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2013 Quarterly publication of the Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club of Jacksonville, FL.

**3rd Quarter** 

# IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN 2013 Annual Meeting, Swap Meet and Elections

The 2013 general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26th, 2013, 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 2014 and several 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 for election prior to taking office on 1 January, 2014.

BOD positions: One year's membership in GRPC is required for election prior to taking office on 1 January, 2014.

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 used at the annual meeting. Absentee ballots will be available on line or in the Club office as well as being printed in this edition of the Muzzleblast.

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.

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

Bill Craig - GH	RPC Secretary
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			MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
<b>Tournament Schedule</b>		le	FACTS: 1. Annual memberships for 2014 can be accepted as of for the year 2014. Please do not wait until the last days
<u>Match</u>	<b>Range</b>	<u>Time</u>	year to try to renew and stand in line. If you do wish to ren December, payment by cash or check will speed the proc
Club 1800 Pistol	1 1st Sunday	0900-1200	there are lines waiting. Credit card approval by phone line time and backs up processing.
Smallbore Silhouette	4 4th Sat.	1000-1400	2. We want you to renew memberships in 2013 for 2014 <i>E</i> you cannot or do not, you can renew your Club members
22 Rimfire Benchrest	4 1st Sat.	0800-1300	2014 the first time you go to or use our ranges in 2014. The reason why our badges are color coded for the year.
IDPA	5 1st Sat.	0830	of our members who hunt only use the club's facilities in th wait to renew in the fall of the year when they sight in
High Power XTC	3 2nd Sunday	0800-1100	hunting rifles. That is perfectly OK. 3. You can renew by phone with a credit card.
Black Powder	4 2nd Sat.	0800	You can renew by mail with a check. Non busy times durin week work best for phone calls.
High Power Rifle Prone	3 3rd Sat.	0800-1100	You can get your renewal sticker for your badge the next you are at the Club
NRA 1800 Bullseye	1 3rd Sunday	0900-1200	4. If however, you were a paid member in the year 2012 and
Cowboy	5 4th Saturday	7 0900	not renew at all this year, 2013, by 31 December of this yea will be required to repay the initiation fee the first time yo our facility in 2014. 5. We, the Board of Directors, think the above is a fair syste

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

#### **Officers**

President	Randy Erickson	448-3174
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Treasurer	Andrew Elstein	04-625-7507
P R Officer	none	

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Photo by Joe Zullo Aug/2013 Range 4, constructed New Wall

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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, but is not an NRA course, although it does meet the requirements to obtain a CWFL in Florida. The course is about three and a half hours long. A 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.

Thanks, Marion Estes

# UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Progress on the range improvement project continues and block walls on the silhouette range and the "old" 25/50 yard pistol line are up. I never cease to be amazed at how long it can take to get permits for something as simple as block walls that are the same as the last ones we put in but a different length. As soon as we can finish the berm work, install pop up catchers and billboards, we'll be able to open 3 new close range bays on the old "25/50" yard line. We have also finalized the dimensions for the new bays on the west side of the General Purpose Range (Range 5) and we are laying out baffles for the new 100 yard positions on the west end of the Silhouette line. Lots of work .....

On another subject, we have simply outgrown the existing club house. Our membership is about 4 times greater than when we built it and we simply need more "elbow room" for the club store, inventory storage, training video space, etc. We looked at putting an addition on the existing building, but found it would be more cost effective to simply put up a separate building. This allows us to move the general meeting area and air gun range to the new building and to expand into that area in the existing club house. The club continues to do very well financially and when we looked at our investment options, the Board of Directors decided that investing in the club infrastructure is our best investment. We have cash on hand to cover the building and will not be taking on any debt. Many thanks to Dana Baygents for spearheading this effort by getting competitive quotes and coordinating with contractors.

Annual elections are coming up in October. This is the last year I'm eligible to run as president, so I'll be running for secretary. As usual, I'm encouraging everyone to at least come out for the election or vote by absentee ballot. If you have any interest in serving on the board or any of the committees, please contact myself or Bill Craig.

Randy Erickson - President

## Bill Craig is running again for Club President

Elections are coming up again in October of this year. I plan to run for Club President for the year 2014. If elected, it will be my third time as President and I will tie the present record (three times) for that job held by Sam Grimes. I enjoy the job and feel good that my contribution helps keep our Club continue to prosper. Many of you know my past history at the Club. I was previously elected Club President twice, Vice President once, Secretary six times, Treasurer twice and have served on the Board of Director for more years that I care to count. It's a good thing that I am now retired and have the time to devote to this job of Club President. The job does require a lot of time even though the Club President has two able assistants, Brenda Trickler as Business manager and John Whitten as Range Manager, both paid employees. We people on the Board of Directors serve without pay.

