

The MUZZLEBLAST

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

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Summer at the Range

By Bill King, President

The year is going well. We have finished the projects we approved to update our facility. The projects included some berm work and a complete overhaul of the security cameras. As you may recall, range 4A, the 100-yard range between the 200-yard range and the silhouette line, was redone again. The modifications completed last year didn't give us the result we expected, so we put it back to its original purpose, restricting use to 22s and pistol caliber rifles, along with black powder.

Income is in line with our budget projections as is spending. Membership is holding up. Each year we lose some members and attract some new ones. The membership is tracking to be about the same as last year. There are a lot of ranges that can't say that. As always, the new members need to settle in, as there are a lot who are also new shooters, so be sure to be observant and helpful with our new members. One plus this year is that incident reports are down. Many of the incidents have been for shooting something not appropriate for the range. Maybe the money spent on signs is paying off. One thing in the works is classes for new shooters such as: Learn to Shoot and Be Safe. By the fall, we look to have two classes on offer.

The club store has more inventory available, including powder and primers. We are hoping to be able to relax some of the limits we have previously had to impose. Maybe things are returning to normal availability.

I have read that factories are expanding and that should help. One of the puzzling things is that new cartridges are being introduced when they can't supply the popular ammo that is in demand.

As we look forward to the fall weather that we enjoy so much, maybe we will see more shooters on the line.

Thanks for reading.

M1 Clinic Returns to Gateway! Save the Date, September 30th

By Randy Erickson

It has been some time since we've had one, but the time is ripe, and we have an M1 Garand Clinic scheduled at Gateway for **September 30th** this fall. This event is officially recognized by the CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) and aside from being a really cool training event, it satisfies the "Marksmanship" requirement for the CMP if you want to buy guns like M1 Garand's, M1 carbines, 1903 Springfields, 1911's or whatever else the government has dug up from their warehouses.

The detailed bulletin for this event is published here in the Muzzleblast, but here are some highlights: The morning will be classroom instruction in the William Craig Facility meeting room (If you go in and see a zillion Juniors shooting an airgun match, you are in the wrong room. Just turn around and try the door on the other side

of the entrance hall.) Our instructor is a CMP-certified Master Instructor and puts on a really good presentation (I watched him at a clinic where I was helping as a coach this year, and he's not only really good, he's very entertaining. He has seen me shooting many times and has some great examples of things not to do if you want to shoot well).

In the clinic you will learn all sorts of interesting things ranging from safety to wringing match accuracy out of your equipment. The afternoon will be actual supervised shooting on Range 3, our 200-yard line, with a personal coach. Here you will get to put the morning's learning to practice in a safe, controlled setting. FYI, the clinic also covers guns like the M1 carbine and 1903 Springfield so you can bring those rifles instead of an M1 if you want.

In the clinic I helped coach earlier this year, only about half the participants were interested in shooting Garand matches, the rest of them pretty much had either inherited one or bought one from the CMP (in many cases decades before the clinic) and just wanted to learn to shoot them. That's pretty much how I got started.

Years back in 1992, I didn't know a thing about M1 Garands except that Dad shot one in the Army, so I signed up for the clinic put on by Will Hux just because I wanted to try one out. I got to shoot one of the Gateway Club guns and was taught things like how to load the 8-round "en bloc" clip without suffering a catastrophic "M1 thumb" malfunction, how to adjust the sights, how accurate a properly used sling can be (and yes, you actually stick your arm through the loop like a tourniquet), and how fun rapid fire is (It should really be called "sustained fire", but definitely requires a high degree of concentration and control as you try to put 10 rounds into the X ring in about 80 seconds. By the way, they generally are not very strict on the time limit for rapid fire at the clinic as we want everyone to focus on

well-placed shots, so no pressure.) We even had a fun match afterwards and two Gateway Presidents took first and second. Sam Grimes, currently Director Emeritus, crushed the rest of us with a blistering 488 points out of 500 possible. Let's not talk about my score and just say I had a really great time and was inspired to order my first Garand shortly after the clinic.

