

# The MUZZLEBLAST

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

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## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN 2015 Annual Meeting, Swap Meet and Elections

The 2015 general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 2015, 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 2016 and several Board of Director (BOD) positions. **There will be door prizes for Club member attendees.** We will have a guest speaker who will be followed by a luncheon 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, 2016.

BOD positions: One year's membership in GRPC is required for election prior to taking office on 1 January, 2016.

You must notify the Business manager by phone at 771-2937 in person at the Club office or through email at [business-mgr@grpc-jax.com](mailto:business-mgr@grpc-jax.com) to express your willingness to run for office to be on the election ballot 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  
GRPC President



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

### GJS Help Wanted

Soreheads please do not apply.

**Task:** act as instructor for Gateway Junior Shooters' (GJS) program. This involves three position (prone, standing, kneeling) air rifle target shooting.

**Prior experience required:** none. We have a Master Instructor who can provide the coursework and information needed.

**Pay:** none.

**Benefits:** you get to watch young shooters develop discipline, skills, knowledge and attitude in the process of becoming better shooters. You make an investment in the future shooters of this country. We hope, suggest, encourage better shooting, but are safety based. No exceptions on that.

**Hours:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 months of the year, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

**Special gear or equipment needed:** none.

We have a beautiful new facility. As is true of many programs, we operate on volunteer labor, and in this circumstance the generosity of the Gateway RPC Board of Directors.

GJS deals with kids from age 10 to 18. The program is based on individual performance, with five Phases of certification.

If interested, please leave your contact information at [juniors@grpc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:juniors@grpc.comcastbiz.net).

Thanks. Marion Estes

**From the Desk of Allen Way, GRPC Public Relations Officer**

*GRPC Swap Meet and Annual Meeting October 17, 2015*

Hi Gateway Friends,

It is time, again, for us to enjoy another great day of fun and festivities with our *Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club*'s Members. The day that I am referring to is *Saturday, October 17, 2015*, the day of our *Annual Meeting* and *Swap Meet*. These events are open only to our Annual, Life and Endowment Members. "Daily Members" and firearms dealers are not included. However, IF a new member joins before the meeting on that day, they will be eligible.

The first event of the day will be our *Swap Meet*, which will commence as soon as the gates open, around 7:30 a.m. This event will be held under the covered shelter to the immediate left of the driveway as we enter our main entrance to Gateway. Also in attendance at this event, will be The North Florida Firearms Collectors Association. Our members can find lots of treasures and enjoy the sights and sounds of fun as we see what is available for sale or trade. Also traded will be LOTS of stories, as will happen when shooters get together! The *Swap Meet* will close around 11:30 a.m.

The *Annual Meeting* is being held this year, for the first time in our NEW BUILDING located at the far left of our property beyond the exit road. The purpose of the *Annual Meeting* is for electing new club officers to the Board of Directors. There are FOUR (4) Board of Directors positions open for election this year. We will also give a report on the "State of the Club", an overview of the many recent changes since last year, as well as a glimpse into our future plans for our club. Remember that our members own Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club, so your participation at our events adds value to your membership and your club experiences!

We will also, enjoy another fantastic lunch, provided by *Gators B.B.Q.* of Jacksonville. Our Guest Speaker this year is *Susan MacKay Gonzalez*, who has an incredibly interesting/exciting story to tell, that you will surely enjoy from the very edge of your seat! At the end of our meeting, we will give away some really nice door prizes in a drawing open to those who have their **FREE** ticket (one per membership), which will be available upon entering the door **PRIOR** to the start of the meeting.

Let's Enjoy This Day Together,

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**Vote for Braley Carroll for Secretary**

I have been a member of Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club since 1976 and a Life Member for the last 4 years. I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the last 7 years. and have often served as Acting Secretary when the Club Secretary was unavailable. I am retired from the Coast Guard, married and both of my two children are members of the club (I feel comfortable they will vote for me). Being semi-retired, I have more time to dedicate to the performance of the club. The Board of Directors has endorsed me as a candidate.

I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you for reading.

## Did you know that GRPC holds High-Power Rifle matches?

By: Terry Pitts , CMP State Director for Florida and GRPC member

Probably not....most of the members and day shooters have no idea that we hold these types of matches, all they see listed on the schedule is XTC or 3x20 on certain days, but what is an XTC or 3x20? Most likely you have no idea....so let us explain it briefly to you.

XTC is an abbreviation for "Across the Course" match, the course of fire in an XTC match is usually shot at 200, 300 & 600 yards, at ranges with less than 600 yards the matches are shot on reduced size targets that simulate the longer ranges. An XTC match called a "National Match Course of Fire (NMC)" is the most common with the competitors shooting 10 shots standing and 10 shots sitting rapid fire at 200 yards, 10 shots prone rapid fire at 300 yards and 20 shots slow fire prone at 600 yards. There are also what are called "Regional Match Course of Fire" which is just like the NMC except you shoot 20 shots in all of the positions.

3X20 means a match usually shot at 600 yards or on a reduced target to simulate 600 yards at 200 yards like we have at GRPC. In a 3x20 match you shoot sighting shots, then you shoot 20 shot matches 3 times slowfire in the prone position.

