

# The MUZZLEBLAST



Florida's Largest Gun Club, over 2600 Strong and Growing...

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

New roofing was completed on the old 100 yard rifle line, 200 yard rifle line and the silhouette line. On rainy days now, our rifle shooters and their equipment can stay dry. We put a new tarp on the sun shelter back on the far old purpose line. The old one died of old age aggravated by a wind storm last year. Charlie, our Maintenance Supervisor also ran wire for our PA system back to that far all purpose range so that now we have speaker coverage through out the entire Club facility. Upcoming project include an eyebrow for the 7 yard and 15 yard pistol berms to help contain our bullets. Will Hux and Grit Preston are working on a prototype bullet trap for those same ranges. The idea is that we can trap fired bullets but also easily "harvest" the fired pistol bullets from the traps thus eliminating lead mining of our berms.

Other projects include a better drainage system along the 200 yard rifle line and silhouette range. By placing pipe along side of the road in that area and backfilling with dirt, we can double our parking area for those ranges. Both the drainage system and the additional parking have long been needed. The scoring office for the 25/50 yard pistol range has a "leaky" roof that also will need repair more sooner than later

The annual "chili cook-off and swap meet" was very successful this year. Numerous people have commented to me about the excellent bargains they bought or things they were able to sell. It was good to see some old familiar faces like long time Club member Jim Rose. Speaking of Jim, he is retiring from his long established business on Casset Blvd. Jim has been an icon for many years here in Florida and is well known for his "match quality" pistols. There is a large group of us that will miss his Casset Gun Shop.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts had a 22 rifle orientation and shot at paper targets on the silhouette range. Rob Lawrence was the Scout Leader in charge. He was assisted by Ricky Rowland from the Florida Hunter Safety Program and Gary Matthews, technical support, from Curry Thomas Hardware and Gun Shop. The scouts all enjoyed the shooting while learning about firearms safety. They collected spent 22 shell casings and their targets as souvenirs. This is the type activity for youth that we need to support. We all know that firearms interest and related activities such as hunting and skeet shooting is on a decline. Generally, interest in firearms is begun at an early age. Unless we can get our youth involved and interested, our sport will continue to decline in numbers.

Bill Craig  
Club President for 2006 and 2007



Club members enjoy the pots of chili after the winners were selected.

## Chili Cookoff A "Hot" Success

by Fred Gatlin, Public Relations Officer

The annual Norris Tucker chili cookoff was held in the GRPC general meeting room, with 11 entrants to be judged. Our panel of judges, including yours truly, was prepared to sample some of the best chili our club members had to offer. I had prepared myself with a small, mild breakfast of milk and toast. Having previously judged several cookoffs, I knew that I needed to be able to eat several helpings in order to deliver a fair assessment of the entries.

Okay, so we began our sampling and testing, and I have to tell you there were entries that ranged from mild to inferno, spicy to bland, and interesting to puzzling. Needless to say, it was not going to be an easy task. Just to be on the safe side, I tested many samples of each entry, and the effect on my digestive system and sweat glands began to take its toll. Now, those of you who were there would incorrectly say that I am bald. I am not; however, I am deficient in follicle plentitude.

Therefore, when the spices and hot stuff began to react in my system, my head began to pour out sweat at an alarming rate. Much to the amusement of the spectators, this required frequent use of the red bandana I had wisely tucked into my back pocket. (Note: Paper towels are not effective in mopping your brow when you are a chili cookoff judge.)

Finally we were ready to compare notes and name the winners. The first 8 places received cash awards, and a special award to the hottest and most unusual entries. (I can vouch for the hottest entry being in the inferno category!) And the winners are....(Drum roll please)

- 1st. Place Kevin Johnson
  - 2nd. Gene Reynolds
  - 3rd. Kelly Harmon
  - 4th. Dale Wood
  - 5th. Jim Cox
  - 6th. Rick Roberson
  - 7th. Robert Whittington
  - 8th. Michael Larney
- Hottest Richard Bolduc  
Most Unusual Dale Wood

Congratulations to all of our winners, and we will see all of the entrants and more next year.

