

# The MUZZLEBLAST

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One of Florida's Largest Gun Clubs with well over 3,000 members

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## 2021 So Far

By Bill King

I hope your spring season is going well. Spring is when planning is the key to the club's success. We plan this year to add fans to the silhouette range and to range 4A (the smaller 100-yard line in between the 200-yard range and the silhouette range). Also, as components in the camera system malfunction, we will update with more modern equipment. The other major item is an allowance for a new range cart.

All the carts that are used by the range officers and the maintenance staff are getting old and are requiring expensive repairs. The plan is to buy new ones, but to space the purchases out so they don't all age out at the same time; one new one every 2 years.

Things are kind of getting back to normal at the range, with the various matches back on schedule and the Dixie match on schedule. I'm not sure if each discipline is back to normal numbers, but it seems so.

One thing that is normal, and not in a good way, is the lack of selection in the club store. Brenda (Business Manager) spends a lot of time searching for supplies, but doesn't find enough to keep up with demand. She does find things we need, but not often at prices that we, and you, can afford. As it is, the prices we pay for the little we have are rising quickly. Primers are non-existent at our suppliers. Loaded ammunition the situation is the same. The most requested ammunition, 9mm and 5.56/.223 just aren't available. This has a double effect. Most day members aren't reloaders or people who buy in large quantities so they don't have to go to the store before heading to the range. Many of the indoor ranges have

9mm that they sell for use at the range that day, not for taking home. The prices on this are high too. Gun stores are holding a supply so that buyers of new guns can have something to shoot, again at high price.

How does this affect us as a range operator? It's double edged. The sale of new firearms is setting new records every month. This has been going on for a good while and predates last year's election. Lots of new shooters is the good thing.

On the other hand, the stuff new shooters buy to get set up is causing problems. Let's say we have an ammo factory. A surge in demand can be met by managing production. Let's just say that they aren't going to set up to make 32 longs this year, etc. When the surge goes on and on, the manufacturer gets to the point that they can't meet demand. Decision time for the manufacturer and new equipment for production seems the logical answer. This isn't cheap, and the new equipment needs staff to run it. What if the demand slacks off? This kind of demand isn't normal, or is it? After 3 years, I'm sure new equipment is being put in place, but you see the challenge to planning for the manufacturers. Anyway, having them shut down for a while didn't help. Think of it just like toilet paper last year or gas recently. Face it; last year added a sense of uncertainty to our lives that is going to be with us for a while.

I know some who have a year's worth of whatever stashed...just in case. All of this to say, for the club, how do we plan for the number of shooters who can show up? This used to be easy, just open the gate each morning and see what happens. As mentioned above,

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the club got bigger and with the need for staff to handle things done on a volunteer basis, planning is vital. The day members for years have contributed to the running cost of the club. They are important and if they can't but bullets, they can't shoot. So far this year, the fall-off in Day shooters hasn't been as bad as feared. Last month, it was about 15%. As the summer doldrums approach, we are in good shape and are hoping things loosen up.

The Finance Committee had to consider the above factors to plan our spending for 2021. We understood that the unexpectedly good year of 2020 wasn't normal, and based our budgeting on 2018/19. So far this is working ok. We'll see and adjust as needed going forward.

There is one piece of big news in that we acquired another piece of buffer space to protect the club. You may have noticed that a lot of building is going on. Housing is having a boom time and properties are being used that weren't considered a short while back. Just past the club gates on Zambito, a parcel was sold that stretches from Zambito to Noroad and west to the creek. This will give us new neighbors. At the same time, a lot of smaller parcels around the area are sprouting new houses. For that reason, we purchased the land just across the street from the exit gate to keep it from becoming part of a new development. There were 3 trailers in the land, two of which are owned by the occupants. Over the years, they have been good neighbors, calling when someone entered the range after hours, or when hearing shooting in the area. They will stay, paying rent to us. When we looked things over, the center trailer, which was owned by the fellow we brought the land from looked precarious. After assessing repairs needed, we decided to tear it down, giving the current renters time to find a new place. That has been done.

