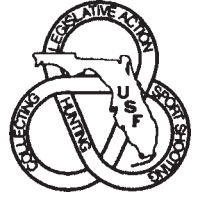


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We lost a good friend !!

Steve Bernhard, the founder of our Club, passed away on Friday, April 15th, 2005, at the age of ninety one. It was a very sad occasion for us older members of the Club, who knew Steve so well and know what all he did for the Club. The burial was on April 19th with full military honors as Steve was a retired Chief Petty Officer in the Navy and a Pearl Harbor survivor. The funeral service was well attended by members of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club (GR&PC) as well as his family, friends and church members. I am sure the presence of so many Club members meant a lot to his family.

For you newer members who did not have the honor and privilege of knowing Steve, let me just make a few remarks. Not only was Steve the founder of our Club some forty one years ago but if it were not for Steve's untiring efforts in the early days, there would be no GR&PC today. He devoted literally thousands of hours at the Club, signing up new members, cutting grass, making target frames and so on. He was never paid one dime for all this work and refused all efforts for us to do so. He said his reward was watching the Club grow from just a few charter members to the huge organization it is today. Plus, he said, he made countless new friends at our ranges. Through the years, he served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Board member, Club store keeper and finally in the last few years as just a life member. His honesty and integrity were always without question. Truly, he was a role model for all of us.

In the Board room at our Club house are pictures of Steve and what the Club looked like back in the early days. Please take a look at these sometime and when you do, just say "Thanks, Steve." Now all we have of Steve are memories but as the old song goes, "Thanks for the memories." Steve, we will miss you buddy.

Written by Bill Craig on behalf of all Steve's friends at GR&PC.

Newly Elected President of National Rifle Association

April 22, 2004 — Sandy Froman is a crack shot, and this week she is the new president of the National Rifle Association.

The nations' 4 million gun owners, represented by the powerful NRA, believe their constitutional right to bear arms is constantly being threatened. The NRA is one of the biggest lobbying groups in the country, and Froman speaks their language.

"When you look at the criminal use of guns, it's a small fraction of the firearms that are used everyday by peaceable Americans for lawful purposes, and that's what I'm here to talk about," Froman said.

As president, Froman won't run the day-to-day operations of the NRA. But like her predecessor, Charlton Heston, she will use the NRA's pulpit to spread her message.

Froman is only the second woman to be president of the NRA in its 130-year history. She wants to reach out to other women, but it may be a tough sell. Less than a year ago, the NRA worked hard to end a ban on assault weapons, while a majority of women across the country wanted tougher gun laws.

"I have women coming up to me all the time," Froman said. "They've thought about having a gun, they're not sure. They're very curious, and I want to be in a position to respond to that curiosity to give them information."

Froman has already had a minor misstep. After a school shooting on an Indian Reservation in Minnesota last month, Froman was reported as saying consideration should be given to any method that might make a school safer — even arming teachers. She said her comments were taken out of context.

"I certainly never advocated arming teachers as a national policy, and I don't advocate that now," said Froman. "But I also recognize that individual schools have to look at what works for them and I would respect the local school's decision about that."

Froman, 55, is a lawyer and a widow who lives in Tuscon, Ariz. Her husband was a law enforcement officer.

"He encouraged me and inspired me," she said. "He thought that there was something that I could bring to this cause."

Need a 7.5 cu ft. Frigidaire freezer?

If anyone is interested please bring sealed bids to Brenda by May 10th.

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CHILLI COOK-OFF AND SWAP MEET GENERAL MEETING

By Thomas A. Beattie Sr.

The annual Norris Tucker chili cook off and swap meet and general meeting will be held on Saturday May 21, 2005. The swap meet will be held under the pavilion as usual. Bring out your stuff to sell as well as look to buy. There are more bargains here than anyplace else in town. Tables will be available or you may use the tailgate of your truck.

All of you chili cooks, bring out your pot of chili and join in the competition. Last year there were about 12 entries. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third and fourth place. Prizes will be gift certificates for merchandise from the Club store.

