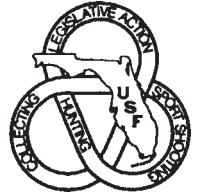


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CLUB POLICY # 57, REVISED COMPETITION, MATCH AND RANGE REQUEST RULES

8 January, 2007

After several Committee meetings, meeting with match directors, and a careful review of all of the different shooting competitions at GRPC, the Committee made the following recommendations which were approved by the Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club Board of Directors, effective 8 January, 2007.

1. A comprehensive schedule with a minimum of four months in advance of all events, their area of use and time of use must be kept by the Club and be available in the Club Store, Club paper, and on the website. This schedule must contain information about matches, organized practices, Hunter Safety, use of the Range by outside organizations such as the Coast Guard, Navy, Army, ROTC and any other use of a range or Club facility other than the use by the membership or day shooters. All applications for entries on this schedule must be in writing and approved by the BOD.
2. All match reports for monthly matches must be turned in within 14 days of the match including the match day. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the two matches that follow the next scheduled match. This will give the Match director time to notify the Match participants that the next two matches will be canceled. Match reports will be turned in regardless of whether a match has been held or not.
3. To remain on the Match schedule each discipline must have a minimum of nine matches a year. The only exception will be an all day lightning storm, hurricane, or dangerous weather.
4. All match reports must contain the names, addresses and membership status of the match participants.
5. Match participants who are not Club members and who live in Duval or a county that touches Duval County must pay an additional \$5.00 fee to the Club. This fee is to be collected by the Match director and turned into the Club.
6. Each discipline is limited to one big match a year.
7. All matches must be contained to the venue that is normally used for that match. Monthly matches are limited to the 25/50 yard pistol range, 200 yard range, silhouette range and bays 1-5 on the General purpose range.
8. The third sentence in Policy #37, section 1, paragraph a, should be deleted.
9. All parking for matches must be at the range where the match is held. All overflows must be at the pavilion or rear and side of Clubhouse. At no time should a range that is not being used for a scheduled competition, or access to that range, be blocked.
10. All monthly matches must be finished and the range cleared by 3:00PM the day of the match. No setup will be allowed before the day of the match during normal Club hours.
11. All visitors to matches must obtain a pass from the match director stating that the holder is a non-shooting visitor.
12. All vendors at matches must request permission from the Club office in writing and supply the Club a certificate of insurance showing the Club as a certificate holder.
13. All bullets must impact the berm or a berm in back of the target. No bullets will be allowed to be fired into the ground. Policy #24 section 2 paragraph d. Policy #29 section A paragraph 5 a.
14. All shooting must be done from a stationary position while standing, sitting, or laying on the ground. At sanctioned matches, a competitor is allowed to shoot while walking when accompanied by two Match Range Safety Officers.
15. All shooting must be into the north or west side berm. Shooting into the east berm or corners of the east berm is not allowed. The usable distance on the West berms, as measured along the foot of the berm in linear feet, will be equal to the distance along the foot of the East-West oriented (North side) berm for the bay or range in use. The 180 degree rule must be observed at all times. All targets on the west side berms must be paper only.

16. The following policies will be changed to reflect the above:

- a.#10 sections A, B,
- b.#24 section 1 paragraph e
- c #37 section 1 paragraph c line 3

Thomas Beattie, Committee Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, GRPC

Committee Members and Members of the Board of Directors, Jodie Graves, John Graves, Fred Gatlin, Marion Estes, Sam Grimes

CC:

Club Policy Book, All Match Directors, All 2007 Board members, Club Business Manager, All Club range Safety Officers

HANDLOADING FOR HUNTING

By Joe LaMarco

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Die Adjustment - Setting the Seating Die

Any discussion of seating dies has to start with an understanding of the different types of dies on the market. The most basic is the standard seating die. These simply push the bullet into the case without giving it much support. Some die manufacturers, but by no means all, have gone to an "in-line" seating die. These dies have a sliding sleeve that supports the case and aligns the bullet while it is seated to reduce bullet run-out. When the axis of the case and bullet are perfectly aligned, you have zero run-out, a goal you may never achieve. Most experimenters agree that run-out over .007" is excessive, and causes poor accuracy.

Among in-line seaters, you will find regular and micrometer, or "benchrest" dies. These have a micrometer that can adjust seating depth with a scale readable in 1/1000 inch increments. My first micrometer seating die was from Forster, and at around \$43 (more like \$50 now), was more

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Minutes of the 2006 General Meeting and Election

By Thomas Beattie

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. by Bill Craig followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Bill Craig then made a "State of the Club" report. This report included comments about the financial status of the Club, Club store operations, range improvements and the audit. This was the good news. He then explained that housing was moving in around the club and what measures the Club was taking to protect itself.

Sam Grimes presented the Steve Bernhard award for 2005 to Marion Estes.