On another note, the Board is having more disciplinary meetings than prior years. Most have been for shooting that is inappropriate on the range. Some of this has been out of misunderstanding or ignorance. Some has been

willful. When we put rules in place for a certain range, it's for safety and protection of range equipment and shooters. There are signs all over...multiple signs stating what is allowed.

If you think the rules are too strict, there is a way to deal with it. In a few cases, members have been expelled and in one case, the police were called. As a result of this unsafe usage, the orientation video is being updated, and the test is being revamped to be more understandable. Please help the range out, look around next time you come to shoot. If a new member, and there are a lot of them, looks unsure or exhibits unsafe practices, mention it.

It's usually a misunderstanding. I was on the range one day and coming back to the line after working a target on the 200-yard line when I saw a fellow moving a rifle from one bench to another. I cautioned him. He said he was sorry, and did it again, explaining the rifle was unloaded. After his friends returned, we discussed just what a cold line was, they just didn't understand.

If you look, there are a lot of bullet holes where baffles are built, as well as on walls separating ranges and on benches. If we hadn't built the bullet catchers, where would those bullets have gone?

These are uncertain times and we have a great pastime and a great place to practice it. We have plans in place to make sure we are going to have a stable club for years to come. The times of shortages will pass. Hoarding will eventually slow down. In the meantime we can enjoy our club. See you at the range!

Thanks for reading.



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## 2021 DIXIE NRA 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 2021 Dixie Matches were held at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club, Jacksonville, FL on April 16-18. 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 and civilian competitors from 11 other states. There were 61 shooters competing, and after COVID forced the cancellation of the 2020 Dixie's, shooters were happy to return. Despite threats of rain over the weekend, the weather was good through the first two day of competition, but on the third day, the rains came. Jon Shue (Liberty, NC), competing in his first Dixie Match, fired a 2663-142X to take "Top Gun" honors, winning the NRA Regional championship, and being named Dixie Match Champion. Coming in second, from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU), and last year's Dixie winner was Greg Markowski, firing a 2657-114X. Carl Clegg, also from the AMU, finished third with a 2655-151X. Winning the High Master Class was AMU's Joshua Kingery, with a 2628-115X. Top shots in the Master Class (Service) were Mark Prince of the AMU with a 2594-94x and Master Class (Civilian) was Gino Celia (Johns Island, SC) with a 2579-80x. Taking the Expert Class was Tom Nussbaum (Savannah, GA) firing a 2522-61X. The high Sharpshooter was James Knerr (Pensacola, FL) with a 2340-29X. Top honors in the Marksman Class went to Todd Demi (Ponte Vedra, FL) firing a 2284-24X. Winning the .22 Caliber Only Aggregate was Abbie Leverett (Bainbridge, GA) with a 2550-68X. Special Category Awards for High Civilian, High Veteran and Open Division winner went to Jon Shue (Liberty, NC), High Service shooter was won by Greg Markowski (Columbus, GA). Winning the Metallic Division was Mate Standard (Waverly Hill, GA). High Senior was won by Hiem Trang (Germantown, MD),

High Women went to Jill Knerr (Pensacola, FL), High Grand Senior was won by Ed Grove (Pasadena, MD), and High Junior went to Abbie Leverett (Bainbridge, GA).

Congrats to Jon Shue for setting a new club record in the .45 Caliber Aggregate with an 894-52X.

The AMU won the overall 4-man team match (a combination of scores from the .22, Centerfire and .45 team matches) with a total of 3497-164X. Winning the 2-man team match was the All Guard firing a score of 1721-67X. Winning the .22 Only team (2-person) was the Maryland State Ladies firing a score of 1421-19X.

The NRA Distinguished Revolver Match had 17 shooters competing. Winning the match was AMU's Jason Gregoire (Columbus, GA) firing a 283-6X, followed by teammate Greg Markowski with a 277-7X and finishing third was All Guard member Seth Innes (Hollywood, FL) with a 268-4X. The CMP Service Pistol EIC Match had 32 competitors and was won by Jason Gregoire with a 292-9X, followed by Greg Markowski firing a 290-13X and All Guard member Tim Barber (Cottondale, FL) finishing third with a 282-12X. The CMP's .22 Rimfire EIC Match had 36 shooters competing. Winning the match and setting a new range record was Greg Markowski with a 298-18X, followed by Jason Gregoire firing a 295-15X and Tim Barber with a 285-10X.

