

The MUZZLEBLAST



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UPDATE ON CLUB ACTIVITY FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY

The Baffle Project: All of you should know by now that the goal of the baffle project is to stop the possibility of rifle bullets accidentally leaving our property. By the time this issue of the Muzzleblast reaches our members, the 100 yard rifle ranges should have enough of the baffle project completed that most of the wooden partitions will have been removed. This will help those members who have rifle rests that did not fit well with the low wooden partitions in place or complained about "back blast." The 200 yard rifle range will take a little longer to complete as five rows of baffles are involved. All three of the ranges will have to be closed for short periods to put wood timbers in front of the steel uprights. Just bear with us. We have come so far that the end of the project is close at hand.

External Club financial audit: Due to requests from Club member, the Board of Directors has authorized an outside independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) firm to examine our Club's financial records and books. The outside audit includes checking into the accounting done by our regular CPA firm. In addition to all of this, the firm will examine our business practices during this calendar year and make recommendations where applicable. This external audit will not be cheap but this is what many of our members wanted.

Internal Club financial audit: Our Club Bylaws require an Internal Audit each year by a committee appointed by the Club President. Announcements about this were in previous issues of the Muzzleblast and volunteers were requested. Two non- Board members volunteered and will participate along with several Board members, (new and old)

in the audit. While some portions of the two different audits will overlap, the Internal Audit will examine other areas such as physical security and accountability of our assets. I have participated in many of the previous Internal Audits. One thing I have always insisted on is simply nothing is "off limits" to the committee. This audit will be the same. Previous audits have resulted in better business practices for our Club as well as having made sure that the previous year's expenditures were in keeping with Club Bylaws and Club Policies.

Extra Range Officer Coverage: By now you may have observed the presence of more Range Safety Officers (RSO's) at our Club. We now have a minimum of two on duty whenever the ranges are open. Their job is to help make sure that safety is always number one at GRPC and that Club rules are followed by Club members and guests. As a reminder, please comply with all requests and instructions from these RSO's. They have a tough job with long hours with noisy conditions. If you believe they are wrong on a given matter, comply at that time and grieve later. You can leave a complaint in the main office with the Business Manager, notify our Chief RSO, Bob Mathis, or any Club Officer or Board member. Our phone numbers are in the Muzzleblast as well as on our web site. We will follow up. Conversely, we also take very seriously any incident report from our RSO's.

As always, Thanks!
William A. (Bill) Craig
Club Secretary for 2009

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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 Saturday 0900
BP Rifle Silhouette	3	4th Sat.

**OBI's Required on ALL
Ranges**

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Randy Erickson 448-3174

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3x20 Highpower Rifle Prone
Joe Zullo 230-1894

Black Powder Muzzle Loading
Stan Goldy 904 410-1723.

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Just So You Know... **BBB**

No, this is not the *Better Business Bureau* but rather simply: *Barrel, Bullet, and Bedding*.

The three components over which you have most control when working at making excellent shot. And inherently, the farther the shot the more these elements are crucial. They basically sum up what you are working with that is not *Human* or *Environmental* in making a shot.

The best analogy that comes to mind is “*You Sleep in the Bed You make*”.

I am not—by any stretch of the imagination—one of these guys that can spend 5 minutes working a shot. These guys are great and admirable for their patience and calculating mind, I just can't do that. Yet, I like my rifle to be able to reach game size targets pretty far and pretty consistently. So here are a few general concepts which I don't will be argued☺

Barrels are not all made equal. And by this I don't only mean from brand to brand, or even difference of rifling, but rather even within the same production. It's almost a mystical matter rifle barrels shoot. Out of the same production a large quantity of them will shoot about the same, a few will shoot lesser, and a few will shoot better. You will even sometimes hear people calling a rifle “*One-out-of-Thousand*” talking about a specific a rifle that shoot exceptionally well. Because it is almost impossible to tell by looking at a rifle if it is good one or not, it generally is not a good idea to buy a used rifle which history you don't know—versus a shotgun in which very few things can go wrong and are fairly easy and inexpensive to fix.

Bullets are made in bulk. Generally the manufacturer sets the machine, makes a large amount of bullet—maybe a million (not sure exactly and I confident that it varies)—and then overhaul the machine. Although the parameters are very tight from one lot to the next, there can be enough difference for a VERY demanding individual to tell the difference. The solution to this is simple—although a bit costly. Once you selected the type of ammunition you are going to shoot, buy enough from the same lot # (number is generally printed inside one of the flap that open the box) to do two things: zero the rifle perfectly and hunt for a few years.

