Safety and Courtesy
Rifle/sling use introduction
Other equipment: mat, scope, stool, etc
Match procedures/rules
Course of fire
Position definition and building (prone, sitting, standing)
Lunch break
Position practice/coaching
30 rounds shot from the three positions
Feedback/review session

Day Two: 0830

A Conventional National Match will be shot, in conjunction with the GRPC Highpower League Match. This should provide considerable interaction with current Highpower shooters, and a chance for almost individual coaching throughout the match. Various gear can be inspected, evaluated, with immediate feedback from the League shooter. Scoring/verifying, actual match conditions will be demonstrated. At the conclusion of the NMC (National Match Course), additional feedback and information is available from the instructors and shooters. We are encouraging all current League shooters to show up and introduce/coach Clinic participants in whatever aspects they feel confident to present.

Clinic will provide the following:

Current Hipower rule book
Open Bolt Indicator
Certificates of Completion
Instruction
Targets/pasters
Score cards
A few (6?) loaner mats
A few (6?) loaner slings

Participant is suggested to provide:

Rifle
Sling
Mat or mat-like ground cloth
90 rounds safe ammunition
Two or more magazines, depending on rifle
Hearing protection (strong recommendation)
Eye protection (strong recommendation)
Heavy/extreme weather glove (padded ski gloves OK) for non-trigger hand
Heavy shirt, jeans jacket, padded vest, to act as shooting coat.
Notebook for class/range notes
Good attitude, open mind.
Clinic attendance meets requirements of CMP for M-1 Garand purchase.

This clinic is limited to 24 participants in order to provide the best ratio of staff: student. Registration will be done by signup and prepay at GRPC.

Total Clinic fee: \$45.00, payable to GRPC High Power Rifle Account.

GRPC has an active Highpower League, with shooters classified from Marksman through High Master. We do not have any soreheads we know of, but do know of a few who are free to express their innermost convictions freely.

Warren Schryer from page 1

time what a pain that was on a single stage press. Warren never complained. As time passed and I grew into the sport, I made other arrangements to give Warren a rest. Warren was always at the club cheering us lesser shooters on. He would hand out small trophies when a shooter won the marksman and sharpshooter class. Warren loved our club.

I was there the night his wife, Helen, died in the arms of her son, David, while Warren lovingly sat by her side. Warren's faith never wavered. Even when Warren was stricken by a stroke and the untimely death of his son, David, he maintained his faith. The last time I saw Warren was at our club. He sat in his wheelchair – although twisted by time and illness. He greeted me with a smile and extended his good hand. As I shook his hand, he introduced me to his grandson, Travis. Warren informed me he was teaching his grandson to shoot, passing on his skills as he has done for so many others before.

Warren Schryer was one of the finest men I have had the pleasure of knowing. His positive personality reflected the best our club has to offer. We, as club members, must be mindful - men like Warren Schryer first blazed the path we walk today. I never once heard him complain. He had an air of dignity that he maintained to his end. His neatly trimmed mustache, soft voice, and gentle smile will be sorely missed. When we loose friends or loved ones, we must remember they did not go from us. They merely went before us and a portion of them will always remain within us. Farewell my friend – please save me a place on the line.

Warren Schryer remembered

by dennis

I had know Warren for many years and his passing left me sad. One of the many things I remember about Warren is his statement many years ago while he was our treasurer. "Guys, we will have an income this year of \$100,000, this is a real business."

Message from Our Web Master

The club has hosted a web site for over a year now. We have our normal weekly activities and specialty matches. We are gaining visibly as a predominant club in this sector of the country. I am delighted to be your webmaster as well. I am proud of our club and all of the accomplishments and recognition we garner from our outstanding membership as well as the activities that continually ensue. We have the finest facilities, membership as well as matches which provide an avenue to harmonize our responsibilities as citizens. All thanks to you, the members. It receives abundant traffic not only from local sources but from all over the world as well. It was built with the intent to provide a medium in which to publicize all of the club's activities and to house all of our history as an organization. Much of its content has been derived from those of you that have provided direct contributions and feedback. So, why should GRPC host a web site and how or why should it continue to evolve?

Well, in order to reply to such a question, let's start with the club's charter. We are a club not only to pursue excellence in a sport but to protect and defend our rights under the constitution. As you are well aware, much impetus exists in today's tide which would only serve to thwart our rights under the law.

Mini-Palma Matches

by Marion Estes

The Mini-Palma (MP) matches are still scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month, 0900. Since the smallbore line is shut down for the nonce, we will have to inveigle a way to get access to the 100 yd smallbore line. Any immediate workable ideas?