Craig then awarded the 2006 Steve Bernhard award to John Graves

Club Treasurer Beattie gave an oral report about the Club's income and expenses and savings account. He said that the Club was in good financial shape but it cost about \$1000. a day to operate the Club. Beattie was asked why he did not hand out a copy of the Club financial statement at the meeting as was done in the past. Beattie explained that the statement was not given at the last three previous annual meetings and additionally the BOD had voted against handing out the statement in an open meeting of any kind. The report is available for review in the office for any club member who asks.

After the officer's reports Craig opened the floor for general business.

Thomas Beattie asked the membership to approve changes to bay 6 and 7 on range five as required by Club policy. The change would involve removing the earth berms and replacing them with concrete block walls. This would increase the number of bays from two to seven or eight. This motion failed.

Election Results

All of the incumbent officers other than President were unopposed and elected by acclamation.

There were three candidates running for president and eight candidates running for the four open director seats. All ten were given the opportunity to address the meeting. After the candidates spoke, the ballots were handed out and lunch was served. The ballots were counted by Sam Grimes, Jerry Vaughn, and Marion Estes with assistance from Brenda Trickler After counting the ballots the results were announced to the membership. The results and vote totals are as follows.

Bill Craig	132	Roger Bump	141
Sam Cowan	66	Vince Edwards	100
Bruce Wells	53	Grover Robinson	86
Randy Erickson	189	Tom Eichling	80
Ray Kerbs	164	Larry Gwaltney	38
Will Hux	153		

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CLUB POLICY # 58 PRIVATE PROPERTY ON CLUB PREMISES

12 February, 2007

1. There have been numerous instances in the past where Club members and employees were seen removing property from the premises of GRPC. When asked by GRPC management or other Club members, the general response was; "This belongs to me", "I just lent it to the Club and now I want it back" and "I didn't have room at my house for these things." In some cases, this led to allegations, after the fact, that the person or persons in question were either stealing the items or were removing them, for whatever reason, without official GRPC authorization.

Other Club members have asked why certain members have privileges to store their shooting gear at GRPC while every one else has to transport theirs to and from the Club. To be fair to all members and remove any doubts about lawful ownership, the following policy is in effect.

2. Effective the first day of April, 2007, all property located on GRPC real estate belongs to GRPC. By this date, the Muzzle blast should have reached all members in March with a copy of this policy. All private property on GRPC must be removed by 1 April, 2007. The only exceptions as of this date are:

a. SEPSA, an independent outside organization, presently has property (targets, props and steel plates) at GRPC within connex containers and in a small building on the All Purpose Range.

b. SASS and IDPA members may store on Club premises personally owned targets and props used in their discipline's shooting activities. Those personally owned items must be stored in the applicable discipline's storage areas. All personally owned items, regardless of discipline, must be identified with the owner's name.

3. Any person or persons seen removing what might appear to be Club property, at any time, may be challenged by either a Club member or GRPC management.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

William A. Craig

President, GRPC, 2007

CC: All 2007 GRPC Board Members

GRPC Business Manager

All Match Directors

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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.

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expensive than a regular 2-die set. But used with the RCBS Precision Mic, it was a revelation. It allowed me to accurately experiment with seating depths to get the best accuracy. Nowadays, I just order Hornady die sets, and the optional Microjust Seating stem. This converts the standard Hornady in-line seater to a micrometer die. It's scale isn't the easiest to read, but at only \$20, I can deal with it. The Forster Die is absolutely first-rate, if you want the best.

Seating die instructions usually tell you to start by putting a primed and charged case in the shellholder and raising the ram. Then turn the die down till you feel the crimp ledge contact the case mouth, then unscrew half to 1 turn. For micrometer dies, unscrew until the scale faces you. Now, set the lock ring. Turn the seating stem out almost all the way.

Then, with a bullet in the case mouth, seat the bullet long, then turn in the seating stem by degrees till the OAL equals the recommended length. If you bought a micrometer die, a little math can get you to the desired OAL rather quickly. Say, for instance, your manual recommends an OAL of 2.80 inches. After seating the bullet long, you measure OAL and find it is 3.005 inches. Turn your mic on the seater down 205 increments, and you will be there, or very close. Each increment is 1/1000 inch, so that would reduce OAL by .205 inch.

If you have to crimp, do it as a separate step. Usually only tube-fed rifles require crimping, but you can experiment loading with and without crimping to see which gives the best accuracy.

To really see an accuracy improvement, try seating the bullet closer to the origin of the rifling. To do this, you first need to know where the rifling begins. The RCBS Precision Mic comes with a 'cartridge' with a sliding bullet you insert into the chamber, then close the bolt. Contact with the lands pushes the sliding bullet back, and when you extract the assembly, it gives a representation of the distance from the bolt face to the lands. Then using the cartridge length spindle on the mic, record the reading. The spindle indexes on the full diameter portion of the bullet, not the tip, so it will not give actual OAL. These tools do not give actual measurements in inches, but rather a reference point on a fixed scale readable to 1/1000 inch. So if your mic reading is 165, subtract 50, and seat bullets so they read 115, and

your bullet will be seated .050 off the lands, a good place to start seating depth experiments.

