

The MUZZLEBLAST



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President's Report August 2003

As we approach our annual general meeting, I would like to dispel some misconceptions. Why did we repair the pavilion before doing the mining on the berms? Projects at the club do not run on a straight time line. Some issues can go to committee and have plans and resolutions faster than other items of need. The mining has been an issue from the time the GRPC was opened. I will address this later in my letter. The Pavilion's roof was rotting away (many may have passed the hill of rotten wood stacked up next to the pavilion while the new roof was being installed.) The Pavilion was the air gun range prior to the Club House being built. I remember because I shot in the air-gun league on this range way back when. The longer we let the damage progress the more expensive it would have been to repair. I am sure prior to the general meeting you will appreciate the improvements to the Pavilion while shopping and swapping. The next misconception is nothing is being done to open the smallbore range behind the pistol line. The rebuilding of the height of the berms has been approved and the dirt should start appearing any day (probably complete before this article is received.) No, not just the pistol line ranges, all ranges requiring buildup will be done. The engineering plans for the eyebrows have been completed and are being routed to contractors for bid. As to when construction will begin, depends on the cost, weather conditions, range schedule, and the contractor's schedule.

Several club members and non-members have questioned me concerning the bathroom controversy. When I first started serving on the BOD, one of the issues was not having a restroom near the all purpose range. A restroom was a goal on the silhouette line back in 1988. As more disciplines have progressed from the pistol line portion of the range to all-purpose, there is a necessity for restroom facilities on or near the all purpose range. The controversy is exactly where to put it. The construction committee will provide two drawings at the general meeting and permit the membership to vote on the location. The restrooms should be as nice or nicer than the restrooms by the pistol line. Some have questioned why the pistol line restrooms are so nice while we have porto-lets on the all purpose range. The restrooms on the pistol line have been there for twenty years and were deteriorating. The pistol line is the most used range and revenue generating range at the club. Our potential members use these facilities. The roof on these restrooms had to

be replaced; the leaking had damaged the interior wood walls. It was decided to upgrade these restrooms at the same time that the roof was being installed.

There have been some personal attacks generated against me. In my position, I expect it. As to my not being present at the club. I have to be at the club weekly to take care of business, payroll and respond to issues required by my office. Ask the rifle and black powder shooters, they routinely see me at the club. As to being called a tree killer and having no interest in environment on the Westside of Jacksonville. I was raised on the Westside and I own property on the Westside. I have strongly encouraged the planting of quality shade trees for the shooters comfort and act as a sound break for our neighbors. As to my not participating in matches with fellow club members, I shoot matches twice a month. I work full-time. As a manager, it is difficult to fit more gun hobbies into my life. I do not feel one discipline is more important than another. I prefer bullseye shooting (but I own and shoot a custom AR-15) I have gone to the nationals and placed. I am dedicated to achieving personal perfection in the bullseye discipline. It's like ice cream. I enjoy all flavors but strawberry cheesecake flavor is my favorite.

Back to mining the berms, we are trying to purchase or make equipment to mine them ourselves. The inconsistencies of the previous contractors and the cost of larger outfits have left us little options. So now I am appealing to the membership to take an active roll in getting this accomplished. Many gun clubs have a member's maintenance day. I have proposed to the BOD, lets get the membership involved. You have shown your merit in the support of Women's Field Day, which has become a major success at GRPC. My instincts concerning our members will be that you will support this as well. On the second weekend in October, I am asking for volunteers to come out with shovels, rakes, wheel borrows, and lets get this done. I will need interested members willing to be a part of a work crew to call the club office and place your name on a list by the first week on October. We will provide a barbeque and refreshments. We have almost 3000 members, the larger the work crew the better and faster we can get the job done right. If a church can be built in a weekend, we can get the lead out of large piles of dirt in the same time frame. Based on the numbers of volunteers, the work parties will be organized and food purchased. Not all volunteers need to be diggers. I am putting

William J. (Bill) Flannery

March 22, 1920-July 16, 2003

Gateway lost another long and faithful member with the passing of past president Bill Flannery. Bill died July 16, 2003 at the Beauclerc Manor Nursing home after a long illness.

Bill was born in Phoenix, Arizona and grew up riding, shooting and fishing in Arizona and throughout the west. Bill earned an appointment to West Point but at the last minute his congressman called to tell him West Point was full and he was going to the Naval Academy. Bill was in the class of 1944 but because of WW II graduated from Annapolis in 1943 after only three years.

Bill served in submarines, was a hard hat deep sea diver, commanded a rescue vessel and served at the Merchant Marine Academy. After Bill retired from the navy in 1969 he began his banking career in New York City with an office on Park Avenue and subsequently with Barnett in Jacksonville from where he retired in 1988. "Not bad for a kid from Arizona," Bill used to say.

Bill was president of Gateway in 1977 and orchestrated buying our property. As I recall, we had tried unsuccessfully in the past to purchase the club property but Bill said, "Let's try once more," and was successful putting a deal together. We should all be grateful for his foresight.

Bill loved the outdoors and fishing and hunting of all kinds. He was an active 18th century reenactor during the Bicentennial and later became active in civil war reenactments, participating many times in the Battle of Olustee. Bill loved his muzzleloaders and particularly enjoyed shooting and hunting with his Colt Springfield musket. He was active in the Treaty Oak Long

my faith in this membership to rise to the occasion. Yes it will be hard work, and am willing to shovel and shake.

I hope the shotgun shooters are starting to enjoy the improvements to that range. The trap house is being repaired and shooting boxes have been installed for increased safety. Shotgun shooters please only shoot from inside the shooting boxes. The box is de-

Rifles and helped that club incorporate in the late 70s. He was a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and an endowment member of the NRA.

Bill took a fall at his hunt camp about five years ago and never fully recovered. I would go by and see him most Sunday afternoons and visit. Bill's mind was sharp as a tack and could talk at length about a myriad of subjects. He was a colorful storyteller but was very hard of hearing. To carry on a conversation you could hear me from one end of the street to the other. Mostly I would just sit and listen to his stories as we watched the birds in the feeder outside his window.

True patriots and heroes can be hard to find these days but Bill was both. Gateway has lost a treasure and I have lost a good friend and mentor. Save me a spot at your campfire, old friend.

Barry Wheeler

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A letter to the editor from "John Says"

During a conversation between 2 members of Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club ("GRPC") one member states that GRPC has 3 sets of Club Rules-- the first set of rules applies to the Board Members; and the second set of rules applies to Board Members' friends; and the third set applies to the remaining Members of GRPC. It is this Member's opinion that this statement is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. In most organizations, Board Members' actions set examples for others members. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this happened at GRPC?

