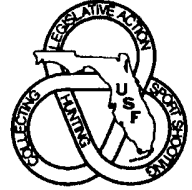


# The MUZZLEBLAST



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## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The Bylaws require any proposed change be sent by US mail fifteen days prior to a vote by the general membership at any regular or special meeting. By majority vote, the Board of Directors recommend the following changes be adopted in this November, 2008, with the reasons why listed.

1. Para 6 (e) Under duties of the Public Relations Officer, delete the following sentence. "He shall coordinate with any non club organization that wants to use the Club's facilities."

Reason why? This function is better done by the Club President and Club Business Manager with final approval by the Board. This will conform with Club policy changes approved in the September, 2008 Board meeting.

2. Para 12. Amendments The last sentence of the first paragraph reads as follows: "A two-thirds vote of the membership present and entitled to vote will be necessary to pass or reject the proposed amendment." Delete the two words "or reject."

Reason why? The two words are redundant, unneeded and are poor English grammar.

3. Para 12. Amendments Delete the last paragraph which reads as follows: "The Articles of Incorporation of this corporation may be altered or amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors or any special meeting of such Board call pursuant to notice or held following the waiver of notice by all members of the Board of Directors."

Reason why? The Board of Directors in the September, 2008, meeting voted to change the present Articles of Incorporation to read that a two thirds affirmative vote of the general membership present at any regular or special meeting will be required to make a change in the Articles of Incorporation provided all members are notified of the proposed change (s) by US mail not less that 15 days prior to notice of the meeting. This action will prevent any future major changes by just the Board alone ignoring the general membership as to the Club's composition, number of members and membership requirements and so on. This will stop Board actions such as those in the 2009 Business Plan which recently upset so many Club members before finally being rescinded by the Board. This action will cause The Articles of Incorporation and our Club bylaws to agree on this subject.

I urge approval of these three changes.

Bill Craig, Club Secretary

## Dana Baygents for BOD

My name is Dana Baygents. Many of you may know me for my work on the lines and in the background in opposition to the 2009 Plan. Thankfully, we have been successful in having the Plan rescinded. In an effort to replace those officers who stood for that plan, some of our other Board Members will be running for those officers' positions. Therefore, I would like to announce my intention to run for one of those vacancies to be created on the Board of Directors at GRPC.

I have been a regular member for the past few years. I like to participate in Smallbore, High Power and Bullseye. I enjoy shooting the Garand Matches and helping out with the Ladies Field Day. For the last 3 years I have worked as the Chief Statistician for the annual Dixie Match.

As to my qualifications for the Board, I offer the fact that I have owned and operated my own business in Jacksonville for more than 30 years. I am currently serving as a Pistol Director and Board Member for the Florida Sport Shooting Association. I regularly attend the Board meetings at GRPC to understand the workings of that group.

With your help, we can put Gateway back on the right track. We can get to work on real range improvements that have been long neglected. We can make Gateway the fine club our founders intended while attracting new members - not turning them away. This will greatly enhance our standing in the community. I would appreciate your vote in the November election. Thank you.

## Lloyd Watkins for President

I have served for twenty years as Chief Instructor. Last year I recommended that this position be removed from Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club because of the Boards involvement in the scheduling of matches and the DVD for new members and daily shooters. I am currently on the Board of directors. I am currently active in shooting Muzzleloading, Black Powder rifle Silhouette and when it get cooler, IDPA. I have shot in the Grand Match, Hunter Pistol Silhouette, Action/ICORE and the Plinking matches. I believe in supporting all the shooting sports.

I have and will continue to support family memberships and daily shooters. I believe that Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club should be an asset to our community. I would appreciate your vote in November.

## Mike Hicks for BOD

I am currently serving on the Members' Advisory Committee, and I will be running for office on the Board of Directors. I have been shooting at Gateway since 1970, except for the two years I was in Saudi, Arabia. I have shot Bullseye, Action, and Silhouette, but I do more plinking than anything. I am not any good at any of them, but fortunately, that does not seem to affect my enjoyment of these activities. I have the best interest of the club in mind, and I will not forget that it is the membership that I serve. I think we have the best gun club in the state, and I would like to see it remain that way. I would appreciate your vote in November.

