

The MUZZLEBLAST



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Who and what are the officers and members on the Board of Directors of GRPC?

The annual election this past November 4th returned all incumbent officers and Board members with the exception of Jerry Vaugh who declined to run for reelection. Thanks, Jerry, you were an outstanding member. Will Hux was elected to replace Jerry. So who are these people? One member mentioned to me after the annual election that there are a lot of "old people" on the Board. My reply was that there are advantages to that fact and a disadvantage. The disadvantage, in my opinion, is that we need some younger people to replace some of the older members who more sooner than later will want to step down. The advantages are the wealth of knowledge and experience that the Board members have. As for now, what do we have? We have five officers and nine Board members. These fourteen elected people make and implement Club policy. A statistical breakdown of those fourteen is as follows.

1. Seven are past presidents of GRPC. One, Sam Grimes, was elected three times and served six years. Another Bill Craig was twice elected and will serve his fourth year in 2007. Point of interest. A president can only be elected and serve two years in a row but cannot be elected again for six years per the Club bylaws.

2. Nine are Club life members and two of those are endowment members.

3. All are members of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and seven of those are NRA life members including one NRA endowment member (the highest level of donor).

4. Three are three NRA distinguished shooters which is the highest level of qualification. Grimes is rifle, Kerbs is rifle and pistol and Erickson is rifle, pistol and revolver distinguished.

5. Eight have college degrees of which two have a PhD.

6. Seven served in military service of which three are retired military. Will Hux soon will be unless he is sent back to Iraq for another tour in the Army Reserve.

7. One member, Sam Grimes, has served on the Board continuously for over thirty eight years. Our Club is forty four years old.

8. One Club officer, Lloyd Watkins has served as Chief Instructor for over thirteen years.

9. Backgrounds vary from, college professor, pharmacist, firefighter captain, three independent business owners, a chemist in law enforcement forensic science, insurance industry and military.

10. All major shooting disciplines at GRPC are represented by Board members with either present or past experience.

We are fortunate to have this type representation on the Board of GRPC to make informed decisions regarding our Club and it's non for Profit Corporation. However, we do need some younger members to attend Board meetings and get involved with committee work so that down the road the baton can be passed to our successors.

Bill Craig
President for 2006 and 2007

LOST A PISTOL RECENTLY AT GRPC?

Our Range Safety Officers continue to find items left at the Club. They and other members find and turn in at the office hats, ear muffs, cleaning rods, scope caps and even firearms. Generally, the firearms owners quickly discover their loss and return to the Club to reclaim their property. The unclaimed items go in a lost and found box. We have at the Club an automatic pistol that appears to be new in the box and was left recently. If you are missing such an item, contact our Business Manager, Brenda Trickler, and supply proof of ownership to take possession. If the pistol is still not claimed twelve months after the date of this publication, then the pistol will be raffled or auctioned off at an annual meeting. In general, the other items left in the lost and found box after six months or so are either discarded or given away.

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

Thoughts from the re-elected Club President

First I would like to again 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 even harder this year to earn your trust and confidence. I am very proud that a record number of members voted in this past election.

The Board of Directors continues to authorize major improvements in our Club operations and physical facilities. As the next year progresses, we, hope you will be pleased and proud of our Club as you see the changes take place.

We continue to face some challenges for this coming year and in the years to come. As you may know, more and more houses are being built near our Club. We must make every effort to be a "good neighbor" and give no cause for civic or legal action against us.

"We also face, nation wide, opposition from "anti-gun" and anti-hunting groups. We can only survive by uniting in Clubs such as GRPC and joining the politically feared National Rifle Association. Then, we 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.

Last but not least is the fact that we have some 2,500 plus members. Of that large number, only a few Club members, less than a dozen, caused major problems at GRPC in 2006. The most common problem was rude and unacceptable conduct and language with our employees and other Club members. Such actions cannot be tolerated and disciplinary action may be taken by the Club's Board of Directors. We belong to GRPC to "have a good time" while using our firearms in a legal, safe and responsible manner. If something really upsets you, please think twice before ruining your day and that of someone else.

Hope to see all of you at the range!