I am hopeful that in the near future someone will be willing to do this job. I know that Randy Erickson, our current President, will do an outstanding job as Club Secretary in 2014. We were fortunate that he made the time to serve as President for these past three years.

> Bill Craig Secretary for 2013

## **Robert Kindl for BOD**

My name is Robert Kindl and I am running for a position on the GRPC's Board of Directors. I have strong ties to Jacksonville; my family moved here just before Hurricane Dora. I grew up and graduated from high school in Arlington. I worked construction and at the old St. Regis Paper Mill; later returning to FSCJ and UF to become a Physical Therapist working at Baptist and St. Vincent's since 1998.

Like many my father, a NRA Life Member, taught me to shoot, always stressing : safety, responsibility and training.

In the early 90s a friend introduced me to Gateway and I transitioned from Daily to multiple Annual and finally a Life Membership. During this same time I became a Life NRA member and am now a Benefactor NRA Member.

I believe Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club is a treasure for shooters and a training ground for the future of our sport; a local place where people learn safety, responsibility, discipline and develop many types of shooting skills. I would enjoy giving back to this organization by participating as a member of the Board of Directors.

> Thank you for your consideration, Robert Kindl

## ABSENTEE BALLOT

GATEWAY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB ELECTIONS FOR YEAR 2014

## **OFFICER POSITIONS**

Vote for ONLY 1 candidate per position. Indicate your vote by CIRCLING the name of the candidate or CLEARLY PRINTING the name of write-in candidate. Write in votes will only be counted if their availability is declared to the Club Secretary prior to the election and the candidate is eligible for office as defined in the club by-laws. Club Officer Positions require a minimum of one year's service on the Club's Board of Directors.

| President<br>Bill Craig **<br>Tom Brusherd  | Write In: |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Vice President                              |           |
| Secretary                                   | Write In: |
| Randy Erickson ** Treasurer                 | Write In: |
| (presently vacant) Public Relations Officer | Write In: |
| (Presently vacant)                          | Write In: |

\* indicates recommended by the Nominations Committee \*\* indicates incumbent and recommendation by the Nominations Committee.

## **DIRECTOR POSITIONS**

Circle the name of the candidate or clearly print the name of the write-in candidate.

| Clearly Printed name of Club | Member   | Signature of Clu | b Member |
|------------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Write In                     | _        |                  |          |
| ALLEN WAY*                   | Write In |                  |          |
| RUSS MISNER**                | Write In |                  |          |
| GARY MATTHEWS**              | Write In |                  |          |
| ROBERT KINDL *               | Write In |                  |          |
| BRALEY CARROLL **            | Write In |                  |          |

NOTARY SEAL AND SIGNATURE, IF MAILED IN:

Detailed instructions for using this ballot are printed on the reverse sideof the ballots available in the Club office.

# **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 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 26 October, 2013.

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## ANNUAL INTERNAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Our Bylaws state that each year, an internal financial audit be completed on the financial records and books of the preceding year. The exact wording is as follows:

"An annual financial audit will be conducted each calendar year of the previous year's finances by a panel of at least three (3) members selected by the newly elected President. This audit will take place after the final financial statements are completed. Their findings will be published and made available to the general membership."

In addition to the above, any Club member (s) is (are) invited to participate and this invitation is always printed in the Muzzleblast well in advance of the audit. This year's audit took place on 19 June, 2013. People participating were:

Randy Erickson, GRPC President for 2012 and 2013

Brenda Trickler, GRPC Business Manager for 2012 and 2013

Bill Craig. GRPC Secretary for 2012 and 2013

Andrew Elstein, GRPC Treasurer for 2013

Dana Baygents, GRPC Board Member

Allen Way, GRPC, member and first time participant in the annual audit

Chuck Deckerhoff, member and first time participant in the annual audit

#### We were disappointed that more people did not wish to help or participate.

The audit committee was divided into several groups to check specific areas.

1. The more expensive items in the club store inventory, were spot checked and no items were found missing. This part was a lot easier than in previous years. Due to the ammo shortage, store inventory is about 25% of previous years.

2. Payroll records and time cards were spot checked and no discrepancies were found.

3. Bills received, bills paid and checks issued were examined. Although no problems were found, the following recommendations by the committee are being implemented by Club President Erickson. *(continued on Page 6..)* 

#### (Audit...continued from Page 5)

Authorized board members should review all expenses and sign off on the supporting documentation to note their approval. Also, copies of checks with all authorized signatures should be maintained either electronically or within the paper files. This is now in effect.

