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GATEWAY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB Minutes of May 2005 Board of Directors Meeting by Thomas A. Beattie Sr.

Officer Reports:

President: Sam Grimes After reviewing the e-mail from Glock concerning the Jan '06 match, Grimes send a reply stating that the GRPC Board of Directors rejected their proposal.

Secretary: Thomas Beattie Minutes of the April Board meeting were presented to the Board. Beattie asked for clarification of the upcoming IDPA matches. FI./ Ga. Grudge match will be held the first weekend in Nov. Accepted by Board

Treasurer: Thomas Beattie March financial statement and April check register were presented. Kerbs inquired why the financial statement was one month behind the check register. Suggested that the two documents be the same month. J. Graves inquired about the BOD expenses. Kerb's suggested that a minimum sale amount for credit cards. Report accepted.

Chief Inst: Lloyd Watkins No Report

Public Relations: Bruce Wells No Report

Club Manager Brenda Trickler There are 359 Life Members, 2018 annual 2005 members and two endowment members. New training video is in place with the new test and seems to be going well.

VI Old Business

1. Shotgun Target on 100Yard Line

Preston asked why the shotgun target frame was relocated back to the 100 yard line after it was moved to the rear range. Grimes replied the frame was moved from the back range because day members could not use the target where it was. It was moved because of shot and slugs impacting the buildings on the 200 yard line. It was decided to move the target back to the 100 yard line and place it for use on the far right position, #27 and limit the shot to bird shot with a five shot limit. If there continues to be damage to frames or safety devices, the use of shotguns on the 100yard line could be stopped.

2. Dixie Match Erickson

There were 45 shooters and the match netted \$1300.00 for the Club. Erickson thanked the office and maintenance staff for their help.

V. New Business

1. Club Policy #54 Watkins

Proposed Club policy concerning spouse membership badges was presented to the Board. This matter has come up at previous BOD meetings. After minor discussion, the Policy was approved. New policy will be printed in the Muzzleblast.

2. Club Policy #55 Watkins

Proposed Club policy concerning Life Membership was presented to the Board. After the limit on Life membership was reduced from 20% of Club membership to 10% several members had asked how to become a Life member. After minor discussion, the Policy was approved. New policy will be printed in the Muzzleblast.

3. Plate Machine Grimes

Range Officers had reported that .44 Magnums, .50 AE Express and other large calibers were being used on the

Club's plates. It was apparent that the Plates were being damaged. Preston stated that it was three years since the "plates were repaired last. A new set of plates would cost about \$600. to make at today's steel price and \$200. to \$300 to repair. Shooters are paying \$3.00 to use the plates. These fee's total about \$60. a month or about \$700. a year. These fees should cover the cost of repairs to the plates. Watkins asked if another plate machine could be placed on the ranges in the back of the general purpose line. This range is now the busiest range on the week end with all the matches going on and members who are not shooting matches have no place to shoot plates. Preston stated that a new plate machine would cost the Club about \$2000.00. J. Graves express concern about spending

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Florida State Firefighter Games

In May, the Pistol and Rifle portion of the Annual Florida State Firefighter Games was held in Lakeland, Florida. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department was well represented. The Jacksonville team consisting of John Graves, Kevin Mattox, and Larry Gwaltney are all members of Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club.

In the individual .22 pistol match, John took home the Gold medal-followed closely by Kevin, winning the silver. The individual Center Fire match was head to head with Kevin winning the Gold- besting John by 3 points leaving him the Silver. Larry followed capturing the Bronze. John held on to win the overall pistol aggregate with Kevin close behind taking the Silver.

The Jacksonville pistol team consisted of John Graves and Kevin Mattox. Competing against twelve other teams from throughout the state, Jacksonville took home the Gold in the .22 pistol and the Gold in the Center fire team matches. In the individual .22 rifle match, Kevin Mattox won the Silver. Kevin teamed up once again in the Rifle Team Match with John Graves, Kevin and John took home the Bronze medal. We are very proud of our Jacksonville team. On a blistering hot day in May, competing against forty other shooters, the combined total medals won was more than any other city in the state.

money on palate rack while the current expenses were outpacing the income. Beattie stated that he felt the Club had money to spend on improvements for the members. What hurt the Club's finances were the expenditures of ten's of thousands of dollars not two or three thousand. Further discussion was tabled until next month.