Bill Craig
Club President for 2006 and 2007

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How to get Started in Air Gun Competition

For additional information please call the NRA Air Gun Dept. at (703) 267-1477

Air guns, traditionally regarded as guns for beginners, have now made the transition to guns for everyone. Some types, such as the familiar BB gun, are excellent as a "first gun;" other types are designed and used by seasoned international competitors.

Whether they are used for recreation or sport, for field use or as an inexpensive training tool, air rifles and air pistols are an excellent way to enjoy shooting. In recent years, air guns have

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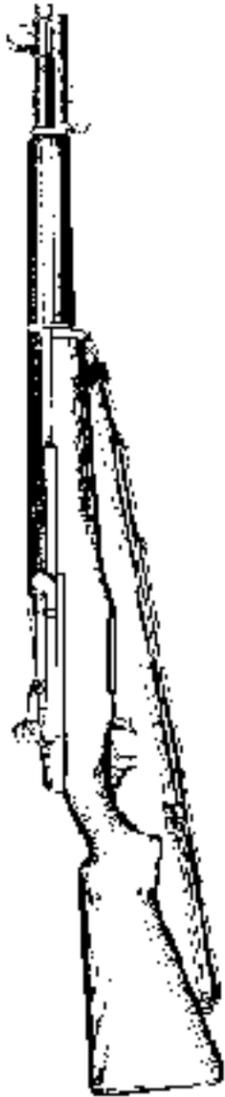
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undergone dramatic improvements in reliability, durability and accuracy. Air guns offer flexibility - they can be safely fired by shooters of all ages and experience levels.

NRA has developed and sponsored a variety of coaches' schools, training clinics and qualification courses, and offers various levels of competitive events which include air rifle and air pistol. They are available to junior, collegiate and adult shooters.

This page provides general information for tournament competition for the following events: air rifle, air pistol, air silhouette, 10 meter running game target and BB gun. It will also discuss construction of air gun ranges from the very basic home range to setting up a portable range for schools, to designing and constructing a permanent air gun range. Air guns can be found in nearly every shooting program, and air gun programs have been adopted by many national organizations, including the National Wheelchair Athletic Association, National Association of Sports for Cerebral Palsy, U.S. Jaycees, Boy Scouts of America, Explorer Scouts, 4-H, and Police Athletic League.

Safety First

Gun safety is vital for any owner or user of a BB gun or pellet gun. Young shooters must be supervised by a knowledgeable adult whenever using the gun. Adults and children should carefully read and understand all instructions that come with their air gun, and understand the proper safe use of such guns.

AIR GUNS ARE NOT TOYS! Improper handling due to carelessness or ignorance can cause injury or even death. Young gun owners can have years of enjoyment with air guns if they are used properly and safely.

The NRA gun safety rules must be read and understood by all children and adults who will be using or supervising the use of BB guns and pellet guns. Although all the NRA safety rules are important, the most important are the first three rules. If these three rules are applied in every situation, there would be no more avoidable injuries involving air guns, or any guns for that matter.

Which Air Gun?

Many brands of air guns are available. There are three major types of air guns: Spring-piston, Pneumatic and CO2. All three systems are used in both air rifles and air pistols.

The spring-pistol air gun is powered by the compression of a mainspring when the gun is manually cocked. The compression spring is released when the trigger is pulled, driving the piston forward, thus building up air pressure that pushes the pellet out of the barrel. Spring-pistol guns are of three types: Break-barrel, Underlever and Sidelever. BB guns are also in this category.

Pneumatic pump guns are among the most popular and best known air guns. They are also the most affordable of the three types. Pneumatic guns use a multiple-pump system, with compressed air stored in the gun's reservoir. Pneumatic guns are either multipump or single stroke guns.

CO2 guns operate with carbon dioxide gas (CO2) contained in a cylinder. This air gun is the easiest to operate; it only needs to be cocked and the trigger pulled to release a regulated amount of gas which propels the pellet. Most cylinders have enough gas for 30-60 shots, and the larger cylinders have enough gas for 300-400 shots.

