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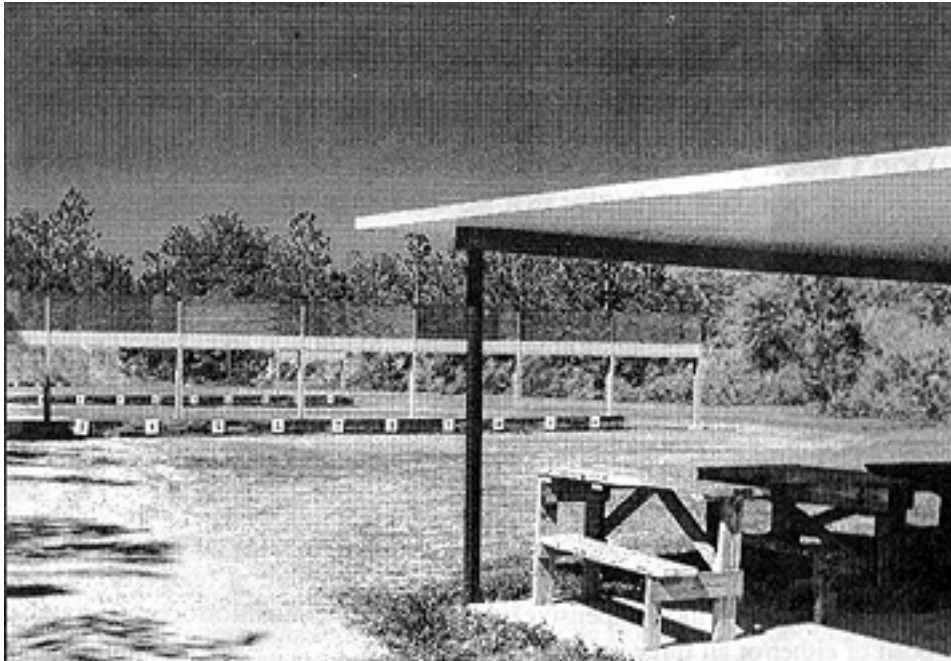


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A Second 100 yard high Power Rifle Range at GRPC

Yes, it finally happened. For years, we have all known that our one hundred yard rifle range at GRPC was over utilized and extremely crowded on weekends. Last year, the Club Board of Directors authorized the conversion of the 100 yard 22 rim fire rifle range, located behind the 25/50 yard pistol range, to a high power rifle range. That took a lot of work, time and money but we finally got it done the end of this past March.

We had to greatly increase the size of the protective berms and construct a baffle just like the one on the older one hundred yard rifle line. The range has fourteen firing positions at 25, 50 and 100 yards. You can fire from the benches, kneeling or standing on positions 1 thru 12. Positions 13 and 14 have a special protective baffles to allow prone shooting as well as kneeling or standing.

The range is restricted to annual or life members and their personal guests. Day members are not allowed there. One word of caution, if the personal guest policy appears to crowd out regular members, then personal guests may also be excluded in the future. The Board's specific intent is for our regular members to have a place to shoot without competing for space with day members who lack things such as spotting scopes, adequate firearms knowledge and prior shooting experience.

Range rules are posted on the new range and our Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Miller, built new shooting benches designed specially for this new range. So enjoy the new facility. Our goal is for everyone to leave the GRPC ranges with the feeling that they had a "good time." Bill Craig

HANDLOADING FOR HUNTING

By Joe LaMarco

Case Preparation

Case prep can be as simple or as complex as you like. That's because, while some of the steps are necessary, many are not. These non-critical steps will result in more uniform cases, which contribute to better accuracy. But you may never see that gain in accuracy with a hunting-weight, out-of-the-box rifle, firing from field positions, at game animals who don't have scoring rings on their vitals. So make up your own mind, and see what works best for you. I chose this as the first topic in the second series because case preparation does involve some optional steps. Let's

start, however, with the necessary steps. One is resizing/depriming the case. The other is checking case length, and trimming and de-burring the mouth. Otherwise, take what you want from this and forget the rest. Like I said, most are not necessary. I'll outline what I do. I start, assuming virgin brass, by de-burring the flash hole. This is a one-time operation and requires a simple hand tool with an adjustable stop. Insert it into a case mouth and work it into the flash hole. Then slide the stop to the mouth and tighten the set screw. Now, a few twists, and you're done. Once the tool

GR&PC AND NFFCA JOINT SWAP MEET PLUS OUR ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

