

# The MUZZLEBLAST

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

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## PROPOSED RANGE CHANGES APPROVED

The proposed range changes as proposed in the mail-out and ballot to all 3,601 GRPC members was approved with 835 voting "yes" and 21 voting "no." For those of you that were unable to or did not read the mail-out, this is what is happening. The ballot read as follows:

### BALLOT

Our Club has ranges that are crowded and over-used while others are very much under used. The proposed range changes will help overcome that problem while providing many more firing positions for our members. These changes, as the attached proposal states, will occur during the next several years and will be paid for on a pay as we go basis.

The proposed range changes were listed on a bird's eye view map of our property. These changes will take place in the next several years with each step being approved in advance by the Board of Directors. Major work will be put out for bid although some of the smaller changes will be done by our Club Maintenance Department.

Our Club will benefit by having:

1. Triple the amount of pistol ranges available to members.
2. Creating 16 new points, for annual members only, 100 yard center fire rifle range.
3. Replacing the two 120 and 90 feet wide pistol bays in back of General Purpose range with six 30 feet wide bays with plate racks..

Bill Craig  
GRPC Secretary

### RELOADED AMMUNITION

For many years, our Club store has been able to offer reloaded ammunition from a Florida supplier at very good prices compared to new factory ammunition. Due to potential legal problems and reliability issues, we are no longer able to offer this reloaded ammunition. We searched for another supplier. There are few suppliers in this market. Our resale price for reloaded ammunition from a major supplier in Georgia is only slightly less than factory new ammunition. Until conditions and prices change, we will only have factory new ammunition for sale in our Club store.  
GRPC management

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Annual Club memberships expired on 31 December, 2011. You will not be able to use Club facilities after 1 January, 2012 without a 2012 renewal sticker. We have a very liberal grace period. You can re-new the first time you are at the Club during the year 2012. If you do not renew this year, 2012, you will have to repay the initiation fee in the year 2013 or any year thereafter. Annual dues are still \$112 plus tax for a total of \$119.84. You may renew in person or by phone using a credit card. If you renew by phone, which is easy, you simply get your 2012 sticker the next time you are at the Club.

Thanks!

GRPC members may view the Muzzleblast in color at: <http://www.GRPC-JAX.com>

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Terry Goller at the GRPC XTC Match 12-11-2011  
 Photo by Joe Zullo



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

Thanks, Marion Estes

## Update from the President

The results from the range improvement proposal are in and the membership has overwhelmingly approved the proposed changes. About 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the membership responded with 853 voting for the improvements and only 21 voting against. This is over 97% approval. There were 64 responses where the ballot did not indicate either yes or no and we believe these members were confused by the life vs. annual membership question. Please be sure to check the website and signs in the club store for updates on construction activities that will begin in the next month or so.

For maintenance activities, we just installed speakers on the General Purpose ranges so members will be able to hear announcements on the PA back there. We also just replaced the clay pigeon thrower in the “high house” on the shotgun line. It should be up and running in about 2 weeks after we finish the wiring.

Randy Erickson  
GRPC President 2012



### Sealed Bid Auction on GRPC (CLUB) Unneeded Property

1. To submit a sealed bid, write the item number and description on the outside of an envelope. Place inside the envelope on a sheet of paper a repeat of the item number and 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, February 11, 2012 at the Club. 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 until 1 March, 2012) to collect the item and render payment. If the item or items are not paid for within that 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

MAB= minimum bid acceptable                      EV=estimated value

OFFICE ITEMS: See Brenda Trickler, Club Business Manager to view these items

|  |          |
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| Item # 1 HP pavilion computer model 350E, XP, home edition | MAB \$20 |
| Item # 2 HP pavilion computer model 310Y, XP, home edition | MAB \$20 |
| Item # 3 HP monitor, 15” diagonal, little usage            | MAB \$10 |
| Item # 4 Acer monitor, 18” diagonal, little usage          | MAB \$10 |

MAITENANCE ITEM: See Charlie Calkins to view item

|  |          |
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| Item # 5 Pressure washer, 6.5 HP, 2800 psi, (but needs replacement wand available at Lowes for about \$40) | MAB \$50 |
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KITCHEN ITEMS: See Brenda Trickler, Business Manager to view items

**Appliances:**

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| Item # 5, West Bend 12-42 cup Party Perk coffee pot #58002         | MAB \$10 |
| Item # 6, Sunbeam Cafeteria Electric 12 cup Coffee Pot; model 6385 | MAB \$10 |
| Item # 7 Proctor Silex 12 cup Coffee Pot #46801                    | MAB \$8  |
| Item # 8 Bunn coffee maker pot VPR Series 0360732, with 2 pots     | MAB \$30 |
| This coffee maker is a \$200 value                                 |          |
| Item # 9 West Bend 12-30 cup electric coffee pot                   | MAB \$10 |
| Item # 10, Lipton Fresh Brewed Tea maker with 2 pots #78820        | MAB \$5  |
| Item # 10 Chef’s Choice Model 610 Electric Food Slicer (EV \$120)  | MAB \$25 |
| Item # 11 Lowensten Fleetwood. Stainless Steel Meat Slicer         | MAB \$50 |
| Model M220, Estimated value EV \$250                               |          |