4. Considerations from Club Members to the BOD.

Estes presented to the BOD a list of suggestions from Club members of improvements at the Club. Brass deflectors on the 100 yard line, store operations and inventory of the store, rapid fire on ranges, access to range during limited match participation, cut off times for matches, hot-dog machine in Club store, RO authority, BOD members should spend day on RO cart on weekend, shooting and reloading classes for adults were suggestions that members wanted brought to the BOD for consideration. Estes asked each member to review the list for future discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2005

Called for Printer pickup on June

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NRA Safety Rules

Know your target and what is beyond.

Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second.

Know how to use the gun safely.

Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine. Remember, a gun's mechanical safety device is never foolproof. Nothing can ever replace safe gun handling.

Be sure the gun is safe to operate.

Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.

Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.

Only BBs, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.

Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.

Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can also emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses and hearing protectors should be worn by shooters and spectators.

Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.

Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.

Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.

Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

Cleaning

Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly and safely. Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value and extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used.

A gun brought out of prolonged storage should also be cleaned before shooting. Accumulated moisture and dirt, or solidified grease and oil, can prevent the gun from operating properly.

Before cleaning your gun, **make absolutely sure that it is unloaded.** The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.

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NRA Competitive Shooting Division - July 2005

By M. S. Gilchrist, Director,

As you read this column, we have completed the Action Pistol Championship in Columbus, Missouri, the Silhouette Long Range Pistol Championship in Wilmington, North Carolina, and both the Silhouette Smallbore and High Power Rifle Championships in Phoenix, Arizona. Yet we have much more to go before we return collectively to Headquarters in Fairfax.

We still have the full plate at Camp Perry beginning with Muzzle Loading on July 8, then on to the Pistol Championship and the Pistol Trophy Matches, then the three position and prone Smallbore Championships, followed by High Power Trophy Matches and the High Power Championships, and concluding with the Long Range Championships. We can still accept entries if you are interested. Within this schedule there are numerous other activities that interested parties can take advantage of. There are two Small Arms Firing Schools conducted by the US Army as sponsored by the Civilian Marksmanship Program. There are also NRA's Smallbore Camp and NRA's Long Range Firing School, each of which is designed to enhance skills and techniques.

During the Smallbore Prone phase of the Championships, the NRA will host the Pershing Match. This historic event occurs once every eight years and recognizes a tradition started by General John J. Pershing, Commander of the A.E.F. in World War I, and his British counterpart, Lord Roberts. The Roberts Match is hosted by the Brits, also on an eight year cycle, to which the NRA sends Smallbore Team. If you are in the vicinity of Camp Perry on July 27, come out and observe the friendly international competition

Least we forget, NRA will host the fifth Junior Air Gun Team Championship in Bloomington, Illinois, at the Interstate Center. This championship has been a pleasure to watch as it has grown to well over three hundred participants. Not only do the junior competitors learn new skills, techniques and programs, the sponsors also have an opportunity to enhance their skills as well. If you are in the Bloomington area between July 6 and 10, you might want to observe this excellent event.

Silhouette will also be shooting two championships in July. Bradford Pennsylvania will be the location for the Hunter Pistol and Smallbore Hunter Pistol Championships, July 11 - 14. The remaining Silhouette events will be conducted at Raton, New Mexico, at the Whittington Center. They will be conducted in August along with the Black Powder Target Rifle events.

This is very late, I admit, but I would like to express NRA's appreciation to Colonel Dick Willinger, formerly the Commander at Camp Perry, who has retired but has promised to stay interested in Camp Perry. COL Willinger contributed significantly to any success that the National Matches might have achieved. His replacement, Colonel Jim Chisman, has promised to continue the progress started by Colonel Willinger.

