

2019 Board of Directors Election

River Bend Gun Club's 2019 annual business meeting will convene at 11:30 AM on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at the club's Multi-Purpose Range #1 (MP1).

For the benefit of new members or others who are not familiar with this important event, Article VIII of the River Bend Gun Club, Inc. By-Laws requires the annual election of the club President and three open Director positions at every annual business meeting. In 2019, the president, one Life Director, and two Annual Directors will be elected. One additional Life Director will be elected as well to complete a partial term. The members who qualified as candidates and are running for election in 2019 are:

President:	Will Owensby (incumbent)
Life Director:	Bill Dittman (incumbent)
Life Director:	Russell Wynne
Annual Director:	David Norcross (incumbent)
Annual Director:	Randy Gamble

As stipulated in the club By-Laws, only life and corporate members may vote for the President and Life Directors, and only annual and senior members may vote for Annual Directors. No other membership classes are entitled to vote.

Official written notification of the annual business meeting will be sent by first class mail on or about April 1 to all members in good standing. Please review the contents of the notification carefully. The mailing will also include other important information regarding the picnic and annual business meeting, including a proxy form (for life, annual, and senior members), as well as your 2019-2020 membership dues invoice.

Members eligible to vote will be given official ballots at sign-in before the meeting. Members who do not attend the annual meeting may assign a proxy to vote on their behalf by executing a proxy form. Proxy forms will be sent with the annual meeting notice, will be published in the April and May issue of the Bullet-In, and are currently available for download on the club website.

Properly completed and signed proxy forms must be returned to the Club Secretary no later than 5pm on Friday, May 10, 2019. Proxies received after that date and time will be rejected. Please remember, if you assign your voting rights to a proxy, he or she must be present and signed-in at the annual meeting to vote your proxy, so please be sure that your assigned proxy is going to attend. Also, to be valid, your proxy must be assigned to a specific individual by name. Proxies left blank or assigned to "Board of Directors" or anything other than an individual name will be disallowed.

Questions about the annual meeting or election of the president and directors should be directed to the Corporate Secretary, Erica D'Amico, at sec@rbgc.org or 470-865-0754.

Will Owensby, candidate for President (Incumbent)

How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?:

I visit the club an average of 8 times per month.

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

I am active in Action Pistol and 3 Gun and I occasionally compete in USPSA (IPSC).

Summarize your previous service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.:

2018 to present: Club President
2018 to present: Member of all standing and other committees
2015 to present: ARO for 3 Gun
2012 to 2018: Chief Range Officer (CRO)
2012 to 2018: Chairman, Range Committee
2013 to 2018: Chairman, Range Rules Revision Committee
2014 to 2018: Chairman, Training Committee
2009 to 2015: RO and Match Director for 3 Gun
2009 to 2013: RO and Match Director for Action Pistol

Briefly describe your short and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected:

If re-elected as Club President, I will

- Ensure that the club is effectively managed and operated efficiently.
- Endorse and support ALL shooting venues and the annual Young Shooters Challenge.
- Ensure that the completion of the new Bullseye Pistol range, expansion of the Action Pistol ranges, and activation of MP3 remain high priorities that don't exceed their allocated budgets.
- Ensure that club officers, employees and representatives continue to maintain good relationships with club members, our neighbors and local elected officials.
- Ensure that club officers, employees, and members remain good stewards of club property and resources.
- Ensure that the land recently purchased by the club is managed in a manner that minimizes property tax expense that helps the club to remain financially sound.
- Provide frequent communication with club members regarding club activities, priorities, and direction.

Please include any other comments or information you wish to provide:

I love this club and I will do everything in my power to help it continue to grow and remain financially healthy.

Additional statement:

I am a candidate for club president because I want to ensure that RBGC continues to be the vibrant, safe, fun, debt free gun club it has become. If re-elected as club president, I will continue to work closely with the Board of Directors, officers, employees, and members to help keep our club on the path to success.

I joined RBGC in July 1997 and I have served the club in multiple capacities as ARO, RO, CRO, committee chairman or president since 2009. As CRO (2012 to 2018), I participated in and observed

Board of Directors meetings monthly. I developed good working relationships with the president, the board members, club officers, employees, and with the ROs and AROs. For six years, I conducted the monthly New Member Orientation (Range Tour). This allowed me to personally interact with almost every new club member and it gave me a sincere appreciation for each of them. Through these experiences I learned a great deal about how the club operates, what its challenges are, and what resources are available.

