

The MUZZLEBLAST



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GATEWAY RETURNS TO THE GUNSHOWS

(An echo from the past by Bill Craig)

After a long dry spell, Gateway was again represented at a local gun show. This one took place at the Morocco Shrine Center and was hosted by the North Florida Firearms Collectors' Association on the 24th and 25th of this past January. Years ago, we had a couple in the Club, Joe and Carol Newman, who just loved to attend gun shows and they would set up a nice table display for Gateway. Informational pamphlets were handed out listing the Club's location, facilities available while Joe and Carol answered questions in general. This went on for years until they, unfortunately for Gateway, moved out of town. The two of them not only did the shows but put together programs for raffles and door prizes at our membership meetings. They were and are sorely missed. Some time passed and then Tom Beattie with help from other volunteers took up the challenge and again made our presence known for a couple of years. However, another "drought" occurred until Bill Craig took two tables at the January show. One was for his "for sale or swap" items and the adjacent table was for Gateway. On Saturday the 24th Wade Bush helped all day. On Sunday, Bill was relieved for short breaks by Jerry Vaughn and Jodie Graves. Tom VonHollen and John Graves also dropped by, spent time and offered their help. It was also nice to see Gateway Past President Jim Cox and his wife again. Even better, he bought a black powder rifle I no longer needed.

The display had two Gateway flags, a large foldout display, pamphlets and detailed maps on the Club's location. The most important offering was our availability to answer questions. We did not accept memberships or renewals as that is best handled at our Club office for accountability and mandatory viewing of our orientations class tapes. Several important questions were asked. Two members, one

who lives at Jacksonville Beach and the other in Fernandina stated they only shoot at Gateway a couple of times a year. Would it not be possible for their yearly renewals to be done by phone using a credit card and thus save a very long drive? The answer is a simple "yes" according to Sam Cowan our Club Business Manager. New members must still, of course, apply at the Club office and view the new member safety and Club orientation tapes. Just in case our new members get a little distracted while viewing the tapes, there is a short written quiz that must be passed after viewing the tapes. We had a lot of favorable comments from the public, members, non-members and prospective members. The biggest interest seemed to be our Club's availability for training people of all ages who would like to become more familiar with the use of firearms. We stressed that Gateway is really the only outdoor all-purpose range in town with an indoor air gun range. More importantly, Gateway is a place where a person or family can safely and legally shoot firearms.

We also got what appears to be a valid complaint from a day member and his wife. That matter is being handled by Club management. We do have an incident form now available at the Club office. Should any Club member or Club employee experience less than good sportsmanship, common courtesy or witness a safety incident, we ask you to please complete the incident form. The completed form may be turned in to our office staff, Club management or any member of the Board of Directors. We will follow up.

We doubt that we will be represented at every gun show in town but we do plan to attend yearly four or five of the largest and most attended shows. Hope to see you there!

GARAND MATCH

08 May 2004

OBI's Required on ALL Ranges

Open bolt indicators are now required on ALL Ranges. This applies to members, guests and daily members alike



Gateway's Display

It's GRPC's 40th Anniversary

Saturday, May 15th

Norris Tucker

Annual Chili Cook-off

Swap Meet from

8AM - 5PM

Member's Field Day

Members of Gateway, this year marks our 40th anniversary. The range will be closed to daily members to provide our Club members a special day of fun and reminiscing.

Range Officer Needed

Full or Part time
Retired Military or Police
preferred contact
Ross Dodd 771-0394

Called for Printer
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GATEWAY TO WEST POINT

Our junior program started by Ben Kebman several years ago as a way to teach and promote gun safety, has come a long way in improving the expertise of it's junior competitors. Whether it's the Swamp Lizards or Gateway Gold or Team Blonde competing across the country, there's usually a handful of medals to show for their efforts. We're happy to say that our program allows and supports our juniors to shoot on their level advancing at their speed as they desire. From a little plinking to national competition, we offer it all with some of the best coaching, equipment and shooting facility in the Southeast.