There are other tools that do the same job, such as the Stoney Point OAL gauge and Bullet Comparator. These tools give actual measurements from boltface to lands in inches. You can even seat a bullet long in an empty, unprimed case and carefully extract and measure it. You need to make a 'dummy round' for each different bullet you want to use, because bullet profiles vary.

Now that you know where the lands are, try seating bullets .050 inch deeper, then experiment by inching the bullet closer to the lands, or sometimes farther away, till accuracy improves. This is another reason to keep thorough notes. I record the actual reading on my seating die, so next time I know what worked, and what didn't. I do NOT recommend you seat bullets for hunting rifles so they touch the lands, as this can raise pressure dramatically, with the added danger of sticking a bullet in the bore. If you do stick a bullet, then try to extract the unfired cartridge, powder will spill into your action, and your rifle will be useless till you can get a cleaning rod and knock the bullet back out. Some bullet manufacturers recommend a specific distance from the lands, such as Barnes X-bullets.

Often, magazine length will prevent you from seating bullets as far out as you may want to. My Browning A-Bolt in 7mm WSM has a magazine that restricts OAL, but thankfully, does fine in the accuracy department at that length. The Remington Model 7 is another rifle with a short magazine.

Obviously, the ability to feed through the magazine is of greater importance than a fine degree of accuracy, unless you want to use your rifle as a single-shot. I've said it before, don't become a slave to accuracy at the expense of functional reliability.

You don't have to buy any of the tools I mentioned, just make a dummy round for each bullet you want to use, label it with a permanent marker, and keep it in the die box. Then, seat bullets deeper by the amount you found gives best accuracy, while maintaining functional reliability. I do recommend an in-line seater, however. That, and your calipers, and you are ready to start seating depth experiments!

FOR SALE

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

Pact chronograph \$60.00 John at 269-7525

Hawken traditional 50cal caplock octagon barrel, brass appointments, walnut stock, all accessories 200.00

Knight disc 50cal rifle camo stock all accessories 100% perfect cond. 200.00 john 269-7525

Browning Golden Clays Model 425, 30 inch ported barrel, 2 3/4 inch chamber, 12 gauge invector plus choke, adjustable stock. Browning take down case. Original box, excellent condition \$2900. John Harbison 424-2707

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
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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"

**Called for Printer
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Feb.**

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
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Club Members \$35.00

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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

GR&P CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES ON 13 NOV, 2006

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 07:30 PM by Club President Bill Craig.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll call by Club President found Jody Graves, Tom Beattie and Bruce Wells were absent. All other Bard members were present. A quorum was present for business. Club President will be acting Secretary to take minutes.
3. Recognized visitors with comments were Brian Kennedy and Tom Eichling.

OFFICER AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS;

1. President's Comments and Reports

a. An article on the newly elected Board's many qualifications will be in the next "Muzzleblast."

b. Several Club employees reported an extremely very rude and disorderly Club member. Craig will contact the member. If this behavior is repeated, the member's name will be before the Board for disciplinary action.

c. General Assembly Hall/Air Gun Range looks great! We have better wooden partitions and the old cardboard partitions were discarded. The room was also painted.

d. Charley Calkins, the new Maintenance Supervisor is doing a very good job.

2. Acting Secretary's reports and comments. No reported correspondence to Board.

a. October Board minutes were not available. Deferred to Dec. 06 and Jan 07 meeting.

3. Treasurer's reports

a. Monthly financial statement will be on file in office for any Club member's review. Questions will be referred to the Treasurer but no copies will be passed out.

b. The financial report for October, 2006 was approved by the Board.

4. Chief Instructor, Lloyd Watkins reported on range/match schedules. IDPA's big annual match will be moved to the end of Oct for 2007. This will prevent the moving and swapping of dates for other matches on the schedule to accommodate IDPA.

5. Public Relations Officer, Fred Gatlin, reported on Women's Field Day. Next year can be improved even more although this year was very much a success.

6. Business Manager, Brenda Trickler, reported that Club membership is now up to 2,567 members.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rules were posted and old signs painted out which allows the use of shotguns with slug barrels and sights on the old 100 yard line. That change, approved in the Oct 2006 meeting, took a lot of time and work. Board members were reminded that any rule change at GRPC requires a lot of work, communication and coordination.

2. The Nov 2006 annual meeting, swap meet and election were all successful with no major problems.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Annual Christmas party will be held at the Tree Steak House.

2. Ray Kerbs sponsored a motion that no matches be scheduled on the annual election day. Motion was seconded, discussed and passed eight to three. The annual meeting was delayed to allow the late entrance of Club members shooting in a match. The plan is to also minimize activity so that emphasis is placed primarily on the annual meeting.

3. A motion to limit Club members to one guest on the new 100 yard line was passed unanimously. This followed multiple complaints from Club members that a single member or two with up to three guests or day member guests occupied up to eight positions out of fourteen forcing regular Club members to wait. This facility was expanded for the benefit of regular Club members. If the one guest policy is also a problem, then the Board may pass a rule that no guests may be allowed on that range.