Again, this should be a fun, low pressure, learning event and can even be a nostalgic refresher for folks who shot M1's years ago. I've even heard that Treasurer Sue is planning to attend so she can relive some of the glory days of her past like when she won a state NRA Highpower championship as a teenager with an M1 and Pistol Director/NRA Director Ted is planning to revisit his days on the Navy shooting team back when he could see iron sights with his M1 from half a century or so ago.... Also, if you are not able or willing to get into the sitting or prone position(s), we can accommodate and let you shoot from a bench if needed.

If you want to take the Clinic but don't have an M1, I'll check out one of the club rifles to you the day of the shoot. There are only 8 Club M1's so sign up early with Mike and bring appropriate collateral like your Drivers License, major credit card, or first-born child for us to retain to ensure we get the rifles back. Also, the Club will be selling Lake City military ammo to participants who need it for \$40/60 rounds. Let Instructor Mike know if you need Club ammo or a gun when you sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Hope to see you there.



See the detailed flyer/bulletin on the next page.

M1 GARAND (GSM) CLINIC

LOCATION: Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club, 9301 Zambito Ave N., Jacksonville, FL. Students will meet in the William Craig Facility on the far left when entering the range.

DATE: Saturday, Sept 30, 2023

TIME: 8AM-4PM

FEE: \$30

PROGRAM: This one-day clinic is designed to introduce new shooters to the fundamentals of position shooting. The course is sanctioned by the CMP and taught by a CMP Certified GSM Master Instructor and coached by CMP and NRA-classified competitors including a female coach. Students will be taught the safe handling and operation of the M1 Garand, 1903 Springfield and M1 Carbine. Students will receive instruction on firearm and range safety, the sport of GSMM rifle competition, rifle accuracy techniques, equipment used in the sport, how to build shooting positions, and use of a sling. **Hands-on training will include classroom instruction with dry-fire practice and live-fire coached practice on the range in the Standing, Sitting, and Prone positions.** By the conclusion of this course, beginner shooters will have a clear understanding of position shooting and will be prepared to shoot a 3-position match. Students that successfully complete the course will receive a certificate that will count as the marksmanship activity needed to purchase a firearm from the CMP.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Notepad and pen
- A rifle for competition. If you do not have a rifle, the club has loaner M1s and ammunition available. Rifles are free to use, ammo is \$40 for 60 rounds. Please let me know when you register if you need a rifle. Eligible rifles are:
 - M1 Garand
 - M1 Carbine
 - 1903 Springfield
- 50 rounds of ammunition
- Eye and hearing protection
- Lunch
- Drinks

Please bring these items if you have them:

- Sling - Web or 1907
- Empty Chamber Indicator (safety flag)
- Spotting scope and stand

ELIGIBILITY: Class is open to adults and juniors 16 years of age and older (with adult).

REGISTRATION: Space is limited and you must reserve your spot to participate. Email judd437@yahoo.com or call 352-425-4771 to reserve or if you have questions.

On Saturday, November 18th up to 100 women will participate in Ladies Day at Gateway, a great event hosted by Gateway Rifle & Pistol Club. The annual event provides the ladies with an orientation to safe gun handling, and gives them training with pistols, air rifles, the AR-15 rifle, and cowboy action shooting. See the registration sheet below for details.



Ladies' Day at Gateway

9301 Zambito Rd., Jax, FL 32210

Saturday, November 18, 2023

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.
RANGE TIMES:	9:15 – 11:30 A.M.
LUNCH:	11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
RANGE TIMES:	12:45 – 4:15 P.M.



PRICE: \$50.00

INCLUDES REGISTRATION AND LUNCH

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED NO WALK-ONS

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 # _____

If possible, please put me in the same group as _____

Please check here to reserve a vegetarian lunch ☐

DEADLINE TO REGISTER – NOV 13, 2023

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

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

Checks made payable to Gateway R&P Club

August was National Shooting Sports Month

By Ted Carter

People can go target shooting year-round, but the month of August was selected to be National Shooting Sports Month — a time for the community of firearms owners to celebrate and enjoy the shooting sports with friends, family and newcomers they want to introduce to these lifetime activities.

Gateway celebrated National Shooting Sports Month at the August Pistol Match and at the Armed Women of America (AWA) monthly meeting. We hope that you had time last month to enjoy the shooting sports.