This year we're proud to have one of our juniors, Rebekah Vaughan, being recruited by West Point AND Annapolis to shoot on their rifle teams. Beka, who first heard about the Gateway program at Women's Field Day in 1999 finally started shooting in March of 2000. She's shot at Camp Perry every year since then and been invited to shoot the Jr. Olympics in Colorado Springs the past three years and has made the state smallbore team four years running. Until this past year, she has used a club air rifle for competition and that's a testimony to the quality of equipment we offer the juniors.

Without the support of the Board of Directors at Gateway, none of this would be possible. It has taken the combined efforts of the 4H, 4H Foundation, Friends of the NRA, American Legion, generous donors in our club, an army of parent and nonparent volunteers and the support of Gateway members as well as the Board to offer to the children of Jacksonville a program among one of the finest in the country. In Fact several of our coaches have no children in the program but are willing to devote one to three nights a week coaching kids.

All of this has made possible a dream coming true for one young lady, a chance of a lifetime. For Beka you've afforded her a GATEWAY TO WEST POINT. Others will follow, thanks to the members of Gateway.

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January 2004 Secretary's Report

by Janie Herrick

With 2004 well underway, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who voted for me in September. As I promised during the election, I will be submitting highlights from the BOD monthly meetings for publication in the Muzzleblast. Due to the space constraints, this venue will only have a high level overview along with an attendance summary and roll call vote for any agenda items requiring GRPC dollars to be spent. A complete copy of the minutes from all BOD meetings is available in the Club office for members to review.

The January BOD meeting had all Officers and Board Members in attendance. Our new club President, Sam Grimes, welcomed new Board members and reviewed a new incident reporting procedure available to all employees and members. The form is for reporting accidents or any incident that could reflect unfavorably upon GRPC. Incident reports may be obtained from the Club office.

Incoming Treasurer, Chris Kloeppe, answered several questions concerning format of financial statements along with specific line items on the P&L and Balance sheet. Chris advised BOD that he was going to have our accountant change from the currently used "cash basis" reporting to "accrual based" reporting in order to provide us with a truer picture of where we stand financially as well as to show trends up or down.

Public Relations officer, Bruce Wells, reported on the George W. Travis 3-Gun charity match held in December. This match was moved to GRPC after the original range was sold. With less than a week's notice and a phone call poll of the Board, the match was moved to GRPC. 100% of funds raised, \$2075.00, went to the American Cancer Society.

As part of our goal to increase membership and let the public know we are here, it was decided that GRPC be repre-

sented at a minimum of 3 local gun shows during the year. (If you are interested in volunteering to help man a table, please contact Bruce Wells)

BOD voted unanimously to allot \$1000.00 startup funds for the 2004 Dixie Match.

Lead mining on the 71/2, 15 and 100 yd lines were completed over the holidays and the ranges have been re-opened. The BOD voted unanimously to allot funds not to exceed \$2000.00 to have the newly mined berms seeded with winter rye and oats followed by Argentine Bahia.

A budget not to exceed \$2000.00 was unanimously approved to have drawings made for retaining walls for the pistol ranges.

With a majority vote, the Small Bore Range was re-opened. L. Watkins cast the only "No" vote.

The Eyebrow, Baffle committee is working to finalize a set of modular drawings for eyebrows/baffles that will be tested on the 100 yd line within the next 90 days.

BOD unanimously approved the addition of a link from the GRPC web site at www.grpc-jax.org to a newly created site for our Juniors Program.

GRPC turns 40 this year. Be on the lookout for more information regarding a 40th Anniversary celebration.

Board meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 PM. All members are encouraged to attend. You may address the Board at the end of the meeting or during the meeting by contacting the Club President or Club Manager, in advance, to be placed on the agenda.

Remember, complete minutes along with all Club Policies are available in the Club Office for Members to review.

Did you know?

The maintenance crew spends over 30% of their time cleaning up the ranges. If each member would spend 5 minutes cleaning up their spent casing and shooting area, when they were finished, it would not only save the club money, it would give the maintenance crew more time to make improvements to both ranges and common areas.

It's your club and your money, please do your part to keep Gateway clean and presentable so we can all be proud to be members.

Editors note: in other words, do as your mother taught you and quit being a slob.

