

The MUZZLEBLAST

Florida's Largest Gun Club, over 4,000 and growing...

2014 Quarterly publication of the Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club of Jacksonville, FL.

2nd Quarter

**GATEWAY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
IS NOW 50 YEARS OLD.
A Party and Swap Meet is Planned**

To celebrate this event we will have a swap meet and birthday Bar B Q luncheon on the 10th of May, 2014. All Club annual, life and endowment members are invited. Spouses are welcome but no guests will be allowed. There will be door prizes and a guest speaker. (continued on page 3)

**. GRPC WILL HOST THE FLORIDA
SPORTS SHOOTING ASSOCIATION'S
"SUNSHINE STATE GAMES"
ON SEPT 20TH + 21ST 2014**

There will be five different matches during this weekend event. (See page 4 for more details)

**THIS IS THE LAST MAILED OUT ISSUE OF
THE MUZZLEBLAST PAPER. THE
MUZZLEBLAST WILL CONTINUE BUT
ONLINE BY COMPUTER
at <http://www.GRPC-JAX.com>**

What! No more mail outs? The number of Club members requesting the Muzzleblast to be mailed to their homes continues to decline. Mailing and handling costs keeps going up to over \$2,000 last year for a few hundred members. However, our number of Club members that have a password for our web site forum continues to rise. We have had the Muzzleblast printed on line now for several years. For those members without a computer, we will have a printed copy available at the Club office. (Continued on page 3)

**RANGE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES TO
BE DELAYED DUE TO HEAVY AND
FREQUENT RAINS.**

Members ask what is the hold up and delay in getting Range 5, all purpose ranges ready for use? The answer is we have had too much continuous rain. That area of our property has a layer of hardpan clay about two feet below the surface. That means that rain water collects above the hard pan in the soft sand and can only dissipate by evaporation instead of soaking into the ground. Evaporation takes about ten continuous sunny days which we just have not had. Be assured that we will get this job done as soon as it is humanly and physically possible. Your patience and understanding in the meanwhile will be appreciated.

Bill Craig, GRPC President .

Tournament Schedule

<u>Match</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Time</u>
Club 1800 Pistol	7 1st Sunday	0900-1200
Smallbore Silhouette	4 4th Sat.	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	7 3rd Sunday	0900-1200
Cowboy	5 4th Saturday	0900

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED
for CLUB FINANCIAL AUDIT!**

Our Club Bylaws require that each year, an internal audit of the previous year's financial records be examined by a committee of Club members. You do not have to be an accountant or math wizard to participate. Just common sense, a desire to participate and an inquisitive nature are desirable. You can actively participate or just observe the proceedings. Ideally, at least five people (not including the Treasurer or Business Manager who will be present) but not more than ten or so are ideal. The audit can now be planned as our 2013 federal tax return was recently submitted. In the past, the audit consisted of at least two to three meetings at night although weekend meetings are OK. Contact me or Brenda Trickler, Business Manager, if you are interested. Our phone numbers are in all issues of the Muzzleblast.

Bill Craig - President, GRPC
Brenda Trickler - Business Manager, GRPC

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<http://www.GRPC-JAX.com>



photo by Joan Zullo

Emory Armstrong - 50 with 3 x at Black Powder Match, April 12, 2014



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

**This is the last MAILED issue of the *MUZZLEBLAST* Newsletter.
The *MUZZLEBLAST* will continue online at “WWW.GRPC-JAX.COM”.**

After many years of printing and mailing out the *Muzzleblast*, times have changed. The vast majority of our *Muzzleblast* readers do so on line at WWW.GRPC-JAX.COM in the forum section.

For those of you without a computer, a printed version of each *Muzzleblast* will be available in the main office.

For those of you who have not yet read the *Muzzleblast* on line, here are the steps to follow:

- You must be an annual or life member to enter the forum section of our web site.
- On the web site, you will see a section that is marked *Muzzleblast*. Click on it and you will see “login” or “register.” You must register on line as a Club member with our webmaster.
- Your online user name will be your first name and last name (as shown on our membership list) but the two names will be entered with no space between the two names. For example, let’s say that your name is William Jones. Your user name would be entered as williamjones. Nick names or “handles” are not acceptable. Your password is totally up to you. We suggest at least three or four characters.