There will be a meeting of the General Membership to discuss the State of the Club and vote on the proposed by-law changes. All club members will have an opportunity to speak. There will be an agenda for this meeting. If you wish to bring up new business please contact the Club Secretary to be placed on the agenda.

After the meeting lunch will be served. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and of course, chili.

8:00 - Swap Meet Starts
10:30- Chili Judging Starts
11:00- General Membership Meeting starts
12:00-Let's Eat!

Steve

One afternoon back in 67 while shooting in the barrow pit at the end of Wilson Blvd. I was approached by someone who asked if I had ever been to the Gun Club. When I found out he wasn't talking about the Jax Police Pistol Range I got curious and got the directions. I located the club and talked with a member who suggested I go to Steve's house if I wanted to join. That's when I met Steve Bernhard.

In those days most of the club business was done at Steve's house. I called or went by there often. I hadn't talked with Steve since our last celebration and I'll be sorry for that.

Called for Printer pickup on April 26

2005 Silhouette Championships

Long Range Pistol

May 14-21, Wilmington, NC

Smallbore Rifle / Smallbore Hunting Rifle

June 12-14, Phoenix, AZ

High Power Rifle / High Power Hunting Rifle

June 16-18, Phoenix, AZ

Hunter's Pistol / Smallbore Hunter's Pistol

July 11-14, Bradford, PA

Cowboy Lever Action

August 10-13, Raton, NM

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle

August 15-18, Raton, NM

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle - Scope

August 19-20, Raton, NM

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GATEWAY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

Minutes of February 2005 Board of Directors Meeting

by Thomas A. Beattie Sr.

President: Sam Grimes Baffle perforation is decreasing but presently 693 holes in the 100yard-line baffle. Range Officer saw a shooter not being able to hit the target. He explained how to use the sights after she stated she only used the rear sight.

Secretary: Thomas Beattie Minutes of the Jan. board meeting were presented to the Board. Accepted by Board

Treasurer: Thomas Beattie Dec. financial statement and Jan. check register were presented asked how many members renewed before the dues increase. There was an accounting adjustment made to item 766 for store inventory. Due to the cost of workers compensation, Beattie checked with several employee leaseing services and found one company that would cover the range employees. The savings on the workers comp. will offset the administration fees. The Club will not be responsible for making payroll tax payments or preparing and filing forms. The Board accepted report.

Club Manager: Brenda Trickler 359 life members 1872 annual members 2 endowment 720 Members from 2004 have not renewed. Jacketed bullets are now in stock. We received 10 certificates from Glock in lieu of cash payment. Two certificates have been turned over for the RO's that worked the match to draw from. The winners paid the Club \$350.00 each. There are eight left. Ray Kerbs made a motion that all of the remaining certificates should go to the match RO's as they were the people who worked and without them we would not have been able to have the match at all. Motion passed.

Club Maintenance Supv: Bob Miller Club Car cart in shop for repairs to transmission. Some people who operate the cart are not using the cart properly. Improvements to the 50 yard pistol line can be done in-house by Bob and his staff. Cost will be \$1050.00 for the metal work. With an additional \$400.00 for concrete and sona tubes. The existing uprights and metal will be reused.

The clay pigeon thrower was broken and needed to be replaced at a cost of \$1200.00

Old Business

A. Proposed financial plan B. Craig

The GRPC proposed 2005 financial plan was presented to the Board. Listed were the projected expenses for personnel and operations for 2005. These expenses were bases on hard figures from last year and do not include any major capitol improvements or savings. The projected income showed that the major

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Editors comments

I made a few comments in the last issue of the newsletter about the new by-law changes. I still think we pass too many restrictions. Not only for the elections by for most of the day to day activity at the club. Now we have red lines, OBIs and range officers. I wonder what we ever did without all this new stuff.

