

# The MUZZLEBLAST

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## Minutes of the 2009 annual meeting Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club (GRPC), Inc.

By Bill Craig, Club Secretary

### 8 November 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Lloyd Watkins, Club President. A quorum was declared. Board members and officers present were Watkins, Craig, Grimes, Erickson, Hicks, Curtis, Matthews, Baygents and Barr. Absent were Carter and Misner.

2. Watkins gave a "state of the Club" address. Major points were: a. The completion of the baffle project on our rifle ranges will help to preclude the possibility of bullets leaving our property. b. The recent inspection of our facility by the Herlong airport authorities who seemed very satisfied at the work GRPC did since the "Airport Incident." Overall, the Club is doing very well. Ron Barr received the "Steve Bernhard" award for 2009 for the outstanding job he did while in his first year on the Board of Directors (BOD).

3. Erickson, GRPC Treasurer gave a financial report. We are in excellent shape financially. The Club's internal audit for 2008 records (composed of 2009 BOD members and Club members) found no improprieties or misuse of Club Assets. The 2008 annual meeting's membership asked for an outside and independent financial audit by a CPA firm even though the Club's financial books are done each month by a CPA firm.. The CPA firm of Hunter and associates was selected. They did an audit of the Club's 2008 financial records as well as an examination of the Club's on-going financial procedures during the year 2009. The audit and study gave a "clean bill of health" for

GRPC. There were some business recommendations that the BOD's Finance Committee will study for implementation. A copy of the audit is on hand at the Club's office that any Club member is welcome to read. This outside CPA audit cost the Club \$9,500.

4. After much discussion the proposed changes to the Club's bylaws as printed in the previous two Muzzleblast issues were approved.

5. After much discussion, the proposal to purchase 200 acres in Baker County as a "fall back position" in case GRPC were to be forced to cease or curtail present operations at our present location failed to get acceptance by the general membership. The presentation given by Lloyd Watkins was interrupted by loud and rude behavior by a few individuals. (After the meeting at least a dozen or more members complained that while all members' views who spoke should be considered, there were a few members whose behavior, emotional comments and actions were out of line with acceptable decorum in an organization such as ours.) The behavior exhibited by a few members was not in keeping with good sportsmanship normally seen at our meetings.

This issue of the survivability of GRPC in the years to come was decided by the vote of some 120 members present out of a membership of almost 3500.

6. The following officers were elected to a one year term of office beginning on 1 January, 2010.

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**2009 GRPC Election Results:**

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

**Director Positions:**

**Term**  
 Ron Barr 3 years  
 Toby Nolan 3 years  
 Wesley Curtis 3 years  
 Gary Matthews 1 year  
 Russ Misner 1 year

7. A motion from the floor was made and accepted to have the BOD obtain a legal opinion as to the risks and liabilities GRPC may incur at its present location.

8. The meeting was adjourned and a meal was served while the votes were being counted.

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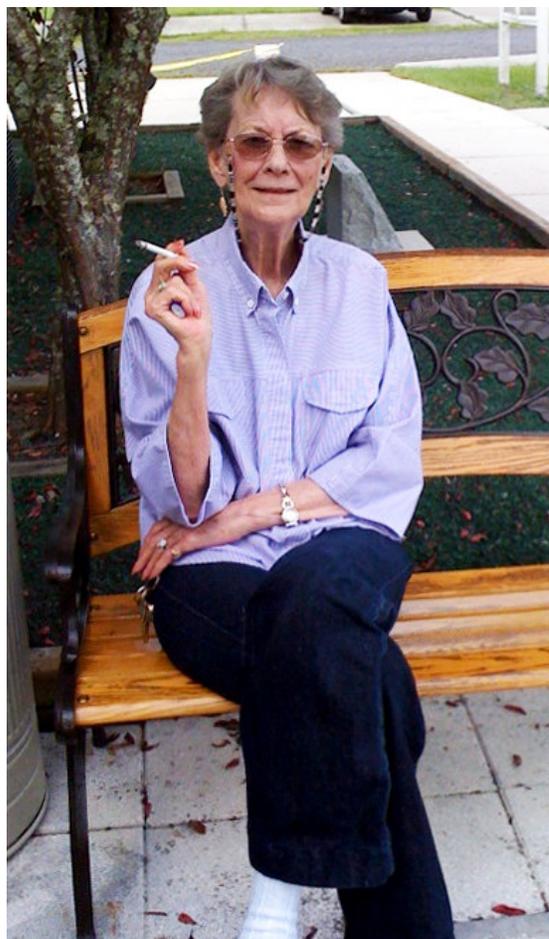
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**Senior Employee**  
**17 years of service**



**Miss Sam has been with the club since 1992,  
 She is available for autographs Monday thru  
 Wednesday mornings behind the desk in the Store.**

**Range Maintenance Schedule:**

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 yd. 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   |
| 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.             |

## “Stool Shootin”

by Bill Smith .22 Rimfire Benchrest Match Director

Normally on the first Saturday of each month, in the early hours of the morning, you will find a small group of guys and gals milling around smartly, unloading equipment from vehicles to set up their bench for a day of competition in the unforgiving world of .22 Rimfire Benchrest. The atmosphere reeks of concentration, determination, and dedication to get things set-up perfectly so that all that is left to do is activate the trigger on that well tuned, highly polished thing of beauty, or so it might seem to the uneducated observer. I was that observer at one time and since have become addicted to the sport which can bring you a state of total bliss with a good score, or humble you to a point of disbelief in the law of physics. You can hear faint babbles from the line indicating everything from joy to disbelief after each shot fired. “Why did that bullet go there”? “Must have been a bad bullet”. My “windflags” lied to me again! “Did you see that one”? “How’d I do that”? “Not an X, but still a 10”. All of this is done in the search for pure accuracy from a high end “squirrel” guns. We have been called everything from “Rockin Chair Riflemen” to “Stool Shooters” and yet we still search for the perfect combination of gun, ammo, and condition to provide us with ultimate perfect score of 250.