4. The next Board meeting will be on Dec 11th at 7:00PM at "The Tree" restaurant in Mandarin.

William A. Craig

Acting Secretary

Just So You Know...

No gun fits all purpose without sacrifices

Just as many things are in life, it is all about sacrifices and compromises. And again, somewhere between *too many* and *not enough* there is a just middle-ground that fits you best.

We can blame it on what we want—our lifestyle, life's demands and restrictions, or gun manufacturers, it is hard to own only one gun just as it is hard to shoot very well all the types of guns we own.

In a restriction-free scenario I perform best with my heavy-duty good old P14-45 and a couple of extra mags. But seriously, do I want to go live my 'normal' life with 10lbs of hard steel hanging at my belt, and have to wear a jacket big enough to conceal the bulk in Florida every day of the summer? Of course not, because even though I pretty much exclusively wear Milt Spark holsters, there is only so much you can do to make 'Big' look *small* and only so much deodorant one can put on.

So evidently, when taking all of that into account, these credit-card-sized Keltec plastic guns are tempting. As much as they are ugly, they don't jam and they are light. Shooting them effectively though is another story. It kind of reminds me of the tools that come in a 'Car Emergency kits' which you hope you'll never have to use in a critical situation. You have them more for peace of mind than anything else.

So maybe we can settle with a hammerless S&W *AirWeight* in 38+P? It hides in the smallest pants or short's pocket. It's small enough to fit in the front pocket of a pair of jeans, light enough not to move too much, heavy enough to be shootable, powerful enough to be reliable, and also made of metal that won't oxidize with your sweat and changes of atmosphere. Do you, however, really want to spend the weekend shooting it for a 100+ rounds *NRA Action Pistol* match? I doubt it, unless you are a veteran of revolver shooting.

No doubt then, you need a couple of guns for the weekend fun, one to go to work every day and that is more for *covert* than *Conceal* carry, one to go out for dinner, one to go on a trip and one to go into the woods and one... plus all the holsters to fit every situations.

You are *normal*—you have a discriminating taste for guns and life situations—in short you are gun savvy.

Shootability and Concealability are the criteria of real life.

Comment? Questions? E-mail me at 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

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

GATEWAY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB CLUB POLICY #5

(*CHANGES UNDERLINED AND IN ITALICS*)

12 Feb, 2007 10 July, 2006

RE: Business on Club property and "Swap meets"

1. In early 1988, The Board of Directors voted to curtail all business activity on Club property except Club related business. This action was in response to several Club members conducting on-going business on Club property in varied degrees of activity. This action was taken to be fair to all Club members and to preserve our not-for-profit federal tax status. This policy is still in effect.

2. Club members may list firearms or related items for sale on Club provided bulletin boards. All posted items for sale must have the date posted. After 90 days, GRPC management will remove the posting. The same items for sale, if not previously sold, may be re-posted by the owner with a new posting date. Commercial advertisements are not allowed on these bulletin boards unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors.

3. Club members may place business cards (or a stack of them) on the ledge (window sill) located opposite the rack of targets for sale in the hallway outside of the Club store. A sign will be posted above the business cards stating "The below business cards are those of Club members and do not necessarily represent endorsement in any way by the management of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club. GRPC management reserves the right to remove any business cards that may suggest unlawful activity or reflect unfavorably in any way to GRPC."

4. More recently, the Board voted to allow periodic "Swap meets" for Club members on specific dates set by the Board. These "Swap meets", during which Club members may display gun related, hunting related or gun sport related items for sale or swap in The Club Pavilion also have some restrictions such as:

- No dealers are allowed to display but may offer their personally owned items for sale or trade.
- All activity will be in accordance with local, state and federal laws.
- Any activity or item for sale which would reflect unfavorably to the Club as a whole will be disallowed by the senior Club official present.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

William A. Craig, President

CC: Policy Book

All 2007 GRPC Board Members

Club Business Manager

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have some recent improvements at our Club. Charley Calkins, our Maintenance Supervisor, and Tom Beattie, Secretary/Treasurer, ran electrical, water and PA system lines to the new 100 yard rifle line. Tom spent the better part of a day on a trenching machine digging the trench to bury the pipes. Work was complicated by the presence of old construction materials buried under the road to that range which was where the pipes needed to be buried. The work was successfully completed so we now have electrical power, water, a water cooler and PA speaker coverage on that range.

Roger Sovine, a long time Club member, helped us with a new credit card bank system which will be faster and more user friendly than our previous one. We now have the ability to accept debit cards at Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc. (GRPC) as well as standard credit cards. The newer system will save us considerable money on our monthly credit card charges. For those of you with debit card capability, paying for Club memberships or Club store merchandise with a debit card saves the Club money as compared to the much higher cost of processing VISA or Master Card charges. Every little bit helps.

