

# The MUZZLEBLAST



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## 2009 ANNUAL MEETING, SWAP MEET, ELECTIONS, PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES and POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

07: 00 AM Gates open to set up for swap meet  
08: 00 AM Swap meet continues and ranges are open for firing  
10: 00 AM Club Annual meeting begins, reports, vote on bylaw changes, vote on possible land purchase, then cast election ballots  
12: 00 PM Lunch is served while votes are being counted

In addition to annual reports, a vote on bylaw changes and our election process, a very important issue will be presented to the general membership. That issue is the possible purchase of addition land for our Club. The Board of Directors appointed a Land Acquisition Committee (LAC), Lloyd Watkins, Sam Grimes, Bill Craig and Ron Barr, to look for land to purchase as part of a long range plan to insure the continuance of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club (GRPC) for the foreseeable future and beyond. We have no intention of moving from our present location unless forced to do so. Initially, the search for property was kept on a low key basis to keep from compromising our bargaining position. Unfortunately, many rumors began to spread prompted by an article in the Baker County Newspaper which reported that a GRPC range in Baker County was a "done deal." The newspaper reported incorrect information. The Board of Directors has not signed any contract to purchase any real estate anywhere. The LAC has spent hundreds of hours making land searches, making trips, examining land, consulting environmental experts, seeking legal advice and contacting banks. The results of all these efforts have been reported to the Board of Directors and discussed in detail. Any purchase or change this large is up for approval by the general membership which is on the agenda of our annual meeting.

1. The proposed property acquisition is part of a long range plan to provide "safe haven" for GRPC in the event we are curtailed by law or court action to cease part or all of our activities at our present location. If we wait until the "unthinkable" happens, without an alternative, we will be out of business as a Club. We also will have the land as an investment as land prices are down at this time and interest rates are low.

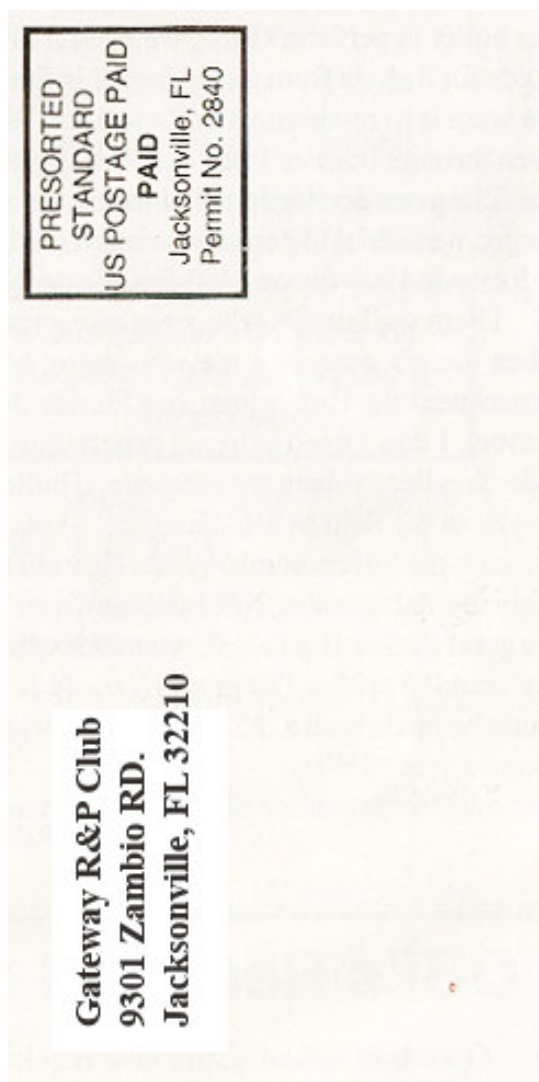
2. Primary considerations are that:

- We must have a location that has miles of safe "un-saleable" property for a safety zone to our north which is our direction of shooting.
- We must have room enough to expand on that property.
- We must have compatible neighbors.
- We must have a location that is friendly to our needs in the way of zoning.
- The location should be less than an hour's drive from our present location of GRPC or from Jacksonville (intersection of I-10 and I-95).
- Cost should not exceed \$1.3 million. All of the above is governed by the cost of land, our money on hand, our projected income and availability of suitable locations.

3. At this point, we have a tract of 201.2 acres that seems to meet our requirements. The details of this property will be presented and a vote to proceed in the purchase will be conducted at the annual meeting. Even after that vote, and the contract is signed, if the safeguards of "due diligence" regarding zoning exemptions in our contract cannot be met by Baker County or the environmental survey shows the land is unsuitable for our purposes, the contract will be null and void.

In summation, our priorities are; huge safety zone to the north, useable property in a rural location, good access within reasonable driving time from Jacksonville with a property size of 100 acres or more for less than \$1,300,000.

