



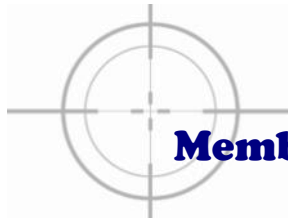
The Bullet-IN

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Don't Forget ! Time to Renew

Annual and Senior members it's that time of year to renew your membership at River Bend Gun Club and this year it is even easier with our new online website renewal. No more paper!

Just log in to the website - www.rbgc.org - and follow the simple secure instructions. If you have any difficulty, questions or need assistance, just reach out to Greg Hughes at assistantclubmanager@rbgc.org or (770) 893-2538.



Membership Renewal Time!

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Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

President Will Owensby convened the Annual Business Meeting of the River Bend Gun Club, Inc. 11:00 AM EST on Sunday, May 16, 2021. The meeting was held outdoors on club property on the Multi-Purpose Range 1 (MP1) in Dawsonville, GA.

Board members present and constituting a quorum:

Will Owensby, President

Larry Sollars, Life Director

Art Thompson, Life Director

David Norcross, Vice President

Randy Gamble, Annual Director

Officers and Club Managers present:

Bill Illg, Club Manager

Bill Wettingfeld, Shotgun Hill Manager

Erica D'Amico, Secretary

Greg Hughes, Assistant Club Manager

Geoff Rhines, Treasurer

Board members not present:

Steve Hardin, Past President

Mike Currier, Annual Director

Russell Wynne, Life Director

Steve Petrakovich, Annual Director

Will Owensby called the annual business meeting to order at 11:00AM.

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A quorum was confirmed; there were 5 board members present, and there were a minimum of 25 Life Members and Life Member proxies, and there were a minimum of 25 Annual Members and Annual Member proxies.

The last call for ballots was made.

Will Owensby then gave the opening remarks:

Good morning and welcome to the 2021 Annual Business Meeting and elections for River Bend Gun Club. Thank you for being here today. I am Will Owensby, your Club President.

Also present with us today are some members of the RBGC, Board of Directors and members of club staff. It is my pleasure to introduce them.

Club Secretary: Erica D'Amico

Club Manager: Bill Illg

Shotgun Hill Manager: Bill Wettingfeld

Club Treasurer: Geoff Rhines

Past President: Steve Hardin

Vice President: David Norcross

Annual Directors: Randy Gamble, Mike Currier and Steve Petrakovich

Life Directors: Art Thompson, Larry Sollars and Russell Wynne

The club staff and Board of Directors work diligently on behalf of the members to formulate policies, approve projects, allocate budget and to help plan for future range development. To the staff and the Board of Directors; Thank you for all you do for the club.

I also want to thank the members of the Range Committee for their collective efforts and ongoing contributions to RBGC. The Range Committee is made up of all the Range Officers and Asst. Range Officers and they are directly responsible for scheduling and safely running the club's many shooting venues. Working together, the members of the Range Committee run the shooting matches and do much of the club's safety training for match competitors. They do this exceptionally well and we owe them our sincere gratitude for their efforts. Applause please.

Since our last Annual Business Meeting last year, the club has enjoyed a very good year. Outside the gate, COVID-19 raged on, overheated political rhetoric blared from every news channel, civil unrest and rioting occurred in many cities and hotly contested elections for the President and Senate simmered to conclusion. Inside the gate, here at River Bend Gun Club, life was serene by comparison, members and guests were respectful of one another, everyone worked together to resolve challenges and we all got along very well together.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, there were some temporary restrictions in place in April and May of 2020 and in February 2021. For the most part, these restrictions have been lifted and life at the club has almost returned to normal. With the distorted, biased picture of current events presented by the US media and the irrational hyperbole spewed forth from our nation's capital, it's sometimes difficult to know what is really happening outside the gate. Inside the gate, member posts on the RBGC Forum and member observations and opinions that we hear when at the club present a much more accurate picture of what is happening here and they help us to clearly see how fortunate we are to be part of this place we call River Bend Gun Club. To all the members and staff whose efforts help to keep this club running smoothly, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude.

Of the many accomplishments achieved this past year, I am particularly proud of the new club website that we launched on April 28, 2021. Thanks to the successful efforts of David Norcross, Club Vice President and Russell Wynne, Life Director, the club now has a modern website

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that will provide more convenience for club members and automate many functions that club staff handled manually in the past. Just since last Monday, the new, automated membership renewal function has allowed 654 members to renew their membership by paying their dues online verses mailing a check into the Club Secretary. Incoming membership dues have put \$194k in the bank and 54.6% of the club's members have logged in to the new website since 4/28/21.

To David, Russell and the club support staff who helped make the new website a reality; Thank you.

Fiscal year 2021 to 2022 will present new challenges and bring new opportunity. Our membership continues to grow, our club is financially sound, our projected operating budget is sufficient to sustain the club and allow modest range expansion and repair. I look forward to working with the staff, with the Board of Directors, with the Range Committee and with all of you to help ensure that RBGC remains the premier shooting facility it has become and a safe haven from the world around us.

