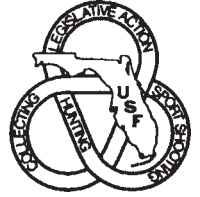


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Ladies Field Day

Another Ladies Field Day has come and gone and as a newly minted match director running the ICORE / Action Shooting disciplines for one year now, I was on my own. I had been part of the little stage put on by SEPSA. helping out for a few years there, but this was a little different.

I have been a stage or course of fire builder for several years now with stages in the state championships and southern regional championships (USPSA AREA 6), but what could the local and first in the state chapter of the INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF REVOLVER ENTHUSIASTS put forth for women to get them interested in coming back for regular matches? Hmm. I came up with a little some that could be shot all or in part and I found out what new lady shooters want to shoot, the little men. Better known as PEPPER POPPERS!!!

The ladies sure liked knocking them down. I had an 18x24 inch steel plate, five full size Pepper poppers and three NRA D-1s with a shooters box and a table in front each array, which is where we let the bullets and the gun meet. The plate and the card board just didn't get the business that the poppers did. Maybe it was shooting something and having it actually fall down. A bit more "real world", because bullets hitting stuff usually makes it fall down. I know that is one of the things that got me hooked on practical shooting. A quick little lesson with each lady on the grip, and away they went. And down went the poppers. Then we went to reset. Down went the poppers. Reset. Poppers. Reset. Don't mess with these ladies. We even had one group come through three times!!

Here is a big "Thank you" to Tom Redmond for his able help on the stage and for the borrowed guns of Tom's, Chris Kloeppe's, Bruce Wells' and Bob Johnson's .44 Magnum. Revolvers representing ICORE and semi-autos representing Action Shooting. I had a few out, too.

Here is a wild thought for the club while I am spending their money (yeah, right!) lets mount some poppers permanently somewhere on Range 5, the General Purpose bays for the members to shoot. Or six 18x24 inch ringer plates. It would be a safety issue to put poppers that need to be reset on the daily member pistol lines, but steel targets can be had that have a big spring behind them so you can ring them, see them react and they reset themselves. I think such an item on the daily member line somewhere would be a big draw. Oh, yeah, we have this slow aimed fire rule. Steel that reacts and resets itself is a natural draw. How 'bout it BOD?

Your friendly neighborhood ICORE man,

Barry Summerlin

See you on the range.

President's Report

By the time this article is printed, the lead recycling on the 7.5 through 50-yard pistol lines and 100yd rifle line should be complete. Which means, the smallbore range behind these ranges should finally be re-opened. The BOD approved Enrange (a EPA and OSHA approved company) to perform this function for GRPC. The process was not without its setbacks. A concerned member reported GRPC to the fish and game commission one week into the mining operation. Several thousand dollars in cost over runs later, the gopher turtle was successfully relocated away from the mining operation. We want to thank the Fish and Game com-

mission for understanding GRPC's environmental dilemma and expediting the permit to move the turtle without closing GRPC for the winter. All members should be aware that harming any animal on the premises of GRPC will result in removal from membership in our club. Additional expense was approved while the berms were under construction. This was to make improvements to meet recommendations from the State on gun range best practice management. The berms on the affected ranges have had the correct soil mixture added, structure changed, and height increased. Upon comple-

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Sam Cowan: 3 Decades of Leadership and Service

By Will Hux

Imagine what it was like 30 years ago, 1973. America was still in Vietnam, Nixon was in the White House explaining what happened at the Watergate Hotel. Gerald Ford was waiting in the wings, and Sam Cowan became a Life Member at Gateway.

In the next 30 years, Sam would proudly serve our club and its membership. Sam has seen many changes since the early days at Gateway. He's witnessed first hand all of the construction of the firing lines and other improvements which have taken place. Sam has also been to over 30 Annual Meetings and seen over 30 administrations of leadership come through the club.

I have been fortunate enough to have known Sam for 20 of those years, since I first transferred to Jacksonville with the military. Many of you may not know the following facts about Sam and it is my privilege and honor to present them to you.