Bill Craig, Club Secretary



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Dana Baygents shows off a perfect score. photo by Joan Zullo

### 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.

**\*\* Pistol Instructor needed \*\***  
for  
**4-H Junior Shooters**  
contact: **Gerald Vaughan**  
at **725-4317**

### Discipline Contacts:

**IR 50/50 22 Benchrest**  
Bill Smith 904-276-1008,  
work 904-542-2157.

**Smallbore Rifle Silhouette**  
Chuck Deason 945-8268 or  
759-8779

**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**  
Stan Goldy 904-410-1723.

**Black Powder Cartridge  
Rifle Silhouette**  
Roger Bump 723-2677

**NRA/1800 Bullseye**  
Randy Erickson 448-3174

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Randy Erickson 448-3174

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Jay Ault 778-4184

**4-H Junior Shooters**  
Gerald Vaughan 725-4317

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Officers

<b>President</b>	Lloyd Watkins 733-1513
<b>Vice President</b>	Sam Grimes 207-3587
<b>Secretary</b>	Bill Craig 737-5252
<b>Treasurer</b>	Randy Erickson 4483174
<b>P R Officer</b>	Arvil Budd 777-6932 buddarvil@aol.com

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## DRAFT COPY of the PROPOSED CHANGES in CLUB BYLAWS as APPROVED by the BYLAW COMMITTEE and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

These changes will be submitted to the membership for approval in the November 2009 general meeting. However, they must be sent out to all members by US mail (The Muzzleblast) at least 15 days prior to the meeting and approved by a two thirds majority that that meeting.

1. New wording or changes are in *bold Italics*.
2. Items or words to be removed have strikethroughs like this: ~~To be or not to be.~~
3. Paragraph 10 is deleted because its meaning is not understandable.
3. Paragraph 11. (c) (5) was moved to paragraph 2. (e) and simplified.
4. Access to our present Bylaws is available on our Internet Web Site to 2009 Club members that are verified by our Web Master. A copy is also available for 2009 members to be read at our Club Office.

### By-Laws of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.

#### 2. Membership

(e) *Each new annual member shall receive a copy of the Club Handbook.*

#### 4. Meetings

(b) The regular business meeting of the corporation for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on the second Monday of each month at such a time and place as may be affixed by BOD. *The meetings will be conducted with parliamentary procedures as found in the published book, Robert's Rules of Order.*

#### 6. Duties of Officers

(e) ~~Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct official correspondence — pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports. He shall notify the members of the Board of Directors of all meetings as required by these by laws. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the meetings of the membership of the corporation and shall be the official custodian of the books and papers of the corporation, except the Treasurer's books of the account. An up-to-date copy of the BOD and General Membership minutes will be kept in the Club Office for review by all members. He shall also keep a master copy of all old, new and revised policies. The Secretary shall be responsible for reaffiliating this corporation annually with the National Rifle Association.~~

(c) *Secretary: Shall conduct official Club Correspondence. Shall keep a true record of all meetings of the BOD and of the Membership and shall be the official custodian of all (except treasurer's financial records) Club records and papers. An up-to-date copy of the BOD and General Membership minutes will be kept in the Club office for review by all Club Members. Shall also keep a master copy of all old, new and revised policies. Shall be responsible for re-affiliating the Club annually with the National Rifle Association, Inc. Shall maintain accurate corporate relationship with the state of Florida.*

#### 7. Board of Directors

(a) The BOD shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the corporation. *Specifically, the BOD will be in charge of club policy and approval of expenditures.*

(d) At any annual meeting of the membership of this corporation or at any special meeting of the membership, persons in addition to the officers of the corporation may be elected to the membership on the BOD. The number of directors will never be less than five (5) *nor more than nine (9)*.

#### 10. ~~Waiver of Notice~~

~~Whenever, under the provisions of any law or under the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws of this corporation, the corporation or the Board of Directors or any committee thereof is authorized to take any action after notice to the members of the corporation or after the lapse of a prescribed period of time, such action may be taken without notice and without the lapse of any period, if at any time before or after such action is completed, such requirements be waived in writing by the person or persons entitled to said notice or entitled to participate in the action to be taken.~~

#### 11. Range Rules and Regulations

~~(5) Each new member at the completion of the orientation and safety video and test shall receive a current copy of the range rules, membership handbook and by-laws.~~



**ABSENTEE BALLOTS?**

We do not have an absentee ballot this year. We had no absentee ballot until the last few years when there were more people running for office that there were positions open. The Board of Directors (BOD) set up a uniform policy guide for an absentee ballot for such occasions. There is no requirement in our bylaws or Articles of Incorporation which require an absentee ballot.