Until next time, go out and ensure the continuation of the shooting sport — recruit a junior.

CHILI COOK -OFF

Once again Gateway Rifle And Pistol Club hosted the annual Norris Tucker chili cook-off. There was approximately a dozen entries. The smell of chili was in the air, with each pot having its distinct flavor. Judging was close this year. Gene Reynolds and John Graves tied for first place (each claiming to have the better pot). Gene and John split the top prize of \$125.00 which they promptly donated to our juniors program. Second place was also a tie between Mike Larney and Ronald Carter, they split a prize of \$60.00. Bruce Mayes was our third place winner taking home \$25.00.

Congratulations to all who participated. Most of us don't realize it cost over \$25.00 to make a pot of chili of this caliber. *(I need to know what Caliber)*

OBI's Required on ALL Ranges

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

Club Policy # 54 9 May, 2005

RE: Spouse badges for members

1. The below policy should clarify the Club's position on family memberships and spouse badges. It should also help to prevent the misuse of Club membership.

a. GR&PC has a long standing policy of having a family membership. The Club member, his/her spouse and their children under the age of eighteen are within the definition of a family membership. The spouse or the children wanting to fire on Club ranges are eligible to have a temporary badge (same as a daily member's badge) issued to them when accompanied by the Club member. Generally, this will be the situation.

b. If the spouse of an annual or life Club member wishes to use the Club's facilities on a more regular basis, the more permanent badge issued to annual and life members (as applicable) can be issued to the spouse. However the following conditions apply.

(1) The spouse of the Club member must be accompanied by the Club member and show picture identification at the time of the issuance of the badge. As the annual member renews each year, the picture identification will apply each year in order to get the renewal sticker on the spouse's badge.

(2) The spouse must view the Club's safety video and pass the written test. Once taken, the video viewing and written test will not be required on renewals.

(3) After compliance with (1) and (2) above, the spouse can use the Club's facilities without being accompanied by the husband or wife Club member.

Club Policy # 55 9May, 2005

RE: Sign Up List For Club Life Memberships

1. The Board on 13 December, 2004, voted to limit the number of life memberships as amended and explained in Club Policy # 32. Recently, questions were raised about a sign up list or waiting list for new life memberships. The below policy is fair and should clarify that situation.

a. Annual members wishing to sign up for life memberships may do so by adding their name, phone number, mailing address and date of request to a written list maintained by the Club Business Manager. This request may be done verbally or in writing. The names will be added in chronological order.

b. As a vacancy occurs, the Business Manager or his/her designee will attempt to contact the prospective life member by phone. If the prospective life member cannot be contacted by phone within three days of attempts, a letter (see sample below) will be mailed to his/her address.

c. The prospective life member will have thirty days after verbal notification or date of the postmark on the letter (or date of mailing) to remit in full to the Club the life membership's cost current at that time.

FOR SALE

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

SHOTGUN -High Standard Model K-120 12-gauge pump-action police riot shotgun, 18" barrel, 6-shot magazine capacity, satin nickel finish, with Normark "Single Point" scope (you keep both eyes open), Uncle Mike's sling, and new Outers cleaning kit. The ideal home defense weapon - \$299. John McLeod, 5806 Hyde Grove Av., Phone 786-7188.

IR 50/50 22 Benchrest
Bill Smith 904-276-1008,
work 904-542-2157.

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette
Chuck Deason 282-9366

IDPA
Ed Sevetz 272-8484
(office callback)

Club 1800 Bullseye
Randy Erickson 448-3174

USPSA/IPSC/SEPSA
Bruce Wells 764-4973
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High Power Rifle
Marion Estes 641-7775
F-Class 3X200
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Black Powder Muzzle
Loading
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904-781-6560

Schedule of Events

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

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

**Please Limit
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

Juniors Update

Hi! Remember us? It's the junior shooters! We know it's been a long time since you've heard from us, so we're gonna change that.