I honestly think the current smallbore line is safe to humans who are under the covered line. The vehicles which sit out there are currently subject to some "bounce-over" bullets, from the 7.5 and 15 yd pistol line berms. These

The site is provided therefore to ensure that the membership and those surrounding the community is provided a round-trip of information and the means to interact directly with the club. Here are some of the aspects which help you to keep you in touch and on top activities of the club.

GRPC's web site currently provides you with:

Information about the club

Information about individual disciplines (the what's, where's and scores from matches)

Calendar of events (for the ability to find out what is currently happening)

Permit you to interact with the board members and discipline leaders (e-mails, list services)

Public forum to permit you to voice your opinions and comments

How does this help you? By providing you with the most up-to-date information and a state of the art platform, information contained within is continually updated through regular and periodic postings by the membership providing the content to the webmaster, much the same way as these articles for the Muzzleblast. They are contributed directly by the membership. You can view this edition of the Muzzleblast as well as previous ones, minutes of the

board meeting, results of IDPA, ICORE or other future matches, recurring or new schedules of upcoming events; and training. You may post your opinions about any hot topic through our interactive posting forum, visit other sites that are referenced within. The list goes on and on.

So how can it improve? Simple; view it, provide feedback, interact with it and contribute content. How could it evolve? If we remove the rhetorical characteristics of "the sky's the limit", we could harness it eventually to permit everyone in the community to use it to conduct business directly with the club. For those of you that currently conduct business on the internet and interact with one or more vendors on-line, we could easily evolve into that level next.

Before I move down that vane though, we need to grow as a community by beginning the trip of interacting more with one another culturally. So my fellow members, let's continue to pass the word. Use it, feedback and provide content. Please feel free to send all of your inquiries to me about the site or any of its supporting pages at webmaster@grpc-jax.org or to any of the other e-mail address provided within. To view the site, please visit <http://www.grpc-jax.org>. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

From the President

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policy to reduce confusion and ensure consistency for future elections. The BOD also allocated a little funding to sweeten the pot at the annual chili cook-off – so pull out those recipes. I want to thank those club members who take the time to come to the Board of Director's meetings. I do not want to hog the Muzzleblast this issue so I need you eloquent writers to submit articles to Dennis.

Crawfish Shoot

Florida State IR 50/50 Championships

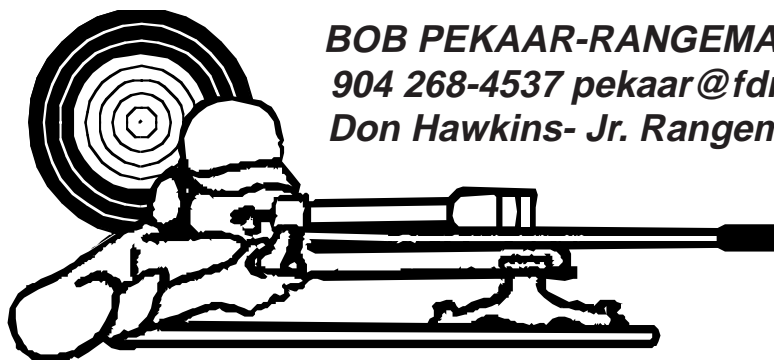
by Bob Pekaar

Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club will again hold the U.S. Rimfire Association Florida State Championship. The match is popularly known as the "Crawfish", since that is part of our cuisine. It began about 8-9 years ago and has been the largest state match in this discipline because of our facilities and ability to run an efficient competition. This concept was originated by "Slick" (Dennis Glasscock). Another reason for it's popularity is that it is the first sate match of the shooting season. It attracts shooters from Arkansas, up to Illinois and over to Maryland. So that you may make your shooting plans, I am posting a schedule of events. On Friday, April 4th shooters will be arriving for a day of practice. In the past they have begun arriving at 10 AM on the benchrest-silhouette range adjacent to the 200 yard range. Practice will continue throughout the day. On Saturday, April 5th, the 50 yard match will begin at 9 AM, followed by practice for the next days 50 meter event. After that we eat "mud bugs" and barbecue. On Sunday, the 50 meter event starts at 9 AM--remember that's the first day of Daylight's Saving Time ("spring forward, etc."). That event should end about 4 PM. "Slick" is our chef and we look forward to a great meal. If anyone would like to volunteer for target pulling and posting, I'd appreciate it. Our young shooters need to know that they can sell coffee and whatever to boosts their funds on Saturday and Sunday mornings. My thanks to Chuck Deason and his shooters for working out the scheduling and to "Grit" for his help in the past.