In its third year, air pistol was offered as an additional event for the competitors. The 20-shot air pistol "fun" match and a "closest to the center shot" competition both had good participation. The air pistol events were fired in the Bill Craig facility. Proceeds from the match were divided between top scoring competitors and the Florida Sport Shooting Association, to assist it junior programs.

The annual Dixie Match remains one of the best attended Bullseye matches in the southeast and continues to attract more shooters. There were many first-time shooters coming to Florida from Maryland and

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other states. 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 David Poole, Marion Estes, Robert Fanucci and Buck Johnston. Larry Watkins was the CRO and scoring officer for the air pistol competition. Randy Erickson assisted as Jury Chairman. Recording and posting all scores was Chief Statistical Officer Sue Carter, assisted by Larry Watkins and Lisa Hensler. Last, but most certainly not least was Gateway Webmaster, Joe Zullo who posted all scores quickly, and developed the great photo slideshow and posted it. 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. A special Thank You to our many sponsors: Magpul, Swab-its, Hornady, Black Rifle Coffee Company, Pyramyd Air, Capstone Precision Group/SK Ammunition, Ransom International, Mission BBQ, Starline Brass, Midway USA, Precision Target Pistol Grips, Florida Sport Shooting Association, Gun Goddess, Otis Technology, Pardini USA, Brian "Gunny" Zins, and Visit Jacksonville for their generous support of our match. Finally, 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 2022 Dixie Match and we are looking forward to another exciting competition.

For a complete listing of scores and plenty of match photos, please go to: [http://www.grpc-jax.com/disciplines/outdoor\\_pistol.html](http://www.grpc-jax.com/disciplines/outdoor_pistol.html).



**Winning Team - US Army Marksmanship Unit**



**Winning Two Person Team – All Guard**



**Winning Two Person - .22 Only Team - MD ST Ladies**



**NRA Regional Championship**  
2nd-Greg Markowski, Winner-Jon Shue, 3rd-Carl Clegg



**Dixie competitor's Welcome Banner along with Sponsor and State Association banners**



**A full relay of shooters**



**Ted Carter (Match Director) presents the Dixie Champion Trophy to Jon Shue**



**Competitors take careful aim**

More Dixie Match photos on next page



Both young and young at heart compete in Bullseye Pistol



A rain-soaked day three for competitors



Range Officer Buck Johnston –rain or shine he takes care of the line



Competitors get ready for Timed Fire



Armorer Daniel Norwood carefully makes repairs to a competitor's pistol



Greg Markowski (AMU)  
Gateway Range Record  
CMP .22 LR EIC – 298-18X



Jon Shue sets Gateway Range Record  
Range Record  
.45 Cal Agg – 894-52X



Jim Fleming and Noel Burkhardt  
2-Man Ft White Team

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## Long Range Shooting

By Bill King

Long range is the next new thing it seems. Of course, long range has always been with us, it's that the definition of long range changes. Along with long range target shooting is long range hunting. This used to be confined to varmint hunting. Eastern U.S. deer hunting, not so much. I have known a couple of guys who set up stands sighted along with powerlines so they could pop deer at 300 or 400 yards, but they were a little different. (Chuckle.)

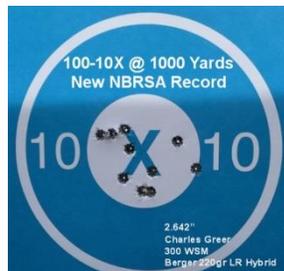
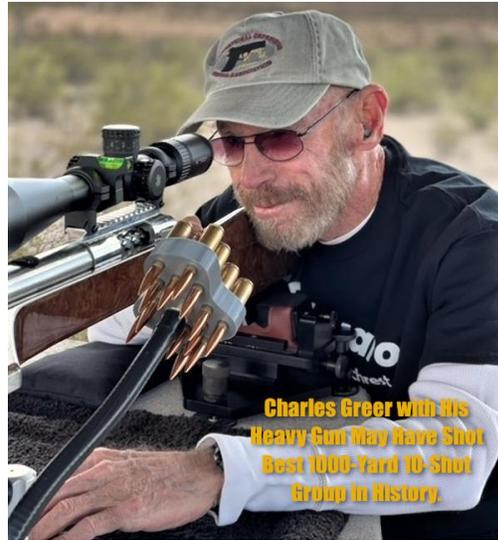
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When high power rifle silhouette started, there was a range up in Brunswick that went up to 600 yards to have room for the rams. 500 meters offhand is hard.