December 2003 Action Shooting

Stage: 1 Mac's Idea

- 1 Bosik, Phil
- 2 Hammond, Mac
- 3 Nunnally, Mark

Stage: 2

How Many Different Ways

- 1 Nunnally, Mark
- 2 Wallace, Bruce
- 3 Bosik, Phil

Stage: 3 Tight Shooting

- 1 Bosik, Phil
- 2 Eicbling?, Tom
- 3 Herrick, Janie

Stage: 4 W

- 1 Bosik, Phil
- 2 Hammond, Mac
- 3 Nunnally, Mark

Stage: 5 CS00-01 One Lump Or Two

- 1 Bosik, Phil
- 2 Wallace, Bruce
- 3 Nunnally, Mark

Cut-off date for next issue is April 20th

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

Gateway 3X600 Jan 17

Reported by Joe Zullo

Conditions were a lot better than last month and we had a decent turnout. Fred Robbins gets special mention for firing two stages for score in 13 minutes (he was experiencing "technical difficulties" on the normal first stage)! A feat by itself, but "Yoda" cleaned one target and scored a 196-?? on the other!!! A total of 396/400 in "rapid fire" single loading prone shooting. He always comes through in a pinch

Joe Zullo	F-class	599-39	Match Winner
Peter Kenny	F-class	593-34	
Fred Robbins	F-class	593-26	
Jim Cox	Match Bolt	574-05	
Whitney Saunders	SR	573-11	
Marion Estes	SR	550-08	
Dennis Lawrence	Match AR	547-07	
Cary Verell	Antique	253-00	

Fred Robbins comments:

The "rapids" is not the way I wanted to start the year. But I learn things all the time, and re-mounting a scope in a more rearward position on a 20 MOA Long Range mount started me off on the wrong foot. It was not a good experience for my barrel, either. Marion touched it with a spit-wet fingertip and it almost sizzled. I wish I'd watched a clock, and I'd have saved a few points on the 2nd stage.

The rifle shot well, and the new stock is pleasant. I've got a few things to work out with cheek position, but all in all a fun match.

Special congratulations to Peter Kenney for showing up and actually shooting! He may have surprised himself with his performance today... his last stage was a 200-16x

And a hearty welcome to Cary Verell of the Jacksonville Semper Fidelis organization. With a 1933 Moisin Nagant (no idea what kind of ammo he was using), he covered the target pretty well. And I hope to see more of the Marines out at the matches in the future. I think they're planning on having an in-house competition against one another from Feb. through Nov.

Thanks to Dale Green for having me paged to the Club office to tell me his alarm didn't go off.... then showing up after the 1st stage was shot and proceeding to the 100 yard line for testing and barrel breakin of his new AR15.

Rimfire Benchrest 2/04

This was our first Rimfire Benchrest Association shoot in several years and we had a great turnout. The wind was horrendous and got to most shooters. Rod Collins shot a 250 with 8 X's in the 10 _ pound class with a Calfee (who else?) built Turbo. Bob Collins was right behind him with a 248. Of the 39 targets shot, only 5 were above 241- we had some great rimfire shooters there. Amazing that half the sporters were Anschutz 54.18 actions- most new- in search of the perfect rifle. Bill Dampier pulled it off for Gateway in the sporter class with a 242. We were glad to see Doug Weeter from Savannah back with us and he did well in the heavy guns. Next month we shoot IR50/50 and ARA. Don't forget the "Crawfish" state IR 50/50 championship the first weekend in April. Bob Pekaar

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

BROWNING .22 caliber lever-action carbine, with Bushnell 3-7X scope, like-new 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

IR 50/50 22 Benchrest
Bob Pekaar 268-4537

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette
Chuck Deason 282-9366

IDPA
Ed Sevetz 272-8484
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Randy Erickson 448-3174

USPSA/IPSC/SEPSA
Wesley Herrick 771-7548

High Power Rifle
Marion Estes 641-7775

Black Powder Muzzle Loading
Barry Wheeler 730-3415

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle
Silhouette
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NRA/1800 Bullseye
Randy Erickson 448-3174