Will Owensby

Treasurer's Report: Geoff Rhines presented the financial comparison FYTD April 2021 vs. April 2020:

	April 30, 2021 FYTD	April 30, 2021 FYTD	% Change
Revenues	\$ 906,816	\$ 742,486	122%
Expenses	\$ 822,400	\$ 751,777	109%
Net Income	\$ 84,416	\$ (9,291)	
Cash in Bank	\$ 233,270	\$ 268,983	

FYTD Financial Highlights:

- Dues of \$536,968 (+\$42K) and Initiation Fees of \$176,994 (+\$93K)
- Shotgun Hill Range fees of \$99K (\$112K) LY
- Current Capital Reserve fund balance of \$100,205 (+\$15K)
- PPP loan proceeds of \$57K received in April 2020 have been forgiven by the SBA

Chief Range Officer's Report: Bill Illg presented the CRO report:

Our club was well used this past year!

Our members signed in – 20,485 times, 4,152 guests signed in with them totaling 24,637 shooters. That's a 37% increase in range usage from the year before.

It seems clear to me, that when Covid had most of the world locked in, our club was both open and a safe place to spend some time.

We had more competitors last year as well, we shot 174 matches with 1,880 members. 2,310 guests and 90 juniors totaling 4,280 match competitors.

The increase in membership this year required our Chief Range Officer Bill Franco and Assistant Chief Range Officer Phil Alexander to spend a lot of extra time at our club, they spent 17 days teaching New Member Orientation classes and taught two classes on each of those days. Usually, we have just one class every month.

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Our Assistant Chief Range Officers Steve Martin and Charlie Iracondo spent just shy of 1,000 hours patrolling our club and recorded 39 rules violations during their time patrolling. One third of our members were checked while they patrolled this last year.

During the year 101 members became Tactical Rifle Certified and 6 more became Super Gun Certified.

The CRO and his staff are amid a Range Rule Book update. Keep your eyes open, it will be on the new website, available in every sign-in box and we will have some hard copies, if you need one.

I'd like to personally thank Bill Franco, Phil Alexander, Steve Martin and Charlie Iracondo for their service above and beyond what could have been expected by anyone, it's been a very busy year and they've done an outstanding job in keeping our members safe and ranges enjoyable.

Secretary's Report: Bill Illg presented the Secretary's Report:

RBGC 5-Year Annual Membership Totals

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	MAY 2021	MAY 2020	MAY 2019	MAY 2018	MAY 2017
Life	194	194	194	126	127
Annual	1743	1620	1624	1627	1591
Non-Resident	5	4	5	5	6
Senior	185	162	151	140	97
Senior % of Total	8.67%	8.16%	7.63%	7.36%	5.31%
Corporate	2	2	2	2	2
Honorary	4	4	4	3	3
TOTALS	2133	1986	1980	1903	1826
Change in Total From Previous Year	147	6	77	77	-16

- Total membership has grown by 147 since this time last year.
- Total membership has grown by 307 in the last 5 years.
- Senior membership has increased by 23 since this time last year.
- Senior membership has grown by 88 in the last 5 years.
- Life membership has remained the same as last year.

Club Manager's Report: Club Manager Bill Illg presented the Club Manager's report and Membership Committee report:

Hiya folks,

When I took this job as the Club Manager, I knew it came with two hats, Club Manager and Chairman of the Membership Committee. Allow me to talk from under the Chairman of the Membership Committee hat for a moment.

Since the last Annual Meeting we've added 213 new or reinstated members to our rolls. This month we have 38 applicants awaiting a New Member Orientation class, which brings the total to 251 members in this last year. (I know of no other time in our Club's history where we have had so much growth in so short a time).

We presently have 20 annual members waiting for an opportunity to purchase a Life Membership. Every Life Membership that became available this year was immediately sold.

With the strength of any club being in its membership, our club is strong, healthy and growing.

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Please realize, we have this outstanding club because we have you outstanding members! So many of you give so unselfishly of your time and talents for the betterment of our club.

I just want to say, I appreciate you. We appreciate you! You make this club what it is, and we are the biggest most successful private gun club in the Southeastern US.

Now, from under the Club Managers hat. We've done so much it's difficult to list, but here's the 90 second run down.

- Tested all the wells.
- Backed up our Shotgun Hill well with a feed line from our Rimfire Rifle range well.
- A 500 gallon water storage container was installed on Cowboy Hill to help handle the larger events.
- Contoured several ranges to shed water.
- Moved an electric pole that was a trip hazard near the Action Pistol bays.
- Had 100,000 pounds of lead removed from our berms and made some money on that deal!!
- 25 years worth of American Rifleman magazines were bound.
- Hired an Assistant Club Manager.
- Installed a lighted flag pole and flag near the kiosk at the front gate.
- Installed a 2 way radio system.
- Installed new light fixtures in the maintenance area.
- Installed new range rule signs on all of our ranges.
- **Purchased** 2 new computers one for the Secretary and another for the Assistant Club Manager.
- 2 new plate rack which are presently being held in reserve with two more on order.
- 4 patio heaters to spread around the club during the winter months.
- Large fans for the summer months
- A new golf cart for the management staff.
- A number of different steel targets for the Rimfire Plinking range.
- Broadhead targets for the archery range.
- Dueling trees for CB Bay 9 & 10 and the rimfire plinking range.
- New BBQ grills.
- Walkie-Talkies for the High Power range.

