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2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

By Bill Craig, Club secretary

November 8, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Fred Gatlin, Club President. A quorum was declared. Board members and officers present were Gatlin, Craig, Watkins, Erickson, Grimes, Jodi Graves, John Graves, Kerbs and Budd. Absent were Preston, Beattie and Hux.

2. Gatlin read a letter addressed to all Club members that will be sent out within the next week or so. The letter is attached as annex A of the original of these minutes. Basically, the letter stated that GRPC will be making some major changes in Club operations to improve safety due to a recent incident in which GRPC could be blamed. Craig stated that as these changes, in large part, will require some expensive construction, the Range Safety Committee will recommend at the next Board meeting that annual dues be raised about \$12 to \$15 per year as well as an increase in the rates for daily members. The last dues increase was over five years ago. Gatlin also announced that his ever increasing time commitments will not allow him to run for reelection as Club President for the year 2009.

3. The annual elections were held. Some 336 ballots were cast which is a club record.

The following people were elected to a one year office beginning on 1 January, 2009.

President Lloyd Watkins
Vice President Sam Grimes
Secretary Bill Craig
Treasurer Randy Erickson
Public Relations Officer: Arvil Budd

Three year Board positions for 2009-2011

Mike Hicks

Sue Carter

(note; Jodi Graves, the third 3 year member was elected to a 3 year position in 2007 for the years 2008-2010)

Two year Board positions for 2009-2010

Dana Baygents

Ron Peart

Braley Carroll

One year Board positions

Ron Barr

Gary Matthews

Russ Misner

The following bylaw changes were approved at the meeting with over two thirds on the members present voting "yes" for approving:

1. Para 6 (e) Under duties of the Public Relations Officer, the following sentence is deleted: "*He shall coordinate with any non club organization that wants to use the Club's facilities.*" This change now means the Club President and Business Manager will coordinate this activity with Board approval.

2. Para 12. Amendments The last sentence of the first paragraph will change:

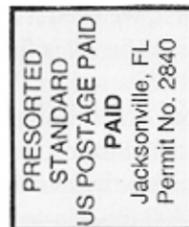
"*A two-thirds vote of the membership present and entitled to vote will be necessary to pass or reject the proposed amendment (s).*"

The word "*reject*" will be deleted as it is poor English wording.

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.*"

This deletion will make the Club Bylaws agree with the Articles of Incorporation. The Club Board of Directors, in the Sept, 2008, meeting voted to change the 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.



I am sorry to say John Cameron passed away 12/15/08. John was one of our employees and a very dear friend to all of us. He will be missed.

OBI's Required on ALL Ranges

Gateway R&P Club
9301 Zambio RD.
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Range Maintenance Schedule as follows:

Mondays	8 AM-11AM	100 yard Rifle Range
Tuesdays	8 AM-11AM	All Pistol Ranges
Wednesdays	8 AM-11AM	Silhouette Range
Thursdays	8 AM-11AM	200 yard Rifle Range
Fridays	8 AM-11AM	All Multi Purpose Ranges New 100 yard Rifle Range

Tournament Schedule

Match	Range	Time
Club 1800 Pistol	1	1st Sunday 0900-1200
Smallbore Silhouette	4	1st Sunday 1000-1400
22 Rimfire Benchrest	4	1st Sat. 0800-1300
Hipower Rifle Silhouette	3	1st Sat. 0900
IDPA	5	1st Sat.
High Power XTC	3	2nd Sunday 0800-1100
Black Powder	4	2nd Sat.
High Power Rifle Prone	3	3rd Sat. 0800-1100
NRA 1800 Bullseye	1	3rd Sunday 0900-1200
Cowboy	5	4th Sunday 0900
BP Rifle Silhouette	3	4th Sat.

IR 50/50 22 Benchrest

Bill Smith 904-276-1008,
work 904-542-2157.

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette

Chuck Deason 282-9366

IDPA

Ed Sevetz 272-8484
(office callback)

Club 1800 Bullseye

Randy Erickson 448-3174

High Power Rifle

Tom Inman 292-0063

3x20 Highpower Rifle Prone

Joe Zullo 230-1894

Black Powder Muzzle Loading

Barry Wheeler 730-3415

BlackPowder Cartridge

Rifle Silhouette
Roger Bump 723-2677

NRA/1800 Bullseye

Randy Erickson 448-3174

NRA/2700 Bullseye

Randy Erickson 448-3174

Cowboy Action/SASS

Jerry Stahler 904-284-4572

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

Lloyd Watkins 733-1513

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Ron Barr 764-0339

Dana Baygents 762-9286

Braley Carroll 614-3097

Sue Carter 880-1715

Jodi Graves 284-8413

Mick Hicks 781-8121

Gary Matthews 396-9526

Russ Misner 284-5347

Ron Peart 371-0269

CHANGES FOR HIGH POWER RIFLE (NON 22 rimfire) SHOOTERS AT GRPC

Recently, all 2008 Club members received a letter outlining the need for additional safety measures at GRPC.