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Velocity is important to air gun accuracy and pellet velocities can vary, depending on the type of air gun used. Single-pump precision match grade air guns deliver the most consistent muzzle velocity. The muzzle velocity of CO2 guns will vary with the pressure of the gas on the container. Consistent velocity is important when aiming at a 10 ring the size of a pin head (1mm), and precision air rifles and air pistols produce consistent velocities.

In shopping for an air gun, you should first decide upon its intended use, because prices and models vary widely, from Olympic-grade, precision air guns to lightweight target models, sporters and plinkers.

There are air guns of all prices and air guns for all ages. That's what is so great about this event! Everyone can shoot an air gun and enjoy the sport!

Air Gun Ammunition

There are two basic types of air gun ammunition; pellets and BBs. Pellets weigh much less than firearm projectiles, which makes the striking energy much less. They are molded from soft lead and most are hour-glass shaped which gives them increased stability in flight. They are designed for every air gun and come in a variety of head shapes. Pellets may be fired in either smoothbore or rifled barrels, unlike BBs which should be fired only through smoothbore barrels.

Pellet quality is second in importance only to the overall quality of the air gun itself. In competition, the .177 caliber is considered standard. This is true in all types of competition, from the BB gun through the Olympic-grade air rifles and pistols.

There are four basic types of pellets: wadcutter, used for paper target competition; pointed, designed for field use, producing more kinetic energy for penetration; hollow point, used for silhouette competition and field use; and round nose, considered for any use needing knock down power. The spherical BB is the most familiar air gun ammunition and is made from either steel or lead.

Other Equipment and Accessories

The type of air gun competition a shooter is interested in will determine how

much equipment is necessary. According to NRA rules, a BB gun shooter only needs a BB gun and BBs. A sweatshirt is optional.

In 10-meter air rifle and air pistol competition, accessories can be a major part of the shooter's equipment list, and could include a cloth or leather shooting jacket, kneeling roll, padded glove, sling, shooting mat, shooting shoes, shooting glasses, and the list goes on. All these things aren't completely necessary to be a competitive shooter, but they can help as the shooter improves.

Air Gun Targets

The NRA has licensed a number of companies to print official NRA targets. Air gun targets may be purchased from these companies for use in competition and qualification. Write for the "NRA Target Manufacturer's List," or click here [LINKS TO "Target Manufacturers" PAGE.]

Of the many different targets available, the most commonly used in competition are the air rifle, 10 meter (AR-5) target; air pistol, 10 meter (B40) target; BB gun, 5 meter (AR-4) target and; running target, 10 meter (AR-6) target. The AR-5 and B 40 targets replace the old air rifle (AR-1) and air pistol (B-32) targets. The RB-10 running target will remain in print and will be used for national competition events and novelty shooting activities. Many qualification targets are available for distances of 15 feet, 5 meters, 25 feet, 10 meters - both for air rifles and air pistols, including BB rifles and BB pistols.