Sam Cowan has served Gateway in a number of high ranking leadership positions. He was our Vice President in 19____ and also served as Secretary. We've always trusted Sam and he's proven us right on many occasions. Sam served as the Treasurer of our club on seven administrations or tours. He has been a member of the Board of Directors for many years and has always taken an active role in Club business.

During my first term as President I needed a stalwart and proven Treasurer and I called upon Sam. He accepted and ran for the job alongside me and the others that year. Sam was also called on, specifically when we found our self without a Club Manager. Sam was ready to fill the job and already knew what to do. It was a pleasure knowing that we could depend on Sam to know what had to be done and to get on with it.

Not everybody likes Sam, and that's the best part. If you are straightforward and well-meaning, you'll probably get along great with Sam. If you are on the eccentric side and want to make departures from the norm, Sam will probably give you a little trouble. After all, Sam knows he is representing over 3,000 memberships. With the

number of those memberships being family households, Sam is well aware that our Club really represents over 10,000 people. He's also aware that we serve thousands of daily guests and special interest groups. Sam coordinates the Law Enforcement folks that use our range from time to time. He also works with elite US Coast Guard units, training for duty in the newly formed Maritime Counter-Terror unit.

During my Presidency when the new Club House was being built, Sam was called upon to act as our Project Manager. He was in daily contact with the contractors and City Building Inspectors. Sam was also the Project Manager for other construction projects such as the new 7 and 15 yard lines, and the new Garage extension.

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class was established by Sam. He continues to coordinate the classes for the convenience of the membership. Our club Past-President Thomas Beattie wanted to upgrade our finances and brought the club into this Century with automated Quickbooks Pro and Point of Sale software. Thomas also served as Treasurer during those formative years. The common denominator was Sam Cowan. He spanned several Presidencies and has kept us up to date and operating. We are now on the cutting edge of automated finances with help from his leadership. There is still polish which can be added, and I'm sure Sam will be there to help.

Sam has been recognized for his efforts at the club in the past. He has been nominated and presented "Steve Bernhard" Awards for Excellence in Leadership. Sam has been presented this prestigious Award twice in the past, 1980 and 1992, and was nominated an unprecedented third time in 1999 and turned it down. Sam felt it should be passed on to someone else. That's just how unselfish he is. He's internally motivated and knows in his heart when a job has been done right.

It wouldn't hurt if you'd pat him on the back the next time you see him. Sam, you've done well for thirty years and I can't think of a better way to tell you than to write this introduction of a quiet man who has done so much for so many at the Club.

Lasik for Shooting Athletes

Coach Will Hux and Laura C Burns

It also training in vision enhancement. To see well for shooting a competitor often will need correction for Myopia (nearsightedness) or Hyperopia (farsightedness). In young competitors with very flexible corneas, their accommodation of the front sight at less than 30 inches away as well as seeing a clear target 50 meters or 1000 yards away, appear almost simultaneous. In fact, the competitor has to physically shift focus from the front sight to the target, and back. Younger competitors do this quite easily, while older competitors have lost accommodation. Young competitors will claim to be able to see the front sight and the target clearly and simultaneously. Science tells a different story, the young athlete's accommodation is so rapid that they do not always realize that they are shifting their focus from one to another. Older competitors with myopia or hyperopia find that they need correction or enhancement to be capable of focusing on a clear front sight while also being able shift focus to the target and view it with reasonable clarity.

I was myopic with vision of approximately 20/100 in my right eye. I am right handed and right eye dominant. After an eye injury in the military I began wearing spectacles at age 25. Over time I became dependent on spectacles or contacts brought on by factors of age and heredity. As a competitive shooting athlete in the Marine Corps, I was using glasses for distance. Later in life I needed correction to sharpen the front sight.