This year, on Saturday, May 20th, Gateway is having a joint firearms and accessories swap meet with the North Florida Firearms Collectors Association (NFFCA). Our gates will open at 7:30 AM to allow setting up tables and displays. Remember, though, our ranges will not be open for gun fire until our normal 8:00 AM start time. Our swap meet is for Gateway and NFFCA members. It is not open to the general public nor are FFL dealers allowed unless they are selling or swapping their personally owned firearms. We do require that the tables be limited to firearms, firearms related items, militaria or related historical items of interest. The swap meet will be under our main pavilion as usual plus our main building general assembly hall. Tables at the pavilion are first come first serve. Bring a lawn chair or two if you set up in the pavilion. There will be both tables and chairs available, again first come first serve, in the general assembly hall. However, at 12:00 noon, the judging of our chili cook off contest will begin. By 12:30, the winners will be announced and eating will begin. So, if you set up in the main assembly hall, you will need to clear your tables not later than 12:15 PM. Otherwise, you may have chili droppings, cracker crumbs and soft drinks mixed in or on top of your precious (?) swap items.

Now, the exciting part. Our world famous chili judges (well, as least on the north side of Jacksonville) will declare eight winners with first place getting a one hundred dollar bill. Second place will get \$75, 3rd place \$50, 4th place \$25, 5th place \$20, 6th place \$15, 7th place \$10 and \$5 for 8th

place. Just to make sure there will be enough chili for every one, our Gateway chefs will have a huge pot of Club chili, crackers and soft drinks. You may want to bring your own towel or napkins as we expect some chili pots to bring tears to eyes and sweat to the tops of heads.

The NFFCA is a local club based here in Jacksonville although some members reside in St. Augustine, Gainesville and Fernandina. They have members who participate in reenactments such as the battle of Olustee and at Fort Clinch. We at Gateway have many members in common with NFFCA including your president, Bill Craig. NFFCA is eager to solicit more members from Gateway and I can assure you the feeling is mutual. So, mark your calendars, come out, sell or swap your "dust collectors" and have a good time. Hope to see you there.

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When I buy a new box of brass, I like to weigh each case, and sort the cases into sub-lots by weight. I like to
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Thoughts from the new Club President

First I would like to thank those of you who voted for me in the election this past November. For those of you who did not, I intend to work hard this year to earn your trust and confidence. The Board of Directors has authorized some major improvements for this year in our Club operations and physical facilities. As the year progresses, we, hope you will be pleased and proud of our Club as you see the changes take place.

We also face some challenges this coming year and in the years to come. As you may know, more and more houses are being built near our Club. This past year we worked closely with our present neighbors and city Councilman to make sure that the new prospective homebuyers in the planned adjacent subdivision are well aware of our existence as a gun range.

We also face, nation wide, opposition from "anti-gun" and anti-hunting groups. We can only survive by uniting in Clubs such as GR&P Club, joining the politically feared National Rifle Association and make our feelings known at the poll booths. If we do not, we may lose our right to own and use firearms in a legal and responsible manner.

Bill Craig

Club President., 2006

keep my brass lots small, around 20 to 25 cases. I use the same sub-lot for all load development, then load one of the others for hunting. A box of 100 cases then gives me 3 different loads, with the 4th used for working-up loads.

Now, if the brass has been fired, I may tumble them to clean the cases. This step comes before resizing. Cleaning in a typical vibratory case cleaner only cleans the outside of the case, and it will clog up the flash holes, requiring poking them clean with a large pin or small nail after resizing/depriming. I worried a lot about the carbon build-up inside the case, finally coming across Iosso liquid case cleaner. It does a good job, but requires extra time for rinsing and drying. Now, I just chuck a bronze bore brush in the drill press and clean the necks, only washing after several reloadings. I like clean necks. After resizing, I check case length and trim, then de-burr and chamfer the mouths. If you find you hate trimming, cut your cases to .010" under max case length. I like as long a neck as I can get, so usually don't cut them that short. Just so the cases are not over-length. I seat the primers after this step, if I'm ready to use that lot of brass. Do all your cleaning, trimming, annealing, etc. before you seat primers. I store brass unprimed, and only seat primers when I'm ready to reload those cases.

