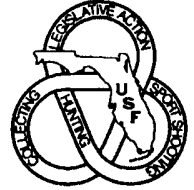


# The MUZZLEBLAST



Florida's Largest Gun Club, over 2300 Strong and Growing...

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## PROPOSED PLAN FOR GRPC MEMBERS ONLY

Thomas A. Beattie Sr. Treasurer

### REASON FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DAY SHOOTERS.

1. Day member income for 2007 was \$127,177.
2. Total net profit for the club store was \$37,284. If you attribute 75% of the sales to day shooters you get \$27,900. The 75% is a guess at this time. Credit card service charges were \$11,529.00. It is not known how much of these charges were related to day member store sales or daily fees, but it is safe to assume that some of the daily shooters paid with credit cards.
3. Payroll for the store staff was \$99,825. Payroll for the Safety officers was \$49,382. It is plausible to believe that you could contribute 75% of that payroll to day members.
4. The above figures do not account for the wear and tear on the ranges, targets frames, bathroom usage, utilities, the amount of lead they leave behind, or our other facilities that the 10,000 day member visits caused.
5. Day members are not the big income producers that a lot of people think they are. If for some reason our range is closed temporarily while we make repairs, or improvements due to some unforeseen reason, it won't affect the day members. They'll just go elsewhere. No loss to them. Big loss to the GRPC membership that we as the BOD, are responsible to.
6. A gradual phase out of the daily shooters has been suggested. But it can not be seen what good that would do and how to do it with out losing money. The simple solution would be to install a sign that states that on 01/01/2009 GRPC will no longer allow daily shooters. That gives six months to phase out the program.

### PROPOSED OPERATIONAL AND INCOME/EXPENSE PLAN FOR A MEMBER ONLY GRPC.

1. Raise dues to \$150.00 per year starting with the 2009 renewal cycle.
2. Have one associate member badge available to each annual member for \$75.00. This would be under the members name for his/her spouse, SO, JO, or whoever they live with.
3. Raise the initiation fee for new members.
3. Children of the member under the age of 17 should shoot for free.
4. The current method of prorated membership fees need to be reworked or eliminated.
5. Limit membership to 2500 annual members. This cap is higher than the present annual membership. When the cap is reached, a waiting list can be created and annual members who do not renew as of Jan 1st should be dropped. This would also result in a different cash flow dynamic that having the bulk of our money on hand at the beginning of the year would create. Then financial planning could be more realistic. Life and endowment membership should be phased out as people pass or move.
6. The annual income from the membership in 2007 was \$302,273.00
7. The new membership income from 2500 members will be \$375,000. This does not include the income from the initiation fees.
8. The area at the existing entrance road will need to be reworked with fencing to allow a small parking area and an electric gate. This gate could be operated by the members badge with a bar code. Members who don't renew will have their code remove from the entry system. A similar gate can be installed at the exit.
9. The Club Business manager should be on duty Monday thru Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 for her normal and some adjusted duties. Payroll and burden would be \$37,000 yearly. The Maintenance supervisor should remain in his current position and salary. Payroll and burden would be \$32,500. Labor burden is the percentage of taxes, workers comp and fees to our payroll provider.
10. The Club store could be open for member purchases 7 days a week 8AM to 4PM. With opening, closing and shift change overlap the payroll hours could be cut to 10 hours a day, 104 days a year for a total of 1040 hours. Labor and labor burden will be \$15,000 a year. Keep in mind the above figures on store profit and member sales.
11. The RSO hours could be cut drastically.
12. Member guests could be handled in the same way they are now but under the new office and store hours or sold in advance.
13. Safety would also need to be addressed with changes to our current safety program for new members. It needs to be stressed to all members that safety or the lack of it, will result in higher membership fees and whether or not that person remains a member.
14. Attached is a simple income/expense plan. It does not include all expenses or income but it does cover the larger items. It also appears that the income is much greater than the expenses, but ongoing experience at GRPC indicates that there is never a lack of things to spend money on.