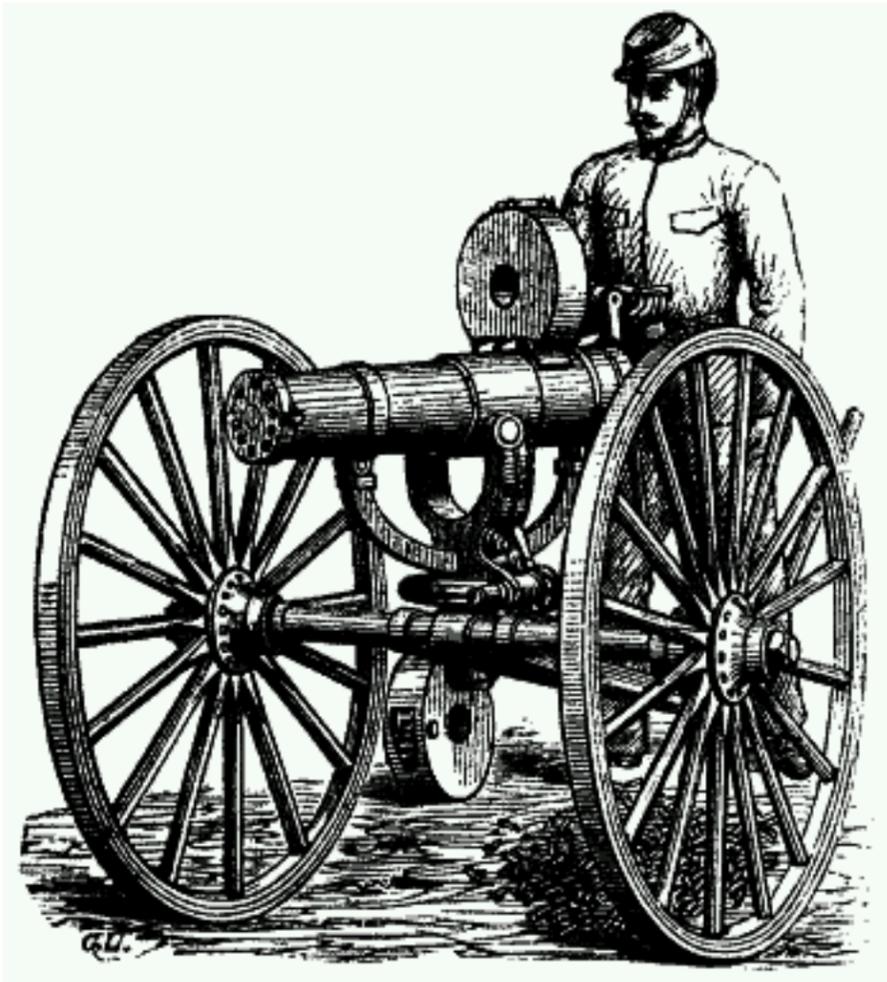
Another exciting target is the ever-popular metal silhouette sized for air guns and fired at reduced distances. Air silhouette has brought many "big bore" shooters to practice and even compete on these small targets.

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 back-

OBI's Required on ALL Ranges

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



FOR SALE

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

Dillon XL650 Reloading Equipment.

XL 650 Reloader, XL 650 Large Pistol Case feeder, Small Pistol Case feed Plate, XL 650 Pistol Conversion Kits (9mm/.38 Super - 45 ACP - 38/.357 Mag), 3 Automatic Powder Measure Systems, 3 Quick Change set-ups, PrimerPickup Tubes (4 Small, 4 Large), Primer Flip Tray, Small & large Primer Systems, DP Bench Wrench, Powder Die, RL 550/XL 650 Cartridge Bin, XL 650 Machine Cover, Plastic Roller Handle, Strong Mount for XL 650, XL 650 Spare Parts Kit, PACT electronic scale, Midway brass polisher & media separator, lots of mixed brass new and once fired, plastic bullet boxes, XL 650 Video Instruction Manual. **Asking \$1,500 OBO** Contact Gary @ 904-287-2097

For sale: Glock 19C ported, like new with night sights and 3.5 lb trigger, 4 high cap mags drop free + 1-10rd drop free, Fobus paddle holster, Fobus roto holster, Fobus shoulder rig and Fobus paddle two mags holster- \$750.00 OBO. Call 904-226-6066. Vladimir Voloshin

Absolutely new & never even assembled H&K (Fabarm) GOLD LION Mark III 12ga semi-auto shotgun, 26 inch chrome lined vent rib bbl with Hi-Viz bead and 3 inch chamber (shoots 2 æ or 3 inch 12ga), premium walnut stock and forearm with olive wood cap, light weight receiver with scroll & engraving & with gold accents and game bird. In H&K hard plastic case with 5 flush choke tubes and one extended full steel choke, sling swivels, stock shim kit to change drop of comb. Shotgun is only 7 lbs. Operations Manual included. Has great balance, 14.5 LOP. NIB prices are > \$900. Pictures can be sent to your e-mail address. Asking \$725 Call: 379-4939

AR15 DPMS Panther™ Classic (model: RFA2-C) 223. Loaded with fun options: Smith Enterprise muzzlebreak, 6-position collapsible stock and 37mm launcher with M-203 handguard. Legal to own, this rifle has *fun* written all over it. Sold with 10 smoke grenades and 10 shower-burst projectiles. I am the original owner and I fired less than 500 rounds through it. \$1500

Call 904 491 6690 and ask for Bernard

For Sale:

