

The ~~MUZZLEBLAST~~

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

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Major Action of the GRPC Board of Directors

.416 BARRETT CARTRIDGES AT GRPC

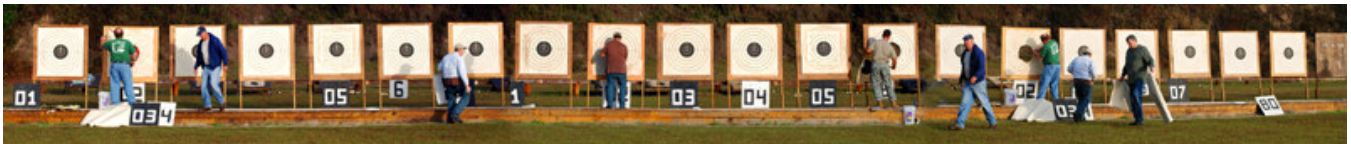
The Board of Directors (BOD) at the June 2011 meeting considered the use of the .416 Barrett cartridge on our ranges and the possible consequences of its use. Our Club policy #301 was changed to the following wording:

1.0 TARGETS AND RANGE USE

- 1.1 For All Ranges, No .50 Browning Machine Gun (BMG) chambered firearms are permitted. As of June 13, 2011, no rifles chambered for cartridges based on the .50 caliber Browning machine gun cartridge are permitted to be fired at GRPC. This includes but is not limited to the .416 Barrett cartridge. The reason is this. Our baffle system is not designed to stop this type of powerful cartridges. We are in an urban environment and safety is our foremost consideration. No select fire or fully automatic firearms are allowed to be fired in the automatic mode. Military and Police will require Club approval for use of select fire, and the use will always be in semi-automatic mode.**

The BOD realizes that this will be an imposition for a few of our Club members. However, the best interests for our over 3000 members takes precedence. There are other ranges where the .416 Barrett and the .50 BMG cartridges may be fired. These ranges include the Ancient City range and the FOP range in St. Augustine, the public Lake City firing range, and the Bradford County Sportsmans Club south of Stark, Florida.

William A. Craig
Club Secretary for 2011



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Stormy is behind the cash register on Sundays.

Always with a sunny personality, she will answer your questions.



Concealed Weapon and Firearm License Class Offered at GRPC

This class is offered the first Saturday of each month (holidays permitting) and begins at 0830. The cost is 35\$ per person for GRPC members, 40\$ per person for non members.

The course meets the State of Florida's requirements for application to obtain a CWFL. It is taught by certified NRA Instructors, and takes about three and a half hours. Notary and photograph are available.

Live fire at seven yards is required. You will need a handgun and 15 rounds of appropriate ammunition, plus vision and hearing protection. Limited coaching/instruction provided as needed on the firing line. The course emphasizes gun safety and familiarization. If you plan on carrying, you have the obligation to be competent in use. Stress fire reduces the operator to the lowest level of their training. The firing line procedures and class instruction operate on the assumption nobody has held a handgun before, don't get your feelings hurt. No gun? If possible, note that when preregistering, we can supply a limited number.

The financial proceeds go to our Junior Club's operation.

You can pre-register at the club office, or be a walk-in. Cash or check only.

Thanks, Marion Estes

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Unfortunately, a very small percentage of our members continue to put the club at risk by firing center fire rifles on the general purpose ranges. We have very clear signs stating this is prohibited and we have published several warnings on this subject in the Muzzleblast. To be clear, any violators will be called before the Board of Directors where they will face possible expulsion from the Club. This is a serious matter and the Board is currently getting estimates on surveillance camera's similar to those in gyms to address this.

On another safety topic, the Board recently became aware of use of the Barrett .416 caliber at Gateway. This cartridge was designed specifically to get around restrictions on .50 BMG's by some states and it is essentially a .50 BMG necked down to .416. This is a very powerful round and the Board has passed a policy that prohibits this round out of concern that it will very likely defeat our baffling system and blast from the muzzle break is a safety issue. Several other ranges also prohibit .50 BMG class rifles with muzzle breaks due to detached retinas in bystanders and unburned powder in the muzzle blast that can penetrate the skin.

Since the last Muzzleblast, we have put new target frames in place on the 100 yard rifle lines and rebuilt the 25 yard pistol line ground baffle. We have received permission from Herlong Airport to bushhog and lime the shotgun pellet drop zone we lease from them. This is in accordance with Florida Department of Environmental Protection Range Best Management Practices and is part of our lead management program. This range maintenance will be taking place July 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Earlier this month we held the internal audit which was chaired by Andrew Elstein. Many thanks to member Terry Grieninger who volunteered to help with a review of the club store. This year we have two people with accounting backgrounds on the committee, Sue Carter and Andrew Elstein. They have spent a lot of their personal time with a very detailed examination of club records and procedures and Andrew should have the final audit report complete within the next month. Overall the club continues to be financially very healthy and has strong policies and procedures in place.