In 2017, the National Shooting Sports Foundation established August to be National Shooting Sports Month—and its declaration met with widespread approval. This first-ever national celebration of the shooting sports attracted thousands of participants to local shooting ranges, ranges and firearms retailers listed hundreds of special events and other segments of the firearms industry supported National Shooting Sports Month (NSSM) as sponsors and through donations of sweepstakes prizes.

Why National Shooting Sports Month?

Firearms owners deserve a dedicated time that draws positive attention to their sports and its many benefits, and to simply serve as a reminder to make time to enjoy a day at the range whether by themselves or with a friend or family member.

10 EASY WAYS TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH (OR ANY MONTH)

A day at the range is a day of fun: Learn to shoot, invite a newcomer, share a good time.

Breaking a flying clay target, shooting groups on your favorite paper target, or knocking over a steel plate and then sharing the fun of that experience awaited all who participated in National Shooting Sports Month®. All of these same activities can be enjoyed all year long.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®) established this celebration to encourage you to spend time at your local shooting range and share your passion for the shooting sports with others. Millions of Americans have a great interest in learning about recreational shooting, making National Shooting Sports Month (or any other month) the perfect time to bring someone new

to the range — and there are 10 great ways to help you join in the celebration.

1. Bring Someone New

There's nothing quite like seeing the joy on someone's face after they've taken their first shots. NSSF's **+ONESM Movement** (Ctrl+Click on the underlined and bold link to go to the information) encourages experienced shooters to invite a newcomer to the range. Have your friends new to firearms watch NSSF's video on **range safety and etiquette** (Ctrl+Click on the underlined and bold link to go to the video) before they go.

2. Try Something New

Have you been a handgun shooter only? Then pick up a shotgun and give sporting clays a try. Are you primarily a shotgun shooter? Then hone your handgun skills or sign up for a local Bullseye Pistol and/or International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) match. Learn about different target sports and see instructional videos at **LetsGoShooting.org** (Ctrl+Click on the underlined and bold link to go to the website).

3. Rediscover Shooting

Haven't shot in a while? Dust off your shooting gear and head to the range—and bring a friend along. Learn a new event, like Precision Pistol, action pistol, high power rifle, 3-Gun or skeet shooting.

4. Find a range or National Shooting Sports event near you

At **LetsGoShooting.org** (Ctrl+Click on the underlined and bold link to go to the website) you'll find all the events, ranges and retailers across the country scheduled to celebrate the shooting sports during August and those same ranges and retailers have activities year round. If none are listed in your area, use

the website, <https://www.wheretoshoot.org/> to locate a range near you to enjoy a fun, safe day of target shooting.

5. Make it a Date

Ask your spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend to go shooting. You'll have a great time together. (By the way, women are the fastest growing segment in target shooting, and more gear than ever is being designed for their fit and comfort, so don't hesitate for a moment to ask the favorite woman in your life to join you on the range.)

6. Cash-in on Deals

Retailers and ranges offered all kinds of specials during National Shooting Sports Month at some 2,000 events nationwide. Next year, find a participating business near you to take advantage of these offers at **LetsGoShooting.org**.

7. Practice Firearm Safety

Responsible gun owners safely handle their firearms and securely store them when not in use when transporting them in vehicles and at home. Any time is the perfect time to spread the word to your friends, family and community that the shooting sports are some of the safest recreational activities around, and that they can be enjoyed by everyone.

8. Celebrate Freedom and Tradition

In addition to passing on the great tradition of target shooting, you can educate others about the unique American freedoms that make participating possible. See NSSF's Proud to be a Firearms Owner pocket card.

9. Share it!

Share your experiences on your favorite social media networks and remind others to give target shooting a try.

10. Win Great Prizes!

And...next year, don't forget to enter for your chance to win great prizes on social media and at

LetsGoShooting.org (Ctrl+Click on the underlined and bold link to go to the website).



Trap Thrower Sale: Sealed Bid Results

As promised in the last Muzzleblast (April 2023) and in accordance with Gateway Policy to publish the results, the winning offer in the sealed bids to purchase the no longer needed Club Atlas trap thrower was \$502.50. There was one other bid for \$250.