I predict that in the near future a lot of operational and physical changes will have to be made for the Club to remain a viable operation at its current location. These future changes will be easier to make with a predictable income, and expenses, and a membership that that has a stake in the Club.

## MAJOR CHANGES AT OUR CLUB AND THEIR IMPACT

by Bill Craig

During the 12th of May and 9 June, 2008, Board of Directors meetings, seven members out of fourteen elected members of the Board of Directors of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club approved plans that will drastically change the Club for over 2,600 members. The seven were Grit Preston, Tom Beattie, Will Hux, Marion Estes, Ray Kerbs, Jerry Stahler and Jodie Graves.

Bill Craig, Lloyd Watkins, Sam Grimes, Arvil Budd, Randy Erickson and John Graves voted NO. If allowed to proceed on the first of January, 2009, the impact will be as follows:

1. The Club as we have known it for over forty years will no longer exist.
2. We have billed ourselves as a family membership since the Club's inception. The new plan calls for ending our no cost "spouse badges" and in its place each member can buy an "associate badge" for \$75 to give to his/her spouse, boy friend, girl friend or whoever they claim to live with.
3. Day members will be eliminated. We will no longer be a service to or have an obligation to our community. We can become a smaller club of "elitist gun nuts" as perceived by many people. If ever challenged in court, we will have little or no backing from our community. If day shooters were really a big "problem", we could just raise daily fees or cut back the number of days open to the public as an example. There are other options.
4. Our present annual fee of \$100 plus tax will be raised by 50% to \$150 plus tax. Although a dues increase may be warranted, a 15% or even 25 % is reasonable and should be the maximum.
5. The initiation fee will be raised to an amount not listed in the plan. This is a bylaw violation which calls for the initiation fee to be equal to a year's membership.
6. The prorated fees we have now for new members joining during the year will be ended.
7. Membership in the Club will be limited to 2500 annual members. The limit on annual memberships is a bylaw violation. Membership qualifications are specifically written in the bylaws.
8. Members who do not renew by the first day of each New Year will be kicked out. This will prevent those members from renewing who only shoot a few times a year and renew in full for that year the first time they use the range in the New Year. Also, if you are forgetful before the end of the year, then you will have to start over with another initiation fee.
9. The Club store will be open only on weekends. If you come during the week, that's just too bad. Be sure to bring targets with you during the week days or do without.
10. The plan calls for safety to be addressed with "changes to our present safety program." The plan also calls for limiting the Range Safety Officers' coverage. These two items seem to be in conflict.

These ideas were first presented to the Board in April as plans to be prepared for the future. The Club is in the best financial shape ever. So the plans are now presented as a business plan to have predictable income and expenses. It seems that the plans call for fixing things that is not yet broken. If you do not like or agree with all these plans, there are alternatives.

In this issue of the Muzzleblast you will read differences of opinion regarding the future of our Club. Our Club bylaws which have governed the Club for over forty years are in conflict with the original Articles of Incorporation. The Articles of Incorporation were enacted in 1965. Since 1965, for forty three years, the Club bylaws

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**2009 Plan**

<b>Income</b>	
Annual Dues	\$375,000.00
Member's Guest	\$4,000.00
ASSOC. MEMBERSHIP	\$12,500.00
COMPETITIONS	\$7,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$399,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Kitchen	\$1,500.00
Ins.-Markman Liability	\$16,000.00
Officer and Directors Ins.	\$1,400.00
Ins-Range Property	\$7,000.00
Range Safety Off (P/R)	\$25,000.00
Club Business Mgr (P/R)	\$37,000.00
Office Watch (P/R)	\$15,000.00
Maintenance (P/R)	\$32,500.00
Other Taxes	\$1,500.00
Property Taxes	\$6,500.00
Licenses	\$565.00
Bank Service Charges	\$5,000.00
Postage and Delivery	\$4,500.00
JPA Lease & Ins	\$1,500.00
Printing	\$7,500.00
Supplies & Cleaning	\$2,000.00
Office Equipment	\$4,500.00
Office Supplies	\$7,500.00
Utilities	\$15,000.00
Telephone	\$2,000.00
Accounting	\$4,500.00
Range Vehicles	\$4,500.00
NRA Dues & Contri	\$2,000.00
Member Picnic &	\$2,500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$65,000.00
Muzzle Blast	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$284,965.00</b>