Until the Board meeting on 12 October, ( 27 days before the annual election), no one had contacted me, in any way, shape or form, to state that he or she were interested in running for any position on the BOD. Board policy says absentee ballots, if done, require 45 days notice in advance of the annual meeting. That deadline could not be met with only an empty absentee ballot.

Several people that Lloyd Watkins and I asked in the last three months to run for office declined. I was not surprised. In these past years as President and Secretary, I have repeatedly asked in the Muzzleblast for people to step forward to serve on the BOD. The previous issue of the Muzzleblast asked for people to send in an article for publication. Finally, one person, Toby Nolan did so for this edition. We need people who have time to volunteer to work on projects and committees. Just attending BOD meetings to cast a vote or volunteer their advice is not enough. We need officers and Directors who have the time, interest and inclination to work in the jobs. Very few came forward in years past. We generally just reelected the same group of people year after year who did their best to do what they thought as best for GRPC.

This past year, in 2008, due to proposed major changes in our Club's operation that a portion of the BOD at that time wished to implement, there was a members' "revolution." Twelve of the fourteen open positions were filled by newly elected BOD members. Only Jody Graves and I retained our previously elected positions. This year's BOD has done a lot of work. Much more needs to be done. Eight newly elected BOD members for 2009 now have a year's experience in helping to manage the Club's operation. The ninth BOD member moved from Jacksonville.

I recommend that the present slate of officers and three BOD members up for election be reelected. A fourth Director's position is open on the BOD. Toby Nolan was one of the few Club members who took the time and interest to attend many BOD meetings. He is running for office. Therefore, I recommend him as well. As of this writing, 19 Oct, 2009 no one else has indicated their interest in running for office.

My overall recommendations are as follows:

- President Lloyd Watkins \*
- Vice President Sam Grimes \*
- Secretary Bill Craig \*
- Treasurer Randy Erickson \*
- Public Relations Arvil Budd \*

Five Director Openings: Three 3 year terms and one 1 year term, candidates listed alphabetically are:

- Ron Barr \*
- Wesley Curtis \*
- Gary Matthews \*
- Russ Misner \*
- Toby Nolan

\* indicates incumbent

Thanks and I hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Bill Craig  
Club Secretary for 2009

**REGULAR BALLOT FOR GRPC**

At the annual meeting on 7 November, there will be a printed ballot. On it will be the names of those people who have informed me about their candidacy for elected office in GRPC. If anyone else wishes to run for office, let me know. My phone number is 737-5252. The cut off for having your name printed on the ballot is noon on Friday, 6 November. In addition to the printed names on the ballot, there will be a place for the name of a write in candidate for each of the nine open positions.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Requirements are one year's membership in GRPC for director positions and one year's service on the Board of Directors for officer positions.

Bill Craig

**Toby Nolan for the Board of Directors**

My name is Toby Nolan and I have been a member at Gateway since 2007. I enjoy shooting pistols and rifles. I started hunting when I was 14 years old and have been interested in pistols and rifles ever since. I served in the United States Army as a military policeman. I am semi-retired. Before this, I worked in management for many years with oil field and industrial cleaning services.

I would like to be a board member to help the club keep moving in a positive direction. There are a lot of good things happening with the club now, and I would like to help in any way that I can.

M. C. (Toby) Nolan

**REMINDER**

**ANNUAL DUES and ELECTRONIC MUZZLEBLAST**

**Annual Dues:** It's almost that time of year. Our Club membership runs from 1 January to 31 December. Members, such as hunters, can wait until the fall to renew, but unless your membership is renewed, you cannot use our facilities. If you have yet not renewed for this year, 2009, after the first of January 2010, you will be required to pay the initiation fee again. That's no fun! Renewal fee is \$112 + tax (\$119.84). For all you old members that renewed for this year and our new members that joined, although it is only October, be thinking about renewing your membership.

**Electronic Muzzleblast:** After the first of the year, the Muzzleblast will be mailed only to those members who notified our Club office that they prefer to receive the printed and mailed version. All other members will have to read the Muzzleblast through our website at [www.GRPC-JAX.com](http://www.GRPC-JAX.com). Our webmaster will have to verify your membership before allowing you access with your password to the protected areas of the website.

**Gateway webpage at: <http://www.GRPC-JAX.com>**



**1800/2700**  
**Bulls Eye Shooting**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 0900 – 1200

We all meet at Uncle Charlie's after matches.



Lynn + husband are frequent visitors



Bob Vogel



Randy Erickson, match director



**FOR SALE**

**Only Current Members may list their firearms related items.  
Send your ad to: [Editor@grpc-jax.com](mailto:Editor@grpc-jax.com) by December 20th**

**Parker-Hale Midland 2100 Rifle** Cal. 30-06. 2-7 power Redfield Wideview scope/PH rings. Iron sights on barrel. Sling swivels and sling included. Low rounds count. Excellent condition.  
Price- \$400

Contact: Joe Zullo at (904) 230-1894 or [Webmaster@grpc-jax.com](mailto:Webmaster@grpc-jax.com)

**FEG 32 ACP/7.65 mm Browning**, Hungary Georgia VT. Excellent little shooter. Comes with two 7 rd magazines and one 50 round box of WWB. Fun little set up - for very little.  
Price- First \$110 - takes it all home.