Competitors typically achieve the required vision correction by a number of methods. While many use conventional spectacles with the optical centers ground into the lenses for conventional viewing, the competitive marksman is unable to use these because of the unique head positions. Even pistol shooters find that their "street" glasses may not work. Manufacturers of purpose-designed spectacle lense holders produce lines of frames which allow the competitor to make adjustments and position the lense perfectly for each position. These typically have a lense only on one side with an occluder on the opposite side. The occluder is an opaque translucent blank which allows the passage of light but prevents sight by the non-shooting eye. This is favored over the blinder, which blocks vision completely and prevents light from entering. If you shut out all input to the non-shooting eye, the brain will run a trouble-shooting program, and we don't want that. This will also contribute to eye strain and maybe headaches, and those are undesirable as well. The competitor may adjust the lense, vertically and horizontally to place the optical center of the lense in alignment with the sight picture. The angle of the lense may be adjusted, as well. As the competitor changes positions, the position of the lense is also adjusted in compensation. Generally the lense is prescribed to sharpen the image of the front sight or the target down range. There is no means to correct both. If a lense is inserted into the front sight to magnify the appearance of the target and a lense is placed in the rear sight to sharpen the front sight, a telescopic resultant occurs which is undesirable and against rules. We can further enhance the sight and target clarity with an adjustable iris and introduce filters of various colors to reduce glare, sharpen contrast, polarize light, or reduce eye fatigue. When a competitor has multiple sight variables on mechanical sights and this is compounded with vision enhancing spectacles, problematic remedy occurs. If is counter productive to correct a problem and require adjustment or correction for a third resultant problem. Removal of as many variables as practical is desirable and should be our first choice.

For many years my choice for vision enhancement was the use of disposable contacts. I was very comfortable with the notion that they went into my eyes sterile and were discarded at the end of the wearing cycle. My eyes were well adjusted to contacts and I used an 8.8 base curve and 14.0mm diameter. My prescription was

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+3.75 right and +3.50 left (myopia). This is important to note because last year during a 1000 yard match at Fort Gordon I lost a contact on my first sighter shot. The wind was coming from 12 o'clock at about 15 MPH and my contacts were drying a little as I stared through the sights. As the lense blinked out onto my cheek, I quickly got out of position and tried to retrieve it before it dried out. Too late, I noticed it roll up and harden and realized I was in trouble. My score keeper also noticed this and work quickly spread around our portion of the range. The score keeper immediately offered to run back to my vehicle and retrieve my spares. I was sad to inform him that the only spare I had available was in my other eye! I placed my left lense in my right eye and shot very well! I learned that my +3.75 was good for normal vision but 0.25 diopters too strong for shooting. After that I was buying additional "left" lenses and using them on shooting days.

The learning continues as I came to enjoy the daily use of disposable contacts and exclusively shot with them. I no longer had the problems of adjusting spectacles for different positions, I did not need to clean sweaty lenses and they no longer rode down my nose. I was no longer sore on my nose of behind my ears from the frames and could do without the supplies of lense cleaners and tissues. With contacts, my lenses were always fresh, clear, and always perfectly centered. If contaminated while shooting, I'd simply replace them.

During a routine physical examination at Baptist Occupational Health Center for the military last August, I was directed to the Baptist Eye Center for tonometry. While undergoing my eye exam with Dr Gerard Coluccelli, MD I was introduced to the concept of Lasik surgery. I had contemplated the predecessor procedures, RK and PRK for a couple of years and wanted to know more about the new procedure. As soon as I mentioned my interest I was provided literature written in layman's terms and I agreed to undergo screening for the feasibility of this procedure. As a good candidate, I was scheduled for a series of appointments. Dr Coluccelli is very deliberate and careful in this selection and determination process. The procedure is painless and not uncomfortable in any way. The mechanics of the procedure are simple and Dr Coluccelli explained them every step along the way.

From my conversations with others contemplating the procedure, the consensus fear is the circumferential incision of the epithelium flap. Let me put those worries in proper perspective, there are anaesthetic eye drops applied which remove any sensation or pain, there are other drops which irrigate the eye and eliminate the need to blink. The incision of the epithelium takes about 10 seconds and is absolutely painless. There is no reason to be uncomfortable. The only task for the patient is to stare at a blinking red light.