The BOD is looking for a member of the Board of Directors (BOD) to assume the following responsibilities listed in the below recommendation.

The bank statements for the club should be mailed directly to an authorized board member for the club (who is not a check signer) and a preliminary review of the financial affairs of the club should be performed. The same BOD member should also review the canceled checks for the club (monthly) online since Vystar does not offer canceled checks in print form.

4. The Club's bidding process and records for expenditures over \$10,000 was examined and the following recommendation was implemented by President Erickson after the audit and now is being done:

It has been recommended for the past two internal audits that a book be maintained documenting the bids that are obtained for significant work being performed at the club. A book of bids does not appear to be in existence at this time. If the BOD believes this is important, it should be made a priority by the Gateway staff. This record book now exists.

5. Credit card statements used by Club personnel for Club store purchases and office expenses were examined and no problems were found. The Committee noted that a holder of a Club credit card cannot approve his/her own credit card statement. Approval of credit card bills must come from two of the four BOD members authorized to sign Club checks.

6. Overall, the financial audit was quite successful in determining that our Club's assets are being properly maintained. An overall recommendation by the Club Treasurer is as follows:

Observations and Audit or Review recommendation-

It is my recommendation that the club pay an independent external audit firm (CPA Firm) to perform either an Audit or Review for the club with specific testing to be completed in the area of cash controls. Perhaps a time frame should be determined where this process is completed every 3 to 5 years. The club has grown significantly over the past several years. The BOD of Gateway should make sure that all cash controls and accounting procedures are updated to handle the growth at the club. Failure to do so may result in material errors or fraud going undetected.

Such an outside audit was done by the outside CPA firm of Hunter and Associates in the summer of 2009 at a huge cost of \$9,500 to the Club. This audit followed the huge shake up of the Board of Directors in the fall 2008 annual meeting. That audit, which is still available for review, found the Club's financial operations to be operated like a proper business should. No evidence of impropriety, financial misconduct or suspicious financial activity were detected. There were some minor recommendations made which were put in effect by the BOD and President Watkins at that time.

Presently, each month our financial records and bank statements are examined by an outside CPA firm (Tilley and Associates) which we have used for years. That firm then prepares a monthly financial statement of the previous month's receipts and expenditures with a line item for each check issued. It also has the total net worth of all the Club's assets. That financial statement is mailed each month to all the BOD members prior to the monthly BOD meeting. At the meeting, the BOD can question any or all items prior to the vote for approval or disapproval.

#### Bill Craig - GRPC Secretary

# 2013 DIXIE REGIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP CMP Service Pistol Match and NRA Distinguished Revolver Match

Submitted by Ted Carter

The 2013 Dixie Matches were held at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club, Jacksonville, FL on April 19th - 21st. This NRA Regional Conventional Pistol Championship was not only a highlight for many Florida Bullseye shooters, but was also attended by Army, National Guard shooters and civilian competitors from several different states. (Continued on Page 7)

#### 2013 Dixie Regional....from Page 6

The weather was excellent for most of the match, with the exception of rain during Saturday's individual matches. A highlight of this year's matches was that it was held on the newly completed Bullseye range. The Dixie Matches attracted over 35 shooters who capitalized on the great weather and new range facilities to post some impressive scores over the three day match. James Henderson from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) at Ft Benning, GA fired a 2667-145X to take "Top Gun" honors, winning the regional championship and setting new range records in the 45 caliber Slow Fire Match with a 196-8X and in the 45 caliber Aggregate with a 892-52X. Coming in at second was AMU teammate Patrick Franks firing a 2655-147X. Timothy Barber from the South Carolina National Guard finished third with a 2637-128X. Winning the High Master Class was Michael Grasser with a 2629-121X. Top honors in the Master Class was Sean Ragay with a 2594-91X. Taking the Expert Class was Stephen Price firing a 2520-68X. The high Sharpshooter was James Fleming with a 2396-41X and winning the Marksman Class was Robert Lancaster with a 2224-14X. Special awards category for high civilian shooter was won by Al Dorman, high women shooter went to Sue Carter, high senior was won by Al Dorman and high super-senior went to Paul Bertrand. The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit swept the 22, Centerfire and 45 caliber team matches with combined total of 3453-150X. The South Carolina Army National Guard took second place with a team score of 3364-86. Taking third place team honors was Florida Sport Shooting Association with team members Dana Baygents, Sue Carter, Ted Carter, Richard Dix, David Pawlowski and Stephen Price firing a 2753-77. The NRA Distinguished Revolver Match had 15 shooters competing. Winning the match and setting a new range record was Patrick Franks firing a 291-7X, followed by James Henderson with a 283-10X and finishing third was Robert Vogel with a 262-7X. The CMP Service Pistol Match had 22 shooters and was won by Lawrence Cleveland with a 294-10X, followed by teammates Sean Ragay shooting a 292-11X and Patrick Franks finishing third with a 291-12X. The annual Dixie Match remains 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 Sarah Brandon, Ted Carter, David Poole and Larry Watkins. Recording and posting all scores were Chief Statistical Officer Dana Baygents, assisted by Sue Carter. Randy, along with members of the match staff received numerous complements from the competitors on the new Bullseye facilities and the friendly, professional and safety conscious staff. 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.