In addition;

- The range lights on MP1 and MP2 have been switched from 120v LED's to 12v LED's so they work during a power outage. We're working on the other ranges.
- A hundred or so trees and a whole lot of brush was removed from the High Power range.
- Range flags were replaced everywhere at least once, sometimes twice.
- The old Bullseye range was repurposed into AP bays 4 & 5.
- Six more steel and concrete shooting benches were added to the Rimfire Rifle Range. Thank you, Simon Bailey!
- Speed bumps and the cold range lines were repainted.
- Fire extinguishers were tested and upsized across the club.
- The Manager's office was painted, and a new carpet installed.
- Roofs were repaired on several buildings.
- Gutters and fascia were repaired and replaced on 3 of our many buildings.
- More than a dozen leaking jon's and faucets have been fixed over this year.
- And we painted this, that and the other thing.

And this list could go on and on.....

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We're 65 years old this year and I think we're looking better than ever!

We're very lucky, to not only have an outstanding membership, but to have an outstanding staff at our club too!

I'd like to thank Bobby Reiber, John "Junior" Bryant for getting so much done and always working in whatever conditions Mother Nature throws at them.

Jim Andress deserves a word of thanks as well. He's our computer tech guy and has been taking care of the Club's machine for years. Thank you, Jim.

Our Shotgun Hill staff definitely deserves a word of thanks. They did an outstanding job in keeping the hill open during the Covid crisis. Keeping the members safe while keeping Shotgun Hill open was no small feat. Bill Wettingfeld, Al D'Amico and the club's newest employee Dawson Galloway, keep the hill running like a well-oiled machine.

Greg Hughes, our new, first and only Assistant Club Manager has been an outright blessing to us all, (even though he teases me relentlessly). His experience as a Match Director, Range Officer, Super Gun RO and Assistant Shotgun Hill Manager fits nicely with our club's needs.

You now have a club management team!

Thank you, gentlemen, I appreciate every one of you!

Award Presentation: Club Manager Bill Illg announced the Member of the Year:

Now, for the best part of my job, this year's "Member of the Year Award".

This year's "Member of the Year" is a long-time club member, who will always make you feel like you are a member of his club.

Whether you've met him on a rifle, handgun or shotgun range you would notice he's always upbeat. He's always happy to share his generous gift of time and knowledge of the shooting sports with you.

However, it is probably clear to all who know him his passion is for the shotgun sports. Many of us who now shoot these sports have him to thank for introducing us to them. He has always been happy to teach the new or inexperienced shooters the techniques and intricacies of these sports - and I was one of them.

This year's award goes to a member who everyday shows the best of what a club member should be. Easy to talk to, knowledgeable, a pleasure to be around, fun to shoot with, and always full of encouragement.

It is an honor to present this year's "Member of the Year Award" to River Bend Gun Club's annual member, **Curtis Caldwell**.

I have just learned that Curtis and his wife Susan (who recently announced her retirement), will be moving back to Virginia to be nearer their respective family's.

Please look for an opportunity to thank Curtis for his contributions to our club and to wish he and Susan a happy, healthy, and long retirement.

Curtis, you will be missed sir!

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Election Results:

Attendance: 9 Life members signed in; 37 Life member proxies.
12 Annual members signed in; 136 Annual/Senior member proxies.

Election Results:

President: Will Owensby – 44 votes
Life Director: Russell Wynne – 36 votes
Annual Director: Randy Gamble – 131 votes
Annual Director: Dan Wieleba – 128 votes

There being no further business on the agenda, Mr. Owensby adjourned the meeting at 11:25AM.

Erica D'Amico
Secretary
River Bend Gun Club, Inc.

New Chief Range Officer at River Bend Gun Club



RBGC has a new Chief Range Officer (CRO), effective June 14 2021. Please join me in welcoming club member James “Maverick” Garner as the new CRO. Jim has been an annual member in good standing since he joined the club in April 2017. He is active in Action Pistol, USPSA and was recently approved by the Board of Directors as the RO and Match Director for the annual GSSF Glock Match known at RBGC as the Ballistic Challenge.

Jim grew up as a USAF military brat, stationed in England and Germany where he and his family of four enjoyed European vacations with their camping gear, tent, food and clothes all crammed into a VW beetle. Jim returned stateside to Virginia in 1969 where an NRA rifle class introduced him to sports shooting.

Jim moved to Montgomery AL 1970 where he joined the high school JROTC rifle team. During his senior year, Jim captained the rifle team, beating all other rifle teams citywide. College and career postponed Jim’s shooting sports until 2014. Jim graduated from Georgia Southern University in

1983 and became a father to a wonderful son in 1985. That same year began a 30 year career at BellSouth and AT&T. After managing the National Wireless Infrastructure for Mobility, Jim retired from AT&T in March 2018.

In 2014 Jim found special interest in Glock products, GSSF, and Action Pistol at River Bend Gun Club. As his professional career came to a close, Jim’s interests in firearms training and proficiency grew. Jim enjoys learning more about firearms, their history, and sports shooting in today’s modern environment and he is particularly interested in protecting our second amendment rights. Jim has trained with several nationally recognized organizations including RANGEMASTER, Glock Professionals, NRA, First Person Safety and others.

In addition to shooting sports, Jim and his wife, Devon, enjoy movies, time with friends, dining out and travel.

Official Club Business

Highlights of the April 12, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

President Will Owensby presided over a quorum of six Board members. Also attending were three club officers, the Club Manager, the Assistant Club Manager, and the Shotgun Hill Manager. The meeting was convened at 7:01PM on Monday, April 12, 2021. The meeting was held at RBGC's Gene Mowell Conference Center on club property.