Mainly I wanted to point out that running for office at the club is getting more complicated with all the new rules. However only one reader called to let me know that running for the board of directors is not more involved than running for President of the United States. It was stated that to run for president you have to be native born and 35 years old.. No those restriction don't exist at GRPC.

As I ramble on I am filling white space due to the fact that there was little submitted besides articles for sale. I would like to think we have members with import information to share with the group.

I have posted for the last two issues that I was changing email addresses. I have done so. I guess that is the reason I haven't heard from you. Enjoy the filler and let me hear from you. The new email address is dbglasscock@comcast.net

Let me add that once you get broadband the is no going back.

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Don't Forget the Norris Tucker Chile Cook-off

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income for the Club comes from the general membership. The income from the disciplines is less than 3%. Craig stated that the membership is the most important asset of the club. Our assumption is that the Club will have the necessary money to operate. However the Board must exercise restraint on any additional expenses. Committee members were John Graves, Bill Craig and T. Beattie. There was discussion about raising the daily shooters fee's. Discussion was tabled until next month.

B. Photo ID Badges. After looking into the cost of the photo ID's it was decided that it was too expensive and not to proceed at this time.

C. Uniform Guidelines for Discipline. Preston

Asked that the Board review the report from the committee for a vote at the next meeting.

D. Sunshine Classic Preston

Chuck Deacon is the Match director. The Juniors will be helping with the Bar B Q and setting the targets. John Graves informed the Club that he knew where to obtain a big cooker for use.

E. Board Member Resignation.

Dave Rifkin has resigned from the Board. A motion was made not to fill the open position to shrink the Board as it is too large in its present form. With 19 members is hard to get things done. The Club By-laws call for no less than five (5) directors. At present there is 12. Motion passed 7 to 5.

F. By-law Changes Beattie

T. Beattie a list of proposed by-law changes that a committee had worked on. The Board was asked if anyone else want to make any other changes to the by-laws. The proposed by-law changes will be published in the Muzzleblast. At present it is required that a president wait for six years until he is eligible to run for office again. It had previously been 8 years but was changed to 6 years in 1994. The limit was put into place to stop one person or group of people from taking over the Club. The Club has grown and is far more diverse than when these by-laws were made. Each proposal will be voted on separately at the May meeting. The Board had various positions on each by-lay change. The major objection was the requirements for new Board members as having to attend Board meetings prior to running for Board. There were no other changes proposed. B. Wells requested that these proposed changes not be presented as coming from the Board. Beattie stated that he would put his name on the article to be placed in the Muzzleblast and make it clear that these changes were not the product of the Board. Later the Committee members requested to be included.

G. Improvements

Earlier money requests for the 50 yard line improvements and clay pigeon thrower had been differed until after the Financial Plan report. A motion was made to approve an expenditure of \$1650.00 for the range improvements. Motion Passed. A motion was passed to approve spending the \$1200. for the new clay pigeon thrower. Beattie suggested that a fee be charged to use the new trap. The motion was amended to include a fee of \$3.00 for using the trap as was being charged for the use of the steel plates. Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2005,

National Matches at Camp Perry Ohip

DATES FOR 2005

Jul 8-10	Muzzle Loading Matches
Jul 11-12	Pistol SAFS
Jul 12-16	NRA Pistol Matches
Jul 17	National Trophy Pistol Matches
Jul 21-23	SBR 3-Position Matches
Jul 24-29	SBR Prone Matches
Jly 31-Aug 1	High Power Rifle SAFS
Aug 2-6	National Trophy Rifle Matches
Aug 7-11	NRA National High Power Rifle Matches
Aug 12-15	NRA Long Range Matches
Aug 13-17	NRA Long Range Firing School

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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Club 1800 Bullseye
Randy Erickson 448-3174

USPSA/IPSC/SEPSA
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bwell52 bellsouth.net

Schedule of Events

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The club will be closed on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas days each year.

