

The MUZZLEBLAST



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Discipline Directors?

"Please contact the club's webmaster to up date your section of the website. The information on it is very old and an embarrassment to the club. If this is not done, I will be forced to remove that discipline section. The web site is now at www.grpc-jax.com and I can be emailed at webmaster@grpc-jax.com. Thank you from your webmaster, Joe Zullo"

Notice to Sponsors of NRA High Power Rifle Long Range Tournaments

The NRA High Power Rifle Committee recently approved a new category for F-Class Prone as follows:

5.6.1 F-Class Prone - F-Class Prone is fired from the prone position. The rifle may be supported with a rear and/or front rest. (See Rule 5.3 while aiming and firing) (See Rule 3.2 for type of rifle).

NOTE: F-Class competitors are not eligible for National Records or awards and prizes except for those specifically listed for F-Class in the match program.

High Power Rifle Long Range tournament sponsors are encouraged to offer this category as part of their match program.

F-Class scores may be fired over any standard long range course of fire but will not be used for classification at this time. However, we request that scores be reported to NRA in order to determine the popularity of this category and to help establish percentages for classification purposes.

F-Class scores must be clearly indicated on your tournament report so as to be properly recorded.

Why Shoot Competitively? Because . . .

- Any person (male or female) can compete on a par with others of their approximate skill level.
- Young and old can and do compete for the same prizes.
- Participants can become as good as the amount of effort they invest.
- A person may practice alone or enter a tournament with hundreds of other competitors and the outcome is based totally on one's own ability.
- It's invariably challenging because a perfect score is rarely fired.

Building a Home Air Gun Range

Possibly the best reason for air gun shooting is the ease of setting up a range. Air gun ranges can be constructed for easy set-up and take-down, or they can be built as a permanent structure. Most air gun classes are conducted in school rooms or at club houses and use cardboard boxes stuffed with paper as backstops. No matter how limited the budget, anyone with a fair amount of open space can set up an air gun range right at home or school.

A simple and inexpensive pellet trap can be constructed from a cardboard box stuffed with newspapers or old phone books. The simplest and fastest way to set up an air gun range is to use inexpensive, portable metal pellet traps. These are safe and will stop pellets and collect them in the trap.

A more expensive way to build a range is to use target carriers. These can be mounted for permanent use or as a temporary range set up, and can be easily taken down and stored until the next class or practice. Any range, regardless of location and construction, is only as safe as the manner in which it is used. Range safety must always be stressed, regardless of whether the range is to be used for air guns or firearms. Eye protection should always be used by anyone in the vicinity of a shooting range. Ear protection may be worn but is not a safety requisite for air gun shooting.

We have Eliminated the Excuses !!

We hear it all the time. My rifle will shoot that good! But there is no class for my converted super duper, tack driving, semi-automatic, tube feed, rip snorting bull's-eye destroying Baby, that has only a few thousand rounds fed through it. Now you have the opportunity to show the world. Step up to the bench and let er rip. This is an invitation to shoot Rimfire Benchrest "Unlimited Class" Any Rifle chambered for .22LR, no weight limit, no sight/scope restrictions, no rest restrictions, (sandbags) You will shoot 3 IR 50/50 targets, 25 bulls in 30 Minutes at 50 yards with unlimited sighters

Come try your hand and gun, this event requires intense concentration and a good mind set. Tournaments are the first Saturday of each month. First round goes down range at 10:00 AM with set up and practice beginning at 9:00 AM.

Don Hawkins says he can whip you with his Daddy's single shot, using shorts (bullets that is). Are you up for the Challenge?

Cut off date for submission to the next issue is Feb. 20, 2006

Ever wonder about those shooters with one hand in their pocket?