## Sunshine Classic

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In the Standard Rifle Match Open Class on Saturday, it was Cathy Winstead, shooting with the handicap of yours truly as a spotter, edging Troy Lawton by 2 targets, posting a 71 to Lawton's 69. Third Open was Texan, Bill Motl, with a 67. First Master was Jerry Tureau in a runaway, winning easily over 2nd place William Zander. Tureau shot a 66 to Zander's 53. 1<sup>st</sup> AAA went to Teresa Everheart with a 60 to just edge out James Culpepper's 59. 3<sup>rd</sup> AAA was Paul Freeman with a 57. AA was also a runaway for 14-year-old Arkansas native Kolby Rasmussen. Rasmussen posted his final leg in AAA (rejoice AA shooters, the kid has passed on through) shooting a 59 aggregate to 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher Tobie Lavides's 50. 1<sup>st</sup> A was

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**ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION**

Thomas Beattie Sec/ Tres.

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held on the 3rd of November. All Officers positions will be up for election. Any Club member who has held a BOD position for at least one year is eligible for nomination and election to an Officer position.

There will be a minimum of five Director Positions up for election. Anyone who has been a member of the Club for a minimum of one year is eligible for nomination and election.

Absentee ballots will be available at the Club's store thirty days prior to the election. Ballots will be available in the Club Store and also will be printed in the Muzzleblast. . Ballots that are not signed in the presence of the office staff must be notarized.

If you want to seek election to a BOD position, please advise the Club Secretary of your intentions in writing. This can be done by e-mail, US mail, or just drop off your notice to my attention at the Club store. Include your name, address, and date of membership at the Club. I must receive your request prior to the first day of October in order to be placed on the absentee ballot.

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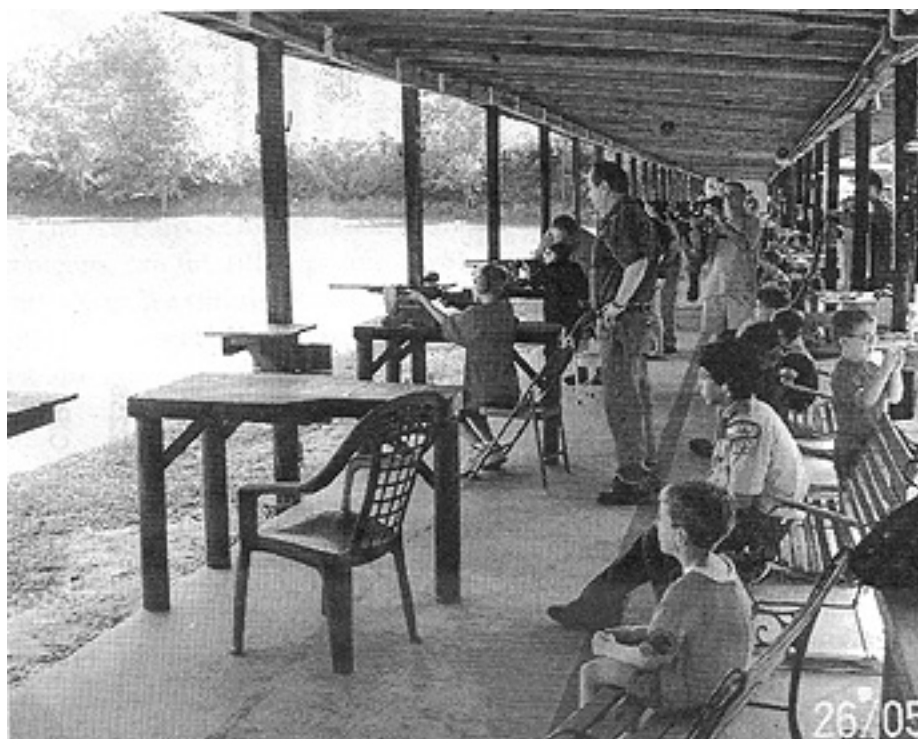
**WANTED**

**Audit Committee Volunteers**

Did you ever wonder where all your annual dues go or how all the Club's money is spent? Our Club bylaws require an annual audit each year of the Club's previous year's financial activities. This will require one or more meetings at the Club to examine the records, financial procedures and prepare a written report. You need not be an accountant or financial wizard but instead just have an interest in learning how we receive, deposit and spend our money. Contact Bill Craig or our Business Manager Brenda Trickler for more details.