This year at GRPC there will be some much needed improvements. Work will begin soon on re-roofing the 200 yard rifle line with in-house labor supervised by Charles Calkins. If that part is successful, the old 100 yard rifle line and silhouette line will be next, either with sub-contractors or with in-house labor. For those of you who complained about the leaky roofs, relief is on the way.

A wooden eyebrow will be put on the 7 and 15 yard pistol berms to stop
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Minutes of October 2006 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 and (see attendance below)

Guests: Dan Jones

IV. Officer Reports:

OFFICER FINDING(S)/RECOMMENDATION(S)

President: Bill Craig The audit committee has finished their work. Club member Emil Albertini, who is a CPA, assisted. The committee picked July and August to go through everything. Emil was surprised with the high level of bookkeeping that went on at the Club. He had a few recommendations that were followed through with. An inventory check was completed by the committee and the inventory was found accurate. The PA system is now repaired. Safety switches have been installed to eliminate current from lighting getting back into the system from lighting. After last month's altercation between two club members, a meeting was held with the person with whom the complaint was made about. The results of this meeting were unsatisfactory and it was one person's word against another. The member who made the complaint was advised of the outcome of the meeting and he was disappointed that no action was taken. He asked for and received a refund of his membership money as he had just recently joined. The BOD directed Craig to write a letter to the offending member advising him of the Club's policy against unacceptable conduct or behavior, on our Club premises. Bob Miller has health problems and will not be able to continue as maintenance supervisor. Charlie Chalkins will replace him. Bob Mathes needs to cut back on his hours. Another RSO will be hired to work the extra hours. There was a fire on the new 100 yard range. All Gateway ranges were shut down and the fire department called. The cause of the fire was unknown but the use of tracers was suspected.

Secretary: Thomas Beattie Copies of the Minutes of the September meeting were passed out. Correspondence to the Secretary was from Will Hux stating that he wanted to run for the BOD. Beattie received an e-mail from a member asking if slug guns could be used on the range. This item will be covered later in the meeting Report accepted by the BOD.

Treasurer: Thomas Beattie The September check register and financial statement were presented to the Board. Questions were asked about the difference between the draft report that is presented to the BOD and the final copy from the accountant. Beattie and Kerbs will have a meeting with the accountant after the first of the year. Report accepted by the BOD.

Chief Inst: Lloyd Watkins Match directors have been turning in their match requests for 2007. The new schedule will be put together soon. Vaughn asked if a rolling schedule could be kept and be available of all of the matches. Beattie asked how a match could be taken off the schedule if matches that were scheduled were not being held. After much discussion it was decided to turn this matter over to the competition committee. Report accepted

Public Relations: Fred Gatlin Preparation for the Ladies' field day match. A survey is being compiled for the participants to fill out to find out how the event is doing and if the event should continue.

IV. Old Business

A. Silhouette Range target stands Preston

Concrete has been poured for the new target holders. The remainder of the work will be completed by month's end.

V. New Business

A. Political speeches for County Judge

Craig

A member has asked if a candidate for County Judge could make a speech at the Annual meeting. Watkins said that he attended the Annual meeting to conduct Club business not to listen to speeches. Craig was concerned about the Club's tax status by allowing political speeches. Motion Failed.

B. Slug gun use on the 100 yard line

Wells

Wells was asked by a member if slug guns could be used on the 100 yard line. Craig stated that due to damage to the range by slugs that this practice was stopped. Patterning of shotguns was limited to one position on the 100 yard line. Preston said that the slug guns could not be compared to shotguns. A motion was made to allow use of slug guns with a rifle barrel and either optical or iron rifle sights was made. Motion passed.

C. Archery Range at Range 5

Estes

A member had asked Estes about setting up and archery range in the back. Preston stated that this had been brought up before and members are already allowed to use bows if they provide their own targets and backstops. The club would

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CLUB POLICY # 58 PRIVATE PROPERTY ON CLUB PREMISES

12 February, 2007

1. There have been numerous instances in the past where Club members and employees were seen removing property from the premises of GRPC. When asked by GRPC management or other Club members, the general response was; "This belongs to me", "I just lent it to the Club and now I want it back" and "I didn't have room at my house for these things." In some cases, this led to allegations, after the fact, that the person or persons in question were either stealing the items or were removing them, for whatever reason, without official GRPC authorization.

Other Club members have asked why certain members have privileges to store their shooting gear at GRPC while every one else has to transport theirs to and from the Club.

To be fair to all members and remove any doubts about lawful ownership, the following policy is in effect.

2. Effective the first day of April, 2007, all property located on GRPC real estate belongs to GRPC. By this date, the Muzzle blast should have reached all members in March with a copy of this policy. All private property on GRPC must be removed by 1 April, 2007. The only exceptions as of this date are:

a. SEPSA, an independent outside organization, presently has property (targets, props and steel plates) at GRPC within connex containers and in a small building on the All Purpose Range.

b. SASS and IDPA members may store on Club premises personally owned targets and props used in their discipline's shooting activities. Those personally owned items must be stored in the applicable discipline's storage areas. All personally owned items, regardless of discipline, must be identified with the owner's name.