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- Affirm a commitment to the members of the club, where our priority should be concentrated on most. The only body whom deserves our full attention is the membership of our club. All other entities or individuals are secondary.
- Set a reasonable limit to the number of members we can honestly service and provide range facilities for.
- Return the membership criteria to the original prescribed requirements and privileges set for the by the founders. .
- Eliminate the daily shooter, who is not a stake-holder or investor of time or sweat equity in our facilities.
- Use good business practices to identify, by cost accounting or other available means, those business units which are financially questionable as to feasibility and modify or eliminate them.

**1.0 REASON FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DAY SHOOTERS.**

1.1 Under the Articles of Incorporation of the club, dated as filed by the Secretary of State, State of Florida, Division of Corporations, May 5, 1965, there was no provision for anything except an Annual Member. Membership is open only to US Citizens. The only class of member recognized by the Articles of Incorporation is the Annual Member. Our By Laws have been modified since 1965 to clearly describe our classes of members to be Annual, Life and Endowment. There is no mention or authorization of other classes of members per our By Laws.

Under Section 2 Membership, paragraph (b), there is a procedure for non-US citizens. This paragraph contradicts the Articles.

Under Section 2 membership, paragraph (a) our By Laws require that all applications for membership be reviewed and accepted by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors; requires payment of the dues; and requires the applicant to be administered an oath. This has not been the practice of the Board of Directors of Gateway and must be addressed.

Under Section 3 Dues, paragraph (d) our By Laws provide for Daily memberships to the general public for the occasional use of the facilities. This By Law contradicts the Articles of Incorporation. The daily shooter has become a majority visitor with a documented 400% participation as compared to the number of club members. (10,000 daily visits compared to 2500 members)

Lead mining has produced only a percentage of the reasonably estimated number of rounds of ammunition expended on our facilities. There is evidence on the ground all around our facility of lead and jacketed projectiles which have made their way off of our property and on to neighboring land. We are financially and legally responsible for the costs of cleaning and reclaiming lead from neighboring properties, and have agreed to this in advance per our agreement and lease with the adjoining land owners.

The club operates in a responsible manner and protects our assets and liabilities with insurance. We carry insurance policies to protect us against a number of perils. The club carries a separate Liability Insurance policy specifically for the daily shooters. We insure 77 of our firing points every day for the daily shooters. This is additional financial burden which is not immediately apparent when looking over our financials.

1. Careful examination of our financial reports clearly indicates that the costs of servicing a daily shooter majority are not completely brought to bear by the income and that the minority membership is subsidizing this service to daily shooters. The daily shooter has no investment into our club and no commitment to our membership. While they are watching an excellent orientation video prior to shooting on our facilities, there is no provision to prevent them from acts with a firearm which severely jeopardize the long term and established membership of the club. We extend a contract to them to allow them to shoot for a day at a certain price. There is no residual carryover for either party. At sundown each day our agreement is terminated with both parties satisfied. In situations in the future where our clubs facilities may be limited or unavailable, the daily shooter is not inconvenienced. He keeps his fee and goes elsewhere.

2. A phase out of the daily shooters has been approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and upheld at a subsequent meeting, for implementation on January 1, 2009. We plan to immediately, at the first opportunity, install a sign that states that on 01/01/2009 GRPC will no longer allow daily shooters. That gives six months to phase out the program. It also gives non-members an equal opportunity to apply for membership.

APPROVED OPERATIONAL AND INCOME/EXPENSE PLAN FOR A MEMBER ONLY GRPC.

