

The MUZZLEBLAST

Florida's Largest Gun Club, over 3,600 and growing...

2010 Bi-Monthly publication of the Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club of Jacksonville, FL. July-August

Annual Meeting, Swap Meet and Elections

The 2010 general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 30th, 2010, at the Club's indoor meeting hall at 11:00AM. The meeting will be preceded by our annual swap meet beginning at 7:00AM. Annual elections will also take place during the meeting for Club Officers for 2011 and four Board of Director (BOD) positions. The meeting will be followed by a lunch as the election votes are counted.

Minimum qualifications for office:

Officer positions: One year's service on the BOD is required prior to taking office on 1 January, 2011.

BOD positions: One year's membership in GRPC is required prior to taking office on 1 January, 2011.

You must notify me, Bill Craig, by phone at 737-5252, in person or through email at: business-mgr@grpc-jax.com to express your willingness to run for office as I prepare the ballots.

All these positions are working positions and not honorary positions. If elected, you will be expected to attend the BOD meetings on the second Monday of each month. You will be expected to participate in Club and BOD projects as well as serve on various committees. Excessive absenteeism, as defined by our Club Bylaws, will cause removal from Club office.

An absentee ballot will be printed in the Muzzleblast and made available at the Club office forty five (45) days prior to the election. To be on the printed absentee ballot, you must contact me, Bill Craig, prior to 20th August, 2010.

You may place an article in the Muzzleblast stating your qualifications for consideration for election. To do this, contact Joan Zullo through email at editor@grpc-jax.com not later than 20th August, 2010. Please keep your article brief and to the point with no more than 500 words.

Nominations, if any, will also be accepted from the floor at the general meeting provided all the minimum qualifications are met.

Bill Craig - GRPC Secretary

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GRPC 100 yd range Joe Zullo photographer

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**John Graves**  
**won the Chili Cook-Off**  
**and**  
**donated his \$70 cash prize**  
**to the**  
**Junior Club's GRPC account**

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Baker County Land Purchase Update

As most of you have read, the Board of Directors (BOD) of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club (GRPC) has been looking at a piece of land for sale in Baker County as a future home for our Club should we be ever forced to leave or curtail part of our activities here in Duval County. Unfortunately, after many trips, meetings, preliminary work and so on over the last fourteen months, we are not successful.

At our present location on Zambito Road in Duval County, we are protected by Florida State law against noise complaints from individuals, local or county sound restrictions. We were “grandfathered” as an existing range at the time the law was passed. Proposed new Gun Clubs or gun ranges do not have this protection.

We, the Land Acquisition Committee (LAC) located a nice piece of property, in 2009, in Baker County, that looked suitable for our purposes. However, Baker County has restrictions on gun clubs even though no gun club exists in Baker County. A noise limit of 55 decibels (db) at the property line is the maximum noise allowed. The Federal Occupational Safety and Hazardous Agency (OSHA) defines 55 db as the level of sound of normal conversation at a distance of three to five feet. We felt that this limit was unrealistic for a gun club’s noise at the Club’s property line. The LAC purchased a db meter and conducted sound tests of gunfire at varied distances. We felt that a limit of 100 db at our property line would be adequate protection for our expenditure of over a million dollars for the property. Accordingly, the 100 db zoning variance was put in as a condition of the “due diligence” portion of the sales contract. Included also were provisions that all local, county, state and federal permits and/or approvals must also be approved before completing the land sale.

In November of 2009, at the Club’s annual meeting, the proposal was explained to the membership. Before purchasing the property, the Board of Directors (BOD) wanted to learn how the membership felt about the project. Only some 110 members were present at the meeting out of over 3,500 Club members. The purchase plan was only very narrowly approved. Based on this, the BOD withdrew the zoning variance application on Baker County pending further study by the BOD.