A quorum was confirmed, the proposed agenda was amended and adopted, the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Board meeting were approved, and the following officer and manager reports were presented and accepted:

Treasurer Secretary Chief Range Officer Club Manager Shotgun Manager

Board decisions made, actions taken, and items of interest:

- Treasurer Geoff Rhines reported that March FYTD income was \$883K, an increase of approximately \$149K versus the same period in FY 2020.
- February FYTD expense was \$747K, an increase of approximately \$75K versus the same period in FY 2020.
- Cash in the bank as of 3/31/21 was \$274,117 including \$85,204 in Capital Reserve Fund.
- Club Secretary Erica D'Amico reported that the membership total at the beginning of the April 2021 meeting was 2,114, an increase of 125 members from the 1,989 active members in April 2020.
- The number of Senior Members in April 2021 was 177 (8.4% of RBGC membership).
- There were 15 candidates and 2 reinstatements recommended and approved for membership.
- Chief Range Officer Bill Franco reported that 8 of 13 shooting venues submitted Match Reports for March. Total entries were 89 members, 92 non-members, and 0 juniors. March match income was \$2,480 with \$470 reported to the club.
- Range Use Summary Report for March totaled 1,654 (1,428 members and 226 guests).
- There were two New Member Orientation (NMO) classes held in March; March 7 and March 21.
- There were 13 Tac Rifle Certifications in March. There is now a total of 414 certified members since inception.
- Club Manager Bill Illg reported that the stairs were replaced on AP Bay 5.
- A rimfire dueling tree was installed on the .22 plinking range.
- The cold range lines were repainted on MP1, MP2, and Silhouette.
- The club received an NRA recognition certificate for 100% membership.
- Shotgun Hill Manager Bill Wettingfeld reported that shotgun range use in March was 412 shooters (322 members and 90 guests). 1,614 rounds were fired during the month with 32 cart rentals. Total March revenue to the club was \$9,693.
- The Activities Committee requested \$1,200 to purchase gift cards and 2 annual memberships to raffle away at the annual meeting. The board approved the \$1,200 for raffle prizes for the members present and those who submitted proxies at the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Illg reported that the 500 gallon water storage tank was installed in the Cowboy Hill well house and all valves in that well house have been clearly marked.
- MP1 & MP2 cold range indicator lights are now running on 12v power to negate the effects of a power outage. We expect at least 3 days of use during an extended power outage. We expect to complete the Rimfire Rifle and Silhouette ranges this month.
- The Emergency box at Silhouette and Cowboy have both been backed up with a UPS, both are on shelves and out of the way. We expect 30 hours of use during an electrical outage.
- Grading has been done on the road to the Silhouette firing line, the Silhouette range to the 500-meter line, Maintenance area, Rimfire Rifle range road and Cowboy Hill to the Centerfire Plinking ranges.
- Membership Database and Renewal Automation Committee Chairman David Norcross reported that the Club Express project is making good progress and is ready to go live 4/27 & 4/28.
- Public Relations Committee Chairman David Norcross reported that the April Bullet-IN reached 2008 recipients. Open rate was 61% and 58% of members clicked through the newsletter.
- Scholarship Committee Ernie Knoche reported that the committee had interviews with 6 applicants and selected 3 recipients for the scholarship: Nick D'Amico, Michaela Duncan, and Cole Murphy.

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- Training Committee Chairman Jerry Rioux reported that the Women on Target class scheduled for May 8 is currently full with 16 attendees scheduled. It was requested and the board approved increasing class size to 20 participants.
- The Training Committee requested and the board approved the night fire exercise for the Personal Protection Outside the Home class until 10PM on May 1.
- Will Owensby reported that they will wait to decide whether they will have the 2021 Young Shooters Challenge event.
- The board unanimously approved increasing the capital reserve fund by \$15,000.
- The board unanimously approved removing the mass gathering restrictions effective immediately in accordance with Governor Kemp's 4/8/21 guidelines regarding mass gatherings.
- The board unanimously approved the quote received from Galloway Construction in the amount of \$56,300 for the Shotgun Hill Expansion project.

Regular monthly Board meetings are called to order at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month in the Gene Mowell Conference Center. RBGC members and families are cordially invited to attend.

Membership Statistics

	Apr 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2020
Annual and Non-Resident Members	1,737	1,720	1,635
Life Members	194	194	194
Senior Members	177	176	194
Corporate Members	2	2	2
Honorary Members	4	4	4
Total Active Members	2,114	2,096	1,989
Member Applicants for Board Approval	17	4	0
Total of Active Members and Recommended Applicants	2,131	2,100	1,989

New Members Approved

Matt Woodard, Atlanta	Mike Lee, Jr., Suwanee
Chris Dennis, Kennesaw	Jorge Roviroso, Miami
Thomas Koh, Alpharetta	Jeff Osborne, Alpharetta
Alex Hamby, Roswell	Preston Presnell, Milton
Kelly Branham, Woodstock	John Pyle, Canton
Taylor Dean, Woodstock	Tony Muschara, Marietta
Chad Boles, Brookhaven	Russ Walter, Suwanee
Sam Johnson, Gainesville	

Reinstated Members

Derek Smith, Waleska

Todd Franks, Cumming

Help Wanted

Assistant Chief Range Officer II (ACRO II)

River Bend Gun Club is seeking two club members who meet the qualifications for the ACRO II job as described below. This is an hourly position with flexible hours that pays \$18.00 per hour.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Assistant Chief Range Officer II (ACRO II) is to consistently demonstrate a professional and courteous demeanor while representing the club, Club Management and the Board of Directors to members and their guests. The ACRO II is required to support the Chief Range Officer (CRO) and Assistant Chief Range Officer (ACRO) in public relations activities with members and their guests, to patrol the shooting ranges and club property, to ensure that the RBGC Range Rules are adhered to by all members and their guests and to perform assigned administrative duties as required.