The Articles of Incorporation of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club describe a private corporation which filed on May 5, 1965. Our By Laws further outline the only three classes of members as Annual, Life, and Endowment. This club has always been a Members-Only organization, with modifications to the By Laws and Policies to include guests, family members, and daily shooters for occasional use of the facilities. continued on page 4

**PROPOSED PLAN FOR GRPC MEMBERS ONLY**

Thomas A. Beattie Sr. Treasurer

Before any reasonable debate can be hosted on the subject of Future Financial Planning, it is paramount to first gain a working knowledge of the Articles of Incorporation, the By Laws, Club Policies and the current and historical financials of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club.

This club was registered as a 501-c-3 corporation in the State of Florida in 1965. It has since been designated under the IRS code 501-c-4. Under our Articles of Incorporation and Florida Statutes and Internal Revenue code we are a not-for-profit club. We do not distribute dividends to members, no one owns any stock, and the assets of the corporation will remain with the corporation until such time as the corporation is dissolved. At that time the assets would only be allowed to be donated or transferred to another not-for-profit entity as required by IRS law and our Article XII.

Under our Articles, namely Article X, the By Laws can only be changed, altered, or rescinded by the Board of Directors. There is no action which the general membership can bring before assembly for change, alteration or to be rescinded.

Under our Articles, Article VII, the affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The Articles of Incorporation and the By Laws of the club stipulate that the Board of Directors is selected from the membership and entrusted with the care and management of the clubs business.

Our membership is open to any Citizen of the United States, at the age of (18) eighteen years or older. Our current By Laws contradict Article VII, and allow non-US citizens. This was clearly against the original plan of the founders. There are very few non-US citizens in the United States authorized to own firearms. Only those with an INS Permanent Resident Alien registration are allowed, to my knowledge. Illegal aliens are certainly not allowed to carry and own firearms and are fugitives by definition of their illegal status.

Article II of the Articles, clearly spells out the mission statement for the club's future. "shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States who reside in the community, with a view towards a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship.

There are conflicts between the original founder's intent as clearly delineated in the Articles of Incorporation and the current By Laws dated 2008. It is convenient that some of the differences also align with practice of good business practices which the Board has voted to pursue. Contrary to rumor that the Board is meaning harm to the club, in fact this document will make points about the safe operations, the preservation of the facilities to our membership, return to original doctrine, and unmistakably clarify the need to make a future financial and operations plan which will provide the following:

Describe the Business Plans approved to begin January 1, 2009

- Preserve the safety of the club by securing our facility against any unapproved guest or visitor, and greatly increase the awareness of security of the facilities for our membership.

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  3. Taurus 92, High Cap, 9mm Magazine, As New: \$10
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3 Piece, .45, As New: \$17  
3 Piece, .38 Super: \$12  
3 Piece, .45: \$12  
3 Piece, .44 Spec: \$12  
3 Piece, .223 Spec: \$12  
2 Piece, .308: \$10
  7. Dillon 550 Conversion Shellplate For .44 Mag/Spl Caliber: \$30
  8. Savage 10 Factory Rifle Stock, As New: \$20
  9. Remington 700 Factory Rifle Stock, As New: \$20
  10. M1A/M14 Magazine, .308, 20 Round: \$15
  11. .38 Super Caspian Match Pistol, Too Many Options To List, Less than 1,000 rounds fired, \$1500
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## MAJOR CHANGES AT OUR CLUB AND THEIR IMPACT

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have governed the Club and every change was voted upon by the general membership. The Club Secretary says the Club should be governed by the Club bylaws that are voted on by the general membership. The Club Treasurer says that the Articles of Incorporation should govern. Basically, the Articles of Incorporation say the elected Board of Directors have sole power over the Club.

