

# The MUZZLEBLAST

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

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## 2011 Annual Meeting, Swap Meet and Elections

The 2011 general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Club's indoor meeting hall at 11:00AM. The annual meeting will be preceded by our annual swap meet under our large pavilion. I suggest you bring a chair and table if you have multiple items for swapping or selling. The gates will be opened at 6:30 AM for the swap meet but no range firing is permitted until the normal time of 8:00AM. As usual, our friends at the North Florida Firearms Collectors Association are invited.

Annual elections will also take place during the meeting. Club Officer positions and three positions on the Board of Director (BOD) are on the ballot. The meeting will be followed by a lunch as the election votes are counted.

Minimum qualifications for office:

1. **Officer positions:** One year's service on the BOD is required prior to taking office on 1 January, 2012.
2. **BOD positions:** One year's membership in GRPC is required prior to taking office on 1 January, 2012.

You must notify me, Bill Craig, by phone at 737-5252, in person or through email at [business-mgr@grpc-jax.com](mailto: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 are 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.

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



Lloyd Watkins at Black Powder Match on second Saturdays.

Pyrotechnical photo effects by Joe Zullo

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**“Obeying  
 safety rules  
 needs  
 no  
 explanations”**

**Says Bill,  
 the RSO**



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**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**

We have warned folks numerous times about not using high power rifles on the general purpose range and it has finally resulted one member being removed from the club with one other member pending. We have just placed 2 conspicuous warning signs at the entrance to the General Purpose range and going forward, we will not be accepting the excuse of “I didn’t know”.

Quite a number of our maintenance projects have been completed in the last month. The eyebrow on the 25/50 yard pistol line has been rebuilt. The parking extension on the General Purpose Range has been completed and at the last IDPA match with about 95 competitors, the parking was much less congested. The bush hogging and liming of the shot gun pellet drop zone is complete and we mined almost 3 tons of lead out of the 7 and 15 yard pistol line berms. This information has been added to our lead management file in accordance with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Range Best Management Practices. We also rebuilt one of the old plate racks and replaced 2 water fountains.

The Club elections and Swap meet will be held on October 29. I would encourage you to support the incumbent candidates, this has been a really great Board of Directors to work with. Also, I am running for President again. Even if no one else runs I would appreciate your votes as a show of support.

One last thing, the range committee has some ideas about how we could improve the ranges to get better use out of them and to accommodate more of our members. We plan to present the plan at the October 29 meeting and get your feedback. If the feedback is generally positive, we will send out a survey with details to our entire membership. Rest assured, we are not going to make any dramatic changes to range usage without membership approval.



**Sealed Bid Auction on GRPC (Club) Unneeded Property**

1. To submit a sealed bid, write the item description on the outside of an envelope. Place inside the envelope on a sheet of paper a repeat of the item description along with your printed name and phone numbers. Seal the envelope and place it in the drop box in the Club store. Please submit a different envelope for each item as this will make the judging process much simpler.
2. The sealed bids will be opened on Saturday, Oct 29th, 2011 at the Club’s annual meeting. No bids will be accepted after 10:00 AM that day. Advise me, the Club Secretary, if you wish to be present when the sealed bids are opened.
3. GRPC will notify the winners. Winners will have two weeks (11 Nov, 2011) to collect the item and render payment. If the item or items are not paid for within that two week period, the second place bidder will be notified. If necessary, a third place bidder will win and so on until the item or items are sold.
4. **ALL SALES ARE FINAL AND THE ITEMS ARE SOLD “AS IS.” GRPC assumes no responsibility for the safety, condition or any other liability associated with the item or items.**

**ITEMS FOR SALE:**

The Club has no further use for two motorized Range Safety Carts sometimes called “golf carts.” These carts cannot endure any more of the constant usage here at GRPC nor is it cost effective for us to keep and maintain them. However, it is possible that someone could use them on an occasional basis with proper maintenance. They may be viewed at our Club through coordination with our Maintenance Supervisor, Charlie Calkins.