This year, a mail out was sent to all members asking if the BOD should pursue the purchase of land in Baker County. Over 85 % of the responding members indicated approval. The property would be purchased only if all of the due diligence items were met. The LAC then reopened negotiations with the property owner. We then learned that The Land Planning Agency (LPA) in Baker County which grants zoning exemptions had a recommendation from Baker County Officials that no more than 90 db at the property would be acceptable. The LAC was concerned that 90 db would not have enough safety margin to risk such a large investment.

One dissenting member of the LAC conducted his own db tests with the help of a few Club members. His conclusion was that 90 db would be acceptable. At the July BOD meeting, this issue was discussed. The pros and cons of 90 versus 100 db were debated. As the db measurement is logarithmic in scale, there is a significant difference between the two measurements. The BOD voted 11 to 2 to retain the 100 db limit for the zoning exception. The thinking was simply we have too much money to risk buying property that we possibly could not use as a gun range.

The LAC hoped that the Baker County LPA would accept our 100 db request rather than the 90 db suggested by the LPA staff. The LAC learned just a few days before the date of the meeting that Baker County was not willing to negotiate. It was 90 db or nothing. So, the LAC withdrew from the zoning exception request hearing. The property owner, however, elected to continue with the zoning exception request. He thought 90 db was better than nothing. If the PLA voted down the request, he could appeal to the County Commissioners.

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“Baker County Land Purchase...” (Continued from Page 3)

The zoning request hearing occurred on 24 June, 2010. There were some 50 to 60 residents of Baker County at the hearing who were opposed to a gun range and its noise in Baker County. The LPA, listening to the opposition in Baker County, voted to deny the zoning exemption for 90 db. Therefore, the limit for any gun club in Baker County is the much lower 55 db. The property owner has 30 days to appeal the decision to the County Commissioners.

Meanwhile, the LAC plans to ask our BOD at its next meeting in July to approve funding for a scientific db survey on gun noise be conducted by a qualified company. That is the situation as of this writing. Last year, we on the LAC were given the impression that GRPC would be welcome in Baker County. Obviously, that is not the case now. We can still look for suitable property in Clay or Nassau Counties.

Lloyd Watson
GRPC President

Bill Craig
GRPC Secretary

Randy Erickson
GRPC Treasurer

Tournament Schedule				From the Gateway Office:
Match	Range		Time	
Club 1800 Pistol	1	1st	Sunday 0900-1200	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.
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.	

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**Send articles for submission to the next Muzzleblast by August 20 to [Editor@GRPC-Jax.com](mailto:Editor@GRPC-Jax.com)**

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**Board of Directors approved response to the 2009 External Audit
For the 2008 financial year**

Following are the External Audit Committee recommendations being submitted to the Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club Board of Directors to address issues identified in the Hunter and Associates Management findings from the 2009 External Audit of the year 2008 financials. Once approved by the BOD, these responses will be amended into the Hunter Management report as the Gateway BOD response.

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Current practice is for journal entries to be entered into QuickBooks by the Business Manager. In order to document review and approval of journal entries, the Business manager will print out journal entries for each month and review with the Treasurer. Once approved and signed off by the Treasurer, the print out of the journal entries will be retained in the Club financial records.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

The external audit recommended the use of the QuickBooks accounts payable module to bring the monthly statements closer to an accrual approach. Since the majority of the club transactions are either cash or 30 day net, use of the module will not significantly change the monthly statements and the module will not be used.

PROCUREMENT POLICIES

Club procurement polices will be amended to better document the existing procurement process. Documentation from competitive bids as well as the selection criteria shall be retained in the Club financial records for 2 years and approved expenditures shall be captured in the BOD minutes. Propose adding line 7.0 to Club Policy #107:

Club Policy #107

7.0 Documentation for all Purchases and Contractual Agreements including competitive bids and selection criteria will be retained in Club Records for 2 years. Approved expenditures will be recorded in the BOD minutes.



