



# The Bullet-IN

River Bend Gun Club is a club for members, founded in 1958.

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## Firearm Training at River Bend Gun Club

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As we start into the new year training at River Bend Gun Club is moving forward with our regular NRA based training. We will continue to offer training for adult and youth programs. This training is designed for the new shooter and those who have shot for a long time but need to review the basic or improve their skills. Our youth training is the best way to start a young man or woman learning gun safety and the right way to shoot. We concentrate on firearm safety and the fundamentals of shooting. Our regular training date is the second Saturday of each month starting in the conference room then moving to the range.

We are also planning to offer USCCA modular training on some Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.



Please check the events calendar on the club web site for all dates and times.



All training offered at River Bend Gun Club is for the benefit of the members and their guests. The training committee works to provide the best training available to you the members. To continue a quality training program, we need your help. All members have a family member or friend that talks about learning to shoot or a youth that would like to learn.

Why not give them the opportunity and sign them up? Or give a Christmas present that will last a lifetime.

2023 Calendar – Approved courses for monthly trainings (second Saturday of the month)

January 14 - Basic Rifle

<https://tinyurl.com/yj9rcdsh>

February 11 - Youth Pistol

<https://tinyurl.com/5cz5htax>

March 11 - Youth Rifle

<https://tinyurl.com/24p5p46z>

April 8 - Women on Target

<https://tinyurl.com/33k5zhsv>

May 13 - Basic Pistol

<https://tinyurl.com/y599jfns>

June 10 - Women on Target

<https://tinyurl.com/4yuhhsns>

July 8 - Basic Pistol

<https://tinyurl.com/2m462znz>

August 12 - CCW (Basic Pistol pre-requisite)

<https://tinyurl.com/2b22kxrf>

September 9 - Women on Target

<https://tinyurl.com/48p38sw4>

October 14 - Youth Rifle

<https://tinyurl.com/34kaussk>

November 11 - Youth Shotgun

<https://tinyurl.com/ycku55ct>

December 9 - Basic Pistol

<https://tinyurl.com/2p897aev>



If you have any question or just need more information, please contact us.

Jerry Rioux, Training Committee Chairman 404-731-4937

## RBGC Offers Training for Concealed Carry and Home Defense

Hello members. My name is Bill Goode, I am the Assistant Chief Range Officer (ACRO) here at River Bend Gun Club (RBGC). As a member of the Training Committee, I am proud to announce that we have been approved to offer United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA) training for concealed carry, and home defense.

I am an NRA Training Counselor and NRA Chief Range Officer (CRO), certified instructor for USCCA, and an instructor at Front Sight Firearms Training Institute. My certifications include Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun training. I have been professionally teaching personal defense since 2016.

We are very excited about the opportunity to offer the USCCA curriculum to the membership. The need for training specifically for personal defense is greater than ever. Everyone's situation is different and the days of one class fits all in firearms training has changed. In my experiences of studying personal defense over the last ten years I found a disconnect between training and real-world events. Even Law Enforcement training fell short in preparing officers for situations they found themselves in. However, with the implementation of cameras and video we have been able to gain knowledge that has changed the way we need to train. USCCA curriculum addresses the science and knowledge that we have gained to offer training that is designed specifically in the context of self-defense.



Our initial offerings will include a monthly mini course on the first Wednesday evening of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. These classroom courses will cover topics such as Developing a Personal and Home Protection Plan, The legal use of Force, Violent Encounters and Their Aftermath, and several more. We also will be offering six AR-15 Fundamentals classes on the fourth Saturday of March, April, May, June, September, and October. These courses will cover the use of the AR platform for self-defense and will include approximately 2 hours of classroom and 4 hours on the range. Finally, we will offer Defensive Shooting Fundamentals on the first Saturday of the months of April, May, June, September, October, and November. These classes are for the beginner and intermediate shooter to learn how to use their handgun to defend themselves and their loved ones. These classes will include approximately 1.5 hours of classroom and 2.5 hours on the range.

You will find all of these courses on the club calendar and under training on the club website and forums as well as periodic notices in the Bullet-In. If you are not sure where to start feel free to contact me at [rbgcacro2@gmail.com](mailto:rbgcacro2@gmail.com) or call me at 678-409-5383 and I will be happy to give a free consultation to develop a personal training plan tailored to your specific situation and needs.

*"Come see me on the range!"*

## NRA Range Safety Officer Course

The NRA Range Safety Officer program was developed in response to the demand for a nationally recognized range safety officer certification. NRA Range Safety Officers are people who possess the knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting activities and range operations.



When: January 7th, 2023 9:00am – 6:00pm

Where: Gene Mowell Conference Center

988 Riverbend Gun Club Dr.

Dawsonville, Ga. 30534

This course is being offered by River Bend Gun Club for Match Range Officers and Assistant Range Officers to meet the requirement of the club to officiate at club sponsored matches. This course is free to these RO's and ARO's as well as any RBGC Member interested in obtaining this NRA Certification.