That is what I do: I have my *Hunting Load* with which I can stop an Elk at 500 yards without second-guessing my rounds, and I have a *Standard Load* that I purchased latter and are a different load that I only use for the season fouling shot and hunting where I don't expect great distance, thus saving my best load for difficult shots.

Bedding is often the most unknown factor among regular folks like myself. The *Bedding* means what your barrel is fastened to. The way these two screws are torqued has a tremendous impact on the barrel harmonic. In short, when the bullet travels through the barrel it resonates through it, and the screws that hold he barrel in place impact that resonance. For example if one is too tight the barrel will not resonate the same and thus will impact the bullet's travel. So you must fid out what the manufacturer recommends. You might find that the forward nut must be torqued first to ‘x’ # of lbs, then the rear nut to “x” # of lbs, and then the forward nut torqued further and additional “x” # of lbs; and that once all this done you should still be able to slide a Dollar bill freely between the barrel and the bed.

Conclusion, take care of your rifle well and the mystic will work And keep in mind that it is very rare that buying a new rifle improve a rifleman. The rifle will almost always exceed the shooter's ability. And mind the man who has only one rifle—he know how to use it☺

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

From the Gateway Office:

1. Lost an Item at the Range? Check the “**LOST and FOUND BOX**” the next time you visit the Club.
2. All Members Annual or Life, Visitors, Guests, and Day Shooters must wear ID Badges at all times when on the club property.
3. Your Membership Card must be shown at time of purchasing reloading components at the club store.



"Coup Feather" + "Lightload" + "J Bird Blue"
"Von Zipper" + "Charlie Covington"



"Ricochet Rita," "Doc Monday," "Macinaw"



"Cardboard Cowboy" + "Foxy Lady"

We dress up like cowboys and cowgirls, call ourselves by alias names like Fancy Pants, and shoot targets on different stages with single action six shooters, pistol caliber rifles, & old fashion double barrel shotguns.

We are the Cowford Regulators

We meet the 4th Saturday of the month: Registration at 8:00 a.m, Sidematch (Sheriff's Choice) at 8:30 a.m. and Shooter's meeting at 9:00 a.m. with match to follow.



"Ole Fred" + "Fancy Pants"

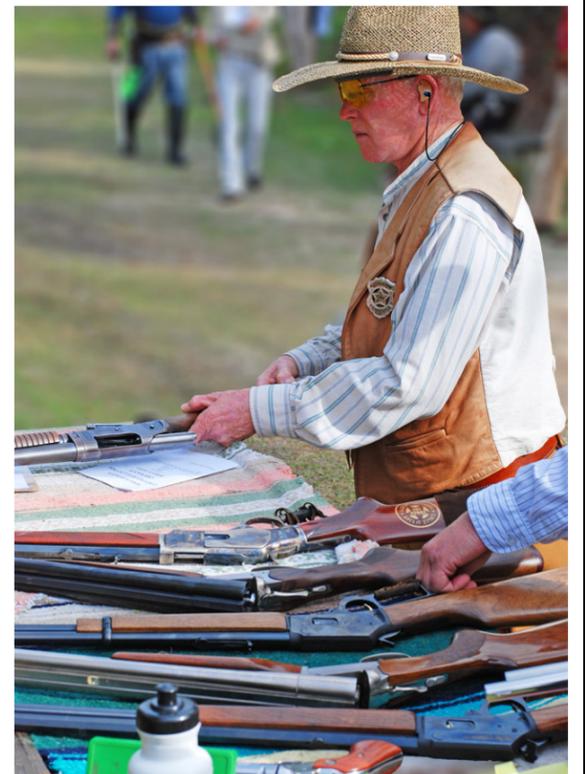
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"Throwdown Kid"



Photo from Jay Ault



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REMINDER

from Bill Craig, Club Secretary

At a later date, 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: Club Manager c/o Brenda, 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 this 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.

Notes from the Editor :

1. Match Directors - Don't wait for me to select your discipline to be featured in the next Muzzleblast issue. Send me photos and a few sentences about your matches and practices ASAP:

2. June 20th is cut-off date for submissions to FOR SALE and other articles you may like to see in the next Muzzleblast issue:

E-mail: Editor@GRPC-jax.com

FOR SALE

Current Members may list their firearm related articles at no cost.
Send your ad to: Editor@grpc-jax.com by June 20th

Beretta Model 70 semi-automatic pistol. .32 /7.65 cal. Older model, "like-new" condition. Bought for wife, unable to operate.
Price- \$300 obo.