Thanks, Mike Hicks

## Muzzleblast Changes Format

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**ANNUAL  
ELECTION  
AND MEETING IN  
NOVEMBER  
Saturday, Nov. 8th,  
at 10:00AM  
Swap Meet 7 AM  
Gates Open 6:30**

The agenda will be Club elections and proposed changes to the bylaws.

Gateway R&P Club  
9301 Zambito Rd.  
Jacksonville, FL, 32210



## ARVIL BUDD FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

My name is Arvil Budd, I am running for G.R.P.C. Public Relations Officer.

I am a life member of the NRA and GRPC. I joined the GRPC in 1967, served as Vice President in 1968 and was hired as Range Safety Officer for 7 years. Served as a Board Member for the past year.

In my pass 41 years as a member I shot Small Bore/Big Bore and Pistol Matches. We can make G.R.P.C. a safe and fun place to shoot and enhance our standing in community.

I would appreciate your support in November.

Thank you Arvil Budd

## ANNUAL ELECTION AND MEETING IN NOVEMBER Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 10:00AM

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club-mgr@grpc-jax.com

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Arvil Budd	777-6932
John Graves	904-284-8413

## Ron Peart for BOD

My name is Ron Peart and I am running for a position on the Club's Board of Directors this coming November. Some of you will recognize me as the Club member at the range who drives the large welding truck. Others may remember me as the person who spent so much time at the Club asking members to sign the recall petition.

I am a small independent businessman. I have been a member of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club (GPRC) for over three years and shoot primarily on the pistol ranges. To me, GRPC is a place where I can relax, have fun and shoot the bull and some targets. As such, I believe that I can represent a large part of our membership who like me is not a dedicated competition shooter but instead is just a Club member who is proud to be a member of GRPC and able to use its fine range facilities.

If elected to the Board, I have several goals or visions for the future. One is that we must have community support to survive in this age of ever increasing restrictive gun laws and groups opposed to ownership of certain firearms. We must have community involvement and this may be accomplished by inviting our neighbors, for example, to an introductory barbeque lunch at the Club. Another would be to increase our availability on occasions to outside groups. At present, we do have hunter safety courses at our Club and we allow some local ROTC units to use our indoor air gun ranges. I am sure that there are other similar organizations we could support and project a positive image of our Club to the general public. Another goal is to increase our membership. Safety is in numbers and the more members we have, the better our voices will be heard by the Jacksonville city council.

My name again is Ron Peart and I am asking for your vote. Thank you.

## Randy Erickson for Treasurer

Many of you know me as the Match Director for the Bullseye Pistol discipline and the Dixie Match. Others know me from the High Power Rifle matches, the small bore line, trap and skeet at WW Sporting Clays and Jacksonville Gun Club, the Women's Field Day events, or the Action Pistol matches I RO'd for Gary Butler.

I have been a club member since I moved to Jacksonville 17 years ago and have been on the Board of Directors for 9 years. I also pick up the trash on Zambito Road for the Jacksonville Clean It Up, Green It Up program (9 years now) and I poured the concrete slab for the Action Pistol storage garage on the General Purpose range.

But most important of all is that I believe the Board of Directors and the Officers of the Club are responsible to the Club members, not the other way around.

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## Russ Misner for BOD

I have been an Annual GRPC member for the past 15 plus years and until the 2009 Plan, had no issues with the Board of Directors. I find fault with the following:

1. Lack of due diligence on the part of the Board in providing specific reasons (i.e. liability issues, etc.) and financial data in support of the Plan. In short, the Board at least should have laid some ground work and shown some respect for the Member's intelligence.

2. The Board dismissed the Recall Petition (prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bylaws) out of hand. No explanation was given to the Member Signers. This is another example of Board arrogance which only makes for an adversarial relationship between the Board and Club Members.