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor: As you are aware, Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club currently has a minimum of approximately 15 voting board members. It takes a simple majority to agree on the implementation of any changes to the rules and regulations to GRPC.

Those of us who have been around for a while will remember when one member of the board tried to change the current running position/structure of the club. All club members at that time, stood together and did not allow just one member to change GRPC.

Now we see a new faction coming over the horizon trying to run the club as well as the board meeting and cast stones to members of the board degrading their

Editorial

I have heard that the last board of directors meeting was interesting. It got views, it lasted late and was sometimes loud.

I read the story on a web site dedicated to shooting sports. It seems that the web master attended the last meeting and made a few comments. He described some of the characters he encountered during the meeting.

What I find interesting is that jungunkie.com got upset with the way the meeting was going and decided that even though he was not a member, he could fix the problems as he saw them. jungunkie has promised to join the club, become a member in good standing for the required year. Then he will run for office and then unseat all the current board members. And I thought I had an ego??

There will be a general meeting and the election of officers the last Saturday in September. I don't know if you noticed but not even the Federal Government leaves lame duck representatives in office that long. Go to the meeting and vote. Ask questions if you are interested in how things are done.

Would you like to be published? We have few requirements and not many members interested. This issue is expanded to allow for the candidates to tell of their qualifications and solicit your vote. If some of them kept us informed via this newsletter, I would think we could take care of some of these problems. *dennis*

All,

We had one of "Fred's excellent reduced belly matches" at Gateway today. 8 shooters took the challenge, including "Joe the magnificent" Zerby. We started off in a mist, and gradually the weather cleared, until in the last stage we were in full bright sun!

Talk about changing light!!! I was changing my rear aperture size every stage. Whitney Saunders defended his astonishing F-class win of last month, but shot prone/sling, but....no coat, to achieve another win this month. Like I said last month, this kid can shoot!!!

Joe Zullo

June 21, 2003

integrity. This is uncalled for and shows how childish they are. GRPC is for all members not just one discipline, group or faction.

I seriously hope they can read!!!

John Cameron

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SEPSA INAUGURAL 3-GUN MATCH

By Janie Herrick

For those of us who love to shoot and find ourselves involved in the regularly scheduled matches of our favorite sport; we sometimes are at a loss for some shooting fun during the 4 months a year that have a 5th Saturday. It is not unusual for us to end up drolling out, or being the recipient of, those famous "honey do" lists all the while wishing the 1st Saturday would get here so we can go shooting. Well...that was not the case for the 5th Saturday in May 2003.

Enter Chris Kloeppe, well known and accomplished in the shotgun game, and looking for "something to shoot" on those 5th Saturdays. Chris was introduced to USPSA about a year ago and found out that one of the fastest growing shooting sports in the country is the USPSA 3-Gun game where you incorporate shotgun, rifle and pistol in action shooting scenarios. Chris rolled this around in his head, tossed it off of anyone and everyone who would listen and found that shooters all around him had been wanting to get this game going at Gateway. All that was needed now was a match director and approval from the BOD.

First things first...Chris went home to talk it over with Nora (it's a girl thing) and Tyler (it's a teen thing). They supported the idea of Chris being match director and the 3-Gun team was created. On May 12th, at the monthly BOD meeting the Gateway BOD approved the schedule for a USPSA 3-Gun match to be held on 5th Saturdays. With a little over 2 weeks to plan and get the word out, not to mention practice, the first USPSA 3-Gun match was held at Gateway on May 31st.

22 competitors, including 1 junior, showed up from as far away as South Carolina to shoot the match that consisted of 2 rifle stages, 2 pistol stages and 2 shotgun stages. Maybe it was the free lunch that brought 'em?

Our squad started on the pistol stages. The first of which started out with the competitor sitting behind a table with 4 IPSC paper targets in view. At the start signal, the competitor stood, drew and engaged each target with a minimum of 2 rounds each on his/her way to an area

where they would engage 16 steel targets of varying shapes and sizes through ports in the walls. (This stage also served as the first shotgun stage where the paper targets were engaged with 1 slug each and steel was engaged using bird-shot.)

Pistol/Shotgun Stage 2, appropriately named "The Pause that Refreshes", found the competitor seated on a toilet facing up range with his/her loaded gun in a cabinet. On the start signal, the competitor rose, retrieved their gun and engaged 24 pieces of steel, including a Texas Star, through several "window" ports. I found myself needing to practice my shotgun reloading techniques on this one. Who'd have thought that those big steel pepper poppers would have not one, but two smaller pieces of steel hiding behind them? Those that did not look close enough after hearing the ring of the steel

Found, their not so favorite friend, Mike had arrived on the scene.

One of the rifle stages was a 44 round standards exercise that had most wishing they were shooting open class (glad I chose that Division). The stage required the competitor to engage each of 6 IPSC paper targets with a minimum of 2 rounds each and knock down 2 pieces of steel from 3 positions standing, kneeling and prone. This left 2 pieces of steel to be engaged freestyle. (Did I mention that all targets were at 100 yds?) Imagine my surprise #%*# when my last piece of steel just would not fall. The CRO said I would have to re-shoot the stage because the steel had not been adjusted properly. I was, in fact, hitting it dead center. From behind me (those electronic ears are great) I could hear Wesley telling the RO "nah, don't stop her, she needs the practice". The other stage was a field course that left me telling those who would listen that this was undoubtedly "the most fun I have had shooting in a long time". I always thought the field courses we shoot at the monthly SEPSA matches are fun and challenging. Run one with a

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Prospecting for Lead in the Hills of Gateway

October 11, 2003

Volunteers needed. Call the office and put your name on the list.

Your reward: food, drink, sore muscles, and the right to say I did what it takes to keep my club open.

771 - 2937

John Says

You guys are reverting back to your old ways on the Shotgun Range. Please police up your spend shells!

Re-elect Bill Craig to the Board of directors!

My three-year term expires this year and I would like to serve again on our Board of Directors. I joined our Club in 1972, became life member # 12 in 1975. Since then, I served as Vice President, President, Treasurer and as time permitted, on the Board of Directors. I serve as Chairman of the Hunter, Plinkers and Casual shooters Committee that represents the vast majority of our Club members. I try to represent all members including those people who only shoot a few times a month or even a year. I am also Chairman of the Policy Committee and serve on the financial audit and construction committees.

As for my personal background, I have been married for thirty-six years. I am a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve and served in Vietnam, Central and South America on active duty. I have been employed at Anheuser Busch almost thirty years. I am a firearms collector, a shooter, a reloader and an endowment member of the NRA. My personal goals for the Club are:

1. Work to keep our Club a safe place to legally shoot our firearms .
2. Help the Club continue with its prosperity.
3. Promote the safe and legal use of firearms.