I don't know how it all has happened but it seems that a lot of recent developments have been aimed at the long range market. The 6.5 Creedmore was developed just to use a very high B.C. bullet from Hornady, and it seems to be successful. If you Google long range, hundreds of videos with chassis rifles and Hubble-style scopes shooting at unbelievable ranges appear. One series is devoted to a guy who is the 'King of 2 Miles'... and on and on. There are videos of hunters shooting elk and deer at unbelievable distances. I haven't seen videos of them recovering said game though. The other day someone had a video of a guy with a 9mm revolver hitting a 4x4 steel target at 1000 yds...OFFHAND. Another video had a guy with no arms shooting steel at 3000 yds. He used a toe to pull the trigger! I wonder about that one.

Anyway there is this guy, Charles Greer, who has set a tentative new record at 1000 yards, benchrest of 2.642" 10x using a 300 WSM. There are pictures showing him and the rifle following this article. This is amazing and disturbing. I've been using my age for years as an excuse for all manner of things. I mean if you get to be a Geezer, take advantage of what you can. Old eyes, slow reflexes. You get it.

The disturbing thing is that Mr. Greer is 84 and didn't own a rifle until 2008. Think about that. Oh well...



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## **NRA Bankruptcy**

**Submitted by William Craig**

An article printed by The Washington Post on April 7, 2021 shares information about the NRA's bankruptcy and the bankruptcy hearings. Due to copyright laws, we cannot reprint the article here, but we highly recommend that you take the time to read the article that can be found at this link:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/nra-bankruptcy-wayne-lapierre/2021/04/07/75b2f538-97bb-11eb-a6d0-13d207aadb78\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/nra-bankruptcy-wayne-lapierre/2021/04/07/75b2f538-97bb-11eb-a6d0-13d207aadb78_story.html)

The article and contents are quite informative and we believe it speaks for itself.

As of May 11, 2021, another article updates the status of the bankruptcy request and states that a Federal judge has denied the NRA's attempt to declare bankruptcy.

That article can be found at this link:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/nra-bankruptcy-decision/2021/05/11/9f67509a-b106-11eb-9059-d8176b9e3798\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/nra-bankruptcy-decision/2021/05/11/9f67509a-b106-11eb-9059-d8176b9e3798_story.html)

Again, we share these articles for your information and so that you can stay informed if you have that interest.



## **Efforts on Gun Control**

**Submitted by William Craig**

In other news, it has been reported that President Biden took actions related to gun control. An excerpt from the article states the following:

“President Joe Biden will take his first, limited actions on gun control Thursday (April 8, 2021), directing his administration to tighten restrictions on so-called ghost guns and pistol stabilizing braces that allow the weapons to be used more accurately.

The steps -- which also include nominating a gun control advocate to lead the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives -- fulfill a commitment Biden made in the aftermath of two deadly shootings last month to take "common sense" steps right away to address gun violence. The morning of the planned announcement also brought news of another mass shooting, this time in South Carolina, where a local doctor and two children are among five killed at a home, according to authorities.

But the actions fall short of the sweeping actions Biden promised as a candidate that must be passed by Congress, including a ban on assault weapons or enacting universal background checks. Senior administration officials framed the upcoming announcements as initial steps that would be followed by additional actions later on, including applying pressure on lawmakers to act.”

The complete article can be found at the following location:

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/04/07/politics/biden-executive-actions-guns/index.html>

Please keep yourself informed and reach out to your Senators and Representatives should you like to share your opinions with them about these actions.

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### **Concealed Carry Classes at Gateway!**

Concealed carry classes are available at Gateway! The certification earned meets the state of Florida's requirement for training in order to obtain a Concealed Weapons License.