I used to mike case neck thickness, and outside-turn the necks, but not anymore. If you are forming a case from a larger caliber parent case, neck turning may be needed. If you need to turn case necks, you should get a tubing mike or a case gauging multi-tool like Sinclair's or RCBS's. I also used to anneal the necks after several loadings, but it's easier to toss the old brass and buy more. However, if your cases are expensive or hard to find, you can anneal the necks to get more life out of them. I have none of those problems, as I shoot common calibers, and the cases can be bought anywhere.. I keep case lots separate in an assortment of jars, tubs, and other containers. Each is labeled with the lot number I assign them, number of pieces, weight range, and number of times fired. I have a clipboard that I use to record each new lot of brass, assigning it a number, and record caliber, source, and anything else pertinent. When I throw a lot away, I cross that lot off the list. I try to load cases for hunting that have been fired less than 4 times. I want fresh, uniform brass that has been full-length resized and trimmed. I want my cases to chamber easily and fire reliably.

There you have it. My method yields uniform cases. Uniform cases translate into uniform velocities and uniform ballistics. The confidence gained by knowing this gives me confidence in the field. My cases are not going to let me down when that big buck steps out.

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Just So You Will Know...

Don't wash your hands with hot water All right, this an easy one but actually not so obvious apparently.

There is a general understanding that lead is bad for you—we all know that.

Now, there are three main sources of lead contamination:

1. Through handling cartridges with bare lead projectiles
2. Through the fumes the primer dispenses after detonating.
3. Through the ablation (airborne lead contamination in plain lead bullets from the energy expended on the base of the bullet through heat/blast)

Although it is possible to shoot using *Lead Free Primed* ammunition, which are hard to find and much more expensive than regular ammunition, (easier to find if you reload your own—yet more expensive) much of the contamination occurs through the deposit of either/or all three sources on your hands.

Washing your hands with warm water though, increases contamination rather than reduces it for this simple reason: Warm water opens the pores of your skin which helps lead to penetrate your skin.

So . . . Your first hand wash after shooting must always be with COLD water. It is not as pleasant, but it tightens your pores and helps the lead deposit run off your hands. Then wash again with warm waters to get rid of oils, sweat and other mineral or organic contaminations that might remain.

Comment? Questions? E-mail me at id@ContinentalArmy.US

Bernard Martinage

GRPC Visits the U.S.S. Kennedy Aircraft Carrier

Club President Bill Craig, Club Legal Advisor and life member Alan Rosner visited the aircraft carrier the morning of March 31st in response to a request for GRPC to participate in a "safety day." The idea was for the 2500 or so sailors aboard to have access to people and displays on all aspects of safety such as water safety, driving safety, firearms safety and many others. The ship's Safety Officer, Commander Gene Milowichi and his assistant, Petty Officer Craig Cowling are both members of GRPC. They requested GRPC to be present with our Club safety video and literature concerning firearms safety. We were delighted to do so. Our display centered on the four basic rules of firearms safety (also seen in our video), specific Florida laws concerning firearms in homes with children and the Federal Youth Handgun Safety Act.

In addition to answering numerous questions on safety, we had many requests for information on where our Club is located and what is needed to shoot there. We handed out many Club brochures and NRA pamphlets. The issue of Florida laws concerning transportation of firearms in vehicles also arose. Alan Rosner, a senior partner in his law firm, was able to explain the laws and answered many legal questions concerning firearms. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office was also on hand to talk about drunk driving. (There is a rumor that some sailors drink while in port.) Alan also got questions on field sobriety tests and what to do when stopped by the police with a firearm present in the car.

After the safety training ended, Commander Gene Milowichi gave us a personally guided tour of the ship which we greatly appreciated. As Dennis Glasscock would say, "a good time was had by all."

OBI's Required on ALL Ranges

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

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

Don't Forget the Chili Cook-off and Swap Meet May 20

FOR SALE

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

Beretta Silver Pigeon II Sporting 12 Gauge, 30" Barrels, Optimum Bore Barrels have been ported by Mag a Port Six Optimum Chock Tubes - F, IM, M, IC, S (2) Complete with two recoil pads - Rubber and Gel, hard case, and all paper work

Gun is in Excellent+++ condition, good looking wood \$2,000.00

Gerry Gomolka (H) 904-287-1377 (W) 904-899-9268

Adjustable rifle benchrests \$25.00 each. Call Barney (904) 272-9781, (904) 707-8006 cell.

Bullet Molds, 2 four cavity HG 45 molds with handles. Cast a 185 SW single grease groove bullet. I believe it's #130 \$100 each. 2 four cavity Lyman molds with handles cast a 38 wad cutter weighting 148 grains \$80 each. Both sets are in good condition but they haven't been used in 30 years. call dennis 389-2782 or dbglasscock@comcast.net

Walther Mauser International Free Rifle Competition 22 single shot. 20 power Redfield scope mounted. Included adjustable Iron sights. Shooting glove, sling and gun case. \$700 for the whole thing.