Bill Craig

President's Message from page 1

signed to give you a 180-degree arc of shooting without permitting the rifle to point in an unsafe direction. Signs are being prepared to update the rules for this range. I hope the membership appreciates the new look of all the ranges. The rotten wood is being repaired where we find it and a fresh coat of paint applied to reduce further damage. I look forward to seeing many of you at the general meeting in September. I regret my phone number was typoed in the Muzzleblast- you may blame Dennis (off with his head.) Seriously, be kind it took us a while to get an editor. Members with complaints should address these with the club manager, not the cashiers. It's like attacking the waitress when the cook ruined the meal. Kudos to Tom Vonhollen and the Friends of The NRA committee members for a successful meeting (\$~35,000 raised). Good job juniors for volunteering your time. Remember when you vote in September, vote based on what is best for the club as a whole. Also, keep in mind the officers and directors serve with no compensation other than a thank you and a dinner. I am quickly approaching the end of my term and I do not want to leave without saying thank you for kindness and support during these two years as president of GRPC.

Sincerely,
Jodie Graves

Rumor has it that Grit will be BBQing for the Annual Meeting

Black Powder News

Recently I've been asked a lot of questions regarding the availability and regulations surrounding black powder for the muzzle loading sportsman. It's important to understand the regulations and laws that impact our sport, particularly since 9/11.

John Miller explains the Safe Explosives Act in the February 2003 Muzzle Blast, the magazine of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, much better than I can. He writes: "When the Homeland Security Act was passed in November, it contained a section called the Safe Explosives Act. This was actually a bill that had been introduced last February, and we had been tracking it as it moved through Congress. This bill **does not** have any impact on the exemption to explosives laws that allows us to purchase, possess, and store up to fifty pounds of commercially produced black powder for recreational purposes. In its original form, there was language in the bill that specifically said it did not have any impact on that exemption.

"Any dealer in black powder must be a federally licensed explosives dealer. The BATF is required to notify all explosives dealers of changes in explosives law. When the Homeland Security Act passed, the BATF notified all explosives dealers of the changes mandated by that law. No mention of the exemption to the law was made because it was unchanged."

So there you go, a muzzle loading sportsman that wants to shoot black powder (not a black powder substitute) can store up to fifty pounds for recreational purposes. I understand, however, it is becoming increasingly difficult if not impossible to buy black powder locally. I can't speak for the local dealers but I suspect the red tape got to be too much for them.

If you find a supply of black powder at a price you can afford to pay I suggest you buy it. Store it safely and it will last forever.

Good and safe shooting.
Barry Wheeler

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Should any of the above information be incorrect, please contact the editor.

Schedule of Events

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS
The club will be closed on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas days this year.

Annual Meeting and Election
Sept. 27

NFBC presents
ESWR 9/7/03

Lead Minning
Oct. 11

Ladies Field Day
Nov. 1

Please Limit Parking in front of the OFFICE to 10 minutes
wipe your feet

Concealed Carry Permit Classes

Classes have a revised pricing schedule:
Club Members \$35.00
two person pkg \$60.00
Non-members \$40.00

For information or reservations, call the office at 771-2937

Required Maintenance may be performed according to this schedule

Monday 8A.M.- Noon 200 yd. line & Silhouette line will be closed
Tuesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. 7.5 & 15 yard lines will be closed.
Wednesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. 25 yard pistol line will be closed.
Thursday 8A.M.-Noon 100 yard rifle line will be closed.
Friday 8A.M.- Noon All purpose line will be closed .

Visit the club web site www.grpc-jax.org

Wesley Herrick for President

I, Wesley Herrick, would like to serve Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club as President of the Board of Directors. I was elected to the board twice to three year terms. I'm in my fifth year as director. I shoot IDPA or BR on the first Sat., IPSC on the second Sat. and on the fourth Sat. ICORE.

I've done everything from clean toilets and haul trash to setting up big matches. I serve as President of the IPSC club (SEPSA) at Gateway. As Match Director, I put on two State Championships and two record breaking regional championships of the United States Practical Shooting Association giving Gateway international recognition as a premier shooting club.

While president of the IPSC club, we've seen SEPSA's equipment such as plate racks put out for Gateway members use, and its canopies put up on range five. The Cowboys, Action Shooting and ICORE all started off with the assistance of SEPSA. We now have a three gun match for pistol, shotgun and rifle, something many of you have requested for years. Shooting three gun and bench rest I've an active interest in the entire range. We've built safety shooting boxes on the shotgun range. With SAFETY FIRST we can all have fun.

As BoD member I've seen to the opening of the tunnel, improvements in the drainage with the help of Jerry Trammel and his tractor and advice from the civil engineer. At my request, David Tyrell came out and moved the west berm on the small bore line which is currently closed, to allow more shooting points.

I've come to you before for the preservation of our Big Oak on the 200 yd. line and your support to restrict the BoD's power of making range changes without considering the shooters who use that range. It now takes a club membership meeting and vote; you DO have a say in what's done.

If you'd like to keep the range safe and working; it'll take a lot more than a coat of paint. While we've had a section

of the club closed we've spent TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. Think of this, if you shoot small bore and your favorite section of the range is closed. Would you like a new pavilion roof, beautiful new restrooms for the bulls-eye line, mowing and liming of the shotgun fall-area, and two bookkeeping/inventory systems that no one can make heads or tails of when it comes time to account for the spending of your money? All this with your range closed. What do you think of that? I don't like it one little bit.

When I took over the lead management program, we were meeting the requirements of the EPA at no charge and no range closures. Southern Lead Removal was doing the recycling; one of the highest regarded such businesses in the southeast. The "powers that be" wanted to run them off and re-hire a member who had started and failed to do the job in the past. Well the "powers that be" had their way, resulting in ranges closed and the loss of who knows how much money and the job not done. Guess why that range I spoke of earlier is closed? You got it...lead on the front berms causing ricochets.

I understand why many of you will not run for the board. One person of many talents attended a BoD meeting; you can read his take on it at www.gunjunkie.com. I would very much like someone from SASS to represent them on the board. If that is not to be, I have a very good relationship with their Governor and Sheriff.

As your president, I will be giving up my voting position on the board.

I cannot do what needs to be done alone. I need your support to have a board of responsible people who love to shoot and want to do what's right.

Fred Gatlin has agreed to run for VP. We've always had to call Fred to get things made right and he'll keep up the good work. He and I have worked well together looking for the best for the club.