Women On Target, Another Great Event Held at GRPC

By Sue Carter

NRA Women On Target rifle and pistol clinics returned to

Gateway on Saturday, June 3rd!



A rifle clinic was held in the morning and a pistol clinic in the afternoon.

We had six ladies registered for the rifle clinic. They had



fun learning about firearms safety and about the parts of the AR-15, and then moved into the fundamentals of a good shot with a rifle. With

several opportunities to shoot on Range 8, the ladies mastered grouping their shots, and then took their aim at smiley plates, playing cards and silhouette animals, with each target getting smaller and more challenging.



Finally, they had a chance to

shoot targets at 100-yards! While a little more intimidating, the ladies did a great job!



For the pistol clinic, we also had six ladies attend. The ladies learned firearms safety and range commands, and then moved into the basic fundamentals of pistol shooting. With the reduced number of participants, they had the opportunity to shoot much more.



Each group spent 30 minutes learning to group their shots. They then came back to the line to try their new skills at a smaller target, shooting at balloons. Finally, they took their aim at

hanging plastic bottles.

After the ladies had their chance to shoot, Sue talked to everyone in each of the clinics about the variety of shooting sports available and what is next. She stressed that, while attending the Women On Target clinic is a great first step, it is just a first step. She encouraged the ladies to get more training and to try a few of the shooting sports.



Be sure to look for these ladies on the line!

A huge thank you to the volunteers who donated not only their time, but many offered their firearms for the ladies to use.

Sue Carter was the Clinic Director, and Mike Hicks and

Ted Carter were the Range Safety Officers for the rifle and pistol lines.

Thank you to the rifle coaches, Mike Hicks, Kelvin Alyene, Bill Edwards, Doug Havens and Walt Gallahan. Thank you also to the pistol coaches Ted Carter, Kathy Klimek, Bobbi-Jo Fenner, Kathleen Gatson, Amanda Wilson, Erika Lee and Dennis Faye.

Thank you especially to the NRA for a terrific program, and to our industry supporters, Ruger, The Well Armed Woman, Florida Sports Shooting Association, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation!

Gun Writer Myths #4, Carbon Fiber Barrels

By Randy Erickson

For those of you who have not been following these articles in previous issues of the Muzzleblast, this is a series commenting on the overall poor technical content of most gun magazine articles. Much of what you are reading is a glorified advertisement designed to get you to buy the product and is all too often flat out technically wrong.

This month I'm going to cover carbon fiber barrels. Now, let me say right up front: unlike fluted barrels (which I wrote about recently) that only reduce weight and make your gun look high tech but don't actually make the barrel stiffer or more accurate, carbon fiber barrels can, if properly made, actually reduce weight and at the same time improve stiffness and accuracy. There, I said it. Some of this high-tech stuff is alright and not just a marketing pipe dream. If you've handled rifles with carbon fiber barrels, they are amazingly light compared to heavy barreled rifles like varmint or target rifles. Plus, there are many reports of a lot of these barrels being really good shooters (but not all, more on that later).

So, just what are these carbon fiber barrels and how do they work? I could, and have, bored people to tears with engineering details that most folks just don't care about but here goes my attempt to keep this short: basically "carbon fiber" is really a composite made of two materials, really long strands of carbon fiber adhesively bonded (that's high-tech talk for basically saying glued together) with epoxy or other adhesive. Now, the carbon fibers are really strong and stiff, but only along the length of the fiber. Very much like high strength wire, very strong along its length, but flexible enough to easily bend and wrap around a spool. So, to get any useable strength and stiffness from this stuff, different layers of fiber must be oriented in different directions. One way is to use a carbon fiber cloth layup that is very similar to the fiberglass cloth repair kits you still see in the automotive supply stores. Here the fibers are interwoven at right angles to each other. The different directions of thread in the cloth fabric provide strength in those directions. Another way is to alternate the winding angle when the fiber is directly wound over a cylinder (like your barrel). That's what you see on high pressure air tanks reinforced with carbon fibers. So, that's why there are patterns on the outside of the barrel. You are looking at layers of carbon fiber that go in different directions. And, of course, the epoxy holds all the layers together just like the polyester resin in the automotive fiberglass repair kits.