As president in 2018, I had the opportunity to guide the club's purchase of an additional 55 acres along our eastern border. Pursuant to the club's Articles of Incorporation and with the full support and cooperation of the Board of Directors, I oversaw the creation of an additional 67 life memberships that were sold to annual members to raise over \$507,525. Together with member donations received, this was used to purchase the additional land. This experience gave me a deep admiration for the dedication and loyalty of RBGC members. This was a challenging and successful effort to expand the club and establish an additional buffer to help protect the club from future urban encroachment. It would not have been possible without the team work and support of many club members.

Like many of you, I am also a dedicated and loyal club member and I ask for your continued support by re-electing me to another term as club president. I have done my best for the club in every position I've held and I believe we accomplished a great deal working together during my first term as president. Re-elect me and we will build on our successes and continue to improve RBGC.

Bill Dittman, candidate for Life Director

How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?:

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In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

Benchrest and Trap.

Summarize your previous service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.:

I have been a Range Officer, Board Member, and Club Manager.

Briefly describe your short and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected:

Finish construction of the new Bullseye Pistol Range. Continue to provide the best possible facilities for our members.

Russell Wynne, candidate for Life Director

How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?:

My wife Lori and I are at River Bend six to eight times per month both for matches and personal range time.

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

- Monthly Cowboy Action match (my wife's personal favorite)
- Quarterly HP Silhouette match
- Monthly Action Pistol

- 3-Gun when it falls on a Saturday
- Sporting Clays 3-4 times per year
- Trap once or twice a year
- MP1 & MP2 for sighting in regularly
- Plinking ranges occasionally with friends
- Personal practice on Cowboy 1/2 or AP bays once or twice a month

Summarize your previous service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.:

- HP Silhouette – Assistant Match Director
- Action Pistol – RO, some assistance with props
- Cowboy Hill – assistance with props (most recent is the freshly painted cowboy)
- Youth Shooters Challenge – RO, brought 6 additional volunteers

Briefly describe your short and long term goals and objective for the club if elected:

I use nearly all of the venues at River Bend and in general, if it goes 'bang', I like it. I care deeply about the club as a whole and the opportunity it offers to enjoy the outdoors and the shooting sports. My goals in relation to that are to ensure that we support all of the venues. We may have different disciplines and passions, but they all have a place here.

We have one of the finest and most versatile facilities I've seen. I want to ensure that we maintain and improve on the fine standard that's already been set. Some of the venues need some refurbishing. Some need additional props or supplies. Some need room to expand. I believe priority should go to the venues based on usage and demand, followed by general need for upkeep and improvement.

Please include any other comments or information you wish to provide:

I've enjoyed being a part of the club these last few years and taken real advantage of the hard work of others. It's my turn to contribute some time and effort to continue the great traditions RBGC has such a legacy of providing.

Additional statement:

I joined River Bend in 2014. This club has been a blessing to me and my family. We have enjoyed this club and taken advantage of the hard work and leadership of past and current board members and management. I am grateful for their efforts and contributions.

I care deeply about the club as a whole, and the opportunity it offers to enjoy the shooting sports and outdoors. My wife and I use nearly all the venues at River Bend. If it goes 'bang', I like it.

It's time for me to contribute time and effort to help River Bend's legacy of great traditions continue into the future. We have one of the finest and most versatile facilities I've seen. Let's maintain and improve on the fine standard that's already been set. Some of the venues need refurbishing. Some need additional props or supplies. Some need room to expand. I want to support all the venues and shooting disciplines.

I am currently the Assistant Match Director for the HP Silhouette match. I also participate in: Cowboy Action, Sporting Clays, Trap, Action Pistol, USPSA, 3-Gun, and others.

I will bring to the board 30 years of experience in operations and facilities management. That experience gives me a clear understanding of what it takes to work with minimal staff and resources to achieve great things. It also gives me a clear understanding of the challenges of balancing the varied demands placed on leadership.

I am excited about working with the rest of River Bend's leadership to evaluate and prioritize where we go from here.