Barry Summerlin has taken action shooting to a higher level by intro-

Tom VonHollen for Board Member

My name is Tom VonHollen and I have been a Gateway R&PC member since 1992. I have probably run into most Gateway R&PC members at least once in the last four years. I'm the guy selling Friends of NRA Dinner and Raffle tickets. I believe one of the most important things we can do for shooting is to protect it's future. That's why I work so hard year after year in the Friends program. In the past four years as Chairman of First Coast friends of NRA my Dinner and Auctions have raised over \$100,000.00 and averaged over 600 NRA supporters in attendance, first in the state.

I have also been involved as a Coach with our Jr. Shooting Team at Gateway for a number of years after having a discussion with Ben Redman, the gentleman who started it all. I think our youth, getting the proper safety and marksmanship training at our Club, makes Gateway an important asset to the City not just another gun club.

I started my training as a NRA Certified Instructor with the Boy Scouts at North Florida Council. For a number of years I was a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, and Order of the Arrow recipient and ran

many of the Scout Councils annual Scouting events including the Olustee Civil War Battle Reenactment and the Adult B-B Gun Instructors Qualification Program. I have assisted in rebuilding the Camp Shands Rifle Range, built the first Skeet and Trap range at the Camp and for four years I worked with NRA Master Training Counselor Steve Moore to help train new NRA Certified Instructors. We taught four Disciplines, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Personal Protection; in all, thirteen years of dedicated involvement in Boy Scouts Shooting Sports.

As a Gateway Board member one of the most important things I can bring to the table is the continued strong support of the Junior Shooting Program. For a time in the early 1970's I shot Competitive Skeet and Trap. Like many members I was angered by the Boards hasty decision to close our Shotgun Range. I think what we need to do is expand out shotgun shooting opportunities and make that range a more enjoyable place to shoot. I am not an advocate of steel shot or limited shotgun shooting. Let's make this range a safe and fun place to shoot.

IR 50/50 08/02/03

We had a beautiful day for shooting and were happy to see our friends from Gulf Rifle Club show up. I think they're serious because they keep winning and coming back. Needless to say, Jeff (Turboman) Hopper won the sporter with his own Sako. Tommy Wood dominated in the heavy gun and has probably shot 10 249's in the last month- that 250 is coming soon. Bob Pekaar (now known as Missing Bull) shot a perfect 240 on his 24 bull target. Bill Smith, who is awaiting a pair of ULA's, retained his title for last place. The equipment list here is interesting- there were quite a few Anschutz 54's; won't be surprised to see a few in the sporter class soon. That last bit of 1000 A is still winning in the sporter class.

The ARA target is a little more difficult to shoot and worse to score. "Worst edge" is used in scoring, i.e., if your bullet hits the 100 ring but breaks into the 50 ring, it's a 50. I think it's a great game because you can shoot anything in rimfire 22 LR you want (including pistol) and it forces you to concentrate on the X rather than the 10 ring. Bob Pekaar lucked out over the reigning state champion, Don Hawkins. Knowing Don, he'll be back.

Bob Pekaar

ducung International Confederation of Revolver Enthusiasts into the same match. He has attended every meeting since taking on that position. A carpenter by trade, he's been a big help providing props for IDPA, SEPSA, and Action/ICORE. He is also the planner and foreman behind the volunteers who recently built 12 new picnic tables for Range 5. Barry is running for a Director position.

Fred Lovelace has served untold hours of volunteer work for the national Republican Party and many other worthy groups. Now he wants to serve us in the position of Director. He has an extensive background and expertise in construction and dealing with the city. A master Glock shooter he's down right helpful no matter what the task.

Tom VonHollen has just rapped up another fantastic Friends of the NRA charity banquet and auction. He works with and wants to represent our Juniors 4-H shooting Club and youth shotgunning in the position of Director.

Mike Bennett has been a full-time range officer. He's willing to give up

that paid position to help direct the club. He's heard many of your concerns and has made them his. He is seeking a Director position.

Janie Herrick is currently a Director whose term does not expire until 2005. She has placed her name on the ballot for the position of Secretary. She has kept very concise records of all previous meetings for her personal records. As Secretary she will post news from the meetings in the Muzzle Blast.

Bruce Wells is seeking re-election for Public Relations Officer. He's done a great job this past year. He has big plans for Ladies Field Day and the club.

Last but not least we have a chance to take advantage of someone who has been there and done that with Chris Kloeppel as Treasurer. He knows money and how to account for it. He stands with me for an audit, as do all the others I've mentioned here.

I love it...I'm a doer and I get things done. With your help we can do more to better our club. Thank you for your support.

Tournament Schedule

The schedule shows the normal dates for the regular matches shot at Gateway. Clip it out and post it on the refrigerator for future reference.

The listings should be good for each month of 2003. For example, a listing of "1st Sunday" means the first Sunday of each month, unless an exception is listed below. The calendar posted in the office is OFFICIAL and may supersede this list. Lloyd Watkins is the club's Chief Instructor and is responsible for all schedules.

Variations in this schedule will be listed in each issue of the Muzzleblast.

Match	Range	When
Club 1800 Bullseye	1	1st Sunday, 9:00 till 12:00
Smallbore, Silhouette	4	1st Sunday, 10:00 till 2:00
22 Rimfire Benchrest	4	1st Saturday, 12:00 till 4:00
Highpower Rifle Silhouette	3	1st Saturday 9: A.M
IDPA	5	1st Saturday
High Power Rifle	3	2nd Sunday
USPSA/IPSC	5	2nd Saturday
Black Powder	4	2nd Saturday
Cowboy	5	3rd Sunday 9:00 AM
N.R.A. 1800 Bullseye	1	3rd Sunday 9:00 till 12:00
Plinking	4	3rd Saturday
Action Shooting	5	4th Saturday
Mini Palma		4th Saturday
Pistol silhouette	4	4th Saturday
Black Powder rifle Silhouette	3	4th Saturday
Action/ICORE	5	4th Saturday
USPSA 3-Gun	5	5th Saturday

Call the Match Directors for additional information

Vote Fred Gatlin For Vice-President

Hello everyone. I am running for the office of Vice-President. I have been honored and fortunate to have served as your Secretary/Treasurer (2003);

Secretary (2002); President (2000 - 2001); Public Relations Officer (1998 - 1999) and Board Member (1998). I have also served as match director for Action Shooting, Co-Match Director for IDPA, and Co-Director of Gateway's successful annual Women's Field Day. I am a life member of the club, and am vitally interested in the successful operation of the club.