3. Any person or persons seen removing what might appear to be Club property, at any time, may be challenged by either a Club member or GRPC management.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

William A. Craig

President, GRPC, 2007

CC: All 2007 GRPC Board Members

GRPC Business Manager

All Match Directors

NEED LEAD ALLOY TO CAST BULLETS?

Sometime in the next twelve months or so, we will be rebuilding the berms on the seven and fifteen yard pistol lines. There will be a lot of lead bullets to be recycled. At the February Board meeting, the subject arose as to whether or not our members may be interested in some "mining" to recover lead alloy bullets before we sub contract the lead removal.

Bear in mind that these bullets, both jacketed and unjacketed, will be a collection of many different lead alloys. They are not suitable for black powder guns specifically made for use with cast pure lead bullets

If you have interest in mining some of this lead, please notify our Business Manager, Brenda Trickler, with the following information.

- A. Yes, I am interested. I am a annual or life member and my name is _____ and I can be contacted at _____.
- B. Yes, I can mine the bullets during the week days from Monday thru _____ Friday.
- C. Weekdays are bad but I can mine the bullets on the weekends. I prefer _____ Saturday or Sunday.
- D. I would be interested in recovering about _____ pounds of lead.

If we have a good response, we will plan accordingly. If not, the entire job will be sub contracted.

Bill Craig, President

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not furnish these items. The BOD agreed to allow archery on bay 6 and 7 on range 5.

D. Magazine fed rifle cartridge pistols

Craig

There had been problems with people using short barreled pistols that are chambered for rifle cartridges on the pistol lines. These firearms cannot be aimed properly and the pistol ranges are not designed for rifle cartridges. The BOD directed Craig to change the range rules to indicate that GRPC does not have a suitable range for firearms of this type. Meeting adjourned 8:11PM

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TO: Mr. Brian T. Herrick

13 Feb, 2007

VP Marketing & Sales

Savage Sports Corporation

118 Mountain Road

Suffield, CT 06078

1. Thank you for your kind offer to allow some of our members the opportunity to test fire and evaluate your latest model rifles. We discussed this at our monthly meeting of the Board of Directors last night. We believe we can set up a program here that will be to your satisfaction while insuring the safety of the firearms. Our program would work like this.

a. The rifles when not in use will be in a secure lockable metal cabinet in a storeroom of our main building. Our main building is protected by Medico locks and an alarm system during off hours. The locked storeroom is accessible only to Club employees on duty or Club officers. At no time, will the firearms leave our premises

b. The rifles will be issued out only to identifiable Club members, either annual or life by the Range Safety Officers (RSO's) on duty that day. Our RSO's are paid Club employees who are extremely knowledgeable on

firearms. We have a minimum of one Range Safety Officer on duty whenever we are open.

c. The Club member must leave his drivers license at our office while in possession of the firearms. This is standard procedure on any of our rental equipment such as scopes, plate racks or rifle rests. We will also have a sign-out and sign-in written log. The RSO will inspect the rifle before and after the member's use of the rifle for that day. The rifles must be returned in a clean condition and inspected for damage before returning the member's drivers license. Club members must agree to be held financially responsible for any damage to the firearms.

d. We will require a written evaluation from each using member. I can make one or we can use a form that you supply. We prefer and will require the use of only factory ammo in the rifles unless you agree to the contrary in writing.

2. We are open to any further suggestions or requirements for the loan of your rifles. You are also most welcome to come and visit or inspect our facility. Our website is grpc-jax.com.

3. Our full time Business Manager is Ms. Brenda Trickler who may be contacted by phone at (904) 771-2937 or fax at (904) 771-1818

William A. Craig

President for 2006 and 2007

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CLUB POLICY # 53

Uniform Guidelines for Disciplinary Action (UGDA)

12 April, 2005 (with minor edit changes in Jan, 2007)

This policy was adopted by the Board of Directors on 12 April, 2005, with only several minor changes from the original submission by the Disciplinary Action Committee headed by Grit Preston and Will Hux. Previous Club policies, # 8 "Disorderly conduct" from 6 February and # 30 "Complaints and Unacceptable Behavior" from 6 January, 1997, are included in these Uniform Guidelines. The UGDA was in hard copy only until Will Hux returned from military duty and provided the original electronic copy which is, as of now, January, 2007, shown correctly below.

1.0 Classes of Offenses

1.1 Minor Offenses

A Minor Offense would be a simple infraction of a rule or policy at Gateway which does not harm persons, Club property, personal property, or create any costs over \$100.00.

Examples of minor offenses would be:

- a. Accidental destruction of Club property which did not exceed \$100 in replacement value or repair.
- b. A violation of a Safety Policy which does not include any damages
- c. A violation of roadblocks or driving on ranges
- d. Failing to heed a warning by a Range Safety Officer
- e. Leaving a loaded weapon on the line unattended or during "Cold" line.
- f. Handling a weapon, loaded or otherwise, during a "Cold" line
- g. Accidental discharge of any weapon on, or off, the firing line not resulting in injury or harm to property
- h. Complaints and unacceptable conduct/behavior as defined in Club Policy # 30.
- i. Disorderly conduct or trespassing as defined in Club Policy # 8.