This report will update the specific changes to date and what is coming.

1. The one hundred yard rifle ranges now have wooden partitions directly in front of the shooting benches. There are now also large sand filled bullet traps for the 25 and 50 yard target positions. The wooden partitions restrict the angle of rifle fire so that fired bullets impact the bullet traps or the 100 yard berms. Presently, both 100 yard rifle ranges have a pea gravel filled baffle at 25 yards from the firing line. A second baffle will be built in the upcoming weeks and months 22 feet from the firing lines. When the second baffles are completed, we will be able to remove part of the lower portion of the partitions to allow more height when firing from the benches. This higher partition height will be a big help to those members who use "lead sleds" for rifle support and tall spotting scopes.

Shooting will continue to be restricted to firing while seated at the benches at these two ranges

2. The 200 yard line will also have two baffles built. These baffles will also restrict the angle of rifle fire. Organized High Power rifle shooting will continue at GRPC. Individual annual/life members using this range must demonstrate the ability to shoot at and hit the 200 yard targets and berm. Range Safety Officers have the full authority to determine if a person is qualified or not qualified to use the 200 yard rifle range.

3. Our Range Safety Officer coverage is being greatly increased.

4. Our 25 and 50 yard pistol range will have eyebrows constructed at the berm similar to those at the 7 and 15 yard pistol ranges.

5. Any individual(s) found deliberately damaging the bullet traps, baffles or other Club property will face prosecution. If you see or suspect any such activity, please report it promptly to any Range Safety Officer.

6. The committee in charge of these changes is composed of the following members: Bill Craig (GRPC Secretary and committee Chairman), Sam Grimes (Vice President), Grit Preston (former Vice President), Randy Erickson (Treasurer) and GRPC Board members Braley Carroll, Dana Baygents and Ron Peart. You may contact any of the seven people for more information.

For many of you older members, these changes will make a different Club environment. Some Club members will be more affected with these changes than the vast majority of our 3,000 members. However, there is no choice. Either we make these safety changes or we will have to stop large caliber rifle shooting. An even worse scenario could be that the Club is forced to stop all shooting activity.

Bill Craig - GRPC Safety Committee Chairman

ANNUAL CLUB AUDIT

Our Club Bylaws require an annual audit of the Club's finances each year. The Audit is called by the incoming or newly elected President. Participants will be a Committee chairman from the Board of Directors, the incoming Treasurer and club members who volunteer. If you wish to participate, please notify me, Lloyd Watkins or leave your name and phone number with our Business Manager, Brenda Trickler. I would like several non Board members to help us with this audit. You do not have to be an accountant to participate. Common sense, an interest in the Club and curiosity are appropriate.

The audit will take place after our 2008 income tax return is finalized by our CPA accounting firm. This will be sometime between March and May of 2009.

Lloyd Watkins - GRPC President for 2009

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FOR SALE

Members may list their firearm related articles for sale at no cost. Send your ad to: Editor@grpc-jax.com

M1903A3 Remington S/N 3774XXX Stock has "P" on handle grip letters FJA Barrel has RA flaming ball 5-43 muzzle is a 1 Has about 75% finish Shoots very well, asking \$650.00

Contact: Mike Fraser at 904-635-1762

Remington 760, Side action in 30-06 Cal with Simmons "8 Point" 3x9 Scope...NICE...\$400

Remington 742 BDL, Semi-Automatic in 30-06 Cal with Banner 3x9, "Lite Site Scope" ...very NICE...\$400

Remington 7400, Semi-Automatic in 30-06 Cal with Bushnell 3x9 Scope. Like NEW...\$400.

Winchester Model 1400 Mark II, semi Automatic shotgun: Purchased in 1972 and never used. 2 3/4" 12 gauge Vent Rib with three chokes. Where are you going to find a brand new Model 1400? \$400.