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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

### Allen Way is running for a position on the Club's Board of Directors

I am seeking to fill the current position that I am currently holding on the GRPC Board of Directors, when election time comes this fall.

My back ground: I was born in Sumter, SC where I found and married my wife, Barbara, for 44+ years now. We were junior high school sweethearts. She is the main focal person in my life. We have 4 grown & married children and claim 10 grandchildren, several of them have shot with me at GRPC.

I started working with Seaboard Coastline Railroad in 1969 in Florence, SC and continued with the forthcoming evolutions of that company to what is now CSX, and retired in June, 2011. During my 42 years of employment with CSX, I worked in a large variety of positions requiring judicious actions on my part, often without time for seeking approval from others. My career brought me to Jacksonville, FL in May, 1988.

For the last 19 years of my career I worked as a Train Dispatcher and eventually as a Chief Train Dispatcher. Basically, a Train Dispatcher is to trains what an Air Traffic Controller is to airplanes. I was trained and skilled at making critical choices on very short notice while protecting the trains and track workers as they performed their duties. As a Chief Train Dispatcher, my responsibility was to oversee several Train Dispatchers at a time and assist them in making choices, in addition to other duties much too numerous to list here.

I had been a "Daily Shooter" at Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club on many occasions since about 2003. Soon after retirement and settling into a routine, in 2012 I chose to become a member of GRPC. I have been serving in an "acting" capacity as the GRPC Public Relations Officer for the last several months. I understand the workings of our esteemed selection of Board of Directors Members and that the united heartbeat of these gentlemen is the advancement and security of our club and its position in the community. It is a pleasure to be so associated and I wish to continue.

Randel "Allen" Way, Sr. Orange Park, FL

## FOR SALE

Only Current Members may list their firearm related items. Send your ad to: Editor@grpc-jax.com Maximum 5 items per member.

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

Taurus 38/357 revolver; 7.5" barrel, shot about 12 times. Price - \$400.00 Contact: Les Widgeon at 904-317-8267

Wanted: Ak-47, Ar-15, or Ruger LCP, and I want to buy target rounds of .22LR, .380 and .223

Contact Joel Foreacre 904-626-2361 or email: Joel@guitarsunited.com

Ruger M77 Mark II rifle; 220 Swift, walnut stock, factory sling studs:

with Simmons Aetec Scope,  $3.8 \times 12 \times 44$ , 1/4" clicks, with adjustable objective; Leupold Rings, 180+ rounds of ammo., as new, less than 50 rounds shot from the bench. Price - \$650.00.

Contact: Tom Barton, cell 904-874-4660, trbccb@comcast.net

Savage Mod 25 rifle; 204 Ruger, laminated stock, fluted barrel, factory sling studs. Alaskan Guide scope, 4.5 x 14 x 44, side focus, Leupold Rings, as new, 220+ rounds of ammo, less than 50 rounds shot from the bench. Price - \$650.00.

Contact: Tom Barton, cell 904-874-4660, trbccb@comcast.net

.223 WPA, Military Classic; 340 Rounds 55 grain HP Price - \$135.

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.38 Special PPU; 650 Rounds, 158 grain LRN Price - \$195.

American Eagle 5.56/.223; 174 Rounds, 55 grain FMJ Price - \$85

BVAC .223 55; 150 Rounds, grain FMJ Price - \$75

Hornady .223 75; 47 Rounds, grain BTHP #9760EL Price - \$25 Contact: Christian Bowers 352-281-9495 cgborkgb@gmail.com

Armalite AR 10 NM Rifle, 308 Win. includes Endine Recoil Reducer Buffer. Excellent Condition Price - \$2,600 Contact: Terry Pitts at 216 695-1066