This is an explanation of the Course of Fire for a NRA Outdoor Pistol 2700 Tournament

NRA conventional pistol competition consists of firing slow, timed, and rapid fire. This is done at 50 and 25 yards outdoors and almost exclusively at 50 feet indoors. Generally an outdoor match will consist of 20 shots, slow fire at 50 yards (two 10-shot strings, 10 minutes per string), 20 shots, timed fire at 25 yards (four 5-shot strings, 20 seconds per string), 20 shots, rapid fire at 25 yards (four 5-shot strings, 10 seconds per string), and the National Match Course (10-shots slow fire at 50 yards, 10-shots timed fire (two 5-shot strings), and 10-shot strings (two 5-shot strings)). This match consists of 90 shots for a possible aggregate total of 900 points. For a 2700 aggregate this match is fired once with each gun: .22 caliber rimfire, center fire, and .45 caliber. Many match programs call for only one or two guns, that is a 900 or 1800 aggregate.

At Gateway we change this formula for the club matches.

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OBI's Required on ALL Ranges

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

Editor's Remarks

Have you made your New Years Resolutions? Here are a couple to add.

Take a youngster to the range.

Do some volunteer activity for the club.

Make plans to attend the May General Meeting.

Make plans to attend the Nov. General Meeting and Elections.

Attend a Board Meeting.

Try your hand at one of the many competitions hosted by your club.

Walk into the office and thank the employees for a job well done.

We have a new web master. Make an effort to log unto the club web site. Check out the various pages and the forums. Let Joe know what you think and what you would like changed. Our web presents had never been kept up todate and that is about to change. Gateway is being dragged, kicking and screaming into the online world.

Do you like this issue of the MuzzleBlast? If not why not submit an article for print. You don't need to be an expert. The membership would be interested in most any shooting related article. How about info on bullet casting, or how I reload for my 220 Swift. You get the point. Type you info and email it in the body of the message to the editor. Make it as long as you like. It would be nice to publish something besides the out of date minutes from the Board Meetings and my ramblings.

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2006 Silhouette National Championships

Long Range Pistol

June 26-29, Wilmington, NC

Smallbore Rifle / Smallbore Hunting Rifle

July 9-11, Ridgway, PA

High Power Rifle / High Power Hunting Rifle

July 13-15, Ridgway, PA

Hunter's Pistol / Smallbore Hunter's Pistol

July 28-31, Raton, NM

Cowboy Lever Action

August 2-5, Raton, NM

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle

August 7-10, Raton, NM

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle - Scope

August 11-12, Raton, NM

Interested in a part-time Job?

From time to time we have openings for part-time employment at Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club. In addition, in 2006, we will have expanded coverage in the office and on the ranges during holidays, holiday weekends and during the fall busy season. We have three categories of employees at Gateway. The following lists those categories and their job qualifications:

1.

OFFICE STAFF: These people in our office handle membership renewals, sign up new members both daily and yearly, sell items in our Club Store inventory, answer telephone inquiries and in general deal with our Club membership on a day by day basis.

Job Requirements:

- Strong people skills are a must!
- Willing to work weekends and/or holidays. Some Monday thru Friday work may also be available.
- Basic familiarity with computers or willing to learn.
- Retail experience is a plus for this job as well as any typing skills.
- As handling cash and credit cards is part of the job, you must be able to be bonded by the Club and pass a background check.

2. **RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS:** These people are in charge of safety at our firing ranges and remind Club members, when necessary, of Club rules or safety concerns.

- Strong people skills are a must!
- Willing to work weekends and/or holidays. Some Monday thru Friday work may also be available.

C. Firearms handling knowledge and shooting experience is required.

The more experience you have, the better you will be able to do this job. Competitive shooting experience is a plus but familiarity with a wide selection of firearms is more important.

3. **MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL:** These people are the "behind the scenes" operation at Gateway. They construct target frames, cut grass, perform repair work, paint our facility as needed and perform a wide variety of "handyman" jobs. They keep our facilities operational and looking good.

- A "jack of all skills" type person is ideal for this job.
- Ability to drive or learn to drive grass mowers, tractors, bobcats and trucks is necessary.
- Carpentry skills, welding experience, electrical repair, basic mechanical skills, painting experience, basic plumbing experience are all pluses for this job.
- Self starter ability is desired with a strong initiative to get the job done without close supervision.
- A valid drivers license is required.

At, Gateway, we are an equal opportunity employer. We are looking primarily for mature individuals who would like some part-time work and the chance to earn some extra spending money. Retired people or people with kids out of the house and looking for a change are ideal for these jobs. All of our jobs require drug screening, background checks and references, either business or personal. We pay according to ability and past work experience.