*Bargains and "treasures" are examined at the Club's swap meet.*



*Cub Scouts learn the fundamentals of fire arms safety*

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 to the next issue is  
 Aug, 20, 2007**

**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](mailto:dbglasscock@comcast.net)

Browning XS Skeet, 28 inch ported barrels, 2 3/4 inch Chamber, 20 Gauge, Invector Plus Chokes (Six Total- Three are Midas Grade). Original Box. Excellent Condition \$1,599.00. Gerry Gomolka 287-1377.

Colt 6450 9mm carbine NIB \$1400.00 OBO. Call 904-608-0388 Rick

## GATEWAY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

### Minutes of May 2007 Board of Directors Meeting

*By Thomas A. Beattie Sr.*

I. Meeting called to order by President Bill Craig at 7:00pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

II. Secretary Thomas Beattie took roll call of BOD

Guests: Brain Kennedy Ed Verril Dan Jones Jerry Stahler, Phil Cusinano

Brain Kennedy addressed the BOD concerning the Garand Match

Jerry Stahler addressed the BOD about insurance for vendors and range use at the big SASS match.

*Officer Reports:*

President: Bill Craig Had a request from somebody about shooting cannon at the range. Also had a request from member to postpone the Swap Meet to a later date due to the smoke on I-10. Cub Scouts are using the range later this month and Craig asked for volunteers.

Secretary: Thomas Beattie Copies of the Minutes of the April 2007 BOD meeting was passed out. Report accepted by the BOD.

Treasurer: Thomas Beattie The April check register and financial statement were presented to the Board. Report accepted by the BOD. Payment of normal monthly bills online was approved.

Chief Inst: Lloyd Watkins Request for usage of the air gun range & the BOD meeting room was made by Mandarin High School to be used by the ROTC on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2008. Motion passed.

Public Relations: Fred Gatlin Chili Cook Off is ready to go. Prize money for the first 8 winners will be available. Construction of the new housing development appears to be stopped.

Club Managers Report: Brenda Trickler

The Club's membership is 2245 total members. There are 340 new members 1539 members have renewed, 366 life and 758 yet to renew.

IV. Old Business

A. Garand Match Report: Beattie

After last months discussion on the Garand match income, Beattie reviewed the match report that was submitted and he found that the report was not in compliance with Club policy. Estes made a motion to treat the Garand match as an outside function with a Range Rental agreement. Motion Passed.

B. Parking lot extension:Hux

Hux provided plans to the President for bids.

C. Eyebrow for the 7/15 yard pistol line: Craig/Preston/Hux

Preston said that the new bullet trap prototype will be ready next week but the full scale construction will take some time. Craig suggested that the idea that was discussed two months ago be about building an eyebrow with steel columns and bar joists be built. A motion was made to use a budget of \$23,000.00 for this project. Motion passed.

V New Business

A. Pistol line roof:Beattie

The roof over the pistol line and the roof of the Pistol shack are leaking and needs to be repaired. A motion was made to spend \$5000.00 to repair the pistol line roof and change the way the roof ties into the pistol shack roof. Motion passed.

B. SASS Range Use for Nov. Match:Preston

SASS has requested that they be allowed to set up a side match on the 200 yard and on the silhouette line from 12:00 to 4:00 on the Friday of their big match in November. Motion passed

They requested that they be allowed to use the clay target range for the side match and their match. Motion Passed.

They also requested the use of the air gun range to hold their Range Safety Officer classes on September 22. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm

Next meeting June 11, 2007

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  
Kevin Panichello  
221-6675

High Power Rifle  
Marion Estes 641-7775

Black Powder Muzzle  
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Barry Wheeler 730-3415

BlackPowder Cartridge  
Rifle Silhouette  
Roger Bump 723-2677

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Randy Erickson 448-3174

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Randy Erickson 448-3174

Cowboy Action/SASS  
Jerry Stahler 904-284-4572

Action Shooting/ICORE  
James Swenson  
904-781-6560

USPSA 3-Gun  
Grover Robinson  
716-7531

## 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

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front of the  
OFFICE to  
10 minutes**

and wipe your feet

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claimed by Ryan Pitchford in a breakout performance posting a 42 to 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher Michelle Lavidess's 37. In B class, it was another Pitchford taking top honors with Garrett Pitchford's 23 beating Tony Cleaver's 17.

