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2015 Dixie Regional Pistol Championship with Civilian Marksmanship Program Service Pistol & .22 Rimfire E.I.C. Match and National Rifle Association Distinguished Revolver Match by Ted Carter

The 2015 Dixie Matches were held at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club, Jacksonville, FL on April 17th - 19th. This annual National Rifle Association (NRA) Regional Conventional Pistol Championship continues to be a highlight for many Florida Bullseye shooters and was also attended by Army, Navy, Coast Guard, National Guard and civilian competitors from several different states.



Dixie Match Director Ted Carter (right) presents Patrick Franks (left) the Dixie Champion trophy



Gateway Pistol Team shooters at the Dixie Match (l-r) Terry Drinkwater, Dana Baygents, Whitney Saunders, Randy Erickson

The weather was perfect throughout the competition, enabling several new range records to be set. The Dixie Matches attracted over 40 shooters who capitalized on the great weather and excellent range facilities to post some impressive scores over the three day match. Patrick Franks from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) at Ft Benning, GA fired a 2658-155X to take "Top Gun" honors, winning the regional championship and setting a new range record in the Center Fire caliber National Match Course with a 298-19X. Coming in second was AMU teammate Lawrence Cleveland firing a 2653-155X. Cleveland also set a new range record in the Center Fire Timed Fire Match with a 200-18X. Michael Gasser, also from the AMU, finished third with a 2641-120X and established a range record in the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) .22 Rimfire E.I.C. Match with a 292-12X. Winning the High Master Class was Timothy Barber of the South Carolina National Guard with a 2623-106X. Top shot in the Master Class was Brian Mason (Waldorf, MD) with a 2566-82X. Taking the Expert Class was Stephen Price (Riverview, FL) firing a 2595-94X. The high Sharpshooter was Lawrence Carter (Manchester, GA) with a 2400-42X. Winning the Marksman Class was Irv "Doc" Kokol (Tallahassee, FL) with a 2327-39X. Special Category Awards for High Service shooter went to Staff Sergeant Patrick Franks (Columbus, GA), High Civilian shooter was won by Joe Chang (Springfield, VA), High Women shooter went to Joan Gladwell (Big Pine Key, FL), High Senior was won by Ed Grove (Pasadena, MD) and High Grand Senior went to Al Dorman (Orange Park, FL). Winning the Open Division was Patrick Franks, and keeping things in the family, his brother Ryan Franks (Columbus, GA) was the high Metallic Division shooter. The AMU swept the 22, Center Fire and 45 caliber team matches with combined total of 3486-148X. A Civilian team, with shooters from Maryland and Virginia took second place with a score of 3365-104X.

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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.

Thanks. Marion Estes

From the Desk of Allen Way, GRPC Public Relations Officer

Our Annual Meeting at Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club will be on Saturday, October 17, 2015, for our MEMBERS ONLY. We will have a catered BBQ Lunch, provided by Gator BBQ of Jacksonville. The new officers for the coming year will be elected for the Board of Directors positions that are open. We will have some nice door prizes to be given away in a drawing for our members in attendance, one ticket per household. We will also have a "Swap Meet" starting at opening time for our members to offer for sale, some of their "treasures". We encourage all of our members to come early, stay late, take advantage of what we are planning and enjoy your day.

Our speaker at this year's event is *Ms. Susan Gonzalez*. She is a Jacksonville (north side) resident for many years. A few years ago, she and her husband were victims of a home invasion, in which they were both shot (both survived). Ms. Gonzalez shot one of the intruders, who subsequently died. The other intruder is in prison, along with the "get-away" driver, who was caught later.

Prior to her incident, she was not in favor of having guns in her home. Her husband had given her minimal instruction on the use and operation of the handgun that was in the home, "in case something happened"! She remembered where the handgun was located and put it to good use to successfully defend herself, her husband and their home.

Now, she does speaking engagements, has her concealed weapons permit and carries daily. Her story can currently be seen "on demand" on your television. It is called, "Over My Dead Body", episode, 1 of 7 (as of this writing). She also has a website: www.ishotback.com.

I encourage ALL of our members and their families to come out and enjoy our Special Day!