Gateway- 02/01/03

We had a great shoot, if a 20 mph headwind is your cup of tea. It was actually 5 degrees below freezing (that's 65 in Florida). It was like deja vue all over again- so many cars with foreign license plates- Illinois, Maine, Georgia- I thought I was at the "Crawfish" and panicked (as my sporter score reveals). Then I remembered it was the peak of "Snowbird" season. It was good see some of old friends again. Bill Schertz really did a great job with that beautiful sporter of his. Watch out- he has two full cases of that Federal. The Georgia boys dominated the heavy gun classes. Ya' just can't keep "Old Blue" down- that barrel is not shot out. It was good to see our newer shooters back and improving. Bill Smith is still practicing for last place and made it in the Sporter- way to go, Bill. The ammo trend is not surprising considering the Federal "dilemma" and Lapua "scare", but I'll bet there's still a lot hidden in closets waiting for the "Crawfish" and the Turbo vs. Suhl vs. Anschutz vs. 40X show down.

Bob Pekaar



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Range Maintenance Schedule

Ranges Closed	Time
Monday 200 yd & Silhouette	8-noon
Tuesday 7.5 & 15 yd pistol ranges	8-11
Wednesday 25 & 50 yd Pistol ranges	8-11
Thursday 100 yd Rifle range	8-noon
Friday All purpose range	8-noon

IR 50/50 22 Benchrest
Bob Pekaar 268-4537

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette
Chuck Deason 772-1778

IDPA
Ed Sevetz 272-448-3174
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Club 1800 Bullseye
Randy Erickson 448-3174

USPSA/IPSC/SEPSA
Wesley Herrick 771-7548

High Power Rifle
Marion Estes

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 724-7012

Action Shooting
Mike Overbay 880-5219

Sunday	Saturday
March 03	1 IR 50/50 HighPowerRifleSilhouette IDPA
2 Club 1800 Smallbore Rifle Silhouette	SEPSA Black Powder 8
9 High Power Rifle	15 Dixie Match Plinking
16 Dixie Match Cowboy Action	22 Black PowderRifle Sil Pistol Silhouette Action Shooting Mini Palma
23	29
30	

Sunday	Saturday
April 03	Crawfish Shoot IDPA 5
Crawfish Shoot Club 1800 6	Sunshine Classic SEPSA 12
Sunshine Classic 3	19 Plinking
20 NRA 1800 Cowboy Action	26 Black PowderRifle Sil Pistol Silhouette Action Shooting Mini Palma
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Coming Events

**Dixie Matches
March 14,15,16**

**Crawfish Shoot
April 4,5,6**

**Sunshine Classic
April 11,12,13**

**Norris Tucker Chili
Cook-Off May 10**

**Annual Meeting
Sept. 27**

mark these dates on your calendar

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Club Store**

***The new shipment of caps
has just arrived along
with the Satin baseball
type jackets***

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High Power News

With Will Hux standing down as High power director, I am de facto taking that position. Will has generously offered to continue to handle the administrative end of the deal, leaving me the mechanics of getting the matches going.

Commentary: The Jan match was remarkably well attended, and was shot off the real dirt in front of the concrete. This was done by general consensus. The "firing line" more resembled a Balkan border, and we will do this more "scientifically" next time.

Joe Zullo thought of, and made, league member cards which are issued to persons as they pay league dues. These cards are wallet sized, and bear the name of the person. They will change out each year. The cards will permit access to our Oehler 35 P chronograph, which was purchased with league funds for high power shooters use.

More High Power News

by Marion Estes

On Sunday, 9 Feb 2003, the lock on the high power connex will be changed. Save old keys, trade in for new ones.

I am going to ask Sam Cowens if it is OK for him to have the office watch issue new keys to League members who can show their current League membership card. If this is not acceptable to Sam (it may prove to be a hassle), then new keys will be handed out at matches/practices on a collision basis. That is, if you run into me, got a card, OK. If you have

a better idea, I am open to that. I will not deliver them to you. Hopefully the "regulars" will have the key soon.

I will provide a key for the office watch for those who have the current league card (and no others) if you forgot or have not gotten the new key. Be nice.

We need to update our information list to include date of birth, NRA number, etc. This will be possible at all League events. See? Not two months into the project and I am already drunken with power

Dues

Please take this chance to renew your membership before your name is removed from the mailing list. The cost of membership was raised this year. If you rejoin before June 1 you may renew at the old rate of \$65 plus tax. After June 1st dues will be \$75 plus tax.

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