1. **A Pioneer Club Cart**, color red, serial number ADO 306-252698 with owners manual. Purchased new by GRPC for \$7,000 in 2003. It has 5,637 hours of use on the 4 cycle, OHV, 400 cc, 13 HP, air cooled engine. It uses excessive oil and no longer has a reverse gear. Minimum acceptable bid is \$25.00.
2. **Carryall Club Car**, color grey, serial number FG0149-101064 with owners manual. Purchased used by GRPC in June of 2004 for \$3,400. It has 3,709 hours on a 4 cycle, OHV, 286 cc, 9.0 HP, air cooled engine. It uses excessive oil and exhaust smokes when running. Minimum acceptable bid is \$25.00

Bill Craig - Club Secretary

## CLUB POLICY # 117

### ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS

1. Elections of GRPC Officers and members of the Board of Directors (BOD) are held annually. Persons desiring to run for office must notify the Secretary to verify eligibility and to insure their name is placed on the ballot. This information will be published in the Muzzleblast. This policy will apply in the event of a special election.
2. Regular ballots will be dispensed by the election committee after verification of membership. These ballots may vary from the absentee ballots should an eligible candidate come forward after printing the absentee ballot.
3. Absentee ballots contain instructions and will have space for write-in candidates. The Secretary will prepare absentee ballots not later than 45 calendar days prior to the election date. Absentee ballots will be accepted at the office until 10:00 AM of Election Day. Absentee ballots will be available at the office and in the Muzzleblast. The Secretary will deliver all absentee ballots to the election committee for verification and count.
4. The election committee will consist of three members not running for office, as appointed by the President. The chair will be the Secretary, unless opposed for election. In that case, the President will name the chair. Any member may request to view the counting of all ballots. This request should be made to the Secretary prior to voting.
5. The Secretary will coordinate the election process. Write-in candidates will have their votes accepted and counted only if the person has declared availability to the Secretary, which may be done from the floor. The Secretary must determine eligibility. Each candidate or representative will be announced and provided a three minute address to the membership.
  - 5.1 If a club officer is running unopposed, the Secretary may declare by acclamation of the membership.
  - 5.2 Officer winners are determined by simple majority vote.
  - 5.3 Election results will be announced at the meeting.
  - 5.4 All ballots will be retained for a period of thirty days after the election.



### ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Absentee ballots may be completed at the Club office.** Club members will write or mark their choices on the ballot, to include write in candidates. The ballot will be folded to insure privacy and placed in a plain white envelope supplied by Club office personnel. The Club office person receiving the sealed ballot will verify the Club member active status. The words "Absentee Ballot" will be written on the front of the envelope. On the backside of the envelope will be written the printed name and signature of the Club member on one side of the flap and the printed name and signature of the Club employee of Club official receiving the ballot will be on the opposite side of the sealed flap. These ballots will be placed in the ballot box and secured until the elections.
2. **Absentee ballots may be mailed to the Club.**
  - a. Blank ballots are printed in the Muzzleblast and are online at our web site.
  - b. Blank ballots are available in the Club Office.
  - c. Blank ballots may be mailed to Club members upon request to Club office personnel.

The Club member will write or mark his/her choices as well as the write-in candidates (if any) on the ballot. The club member will print his/her name and sign his/her signature on the ballot. The signature, however, must be verified by a Public Notary with the Notary's name and seal on the ballot. The Club member will mail the ballot to the Club to the attention of the Club's Secretary with the words "ABSENTEE BALLOT" plainly written on the face of the mailed envelope.
3. **Regular printed ballots will be on hand at the annual election on 29 October, 2010.**



**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

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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.	0800
High Power Rifle Prone	3 3rd Sat.	0800-1100
NRA 1800 Bullseye	1 3rd Sunday	0900-1200
Cowboy	5 4th Saturday	0900

**Discipline Contacts:**

**IR 50/50 22 Benchrest**

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

**Smallbore Rifle Silhouette**

Hugh McCombs 904-309-1988

**IDPA**

Dan Fox 631-0677  
dmfoxes@comcast.net

**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

**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**

Marion Estes marion\_estes@comcast.net

**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**



## **Up Coming Changes on the Board of Directors**

After serving as Public Relations Officer for some years, Arvil Budd has decided he will now run for election as a director on the Board. We hope someone will step forward to assume this job of Public Relations Officer. Qualification per the Bylaws is at least one year's service on the Board of Directors before anyone can run for any officer position. The intent here is to insure that elected officers have experience in how the Club business is operated, how we operate as a not for profit corporation and have knowledge as to what is presently happening in the Club. THANKS Arvil for your service and we hope you will continue to supervise the Ladies Day event.

After serving three years on the Board of Directors, Mile Hicks has decided not to run for reelection. THANKS Mike for your service and we know you will continue to be active in many of the Club's activities.