Job Duties:

1. Work approximately 40 to 60 hours per month including at least four weekend days and two to three weekdays.
2. Patrol RBGC shooting ranges and club property.
3. Gather all sign in sheets from all ranges monthly.
4. Interface with members and their guests as necessary to answer questions, provide needed information, enforce the Range Rules and provide additional assistance as required.
5. Conduct the physical range tour portion of the New Member Orientation for perspective new members.
6. Conduct Tactical Rifle certification clinics as required.
7. Work as a coach for instructional events such as Women On Target.
8. Prepare written reports of observed and reported rule violations

Job Requirements:

1. Applicants must possess well developed interpersonal skills that enable them to interface with members and their guests in a professional, courteous and friendly manner whether they are offering assistance or are discussing Range Rules violations.
2. Applicants must be mature and level headed enough to remain professional when interacting with members and their guests who may become condescending, belligerent or confrontational.
3. Applicants must possess a thorough understanding of RBGC Range Rules, shooting range operations and must possess a broad working knowledge of different action types and firearms operation.

Organizational Structure:

The ACRO II will report directly to the CRO. In addition, the ACRO II is expected to maintain a close working rapport and communication with the ACRO, the Club Manager, the Shotgun Hill Manager, the Club President and members of the Board of Directors.

Instructions:

Applicants interested in the ACRO II position should submit their resume to Will Owensby, Club President via email at willborner@aol.com

Resumes must include candidate contact information including an email address and phone number, a description of applicant qualifications, a detailed employment history for the past ten years and a summary of education completed.

Questions related to ACRO II job responsibilities may be asked during the interview.

Interviews with qualified candidates will be scheduled in June and all qualified candidates will be notified of their interview date, time and location in advance.

Help Wanted

Shotgun Hill is Looking for a Part time associate!

Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 9am – 2pm

Most work is outdoors.

Need to be able to Lift a case of Clays over your head (30.5 lbs) repeatedly.

Must provide excellent customer service at all times, be able to run a cash register.

We will teach you how to Pull for all games shot on the Hill!

Please see

Shotgun Manager, Bill Wettingfeld

or

Club Manager, Bill Illg

GSSF River Bend Ballistic Challenge XIV

Hello Glock Enthusiasts!!

My name is James Garner and I have assumed the Match Directorship of the Dawsonville Glock match –better known as the River Bend Ballistic Challenge from Phil Alexander. Phil Alexander has grown the Dawsonville match for the past 8 years in to America's preeminent Glock match, and his leadership has brought acclaim and recognition to River Bend Gun Club. Phil has positioned the River Bend Ballistic Challenge as the stepping-stone to Glock's national "Gunny Match", and I am grateful for his confidence in handing-off the Match Directorship to me. Phil and I will be working side-by-side this year to ensure a smooth transition. When you see him at the match or on the range --take a moment to thank him for all he's done over the years for our match and our club.

Speaking of this year's match, **IT IS ON!!** Mark these dates in your calendar:

GSSF River Bend Ballistic Challenge XIV

November 19, 20 & 21! (set up on Nov. 18th)

I know there was some confusion earlier when the match was initially set for March, then jumped to November. Reason being was the Pandemic -plain and simple. This match does not happen without you –our Range Officers. Phil and I needed time to allow everyone the opportunity to vaccinate [if they wanted to] and for the Summer to work on eradicating COVID-19. The one-two punch of protection and time-period will make for a record-shattering participation on both sides of the shot timer. We will need all our ROs –and their friends, too!



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COVID-19 and ammo shortages have been a challenge for me and everyone. That being said, the 14th annual River Bend Ballistic Challenge is just a little over seven (7) months away, and it is the time to put the call-out on your calendar for the great RO's that River Bend has to offer and stockpile that ammo. This November, pent-up energy from virus restrictions and ammunition shortages is predicted to break another record of entries -a feat that cannot be done without your help. I am asking for your help to be a RO. A great RO promotes firearms safety and sportsmanship. Also, you see old friends and make new ones. As you know, this match is The Best and Largest match in the United States!!! [next to the Gunny Match]. Therefore, I am giving YOU first dibs on helping with the GSSF River Bend Ballistic Challenge XIV because you have helped in past matches.

I am looking for Range Officers and additional Match Staff to work the River Bend Ballistic Challenge XIV on November 19th, 20th and 21st. There will also be a need for assistance in setting up the ranges on November 18th (Thursday at 9:00am). After the final match setup, **ONLY** ROs and select others can shoot their match. You do not need to be a certified Range Safety Officer to be able to help. There are *plenty* of other essential tasks where we can use your assistance (too much assistance isn't possible!).