Colt 45 auto, match wadcutter barrel extended front sight...Accurised by Clark. \$450

Colt 38 auto on 45 frame made and accurised by Rose. \$550

High Standard Military Victor competition pistol 22 caliber. \$600

S&W Magnum State Trooper 38 caliber. \$250

If interested, please call (904) 287-7123

Mossberg 500A shotgun. Holds 6 2 3/4" rounds. Very Clean, excellent condition. Carrying Case with extras. \$325.

Bersa Thunder .45 with 2 magazines. \$330.

Everard at 573-0670 or email onelordforme@comcast.net

RUGER Single Six Convertible .22LR w/ interchangeable .22 Mag cylinder. 6 1/2 inch barrel. Blue VG. \$250.00

REMINGTON Mod 7 Lightweight.223 w/ Tasco 3 x 9 scope and see-through mounts. Excellent condition. \$450.00

FAL (LIAI) .308 semiauto Pre-ban. Two 20 round mags and 200 rounds GI ball. Excellent condition. \$750.00

MAUSER Mod 1908 DWM Sporter 21" barrel. 7x57 mm. All matching numbers and good bore. Tasco 3x9 scope, custom low-swing safety and custom trigger. Welded polished bolt handle and bolt. Sporterized issue walnut stock with swivel studs and recoil pad. \$350.00

AMT Automag II.22 magnum semiauto pistol stainless steel 6" barrel three 9 shot mags. Millett sights. Excellent condition. \$300.00

Phone: 904-396-3007 (Bullock, Sr.) or e-mail: bullock@bcprlaw.com

1. AR 15 .223 caliber, A-2 sights, heavy barrel, screw-on flash suppressor, collapsible stock, bayonet lug. \$550.00

2. Colt AR 15 .223 caliber, A-1 sights, bayonet lug, flash suppressor, collapsible stock. \$550.00

3. Beretta 9mm, 2 high cap. magazines, \$400.00

Contact Al Mickler, 725-0822; e-mail ahm-planman@juno.com; Buyer pays any federal registration fees. All weapons in perfect condition - rarely fired.

Marlin 22 Long Rifle Bolt action Barely used Comes with nice heavy case \$150.00 781-0886 If no answer, leave message and a good time to return the call.

Walther PPK,380 ACP, DA, stainless steel, with 2 magazines, cleaning rod, hard plastic latching case, backup gun never used, fired about 50 rounds, \$420.

Contact email goaldogfl@yahoo.com or 363-2741 leave message.

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

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Chuck Deason 282-9366

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Action Shooting/ICORE
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USPSA 3-Gun
Groover Robinson
716-7531

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"

**Called for Printer
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April 26**

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
May 20th. Details
on page 1**

*Submissions for
next issue must be in
by June 20*

**Please Limit
Parking in
front of the
OFFICE to
10 minutes**

and wipe your feet

**Don't Send in your
favorite game
recipe**

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 Range

Tuesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. All Pistol
Ranges.

Wednesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. Sil-
houette Range

Thursday 8A.M.-11 200 yd. Rifle
Range

Friday 8A.M.-11 Multi-purpose
Ranges

Who really owns Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc (GR&PC)?

This may surprise some of you. GR&PC and all its physical and monetary assets are owned by a corporation, legally and commonly known, as Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club, Incorporated. When our Club was first started, the late Judge Larry Fay, wrote the articles of incorporation establishing our Club as a State of Florida "not or profit" Corporation and a federal "not for profit" corporation under the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) code 501, section C, tax laws. What does that mean? Well, we do pay local taxes, state taxes and employer wage taxes for our employees. We do not pay federal corporate income taxes. No part of our Club's profits or assets can legally be paid to our Club members. Yes, the Club can make a "profit" on memberships, store sales and matches but that "profit" must go to operating or improving the Club. Yes, we can pay employees who work at Gateway but we cannot by federal law have corporate shares, corporate dividends or corporate profit distributions for any Club members. Incidentally, even though we have paid employees, all officers and Board members serve without pay in accordance with our articles of incorporation and Club bylaws.

So what does an annual or life member have at GR&PC? No Club member owns any part of GR&PC. We have the privilege but not a right to use Club facilities on a yearly or life basis. What does that mean? Our memberships are similar to that of a driving license. Just as a drivers license can be suspended or revoked, so can our Club privileges be suspended or revoked for cause. Don't panic! Such punitive actions may only be done for things such as extreme misbehavior or acts putting other Club members in physical jeopardy as judged and approved by the Board of Directors and/or the general membership. But, they can be done. Access to Club property and use of Club assets is a privilege, not a right regardless if you are an annual or life member.