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(2015 Dixie Match...cont. from the front page)

Taking third place was another AMU team shooting a 3269-72X. Finishing fourth was Gateway's home team with team members Dana Baygents, Terry Drinkwater, Randy Erickson, Whitney Saunders and Larry Watkins firing a 3146-55X. The NRA Distinguished Revolver Match had 18 shooters competing. Winning the match was Sean Watson (Columbus, GA) firing a 267-8X, followed by Stephen Price with a 263-7X and finishing third was Jerry Kittrell (Goldsboro, NC) with a 259-3X. The CMP Service Pistol Match had 33 shooters and was won by Patrick Franks with a 288-10X, followed by teammate Michael Gasser shooting a 288-10X and Timothy Barber finishing third with a 286-8X. New for 2015 was the CMP's .22 Rimfire E.I.C. Match that had 26 shooters competing. Winning the match was Michael Gasser with a 292-12X, followed by teammates Patrick Franks shooting a 286-11X and Lawrence Cleveland with a 286-9X. The annual Dixie Match remains one of the best Bullseye matches in the southeast. Taking over as Match Director of the Dixie Match was Ted Carter, giving Randy Erickson, Dixie Match Director for many years, an opportunity to finally compete in the 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 Marion Estes, David Poole, Larry Watkins, Dana Baygents and Terry Drinkwater. Randy Erickson assisted as Jury Chairman and Range Officer. Recording and posting all scores were Chief Statistical Officer Sue Carter, giving Dana Baygents, former Statistical Officer for years, an opportunity to also compete. Assisting Sue in the Statistical Office was Lynn Wallace and providing photo coverage of the match was Erica Carter. There were plenty of compliments from the competitors on the excellent Bullseye facilities at Gateway and the friendly, professional and safety conscious staff. Many thanks to all the competitors for their support, some driving hundreds of miles to attend the match. Finally, a well earned thanks goes out to the Dixie match staff, the Gateway range officers, office staff and the range maintenance folks who made this another great shooting event. Planning has already begun on the 2016 Dixie Match and we're looking forward to another exciting competition.

A complete listing of scores and match photos, go to: http://www.grpc-jax.com/disciplines/outdoor_pistol.html

NOTES FROM YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT

Since my last Muzzleblast update on the progress at Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club (GRPC), the following has taken place.

1. The multipurpose recreation building was finally completed. We will use this building for our annual meeting and election on Saturday, the 17th of October, 2015. The meeting area is about one and one half times the size of our former meeting hall. It will accommodate over 300 seated people. In the meanwhile, our Junior Club uses the facility as an indoor air gun range.
2. In order for our new building to have an overhead sprinkler system in case of a fire, we had to hook up to JEA's water system. It then was only logical to also connect with JEA's sewer system. Simply stated, we are out of the well water purification business and the use of septic tanks. A real bonus in removing the septic tanks and grain fields was the now usable parking lot directly in front of the old 100 yard rifle range.
3. Our shotgun range facility really needed upgrading. So, we added a concrete slab with better shooting boxes and expanded our trap throwers from two to three manually operated clay pigeon throwers. As we have done on the other ranges, an overhead canopy with a picnic table is directly adjacent to the shotgun range. These canopies provide some shade during our hot summer sunny days or shelter in case of a rain shower.
4. The Florida Legislature has finally removed the sales tax on our Club memberships. Previously, only church or fraternal organizations had the exemption. This sales tax removal has several advantages for us. One is that our members will not pay the seven percent sales tax on memberships. The second is that the sales tax removal means less paperwork for our Club staff. The third is that our annual and life memberships look a lot more financially affordable for new or prospective members.
5. Our plans to greatly enlarge the Club store by expanding into our old assembly hall area are being implemented. Our biggest hold up is the same as it was for the construction of our newest building, namely city paperwork, permits and construction plans approval. George Jinks, our Project Manager, is actively engaged in getting the required city approvals.

In summary, the founders of our Club in 1968 would be amazed at what we have been able to do, especially in the last three years. We still have a few members from the 1970's who can remember when all we as a Club had a trailer for an office, one bulls eye pistol range and a one hundred yard rifle range. We have some pictures of what our facilities used to be in the Club's Board meeting room. So, enjoy our new and expanded ranges. Tell your friends about us and solicit new members.

Bill Craig
Club President for 2014 and 2015



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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

Measuring Bullet Velocity (a mechanical chronograph)

In 1742 Benjamin Robins (1707-51) invented his ballistic pendulum, an instrument designed to measure the velocity of a projectile directed at it. Knowing the weight of the pendulum, H, with target, K, the weight of the shot fired, and the distance the pendulum moved when struck (measured by strap L), it was possible to calculate the velocity of the shot. By performing experiments at various distances Robins was able to determine the loss of velocity as range increased, and therefore the effects of air density and gravity. The instrument had its faults, but at least its design was based upon logical thought, not on rules of thumb or guesswork. Robins published his findings in *New Principles of Gunnery 1742*. Had more notice been taken of them at the time the technical development of ordnance might have progressed much faster.



$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2(H+K) \sin\left(\frac{4\pi^2 \ell}{L}\right) g}{K}}$$

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