This match is always fun and this year will be no exception! For helping, GSSF will give you a hat and other gifts such as pistol magazines, magazine pouches and pistol bags. If you don't want merchandise swag, you can also choose a complimentary Division entry in the match, or a GSSF membership extension. For set-up and each half-day of the match you work, you will be entered in the RO-ONLY drawings for GLOCK Pistol Certificates, GLOCK items and donations from vendors. This is in addition to the pistols you can win by shooting the match.



If you can work a full day, you will be provided a meal and drink. We will also have the water coolers with plenty of water and ice, so be sure to bring a water bottle to refill.

Due to COVID-19 uncertainty come November, I emphasize to all Range Officers, competitors, and spectators to social distance, wash your hands, and use hand sanitizer often. If you wish to wear a mask, please do. It is not mandatory to do so however, it is of great importance to show respect to those that choose to.

Please sign up so I know how many shirts, hats and food to plan to bring. If you can help please visit <http://gssfonline.com/river-bend-range-officer.cfm> I will open this up to other people on October 1st if I do not fill up my staffing slots by then, so please respond as soon as possible.



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Please Read This:

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Thank you again for your help with the past matches. I look forward to seeing you this year on the range. Now, I am sure that I missed some people in this email. If you know someone who is interested in shooting a GSSF match, bring them to the match and enter them in the New GSSF Member drawing –it could mean a new pistol in your future!

Finally, there will be two giveaways for a GLOCK pistol certificate. There are only 100 tickets for \$10.00 a piece for each giveaway. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or two or three, please let me know.

Also for sale the {nearly} World Famous 2021 River Bend Ballistic Challenge t-shirts for sale for \$15.00. Sizes are limited, so be certain to claim yours early!

Best Regards and Safe Shooting,

James 'Maverick' Garner

River Bend Ballistic Challenge Match Director

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May 2021 Rimfire Benchrest Match Report

By Simon Bailey

What a difference a month makes! The April River Bend Rimfire Benchrest match was held in cold windy conditions and this month the match saw manageable wind and almost 90 degree temperatures.

Thirteen shooters came to the match with one shooter joining just for practice choosing not to submit his targets for scoring. The course of fire was four cards at 100 yards with all classes using the same IBS 200yd Hunter Rifle Target allowing a maximum tournament score of 1000-20X.



Firing on the first card started under high overcast and light winds with scores reflecting the conditions. In the Unlimited class Simon Bailey, shooting his usual 2500X/Mullerworks combo and firing Eley Tenex, fired a 249-4X to edge out Dave Rabin and his Anschutz 1913/Benchmark/RWS R50 prone setup who fired a 248-4X. Pat Patterson posted a 247-2X using his new X-III/Mullerworks rifle and Eley Match.



The Factory class had four competitors firing for record and one for practice. Alan Rauber put his Kimber 82G and Center-X to good use, firing a 242-0X followed by Bob Morris and his Kimber 82G and Center-X with a 241-2X. In the three competitor Semiauto class Shaun Forgacs and his 10-22/Green Mountain rig and Eley Match fired a 238-3X to take a solid the lead.

The second card saw similar conditions allowing for some impressive scores. In Unlimited, both Bailey and Patterson fired clean 250-4X's – the first time this series has had two competitors fire clean targets in the same match. Rabin posted another solid 248, this time with 2X's leaving Bailey with a 2 point lead. In Factory class Morris improved one point by firing a 242-3X, while Drew McKay using his Lithgow and Center-X, posted a 242-1X to move into 2nd place in the class. In Semiauto, Forgacs shot a 244-1X to tighten control of his lead.

On the third card the wind started making its presence known, but several very predictable conditions provided very shootable conditions. Patterson fired a 249-3X while Bailey notched a 249-2X to keep his two point lead after three. John McBrayer using his Vudoo V-22 with Lothar-Walther barrel and Center-X posted a 244-1X to gain a point back on Rabin. Factor shooter Morris fired a second 242-3X to hold onto his class lead while Rauber added a 238-0X to his score in a push to reclaim second Factory. Forgacs continued to dominate Semiauto with a second 244-1X.

The fourth and final card rewarded the patient, as the wind kicked up at the start of the period and really died as time wound down. Patterson set the pace by posting his second clean card of the match scoring 250-3X to finish the match with 996-12X. Bailey had a little more trouble with the wind and a dirty extension tube, dropping his two point cushion and another two points to-boot, to finish 2nd Unlimited at 994-12X.

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Factory shooter Morris dropped a few points on the final card but still managed to hold his lead to finish as 1st Factory with a 958-10X with only 1 point separating 2nd place McKay and 3rd place Rauber. The Semiauto class was a forgone conclusion with Shaun Forgacs finishing as 1st Semiauto with a 957-5X.

Congratulations to all winners:

Pat Patterson	996-12X	1st Unlimited
Simon Bailey	994-12X	2nd Unlimited
Bob Morris	958-10X	1st Factory
Shaun Forgacs	957-5X	1st Semiauto

After the match, the prize money and congratulations were awarded and the shooting benches were rearranged to accommodate the upcoming Black Hawk Open prone match. Thanks to all for helping out.

Please see the website or Forum for the full match results bulletin.

The next match will be on Sunday June 27th, 2021 and will return to the 50 yard course of fire. Bring your 22lr rifle, a bi-pod or rest, a rear bag some decent ammo and come join in! It's a fun event and a great way to sharpen you wind and bench shooting skills.