Andrew Elstein and Dana Baygents are running for reelection on the Board of Directors. Both Andrew and Dana have put in some long hours in service to our Club for which we are grateful. The nominations Committee highly recommends their retention.

Bill Craig - GRPC Secretary

### **Bill Craig is running for Club Secretary again**

Elections are coming up again in October. I plan to run again for Club Secretary. I enjoy the job and feel good that my contribution helps keep our Club to continue to prosper. Most of you know my past history at the Club. I was elected Club President twice, Vice President once, Secretary four times, Treasurer twice and have served on the Board of Directors for more years that I care to count. It's a good thing that I am retired and have the time to devote to this present job of Secretary. I am hopeful that in the near future someone will be willing to do this job. I also hope that I will have the time to acquaint the new Secretary with all the details involved in everything from insurance, taxes, permits, licenses, correspondence and so on.

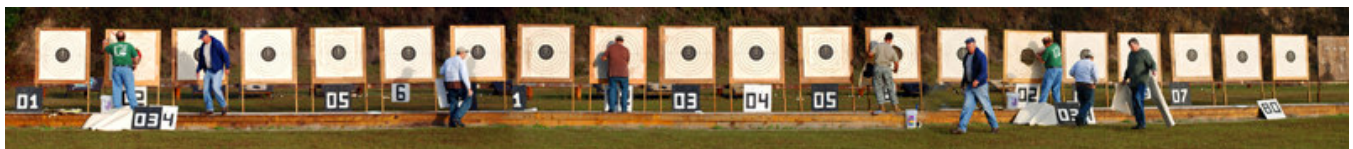
Bill Craig - Secretary for 2011

### **Dana Baygents for BOD**

I am proud to have served on the Gateway Board during the last three years. This has been a great experience and has allowed me to meet many of our members and hear their concerns and suggestions. I, along with members of the current Board, have focused attention to the regeneration of the Club's infrastructure and are currently working on future plans to make our club safer, convenient and practical for all members.

I continue in my position as Pistol Director for the Florida State Sport Shooting Association and was recently elected that organization's VP. This gives me the opportunity to showcase Gateway to other shooters around the state.

The next two or three years are going to be very important for the future of our Club. With your help I will do everything I can to make the most of this opportunity to protect and brighten the future of Gateway. Thank you. Dana Baygents



## Warning to All Members

The Incident Report Committee directed me, Bill Craig, to again print an abbreviated version of a previous Muzzleblast article. We are having some very serious unacceptable conduct from members and even implied threats to our Range Safety Officers (RSO's). I strongly believe that the readers of this Muzzleblast are not the people causing the problems. However, we do need your help to document serious safety violations and abuse to our RSO's should you witness such actions. Frankly, we do not need these types of people in our Club. We have and will continue to administer disciplinary actions from a suspension and up to permanent revocation of membership. Legal action may also be taken.

There are two areas of concern that continue to arise at our Club ranges.

A. The most important is the fact that a few, just a few, members have been shooting high power rifles on the back section of the all purpose range. This is a major safety violation and is against the posted Club rules on huge signs as you enter that area. Shooting high power cartridges in those areas will jeopardize the rights of all of our Club members.

**Let there be NO misunderstanding. If you are caught shooting high power center fire cartridges such as but not limited to the .30 caliber US carbine, .223 Remington (5.56 NATO), 30.06, 7mm, 7.62 x 39 mm Soviet, .308 Winchester in these all purpose range areas, you will face legal action and/or loss of Club membership. If in doubt as to what or where you can shoot, contact a Range Safety Officer before firing.**

B. The second area of concern is the increase of incident reports which report members who are arguing with our Range Safety Officers (RSO's) after being corrected for a Club rule or safety violation. The RSO's have full authority at the ranges to enforce rules and check membership badges. They have the authority to tell major violators of safety or Club rules to leave the range. Time permitting, they are also a source of information and help to Club members. With the noise of gunshots and decreased hearing through ear protectors, they generally have to yell or talk loudly to be heard. Please cooperate with the RSO's. Serious safety violations or bad conduct will result in disciplinary action from the BOD. Conversely, members have the right to write an incident report concerning an RSO's behavior which is also taken seriously by Club management. The best rule is this: Obey the RSO's at the time and do not argue or give them a hard time. **You can grieve later, make complaints with an incident report at the office or make a verbal complaint to any Club officer or BOD member.**

For all you other members who pay your dues and follow rules, and are not in the above two groups, enjoy the Club THANKS AGAIN!