3. What is the fix:

A. The establishment of a Committee to generate 2 and 5 Year Business Plan is a step in the right direction, but on completion should be shared with the Members to establish an amicable relationship which will aid in Member support.

B. GRPC has grown to a multi-million dollar organization and must be managed as such. Current Board management philosophy is not appropriate and if continued will destroy the finest Northeast Florida shooting facility. We need to change the Bylaws to require a Professional Certified Annual Audit rather than current Board Member "Audit".

C. The Board needs to comply with its Bylaws if it expects the Members to respect its management actions.

I have a degree in Business and Economics, ten years experience as a Federal Civil Service Budget Analyst and believe that for an organization to thrive, the Board and Members must form a partnership to perform the Club's mission:

**TO PROMOTE THE SHOOTING SPORTS IN A FAMILY ORIENTED WAY BY PROVIDING A SAFE AND WHOLESOME SHOOTING FACILITY FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF IT'S MEMBERS.**

Thank you-I will appreciate your vote. Russ Misner

## RON BARR for BOD

I would like to be elected to the Board of Directors for Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club. I have been a club member for ten years. Shooting and reloading ammo have been a hobby of mine for many years. I am very active in the club. I presently shoot in the IR 50/50 Match. In the past, I have shot in the Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette, Black Powder Muzzle and Small Bore Silhouette Matches. I have had fun shooting in all of the club matches and have found that you don't have to be a pro to enjoy the matches.

I am sixty four years old and have just retired this year. I worked as the Warehouse Manager for National Distributing Company for thirty-four years. Now that I am retired, I would like to go to work for the members of Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club as a member of your Board of Directors. I would like to use my leadership skills and experience to make GRPC the best gun range in Jacksonville. Isn't it funny how you retire from one job and can't wait to get started on another one? I have attended as many of the Board meetings as time allowed when I was working. I have always had an interest in the operation of the club. Now that I am retired, I have time to attend all meetings and get involved in the club operations.

If elected to the board, I have vision for the club. As the city of Jacksonville is expanding, I would like to see the club expand. I think the club should consider building a second site in Jacksonville.

If elected, I will work for what the majority of the club members want to see accomplished at our club. I would like to serve on your Board of Directors. I need your vote on November 8th.



# ABSENTEE BALLOT 2008 ELECTIONS GATEWAY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

## OFFICER POSITIONS

Vote for ONLY 1 candidate per position. Indicate your vote by CIRCLING the name of the candidate or CLEARLY PRINTING the name of write-in candidate. Write in votes will only be counted if their availability is declared to the Club Secretary prior to the election and the candidate is eligible for office as defined in the club by-laws.

### PRESIDENT

Fred Gatlin (Incumbent)

LLOYD WATKINS

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

### VICE PRESIDENT

SAMUEL GRIMES

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECRETARY

BILL CRAIG (Incumbent)

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

### TREASURER

RANDY ERICKSON

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

### PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER

WILL HUX (Incumbent)

### ARVIL BUDD

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

## DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Vote for no more than eight (8) positions. Circle the name of the candidate or clearly print the name of the write-in candidate. Ballots indicating a vote for more than (8) candidates and/or write-ins will void this portion of the ballot.

Dana Bayernts	Mike Bennett	Braley Carroll	Sue Carter
Mike Hicks	Gary Matthews	Ron Barr	Braley Carroll
Russ Misner	Paul Overton	Ron Peart	Victor Wilhelm

WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_ WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_  
WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_

Absentee ballots may be completed at the Club office. Members will write or mark their choices on the ballot, to include write in candidates. The ballot will be folded to insure privacy and placed in a plain white envelope supplied by Club office personnel. The Club office person receiving the sealed ballot will verify the Club member active status. The words "Absentee Ballot" will be written on the front of the envelope. On the backside of the envelope will be written: The printed name and signature of the Club member on one side of the flap and the printed name and signature of the Club employee of Club official receiving the ballot will be on the opposite side of the sealed flap. These ballots will be secured until the elections.