So, if this stuff is so great, why isn't it used in more places, say like bullet proof vests? One reason it is super strong but doesn't have a lot of "give" or ability to absorb energy by deflecting or stretching. Think of it as being like steel that has been hardened to the point where it is brittle. That's why you won't see it used in bullet proof vests, it doesn't have the ability to stretch and absorb energy like Kevlar does. This is also one of the major problems with it on aircraft parts. If a tool gets

dropped on an aluminum wing panel, it gets a dent that is easy to see, can be readily assessed for damage and can probably continue in service as is. Carbon fiber parts aren't like that, a dropped tool can easily break fibers beneath the surface leaving no visible damage and since the fiber does not have much "stretch", it is not very damage tolerant and can fail catastrophically with little warning. Thankfully, this is not an issue with carbon fiber rifle barrels. Basically, they are an ultra-lightweight barrel wrapped in a carbon fiber sleeve. The steel in the barrel takes all the stress from the pressure from the cartridge being fired. The carbon fiber controls the barrel vibrations for accuracy and just keeps the skinny barrel from whipping around like a fishing pole.

So far so good, but now for the downside of these barrels and the gun writer stupidity part. First of all, the quality of the barrel is no better or worse than the quality of the skinny barrel used on the inside. Hence some of these barrels are known to shoot really well, but not all of them. Just because there is a carbon fiber wrap on the outside of the barrel does not guarantee that it will be a great shooter!

Second (stupidity alert!), some of these gun writers claim carbon fiber barrels dissipate heat faster than regular barrels. Their basis for this opinion is after extended firing, the barrel is cool to the touch. Well, this is about as smart as concluding that a thermos is cool on the outside after filling it with hot coffee because it dissipated the heat of the coffee. In reality, the carbon fiber acts just like the thermos, it insulates the steel part of the barrel on the inside so the heat can't get out and the outside of the barrel remains cool. Now, once in a while, a gun writer will point out that carbon fiber is a pretty good conductor of heat and they're right, but only in the direction of the actual fibers. Remember, all those microscopic carbon fibers need to be bonded together with adhesive to have any strength and the adhesive

insulates the fibers from each other. Also, the fibers are oriented either circumferentially or longitudinally along the barrel, not radially (inside to outside). Any heat that gets to a fiber is still on the highway to nowhere and does not have a good path to the outside. The heat still needs to find its way from the steel barrel through all those layers of adhesive before it can get to the cooler air outside. It gets even better, one writer claimed that the barrel/gun he was evaluating did not have the carbon fiber wrap bonded to the barrel and that it had an air gap between them to facilitate cooling the barrel! News flash: air is a really good insulator. Not quite as good as the vacuum inside the walls of a thermos, but even better at insulating than the adhesive in the carbon fiber wrap.

Remember the lightweight/skinny steel barrel on the inside? It is just like a skinny barrel on a lightweight hunting rifle from a heating perspective. It has less "thermal mass" so it heats up much faster than say a heavy varmint or target bull barrel and since it is insulated, it stays hot longer. That's why you don't see these barrels in serious long-range precision, NRA High Power competition, etc. or why serious prairie dog shooters don't use them. They simply won't give good barrel life compared to conventional heavy bull barrels because they quickly get hot and they stay hot.

So, bottom line is, if you want what could be the ultimate in accuracy for a lightweight hunting rifle where barrel life is not going to be an issue, by all means look at carbon fiber barrels as an option. But don't expect to see them at NRA High Power matches where we shoot 20-shot strings of fire.

One last thing, I always have a basis for my opinions in these articles whether I share it in the article or not. In this case, I worked with a number of composite materials over almost 40 years of engineering design and development of aerospace components and one of them

was a carbon fiber rotor sleeve used on a micro turbine generator. Normally we used a premium material, Inconel 718, for the sleeves that held the rotor components against centrifugal force but with this thing spinning at 115,000 rpm even Inconel wouldn't hold up and we had to use a carbon fiber sleeve.

Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club Hosting the 2023 Florida State Precision Pistol Championships, October 21 & 22

By Ted Carter

Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club, in coordination with the Florida Sport Shooting Association will host the 2023 Florida State Precision Pistol Championships at Gateway's 25- & 50-yard range facility on October 21 and 22, with a practice and registration pick-up day on October 20.

The state championship combines an NRA State Precision Pistol Championship with a .22 Caliber Only Aggregate Match, NRA Distinguished Revolver Match, CMP Service Pistol EIC Match and CMP .22 RIMFIRE EIC Pistol Match. That's a lot of shooting over two days. In addition to attracting shooters from Florida for this event, shooters from several surrounding states will travel to Jacksonville to compete.



The FSSA Trophy awarded to
Florida's Precision Pistol Champion

Jacksonville's great weather is one reason shooters like competing at Gateway, but most importantly, shooters like the impressive range facilities and the professionally run match. Gateway's Board has been very supportive of the match and the FSSA Board appreciates Gateway's excellent hosting. The range maintenance crew does a fantastic job getting the range in top readiness condition to host the match. Additionally, the range officers and the office staff go out of their way to welcome the match competitors. The match staff, made up of volunteers, has consistently received outstanding comments from the competitors on running the match. Without dedicated volunteers, the state championships could not be held.

The monthly NRA Approved Precision Pistol match, held on the third Sunday of the month beginning at 9:00 am is an excellent way to get ready to shoot the Florida State Precision Pistol Match.

If you are interested in competing or want to help, check out the match program on the GRPC website: http://grpc-jax.com/disciplines/outdoor_pistol.html or contact Ted Carter (Match Director) at: cdrcoach@reagan.com.

2023 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 2023 Dixie Matches were held at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club, Jacksonville, FL on April 28-30. 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 10 other states.

There were 50 shooters competing. Despite rain showers on practice day and the threat of rain all weekend, mostly cloudy skies mixed with sunshine, and some breezy conditions prevailed over the three-day match. The Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) took the top three individual spots with Walker Buckman firing a 2643-127X to take "Top Gun" honors, winning the NRA Regional championship, and being named Dixie Match Champion. Coming in second, was teammate, Greg Markowski, firing a 2639-117X. Joshua Kingery finished third with a 2637-118X. Top shot in the High Master Class, also from the AMU was Jason Gregoire with a 2602-105X. Top shot in the Master Class (Civilian) was Ed Grove (Pasadena, MD) with a 2544-66X and AMU's Mate Standard (Service/Police) firing a 2554-82X. Expert Class winner was Jack Ragsdale (Lumberton, MS) with a 2490-59X. The high Sharpshooter/Marksman Class combined was won by Gregory Kitchens (Charleston, SC) with a 2414-45X. Winning the .22 Caliber Only Aggregate was Rand Albrecht (Phenix City, AL) with a 2477-56X. Special Category Awards for High Civilian, High Veteran and High Senior went to Daniel Kubar (Whitehall, PA), Walker Buckman won High Service shooter. Winning the Metallic Division was Mate Standard. High Women went to Julie Latzgo (Birdsboro, PA), and High Grand Senior was won by Ed Grove (Pasadena, MD).

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 3351-120X. Winning the .22 Only team (2-person) was Florida Sport Shooting Association firing a score of 1598-22X.

The NRA Distinguished Revolver Match had 9 shooters competing. Winning the match was AMU's Jason Gregoire firing a 286-11X, followed by teammate Greg Markowski with a 280-8X, and taking "bronze" was Nestor Pena (Davenport, FL) with a 267-5X. The CMP

Service Pistol EIC Match had 18 competitors and was won by Walker Buckman with a 290-13X, followed by Greg Markowski firing a 289-11X and Jason Gregoire finishing third with a 289-8X. The CMP's .22 Rimfire EIC Match had 24 shooters competing. Winning the match was Jason Gregoire with a 291-12X, followed by Greg Markowski firing a 287-9X and Gregory Kitchens with a 277-7X.

Now in its fifth 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 combined with donated prizes brought in over \$600 for FSSA's Junior Programs.