Ok, so now you know what the courses of fire are, next your probably asking "what kind of rifles can I shoot in these matches"? There are multiple rifle classes that you can shoot in that covers most rifles out there. These classes are "Service Rifle" which includes the M1 Garand, AR15, M1A, and AR10NM, then there is a separate class called optical service rifle where you can shoot the flat top AR15A3 and AR10NM with the carry handle replaced by a scope or red dot sight. Next we have "Match Rifle" class which is just about any other safe rifle below 35 caliber without muzzle breaks using match type sights. There is also an "Optical Match / Tactical" class that you can shoot any of the match or tactical rifles (as an example of a tactical rifle is the M4 AR15) in using scopes or red dot type sights. Then there is the "Vintage Rifle" classes which includes 1903 Springfields, P17 Enfields, as issued M1 Garands can be included in this class too, and any of the vintage foreign military rifles like the Mauser K98, British Enfield, etc., All these rifle classes can be shot in both the XTC and 3x20 matches. They are all shot using rifle slings in sitting and prone positions. There is also a new rifle class called "F-class" that has 2 subclasses, these are F/TR and F-Open. In F/TR you can shoot any rifle in 223 or 308 caliber using a bipod and rear sandbag with any power scope, in F-Open class you can shoot any rifle under 35 caliber using either a bipod or mechanical rest and a rear bag with no restriction on scope power, there are some weight restrictions but they are around 19 to 22 pounds. The use of muzzlebreaks is also not permitted in these classes, flash hiders on service rifles are permitted.

So what else do I need to shoot these matches? First of all after your rifle and ammo, you will usually need at least 2 magazines or stripper clips for the XTC matches for the rapid fire strings because there is a required reload, in slowfire all shots are single load, a sling unless in F-class, a mat, pad or piece of carpet to lay on, a scope or pair of binoculars to see the scoring disks on the target, at GRPC we don't use scoring disks so you will need a spotting scope to be able to see your bullet holes at 200 yards.

There are also shooter classifications that are used in the bigger matches where the shooters get assigned a class from the average score of a certain number of shots in previous matches, these classes allow you to compete against other competitors of the same shooting level as you are. These classes are: Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert, Master & HighMaster..

Hopefully this answered most of your questions about our High-Power Rifle matches. More information can be found in the NRA and CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) rule books, these can be downloaded off their websites here:

<http://competitions.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/HPR/hpr-book.pdf>

<http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rulebook.pdf>

You can also learn a lot from coming out and watching our matches and talking to the competitors, we are always willing to help new shooters get involved in and enjoy our sport.

We hope we'll see you on the range with us sometime....

**Bill King  
WANTS to SERVE AGAIN on the CLUB'S  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

I am Bill King and I want to run for the Board this October. I have been a member of Gateway since 1984 and served as Club Secretary for 10 years. I'm just your average shooter who does a little hunting and I have participated in a few of the silhouette matches over the years. I'm like a lot of our members, interested in shooting but not focused on one discipline.

We have made a lot of progress and truly have one of the best places to shoot in Florida. We have a stable club that should be available when our youngest member's grandchildren want to come out to shoot. We also serve a lot of beginners. They need a safe place to learn to shoot, so they enjoy shooting as much as we do. As a board member I want to ensure that we are available for shooters forever.

Thanks for reading, see you at the annual meeting.

Bill

**Bill Craig  
is RUNNING AGAIN  
for CLUB PRESIDENT in 2016**

Elections are coming up again in October of this year. I plan to run for reelection as Club President for the year 2016. If reelected, 2016 will be my last year to serve as President as our Club Bylaws have term limits for the office of President. 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 in past years, Vice President once, Secretary seven 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 retired and have the health to devote time to this job of Club President. The job does require a lot of time even though I, the Club President, fortunately have two able assistants, Brenda Trickler as Business Manager and John Whitten as Range Manager both paid employees. We people on the Board of Directors continue to serve without pay. We continue to expand the Club facilities which I would like to finish overseeing.. Your vote will be appreciated.

Bill Craig  
President for 2015

**Discipline Contacts:**

**IR 50/50 22 Benchrest**  
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**Smallbore Rifle Silhouette**  
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**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
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

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

**From:** Senator Marco Rubio [mailto:Do\_Not\_Reply@Rubio.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2014 2:14 PM  
**To:** wacraig42@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Responding to your message

Dear Mr. Craig,

Thank you for writing me regarding the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. I understand this is an important issue and I appreciate hearing your thoughts.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." I hold the fundamental belief the Second Amendment should not be altered. At the same time, I have always been open to measures that would keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill.

In light of recent tragedies, some have suggested restricting gun ownership as a way to curb gun violence. I am always open to ideas on how to stop violent crimes, however, I have concerns when these suggestions are solely directed toward restricting gun ownership. To that end, I cosponsored a bipartisan piece of legislation, the Excellence in Mental Health Act or S.264, along with Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Roy Blunt (R-MO), to improve quality standards and expand access to mental health services. I believe mental health access is an important step to ensure tragedies like the ones we have seen recently do not occur again.

As you may know, the Senate recently voted on gun-control legislation, S. Amdt. 715 to S. 649 introduced by Senators Pat Toomey (R-PA) and Joe Manchin (D-WV), which targeted law-abiding citizens. I believe this legislation would have had a profound impact on an individual's right to bear arms according to the Second Amendment. I opposed this legislation because it was not directed toward the major issue surrounding the gun control debate: violence. We should work to reduce tragic acts of violence by addressing violence at its source, including untreated mental illness, a lack of adequate information-sharing on mental health issues, and the breakdown of the family, not by restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you as your United States Senator. I appreciate you offering your opinion on this issue. If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marco Rubio  
United States Senator

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