

The MUZZLEBLAST

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

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#4 – October

Annual Meeting

Swap Meet - Election - Door Prizes!!

See you on the 21st! Saturday the 21st, we will have our annual meeting. There will be a swap meet, election of next year's board, and a barbecue lunch. Whatever you do, don't bring cash to the swap meet. I need another gun like a hole in the head, but every time I go to one of these things, I find something I have to have. At the spring meeting I came home with a rifle I had never seen or heard of, had no idea what it was worth... but it is fun to shoot. A lot of interesting stuff shows up even if you can resist temptation better than I.

There will be a report from the board about what's going on and future plans. If you have any questions or concerns, the board members would like to hear about them. This is a great chance to see old friends.

As usual Sam Grimes will give away a lot of nice door prizes. Tickets are given when you come in and you have to be present to win.

Harry Shorstein will speak... should be interesting. Mr. Shorstein was a Marine Captain earning a Bronze star with V. After serving as a public defender, he spent years as a prosecutor. Now he is in private practice.

The schedule:

Swap meet starts 8am

Annual meeting and election starts 11am

Lunch starts noon

I hope all of our members weathered the storm and that any damage has been put right. As for the club; we came out ok. The road leading to the club was blocked by a bunch of trees, some quite large. By the time that was all cleared, restoration of power took some days, with resumption of phone service 3 days later. One of the structures on the back pistol range was damaged. Cleanup was a job as our trees took a beating. Three came down, and there were a lot of debris to clear.

If you haven't been out during the summer heat, I think you will find the club looking good. New grass and irrigation has things looking good, even in parts where it has been hard to grow grass.

Bill King



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New Record

**A new club record
for the 3x20 prone Highpower
Rifle match was set
by Jeff Taylor, a GRPC member,
on 09-02-2017.
His record breaking score was
600-59x.
Outstanding!**

**ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR ELECTIONS, GATEWAY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB IN 2017
OFFICER POSITIONS**

Vote for ONLY ONE (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 or Business Manager prior to the election. Eligibility for officer positions requires one year service on the Board of Directors prior to the election.

President Don Hardeman **	Write In: _____
Vice President Sam Grimes **	Write In: _____
Secretary Randy Erickson **	Write In: _____
Treasurer Randy Erickson **	Write In: _____
Public Relations Officer Allen Way **	Write In: _____

- * indicates recommendation by the Nominations Committee
- ** indicates incumbent and recommendation by the Nominations Committee.
- Bylaws provide that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

Circle the name of the candidate **or** clearly print the name of the write-in candidate. Write in votes will only be counted if the person has declared his/her availability to the Club Secretary prior to the vote in the election. Three positions for three years will be open. Top three persons with the most votes get the three-year positions on the Board of Directors (BOD).

VOTE FOR ONLY THREE (3) OPEN DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Dana Baygents ** Write In _____

Bill Craig ** Write In _____

Robert Kindl ** Write In _____

Clearly print name of Club Member

Signature of Club Member

NOTARY SEAL AND SIGNATURE, IF MAILED IN:

Detailed instructions for using this ballot are printed on the reverse side of 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 employee of 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.

GRP Club
ATTN: Ballot enclosed
9301 Zambito Avenue North
Jacksonville, FL 32210

3. Regular printed ballots will be on hand at the annual election on 21 October, 2017. Any qualified person who announces his/her availability after 6 September will be on the regular printed ballot.

**4. The BOD terms for Toby Nolan, Tim Allen and Bill King end on 31 December 2018.
The BOD terms for Alan Rosner, Arvil Budd, and Russ Misner end on 31 December 2019.**

Club History Lesson c/o Arvil Budd

Arvil has been a member of the club since 1967. Sam Grimes joined about that time which makes them the old timers. Arvil found out about the club when he was at Guantanamo Bay. He was a competitive pistol shooter as well as rifle and Francis Payne told him about the new club. When he was transferred back to Jacksonville he got a treasure map and a compass and found his way here.