We have been very busy since the beginning of the year. Four of our Precision Team members have worked very hard and earned their Distinguished Expert Medals. We want to congratulate, Haley Camp, Ben Fisher, Bill Owen, and Amelia Stacey. On March 19th,

some of the precision and sporter shooters went to Union, South Carolina for an NRA Sectional. The team of Amelia, Haley and Lukas came in first in International Air, Lukas placed 2nd in International Air Intermediate, and Ben took 1st in 3-P Small Bore, Sub-Junior. Way to go juniors!!!!

In February, the Florida International Junior Shooters Program concluded its season by hosting the Mentor Match. This match paired a junior shooter with an adult of their choice, thus giving the juniors an opportunity to coach their parents, coaches, and other supporters. Competition was tight throughout the pressure packed event, with several of our juniors rising to the challenge with personal best scores. After the final tally, Amelia Stacey and Josh Kelley finished first, followed closely by Curtis and Lois Gagne in second, with Alex and Scott Shaffer in third. It was a wonderful end to a successful season.

BIG congratulations to Lukas Boling for his third place qualifying score in the Navy JROTC Postal Competition. And to Alex Shaffer for 4th place

qualifying. Their performances earned them a spot in the JROTC National Championship that was held in Georgia during the week of April 18th - 22nd.

Lukas placed 24th while Alex placed fifth in the nation and was top woman for the Navy. She also collected the points for her EIC gold medal. We are proud of them both. We would also like to wish Alex well in her decision to shoot with Wyoming Antelope Club.

Congratulations also to two former members of our junior program, Beka Vaughan and Katie Harrington. Each of them has continued their shooting careers in college; Beka as a manager for the U.S. Military Academy's rifle team, and Katie as a member of the University of Nebraska's rifle team. We are extremely proud of both girls and their involvement with programs that are perennial powerhouses in collegiate shooting.

All the success of these kids would not be possible without the unfailing support of their parents. Regardless of how experienced these parents are with the shooting sports, they are finding a variety of ways to improve the program. We have had a remarkable amount of parents offer their time and talents in the kitchen during many of our fundraisers. A special thanks to Ronny Stacey, Bruce Mayes, and Vernon Boling for finishing the target carrier systems in the air rifle range. Ronny did not stop there; he also repaired the convection oven and bun warmer in the kitchen. So, next time

you have a burger or enjoy some nachos, remember the dedication displayed by the parents of our junior shooters.

Beyond the importance placed on our competitive shooting, a cornerstone of the 4-H program is to develop young leaders in the community who are dedicated to public service. In support of this goal, our juniors have taken it upon themselves to participate in Operation Support Our Troops. We've sent packages and letters to several soldiers who have responded with profound gratitude for our efforts. It really means a lot to our men and women who are serving their country proudly to know that the folks back home are behind them in mind and spirit. If you would like to help the juniors with this project, any donations of goods can be left at the range for the juniors to send with their next shipment. A list of needed items is in the boardroom on the bulletin board by the kitchen door.

As parents and coaches, it has been remarkable to see the devotion to practice and helping others displayed by these kids. Their development is a testament to why this program should remain of the utmost importance to this club. We're excited about the opportunities the summer holds, not only in competition but in community service as well. We'd like to extend a final thanks to those members of Gateway who volunteer their time and money to the juniors...we couldn't do it without you! Hope to see you on the range.

Rifle Silhouette National Championship Results

Smallbore Rifle - June 12-14

National Champion

Agustin Sanchez, Jr, Chula Vista, CA

115x120

Second Place

Troy Lawton, Columbus, GA

109x120

Third Place

Nicholas Food, Dublin, Ireland

103x120

Smallbore Hunting Rifle - June 12-14

National Champion

Troy Lawton, Columbus, GA

104x120

Second Place

Cathy Winstead, Praire DuLocher, IL

102x120

Third Place

Agustin Sanchez, Jr., Chula Vista, CA

101x120

Troy Layton and Cathy Winstead both shoot the Sunshine Classic

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
Dennis Glasscock
dbglasscock@comcast.net

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