If by some extreme government action or legal problems, GR&PC could no longer exist as a gun club or as a "social welfare organization" as defined by federal law, the following would apply. All of the Corporation's assets must pass to another "social welfare organization" as approved by our Board of Directors, our general membership and the federal government's IRS. If, and just thinking, "if" a Board of Directors or general membership should ever try to dissolve the corporation and distribute Club assets to Club members or a "chosen few," such action and the people involved would be subject to criminal prosecution under federal law.

The elected officers and members of the Board of Directors wear two hats. One is that of an elected Club member. The Board should always keep in mind the better interests of all the Club members as a whole as the Board is always responsible to the general membership. However, the officers and Board members also wear a corporation hat and with it comes a lot of responsibility. Even though the GR&P Club Corporation exists to serve and promote the GR&P Club, without the corporation the Club cannot exist and vice versa. There is a lot of difference. A bad or an unpopular "Club decision" may result in some unhappy members. A bad "corporate decision" could shut our Club down, subject us to heavy fines, damaging court litigation or even legal punitive measures against the officers and Board members. Wearing the corporate hat, the Board must always insure that the Club is always in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, regulations and taxes as well as non governmental regulations and conditions from others such our insurance companies. At times, a "business decision" must be the deciding factor in a matter while at other times a "good Club decision" may be done with no bad effects to our business corporation.

So, now those of you who are interested know what we are, how and why we operate as we do. The system works. Over the years, a dedicated group of elected Club officers and Board members have worked hard to make us what we are today and why we have the fine facility that we do. Even so, without the strength of our membership, we would not be what we are today or have what we have. Let us all be thankful and all of us work to make sure GR&P Club will be here for our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bill Craig, Club President

Golly Gee

I'm not to sure what has happened with all the increased interest in the Muzzleblast. Bill Craig is on fire and we didn't loose our newest contributors.

I'm not complaining about the new found interest. This will be the first issue

in a while that I was not able to publish all the contributions. Joe LaMarco has another article on reloading that will have to be published in the next issue.

Sorry Joe, just keep writing. I'll get them printed. *dennis*

Club Items Up for Bid

Recently, the Club upgraded its offices and has excess items such as: a. desk, file cabinet, VCR/television, NRA statues, large chair, a large freezer that will be good for a hunt club's deer heads& skins but is too smelly for human food, that will be put up for sale. In addition, Our Junior Club over the years has also upgraded its air rifles and now has some un-needed air guns available for sale or disposition. Other excess items may also be added. All of these excess items will be up for bid. You may examine the items at the Club's main building and "a representative" sample of each model of the air guns or guns at the Club office. Each item will be marked with a number and minimum acceptable bid. You need only to submit a sheet of paper with the item number, your dollar bid, and your name and telephone number in a sealed envelope in the locked box in the Club office. Thirty days after this issue of the "Muzzle blast" is mailed at the post office, the bids will be opened by unbiased Club management who have no submitted bids on any item. In the event that an item such as, for example, six air guns of the same manufacturer and model are bid, the highest bidder will get the best condition and the lowest bidder the least desirable and so on as determined by Club management. Their decision at the time is final. Winners will be contacted by phone and will have two weeks after notification to pay for the item. All sales are final and all items are sold "as is" with no guarantee or warranty of any type.

Items not sold by bid will be disposed of by Club management with the best interests of the Club as the basis for each decision.

Bill Craig

Club President



Club President Bill Craig, Club Legal Advisor and life member Alan Rosner visit Big John

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 - 1200
Smallbore, Silhouette	4	1st Sunday, 10:00 - 1400
22 Rimfire Benchrest	4	1st Saturday 08 -1300
Highpower Rifle Silhouette	3	1st Saturday 900
IDPA	5	1st Saturday
High Power Rifle XTC	3	2nd Sunday 0800-1100
USPSA/IPSC	5	2nd Saturday
Black Powder	4	2nd Saturday
High Power prone	3	3rd Saturday 0800-1100
N.R.A. 1800 Bullseye	1	3rd Sunday 0900 -1200
Cowboy	5	4th Sunday 0900
Pistol silhouette	4	4th Saturday
Black Powder rifle Silhouette	3	4th Saturday
Action/ICORE	5	4th Saturday
USPSA/SEPSA 3-Gun	5	5th Saturday

Call the Match Directors for additional information

**Submit info for publication in
our Muzzleblast to
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