David Norcross, candidate for Annual Director

How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?:

Generally, I am at the club at least twice a week or eight times a month.

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

Action Pistol, 3-Gun, USPSA, Precision Rifle, and Sporting Clays.

Summarize your previous service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.:

I am currently serving my second term as an Annual Director and serve as a member of the Executive Committee, Chairman of the Action Shooting Planning Committee, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, and member of the Bullseye Relocation Committee, Range Rules Committee, and the Training Committee.

I had the honor of assisting the Club President and Board and working with the club membership in successfully funding and acquiring the 55 acre Stancil property which brought our club holdings to approximately 378 acres.

I have had the privilege of serving as Match Director of Action Pistol for more than six years and serve as a Range Safety Officer for Tactical Rifle and NFA.

Briefly describe your short and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected:

My short term goals include, but are not limited to, assisting in the completion and activation of the new Ken Smith Bullseye Pistol Range and assisting the President and Board of Directors in development of a Project Priority Program to strengthen and improve a best practices approach to allocating our resources for maintaining and growing our great facility.

Long term goals include expansion and development of the Action Pistol Range into the old Bullseye Range and continued renovation and improvements to our existing ranges and structures as well as strengthening the club's financial position into the future. The open and transparent use of our members' dues in running, maintaining, and growing our club is of utmost importance and as one of your Annual Directors, that will be a short term, long term, and continuous goal.

Please include any other comments or information you wish to provide:

River Bend Gun Club is the finest and best facility of its type in the Southeast. It has been my honor and pleasure to help in any way possible during my twelve years of membership to build and protect this resource for all the current members and future members. While we have witnessed other shooting facilities decline or disappear, River Bend has grown and strengthened due to all the amazing volunteers who work hard in the best interests of the club. I am proud to do what I can to

keep this club safe and strong. Our venues continue to improve and expand and our members are rewarded with an array of shooting opportunities found nowhere else. Every member's involvement in support of our club, no matter how seemingly small or generously large, will keep River Bend Gun Club alive and thriving well into the future for our members and generations to come.

Randy Gamble, candidate for Annual Director

How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?:

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In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

Pistol and rifle.

Summarize your previous service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.:

- RO – Women on Target
- RO – GSSF Match
- RO – Youth Challenge
- Help with Action Pistol
- RBGC Rules Committee
- Match Director for USPSA Venue

Briefly describe your short and long term goals and objective for the club if elected:

Short term: As I have worked in the construction industry for the past 17 years, I would like to use my knowledge and experience to help the board to better realize a more accurate total project cost prior to starting a project so completion dates and total costs are more realistic.

Long term: I would like to find ways which will increase range usage and club growth by adding popular venues and ranges.

Please include any other comments or information you wish to provide:

The past board of directors have performed a very good job of adding to the club and upgrading the facilities which has elevated River Bend to be one of the top gun clubs in the South. River Bend is an excellent range to shoot nearly any type of firearm, enjoy the company of other members, and conduct various shooting venues. We have an excellent foundation in which to build on.

Additional statement:

Each and every River Bend club member brings a new and different perspective. I would like to help maintain our status as one of the best gun clubs in the State of Georgia by surveying all club members to help determine their interests, what they enjoy shooting, what ranges they frequent and why, what do they like, changes they would like to see, and what would compel them to take advantage of other ranges on the property. Most of our ranges and shooting venues do very well, but we should always try to find ways to continue to drive interest, especially for the ranges which do not seem to be utilized as much as they could. Continuing to stay in touch with our members also helps us anticipate the interests which will be popular in the future and attempt to best meet the needs and interests of the club members. This can also help prioritize projects, plan budgets, and increase club membership and club usage.

I realize everyone is busy in life, but would like to see several organized range work days each year to help make repairs to the club property. I believe it would increase pride in the club, expose members to others ranges and shooting venues, help distribute the work load and increase the social aspect of the club by meeting new people.

I support the current training programs, scheduled events (used to introduce firearms to youth, women, and others who may not have access to a firearm), and various shooting venues. I believe each provides a positive influence, exposes non-members to the club, and drives interest in firearms, but more importantly, the proper and safe handling of firearms.

If elected, I believe I can make a positive difference.

Thank you.