Contact: Don Fiaretti at 904-269-9231 or 904 - 616-1061

High-Standard Victor .22RF Target Pistol. Excellent condition. Low rounds count. 1979 E. Hartford Model S/N SH256XX 2 magazines. No box or papers \$599.99

Contact: Joe Zullo at 904-230-1894 or Webmaster@grpc-jax.com (pix on Request)

Marlin 30-30 model 336C with leather sling, seven shot, gun is new and has been in storage since purchased 15 years ago, \$450.

Hi Standard 2 shot 22 Derringer with fitted case, new gun in storage, \$295.

Springfield 45 cal civilian, accuracy work by Jim Rose, gold cup barrel and bushing, full Bomar extended rib, stippled frame. Gun is new & a 10X Gun. Ready for competition matches. \$1,250.00

Collectors Note: 12 Gauge double French made Boucher MFG. French Town Entiennes France vintage 1926-36. Perfect condition. Fitted all leather leg "O" mutton case. Gun is 99% NRA... \$2,250.00

S&W model 41, 10 shot, 7 in barrel with weights, been in storage. Like new condition...\$1,250.00

Contact: Gerald Stokes at 904-264-9781 or cell 904 -703-8976

Yugo Mauser Model 24/47 infantry Carbines, 8mm x 57mm, complete and matching numbers. In very good condition.

Two available @ \$160 each. As these were acquired by C&R, I will require Florida resident identification and signature or valid licenses to transfer.

Contact: Dave Berry at cell 887-8123.(GRPC member + NRA Life member)

21 Boxes of Wolf .223 Rem 55 Grain. 20 rounds per box. \$115

Contact : Christian Bowers 352-281-9495 cell or cgborkgb@gmail.com

Marlin 9MM Camp 9, 2 30RD Magazines, 2 10RD Magazines, and A BSA Red Dot Scope (Adjustable Intensity) \$700 or best offer.

Remington 1100 12GA Full Choke Shotgun 30" barrel serial number L555604V, using 2 3/4" shot shells. \$500 or best offer. For \$650 will add Remington Slug Barrel with Adjustable open sights, Remington scope mount, and Tasco scope.

I have shot and slug shells for sale.

Contact: Patrick M. Hash 291-2014 and leave message

Ruger, New Model Single Six, SN: 67-33382, circa 1980, .22LR and .22 WMR (Mag) cylinders, oiled walnut grips, no box, \$285.00.

Contact: Ed Parsch, parsch_e@popmail.firn.edu

Felix Sarasqueta O/U 12 ga. Shotgun

30 inch Barrels/Side Ribs and Ventilated Top Rib/Chambered for 2 3/4" Shells/ Double Triggers/Extractors
Full and Modified Chokes/Dual Beads, Rubber Recoil Pad
Pix can be seen at...
http://www.northfloridashooting.com/Misc/OU_shotgun/OU_shotgun.htm
\$400 FTF in Jacksonville FL area or buyer pays shipping to your FFL

Contact: Joe Zullo at webmaster@grpc-jax.com

100 new .222 Remington brass that has been primed with CCI small rifle magnum primers. \$30.00.

Contact: Braley Carroll at 614-3097 email sitkinak08@yahoo.com

Taurus, SAA, 45LC with custom grips, \$325.00

Contact: Ron Fecteau 797-3271

DPMS Panther AP4.223 Carbine, New in box, 16" barrel, four 30 rd mags, case, removable carry handle, Truglow 2X dot sight, multiple reticle, red and green. \$1,100.00.

DPMS Panther AP4 .308 Carbine, New in box, 19 rd mag, case, removable rear sight, free float 16" barrel and aluminum hand guard. Rifle of the year 2006. \$1,200.00 \$300 below new price.

Savage Model 10FP-LE1A Custom Barrel with AccuTriger, Choate special operations stock, .308, 18" bull barrel, scope rail. Incredibly accurate, Extra clean and less than 100 rounds through barrel. \$700.00 Will leave Simmons AETEC 2.8x10x44 scope and rings attached for \$100.00

Winchester 94 Trapper Carbine .44 magnum, 16" barrel, last year made in the U.S.A. Extra clean, less 50 rounds through barrel. \$595.00

Glock 21 Gen III .45 ACP, Wolffe Springs, custom trigger, polished ramp and components, titanium guide rod, all work done by Glock armorer. GALCO form fit black leather holster, two high cap and two regular cap mags. Less than 300 rounds through barrel. \$600.00

Contact: StanleyKomanski@gmail.com

Heckler & Koch P7M8 9mm semiautomatic pistol. U.S. Made (not PSP), 3 eight round magazines included, Like new, less than 300 rounds fired. Rare collectible, no longer manufactured. MSRP \$1,499.00 Make offer

Sig Sauer P226 "Blackwater" edition 9mm semiautomatic pistol. Special ed. Blackwater logo etched wood grips and etched in top slide. Sig Sauer factory night sights. Special edition comes with 5 fifteen round magazines. 1,179.00. Make offer.