During my tenure as your representative, I have never missed a Board meeting, committee meeting, or any necessary function of the club. As you all know, I have always been readily available for you to contact me with issues or concerns that you believe are important. Each of your concerns was addressed individually, and handled with the importance they warranted. I am highly visible and available at the club, and frequently handle your requests via telephone, often after hours.

With my proven record of leadership capability, successful accomplishments, dedication to the Club's success, and availability to you, I would appreciate your vote for me as your Vice-President.

William Crews for the Board of Directors

I was born and raised in Jacksonville. I am a Graduate of Robert E. Lee high school. I am an avid pistol, rifle, black powder cartridge and muzzle loading shooter. I am a member of NRA. I am a NRA certified instructor in pistol, rifle and personal protection.

We have some problems at G.R.P.C. I would like the opportunity to offer some solutions. If elected I will represent all members and will be accessible at all times. Respectfully,

William Crews 904-765-9918

Michael Bennett for Board of Directors

Now that I am retired, I can devote time and energy representing rifle, pistol and all concerns of our club members. I am usually at the club every day. I shoot rifle and pistol, and reload. I have been competing in the Action Shooting meets.

- Life member of Gateway since 1967

- Served on the Board about 20 years ago. (I had to leave due to work commitments.)

- Worked for Southern Bell for 30 years

- Currently working as Range Officer at Gateway.

Handloads for 1000 yard Matches

from Fred Robbins

There has been a lot of discussion recently regarding long range High Power ammunition, particularly bullets and their performance during the "transonic" phase of flight. I have loaded some ammo in .308 with various bullets and done some chronographing. I've found that 175-178 grain Sierra's and Hornady A-Max can carry to 1000 and remain supersonic. However, I have also found that in my 24" barreled Savage, I can shoot 200 gr Sierra Match Kings at 2520 fps that will still be running at 1315 fps at 1000 yds. The Ballistic Coefficient of these bullets is .565, and wind drift is less than lighter bullets.

The whole external ballistics issue at long range is the transition from supersonic through the "sound barrier" as bullets lose speed. The Sierra's are far less affected by this than the VLD bullets, and should pose no problems if velocity at 1000 gets into the 1180-1200 fps range. Sierra's are "tangent ogive" (I think) and the Berger's, JLK's and other VLD's are "secant ogive". Whatever, the following excerpt from a post that an experienced LR shooter wrote sheds more light on this subject.

There's also a theory that VLD bullets handle the transition to subsonic less well than more conventional designs. It is believed that this is because

of design necessity, VLD projectiles have long hollow points which are easily unbalanced by sonic waves traversing them.

It is therefore desirable to keep VLDs emphatically supersonic at all ranges you shoot at (& of course, comparatively more easy to do so).

I shoot British match rifle over ranges 1000, 1100 & 1200 yards. Despite the reassurance of most (inaccurate) ballistic charts, it is not possible to keep the Sierra Match king range of projectiles supersonic beyond 1100 yards in the requisite .308 case at most locations. However, they all manage the transition quite well & are seldom subject to identifiable inaccuracy as a result. On the other hand, the Lapua 154 Scenar can be a tack driver, properly loaded, out to 1200 yards, but is well known to go missing beyond 1000 yards if not loaded up to peak available velocities.

Please understand that match rifle is a "one class" discipline. A necessary element is loading the .308 Winchester case to "unusual" but safe levels of performance. As virtually all other disciplines are shot at 100- yards or less & an infinite choice of calibre is available, then transitioning should not be an issue.

Roger P. Bump for Board of Directors

I would like to run for a position on the Board of Directors at Gateway R & P Club. I have served as Club Secretary 1984 & 1985 and as Club President 1986 & 1987. I presently compete in BPCR, SASS, and .22 Rifle Silhouette. I reload smokeless (rifle & pistol), BP cartridges, and enjoy both competitive and recreational shooting.

GATEWAY HP LEAGUE MATCH 08/10/03

12 SHOOTERS

Here are the results from this morning's HP league match. This was only our second of eight matches fired this year that it DIDN'T rain! 12 shooters showed up. The lighting was very changeable. Randy Erickson took top honors. Nice shooting Randy.

Randy Erickson AR 485-12 Match Winner

Sam Grimes Match 481-20

Matt Taylor AR 476-19

Frank Cernese AR 476-09

Glenn Kellett M1A 450-03

Robert Estes AR 444-06

Carol Harris AR 440-06

Joe Zullo AR 436-03

Terry Goller AR 424-03

Marion Estes AR 412-04

AJ Frei M1A 309-00

Dale Prewitt M1A 248-00

Ladies Field Day

November 1, 2003

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Women On Target	Contact; GRPC 771-2937
The NRA Foundation	Bruce or Nancy Wells 764-4973

Frederick A. Lovelace for BOD

My name is Frederick A. Lovelace and I would like to bring a new energy and great shooting interest, to the board of directors, for Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club.

I was born in Frederick Oklahoma, in 1944, on Frederick Air Force Base. I enlisted with the US Army in 1962 and spent time in the 572nd Military Police Company, Fort Ritchie Maryland and in Europe in the 3rd Armored Reconnaissance Squadron. I competed, as a part of an infantry squad, representing the 8th Infantry Division and competed individually, representing the 3rd Recon, with an M-14. In 1978 I enlisted in the Illinois Air National Guard as a Load Crew Chief, loading bombs, guns and rockets on F-41 Phantom's.

I am married since 1964, have two children and five grand children, fortunately, all here in Jacksonville. I earned my GED while in the Army and an Associates degree in Business, from The University Of Kentucky. I am retired since 1994, from the US Gov-

ernment, General Services Administration. My last position was the Deputy Assistant to the Field Office Manager responsible for the operation and protection of all Federal Buildings and leased space, in the north half of Florida.

At the present I compete in Gateway's monthly Action matches and in major pistol competitions throughout the eastern United States. I have wrote articles for the Muzzleblast such as the Free Glock, Glock match information page. I have worked as Assistant Match Director in USPSA Area 6 Match, several State Matches and five or six Glock matches. I currently hold Range Officers certification from United States Practical Shooting Association. Reloading, competitive shooting and hunting are my major interests, that is of course, after all the Tball, soccer and basketball games that my grandchildren are involved in.

Please vote for me with an absentee ballot or at the general meeting on September 27, 2003.

Thank you, Fred Lovelace

This spot needed something in it.

SEPSA INAUGURAL 3-GUN MATCH from page 2

rifle or shotgun and you will be hooked.

If you like to shoot pistol, rifle and shotgun; want something fun and challenging to do on those 5th Saturdays other than mow the lawn, paint the house or shop, come on out to Gateway. Don't have all the equipment you need? Give us a call or drop us an e-mail, everyone in this game is more than eager to loan you what you need to shoot.