The Bausch & Lomb laser can track the eye if there is movement. The eye is mapped during

pre-surgical screening and the coordinates and physical characteristics are fed into the computer of the laser. The laser treatment only lasts a few seconds and is not uncomfortable. During the laser treatment, the shape of the cornea is altered to affect the desired shape. For nearsightedness, or myopia, the cornea is flattened. For farsightedness, or hyperopia, the cornea is made steeper. Astigmatism can be corrected by removing tissue on the cornea's oblong side, making it spherical again.

The Lasik process, or Laser in-situ Keratomileusis, "differs from other procedures in that it corrects vision by reshaping the corneal tissue beneath the surface of the cornea rather than on the surface."¹ Lasik combines the accuracy of the Excimer laser with the healing benefits of a surgical procedure called Lamellar Kerotoplasty² This procedure has been performed on a limited basis since 1949 to treat higher levels of nearsightedness and moderate amounts of farsightedness.

The aging of the eyes, called presbyopia, may still demand the use of reading glasses. This is a normal degradation of visual acuity which begins around 40 years of age. For the competitive shooter Lasik will reduce or eliminate your dependence on glasses or contacts. Depending on your refraction, you may not experience 20/20 or even 20/40, but you will significantly reduce your dependence on corrective lenses and you will enjoy this in your daily life, I promise.

In a 1999 clinical study, 99.70% of Lasik patients achieved a UCVA (uncorrected visual acuity) to 20/40 or better; 87.3% achieved 20/20 or better; and 30.3% achieved 20/16 or better. These results were recorded at the 6 month follow-up examinations.

Since competitive shooters must learn to perform in varying light conditions, indoors and outdoors, you will be pleased to learn that older lasers only corrected an area diameter of 6-8mm while the Bausch & Lomb laser treatment area is 9mm. The smaller area of treatment provides good vision in daytime but as the pupil opens at night, and they may dilate larger than the treated diameter, it may create halos. This is reduced or eliminated by the larger treatment area of the Bausch & Lomb laser. The chance of pupil dilation in competitive shooting is probable in indoor, poor lighted conditions or outdoors when the eyes are covered with dark glasses. Light entering the eyes is limited also by the narrowing of the iris in the rear sight, and the covering of the peripheral vision with flaps, common on shooting headgear.

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This space reserved for Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Shooters

After Christmas Specials

Check out Specials on gun safes in the club store.

I would like to update the officers and directors information. Feel free to send it to the editor.

ACTION Shooting

October 2003 Action Shooting

Limited Division

Place Name	Points	Stg %
1 Bosik, Phil	652.3890	100.00%
2 Hammond, Mac	634.0979	97.20%
3 Farrulla, Mario	571.6016	87.62%
4 Nunnally, Mark Sr.	497.8929	76.32%
5 Naselsker, David	398.2311	61.04%
6 Carey, Scott	383.9055	58.85%
7 Herrick, Janie	318.4688	48.82%
8 Mintz, Tom Sr.	297.8407	45.65%
9 Hicks, Mike	289.4998	44.38%
10 Fritz, Brian	270.9830	41.54%
11 Axelrod, Scott	176.3512	27.03%
12 Isaac, Grover	148.3539	22.74%
13 Dentice, Mia	14.8290	17.60%
14 Lange, Ethan Jr.	47.6987	7.31%
15 Szabo, Alex	26.4704	4.06%

Open Division

Place Name	Points	Stg %
1 Joey Cartwright (Match HOA)	695.0000	100.00%

Revolver

Place Name	Points	Stg %
1 Wade Watkins	695.0000	100.00%

Camp Banding

by Fred Robbins

My left little finger is a handicap to my typing, but I had more fun -- met more new friends -- enjoyed working at the range and in the "butts" --- Laughed harder --- and shot pretty well too (except a case of dumbass on the last string when I turned windaqge the wrong way.....twice!!)