The annual Dixie Match remains a well-attended Bullseye match. There were several first-time Dixie shooters from Florida, and also coming from as far away as Missouri. Match Director was Ted Carter. Calling a superb line for all three days was Chief Range Officer Larry Watkins. Assisting Larry to ensure a well-run and safe line were Range Officers David Poole, Marion Estes, Dennis Faye, and Robert Fanucci. Robert Fanucci also assisted as Jury Chairman. Recording and posting all scores were Chief Statistical Officer Sue Carter, assisted by Karen Davis and Emily Puckett. Emily also ran the Air Gun range. There were many compliments from the competitors on the excellent 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 sponsors: Pardini USA, Magpul, Swab-its, Hornady, Pyramyd Air, Ransom International, Mission BBQ, Zero Bullets, Starline Brass, Clenzoil, My Medic, Esca Tech, Midway USA, and

Florida Sport Shooting Association for their generous support of 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 for the 2024 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://grpc-jax.com/disciplines/outdoor_pistol.html.



Winning Team - US Army Marksmanship Unit



Winning .22 Only Aggregate team – Florida Sport Shooting Association



Dixie Regional Champion Walker Buckman takes aim at his target



Daniel Kupa – High Civilian, Veteran and Senior Scores a “clean” target at the short line



NRA Regional Champions (L to R): 3rd – Joshua Kingery, Winner – Walker Buckman, 2nd – Greg Markowski



Slow Fire scoring at the 50-yard line as Range Officers David Poole and Marion Estes observe



A full line of competitors take aim as they compete in the Timed and Rapid Fire events



Gateway's Kelvin Alleyne, shooting next to an AMU competitor, was the high non-distinguished shooter in the CMP's Service Pistol Excellence-in-Competition event



A Regional Pistol Championship requires a great "Stat Team". Emily Puckett (L) Statistical Assistant and Air Gun Range Officer, Sue Carter (C) "The Boss" Chief Statistical Officer, Karen Davis (R) Statistical Assistant



Match Director Ted Carter presents the FSSA Dixie Matches Cup Trophy to match champion Walker Buckman

Some seasonal humor...coming soon!



Where To Shoot What At Gateway

By Randy Erickson

DAY MEMBERS and ANNUAL / LIFE MEMBERS: RANGES 1 & 2

RANGE 1, PISTOLS and REVOLVERS: Located to far left as you exit the club store.

No rifles or shotguns allowed

NO FIRING OF HIGH POWER RIFLE ROUNDS (i.e. 223, 556, 7.62x39, 308, etc.) ALLOWED ON RANGE 1

RANGE 2, as follows: Located slightly left as you exit the club store.

BENCH SHOOTING ONLY

RIFLES, CARBINES, AR and AK style pistols with arm brace: All positions except 27 & 28: All calibers including rimfires, pistol calibers, high power/centerfire calibers, and black powder. AR and AK pistols must be fired supported from bench.

SHOTGUNS with shoulder stocks:

Positions 1-26: For shotguns with iron sights or optics, i.e. not a "bead" only front sight and must shoot slugs or turkey loads

Position 27: This position is for "patterning" birdshot loads. Ammunition must be #6 through #9 shot.

Position 28: This position is for function checking. Ammunition must be #6 through #9 shot.

SHOTGUNS without shoulder stocks:

Position 28 only: This position is for function checking. Ammunition must be #6 through #9 shot.

ANNUAL AND LIFE MEMBERS ONLY: RANGES 3-8

PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS:

RANGES 5 and 7 including the 25/50-yard Bullseye range: Pistol caliber ammunition only.

NO FIRING OF HIGH POWER RIFLE ROUNDS (i.e. 223, 556, 7.62x39, 308, etc.) ALLOWED ON RANGES 5 and 7.

RANGE 4B: Barrels must be 2 inch minimum length. Pistol caliber ammunition only.

NO FIRING OF HIGH POWER RIFLE ROUNDS (i.e. 223, 556, 7.62x39, 308, etc.) ALLOWED ON RANGE 4B.

RANGE 4A: Barrels must be 10 inch minimum length.

HIGH POWER RIFLE CALIBER ROUNDS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

RANGE 3: Must be capable of accurate fire at 200-yards.

High power rifle caliber rounds ARE allowed.