The cost is \$60, and there is an additional fee of \$20 for the accompanying book, but the book is not required. You can sign up for classes in the office at Gateway. For more information, please call Sue at (904) 704-8814, or email [suzcarter@reagan.com](mailto:suzcarter@reagan.com).

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## Where to Shoot

### Day Members or Annual and Life Members

Ranges 1 A-B-C-D: Pistols only with pistol calibers. Location: Far left (West) as you leave front office, 53 positions at 7/15 yards

Range 2: Rifles at 25-50 and 100 yards and shotguns on select positions

### Annual and Life Members Only

Both of above two ranges, #1 and #2

Range 3: Rifle 50- and 200-yards and Pistols with 10 inch Barrels or longer chambered for rifle cartridges

Range 4A: Same as Range 3 except 100-yards only

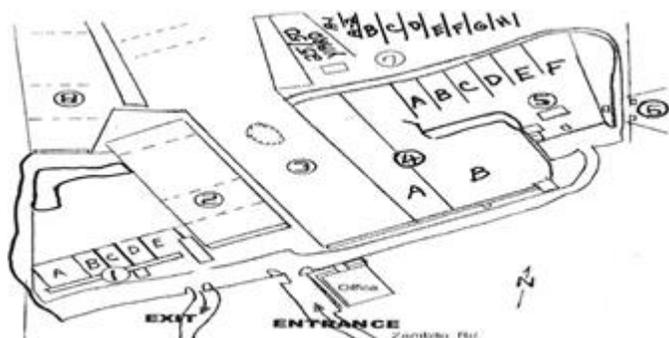
Range 4B: Rifles in rim fire .22 cal, .17 cal plus black powder rifles

Range 5 A-B-B-D-E-F: All-purpose ranges for Pistols and Rifles with Pistol Calibers

Range 6: Shotgun Skeet Range with only #6 to #9 Shot

Range 7 A-B-B-D-E-F -G-H: All Purpose ranges for Pistols and Rifles with Pistol Calibers, 25-/50-Yard Pistol Match Range, Pistols and Rifles with Pistol Calibers

Range 8: Rifle, 25-, 50- and 100-yard Rifle targets



### ID BADGES

#### All Shooters:

Annual, Life, and Day Members must wear ID badges at all times when on the Club property.

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Range Maintenance Schedule		
Day	Time	Range
Monday	0800-1100	100-yard Rifle Range
Tuesday	0800-1100	All Pistol Ranges
Wednesday	0800-1100	Silhouette Range
Thursday	0800-1100	200-yard Rifle Range
Friday	0800-1100	All Multi-Purpose Ranges and New 100-yard Rifle Range

*Note: Subject to change based on maintenance need*

### Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.

A private Club operated since 1965, providing a safe environment for the sport of shooting. We offer annual memberships allowing unlimited use of the shooting ranges and daily memberships for the occasional shooter limited to certain ranges. The Club is open 7 days a week from 8:00 am until near dusk except Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. There are numerous pistol ranges at various distances for shooting paper targets and steel plates. The rifle ranges provide 25, 50, 100, and 200 yard shooting positions. For those interested in competition there are monthly matches for small bore, black powder, .22 50/50 Benchrest, bullseye pistol, 3x20 prone, NMC and Cowboy, etc.

There is an active junior program and women's program. The facilities include the rifle and pistol shooting positions, a large club house, meeting rooms, and a store selling those items you may need at the range including targets, ammunition, and eye and ear protection. There is a Range Safety Officer on duty at all times.

<b>Tournament Schedule:</b>			
<b>Match</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Smallbore F-class	4A	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	0800-1100
22 Rimfire Benchrest	4B	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	1000-1400
Club 1800 Pistol	7	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	0900-1200
High Power Rifle Prone	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	0800-1100
Black Powder	4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	0800-1100
High Power Rifle XTC	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	0800-1100
NRA 1800 Bullseye	7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	0900-1200
Concealed Pistol/Home Defense Shotgun Match	5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	0900-
Smallbore Silhouette	4	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	0800-1400
Cowboy	5	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	0900-

*Note: The above schedule is periodically subject to change; please check the website for the most current schedule to be sure you have the up-to-date information.*

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