The next 5th Saturday will be August 30th. Sign up begins around 9am. Hope to see you there.

For contact information go to www.sepsa.com or select the SEPSA link from www.grpc-jax.org. E-mail Chris at kloepell1313@aol.com

THOMAS A. BEATTIE FOR SECRETARY

After taking a year off for business purposes, I am once again ready to serve the members of Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club. I have served the Club in various capacities since 1994 and look forward to another term on the Board. Since 1994, I have served as the Muzzleblast editor ('94-96), Executive Officer ('97), President ('98-'99) and Treasurer ('00-'02).

During my tenure, I took my duties very seriously as evidenced by my Board meeting attendance record. In 102 meetings, I only missed two.

At the start of my Presidency, I was faced with depleted bank accounts. By the completion of my second term, both the checking and savings accounts had healthy balances. I also implemented a saving plan that would ensure the Club's coffers would remain in the black for years to come.

I enjoyed being a part of many projects that still benefit the Club today. I was directly involved with various Clubhouse interior up-fits and kitchen equipment purchases. I saved the Club money by having slag rock laid as an alternative to using asphalt. Re-roofing the silhouette line and the installation of baffles on the pistol ranges, as well as the RV Park are just a few more examples of projects I have participated in.

I believe my track record speaks for itself. I have always shown a genuine interest in the Club and it's membership and I look forward to serving those interests during my tenancy as Secretary.

**Check out the
sales in club
store**

Janie Herrick for Secretary

My name is Janie Herrick and I am running for the Office of Secretary on the Gateway BOD. I have been serving in the position of Director for the last 4 years and feel that I have a lot to offer the Board and membership by stepping up into an officer position.

Part of the Secretary's duties is to keep a true and accurate record of all meetings of the BOD and membership. This is something that I have done, and continue to do, for my own personal reference since my first meeting in 1999. I frequently receive calls from other BOD members asking that I research my notes from the meetings to clarify items of discussion and decisions the BOD made. I will submit the monthly BOD minutes for publication in the Muzzle Blast and posting on our web site. You, who are the owners of Gateway, have a right to know how the BOD votes on issues that come before us.

For those of you who do not know me, I am a life member of Gateway, a member of the NRA and have served as an active member on the Friends of the NRA committee for the last 4 years. I hold a Chief Range Officer certification through the National Range Officers Institute, and 'C' Classification in USPSA. I have served on several committees appointed by past and current GRPC Presidents including the most recent appointment as Chairman of the committee charged with reviewing our present accounting fees and practices.

I am active in the shooting sports and I am concerned about our club and it's future; I would not submit my name for any BOD position if I were not. Those of us who sit on the BOD have a responsibility to you, the owners/members, to be your voice; to express your ideas and concerns for the safety, improvement and preservation of our range; to insure it is here for the generations to follow.

Please cast your vote for Janie Herrick, Secretary.

2003 NRA National Silhouette Championships

Smallbore Rifle - July 13-15

National Champion

Agustin Sanchez, Jr., Chula Vista, CA 112x120

Second Place

**Cathy Winstead, Prarie Du Rocher, IL
107x120**

Third Place

Troy Lawton, Columbus, GA 107x120

Team Champion

BASS 202x240

Smallbore Hunting Rifle - July 13-15

National Champion

Cathy Winstead, Prarie Du Rocher, IL 110x120

Second Place

Agustin Sanchez, Jr. Chula Vista, CA 106x120

Third Place

Rachel Reninger, Cocoa, FL 103x120

Team Champion

BASS 196x240

Above is the list of winners for the National Championship Smallbore Rifle Silhouette tournament held recently in Ridgway Pa. All the winners with the exception of Agustin Sanchez compete regularly at the Sunshine Class hosted by Gateway each April. We truly get a high level of competitors during this event.

Next edition will be back to four pages

Gateway Regional Classic Glock Sports Shooters Foundation (GSSF) Pistol Match

On January 17-18, Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club (GRPC) will host our eleventh annual Gateway Regional Classic Glock Sports Shooters Foundation (GSSF) pistol match.

If you are interested in this pistol competition you must first be a member of GSSF which costs \$25.00 per year and you can sign up the day you shoot. If you are not a Master class shooter you may shoot in up to four different Divisions. Most shooters at our matches are first time competitors so don't stay away because you feel intimidated. It's a casual, family type atmosphere with high female, high junior male and female, and high senior winning \$75.00 each. Each Division entry costs \$25.00 (a \$5.00 late fee for the first division unless pre-registered), and you have the opportunity to win a new Glock in the Amateur/Civilian Division (Am/Civ), if you win first in A, B, and C class.

Second through tenth in each Am/Civ class win from \$25.00 to \$100.00. The class winners are determined by dividing the whole group into four and whoever is in the top of each group is that class winner and wins a brand new Glock. All you Bullseye shooters should do very well in this so borrow a Glock and go gettun.

Other divisions like Major sub and Subgun require a small Glock and Competition division allows a long barreled Glock. The Law Enforcement (LE) division is very much like the Am/Civ division paying class winners and requiring a standard Glock.

If you are a Master, or prefer to shoot an electronic/optic sighted or compensated pistol you can enter the Unlimited Master class. Master shooters can also shoot a standard Glock in the Stockmeister division. All the above information is better explained in a

Glock Report magazine that comes with your membership. All you need to bring is a Glock, a few magazines, about a hundred rounds for each division you wish to shoot, sight and hearing protection and a lot of enthusiasm. The Range Officers are mostly GRPC volunteers from action shooting clubs and do it for fun but are very competent and will help with anything, some times even loaning a gun to shoot. There are three stages that comprise a GSSF match. The first is called a "5", the second an "M" and the Plate Rack. More than one of these stages are set up so there is limited waiting to get through the three stages, that must be shot. It's best to take your score sheets FIRST THING to each of the stages you wish to shoot and give them to the score keeper. Your sheet goes to the bottom of the list and works it's way up and will stay on top until you get back to that stage, ready to shoot. This way, you can drink a cup of

coffee, get your gear out and when all ready, you can walk to your first stage and ed right into the next group to shoot.

Remember we are all volunteers so please be patient, being angry about score sheets can ruin your shooting experience and believe me everybody will do their very best to help you.

Gateway is a COLD RANGE so all pistols must remain unloaded and holstered or bagged until directed by a Range Officer. There are marked safety areas where repairs can be made or slides cycled but no live ammo please. Many shooters show up with their Glock in a plastic box and a pocket full of magazines and bullets and have a blast.

It's family fun and everybody has a chance to win.