Our webmaster will check the current list of Club members to verify your membership. Upon verification, you will be sent an activation email. Click on the link in the activation email to activate your membership on the GRPC read only forum.

Why do we have to have a valid user name and password to read the *Muzzleblast* on line? What do we have to hide? The website has generic information about the Club that is open to all those who are interested. Although we really have nothing to hide, the information and news in the forum section like the *Muzzleblast* is intended for Club members only. There are people and organizations in this country that are opposed to gun ownership and gun clubs. A Club in Idaho contacted me a year or so ago and related how the anti-gun crowd living nearby their range sued their Club. The anti-gun club people used the Club’s on line information and news to enhance their lawsuits against the Club. The anti-gunners won and the Club was shut down. So, we require membership to be able to read all that is happening at our Club.



**GATEWAY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB IS NOW FIFTY YEARS OLD
A PARTY AND SWAPMEET ARE PLANNED**

(Continued from the front page)

The plans are these:

THE SPRING 2014 SWAP MEET is scheduled for Saturday, 10 May, 2014, from 7:00 AM to noon. As per Club policy, the swap meet is NOT open to the public. Eligible participants include all annual/life members of GRPC and their spouses as well as members of the North Florida Firearms Collectors Association. Guests are NOT permitted. Bring out your unwanted firearms related items and look for bargains from other members who no longer have need of their treasures.

THE 50th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON OF GATEWAY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, INC will begin at noon on May 10, 2014. We will have Mr. David Alred recently retired from the US Marshal Service as our keynote speaker at noon. Many years ago David helped design and build our Club range 5 originally as an NRA Police Pistol Course before joining the US Marshal Service. So we may have a little about GRPC history and perhaps an update on federal law enforcement. At about 12:30 we will have a luncheon for GRPC members with BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Pulled Pork, Banana Pudding, Baked Beans and Tea. Please bring or wear your membership badges as proof of Club membership is required for the luncheon and door prizes. There may be additional surprises for attendees. Each Club member will be given one door prize ticket. Spouses are invited but door prizes are limited to only primary Club members. Guests are NOT permitted. ...**(continued on page 4)**

(from page 3)...party and Swap Meet planned...

SOME CLUB HISTORY

Our Club began in 1964 and had sixty charter members. The following year, in April of 1965, Judge Larry Fay (now deceased) wrote up our Articles of Incorporation and formed a corporation in the state of Florida. Steve Bernhard (deceased) our first President, Nolan Kitchens, our first Secretary and Judge Larry Fay were the primary subscribers. That same year, the Club was set up as a Federal Not For Profit Corporation. Our Club leased our present property for many years with an option to buy. A mortgage was drawn up and after many years of payments, we finally got clear title to our land. Times were tough in those days. The Club survived due to a few key members who volunteered their labor to build the pistol range and keep the grass cut. A rifle range was added by digging barrow pits to form dirt berms for bullet stops. For years we had a small trailer for an office until we were financially able to build our present main building. There are pictures in the Club's Board Room of those early days. Last year, our membership climbed to over 4,000 members. Of our original sixty charter members, only two, Bill Dampier and Matthew Wright are still living. We owe a lot to all of those charter members. We older Club members are proud of what we have because we know what we started from. So, enjoy the 50th anniversary year luncheon and let's look forward to another fifty years for our younger members.

FLORIDA SUNSHINE GAMES (continued from front page)

This year Gateway will again host the Sunshine Games. There will not only be the Pistol match as before but also an Open Air Rifle match for Juniors and Seniors, a Smallbore Silhouette Match, an SASS Cowboy Match and a High Power Rifle Match. Dates and activities are as follows:

Cowboy Match - Saturday 20 Sept., Range 5.

Smallbore Silhouette Match - Saturday 20 Sept., Range 4.

3 position Open (Junior and Adults) Indoor Air Rifle Match - Saturday 20 Sept., Indoor Air Range.

NRA High Power Conventional Rifle Match - Sunday 21 Sept., Range 3.

NRA Conventional Pistol 2700 - Sunday 21 Sept., Range 7.