Randy Erickson
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PART TIME JOB WANTED??

As most of you Club members know, we have Range Safety Officers (RSO's) on duty at our Club. These are part time job paid positions. We are looking for a few more RSO's to hire as the weather gets better and range usage increases. These positions are not security guards or any type of private police force. The primary responsibility of these RSO's is to insure all shooting activity at GRPC is done safely. The secondary responsibility is to check members for up to date membership badges and make sure Club rules are followed. The third is to help fellow shooters as time permits.

We prefer knowledgeable shooters who are retired or semi retired and are looking for a little income doing something that they enjoy doing on a gun ranger. The hours will vary from nine hour days in the winter to almost twelve hours a day in the summer. Weekend work may be required on a steady basis or on a "fill in" basis. People skills are a must as our RSO's are considered more as member helpers than just rule enforcers. Pay is based on experience but \$8.00 an hour is the minimum pay scale.

To apply, you must:

- a. Request an employment application from the Club Office.
- b. Complete the application and submit it to the Club Business Manager.
- c. If selected, have an interview with Club officials after notification.
- d. Agree to a background check by law enforcement and successfully pass a drug usage screening test.

William Craig - GRPC Secretary

2011 DIXIE REGIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP with CMP Service Pistol Match and NRA Distinguished Revolver Match Submitted by Ted Carter



Photos by Dana Baygents

The 2011 Dixie Matches were held at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club on 15-17 April. The annual Dixie Match is consistently one of the best Bullseye matches in the southeast.

This NRA approved Regional Conventional Pistol Championship was not only a highlight for many Florida Bullseye shooters, but was also well attended by Army, Navy and National Guard shooters and civilian competitors from as far away as Illinois and Maryland. The weather was excellent for most of the match, with the exception of a few stiff breezes. The Dixie Matches attracted nearly 50 shooters who capitalized on the great weather to post some impressive scores over the three day match. James Henderson from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) at Ft Benning, GA fired a 2658-155X 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 Lyman Grover firing a 2647-120X and Patrick Franks with a 2644-138X. Winning the High Master Class was Gregory Wilson with a 2627-100X. Top honors in the Master Class (Police/Service) was Jean Noel Howell with a 2631-119X and in the Master Class (Civilian), Michael Milen won with a 2578-94X. Taking the Expert Class was Whitney Saunders firing a 2539-84X. The high Sharpshooter was William Cox with a 2418-65X and winning the Marksman Class was Eric Morris with a 2456-45X. Special awards category for high women shooter went to Sue Carter, high senior was won by Eddie Grove and high junior went to John W. Farley. The U.S. Army swept the 22, Centerfire and 45 caliber team matches with a 3455-154X. The South Carolina Army National Guard took second place with a team score of 3296-78X. Taking third place overall team honors was Georgia with a 3288-91X. Gateway Rifle and Pistol and Pistol finished fourth in the team match with team members Sue Carter, Ted Carter, Terry Drinkwater, Keith Reed and Whitney Saunders firing a 3284-86X. The NRA Distinguished Revolver Match had 21 shooters competing with two possible “leg” awards. Winning the match was Lyman Grover with a 285-8X, followed by Patrick Franks with a 277-3X and finishing third was Harley Hall with a 267-4X. The CMP Service Pistol Match had 32 shooters and was won by Lyman Grover with a 290-10X, followed by teammates Patrick Franks shooting a 286-11X and Jean Noel Howell finishing third with a 284-10X.

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 Matt Baygents, Ted Carter, Dave Rifkin, Keith Reed, John Thompson and Larry Watkins. Running flawless stats was Chief Statistical Officer Dana Baygents, assisted by Sue Carter.

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Miss Sam

Miss Sam was our Senior employee at GRPC.(1992) She trained all the cashiers hired to work in the store including me. She cooked in our kitchen years ago. She loved cooking for everyone. Miss Sam was always there to help when she could. I really admired her for that.

Everyone that knew her, knew she spoke her mind & that's why we loved her so much. She never sugarcoated.

Our Miss Sam had a stroke July 4th and passed away July 10, 2010.

I miss that **Special** lady so much. She was like a mom to me.