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(Con. From Page 3)...Sealed Bid Auction

- Item # 12 Cash register, large commercial MAB \$10
- Item # 13 Large crock pot, Star Mfr, model 711H, (2 gallon?) MAB \$5

Large appliances

- Item # 13 Panasonic Microwave the Genius Sensor 1350W MAB \$10
- Item # 14 Kenmore Freezer, top opening, (6' long x 27" wide, 34" high) MAB \$100

Miscellaneous kitchen items

- Item # 15 (about 80) assorted glasses MAB \$5
- Item # 16 ( about 36) assorted coffee cups MAB \$5
- Item # 17 ( about 70) plates MAB \$10
- Item # 18 (about 48) saucers MAB \$5
- Item # 19 (about 50) small soup bowls MAB \$10
- Item # 20 platters, 1 large, 3 small MAB \$10
- Item # 21 one case of 36 coffee cups, never used MAB \$10
- Item # 22 table wear about 40 spoons, knives, forks MAB \$5
- Item # 23 (about 15) misc cutting knives MAB \$5
- Item # 24 (about 25) misc dippers, tongs, stirring spoons MAB \$10
- Item # 56 one case of 24 plastic tumblers, 20 oz (unused) MAB \$10
- Item # 26 one case 60 plastic tumblers, 8 oz (unused) MAB \$10
- Item #27 (about 25) plastic glasses. 8 oz MAB \$5
- Item # 28 (about 30) plastic tumblers, 20 oz MAB \$5
- Item # 29 (about 7) metal pots MAB \$5
- Item # 30 (about 15) salt and pepper shakers MAB \$3
- Item # 31 metal pans about 7 small and 6 large MAB \$5
- Item # 32 on large pot ( for boiling peanuts? ) MAB \$3

Large commercial kitchen appliances

This is a separate category with separate bidding to be concluded at a later date. It is doubtful that any Club member would bid or buy these items. However, if any Club member wishes to make a sealed bid on these items, contact the Club President, Randy Erickson or Club Secretary Bill Craig to get details. We intend to advertise these items for bid or sale on the internet and/or local paper.

- Item # 34 Vulcan Gas Oven, 40" wide X 38" deep – 57" tall on legs, estimated value is about \$3,000
- Item # 35 Dynamic Cooking Systems, Inc. 6 burner gas stove with hood warmer, #1402539, 36" wide X 34" deep X 72" tall
- Item # 36 NSF Gas stainless steel grill #D016658 – 24" X 25" with stainless steel 2 shelf table with back and side backdrop –36" X 31" deep X 57" tall
- Item # 37 Vulcan Fryer – 15" wide X 30" deep X 48" tall, estimated value is About \$3,500
- Item # 38 Captive Aire Systems Hood with Exhaust fan, model 4524ND, 8' long, estimated value is about \$1,300
- Item # 39 Stainless steel 3 sink unit with 2 H/C faucets with extender drain racks 8' long X 25" deep X 4' tall (also has heating unit on one sink)
- Item # 40 Eagle stainless steel 3 sink unit with 1 extra high adjustable head faucet – 39" wide X 25" deep X 42" tall, estimated value is about \$800



## Who is Picking Up My Fired Brass Cartridge Cases?

For many years now, shooters who reload collect their fired cases for later reloading. Shooters who do not reload generally just left their fired cases wherever they fell. Later, other shooters who reload collected the fired brass for their own use. At times, shooter “A” firing on the same range as another shooter “B” might ask if shooter “B” intended to keep his fired brass. If not, then shooter “A” would ask shooter “B” for the fired brass. This was and is perfectly acceptable provided shooter “A” does not make a nuisance of himself collecting the brass or interferes with shooter “B”’s activities.

Another scenario is that a **shooter or shooter** enters an empty firing range and sees that someone **or persons** left their fired brass. Collecting that fired brass was and is still acceptable. Some outdoor ranges and most indoor ranges have a policy that makes any fired brass that hits the floor or ground becomes the property of that range. We have never had this policy at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club (GRPC).

Times have **changed**. The price of copper has risen dramatically in recent years. Copper is the primary metal in brass cartridge cases. Collecting copper or scrap brass has become profitable causing the wide spread theft of electric motors, electrical wire and so on.