We compete in the discipline known as IR50/50, which stands for International Rimfire 50 yards and 50 meters. Yes, we are a worldwide shooting organization with Clubs reaching from Europe to South Africa to Australia. Competition is in three classes, 7.5 lb. also know as “Sporter”, 10.5 lb. and 13.5 lb.weights. There is also an “Unlimited” class which allows any weight rifle, with any scope power, with any rest or combination of rests. We at Gateway, shoot them all. The target has 28 bullseye boxes, 3 of which are used for “sighters” to check for wind conditions and it’s effect on the bullet, and to ensure that your scope is properly adjusted for the condition and

to eliminate parallax in the objective lens. The other 25 boxes are shot for score, one shot in each box, with a 10 as the highest possible score, thus a 250 being a perfect score. Inside of each bullseye is a dot which is called the “X”, any shot that touches the dot or eliminates it contributes to “X” count for the target and is used to break ties in scoring the match. From the command to commence fire, you have 30 minutes to complete your target. Occasionally this is more than sufficient time, however, there are occasions when you pray that the clock “gods” will slow down until your wind condition returns and you can get that last shot down range.

As for equipment used in this type of shooting goes, it’s more of a comfort factor, meaning what is comfortable for the shooter. The type of stool, the front rest, the rear bag, location of the spotting scope if one is used, wind flags and indicators are just some of items we use. I highly suggest that if someone is interested that they attend one or more matches, see what is being used by established shooters before running out to buy what you think might be used. Another good reason to visit a match is to talk to the shooters, ask questions, and get familiar with the terms and vocabulary that we use, find sources for equipment, and gather as much information as you can concerning the sport. Benchrest shooters are a great bunch of people to be around and I can’t think of a single instance when someone didn’t take a few minutes to answer any and all questions from a new or prospective shooter. We completely welcome any and all visitors. You can also get more info about this sport from the internet, go to Benchrest.com and it will bring you to a website that will supply you with all of the rules from all of the Rimfire organizations such as ARA, RBA, PSL, and IR50/50. This site also provides a forum section where you can gain more information or to ask questions. There is also a classified section for locating everything you need to get started in this sport.

Best advice, learn before you buy!



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Contact Bob Hunter at (904) 273-0250 or [hunterpyb@bellsouth.net](mailto:hunterpyb@bellsouth.net)

**Browning BDA 9mm auto pistol** 4 1/2" bbl, Mfgr. by Sig Sauer for Browning from 1977-1980 (Only 2,740 manuf.), similar to P220, DA/SA. Excellent condition. Price- \$550.00

**Sig Sauer P220 9mm auto pistol** 4 1/2" bbl, European Model 4.4"bbl, DA/SA. Excellent condition Price- \$540.00

**Beretta U22 Neos pistol** Caliber: 22 PST, Action: S/A, Finish: Black, Grips: Black Plastic, less than 500 rounds fired! Brand new, less than 6 months old. Price- Must sell \$200 or any reasonable offer. Contact: Carlos Garcia 904-859-2508 or [solrac69@hotmail.com](mailto:solrac69@hotmail.com)

**Desert Eagle 357mag auto pistol.** Mfgrd by Israeli Military Ind for Magnum Research, 6" bbl, After market Millet adj. sights, orig sights included, Combination cleaning tool and leather holster included. Excellent condition, like new. Price- .975.00

**CZ 52 auto pistol** 7.62mm Tokarev, with holster and extra mag. Roller locking breech system. Good condition Price-.\$195.00

**Thompson Center Super 14 pistol** 223Rem, 14" bbl. Blue, with Thompson Center 3RP scope, rings, and base. Original box. Excellent condition (like new). Price-\$450.00

**Marlin lever action model 336CS rifle,** 30-30 win, 20" bbl. walnut stock with pistol grip. Excellent condition Price- \$295.00

Call Don Young 705-7070 or [donaldivyoung@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldivyoung@yahoo.com)

**Colt Model 1911 World War I issued semi-automatic pistol,** .45 ACP caliber, Replacement barrel. Worn steel no blue remaining, evidence of prior pitting. Price- \$500.00

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**Smith & Wesson Model of 1917 .45ACP pistol,** re-barreled to 6 1/2" with barrel marked "Smith & Wesson Model 1950". Re-blued with replacement S & W grips. 90% Price- \$350.00

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**1996 Sig Sauer P230 9mm kurz pistol** (.380ACP), Excellent condition (98%), one owner. Comes with 2 factory mags and nylon belt holster. Price- \$400 OBO

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**Garand M1 Rifle**, original stock, 142 30.06 rounds, about 20 clips, M1 Garand Parts, scope, gun book, 2 cleaning tools, ammo box, tree knife, cleaning patch tub, 43 rounds .38 special wad cutters, 20 rounds 8mm rifle. Price- \$1,300 for all

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Sunday, December 13, 2009 at GRPC



Pack your gear and lets go shooting.