Contact: Brad Polhemus (904)742-3859

**Beretta S686L O/U 12 gauge shotgun**. 28 inch barrel, 2-3/4 chamber, full/mod, dual trigger, checkered European walnut stock. Sling attachments on barrel and stock (European style), silver engraved receiver. Only four rounds fired. Excellent condition.  
Price- \$800

Contact: Steve Cabanillas 904-814-8442 after 5:00 pm or [scabanillas@comcast.net](mailto:scabanillas@comcast.net).

**Ruger LCP .380**, and a wallet holster that goes with it, also have a bunch of 380 ammo for sale at my cost. Might consider a trade (pistol/revolver).  
Price \$370 + ammo \$21 per box

**Bersa/Firestorm 22LR semi-automatic pistol**, nearly new, less than 100 rounds thru it, one 10 round mag., box, papers, etc  
Price-\$275, might consider a trade (pistol/revolver)

**Taurus 850 CIA UL**, 5 shot .38 revolver, 2.5" SS, new/never fired  
Price- \$310, might consider a trade (pistol/revolver)

Contact: Brad Polhemus (904) 742-3859

**Browning BDA 9mm Handgun** 41/2" bbl  
(mfg by Sig Sauer for Browning for a short period)  
Price- \$450.00

**Colt 1911 45 ACP U.S.** Army SN 264XXX delivered to Gov in 1918 approx 80% original black finish.  
Price- \$1,250

**Colt New Frontier** 22mag 5" bbl  
Piece- \$275.00

**Desert Eagle .357** mag. 6" bbl Black, with original box, added adjustable sights, with extra mag., cleaning tool, and leather holster  
Price- \$975

**S&W Model 41** 22 LR 5" bbl Blue finish 99%  
Price- \$395.00

**Thompson Center Super 14** 223R 14" bbl, Blue Like new, with scope base, rings, and Thompson Center 3RP scope in original box.  
Price- \$425

**Remington 700BDL VLS** (varminter, heavy barrel, with laminated stock) .223Rem. Like new  
Price- \$475

Contact: Don Young at 904 705-7070

**270 WSM Winchester Supreme Elite Ammo** 130 gr. X P3. Two boxes of 20 recently purchased by mistake at cost of \$99.98. These are mag. loads.  
Price- \$80.00.

Contact: Henry Simmons at 904-264-7000 or [cssimmons@bellsouth.net](mailto:cssimmons@bellsouth.net)

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**Ruger Super Redhawk**. .454 Casull/.45 Colt. Hogue mono grips. Target grey finish. Leupold 4x FXII pistol scope. Starline .454 Casull Brass and Speer 260gr. bullets. Barely shot, like new condition. Very accurate.  
Price \$1,000 Firm.

Contact: Shane Brannan at 333-1435.

**Ruger 22/45 Mark III** Comes with 4 magazines. It has approximately 2500 rounds through it. Blued finish is in excellent condition. Comes with everything I got when I bought it new including the plastic case and all of the papers. Features: 5.5" Heavy Barrel, Adjustable rear sight, 4 10 round magazines (made by Ruger). Drilled and tapped, Weaver rail, 1911 grip angle, Weighs 32 ounces unloaded.

Price- \$300 Pictures on the web:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/cgborkgb/MarkIII2245#>

**CZ 75 B Pistol** (9mm Luger) Comes with 2 16 round magazines, plastic case, and all the papers. Has approximately 500 rounds through it with the finish in excellent condition. Features Tritium 3 dot night sights, double action and all steel construction with a 4.7 inch barrel. Very accurate and has a great trigger. Comes with the original slim plastic grips and factory rubber grips (\$35 value). This pistol has nice ergonomics. 50 rounds of 9mm ammo are included.  
Price- \$475 Pictures on the web:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/cgborkgb/CZ75B#>

**7.62x25 Ammo:** About 1000 rounds of 1952 Bulgarian Surplus \$80 Corrosively primed. Head stamped "Star" at 12 o'clock, "10" at 3 o'clock, "52" at 6 o'clock, and "3" at 9 o'clock.  
Price- \$80

Contact: Christian Bowers at cell: 352-281-9495 (I live in Jax) [cgborkgb@gmail.com](mailto:cgborkgb@gmail.com)



You may see Heather in the GRPC store.

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From the Gateway Office:

**1. Lost an Item at the Range?  
Check the "LOST and FOUND BOX"  
next time you visit the Club.**

**2. All Members, Annual and 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 in the club store.**