Billy Woods

Photo by Tom Eichling

Reminder
September 11, 2010
Ladies Field Day
Flyers on the GRPC
webpage and in the club
store

Discipline Contacts:

IR 50/50 22 Benchrest

Bill Smith 904-276-1008,
work 904-790-6112.

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 495-4109

Black Powder Muzzle Loading

Stan Goldy 904-410-1723.

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette

Lloyd Watkins 733-1513

NRA/1800 Bullseye

Randy Erickson 448-3174

NRA/2700 Bullseye

Randy Erickson 448-3174

Cowboy Action/SASS

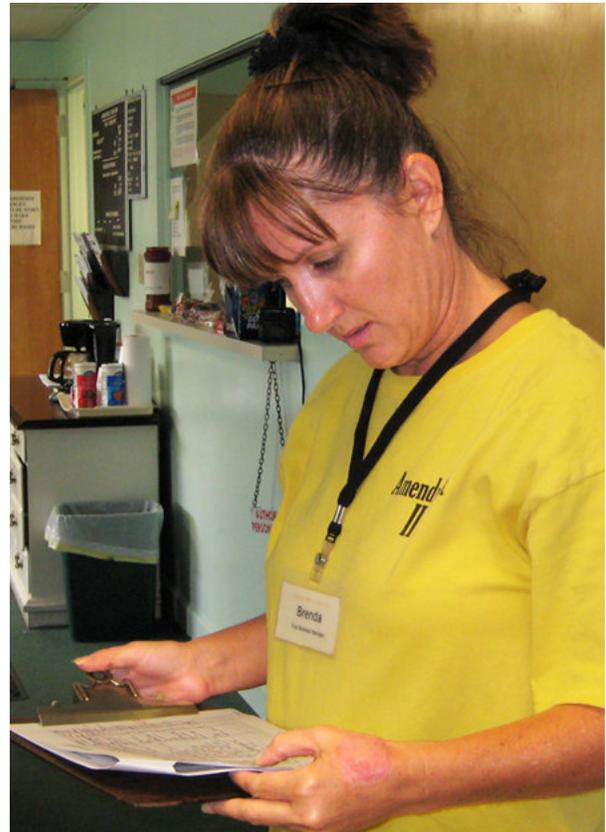
Jay Ault 778-4184

4-H Junior Shooters

Gerald Vaughan 725-4317

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



GRPC Business Manager, Brenda



GRPC Cashier, Melissa

Major Decisions and Actions of the May, 2010 Board of Director's Meeting

1. Work and Research continues into the possible purchase of land elsewhere for our Club as reported. The BOD listened to a proposal to buy a 202 tract of land in Baker County in increments of 132, 15, 15, 15, 15, and 15 acres over a six year period and pay cash as we go. (As of the date of this Muzzleblast issue, the deal in Baker County is dead. See the article in this issue entitled "Land Purchase Update").
2. The Chile Cook-Off and Dixie Pistol Match were both successful events as reported.
3. Unauthorized shooting on our back ranges has decreased but has continued. Such actions are still unacceptable. Violators are subject to prosecution and/or Club expulsion.
4. Rifle shooters seem to be pleased with the new 50 yard bullet traps on the 200 yard rifle range.
5. The annual internal Audit committee required by our bylaws this year consists of Randy Erickson, Braley Carroll, Gary Matthews, Sue Carter, Bill Craig, Ron Peart, Art Barker and Andrew Elstein. Two members of the Committee (Sue Carter and Andrew Elstein) are certified Public Accountants (CPAs).

We are fortunate to have their input and expertise.

NOTE: This "internal audit" is different than the recent "external audit" we had conducted by Hunter & Associates. The audit date will be set in the June, 2010 BOD meeting.

Bill Craig

Club Policy 402 Change

"In April of 2010, the Board of Directors voted to eliminate all Club fees in Club matches for shooters under the age of 21.

This change is to encourage new shooters in Club Matches. The junior shooters will continue to have to pay match fees for the NRA fees or other discipline fees as applicable."