At that time the 50 yd pistol line and 100 yard rifle line were all we had. Neither was covered. There was a trailer close to the gate with a locked box with a slot to deposit range fees. \$3 for daily and \$7 for an annual membership. Steve Bernhard would come by and collect the loot. As you might imagine, 50 members and the daily shooters who participated in our honor system didn't bring in a lot of money, even when they were 1960s dollars. When members were here, they would collect the range fee, giving a receipt.

So you have two firing lines, a gate, a little trailer, and a dirt road leading to the club. Deluxe! You have to start somewhere. And things were about to change. Arvil joined the board, later becoming president. 69- 70 they decided to conduct a membership drive hoping to get 100 members by year's end. They succeeded. After that a campaign to the council member who represented the area got the road to the club paved. Around this time The firing lines were covered, labor provided by club members and marines from NAS Jax. The Ordinance Dept from NAS Cecil helped too. Someone found the city had a bunch of telephone poles that had been cut down for a project, that were going to be hauled to the dump. They hauled them to the club and were the support for our roofs. Holes were dug with old fashioned post hole diggers, posts trimmed to the right height and we built the roof on top. A lot of this material is still in place. The materials which were not donated were purchased with the proceeds from a raffle consisting of two Lugers and a rifle. An outhouse was built which was moved to another site when we built the toilet building. After all this a Boy Scout troop planted 100 trees for a conservation badge, the trees available from the state. The berm work was hired out. The rest was in club.

Many of our founding members were competitive shooters. Matches were organized at the start. Rifle was run by Sam Grimes and Pistol by Bob Schindlbauer. I hope Bob will forgive me if I misspelled his name, I can never remember if Bob has two Bs or three. Smallbore rifle was run by Bill Dampier.

Bullseye matches, a club match and a NRA sanctioned 2700 were done each month. The North Florida Police match and the Highway Patrol held a monthly match. We affiliated with the DCM and held monthly matches and benefited from the ammo they supplied. IPSC and IDPA sanctioned matches followed. The range on the far eastern part of the property was constructed later for these matches.

When Silhouette shooting became popular the range between the 200 and police range was configured for that. The high power rifle shooters had 4 matches each year which were at Camp Blanding, using the 600 yard range there. Two were State matches and 2 were club matches. When the Jacksonville Police Range closed, the Dixie Match moved and has been here ever since. The mowing and clean up of the range was usually done by the different disciplines, usually before a match.

We have always been safety conscious and injuries here have been minor. That being said, we had an interesting way to expand the rifle range. (cont. on page 6)

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Every other day the range changed from 100yd to 200 yd. The firing line was simply moved back 100 yards. There wasn't anything past the rifle line at this time so it really worked ok. After the 200 yard range was built we had a 300 yard range. When new ranges were added to the east, this was stopped.

We decided to buy the property, saving on rent, and insuring that the club would survive. We got an option for 6 months but could not raise the money to make the down payment. Any surplus was saved each year and after several years we were able to make the down payment. The landlord did work with us. At that time the westside was growing but the club was in the boondocks for sure.

By the 80's, we had almost 900 members a bigger trailer for an office and a staff of 1 1/2. Part time range manager and maintenance.

That's it for now, thanks for reading. Bill King



Ladies Day 2017

Gateway is excited to announce our 2017 Ladies Day on Saturday, November 18, 2017!! Save the date and look forward to a fun day of education, training and shooting! You'll have an opportunity to learn gun safety and the fundamentals of shooting, as well as use a variety of firearms.

Check out the flyer in this Muzzleblast! Next page....Page 7

If you would like to help with the planning, please contact Sue Carter, 904-704-8814 or suzcarter@reagan.com.