NRA/2700 Bullseye
James Watts 387-6287

Cowboy Action/SASS
Bob Harris 724-7012

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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 3 & 4

Sunshine Classic April 16-18, 2004

40th Anniversary Party

Swap Meet Field Day and Chili Cook-off May 15

**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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON SB-1156 - Shooting Ranges

ONCE AGAIN THE BILL WAS TEMPORARILY DELAYED AND DID NOT COME UP FOR A HEARING IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Senator Durell Peaden's bill, SB-1156, to stop the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and any other agency and other political subdivision from using its power impose backdoor gun control by shutting down private and public shooting ranges all over this state DID NOT COME UP FOR A HEARING in the Senate Comprehensive Planning Committee on Monday 2/2/04 as scheduled.

NRA and USF SUPPORT THIS BILL and THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

We are disappointed that the bill did not get heard. The bill is now rescheduled to be heard when the Senate comes back to Tallahassee for meetings the middle of February. At that time we will again need your help contacting members of the committee.

BACKGROUND:

This bill will stop anti-gun individuals "embedded" in government agencies (from previous anti-gun governors and administrations) from filing law-suits to shut down ranges.

This bill will stop government agencies from forcefully taking ranges, under eminent domain, from range owners and then turning around and suing them to make them remove all projectiles from the land.

This bill will stop government agencies from using a seeming bottomless pit of tax payer dollars to sue ranges and force them into bankruptcy. It is in the public interest that firearms owners have a place to shoot and practice gun safety. This bill will insure public safety by protecting ranges from overzealous anti-gun officials.

This bill will insure that citizens who want to exercise their right of lawful self-defense have a place to train so they can provide the mandated documentation the state requires for licenses to carry concealed firearms.

This bill will insure that citizens who want to engage in the American tradition of hunting have a place to train so they can provide the mandated hunter safety training the state requires for hunting licenses.

Projectiles are integral to sport shooting and training range activity and to the ownership and use of firearms. Over years of operation, projectiles have accumulated in the environment at many ranges...but despite so-called "studies" by anti-gun environmentalists, many believe there is no indisputable or incontrovertible evidence that projectile accumulation at sport shooting and training ranges poses a threat to the environment or to human health.

IF RANGES ARE CLOSED, YOU WON'T HAVE A PLACE TO SHOOT. IF YOU CAN'T SHOOT THEY'LL SAY YOU HAVE NO REASON TO OWN A GUN.

Renew your Membership

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

**GARAND
MATCH**

**03 Springfields, P14s, P17s, Johnsons,
M-I Carbines, too.**

08 May 2004

0830 Registration

\$15 Match Fee

**Usual 30 round course of fire, ammo
included in match fees.**

GATEWAY HP LEAGUE MATCH 02/08/04

Randy Erickson	SR	487-15X	Match Winner
Roger Hayes	MR	475-13X	
Dennis Lawrence	MR	471-9X	
Tom Inman	SR	467-10X	
Wes Curtis	SR	457-2X	
HB Whidden	SR	453-7X	
Jim Cox	MR	449-5X	
Gregg Mallinson	SR	445-3X	
Robert Estes	SR	430-4X	
M. P. Estes	SR	406-6X	
Kieth Triplett	SR	389-4X	

Gateway will be 40 Years Old

We will celebrate our 40th Anniversary in May. The details have not been finalized. Watch for more info in the next issue and on the Web site.

We are requesting information about the Charter members. It would be nice to have some pictures or other memorabilia which will be returned. If you can help or have info please call Sam Cowan or Sam Grimes at 771-2937

Party May 15th**Blanding High Power Matches**

March 13th and March 14th - XTC Practice Matches, plus the Gateway League Match for March. 2 Full Days of shooting.

April 24th and April 25th - Saturday will be an 80 shot XTC Match;

Sunday will be a 60 shot Mid-Range. 2 Full Days of shooting.

Further details will be made available as soon as possible. For more information,

**CONTACT: Fred Robbins 282-8398
E-mail -- robbins_15032@msn.com**

**Closed
Easter Sunday****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

Call the Match Directors for additional information