Please contact our Business Manager, Ms Brenda Trickler, at 771-2937 to set up an appointment for an interviews with Club management.

Attention Black Powder Shooters

False stories are circulating on the Internet, claiming that new homeland security legislation will require a license for buyers of reloading components. These reports are incorrect.

To set the record straight:

Federal law for many years has required an explosives license for dealers in explosives. The new "Safe Explosives Act," passed as part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (H.R. 5005), adds user permit requirements for buyers of explosives.

However, existing federal explosives laws have long made exceptions for black and smokeless powders, and the new law did not amend those exceptions:

1. Smokeless powder is considered an "ammunition component" rather than an explosive. Therefore, smokeless powder is not subject to existing explosives laws or to the new requirements.

2. Black powder is not considered an explosive, when sold in quantities less than 50 pounds and used for sport-

ing, recreational, or cultural purposes in antique, replica, or muzzleloading firearms. Under those long-standing conditions, black powder is also not subject to existing explosives laws or to the new requirements.

During consideration of this bill, Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee-and now incoming chairman-was very concerned that it could have an adverse effect on legitimate gunpowder users. Sen. Hatch's staff worked closely with NRA to ensure that no language in the bill could be turned against handloaders or black powder shooters. As a result, the existing exemptions were left unchanged.

The bottom line is that this legislation has no effect on people who buy smokeless powder for cartridge or shot shell reloading, or on black powder shooters who use normal amounts of powder for competition, hunting, reenactments, or other legitimate purposes. Once again, Internet rumors to the contrary are false and gun owners are best advised to turn to reliable information sources such as www.nraila.org to get the facts.

Army Chief of Staff Presents 2005 President's Match Letter

by Gary Anderson, DCM

Army Chief of Staff General Peter Schoomaker presented the letter of congratulations from President Bush to SFC Norman Anderson for his victory in the 2005 President's Rifle Match. Anderson's wife Jennifer is shown on the right.

On 18 November, when the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, General Peter Schoomaker, visited Fort Benning, Georgia, he made a stop at the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit where he presented the letter of congratulations from the President of the United States to the 2005 President's Rifle Match winner.

One of the most prestigious awards in American marksmanship is the traditional letter of congratulations from the

President of the United States that is presented to the winner of the President's Match, which takes place during the annual National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. SFC Norman Anderson, who is a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit, won the 2005 President's Match with a 297-17X score.

After the 2005 matches, the White House letter signed by President Bush was forwarded to Fort Benning and arrangements for the presentation by the Chief of Staff were made. The CMP extends its renewed congratulations to SFC Anderson and to the Army Marksmanship Unit for achieving such significant recognition.

FOR SALE

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

Brand new 9mm UZI model B with collapsible stock and IMI receiver \$1600 OBO Joe chiafair 230-1081

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
bwel52@bellsouth.net

High Power Rifle
Marion Estes 641-7775

Black Powder Muzzle Loading
Barry Wheeler 730-3415

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette
Bill Crews 765-9918
cell 910-5779

NRA/1800 Bullseye
Randy Erickson 448-3174

NRA/2700 Bullseye
James Watts 387-6287

Cowboy Action/SASS
Vivian Harris 724-7012

Action Shooting/ICORE
James Swenson
904-781-6560

USPSA 3-Gun
Groover Robinson
716-7531

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Called for Printer pickup on Dec. 28

Schedule of Events

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

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

May
Special Meeting and Chili Cook-off/Swap Meet

Sunshine Classic
April 2006

Tour de Forts
April 30

Please Limit Parking in front of the OFFICE to 10 minutes

and wipe your feet

Elvis sighted near the Action Pistol Range

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

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

Nov. BOD Minutes

Secretary: Thomas Beattie Minutes of the September meeting were presented to the Board. No questions or comments. Accepted by the Board.