Kimber SIS Ultra 3" 45 ACP semiautomatic pistol. Kimber factory night sights. 3 seven round magazines included. \$850.00

Kimber Warrior 5" 45 ACP semiautomatic pistol. Kimber factory night sights. 3 eight round magazines included. \$850.

Smith & Wesson model 642 stainless .38 Special. 1 7/8" barrel with Crimson Trace laser grip. 5 round capacity. \$475.00 New in box.

Remington 700 tactical rifle. 308 caliber. Macmillian A5 tactical fiberglass stock with adjustable cheek piece. Harris bipod mounted. Leupold Mark IV long range tactical 3.5-10x scope with illuminated mil-dot reticle. Comes with wheeled Pelican dry case. \$2,450.00

Contact: Cliff Davis capt27@comcast.net

REMINDER

from Bill Craig, Club Secretary

This spring, the "Muzzleblast" Club newspaper will become primarily an online newspaper which can be viewed through our website at grpc-jax.com on the internet. If you wish to continue getting the Club newspaper at home, you must notify our Club office in writing to include your mailing address. This may be done at our Club office or by mailing to our address at 9301 Zambito Road, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

The main advantage of going on line with the newspaper is money savings to the Club to the tune of several thousand dollars. There is also a suspicion that in our busy world of limited time, many members simply discard the printed newspaper without really reading it. Anyone can access our website for general information. However, for access to the Club newspaper, Club policies or Bylaws, you will see the following notice.

Note: Entry to the protected area requires registration and approval by the webmaster.

Clicking on the ENTER button above will re-direct you to a Proboards Forum where you must register using your real first and last name with no space between them (i.e. JohnDoe) and your personal password. Only then can your registration be approved.

Just So You Know...**Hooples versus Tactical Shooters**

by Bernard Martinage

Let's see what a *Hoople* is first. There are many names that could be mistakenly matched with *Hooples* such as *GunGeek*, *Wannabe* etc. But a *Hoople* is a special kind of people/gun, and sometime we can all be one for a while—I know I have☺.

A *Hoople* is someone who has *Hoople* equipment and gadgets. Which implies that generally the *Hoople* puts his money where his mouth is—and that is good because he/she supports the sport.

A *Hoople* has more equipment than skills, and is equipped to stand among the best—although does not have the practice to do so.

A *Hoople* often commits the error to **P.I.I.** (*Preoccupied with Inconsequential Increments*) and that leads him/her into empirical knowledge, but which value is more academic than practical.

A gun becomes a *Hoople Gun* the minute you have mounted on it—or modified it—so it requires more thinking to be used than practical experience. So it is like when *Simplicity* is overwhelmed by a blanket of *extras* and *just-in-case* stuff.

For example, I *Hoopled* my first AR15, and to this day I am still trying to sell it. I didn't damage it or anything, I just crowded it with one-in-a-million-chance-to-ever-need-it stuff. I was so eager to turn this AR into a super-rifle that I forgot to shoot it too. By the time I was done, I had a whole bunch of gadgets on it, and even some that counter each other's advantages.

I added a collapsible stock to shorten it down. But then I mounted a scope on the fixed handle so I could shoot effectively farther easier (which is not what a collapsible stock helps to do). I had a Muzzle break added, and then I put a tactical sling on it, which was a pain because as a lefty my magazine couplers got in the way. And to wrap this up I added a 37mm launcher on it with an opening large enough to shove 30,000cf smokes in it (all legal). Then of course I needed a tactical vest build to hold the extra mags and carry the smoke and fire-shower projectiles. Soooo, here I am with a 40lbs *Attack of the Aliens* type gun, with which I have shot less 100 rounds in the six years I had it. Let me know if you know someone that want to buy something in preparation for doomsday—I have just that for sale.

When I get a rifle nowadays, I buy it from *AnvilArms* because of the owner Jon Kruger. If you want to know what your AR has right and wrong? Bring it to him, and in 30 second it will make perfect sense to you.

Comments? Questions? E-mail me at OIC@DrOpZOne360.com
God bless.