Action Pistol May 2021

Our "Spring Has Sprung" Match

Under blue skies and beautiful weather, forty Action Pistol Competitors arrived for our Spring Has Sprung May Action Pistol Match. With six new-to-AP first time competitors and a good number of new or soon to be new River Bend members, we had an enthusiastic and generally well behaved crowd, at least as far Action Pistol shooters can be.

Bay 1 began the steel madness with plate and pin racks, and multi-hit steel and a turning target that did so at the most inopportune times. Note to self: never stomp the plate with one round in your gun. This stage always gets the attention it deserves when that game plan and reload schedule gets lost in the excitement and there you are at slide lock as the target continues turning. Something we can replay over and over in our minds as we laugh and reminisce about our oh s***! moments at AP!



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Bay 2 brought improvisation to simple instructions: Come through the door, pick up your gun and mags and load and start shooting. What's that mean??? This stage had everything: shooter movement, target movement, hostages that just wouldn't get out of the way, big targets, little targets, targets that clanged and targets that didn't, and even a couple that didn't get shot at. Guy Goolsby's stage design has some great ideas....



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Bay 3 continued the Little Bit of Everything Plan with IPSCs that stand there and IPSCs that don't, steel that falls down and steel that swings, and shooters running fast. Usually. Sometimes. On occasion.



**Thank you again to
Mike Castleberry
who helped set up
on Friday !**



Our Action Pistol traditions continued after the Bays were cleared with another great grilled lunch superbly prepared by Art Thompson.

Shooting and food and door prizes. What's not

to be happy about? Another great Action Pistol Day at River Bend.

Thanks again to the Action Pistol RO's and Support Team plus all the competitors who show up early to help set up, get us going and keep us safe and organized.

OUR NEXT ACTION PISTOL MATCH IS JUNE 19th

Georgia ICORE



Finally, the weather smiled upon River Bend and the first ICORE match of the season was held May 8th. And what a great day it was for Devon Penrod the overall match and Limited division winner. Ted Pesta took the Open Division and Chuck Cox won Rimfire. This year's sponsors are Carver Custom and Hunters HD Gold. A shout out to them for their support.

There were some great stages and this was the first match using one of the new Action Pistol Bays where there's lots of room for some wide open courses of fire. Of course, steel was the first order of business in Bay 1. Followed by two classifiers, Bill Drill to Third Power and How Fast Are You? which begs the question, "How fast are you?" Other stages followed with the additional space available now making some of them more challenging than before.

The next match is June 12th on the Action Pistol Bays. Come on out and see what the Match Director has to challenge your revolver. The entry fee is only \$15 (\$5 for 2nd gun). You do not have to be a member of either ICORE or River Bend to participate. Meet at Action Pistol Ranges, with; setup at 7am, if you'd like to help, registration opens at 8am, a short shooters meeting at 9am, and then hammer down. First time ICORE shooters will need to meet up prior to the match @8:30 for a New Shooter Briefing.



As a chapter of the International Confederation of Revolver Enthusiasts, ICORE, we serve to promote enjoyment and satisfaction in action shooting competition with revolvers. We're about safety and having fun while improving our shooting skills.

ICORE combines elements of the other pistol shooting disciplines into a fun competition exclusively for revolvers. Scoring is based on time with extra seconds added **or subtracted** depending on the accuracy of the hits. Steel plates as well as other reactive targets are also used in ICORE events. For more info go to RBGC.ORG and look under Shooting Venues – Action Shooting Sports.



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Georgia ICORE

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Caliber wise, anything from .32 up with .38spl, 9mm and .45ACP being the most common. No magnum, or +P+ calibers for safety reasons. Rimfire shooters are welcome, but will be scored separately. (Because of the steel targets no magnum, hollow point, steel core or hyper velocity rounds. Only lead, coated lead, jacketed or plated bullets, please.)

We have an active Facebook page under “**Georgia ICORE**” and use PractiScore for registration and for posting scores. On-site registration is of course welcome. So grab your gun, holster, ammo, speedloaders & holders, and eye & ear protection and join us for a great time. For the latest info or additional questions, check the FaceBook page or email ICORE@rbgc.org



June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	4 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	5 200 Yard Rimfire Match NRA Light Rifle Cowboy Action Sporting Clays Match
6 IDPA Match	7	8	9	10	11	12 Centerfire Benchrest High Power XTC Match ICORE High Power Silhouette Match NRA Basic Rifle Class
13 High Power 600X3 Match Steel Challenge	14 Board Meeting	15	16 NRA Basic Pistol Class	17	18	19 Hunting Rifle Match Action Pistol Rimfire Silhouette Match NRA RSO Training Course - June 19, 2021 Tactical Rifle Certification
20 3Gun Match Bullseye Pistol Match	21	22	23	24	25	26 USPSA Match 100 Yard Match/Clinic Buffalo Rifle Match NRA Defensive Pistol Class Smallbore Rifle Prone Match
27 Rimfire Benchrest Match New Member Orientation Meeting	28	29	30			

Events on calendar are subject to change. Please visit: <https://www.rbgc.org/> for the most current events.