At our Club, the Range Safety Officers (RSO’s) and other members have written complaints or complained to Club officers after observing the following activities:

1. Club members and some times their spouses are at GRPC not to shoot but are there for the sole purpose of collecting brass cases for several hours or from opening until closing times. The brass is then sold to scrap metal dealers at a profit for the brass collectors. This is unacceptable!
2. Club members or their spouse are standing behind shooters and collecting the fired case while the shooters are shooting and become a distraction. This is unacceptable!
3. Club members who are shooting normally cannot collect their fired brass while they are shooting and must wait for a cold line to collect brass or perhaps the unwanted brass from other shooters. But, when the line is called cold, they observe that non shooters have already picked the line clean of fired brass.  
This is not polite and is not acceptable
4. When asked by the RSO’s to cease and desist, some members have argued to the point that the RSO told the member to leave the ranges. Such behavior **from** the member or members is unacceptable!

**At GRPC, we have a long standing policy that the only business or money making business at GRPC is GRPC business. This policy will be strictly enforced.**

**Members or people observed at GRPC for the express purpose of collecting brass will be asked to leave the premises. If this action is not effective for a given member, stronger punitive measures will ensue.**

We the officers and members of the Board of Directors want our members to shoot safely and have a “good time” at GRPC. Therefore, the above described unacceptable behavior cannot be tolerated from just a few of our almost 3,500 members.

Randy Erickson  
GRPC President

William Craig  
GRPC Secretary

John Whitten  
Chief Range Safety Officer

9 November, 2011



**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



**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**  
 Marion Estes marion\_estes@comcast.net

**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**

## **WARNING AGAIN TO ALL MEMBERS**

A few, just a few, members are still shooting high power rifles on the all purpose ranges. 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 NAT), 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.**



### **New Shooter? New gun? Different type gun?**

GRPC has a very active Junior Shooting Program, a good thing. But what about adults who are new, or just purchased a firearm for home or personal defense, or have gotten into a new type of firearm?

As American citizens arm themselves (excellent idea, given the state of affairs), it seems there are a lot of people who have not been exposed to the “gun culture” or “guncraft” which used to be handed down from parents, uncles/aunts, grandparents as a matter of course. The 30 year break in “guncraft” education has left a lot of people who have purchased firearms for whatever reasons, and who are learning how to shoot by the discovery method. Not good. The pundit may observe you can learn anything by the discovery method, including skydiving, and point out you only need a parachute if you plan on skydiving more than once, but we would prefer a more “proactive” approach.

GRPC has a fairly large population of NRA Certified Instructors, and hundreds of “gun cranks” who are markedly competent.

As a “market survey”, would you be interested in a basic course in operating, caring for, maintaining and using firearms?

If there are enough interested people, we can schedule classes to provide new shooters the experience and knowledge base of the more experienced persons. Yes, there will be a fee. All money will be divided between GRPC general revenue and the Junior Shooting program. The volunteer instructors will get the time of day, but only if they bring their own watch.

Interested? Marion Estes, [marion\\_estes@comcast.net](mailto:marion_estes@comcast.net) as contact person.



**Dave Armbruster (left); BobHathcox and Chris Gazes (right) at GRPC XTC match 12-11-12**

**Got Battle Iron? Garand? 1903 Springfield? WWII Issue Rifle?  
Want to know how to use it better, more accurately?**

How about a GSM (Garand, Springfield, Military) Rifle Clinic with a Rifle Match the next day?

Dates: 14 April, Clinic

15 April, Match, using Garand "A" course of fire, 30 rounds for record, all shot at 200 yards on "SR" target.

WATCH THE WEBSITE FOR DEVELOPING INFORMATION  
AND CONTACT PERSONS.

THE MIDDLE OF APRIL MAY BE A PERFECT TIME TO VENT A BIT  
BY MAKING JOYFUL NOISES ON THE RIFLE LINE.



**A Reminder from Your Webmaster:**

Match directors: Please review your discipline's page on the GRPC website and inform Joe Zullo by e-mail (webmaster@GRPC-JAX. Com ) of any updates, additions, or deletions that need to be made for 2012. Thanks



(Left) Black Powder Match GRPC-12-10-11 (Center) Range (Right) GRPC XTC match 12-11-11  
All Photos by Joe Zullo



**FOR SALE**

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

**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 at webmaster@grpc-jax.com

**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 at webmaster@grpc-jax.com

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**Ammo,** 9 Boxes new Federal 7.62X51 mm 175 gr. Sierra Matchking.  
Price - \$20 per box or \$150 for the lot.

Once fired mixed brass: 300rds 22x250 (\$30); 260rds 300 Win Mag (\$35); 80rds 7mm-08 (\$8); 300rds 308 (\$30); 100rds 243 (\$8); all for \$100.

Contact: Vince at Grandvin@aol.com  
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