I have lots of stories, and (oh, s*** here Fred goes again) I'll tell them later But first and foremost I must thank and praise the hard work and great team efforts of the guys who set up and ran this match. Wes Curtis, Marion Estes, Will Hux, Rick Lardizabal, Mike Belle, Joe Zullo dozens of volunteers who helped on Friday practice day with moving target frames and targets from KD-

C to KD-A (the 2 adjacent 600 yard ranges); who policed up trash all three days; who helped paste targets and set up; who helped take down targets other than their ownthis was a great 3 days with great people. I'll never forget it. We'll do it again and again if I have anything to do with it.

Thanks to everyone I met and those I already knew. A great BIG THANK YOU! This is my real Birthday Present 9 days after the calendar event.

Finally, a great big grits and shins to Woody Sullivan who was our house guest for 3 nights! My 2 dogs share in this sentiment, as does my wife. Great weekend, Buddy!!!!

FOR SALE

M-1911- 45 cal.Colt pistol, low 6 didget serial number, excellent condition. \$999.00. Ruger Mark 2 pistol, 22 L.R. 10 inch long target barrel, stainless steel, extra mags and finger grips, like new condition, \$375.00. Ralph Stangel 261-8367

Remington Model 870 Wingmaster 12-gauge pump shotgun with two ribbed barrels and magazine extension, in carrying/shipping hardcase. Excellent condition - \$295. John McLeod, 5806 Hyde Grove Av., Phone: 786-7188.

Colt SSA Buntline Special 45 Long Colt for sale. This revolver appears to have been reblued. It is very tight and doesn't look as if it has been used much. I'm trying to determine a value. Guns America has a couple from \$1395 to \$1750. I don't know if the cowboys would shoot anything with a 12 in barrel or not. I will entertain offers. email dennisg@fdn.com or call 614-3248

New policy, Send in your ads for guns and related supplies

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Smallbore Rifle Silhouette
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IDPA
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Club 1800 Bullseye
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USPSA/IPSC/SEPSA
Wesley Herrick 771-7548

High Power Rifle
Marion Estes

22 Rimfire Plinking Shoot
William Peoples 378-9109

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Barry Wheeler 730-3415

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Silhouette
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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 each year.

Lead Minning?

Crawfish Shoot April

Sunshine Classic April 2004

**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

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My personal shooting vision has improved and my ability to distinguish "change" and contrast is enhanced greatly. Minor changes in sight alignment and sight picture are obvious to me now where they were once unnoticed. The brightness and acuity of my sight picture now reflects crisp edges around my front sight. I can detect changes in contrast with varying ambient light conditions or manipulation of the rear sight's iris. Since my nearsightedness is now corrected, my downrange sight picture is also improved. With the dependence on glasses removed, I wear normal protective eyewear. No longer using contacts, I do not fear "blinking out" a lense. No contact lenses also means no irritations from gasses formed from burning propellants.

I can recommend the Lasik process to any competitive shooter. As a competitor, international shooting coach, member of the National Coach Development Staff, and Distinguished Rifleman, I can recommend that any competitor with corrected vision follow this regimen to success. I gratefully acknowledge the care and service provided by Dr Gerard A. Coluccelli, MD and his team. I'm sure they would welcome any questions you may have. You can contact Laura C. Burns, Refractive Business Manager, at 904-SEE-CLEAR or 904-733-2532. You may also visit their web site at www.jaxlasik.com.

Authors

Will Hux is a mechanical engineer and competitive shooter. He has been a member of US Marine Corps and US Army Reserves Shooting Teams. He competes on the National and International level and holds a High Master classification, is a Distinguished Rifleman and member of the President's Hundred. He attends training at the US Olympic Training Center on Coaching. Hux is a Special Forces Sergeant Major where he relies of good vision for high altitude parachuting, shooting, and diving

Laura C. Burnsis a very smart and professional lady...please ad your biography

**Check out the
Gun Safes
in the club store**

GATEWAY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB IR 50/50

What a great day for a match- temperature in the 30's, gusty wind- but no rain or snow. The guys you see on this list are dedicated shooters. Bob Collins and Gary Mitchell drove all the way from sunny Georgia for the Artic Shoot. The weather during the sporter class was the worst and that 239 from Gary is quite respectable. In the heavy guns, Bob Collins did it again with back-to-back 247's. At least this time we did keep some prize money in Florida. In 2004, we will be shooting the same time—the first Saturday, with practice from 8 AM to 10 AM and then shoot the match. The "Crawfish" will occur on the first weekend in April (IR50/50). We will be shooting IR50/50, RBA and ARA (2 targets on IR 50/50 days).