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	2 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	3 NRA Light Rifle Cowboy Action Sporting Clays Match
4 Independence Day IDPA Match Shotgun Hill Closed in Observance of the 4th Of July	5	6	7	8	9	10 NRA Basic Shotgun Class Centerfire Benchrest High Power XTC Match ICORE NRA Basic Shotgun Class
11 High Power 600X3 Match Steel Challenge	12 Board Meeting	13	14 NRA Basic Pistol Class	15	16	17 Hunting Rifle Match Action Pistol Rimfire Silhouette Match Tactical Rifle Certification
18 Bullseye Pistol Match	19	20	21	22	23	24 NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home USPSA Match 100 Yard Match/Clinic Buffalo Rifle Match Smallbore Rifle Prone Match
25 NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home Rimfire Benchrest Match New Member Orientation Meeting	26	27	28 Cowboy Hill -- Setup For IDPA Georgia State Match	29 Cowboy Hill -- Setup For IDPA Georgia State Match	30 IDPA Georgia State Match FAL Match Set-up on High Power and MP 2	31 FAL Match IDPA Georgia State Match Browning High Power Side Match - AP 2

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Classified Ads

Reloading Supplies

9 sealed boxes X 100 Lapua .223 brass; \$60/box,
4 sealed boxes X 100 Lapua .308 brass; \$80/box,
5,000 pc case of Federal GM Match small pistol primers; \$325,
4 X 5,000 pc cases of Federal GM Match large pistol primers; \$325/case,
8# container Accurate #7 powder, \$200,
8# container Hodgdon 335 powder, \$210.

Cash only. Will meet FTF @ RBGC unless agreeing to alternative site.

Text to: Mac 404-502-9546

This is a liquidation of the late W A Smith, III's personal supply.

Ammunition For Sale:

7mm-08, (1) Box of 20 factory PPU 140 grain PSP BT—**\$25** & (1) Box of 20 NEW Handloads (fully documented) **\$20** ...

Buy both for **\$40**

Contact Ron.... Ph: 770-928-7820

Email: rfdahl45@gmail.com



Bullets

For sale: Unopened box of 500 45 ACP 230gr, round nose, plated bullets and,
Unopened box of 1000 9 mm 124gr, round nose, plated bullets.

Both are from Berry's Bullets. Will sell for \$100 @ or both for \$200

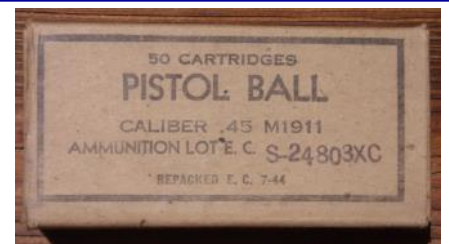
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Ammunition For Sale:

July 1944 .45 cal. ball ammo. 7 boxes, 350 rounds, never opened. Kept dry. Collectable? As is! Best offer.

Lyle Schroeder

lylebob@aol.com



Classified Ads

Ammunition and Reloading Components

- 30-30 once fired brass, unprimed, 50 pieces, \$25
- 30-06 once fired Hornady brass, unprimed, 50 pieces, \$40
- 243 once fired Rem brass, primed, 100 pieces, \$55
- 38 Special once fired Winchester brass, unprimed, 350 pieces, \$80
- 38 Special once fired Rem/GFL/CBC/Fed brass, unprimed, 300 pieces, \$70
- 38 Special once fired mixed brass, unprimed, 80 pieces, \$20

- 300 Wim Mag Rem 150gr Core-Lokt PSP factory loads NIB, 20 rounds \$40
- 30-06 Rem 180gr Core-Lokt PSP factory loads NIB, 20 rounds \$35
- 30-06 handloads, 165 Core-Lokt PSP, 50 rounds, \$85

Text 706-877-4236 for more info.

Shooting Coat:

Champion Shooters Supply Cordura shooting coat, size 38. Blue front and sleeves, silver back. Used for only one season and is in like-new condition. I would like to donate this to someone who will use it, preferably a junior shooter. Please contact Dave Rabin at smallbore@rbgc.org.



7.62 x 51 NATO ammo for sale

\$1.00 per round

Michael Touchstone

404-886-2019

mitouchs@gmail.com



Ruger Security-9 pistol

with five (5) Ruger magazines (not after-market mags), with factory box and manual. Chambered in 9mm Luger.

\$350 face-to-face to another RBGC member.

Email: beastwrk@bellsouth.net.



FOR TRADE ONLY

I will trade a 1,000 count brick of CCI small pistol primers #500 for a 1,000 count brick of Large Rifle Magnum Primers of Winchester WLRM (preferred) or Federal 215 or CCI.

Also, I will trade the 25 pound bag of shot shown in the picture for a 1,000 count brick of the described large rifle magnum primers.

If interested, email Alan Rauber at aerobber18@gmail.com.



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Shotgun Hill Hours:

OPEN Thursday - Sunday 10am - 6pm last round must begin prior to 5:30 pm

CLOSED Monday - Wednesday

Club Hours:

Club hours are from sunrise to sunset (specific times for specific dates are listed on the RBGC and other weather sites) on all ranges except the shotgun ranges, which are open late on certain days of the week, light and weather permitting (check the website for scheduled days and hours of operation). Evening shooting (until 9:00 p.m.) will be scheduled periodically on the lighted field. Check the website or contact the shotgun Manager for current schedules.

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When submitting articles, please remember to include a couple of pictures if possible.

Email to newsletter@rbgc.org **Deadline is the 28th of the Month.**

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