Bersa Semi-Auto .380 CAL, Absolutely Like new. Price- \$250

Contact: Keith Schnier at (904) 269-7929 or Ksch994462@comcast.net

Ruger Security-Six .357 Magnum, 6" barrel, with mounted scope
Like new condition Price-\$300.00

Contact: Brian Ricks at 272-2649

Savage 112BVS in 300WM. Accutrigger, fluted barrel. Exc. shooter.
Price-\$600.00

Winchester model 70 XTR in 300WM. Beautiful wood! Exc. shooter.
Price-\$600.00

AMT Automag III. SS pistol in 30 Carbine. Extra magazines.
Price-\$650 including carbide die set, ammo, brass and bullets.

M1 Garand. 30.06. Very good condition. Sighted in at 200 yards.
Will be competitive in club Garand shoots.
Price- \$800.00

Bushmaster Bullpup 223, Price- \$850.00

CZ 75B 40S&W, Box, 2 mags. etc. Price- \$500.00

Contact: Peter Kenny at 885-1356

Browning BDA, made by Sig Sauer, 9mm, 41/2" bbl, black, SA/DA.
excellent condition.
Price- \$695.00

Colt 1911 U.S. Army WW1, 45ACP, 80% original bluing, slight pits,
ser # 264454 (1918)
Price- \$2,250.00

Desert Eagle 357 Mag, 6" bbl, black, w/box, millet adjustable sites
(original fixed sites included), combo tool, extra mag, and leather holster
included.
Price- \$995.00

S&W Mod 41, 22LR, 5"bbl, blue, wood stock, blue finish 98%,
barrel had a jamb.
Price- \$560.00

Thompson Center Hunter, Super 14, 223R, blue, w/box ,
excellent cond. 99%,
Price- \$400.00

Remington 700 VLS, 223R, blue, excellent condition 99%
Price- \$750.00

Springfield Armory M-1 Garand, 30-06, combo tool, sling, an original
10" bayonet and scabbard, 10-8 round clips, 2-5 round clips for hunting.
Price- \$750.00

Contact: Donald Young at 705-7070 or donaldvyoung@yahoo.com

Springfield Armory M1-A

2 for sale, one is 'RealTree' camo, 2nd is all black, synthetic stocks.
These are "Kalifornia kompliant" no bayonet-lug, weird looking muzzle-
break/flash-suppressor, comes with SA's 10-round factory mag, + one,
20-round mil-spec mag. new, unfired. no/boxes, include SA's
paperwork.
Price- \$1776/each.

Smith & Wesson, Model 57, 41-magnum, 6-inch barrel, blue, target
trigger, hammer, Gongalo Alves grips. No box nor papers, used -
excellent condition.
Price- \$700.00

DPMS AR-15 "UPPER", This is the DCM model 20-inch SS 1-8 twist
barrel, A-2 upper, free-floated handguard, with complete bolt & carrier.
Their web-site says 8-12 months back-order. Un-cut barrel weight.
Cleaned and fired 30-rounds, Condition "as new".
Price- \$550.00 (note: this is NOT a complete rifle, just the upper barreled
receiver with bolt & carrier)

Contact: Mike Larney (Live Oak) 386-842-2258

STI Trojan, .45 ACP, blued ATN Optical Sight, AimTech base,
Rosewood Grips. Includes leather holster with cleaning rod. Everything
in excellent condition with original box and instruction manual
Price - \$1,200

Contact: Bob Babcock at cell 445-8316 or rwbabcock@comcast.net

Browning A-5 Belgium made 12ga 3" Magnum with 32" plain barrel
Price- \$700.00 OBO. good condition

Contact: Kenny Batten 904-219-1474 or battenkr@bellsouth.net or
Kenneth.Batten@jaxsheriff.org

Remington 1100 12 GA Shot Gun, 30" Full Choke barrel, Uses 2 3/4"
shot shells
Price- \$500 or best offer.

Also available for this shot gun are:
21" Rifled Slug Barrel with adjustable open sights, Remington 1100
Scope mount, and Scope.
Whole package Price- \$700 or best offer.

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

Winchester 20 ga. slide action shotgun, Model 1300, 2 3/4-3" chamber,
Vent rib and Winchoke. Three Winchokes + ammo included
Price- \$325.00.

Contact: Donald Fiaretti at 269-9231 or 616-1061

Ruger SP101 357 2.25 inch barrel, hammerless, fired 2 boxes of .38 Spl.
like new, box, manual, Price - \$395.00

Contact: Brad Polhemus at (904) 742-3859

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