Treasurer: Thomas Beattie September check register and Profit/Loss Statement were presented to the Board. Craig stated that the store was making a profit. Bump asked if new reloads were selling. Accepted by Board

Club Manager's Report

Club Manager: Brenda Trickler Life membership 362, annual membership 2332, Endowment 3 Total 2,694

VI. Old Business

A. Lead mining Beattie

At last months meeting Larry Gwaltney said that a Club member was very concerned that the Club was not in compliance with a new law concerning lead at the range. This member was upset because he felt the Board was not doing anything and that all of the other gun clubs in the state were working very hard to be in compliance. Beattie looked into it and found the law, state statue 790.333. Beattie also went to the DEP website and sent an e-mail to the person who was listed as the contact and simply asked it a gun club was required by this law to do anything. A return e-mail from Ray Steve stated that there was no requirement for shooting ranges to submit a written plan for lead compliance. He suggested that we use the BMP for shooting ranges to prepare a plan for lead management at the range. Ray Kerbs and Grit Preston were already keeping records about past lead removal and liming projects at the Range. Kerbs has offered to review the BMP and use the existing records to fill out the forms as required. Beattie is confidante that the Club is in compliance with any law or rule concerning lead management.

B. Website Beattie

The new web master is Joe Zullo. He has made many changes to the website and is doing a good job of keeping the site current. The only problem is with the forum. The past web master has refused to give Joe access to the forum. The board needs to decide what to do with the forum. A motion was made to contact to the old web master and demand access to the forum. Grit was concerned that the forum was being used to complain about the Club. He suggested that the forum be removed from the website. Bump stated that anyone should be able to complain if they want to. Estes said there were filters available to keep objectionable material off the forum. Motion passed. There was further discussion about how complaints should be handled. People who have complaints should come to the Board meeting. J. Graves suggested that a place be put on the website for complaints. Preston made a motion that all letters to the editor concerning complaints be sent back to the Board before being printed. Motion passed. Craig asked how many Board members have read the forum on the website. There were two other Board members whom had read the forum. Craig made the point that there were 12 people making decisions about a matter of whom only three Board members where knowledgeable about.

D. Ladies Field Day Estes

Estes had some comments from a survey of participants of Ladies Field Day. More organization and communication was needed. Groups need a designation, a site map so people would not get lost, limit groups to ten members, handheld radios for communications. It's a 98% success and need 2% of improvements. John Graves was concerned about who was going to run the LFD next year now that no one ran for PR office for 2006. He also wondered where all the people were who spoke out against the proposed by-law change to eliminate the office of P.R. at the May 2005 meeting and why those people who spoke out did not run for an uncontested seat. There was further discussion about who would be responsible for directing the LFD in the future.

V. New Business

A. Membership renewal Bump

Roger was contacted by a member who had forgotten to renew his membership in 2004 .He said that the member should be reinstated without paying an initiation fee as required by Club policy. This member was a member for many years. A motion was made to allow the member to become in good standing if he paid the past 2004 and 2005 dues along with the 2006 dues for next year. Motion passed.

B. Coaches Conference Estes

A member who is involved in the Junior program has attended a coaches conference that cost \$650. He feels that this is benifical to the Club and has asked that the Board to reimburse him half of the fee that he paid. A motion was made and seconded Vaughn stated that he needs to hold this coach to the same standards as the rest of the Juniors who must participate in the fundraisers to be reimbursed for expenses. Kerbs stated that this member had attended a Coaches conference before at the Club's expense and asked why it was necessary to pay again. Motion failed

C. Baffle Modification at the new 100yard line Grimes

Members have requested that there be positions on the new 100yard center fire rifle line for prone position. This would require another baffle further down range for two positions. A motion was made and seconded to increase the budget for the baffle system by \$1000.00. Motion Passed.

D. Juniors Income Kerbs

At the recent annual meeting the Juniors cooked and served the food and cleaned up afterward. He made a motion that the Juniors be paid \$450.00 for their work. The motion received a second. Motion passed.

E. SASS MATCH Craig

B. Harris has requested that match participants be allowed to consume alcohol at there bar-b-que after the range is closed. The match had been approved in July except for this one item. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

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 2005. 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
High Power prone 3x600	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

**Submit info for publication in
our Muzzleblast to
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