

2016 DIXIE REGIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

The 2016 Dixie Matches were held at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club, Jacksonville, FL on April 15th - 17th. This annual National Rifle Association (NRA) Regional Precision Pistol Championship continues to be a highlight for many Florida Bullseye shooters and was also attended by military, police and civilian competitors from several different states. On Friday and Saturday, the weather was breezy with intermittent rain showers and mist, but Sunday was near perfect and many of the 42 shooters overcame the minor weather challenges to post some very good scores over the three day match. Jason Hedrick, a Marine Corps Reservist from Williamsburg, West Virginia, fired a 2628-129X to take "Top Gun" honors, winning the NRA Regional championship. Coming in second was Sean Watson from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) at Ft Benning, Georgia, firing a 2603-92X. Ryan Franks, also from the AMU, finished third with a 2601-111X. It was a special match for Ryan as he broke 2600 for the first time in match competition to earn a coveted spot in the NRA's "2600" Club. Winning the High Master Class was Gateway's own Randy Erickson with a 2537-74X. Top shots in the Master Class (Service) was Chris Hudock of the AMU with a 2555-74X and Master Class (Civilian) was Ben Amonette (Radford, VA) with a 2600-101X. Taking the Expert Class was Stephen Price (Riverview, FL) firing a 2529-68X. The high Sharpshooter was Curt Brandt (Safety Harbor, FL) with a 2372-38X. Winning the Marksman Class was Kenneth Orris (Palm Bay, FL) with a 2183-29X. Special Category Awards for High Service and Open Division shooter went to Gunnery Sergeant Jason Hedrick (Williamsburg, WV), High Civilian and High Senior shooter was won by Ben Amonette (Radford, VA), High Women shooter went to Joan Gladwell (Big Pine Key, FL), High Veteran was won by Eddy Grove (Pasadena, MD) and High Grand Senior went to Paul Bertrand (Tifton, GA). Winning the Metallic Division was AMU's Chris Hudock. The AMU won the overall team match (a combination of scores from the .22, Centerfire and .45 team matches) with combined total of 3355-85X. A Civilian team, with shooters from Georgia took second place with a score of 3233-68X. Taking third place was a Service team from the Marine Forces Reserve shooting a 3162-61X. Finishing fourth was Gateway's home team, with team members Dana Baygents, Terry Drinkwater, Randy Erickson, Noel Burkhead and James Fleming firing a 3140-44X. **(continued on page 2)**



Gateway Pistol Team shooters at the Dixie Match: (l-r) James Fleming, Randy Erickson, Noel Burkhead, Terry Drinkwater, Dana Baygents

2016 Dixie Regional Pistol Championship

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Below: Jason Hedrick, Dixie Match Champion



The NRA Distinguished Revolver Match had 16 shooters competing. Winning the match was Paul Parrish (Albany, GA) firing a 271-6X, followed by Robert Settle (Paisley, FL) with a 268-4X and finishing third was Chris Hudock with a 265-4X. The CMP Service Pistol Match had 23 shooters and was won by Sean Watson with a 281-10X, followed by teammates Ryan Franks shooting a 278-13X and Chris Hudock finishing third with a 278-6X. In only its second year of existence, the CMP's .22 Rimfire E.I.C. Match had 36 shooters competing. Winning the match was Chris Hudock with a 288-9X, followed by Robert Settle shooting a 286-6X and Joshua Kingery with a 285-11X. The annual Dixie Match remains one of the best Bullseye matches in the southeast.

Match Director was Ted Carter. 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, Clif Byrd and Matt Baygents. Randy Erickson assisted as Jury Chairman and provided logistical support along with Dana Baygents. Recording and posting all scores were Chief Statistical Officer Sue Carter, assisted by Karen Davis and Cliff Byrd. Rounding out our group of excellent volunteers was Terry Drinkwater, providing Statistical Office and logistical support. There were plenty of compliments from the competitors on the excellent Bullseye facilities at Gateway and the friendly, professional and safety conscious staff. One such comment was "Another super job by all concerned. GRPC matches are, without doubt, the best organized, the best called and most efficient evolutions of the many Regionals I have attended throughout the South".

Many thanks to all the competitors for their support, some driving hundreds of miles to attend the match. A special Thank You to Vista Outdoor for generously providing merchandise prizes for our 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 2017 Dixie Match and we're looking forward to another exciting competition.

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



Dixie Team Champions: Army Marksmanship Unit (Ryan Franks, Anthony Heinauer, Chris Hudock, Joshua Kingery, Sean Watson)



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By Bill King

Election results

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Gary Matthews resigned effective December and was replaced by Alan Rosner

Range improvements for 2016

Range 8 New backstop and drainage improvements

Range 2 New backstop

Clubhouse Paved parking area

The annual meeting in 2016 was moved to the last Saturday in October.

Women On Target

May 14, 2016 was a special day at Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club. It was the day of our inaugural NRA sanctioned “Women On Target” (W.O.T.) program. The idea of having this program came to us as a phone call from member, Jane Cebulskie, to Club President, Bill Craig.