Her family & I would like to thank **EVERYONE** that helped purchase this grave marker for her. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

GOD BLESS YOU !
Brenda Trickler



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**Tournament Schedule**

| <u>Match</u>           | <u>Range</u>    | <u>Time</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 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.      | 0830        |
| 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 Saturday. |             |

**Discipline Contacts:**

**IR 50/50 22 Benchrest**

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

**Smallbore Rifle Silhouette**

Hugh McCombs 904-309-1988

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Dan Fox 631-0677  
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Tom Inman 292-0063

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**Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette**

Lloyd Watkins 733-1513

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Randy Erickson 448-3174

**NRA/2700 Bullseye**

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**Cowboy Action/SASS**

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**4-H Junior Shooters**

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**Range Maintenance Schedule:**

**Mondays 8 am-11 am 100 yd. Rifle Range**

**Tuesdays 8 am-11 am all Pistol Ranges**

**Wednesdays 8 am-11 am Silhouette Range**

**Thursdays 8 am-11 am 200 yd. Rifle Range**

**Fridays 8 am-11am all multi purpose ranges New 100 yard rifle range**

(“Dixie Matches 2011” from Page 4)

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.



## Sundays at GRPC

- 1. Top Row: Across the course matches second Sunday starting at 0800.
- 2. Middle row: Pistol range shooting and relaxed gun talking.
- 3. Bottom row: welcome shade covers on back range

Photos by Joan Zullo



**FOR SALE**

**Only Current Members may list their firearm related items.  
Send your ad to: Editor@grpc-jax.com by August 20<sup>th</sup>  
Maximum 5 items per member.**

**SKS 7.62x39 rifle**, scoped, blade bayonet, approx. 1200 rds. non corr. ammo. Good + condition .  
Price - \$420.00 consider trade

**Mosin Nagant 7.62x54 ammo**, 120 rds. non corr., soft point.  
Price - \$155.00

**Glock mod 26-9mm pistol**, .35# trigger, stock connector, 26 rds CCI shotshell, 731 rds FMJ 50 rds, Hornady XTP defense loads included, (3) 10 rd. mags  
Price - \$650.00

**A. Zoli 20 ga. O/U shotgun**, engraved rec., chrome bores, gold trigger, condition-as new  
Price - \$500.00

Consider partial trade on each above: .357 cowboy six shooter or .22 mag. handgun or rifle.

Contact: Tom Duell at 904-284-1369

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**Springfield Armory 1911 A1 pistol**, Model # PX9151LP. 45ACP, loaded, stainless frame and slide, 5 inch barrel with full length guide rod, Cocobolo wood grips, ambidextrous safety, extended beavertail grip safety. Original box, 2 factory mags. and original belt holster and dual mag. pouch. Excellent condition, factory original.  
Price - \$700.00 firm

Contact: Shane Brannan at sbfl77@gmail.com.

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**Smith and Wesson M 457 compact 45acp pistol**, in excellent condition with 4 mag. ( 3 factory and 1 aftermarket).  
Price - \$465.00

**Norinco/IAC M 1 97 pump shotgun**, excellent condition, less than 100 rds. fired.  
Price - \$260.00

Contact: Joe Zerza at jzerza@bellsouth.net

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**Ruger Target Mini-14 Ranch Rifle**, has a scope, two stocks, extra mags., like new  
Price - \$600

Contact: Sabastiano Collura at 904 261 4860

**Ruger 22/45 5 1/2" bbl. pistol**, 2X scope on B-Square mount, excellent cond.  
Price - \$ 350.00 or trade for 22mag pistol or rifle or .357 single action revolver.

**Brownells Gunsmith Kinks books**, 4 volume set, still in sealed wrapper, msrp \$109.95  
Price - \$70.00

**12 ga. loaded shells**, 110 assorted, 28 -12ga. slugs  
Price - \$ 38.00

**Holsters**, 1911/.45 S.O.B. - \$35.00, 1911 Uncle Mikes Kydek - \$10.00 Triple K Single action cowboy rig w/drop belt, leather, R.H.  
Price - \$55.00

**Game caller cassette**, remote speaker and assorted tapes.  
Price - \$ 45.00

**Kel-Tec 3AT mags**, Two, new.  
Price - \$10.00 ea.

**AR-15 Automag loader**, \$12.00. **HKS thumb loaders**, (3) # 450,451,943  
Price - \$5.00 each

Contact: Tom Duell 904-284-1369

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**Beretta pistol**, PX4 Storm 9 mm. type F., 2 mags., cleaning kit, case, manuals, gun lock. List price is \$550.00.  
Price - \$425.00

Contact: Troy Anderson 904-860-8666

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**Kahr PM40 pistol**, 4 mags, IWB holster, original case, manual.  
Price- \$540 Will consider trade for PM9.

**Glock 23 pistol**, 2 mags, night sights, original case, manual.  
Price-\$445

**Glock 23 & 22 mags**.,Price - \$20 EA

Contact: Tim Foreman at 417-693-5842 or tdfdvd@yahoo.com