At the November, 2008, general meeting, I'm sure this will be a topic of discussion. Annual elections are also at the November meeting. As in any democratic organization, if you do not agree with your elected officials, you the voters can make changes.  
Bill Craig, Club Secretary

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NRA/2700 Bullseye  
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Note from the Publisher  
This issue contains information important to the membership. The type is small so that it would all fit. I had to postpone publishing a couple articles. I hope the authors understand.  
I'm told the Muzzleblast will take a new form under the planned changes. I will publish the newsletter until this controversy is over and then I will be quitting.  
thanks for reading, dennis

# 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 31 December, 2007. You will not be able to use Club facilities in 2008 until your membership is renewed. If you have not renewed for this year, please do so or risk repaying Club initiation fees in 2008. This is your official notice as we do not mail out renewal notices by letter due to the high cost of mailing. Thanks! GRPC

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Classes have a revised pricing schedule:

Club Members	\$35.00
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*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

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PROPOSED PLAN FOR GRPC MEMBERS ONLY

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1. The Board approved the increase in dues to \$150.00 per year starting with the 2009 renewal cycle. This will enable the Club to put in more baffling on the 200 yard line, and silhouette line

2. This plan will require all members to renew prior to Jan 1st. The current practice of allowing renewal anytime during the year makes it hard to budget and predict cash flow.

3. We will continue the practice of allowing children of members under the age of 18 and spouses to shoot for free when accompanied by the member. Associate membership badges for the spouses who wish to attend the range with out the member will be available for a fee. Current Club policy allows only legally married person the privilege of range use with a member. This does not include girlfriends, life mates or SO's of a single person.

4. In the near future a lot of operational and physical changes will have to be made for the Club to remain a viable operation at its current location. These future changes will be easier to make with a predictable income, and expenses, and a membership that that has a stake in the Club.

This Board of Directors is charged with the fiscal and moral responsibilities of sound financial planning, safe practices implementation, safeguarding the facilities for the Members, and assuring a future for the club.

**Just So You Know...**

**Laser or not Laser**

This article was omitted due to lack of space and will appear in the next issue. Thanks for understanding and I look forward to other articles in the future

**It's NOT a Weapon** (or, at least it's not the only one)

by Tom Eichling

Will appear in the next issue, space necessitated the omission.

**2008 DIXIE REGIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP**

With

**CMP Service Pistol Match and NRA Distinguished Revolver Match**

*Submitted by Ted Carter*

The 2008 Dixie Matches were held at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club on 18-20 April. This NRA approved Regional Conventional Pistol Championship was not only a highlight for many Florida Bullseye shooters, but was also well attended by Army, Marine Corps and National Guard shooters and civilian competitors from as far north as Maryland and Illinois. The weather was perfect for the 62 shooters competing and the scores were equally impressive.

Adam Sokolowski from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) at Ft Benning, GA fired a 2641-127X. An impressive score for any shooter, however Adam recently switched shooting hands for medical reasons and was still able to take "Top Gun" honors and the \$250.00 cash prize for winning the regional championship. Coming in at second and third place were AMU teammates Sean Watson firing a 2639-122X and Gregory Wilson with a 2625-121X. Special awards category for high women shooter went to Marylou Garcia with a 2505-73X and high senior was won by Allen Mosley with a 2404-36X.

The U.S. Army swept the 22, Centerfire and 45 caliber team matches with a 3499-156X, The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve was able to field two teams that finished second (3422-117X) and fourth (3341-94X). Taking third place overall team honors was South Carolina Army National Guard with a 3401-116X. Gateway Rifle and Pistol had two team entries. Gateway Blue, with team members Sue Carter, Ted Carter, Terry Drinkwater and Ben Valdez, finished as the high civilian team with a 3333-83X. Gateway Red, with team members Tom Asp, Wesley Curtis, Royce Harmon and Larry Watkins shot a 3077-51X. The NRA

Distinguished Revolver Match had 29 shooters competing with three possible "leg" awards. Winning the match was John Farley with a 274-6X, followed by Robert Parrillo with a 270-7X and finishing third was David Farley with a 270-5X. The CMP Service Pistol Match had 46 shooters and was won by Adam Sokolowski with a 293-15X, followed by teammate Lyman Grover shooting a 287-7X and Sean Watson finishing third with a 286-9X.