The BOD is to be commended for this forward looking change. Junior shooters are the ones who will carry the torch and own the club after we leave the range for good. All club match directors were notified of this change.

So bring a junior shooter to your favorite club match and they will shoot for free!

Joe Zullo
GRPC webmaster

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

2010 DIXIE REGIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP With CMP Service Pistol Match and NRA Distinguished Revolver Match

Submitted by Ted Carter

The 2010 Dixie Matches were held at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club on 16-18 April. This NRA approved Regional Conventional Pistol Championship was not only a highlight for many Florida Bullseye shooters, but was also well attended by Army, Air Force and National Guard shooters and civilian competitors from as far north as Michigan, West Virginia and New York.

The weather was nearly perfect for the 50 shooters competing and the scores were equally impressive. James Henderson from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) at Ft Benning, GA fired a 2673-166X to take "Top Gun" honors and the \$250.00 cash prize for winning the regional championship. Coming in at second and third place were AMU teammates Robert Park firing a 2665-153X and Lyman Grover with a 2633-128X. Winning the Master Class was Patrick Franks with a 2605-125X. Taking the Expert was Whitney Saunders firing a 2534-78X. The high Sharpshooter was Rene Wilson with a 2453-57X. Taking the Marksman Class was David Pawlowski with a 2451-48X.

Special awards category for high women shooter went to Sue Carter and high senior was won by Robert Vogel. The U.S. Army swept the .22, Centerfire and .45 caliber team matches with a 3530-179X. The U.S. Army also took second place with a team score of 3413-131. Taking third place overall team honors was South Carolina Army National Guard with a 3397-95X. Gateway Rifle and Pistol and Pistol competed in the team match with team members Tom Asp, Sue Carter, Ted Carter, Andy Dye and Whitney Saunders firing a 3283-89X.

The NRA Distinguished Revolver Match had 22 shooters competing with two possible "leg" awards. Winning the match was Lyman Grover with a 274-6X, followed by Eric Lawrence with a 272 and 7X.

The CMP Service Pistol Match had 30 shooters and was won by Lyman Grover with a 289-10X, followed by teammate Robert Park shooting a 287-13X and James Henderson finishing third with a 287 and 10X.

The annual Dixie Match is consistently one of the best Bullseye matches in the southeast. Thanks to Match Director – Randy Erickson who devoted numerous days and nights of effort to coordinate another great match. Calling a superb line for all three days was Chief Range Officer John Michalski. Assisting John to ensure a well run and safe line were Range Officers Larry Watkins, Arvil Budd, Mel Combs, Keith Reed, John Thompson and Ted Carter. Running flawless stats was Chief Statistical Officer Dana Baygents, assisted by Sue Carter. Delicious hot lunches for all the competitors and match staff were provided by the Gateway Juniors and their parents.

In speaking with a number of the competitors; all were impressed with Gateway's facilities and the friendly, professional and safety conscious staff..."We're looking forward to another great match next year".

A well earned "thanks" go out to all the competitors and especially to the match staff and support personnel who made this another great shooting event.



Send articles, photos, For Sale ads to: editor@GRPC-jax.com by August 20th

FOR SALE

**Only Current Members may list their firearm related items.
Send your ad to: Editor@grpc-jax.com by August 20th**

Remington M870 Shotgun 12 ga. 30 in. VR Trap barrel. Full choke. Slight bluing wear above trigger on right side (from finger position shooting trap). Good condition. Photos on the web at: www.northfloridashooting.com/images/M870/M870.htm
Price- \$300

Contact: Joe Zullo at (904) 495-4109 or Webmaster@grpc-jax.com

Sig Sauer P220 (European style) 9MM. DA/SA Black finish. Like new with box.
Price - \$595

Desert Eagle 357mag. 6" bbl. Black finish with original box. Added adjustable sites (original fixed site included).
Also available: Leather shoulder holster, Cleaning Tool, Extra mag.
Price - \$950