AR15 AND AK47 STYLE PISTOLS WITH ARM BRACE:

RANGES 2, 4A, and 8: Must be supported/aimed fire from bench. High power rifle caliber rounds ARE allowed on Ranges 2 and 8, **PISTOL CALIBER AND BLACK POWDER ONLY ON 4A.**

HIGH POWER RIFLES:

RANGES 2 and 8: Firing allowed sitting at bench only.

RANGE 3: Firing allowed standing, sitting, prone and sitting at bench.

PISTOL CALIBER AND BLACK POWDER RIFLES AND CARBINES:

includes .17 and .22 Rimfire, .38, .44 and .45 but not .223, .556, 7.62x39, 30-30, 308, etc.

RANGES 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 8, and 7 including 25/50-yard Bullseye line.

SHOTGUNS:

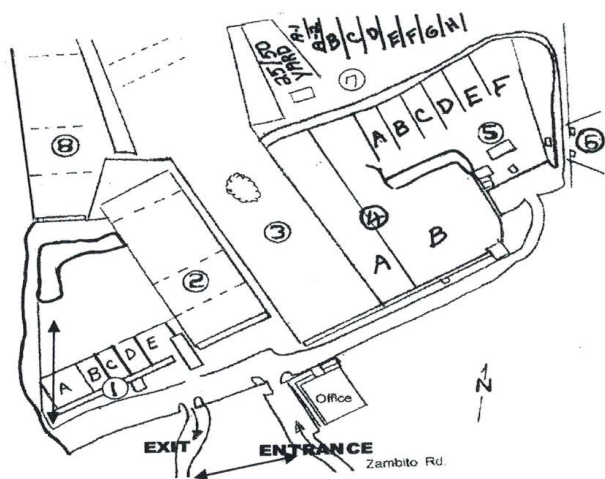
RANGE 6: Use clay pigeon targets and birdshot ammunition with #6 through #9 shot. Slugs, buckshot and #4 shot not allowed. **NO RIFLES OR HANDGUNS ALLOWED.**

RANGES 5 and 7: Use with paper targets, clay pigeon targets not allowed.

ARCHERY: RANGES 5 and 7

See the next page for a range map and details on the different ranges

RANGE MAP



Range Details:

Range 1: 7- and 15-yard pistol range, **Day members allowed**

Range 2: 100-yard line primarily for rifles, **Day members allowed**

Range 3: 200-yard line primarily for rifles

Range 4A: 100-yard line primarily for rifles, **pistol calibers and black powder only**

Range 4B: Silhouette range, **pistol calibers and black powder only**

Range 5: General purpose bays, **pistol calibers, black powder and shotgun only**

Range 6: Shotgun with birdshot only, **no pistols, black powder or rifles**

Range 7: General purpose bays, **pistol calibers, black powder and shot gun only**

NOTE: FIRING OF "HIGH POWER" RIFLE AMMO LIKE AR/AK .223, 5.56 OR 7.62x39, etc. ON THE 4B SILHOUETTE RANGE, OR RANGES 5, 6 AND 7 WILL LIKELY RESULT IN LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

CLUB INFORMATION

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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

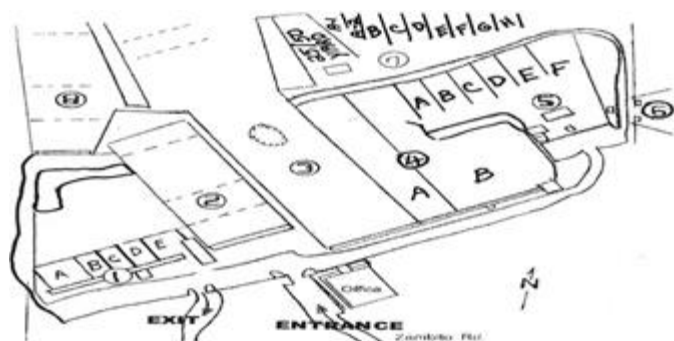
Range 4B: Rifles in rim fire .22 cal, .17 cal plus black powder rifles

Range 5 A-B-C-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-C-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.

2023 Slate of Officers

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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.

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

Note: The above schedule is periodically subject to change: please check the website

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