Vote on September 27th

GATEWAY 3X600 MATCH 08/16/03 8 SHOOTERS

We had a great match today, and after the fog lifted the weather was beautiful. Many thanks to Joe Zullo for putting the results in a format that I can copy and paste!

Some good performances today. Frank Cernese decided to shoot F-Class, and shot very well. Rather unusual set-up - and AR with a scope shooting off a rest.

Works for Frank Whitney deserves credit for shooting the match with a scope that was about a zillion MOA out of adjustments for windage. He wound up using the 7 ring at 3:00 as his aiming point.

Glenn Kellett continues to be as good with an M1A as anybody at GRPC. He really gets that rifle humming. I try not to shoot on his right, as that brass is pretty hot! Mark Reyes had a new scope and mount, and had a good day with his 1940's vintage Model 70 Winchester.

Match Winner

Fred Robbins F-class 593-32
Frank Cernese F-class 588-22
Whitney Saunders Any/Any 583-22
Glenn Kellett M1A 550-09
Marion Estes AR 547-07
Jim Cox Any/Any 544-11
Joe Zullo Palma 543-16
Mark Reyes Any/Any 525-07

My name is Barry Summerlin and I am running for a position on your Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club Board of Directors. I am handicapped in my run for election in that the General meeting of GRPC happens to fall on the same Saturday as the ICORE / Action match, but the show must go on, I have a little match to set up with the help of my friends.

I am running for a full financial audit. I am running for getting all ranges up and running. I am running for making sure Gateway remains open to daily shooters who need a good, safe place to shoot. I am running for the organized disciplines having a place to hold their matches. I am running for cooperation among the disciplines. I am running for members to have the members areas to shoot. I am running for a decent map by the front door so daily shooters might learn what else is available and become members themselves. I am running for simple, basic bathrooms on the All Purpose range.

I have been a member of Gateway since 1998. I was charged by the BOD with the task of building picnic tables and the next Saturday, with a little help, they were built.

**Elvis was last sited
flying a hang glider
near Herlong Field**

Barry Summerlin for BOD

Member of the NRA, serving on the Friends of the NRA committee this past year.

Member of United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) with a Chief Range Officer certification. Serving the past two years as CRO on stages at the southeast regional USA championships and Florida state championships.

Member of the International Confederation of Revolver Enthusiast, founding the only ICORE club in the state of Florida.

Member of Southeast Practical Shooters Association (SEPSA), serving as Vice President and Equipment manager.

Member of Camden Area Practical Shooters, serving as Vice President.

Member of the St Augustine Practical Shooting Association.

I am a member of many things, but I am most pleased to be a member of the 10% that get things done. I am a carpenter by trade and have brought multi-million dollar buildings out bare ground and been there throughout the entire process to completion. I will also bring that experience and wide ranging knowledge with me to the Board. I thank you for your vote.

GATEWAY 3X600 MATCH 07/19/03 10 SHOOTERS

Here are the results from the July Gateway 3X600 reduced prone Highpower match.

Fred Robbins took the top spot and Frank Cernese was only one point behind. Nice shooting by both!

Match Winner

Fred Robbins F-class 594-30
Frank Cernese F-class 593-22
Jim Cox F-class 586-22
Whitney Saunders Any 584-36
Joe Zullo Palma 568-11
Al Thacker AR 553-08
John Roberts F-class 551-11
Marion Estes AR 541-06
Mark Reyes Match 500-06
Mel White Any/Any DNF

**Swap Meet
begins at
8:00 AM**

NRA National Smallbore Prone Championships

Ohio's Paul Gideon Tops the Field at the NRA National Smallbore Prone Championships When he completed the first stage of the 2003

Smallbore Prone Championships with a score just three points away from perfection, veteran rifleman Paul Gideon knew he had a chance to finish near the top. "I have a terrible problem with astigmatism," said Gideon, a specialist on aging with the state of Ohio who makes his home in Gambier. "And my scores fired with conventional peep sights are always lower than I'd like. But this year, with a 3197 out of 3200 and the Any Sight stage [in which telescopic sights are permitted] still to go, I knew I could place high."

And he did place high -- right at the top. When the smoke cleared after four days of grueling competition, Gideon had finished with 3200 points of 3200 possible in the second stage of the championship, and a 6397 for the tournament. His "X-count" -- the number of hits in a reduced-size central scoring ring used to break ties -- stood at 507, two hits higher than his closest challenger. Paul Gideon had won the 2003 NRA National Smallbore Prone Championship. Second place went to Carolyn Millard-Sparks, of Atlanta,

Georgia, former Prone Champion who posted an aggregate of 6397 to tie Gideon, but fell two Xs shy at 505. Third place went to Major Mike Anti, from the Fort Benning-based Army Marksmanship Unit, with a 6396-530X. Anti won the Smallbore Three-Position Championship days before the Prone match.

Team competition in 2003 produced some remarkable results.

As in the three-position championships earlier, civilians outpaced military teams for American team championships and an American team shot its way back into the winners' circle in Match.

In Metallic Sight team competition, a quartet of ladies representing a nationwide society of top-level target shooters, the Black Hawks, posted a team aggregate 1557-67X. The score not only beat the Army's effort by a point, it set a new women's record as well. Then, following the ladies' lead, a team of senior-category (60 years of age and older) Black Hawks won the Any Sight team match at 1560-80X. Again the winners' effort topped that of the Army by a point, and again they set a record, this time for senior-category teams in the event.



Ladies Field Day

November 1, 2003



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Women On Target	Contact; GRPC 771-2937
The NRA Foundation	Bruce or Nancy Wells 764-4973

We would like to invite all ladies for a day of fun, learning, shooting and fellowship. If you have a firearm of your own that you want to get to know better then bring it with you, however loaner firearms will be provided. There will be a short self defence and firearm usage class to get us started and we will go into our various groups to shoot our firearms. We will have lunch catered in for all shooters and volunteers. There is only room for 150 ladies so please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend.

Barrel Break-In and Cleaning Techniques

I ordered a new barrel for my Savage F-Class rifle from PacNor. It's chambered in .260 Remington, also known as 6.5-08, and I can't wait to get it!

I'll be shooting 140-147 grain bullets, and the barrel will be my primary one for 600 yds. - 1000 yds.

This info is off PacNor's website, but it would apply to all barrels, so I thought it might be of general interest.

Barrel Break-In and Cleaning Techniques

For best results, of course, it is necessary to 'season' it and use proper cleaning equipment. We like the Dewey coated rods, a good bore guide, copper/bronze brushes and cotton flannel patches, the appropriate size to keep that jag and rod in the middle of the bore. You will need a good bore solvent, like KG 3, Shooters Choice or CR-10 to loosen the fouling, followed by a scrubbing with JB bore Paste, Holland's Witches Brew or KG 2.