1.2 Major Offenses

A Major Offense would be an infraction or violation of any rule or policy at Gateway which might harm persons, including one's self, Club property, personal property or would have a repair or replacement value of more than \$100.00

Examples of Major offenses would be:

- a. Destruction of Club property
- b. Destruction of personal property
- c. A violation of Safety Policies or rules with damages.
- d. Failing to heed the warning of a Range Safety Officer while in violation of a safety rule, which causes damage
- e. Accidental discharge of any firearm on Club property or adjacent property, resulting in harm or damage to persons or property
- f. Loaning of membership badge.

1.3 Florida Statutes & Laws

Any violation of a Florida statute or law will result in consulting the local Sheriff's Office. Gateway will not attempt to interpret Florida Statutes or laws and will immediately call the Sheriff's Office for disposition of the offense.

1.4 Federal Laws

Any violation of Federal laws will result in consulting the local Sheriff's Office, with the exception of an alleged firearms felony, in which the BATF will be consulted. Gateway will not attempt to interpret Federal law and will refer the matter to the proper authorities for disposition

2.0 Charges and Complaints

2.1 Any member in good standing may bring charges against any person on Gateway property for violation of any laws, statutes, or policies addressed above or in our By Laws. The charges must be made in writing and served to the subject of the complaint a minimum of 14 days prior to any special meeting or hearing called by the President or the President on behalf of the Board of Directors.

2.2 A Range Safety Officer may bring charges against a member, Daily shooter, guest, or other person by filing a direct charge with the Club President, via the Club Manager.

2.3 A Director or Officer of the Club may bring charges against a member, Daily shooter, guest, or other person by filing a direct charge with the Club President.

2.4 Complaints and Charges must be provided in writing.

2.5 The minimum information would include the names and member numbers of all persons involved. A list of witnesses or members nearby the incident at the time of the incident, whether they "saw" anything or not. Where a daily shooter, guest, or other person is involved it is imperative that they identify themselves to Club officials, i.e. Driver's license. Addresses and telephone numbers should be recorded. Personal statements immediately on the scene are encouraged.

3.0 Executive Action by the Board of Directors— Minor Offenses

3.1 The President may take immediate action on any offense by confiscating the member/s in question badge until the BOD can make a final determination. The BOD will make the final determination of minor offenses and issue appropriate punishment and / or suspensions of Club privileges. The action taken shall be documented well and include statements where appropriate.

3.2 Where warnings are issued, they shall be documented and kept for an indefinite period of time.

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"skipping bullets." The longer range plan is to build metal bullet traps on these ranges. If these bullet traps work, we can eliminate the periodic mining of lead from the sand berms. Grit Preston and Will Hux are involved in the design of these metal bullet traps.

Our Club store and membership renewal coverage is being expanded. Soon, we will have two cashiers, each with a cash register and computer to provide faster and more efficient service on our busy weekends and holidays. As a reminder, you can also renew your membership by phone with a credit card or mail in a check. The next time you are at the Club, you can get your updated yearly sticker for your membership badge.

Our bath room floors on our main building are being redone as of this printing. Those floors, especially in the mens' room, are worn and are very difficult to keep clean.

In this issue are some new and revised policies here at GRPC. The Board implemented a new system whereby our actual range schedule usage will be printed much more in advance in the Muzzle Blast and on our Web Site. To help accomplish this, match schedules and range usage must be approved four months in advance. The unavailability of Club ranges to our general membership caused by matches, match set up time, and other activities, such as range rentals, are all being closely scrutinized by the Board. The main intent is to have our facilities open to all members as much as possible.

We have requests from time to time to use our Club premises for private business. Our policy on this is very clear in Policy # 5. All business at GRPC is GRPC business unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors. This includes vendors at matches. Club members may now place business cards outside

of the Club store in the specified location in the hall.

Now comes the depressing news. We discovered very recently bullet holes in a garbage can, a "dud" collection box and two bullet impacts to the side wall of our maintenance building. These were all done in the 25/50 yard pistol range area and were no "accidents." They were done deliberately with "malice and fore thought" as the lawyers would say. If we catch anyone doing such a destructive act, that person or persons will be barred permanently from our Club. In addition, we will prosecute to the maximum allowed by law. These acts could potentially be felony offenses. If any of you witness or have knowledge of such acts, please, please, step forward and help us stop this vandalism before someone gets hurt.

This past month, I notified a day member by certified mail that he is permanently barred from GRPC due to his inability to follow safety rules and failure to follow safety instructions from one of our Range Safety Officers.

Another regular Club member was put on written notice that his repeated confrontations and verbal altercations with Club members and Club employees will result in disciplinary action if continued. The Board of Director had reviewed this situation and directed me to send him a written letter.