This marks a change in the way the Florida Sports Foundation has run matches in the past. Now there are many disciplines at different Ranges around the State. The Gateway fee will most likely be \$10 and the same for the State. Registration will be online, run by the Florida Sports Foundation. However walk-on competitors should be allowed up to your maximum limit. The final details are not quite ready for this issue of the Muzzleblast. The FSF web site will have all the information soon. Check for it at www.flasports.com Keep watching for information on the Gateway website, in the Muzzleblast and posters at the Range for updated news.

DAMAGED CLUB PROPERTY

Recently, we found one of the upright steel I beams that support our gravel filled baffles on the 200 yard range shot with numerous rifle bullet holes that could only have been done on purpose. It is sad that this occurred. Since this happened in a "annual/life members" range only, we can only assume that one of our regular members or his/her personal guest had to be the culprit. Obviously, out of our thousands of members, there must be someone that just cannot resist the temptation to see how much damage a rifle can do. On our back all purpose range 7, we found a one our Club's large blue plastic trash cans shot full of holes. Garbage cans are not targets. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate either one of these acts of vandalism on our surveillance tapes. If, however, we can ever identify a member committing such acts, we, the Board of Directors, intend to prosecute to the fullest extent possible by law as well as permanently revoking the person's membership. Please, if you see or suspect such destructive acts, report the incident to any Range Safety Officer, the office staff or any Club official available. We will investigate and take action as needed.

Bill Craig, President, GRPC

Sunshine State Games – 3P Open Indoor Air Rifle Match

Date: Saturday – Sept. 20, 2014

Site: Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club - 9301 Zambito Road - Jacksonville, Florida 32210

Time: Firing will begin at 8:30 AM

Location: Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club, 9301 N. Zambito Avenue, Jacksonville, FL

Rules: Current CMP Sporter & Precision Air Rifle Rulebook will be used.

Targets: Orion 10 meter targets

Registration: Squadding will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Entries limited to 20 shooters per relay.

Classification: 5 minimum is required to make a Class or a Category. Less than five in a Class will shoot in the next higher Class. Classes are: Senior (60 years or older), Adult (21 through 59), Junior (17 through 20), Intermediate Junior (15 or 16), and Sub Junior (younger than 15).

Course of fire: All firing will be done at 10 meters on the indoor range using Orion targets. Twenty (20) shots in each of the three (3) positions – Prone, Standing, and Kneeling, in sequence, will be fired by each competitor. Two (2) targets will be used for each position. Times allowed as stated in the CMP Rulebook.

Time Schedule: Relay 1 (8:30 AM – 10:30 AM), Relay 2 (11:00 – 1:00), Relay 3 (1:30 – 3:30).

Disciplines: Competition is open to both Sporter and Precision classes..

Competition open to: Any competitor of any age.

Awards: will be awarded to the top 3 competitors in both Sporter and Precision classes per age group.

Entry Requirements

- 1. Entry fee is \$20 and includes an official Florida’s Sunshine State Games t-shirt. No refunds.
- 2. Make checks payable to the Florida Sports Foundation (FSF).
- 3. Registration is available at the range up until 15 minutes before the match begins, mail in registrations are due by September 15, 2014 or register online at www.flasports.com by September 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
- 4. Entries limited to 60 competitors.

FSF Staff Contact: Sarah Kirchberg (850) 488-1297 skirchberg@flasports.com

Venue Directions: Take I-295 to exit 17 West (FL-208 / Wilson Blvd) Left On C.R. 213 / Old Middleburg Rd, go 1.3 miles, right onto Noroad, 1.2 miles, right onto Zambito Rd, follow around curve to entrance of GRPC on right, turn right at main club house/office, Silhouette range is 3rd range on left.



OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT GRPC

We are out of the overnight camping business. Formerly, we had some camper hook-up sites with water and electrical outlets at a fee of \$10.00 per night for out of town match participants. The camper area was located in the area where our new building is taking place. The camper outlets were disconnected recently when we upgraded the electrical panel box servicing the pistol range area. Usage of this area as a camper area had declined to less than three or four campers per year. This was a major factor for the Range Committee’s selecting the former camper area as the new building’s location.