After cleaning, nullify the solvents with rubbing alcohol and patch dry. Finish with Tetra Gun Oil, KG 4 or Holland's Bbl Break-in Fluid. Never shoot a dry bore as this will greatly promote copper fouling.

Chris recommends:

Shoot one, clean, for first ten rounds; shoot three, clean, for next thirty rounds; shoot five, clean, while working up load. Allow bbl to cool to the touch before testing a new load to avoid unnecessary throat erosion.

It is our desire that your new barrel brings many hours of shooting enjoyment!

Fred Robbins

Sample Ballot

GATEWAY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

Candidates for 2004 election

Officer Candidates

(Circle your choice of one person for each officer position)

President:

Wesley Herrick ____ (Only declared candidate when ballot was printed)

Vice- President:

Fred Gatlin ____

Will Hux ____

Secretary:

Thomas Beatie ____

Janie Herrick ____

Treasurer:

Kris Kloepfel ____ (Only declared candidate when ballot was printed)

Chief Instructor:

Lloyd Watkins ____ (Only declared candidate when ballot was printed)

Public Relations:

Bruce Wells ____ (Only declared candidate when ballot was printed)

Board of Directors: (Circle your choices, but Vote for no more than 5 candidates)

Mike Bennet ____

Roger Bump ____

Bill Craig ____

William Crews ____

Randy Erickson ____

Fred Lovelace ____

Barry Summerlin ____

Jerry Vaughan ____

Tom Von Hollen ____

Print Member's Name _____

Member's Signature: _____

Absentee ballots:

1. All mail in ballots must have signature notarized. If ballots are submitted in person to the club office, member's signature must be verified and annotated by office staff.
2. Mail in ballots must be post marked no later than Friday, September 26, 2003.
3. Any ballot received after close of business on Friday, September 26, 2003 will be discarded.

Chris Kloepfel for Treasurer

My name is Chris Kloepfel; I am running for Treasurer of Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club.

It is time for the membership to have an accounting of funds at GRPC. I suggest we have the books checked out by a professional and start with a clean slate. This year the majority of the BOD voted not to audit the clubs financial records. We spent \$10,000.00 on repairs to the pavilion that is rarely used. We are paying \$1500.00 per month in fees to an accountant. Why? Additionally we need a lead reclamation program and rebuilding of the berms so all ranges can be open and in a safe operating condition. It is time to elect new officers and directors to lead the club and insure we have a range to enjoy.

My experience is as follows:

President, Sunstate Packers, Inc. Food Distributors current employment

President Jacksonville Gun Club 2 terms

Treasurer Jacksonville Gun Club

BOD Jacksonville Gun Club

President Palatka Gun Club 2 terms

VP Palatka Gun Club

BOD Palatka Gun Club.

While president of the Jacksonville Gun Club, increased profitability 386% over 2 years with no increase in costs to members. Member of the committee that renegotiated and renewed the clubs lease with the City of Jacksonville.

Thank you for your support and vote.

From the President

this was for the last issue

At the halfway point in 2003, I would like to give you an update of what has been going on at our fine club. Unfortunately, we have not been able to get the smallbore rifle range behind the pistol lines open. The hold up is this. The reason for ricochets was determined to come from bullets impacting previously accumulated bullets inside the berm, then rolling up and over the top. The solution was to mine this lead and return the dirt to the appropriate height afterwards. After this is completed, the BOD determined additional barriers could be constructed to enhance the safety of our ranges. The hold up in this process has been the lead mining. The individuals contracted to perform this have not been sporadic at best. We must have consistency to maintain our plan for ongoing range mining. We have been seeking additional sources. The solution we are working toward now is to bring this under our own housekeeping. We are looking to build or purchase a lead tumbler. Use the money from the sell of the lead mined to offset the cost of equipment rental to rebuild the berm afterwards. There are almost 3000 members using this club, if you have resources/knowledge/etc...to help us accomplish this task please contact myself or our club manger. This problem is literally a dime holding up a dollar.

On a positive note, the airport authority gave us permission to clean up the drop zone on our shotgun range. You will notice the area is much cleaner. Please make sure you use the garbage can provided to place your debris before leaving this range. We also approved the building of shooter's boxes to increase the level of safety on this range. I want to thank the over one hundred members who spoke up when this range was to be closed and now has a better range for their voices being heard. All

ranges were in need of repair and paint all over the facility. Rotten wood has been replaced and fresh paint has given our club the look of a first class facility. The pavilion roof has been replaced due to considerable leaks and wood rot. Exterior fans are being installed so this area again will become usable space for our members. The mens restroom in the clubhouse has been remodeled. The restrooms on the pistol line needed a new roof that has been installed and the interiors have been totally remodeled. So what about the restrooms on the all-purpose range? Well, the plans are being drawn at this time. We are also including a pavilion to be built on this end of the range as well. The construction review committee will start taking bids upon completion of the plans. Anticipated building should begin early fall.

If you are a new member, you watched the new professionally edited instruction tapes at the club office. All day members and new members are required to watch these tapes and take a test before being permitted to shoot at our range. This was the brainchild of Bill Craig and Lloyd Watkins. This is an example of your BOD working for you and the future of our club. Kudos to Bill and Lloyd. Also, kudos to those members who donated their time to build twelve new picnic tables (Barry Summerlin headed this crew). Although the club paid for materials, thanks to these dedicated club members, the club was saved the labor expenses. Looking back over my term I wish we could have accomplished more, but we can take pride in the accomplishments we have made. These accomplishments could not have been achieved without the support of individuals serving on the board and the members supporting the board of directors.

CFRPC, Orlando , FL July 26, 2003

Some Gateway Prone Match Shooters Get Some Recognition At "Disney World" Match. North Florida Highpower Shooters Are First and Fourth Overall in Orlando 300meter Match.

Fred Robbins and Whitney Saunders do well.

CFRPC, Orlando , FL July 26, 2003

MATCH RESULTS

Overall High Score

Fred Robbins 199-11 200-10 199-8 598-29X

By groups:

ISU

German Salazar 198 196 196 590

Jorge Puignau 198 190 200 588

Ben Adams 190 190 188 568

Rick Evans 181 179 180 540

Service Rifle

J.Aricidiacono 580-32X

J. Hollenback 559-17X

N. Jacob 392-5X

Garand

J. Marsicano 442-3X

L. Mayz 397-4X

Any/Any

W. Saunders 587-32X

R. Hankins 587-25X

F-Class

F. Robbins 598-29X

K. Johnson 546-19X