Tournament Schedule				Range Maintenance Schedule:	
<u>Match</u>	<u>Range</u>		<u>Time</u>		
Club 1800 Pistol	7	1st Sunday	0900-1200	Mondays	8 am-11 am 100 yd. Rifle Range
Smallbore Silhouette	4	4th Sat.	1000-1400	Tuesdays	8 am-11 am all Pistol Ranges
22 Rimfire Benchrest	4	1st Sat.	0800-1300	Wednesdays	8 am-11 am Silhouette Range
High Power XTC	3	2nd Sunday	0800-1100	Thursdays	8 am-11 am 200 yd. Rifle Range
Black Powder	4	2nd Sat.	0800	Fridays	8 am-11am all multi purpose ranges New 100 yard rifle range
High Power Rifle Prone	3	1 st Sat.	0800-1100		
NRA 1800 Bullseye	7	3rd Sunday	0900-1200		
Cowboy	5	4th Saturday	0900		



Ladies' Day at Gateway

Saturday, November 18, 2017

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF LEARNING FIREARM SAFETY AND SHOOTING

EVERYONE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOOT A VARIETY OF FIREARMS.

LADIES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS WITH EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS.

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION WILL BE PROVIDED.



REGISTRATION:	8:00 - 8:30 A.M.
WELCOME & SAFETY BRIEF:	8:30 - 9:00 A.M.
PERSONAL SAFETY DISCUSSION:	9:00-10:00 A.M.
SHOOTING TIMES:	10:00 - 12:30 A.M.
LUNCH:	12:30 - 1:30 P.M.
SHOOTING TIMES:	1:30 - 4:00 P.M.



PRICE: \$30.00

INCLUDES REGISTRATION AND LUNCH

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; LIMITED TO 100, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

NO SANDALS OR FLIP-FLOPS

WE RECOMMEND HIGH NECK T-SHIRTS AND BASEBALL CAPS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SUE CARTER AT [904-704-8814](tel:904-704-8814) or suzcarter@reagan.com

*****REGISTRATION INFORMATION*****

NAME - (LAST) _____ (FIRST) _____ MI _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

AMOUNT PAID _____ CHECK # _____

DEADLINE TO REGISTER - NOV 13, 2017

*****Please return registration and payment to:*****

Sue Carter, 4412 Hood Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257

The Well Armed Woman Leaders Conference Report

The Well Armed Woman Shooting Chapters is a non-profit organization with chapters throughout the country. Their motto is to Educate, Equip and Empower women in the shooting community. They have over 350 chapters and over 12,000 members! As a leader of the Jacksonville West chapter of The Well Armed Woman (TAWW), I was invited out to Provo, UT, to attend the annual Leaders Conference at the end of September. This was truly an amazing, inspiring and uplifting event!

Although I was not able to make it out until Thursday evening, many of the ladies had arrived early and were able to participate in Range Day. They had the opportunity to shoot Glock and Walther pistols, a Ruger long range rifle, an AR-15 from LWRC International, and work with Ultimate Training Munitions (UTM). I'm sorry to have missed that!

Friday kicked off with a discussion of our core values and effective leadership, lead by Carrie Lightfoot, the found of our organization. It was followed by a panel discussion related to dealing with trauma and healing. So many members of our chapters have endured some type of trauma, be it domestic abuse, assault, rape, or any other horror our society sees. We focused mainly on how the leaders could recognize the signs of trauma in our members and to what resources we could direct them for help.

Then we got into the meat of the seminars Friday thru Sunday, with presentations from UTM and the Sheepdog himself, Lt. Col Dave Grossman. We had a conversation about attracting minorities and millennials with Gabby Franco and Antonia Okafor. We spent a few hours training in dirt medicine, and took a realistic look at the legal ramifications of using lethal force, and so much more. The evenings offered opportunities to hear from industry leaders, Dana Leosch, Cam Edwards, and the NRA's own first lady, Susan LaPierre!

The conference was attended by over 300 chapter leaders! We were able to get training, network and draw off of each other for new ideas and techniques. An invaluable experience!

If you are interested in finding out more about The Well Armed Woman Shooting Chapters, please visit the website, www.twawshootingchapters.org. Gateway actually hosts the Jacksonville West chapter. For more information locally, please contact Sue Carter at suzcarter@reagan.com.