**Annual Norris
Tucker Chili Cook-
off and Swap Meet
Saturday May 21**

Crawfish Shoot

Sunshine Classic

2005 NRA National Jr Air Gun Championship

Plans are being finalized for the 2005 NRA National Jr Air Gun Championship & Training Summit to be held in Bloomington/Normal, IL on July 5-10. Official Match programs have been mailed out. The air rifle part of the championship will again be shot on the target system from Targetworx. Special Guest Speaker will be David Butz, retired All-Pro Defensive Tackle for the Washington Redskins who placed in three Super Bowls. A special event has been worked out with the South African National Schools Shooting Union & the NRA. An international Postal Match will be held at the 2005 championship, with a team of 10 Precision & 10 Sporter Shooters. Details are in the match program. New for 2005 is the opportunity for organizations, businesses, or teams to show their support by placing an ad in the match program or the results bulletin.

FOR SALE

Members may list firearm related articles for sale at no cost. Send your ad to dbglasscock@comcast.net

Colt Match Target Competition (HBAR) AR-15 in .223. Comes with removable handle, muzzlebrake and two nine round mags. Great rifle purchased new in December. Asking \$750.00. Contact Scott at 276-2230.

STFFF FOR SALE: All kinds of stuff - some new, some used, some big, some small, some guns, some coins, at real bargain prices from \$2 to \$4800. Send \$1.00 for list (refundable if you buy anything)
to: John McLeod, 5806 Hyde Grove Av., Jacksonville, FL 32210.

For Sale - adjustable rifle benchrests. Still only \$25.00 each.
904 272-9781, 904 707-8006cell or janicenwilliam@aol.com
William Coman

High Power Rifle
Marion Estes 641-7775
F-Class 3X200
Fred Robbins 282-8398

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Randy Erickson 448-3174

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Cowboy Action/SASS
Vivian Harris 724-7012

Action Shooting/ICORE
Pending

USPSA 3-Gun
Groover Robinson 716-7531

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Parking in
front of the
OFFICE to
10 minutes**

and wipe your feet

Concealed Carry Permit Classes

Classes have a revised pricing schedule:

Club Members	\$35.00
Non-members	\$40.00

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

Required Maintenance WILL be performed according to this schedule

Monday 8 AM.-11 AM 100 yard rifle line will be closed.

Tuesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. All Pistol ranges, 7.5, 15, 25 & 50 yard lines will be closed.

Wednesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. Silhouette Range will be closed

Thursday 8A.M.-11 200 yd. line will be closed closed

Friday 8A.M.-11 All purpose line will be closed .

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

Sunshine Classic/Southeast Regional Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Tournament

by Chuck Deason Match Director

This year marked the 18th year of the Sunshine Classic which is held at Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club in Jacksonville, FL. For those who don't know about it the match started off with about 20 people showing up for the first year. Since then we have grown to anywhere from 70 to 95 shooters a year. It's been called "A Gathering of Friends". It's been said that people come to have a great time, see old friends and have some really good food, and somewhere in all of this a gun match is held. This year proved to be no different, With shooters from 19 different states ranging from "B" class shooters to NRA Champions and World champions.

This year the weather was somewhat helpful, with temperatures starting in the mid 60's and working there way up in low 70's. and wind around 10 to 15 miles per hour proved to be some interesting shooting. On Saturday the Standard Rifle was shot and in match 1 Cathy Winstead won the 1st round with a 36, Her dad came from Montana to spot for her. Jack Rowe was 1st AAA with a nice score of 30. Lawrence Waller won 1st AA with 26, A Class was won by Tobie Lavides with a 24, Jimmy Greene a new shooter round out the match in B with an 11. In Match 2, Bill Motl won the match with a 35, With AAA James Cullpepper shooting a 31 to bring in 1st place, AA belonged to Lawrence Waller once again with a 30, A class was Colin McCulley with a 21, and B class was won by Curtis Harris with a 12. By the time all the scores where added for the aggregate scores, We had a shoot-off between 2 of the premier shooters in the country, Cathy Winstead and Troy Lawton both ended up with 69 and Cathy ended up Match Winner after the shoot-

off. 1st master was won by Dave Imas who came all the way from California. Chris Simmons, a junior shooter took AAA with a 58. Lawrence Waller took over all for AA with a 56, Tobie Lavides won A with a 40, and Last but not least Jimmy Greene shot a 22 for B class.