The annual Dixie Matches is consistently one of the best Bullseye matches in the southeast. Thanks to Match Director - Randy Erickson who devoted numerous days and nights of effort to coordinate another great match. Calling a superb line for all three days was Chief Range Officer John Michalski. Assisting John to ensure a well run and safe line were Range Officers Marion Estes, John Graves, Jodie Graves, David Poole, Jim Rose and John Thompson. Running flawless stats was Chief Statistical Officer Dana Baygents, assisted by Arvil Budd and Sue Carter. Providing hot lunches for all the competitors and match staff were the Gateway Juniors and their parents. In speaking with a number of the competitors; all were impressed with Gateway's facilities and the friendly, professional and safety conscious staff. "we're looking forward to another great match next year". A well earned "thanks" go out to all the competitors and especially to the match staff and support personnel who made this another great shooting event.

5/25/2008

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Subject: MUZZLEBLAST Editorial - Letter to the President - Copy to Interested Parties

On May 24, 2008, I had the pleasure of participating with the general membership to express concerns about major changes made by the Board of Director's affecting both the financial structure and with the direction of the GRPC club principles both past and future.

There was obvious dissention between the members of the BOD regarding the decision. The primary issue was to exclude the "day shooters" and therefore changing revenue sources, and limiting the hours of the club store along with other unforeseen repercussions. Questions regarding the issues were pointed out, in a constructive manor, by the general membership. The lack of communication for any major changes, solely by the GRPC's BOD, quickly became identified as another major issue. The suggested Performa, with biased numbers, represented the basic premises for which the BOD's conclusion were made Power Point Presentation. Continued respect and support was given to the BOD's for their hard work in performing their duties by the general membership on numerous occasions. Most notable was the input from the general membership with respect to unforeseen future issues facing the both the BOD and the GRPC. I found it very interesting to hear numerous constructive options to the issues, plus new issues and concerns, presented to the BOD from the floor in the meeting. This discovery process must have been unexpected to the BOD and demonstrating talent and interest of the general membership for the GRPC when facing future problems. It is obvious that apathy is present within the general membership of the club. Without a stout vehicle to communicate to the members, distrust and apathy will prevail. There were a number of suggestions made to improve the limited communication problem which I hope will be pursued. A suggestion of forming a "Steering Committee" to review, research the impact of today's issues, to assist BOD with recommendations, reduced their workloads, stimulate additional views, support the fact-finding process, and involve the membership in assisting the BOD came from today's meeting. The meeting chairperson solicited participants for this committee of which a large number of members volunteered to serve. Personally, I feel that this meeting was constructive and demonstrated the value of the general membership's involvement in assisting the BOD with future of the club.

Respectfully,

Chris L. Nelson, General Member

**ATTENTION:**

If any member has misplaced any items while at gun range please check in office. We have alot of items that have been found by range officers. Examples are keys, binoculars, glasses...

When you come in just describe what item looks like and cashier will check our lost and found box. Thanks, The Business Manager

**Tournament Schedule**

The following is a list of the matches that have been scheduled as requested by Match Directors. Clip it and Save for future reference. There is additional information on Club activities list on the calendar that is posted at the Club and on the website @ grpc-jax.com

All matches are to be coordinated with the Club Business Manager. All outside organizations who wish to use the club's ranges or facility are to contact the Public Relations Officer, Will Hux

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 / conventional	3	2nd Sunday 0800-1100
Black Powder Muz.	4	2nd Saturday
High Power 3x20 prone	3	3rd Saturday 0800-1100
N.R.A. 1800 Bullseye	1	3rd Sunday 0900 -1200
SAAA (Cowboy)	5	4th Sunday 0900
Black Powder Car. Silhouette	3	4th Saturday

**Call the Match Directors for additional information**