- 1 New Remington Model 710, 30.06, scope, sling \$300.00
 - 2 New Charles Daly 20Ga, semi-auto 26", VentRib, 3chokes \$275.00
 - 3 New Mossburg Model 702 "plinkster" .22 Rifle \$100.00
 - 4 New "Spartan" by Remington, 20 Ga, single shot \$100.00
 - 5 New "Spartan" by Remington, 410 Ga, single shot \$100.00
- Call Bob 904-704-2949

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USPSA 3-Gun
Grover Robinson
716-7531

Discipline Directors: Please contact the club's webmaster to update 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"

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Schedule of Events

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

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

REMINDER

Club annual memberships expire on 21 December, 2006. You will not be able to use Club facilities in 2007 until your membership is renewed. If you have not renewed for this year, please do so or risk repaying Club initiation fees in 2007. This is your official notice as we do not mail out renewal notices by letter due to the high cost of mailing. Thanks! GEPC

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

and wipe your feet

SHOT SHOW January in Orlando

TDF April 29

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. Silhouette Range

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

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

Friday 8:AM - 11:00 New 100 yd. Rifle range

Just So You Know...

Smooth is Fast and Fast is Smooth

The objective for many tactical shooters is to try to be as fast as possible, and intrinsically it turns to a temptation to rush manipulation beyond mastered speed/skills.

Patience and practice is the essence of the game, and as mentioned in a previous column *Perfect Practice makes Perfect*. Dry-firing practice at home in front of a mirror is one of your best tools, along with *Soft-Air* gun practice in your garage or backyard.

Whatever new move you want to master start very sloooooow. For example if you are working on an effective drawing: move your garment away—while at the same time aligning your weak hand (face open, pointing away) with the center of your chest—get a good grip on your pistol (without muscling it) draw and rotate your wrist to point the barrel at the threat immediately (so you could fire *from retention* if necessary) and raise the pistol forward (without *Bowling*). When it reaches the height of your weak hand at the center of your chest, join both hands and extend

your arms in a straight line aligned with your dominant eye. With some practice your pistol should be locked in place, sights aligned with your dominant eye, and your focus on the Front Sight with the target behind it.

Want to push it up a notch? Get a *Soft-Air* gun and practice the same move with it, placing one of these glue targets 10' away NO FURTHER. Your plastic pellets should land right in the 5" glue disc. And as you progress, speed will come along naturally with the smoothness of your moves and the development of muscle- memory. That's why smooth is fast and fast is smooth.

Also avoid tricking yourself into believing that you can perform best with some technical help such as adding weight to your conceal garment by putting keys in your pockets or sewing in sinkers in the hem. Because in fact, if your drawing time is under a second, the added weight slows you down.

Comment? Questions? E-mail me
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Bernard Martinage

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stops. 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.

How to Start Shooting in Air Gun Competition

An individual interested in any level of air gun competition, from intracub matches through the Olympics, should find a tournament near home and watch. This will allow the chance to see how a tournament is operated and see the equipment of each shooter. Most tournaments are conducted on the "local level", meaning NRA affiliated clubs are the sponsors and conduct the match themselves.

After the match may be the best time to ask questions to the shooters and the match sponsors about air gun competition and possibly even joining the club. Most clubs are pleased to see newcomers in the sport and will help get them started in the right direction.

The NRA can send you a list of tournaments fired around the country. These are available to all competitors upon request. There are so many types of matches that there should be no trouble getting started. NRA sanctions all tournaments from the local club level to state championships, sectional and regional championships and National Championships.

Join the NRA

<http://membership.nrahq.org/>

**Submit info for publication in
our Muzzleblast to
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Interested in a part-time Job?

From time to time we have openings for part-time employment at Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club (GR&PC).

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.
- Basis 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.

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 or Bill Craig, 737-5252, to set up an appointment for an interview with Club management..

Club Web Site

"The club website is for the benefit of all. The Disciplines section can be used by all match directors to have their match scores published soon after a match is completed. All it takes is an email to me, Joe Zullo, the webmaster, at webmaster@grpc-jax.com. Please send them in Excel format, and I will post them pronto. Check out the Disciplines section of your web site. Thanks."

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