On Sunday the Hunter Rifle was held and the weather basically stayed the same. Match 1 was won by Dennis Dadian with a great score of 38. Carl Stephens got 1st AAA with a 29, In the AA class Gary Doeer won with a 26., Daniel Sullivan shot a 22 to win A and Jim Greene shot a 12 to bring in B class. Match 2 proved that some of the shooters where not going to be left behind, Match winner was Troy Lawton with a 37, With Ernie Mellor securing AAA with a 28 after a shoot-off with Benny Grigg. AA once again belonged to Gary Doeer with a 27. Junior shooter Daniel Sullivan won with a 22 and Jim Greene stayed consistent with a 12 to win B. By the time the last shot had been fired and the aggregate scores where totaled, The match winner was Troy Lawton with a 74, 1st place for Master class was decided after a shoot-off between Cathy Winstead and Dave Imas with 67 each and Cathy came out the winner on that one. David McLemore was tops in the AAA class with a 54. Gary Doeer proved that consistency pays off with a combined score of 53 to win AA. Leroy Squires won A with a 41, and Jim Greene once again won B overall with a 21.

Great Shooting to all our shooters, I hope everyone had a Great Time and see everyone next year. You can check out the scores on a web site by Frank Bray (fbray11@comcast.com).

Maintenance Schedule

Monday 8 AM.-11 AM 100 yard rifle line

Tuesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. 7.5, 15, 25 & 50 yard lines

Wednesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. Silhouette line

Thursday 8A.M.- noon 200 yd. line

Friday 8A.M.-11 All purpose line

The above ranges will be closed during Maintenance

This maintenance schedule has changed places and sizes due to members not being able to see it in the past. If you set up on one of these ranges during the scheduled maintenance times you will have to remove your equipment and go elsewhere.

Submit info for publication in our
Muzzleblast to
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IR 50/50 03/05/05

Sporter Class

Jeff Hopper	244	10
Bill Schertz	238	7
Tommy Wood	238	4

Class: 10.5 LB

Bill Schertz	246	10
Bill Dampier	245	10
Bill Smith	241	9

Class: 13.5 LB

Bill Schertz Turbo	245	12
Don Hawkins	242	11
Bill Dampier	242	7

2 GUN AGGREGATE YARDS

Bill Schertz 491	22	246
Bill Dampier	487	17 245
Don Hawkins	483	20 241

3 GUN AGGREGATE YARDS

Bill Schertz 729	29	238
Jeff Hopper 721	27	244
Bill Dampier	720	21 233

I hope that the March 5th match is no indication of what is to come at the Crawfish. These heavy wind conditions have been with us for at least a month now. That didn't prevent Jeff Hopper and Bill Schertz from doing some outstanding shooting. It looks like the Sako's are disappearing from the sporter class and being replaced by Anschutz 54.18's in conjunction with a trend to shoot lower grade Eley and Lapua ammo. I guess the Jewel triggers or lack thereof is a problem with the Sako's and the \$1000+ price for Tenex and Midas M. Personally, I can't tell much of a difference between the pricier and lesser forms of ammo.

The RBA match is on March 19th. The Crawfish is on April 1-3. I thought that a scorer had to be a shooter (a major problem in Charlotte years ago), but there is no mention of this. The only rule is that a referee cannot score, however the Rangemaster can. I hope some of you with scoring experience will volunteer.

See you on the 19th. Bob Pekaar

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
F-Class 3X200	3	3rd Saturday
N.R.A. 1800 Bullseye	1	3rd Sunday 9:00 till 12:00
Plinking	4	3rd Saturday
Action Shooting	5	4th Saturday
Cowboy	5	4th Sunday 9:00 AM
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