**DINNER FOR TWO
AT THE CLUB CONTINENTAL ON THE ST. JOHNS RIVER
2143 ASTOR STREET, ORANGE PARK**

A very generous club member donated three envelopes (A,B,C) to the Junior shooting program for fundraising. Each envelope contains certificates for dinner at the private Club Continental, Orange Park. This was built in 1923 as a home for the Palmolive Soap family, and is a beautiful bed and breakfast with fine cuisine dining.

Face value of each envelope is \$ 100. Dinner service is from Tuesday to Friday. Reservations must be made in advance, check the dress code.

We will offer these starting at the 10 May GRPC meeting. 50 tickets per envelope, \$5 per ticket, to GRPC members only.

Tickets may be purchased from the Junior Shooting events, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5 PM to 7 PM.

The drawings will be on 10 June, winners notified by telephone.

Internet search for Club Continental Orange Park Florida. Great website, the grounds and structures are elegant.



First Coast Friends of NRA 2014 Banquet & Auctions



Friday, June 13, 2014

Crowne Plaza Jacksonville

1201 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207

On **Friday, June 13, 2014**, the *First Coast Friends of NRA* committee will host their Twenty-second Annual Fund Raising Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Jacksonville.

There will be a live and silent auction and plenty of games for everyone.

Social hour begins at **5:30 p.m.** and a Prime Rib dinner will be served at **7:00 p.m.**

Tickets are **\$60.00** each or

Couples Ticket for \$100.00

Seating will be limited to 300. Please get your tickets early.

National Sponsorships Available

Reserved Tables Packages Available

Live & Silent Auctions

Fabulous Prime Rib Dinner

Lots of FUN ~ Bring the Family & a Friend!

High Power Conventional Rifle, 200 yard.

Date: Sunday – Sept. 21, 2014

Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Competition

Site: Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club, 9301 Zambito Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, www.grpc-jax.com

Course of fire: High Power Conventional Rifle, 200 yard.
High power Rifle Rule 7.14
National Match Course 50 shots

Target frames are fixed, without butts. A 15 minute sighter period will be allowed before record firing. Once record firing begins there will be no further sighters taken. All shots will be scored.

Targets: SR, SR-42, and MR-52 NRA rifle targets will be used for all matches.

Rules: Current NRA Highpower Rifle Rules will be used.

Eligibility: Open to all interested shooters.

Match Director: At each stage, the Match Director to call the match stage may be any one of the currently qualified Highpower Team shooters that will be on site that day.

Classification: The NRA classification system will be used for all classified competitors, temporary classifications will be used for unclassified shooters. The assigned classification rule shall apply for those who fit that situation. There are 24 firing points available. Targets will be scored by competitors and verified/initialed by the Chief Range Officer.

Awards: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals for HM, M, EX, SS and MK will be awarded in Service and Match Rifle classes. There must be five or more competitors for each group/rifle type for awards.

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3. Mail-in registrations due September 15, 2014 or register online at www.flasports.com by September 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
4. Registration is available at the range until 15 minutes before the match begins

Posting of scores: At the completion of the matches

Number of entries: Max 72. There are 24 firing points on the Highpower range. Squadding will be by first-come, first-served basis for fairness. 3 Relays maximum. Relays will be Consecutive. (1st relay fires until completed and 2nd relay starts about 10:30 AM after the first group)

Challenges/ Protests: Challenges and protests may be filed with the league secretary at conclusion of match.

FSF Staff Contact: Sarah Kirchberg (850) 488-1297 or skirchberg@flasports.com

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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 call 904-495-4109 or webmaster@grpc-jax.com

CZ 912 semiauto shotgun, 5 choke tubes. 2 boxes of shells fired. Purchased new. Original box, instructions etc.
Price - \$500.00
Contact: Peter Kenny at 885-1356

Colt Match HBAR rifle, (no flash hider). Purchased (new) to shoot matches, but never pursued. Low round count. Sub MOA shooter at 200 yards.
Price - \$1300.00
Contact: Peter Kenny call: 885-1356



**Lloyd Watkins says,
"This the rule above all,
first the powder then the ball."**

<http://www.GRPC-JAX.com>

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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