The weather took a definite downturn for the worse for Sunday's Hunter Rifle Championship. Shooters awoke to a gentle Florida rain and slightly cooler temperatures. By noon, the sun had made its appearance and the winds began to blow. Scores fell during Match II as the wind began to blow in earnest, changing frequently in both intensity and direction. In the Open Class, it was once again Winstead taking the Gold, in spite of losing 3 targets in the morning match to an equipment failure.

*ran out of room*

## 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

**Called for Printer  
pickup on  
June 25**



One on one instruction from the firearms coaches to the scouts.

## WANTED Club Directors

We are still looking for people who are willing to serve on the Club's Board of Directors. This job will require attendance at the monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month. In addition, you will be asked to serve on one or more committees from time to time. The Board of Directors is the governing body for this Club and sets all Club policy. You do not have to be a firearms expert or participant in any particular shooting discipline. You simply need to be interested enough to donate some of your time to help shape the future of our Club and its continued success. Contact Bill Craig so that your interest will receive consideration from the Nominations Committee or just notify the Club Secretary prior to the election this fall.

### Three Gun Matches

Due to the severe decline in interest, cancelled matches and failure to submit required match reports either on time or at all, Three Gun Match activity is no longer permitted at GRPC. When this type match was approved several years ago, the Board of Directors made a special allowance for these competitors to fire high power rifles on our all Purpose Range during matches or individually when supervised by a nationally recognized Range Safety Officer. This was done very reluctantly as our all purpose range was not and is not designed for high powered rifle activity. This special permission and three gun activity are now both cancelled by direction of the Board of Directors at its June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting. This section is effective immediately and Club Policy # 56 will be revised to so reflect this new policy.

The All Purpose Range is still available to regular members for use with shotguns, rim fire rifles, pistols, revolvers and rifles chambered for pistol cartridges. We still allow rapid firing on this range BUT bullets must impact either the impact berms or steel reactive targets. Safety and common sense are also governing factors when using this special range.

Bill Craig, President

**Submit info for publication in  
our Muzzleblast to  
Dennis Glasscock  
dbglasscock@comcast.net**

## Just So You Know...

### How practicing headshots at 15 yards will bury you in a gunfight

*Accuracy*, which actually is—or kind of was—the IPSC motto: *Diligentia Vis Celerita* of which all is left is pretty much the name. Now, this is not to be confused with the *Combat Triad* which we will discuss, not the next Muzzleblast issue, but the following one (next issue is to be *Spray and Pray*).

I have this friend of mine, who is a great guy and an excellent shooter, but unfortunately would very likely not survive a gunfight against someone who wouldn't have a fraction of his accuracy.

My friend, whom we will call Jimmy for the purpose this story, can make headshots at crazy distances: 30, 40 and 50 yards, drawing from a holster, and quite fast too—considering the distance—but not anywhere near fast enough to beat an average shooter who practices consistently under ten yards aiming center of mass. Unfortunately for Jimmy, 10 yards IS the maximum distance of engagement of 99.99% of real gun fights that involve handguns. Actually, most of them are under 7 yards.

Practicing extremely accurate shots at long distance is NOT going to make it easier AND faster to shoot at closer distance. Yes, it will definitely help your accuracy, but as definitely it will hinder your speed—period!

Your body, muscles, muscle memory will all be programmed to perform effectively at whatever maximum speed you practice most. And if that is making headshots at 50 yards, then be it, but it will never be as fast as shooting center of mass at 7 yards. Plus it will require mental disposition and concentration you are likely NOT to have the luxury of, in a gun fight.

The instant you exceed your average training speed, you simply rush yourself, and depending on how bad, you might not even end up with your hand properly fit on your gun.

I can't make a headshot at 50 yards, let alone anywhere near as fast as Jimmy. But under seven yards I'll have the first of two rounds of 45 in that center of mass, with a conceal garment on, from surrender position, under a second and without rushing myself. That's fast enough, accurate enough, and more power than needed in most cases.

Train like you fight and fight like you train.

Comment? Questions? E-mail me at [id@ContinentalArmy.US](mailto:id@ContinentalArmy.US)

Bernard Martinage

## 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**