Jane had been to the NRA Whittington Center in New Mexico (35,000 acres) and learned about the “Women On Target” program while there. Once returning home, she tried to find a W.O.T. program to attend, only to discover that there were none to be found in our local area. That is when she contacted President Craig, who asked Allen Way, the Public Relations Officer to investigate and report.

A call to Sue and Ted Carter got the ball rolling. Sue and Ted visited another range south of Jacksonville, which had a W.O.T. program scheduled and attended it to see how it was run and to talk with those in charge. From that point Sue Carter took the reins and contacted the NRA to get the materials and information necessary for GRPC to host a W.O.T. program at our club. With the blessings of the board of directors, it passed unanimously, the date was set.

We had 28 ladies attend, all of whom had little or no firearms experience. Sue Carter was the Clinic Director and John Michalski was the Range Officer. The ladies spent the first half hour discussing firearms safety and range commands, then another half hour learning how to shoot a good shot. They were split into two groups and took turns on the firing line on Range 1 at 15 yards. Each group spent 30 minutes learning to group their shots. They then came back and had 15 minutes to shoot and pop six balloons. Finally, they returned and had seven minutes to shoot a hanging water bottle as many times as they could. At the end, everyone came back into the classroom where we talked about what they had learned and what else was available to them to move on in the shooting sport. A good time was had by all. We hope to see many of the ladies curious enough to come out and watch a few competitions, if not try their hand in it.

To entice the ladies to venture out and do some shopping, we were able to get some industry leaders to donate. Midway and GunGoddess.com donated \$25 gift certificates. A few local businesses got into the act as well, with Dick's Sporting Goods and Money Miser Pawn donating gift certificates, Green Acres donating shirts and hats, St. Nicholas Guns & Sporting Goods donated a handgun rack and Bullseye Gun donating day passes for all the ladies. Thank you to all who donated!

A huge thank you to the volunteers who donated not only their time, but many offered their firearms for the ladies to use. Thank you to Jane Cebulski who brought this program to the attention of the GRPC Board of Directors, and who was a big help administratively. Thank you to the coaches, Dana Baygents, Terry Brewer, Cliff Byrd, Randy Erickson, Mike Hicks, Jenn Kersey, Larry Watkins and Allen Way, to John for calling the line, and to Ted Carter who was our Safety Officer on the line.



Books for Shooters

By Bill King

In this day and age... got to watch out for the geezer talk. Anyway we used to buy books to learn stuff, pre internet. The information was then, like the internet now, the writer's opinion. That being said, to get a book published, you had to have an audience. Most of the writers of the books I will recommend were writers on magazines of the day. Some of these writers were legends who figured out a lot of things we take for granted now. Some of the gear they mention is obsolete. But the messages are timeless.

Sixguns by Keith

This book is more like talk around the campfire in a lot of ways. Keith believed that bigger is better. 9mm? Why? 44mag; he invented it, using the scientific methods available in the 30s, load it up 'til some thing breaks, then back off a little!

This was published in 1955. He grew up listening to people who tamed the frontier, which in his youth, wasn't that tame. It's all about revolvers. Goes back to cap and ball and gives a good idea on how guns were used back in the day. The cowboy action folks should like this. He wasn't satisfied with the bullets and loads available, which led him into handloading and designing his own stuff. If for no other reason, he should be remembered for designing the greatest lead revolver bullet designs, having custom moulds cut to try his ideas until he was satisfied. The Keith semi-wadcutter is the best thing for hunting bullets in magnum revolvers. You can, following the methods he used, get 1400 fps out of a 250 gr 44 load without leading. No gaschecks either. His style of writing isn't for everyone. He thought he was right and feuded with a lot of other legendary gun writers of his day. Still, it's an entertaining and informative tale of how we got to what we take for granted today. Out of print, I am sure. Use the internet to find a used copy, not hard to do.

Pet Loads by Ken Waters

Handloader magazine is the best gun magazine I have ever read. When it started in 1966, Ken started doing an in depth analysis of one cartridge each month. The development, use, popularity (or lack thereof) were discussed. The guns the cartridge was designed for followed along with the rifle or handgun used to compile the data. In many cases several guns are involved in testing. He used most of the powders which were suitable and following the chart of the loads, he went over which worked the best in his tests. Things didn't always go as well as one would hope. When he had problems, he worked through them, giving the reader a path to good, or maybe just acceptable results.

Advice on pressure signs and loading techniques are worth reading. These articles followed each month until Ken retired in 2002. The most popular rounds have a second (or fourth) test with the newer powders and bullets. The 38 spl., for instance has separate articles on wadcutter loads and +p loads.

I refer to this book, which is a compilation of the articles every time I'm working up a new load; or having problems with an old one.

Published by Wolfe Publishing...Currently in print, but I've never seen one in a bookstore. You can order it directly from the publisher.

Cartridges of the World

This can be found in bookstores. It's an encyclopedia of all the commercially available cartridges. Includes military and obsolete, wildcat and proprietary too. They are grouped logically so some may appear twice. For instance the .308 is a sporting and a military number. There have been a bewildering number of loads developed for any kind of use and they are all here.

Other books will be discussed later.

Thanks for reading. Bill

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