Security needed at the Club

By Will Hux, Past President 1991-93

Our beloved club has become threatened by the encroachment and population of neighborhoods around us. We are also threatened by people off the street who stop by to pull out a gun and pop off a few rounds with carnival mentality. It is time to show our neighbors and the Jacksonville community that we are very serious about who we allow to handle deadly force, and how they access our facility to use it.

Often in business and our personal lives we procrastinate to fix a loose board or other unsafe things. We assume that we'll take the time and resources to "fix" something only after it creates a problem for us. Streets may not get a street light until crime reaches a certain level, or a corner will not get a needed traffic light until there has been a serious accident. We do not have to wait for a serious incident to occur at Gateway before taking action and making our club safe and responsible. We are given the gift of vision to see where potential hazards exist and correct trouble spots before they create a club-closing event.

Currently there is nothing stopping a pedestrian, vehicle or bicycle from entering our property. There is nothing in place to prevent them from leaving in the event of an incident. Witnesses or the cause of an event could simply drive right off the property.

We issue membership badges to our members and their spouses. We are disciplined to drive in one gate and out the other. Most of the ability to secure our club is already in place. Earlier this year there were a couple of estimates made to provide Barrier gates at the stop sign coming in and at the exit gate. A fence would need to be erected parallel to the entrance road and top at the sidewalk by the stop sign. This would give visitors and others a "Visitor's Parking Lot" and insure that only the vehicles of members would be allowed onto the property. Both vendors consulted had software and security cameras which could be employed and would give us a recorded view of the incoming vehicles and their occupants, their vehicle tag, and would record the visits on and off of our facility. While some people will fear "big brother" here, let's be reasonable. You can't even park at an airport or most employer's without badging- in. None of those facilities will allow weapons and ammunition like we do.

The ability to obtain the statistical data on our members' visits to the club will also help us determine a host of support and maintenance questions. If we extended that in the future to a badge-in pad at each major range, there would be a means of tracking usage which could help allocate maintenance dollars and determine the saturation point of our berms (lead build-up we only guess at now).

We need to fence our perimeter and be able to demonstrate to our new neighbors that we are serious about being a safe and secure sport shooting facility.

We can do it now, or wait until there is an incident. Why not be proactive and prevent a possible problem in the future.

Former President urges Board to preserve the club for Members

By Will Hux, Past President 1991-93

At over 2900 family members at Gateway we are among the largest in the Southeast USA. Our income from our club members is more than sufficient to sustain our annual operations and allow growth and safety bunkering. The founders of the club on May 5th, 1965 clearly had the membership in mind when they formed the club as a private, member organization. Their vision then, as evidenced in the original Articles of Incorporation was to serve the members of the club.

Daily shooters visited Gateway 10,000 times in 2007 and brought in just over \$127,000 in revenue. At first glance it seems like a great cash cow, but our payroll is about 150% of that figure. We keep the club store open seven days a week and 10-12 hours a day in case a daily shooter comes by and wants to spend \$11 with us.

If our average club member is a family of four, our member base is 11,600 people. If we're an average of three people, it is 8,700. Families like mine with extended kids and grandkids will skew the numbers even more. Our club has no way of knowing many of the statistics each year because we continue to have no controls for security nor a means of badging in and out as we visit.

The tens of thousands of range maintenance dollars spent and the cost of labor and materials needed annually with a maintenance staff to make repairs weighs in as well. Are we selling our club members short?

We have a 22 acre facility with about 22 ranges if you count every one. On an average weekend there are ranges very busy and some hardly occupied. The Board has never planned for 2900+ members and has no idea how to park a large surge of vehicles or manage a large influx of members coming out to shoot. They have always just assumed there are members who will pay the annual dues and come out 1-2 times a year, if at all, and not crowd the lines. When are we saturated with members? No one knows. There has been no study conducted to see the point where we can no longer service the members we have.

There is no priority for members over non-members. A non-member's decal will get them on a firing point as fast as a membership badge. When there is an absence of a working plan for controlling and serving members, there is disregard for members.

Our Board and the members do not owe the daily shooter beyond sundown on any given day they visit. We owe the annual member for making a stand and commitment to our facility and joining 2900 other members in helping to make Gateway a great club. The Board of Directors should provide a working plan to accommodate members in the years ahead.

Continued absence and low priority of a business plan to serve the members is an insult to all 2900 of us. Ask your Board what their plans are to preserve the club for us members. Ask yourself why you would allow them to sell the club's security for a lousy daily shooter's fee.