The three above situations are certainly undesirable. However, the good news is that out of 2,600 regular Club members and several thousand day members, only a very few are a serious problem. Those few of you who persist in your destructive, combative and unsafe behaviors will be legally barred from our facilities at GRPC. For all you members who follow the rules, we on the Board of Directors, thank you.

Bill Craig
President

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3.3 Where previous warnings for the same offense or unrelated offenses from the same party exists, the President may declare this a habitual offense (two or more offenses in a member’s lifetime) and refer the matter to the Board of Directors with recommendations.

3.4 The ruling of the BOD in minor offenses shall be final, subject to appeal.

4.0 Executive Action by the Board of Directors – Major Offenses

4.1 The President may take immediate action on an offense by confiscating the member/s in question badge until the BOD can be convened. In the event of a Major Offense, the Board of Directors must be assembled during a regularly scheduled meeting or a Special Meeting, as described in our By Laws. When the Board meets on violations or charges, they shall be in Executive Session. During Executive Session the only members allowed shall be the Officers and Directors of the Club, the defending member/s, and invited witnesses for the term of their testimony only.

4.2 The Secretary, or his designated representative, shall document the proceedings and all persons involved.

4.3 The Board of Directors shall hear the offense(s) and shall pass a recommendation by simple majority.

4.4 The Club President will receive the recommendation, call in the defending member, and pass judgment.

4.5 The ruling of the Board of Directors is final, subject to appeal.

5.0 Deferment to Local and / or Federal Authorities

5.1 Where Florida or Federal laws are involved, or suspected to be involved, the Club’s recourse is to seek relief from the proper authorities

5.2 Where local or federal authorities are consulted in a major offense, and an arrest and conviction are the outcome, it shall be the proper course to consider permanent revocation of membership privileges.

5.3 Where there is more than one defendant on a particular major violation, and

one or more, but not all, are convicted of a local or federal offense, it shall be the proper course to consider permanent revocation of member privileges of the member convicted and consider lesser terms of suspension of membership privileges with the others.

6.0 Appeal Process for Minor and Major Offenses

6.1 The Club shall hear one appeal and one only, for any ruling on a major or minor offense.

6.2 The appeal would be filed with the Board of Directors, Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc., a Florida Corporation, and shall be addressed to the Club President. The appeal should be delivered by “Certified Mail - Return Receipt” not later than 30 days after the ruling by the Board or President.

6.3 An appeal outside the term of the time limits allowed will not be heard. It shall be placed in the files for the matter and a letter shall be returned to the appealing party outlining the term or date.

6.4 An appeal, which is upheld, shall be considered final.

6.5 An appeal, which is overturned, shall cause the offense to be dropped. The record shall show the offense and the judgment of the Board or President, and shall show the outcome of the appeal. All records shall be well documented and shall be retained for an indefinite period of time.

7.0 Uniform Guidelines on Disciplinary Action

7.1 The intent on creation of a Uniform Guideline on Punishment shall be to establish precedence for past offenses and to gauge the punishment to fit the appropriate crime or infraction.

7.2 Punishment shall be privileged to the Club President and to the Board of Directors on the substance of the levity of the infraction and the outcome of the inquiry.

7.3 This Uniform Punishment Guideline shall be visited on occasion by the Board of Directors, in Executive Session, to add and or modify the content or intention.

7.4 The following constitutes the initial punishment for commission of offenses

Offense	Minor / Major	Recommended Punishment
Theft	Major	Permanent loss of membership
Accidental discharge, 1 st Offense	Minor	Loss of member status remainder of the year or 6 months, whichever greater
Accidental discharge, 2 nd Offense	Major	Permanent loss of membership
Destruction of Club Property	Major	Loss of membership minimum of 1 year from the date of the infraction. Monetary retribution of costs plus 15%. Cost includes material and labor. Labor is billed at \$50.00 per man hour.
Range Safety Violation, 1 st Offense	Minor	Attend any firearms related safety course and submit to 30 hours of service at Gateway
Range Safety Violation, 2 nd Offense	Minor	Loss of membership for a minimum of 6 months and maximum of 1 year and up to 60 hours of service at Gateway. Complete a firearms related safety course before returning to full member status.
Destruction of personal property	Minor < \$100	Retribution with the owner of the loss, loss of membership privileges for not less than 90 days or a maximum of 1 year.
Destruction of personal property	Major >\$100	Retribution with the owner of the loss, Loss of membership privileges for not less than 1 year or more than 5 years.
Commission of any crime on Club property or at a Club function, where State, local or Federal authorities are involved	Major	Permanent Loss of membership upon conviction in a Court of Law.
Communicating a threat either bodily or verbally to a Range Officer, Club Employee, Officer, Board Member, or other member.	Major	Loss of membership for up to 5 years. Suspensions past one year would require reapplication for membership with initiation fee.
Unacceptable and/or disorderly conduct or abuse to Club employees, Club officials or Club members.		Written letter of counseling or letter of reprimand up to and including suspension or loss of membership as directed by the Board of Directors.