Marlin Rifle 336C. 30-30 cal. Good condition (from 1970's)
Price - \$250

Contact: Don Young at (904) 705-7070

Bullet Casting Metal: 1.75 LB. Tin; 14-1.5LB Bars 50/50; 8-5LB Blocks 60/40; 3-5LB Blocks Lead. Metal is not scrap. All metal is new and clean. Retail is \$600
Price: \$300 OBO

Contact: Guy Rodenburg 904-276-1805 or cell 713-553-0375

Leupold VXII 3X9X40 Fairly new scope with LR reticle, as new with Butler Creek covers.
Price - \$285

2 Standard Ring sets, one set Medium and one Low set.
Price - \$15 per set or \$25 for both

Synthetic rifle stocks, Black OEM Rem. 700 ADL, Right hand LA and SA: both very good condition with pads and sling studs.
Price - \$30ea or \$50 for both

Contact: Chris Condor at 912-552-4449

Reloading Supplies:

RCBS 3 Die set, 6mm Rem. FL, Neck Size and Seater. Very good condition, 40 pieces of WW brass. Price - \$40 (trade for Ruger. 204, 22-250 RCBS or Redding dies)

Primers, Remington No.9 1/2M magnum rifle, 950 ct, 1 year old.
Price - \$24

Primers, Winchester large rifle, 850 ct., 1 year old.
Price - \$20

Will trade primers for equivalent type, amount and size of CCI primers or Federal 215M. Will consider trades on all items, other than scope for the scope. Will trade all with scope for .204, .223 or 22-250 decent condition bolt rifle.

Contact: Chris Condor at 912-552-4449 (Kingsland Ga, can deliver items to club on Saturdays)

Bushmaster AR-15 rifle, very low 3 digit serial number, early 1970's vintage, 98%
Price - \$900.00

Fox/Sterlingworth 12ga. SxS shotgun, bright blue finish, no cracks or dings in wood, 1930's vintage.
Price - \$600.00

L1A1/FAL, inch pattern, Enterprise receiver, nice all wood furniture, see through flattop with riser and rings.
Price - \$1100.00

Remington Mohawk rifle, 308win, blonde wood, Redfield wideview scope with pivot mount, 98%.
Price - \$575.00

Remington Speedmaster rifle 22lr, BDL model, newer model with bolt lock w/2 keys, Bushnell scope, original box/papers.
Price - \$325.00

Contact: Ed Hodges, 904-343-4442

Sig/Saur 226 9mm, some wear from duty use. Comes with 2 15 round and 2 18 round mags. 1 leather paddle holster and 1 Blackhawk Serpa holster.
Price - \$600 for the entire setup.

Contact: David Dangar at 904-759-5955

For Sale.....(Continued from Page 9)

Ammo:

Prvi Partizan Match Line .223 Rem 69 Gr HPBT
Price - 6 boxes \$10/box of 20 rounds Lot # 0904 18
Price - 2 boxes \$10/box of 20 rounds Lot # 0904 17

Black Hills .223 Rem 55 Gr FMJ
Price - 3 boxes \$30/box of 50 rounds

BVAC .223 Rem 55 Gr FMJ
Price - 3 boxes \$20/box of 50 rounds

Silver Bear .223 Rem 62 Gr HPBT
Price - 5 boxes \$6/box of 20 rounds Zinc Plated Steel
Case (not lacquered)

Contact: Christian Bowers at 352-281-9495 (Jax)
cgborkgb@gmail.com

Stoeger Condor Supreme O/U, 12 ga., features a single selective trigger and automatic ejectors. AA-grade American walnut stock. Screw-in chokes & a ventilated rib.
Price - \$400

Remington SPR 210 SxS, 12 ga., features a single selective trigger and automatic ejectors. Nickel receiver with blued barrels, checkered satin walnut stock.
Price \$400

Contact: Rich Hebron (904) 233-1973 or
Rjhebron@clearwire.net

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