If the Club member chooses to mail the ballot to the Club: The member will write or mark his/her choices or write-in candidates on the ballot. The club member will print his/her name and sign his/her signature on the ballot. The signature, however, must be verified by a Public Notary with the Notary's mane and seal on the ballot. The Club member will mail the ballot to the Club to the attention of the Club's Secretary with the words "ABSENTEE BALLOT" plainly written on the face of the mailed envelope.

Printed name of Club Member \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Club Member \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY SEAL AND SIGNATURE, IF MAILED IN:

## Braley Carroll for BOD

I am running for the Board of Directors. I want your vote. I first joined GRPC in 1976, at that time I was a bullseye pistol shooter of no great acclaim. With children and other life issues, I became a plinker and was very happy to be one. Like many of you, I have been content to let whoever run the show and do the work as long as I had a place to go safely and legally shoot. Then we had a part of the Board of Directors and their plan to eliminate the Daily members, I, like you, am opposed to this idea. I personally think the Board of Directors should be directly responsible to the membership and should listen to the membership, I plan to be that sort of Board of Directors member.

I have other ideas/plans/suggestions that I think the Board should consider and plan to raise them as soon as I am seated on the Board. I do not understand why the Board ran off the Coast Guard and other military units from using the back of the all purpose range, maybe the folks who did that do not think that military preparedness and homeland defense are important items. I think we should have a serious look at keeping our bullets on our range and upon deciding a course of action, spend the money to make it happen. I have learned there is little to no outreach to the Daily Member to become an Annual Member, no one to tell what extra benefits there are in joining our club and becoming part of our shooting family, this needs to change. I cannot remember the last time I saw a GRPC table at a gun show or an article in the newspaper favorable or a TV spot or any promotion of GRPC, I plan to help the new Public Relations Officer in working on putting a good image out to the public.

I have other ideas, but I have worked in my life with some really great people and on occasion they have always felt free to tell me what a dumb idea some of them have been. They were right. The point here is that I do not bring arrogance to the Board. There is enough there already and frankly, it needs to go. We need Board members who listen to the membership, we need Board members who are aware that the club is a wealth of knowledge and experience and can tap into it as opposed to dictating to it. We have Board members who lack maturity and the Club deserves better, up close and personal, I do not see them growing up anytime soon. And mostly we need Board members who will not operate in a cloak of secrecy, behind closed doors, excluding members from the deliberations affecting the club and I will publish my phone and email address for all of the membership.

I would appreciate and thank you for your vote.

## SUE CARTER For BOD

My name is Sue Carter and I am running for the Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club Board of Directors. I am a Life Member of the NRA and have been a member at Gateway since moving to Jacksonville in 2004. My involvement in the shooting community began at age nine. I started as a small bore rifle shooter, and competed on the University of Illinois' rifle team. I have competed in high power rifle and instructed an Introduction to Pistol Shooting class for several summers with my father, the Marksmanship Coordinator, at Rock Island Arsenal, IL. I have been shooting both conventional (Bullseye) and international pistol for over 20 years, while balancing married life, raising two children, working and supporting my husband's career in the Navy. I spent many summers at the National Rifle and Pistol Championships, at Camp Perry, OH, where I worked in the statistics office, was a safety officer on the line, and even competed. I have assisted various shooting clubs as a club officer and in running successful, well-attended matches; most recently here at Gateway during the 2007 and 2008 Dixie Matches. I was selected as a member of the newly established Gateway Member Advisory Committee. I have a degree in accounting and work as the accountant for a local healthcare company.

If elected to the Gateway Board of Directors, I will bring a refreshing, yet experienced, viewpoint to the Board, without being biased by past rivalries or relationships. I applaud the current Board for their hard work and years of selfless dedication to the club. I look forward to using my experience and leadership in working together with the Board and with the Gateway members to address the many challenges facing the club. I will work hard to ensure Gateway is on a solid path to safe and fun shooting for our members and day shooters, successful business management for today and the future, and continued support for our community relations.

## Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule was omitted in this issue to include all the election information. The schedule should return in the next issue. In the mean time check past issues on the web site.