Sporter Class

Gary Mitchell	Anschutz 54	Eley	239	5
Bill Dampier		1000 A	236	9
Bill Fleet	Sako	Eley	236	6

Class: 10.5 LB

Bob Collins	Hall	Eley	247	10
Bob Pekaar	Anschutz 54	Midas M	244	8
Bill Schertz	Anschutz 54	Lapua	242	6

Class: 13.5 LB

Bob Collins	Hall	Eley	247	13
Bob Pekaar	Anschutz 54	Midas M	245	11
Bill Schertz	Anschutz 54	Lapua	242	11

2 GUN AGGREGATE YARDS

Bob Collins	494	23
Bob Pekaar	489	19
Bill Schertz	484	17

3 GUN AGGREGATE YARDS

Bob Collins	730	27
Bill Dampier	718	22
Gary Mitchell	715	14

11-01-2003 North Florida Regional-Camp Blanding

Mike Belle 784-32 Match Winner
Bill Walter 778-23 2nd Overall / Hi Service
Joe Zerby 775-20 3rd Overall
Gary Crayne 769-181st MA Match Rifle
Randy Erickson 767-221st MA Service Rifle
Edward Willett 764-26 2nd MA Service Rifle
Patricia Squire 763-15 3rd MA Service Rifle
Dennis Lawrence 750-141st EX Match Rifle
Woody Sullivan 744-12Hi Senior
Kenneth Jordan 750-20 1st EX Service Rifle
Frank Cernese 748-14 2nd EX Service Rifle
Ben Valdez708-171st SS/MK

11-02-03 North Florida 3X600 Camp Blanding

Sam Tedders 599-43Match Winner
John Whidden 599-401st High Master
Rick Lardizabal 592-23 Iron Sight Winner
Dennis Green596-221st Master
Dan Dorosheff 590-20 2nd Master / SR Winner
Woody Sullivan 578-241st EX / SS / MK
Gary Crayne 598-34 F-Class Winner

Happy New Year

from the staff and management

Renew your Membership

Please take a moment to renew your Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club membership. All annual memberships expire on December 31.

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tion, the next phase of safety improvements (ie installation of eyebrows or manglers) on the new stepped berms can be implemented without drastically re-altering the berms. The engineering plan for the eyebrows/managers meant to prevent ricochets from rolling over the berm has been completed. Unfortunately, the contractor bids for construction must be delayed. The contractors want engineering plans for the support walls.

The BOD did pass an additional safety initiative affecting the pistol shooters. An open bolt indicator must be used in pistols as well as rifles when the line is cold. The exception to this rule is during a sanctioned match. The store has ordered these and should be available by the time this Muzzleblast is printed.

I would like to thank the members of GRPC and the BOD for the overwhelming support over the past two years. I will continue to offer my support as a member to those taking the leadership reins for the coming year. I

know they will continue to work toward the completion of projects still on the drawing board (the restrooms voted to be placed at the end of the silhouette line), moving forward next year with lead recycling on the remaining ranges, and the installation of eyebrow/managers. The appearance of our club has improved and our membership continues to rise. I was pleased by the positive attitude of the members toward the construction and renovation. As president I tried to listen with an open mind and make decisions in the best interest of the club. Yes, looking back I might have amended a decision or two. Thanks to the input of so many wise members, I think I did a fair job (you know being a girl and all.) I still urge members to attend the board meetings on the second Monday of each month so you can witness first hand how your elected members serve you. For my final president report, I would like to end the year by saying, "Have a safe holiday, and may God bring you good health and prosperity in the New Year." I look forward to shooting with you as I have in the past.

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 8:AM till 1:00
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

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