Bill Craig GRPC Secretary

### NEW CHIEF RANGE SAFETY OFFICER AT GRPC

I'm pleased to announce John Whitten has accepted responsibility as Chief Range Safety Officer at Gateway. John has been a Range Safety Officer at Gateway for 5 years and has been a club member for 26 years. Before he retired, John served in the Florida Air National Guard as a Senior Master Sergeant and he was the Non Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Pistol Team. John served a total of 28 1/2 years in the military. Bob Mathis is stepping down from the Chief RSO position for personal reasons but will continue working as an RSO.

**Randy Erickson  
President - Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club**





# RULE CHANGE ON THE 200 YARD RIFLE RANGE

## 4.5 200 yd/meter line:

- 4.5.1 Targets: bullseye, "grid", paper, animals ,metallic animals (on silhouette line).
- 4.5.2 Targets will use proper frames
- 4.5.3 Targets may be set only at 200 yds or 200 meters, or at the 50 yard sight-in bullet trap.
- 4.5.4 Bullets must impact the 200 yard targets and berms or the bullet trap. Persons not capable of this will be instructed to cease fire by Range Safety Officers (RSO) or other Club members. Such persons will have to demonstrate their ability to the RSO to hit the 200 yard targets before being allowed to continue shooting.
- 4.5.4 Firearms/ammunition
  - 4.5.4.1 Any safe rifle
  - 4.5.4.2 Pistols used must be special configuration, with barrel length of 10 inches or greater. Control issue.
  - 4.5.4.3 Ammunition: rimfire and centerfire. No incendiary or tracer rounds.
  - 4.5.4.4 **Shotguns with rifled barrels (added On 8 August, 2011 by BOD)**



## *Black Powder Matches Second Saturday, 0800*



**Expect a casual match with plenty of fire power, lots of smoke, and ribbon awards**

## FOR SALE

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

**Beretta 686 White Onyx 20 Ga. field over under**

**shotgun:** 28 inch barrels, factory left handed stock. As new, five new Briley Extended Black Oxide choke tubes, factory hard case, new Boyt leather/canvas takedown case. Mint condition. I've got \$2,400 in this package.

Price- \$1,700

Contact: Melvin Combs at (904) 910-2108

**Ruger Mini-30 rifle:** 7.62x39 Stainless, never fired, 3 spare 30 rd mags (2 stainless and one black), 1 5rd mag, 1 10 rd mag. Includes scope mount rings (SS). Includes xtra folding butt stock. Price - \$800

Contact: Bruce Campbell 904-786-4406 or [bozzbac@hotmail.com](mailto:bozzbac@hotmail.com)

**Winchester M94 Lever Action carbine:** .30-30 caliber. 1967 manufacture. 20 inch barrel, hooded front sight, 6 shot magazine, checkered steel butt plate, excellent bluing. No ding/dents, scratches or rust.

Price - \$400

Contact: [Joe@zullo.net](mailto:Joe@zullo.net)

**Mauser 98 Rifle;** For the military collector. Spanish M43 8x57mm (8mm Mauser). Manufactured in 1948 at the La Corona arsenal. All markings intact. All matching numbers. Bayonet and scabbard included. Price - \$300

Contact: [Joe@zullo.net](mailto:Joe@zullo.net)

**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). Very good condition. Photos at, <http://www.northfloridashooting.com/images/M870/M870.htm>

Price - \$300

Contact: Joe Zullo at [webmaster@grpc-jax.com](mailto:webmaster@grpc-jax.com)

**Smith & Wesson 629 Revolver:** Classic 6 1/2" barrel Bbl. SS., Crimson Trace Laser Grip Model LG-207. Like new with all boxes and paperwork. Price - \$1195.00

**Ruger Deerfield 44mag. Rifle:** Model 99/44, extra magazine. New in the box and paperwork. Price - \$595.00

**Shotgun shells:** 20 Gauge, new in the box, 7 1/2 and 8 shot.

Price - \$50 for 19 boxes

Contact Randy at (904) 655-0161 or e-mail [rabev@bellsouth.net](mailto:rabev@bellsouth.net)

**REMINGTON 700 SPS Bolt Action Rifle:** .30-06 Springfield Special Purpose Barrel Length :24", Mag Capacity :4 + 1, Trigger :Single Stage, Safety :Thumb, Length :44.5", Weight :7.37 lbs Stock :Synthetic, Finish :Blue Also included is a ballistic nylon sling Price - \$550.00

Contact: Joe S. Mac Ivor 904-962-9007

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