For further information please contact Bill Goode at [rbgcacro2@gmail.com](mailto:rbgcacro2@gmail.com).

Registration Links:

January 7, 2023      [Course Details | NRA Training \(nrainstructors.org\)](#)

July 29, 2023      [Course Details | NRA Training \(nrainstructors.org\)](#)

## 2023 Annual Election of RBGC President & Directors

As provided in the club By-Laws, the President and Directors of the Club are elected by a majority vote of the respective classes of members in good standing, present and voting, in person or by proxy, at the annual meeting of the Club.

All members seeking office (Directors or President) in the 2023 election must complete an application fulfilling all requirements and submit it to the club secretary no later than February 1, 2023. Such application must be made on the official 2023 Board of Directors Official Candidate Application form.

The 2023 Board of Directors Official Candidate Application form is included in this newsletter and may be downloaded and printed. The Official Application is also available on the Club Forum, as well as on the RBGC website on the homepage, and is available upon request from the Club Secretary via email at [sec@rbgc.org](mailto:sec@rbgc.org).

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at Multi-Purpose Range 1 (MP1). The President, two Life Directors and two Annual Directors will be elected. (One of the Life Directors will be for a one-year term.)

Please submit your completed candidate application to the RBGC Secretary via email at [sec@rbgc.org](mailto:sec@rbgc.org), or via regular mail to RBGC, PO Box 1482, Cumming, GA 30028. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 PM on February 1, 2023.

**River Bend Gun Club, Inc.**  
**2023 Board of Directors Official Candidate Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: ☐ Annual ☐ Senior ☐ Life RBGC Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidacy For: ☐ Annual Director ☐ Life Director ☐ President

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

\_\_\_\_\_

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your short- and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected (attach additional sheets if needed):

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use page 2 of this application to collect endorsement signatures of at least ten members in good standing. Only Life Members may endorse candidates for President or Life Directors. Only Annual and Senior Members may endorse candidates for Annual Directors.



## **Member Endorsements of Candidate for Election to Board of Directors**

Candidate's name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Candidacy For:

☐

Annual Director

☐

Life Director

☐

President

*I endorse the above candidate for election to the RBGC Board of Directors office sought at the next annual meeting.*

	<b><u>Membership Type</u></b> (Life or Annual/Senior only)	<b><u>Name</u></b> (Please Print)	<b><u>Signature</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
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**In accordance with By-laws Article X(B), the Board of Directors requires at least 10 endorsement signatures. The spaces below may be used at the candidate's discretion for additional endorsements (recommended).**

	<b><u>Membership Type</u></b> (Life or Annual/Senior only)	<b><u>Name</u></b> (Please Print)	<b><u>Signature</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
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**Applications must be received by the RBGC Secretary on or before 5:00 PM on February 1, 2023 and may be submitted by US mail or e-mail as follows:**

US Mail: **RBGC, Inc.**  
**PO Box 1482**  
**Cumming, GA 30028**

E-mail: **sec@rbgc.org**

To confirm receipt of your application (recommended) or for questions about the election of officers, please contact:

**Erica D'Amico, RBGC Secretary**  
**470-865-0754**  
**sec@rbgc.org**

**Additional Instructions:** Please attach a brief candidate statement (300 words or less) explaining your reasons and qualifications for your candidacy. Your statement will be published in the RBGC newsletter in April and May.

# Official Club Business

## Highlights of the October 10, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

President Will Owensby presided over a quorum of eight Board members. Also attending were the Club Manager, the Assistant Club Manager, five club officers, three life members, and six annual members, and two life member spouses. The meeting was convened at 7:00PM on Monday, October 10, 2022. 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 September 12, 2022, 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 September FYTD income was \$674K, an increase of approximately \$17K versus the same period in FY 2021.
- September FYTD expense was \$270K, an increase of approximately \$47K versus the same period in FY 2021.
- The board voted to create a separate account for the scholarship fund. \$42,360 has been deposited into this new account.
- Cash in the bank as of 9/30/22 was \$544,759 including \$100,219 in Capital Reserve Fund.
- Club Secretary Erica D'Amico reported that the membership total at the beginning of the October 2022 meeting was 2,188, 64 members more than this time last year.
- The number of Senior Members at the beginning of the October 2022 meeting was 203; 9.28% of RBGC membership and 15 members more than this time last year.
- Chief Range Officer James Garner reported that the Range Use Summary Report for September 2022 totaled 1,998 (1,660 members and 338 guests).
- Sixteen venues submitted Match Use Summary Reports for September 2022. Total entries were 413 (193 members, 209 non-members, and 11 juniors). September match income was \$9,200.00 with \$1,058.91 reported to the club.
- There was a New Member Orientation (NMO) class held on September 25, 2022, for 24 attendees.
- There were 18 Tac Rifle Certifications, 0 NFA Certifications, 3 Supergun Certifications, and 8 Stop the Bleed Certifications in September.
- The board approved Jeremy Demar as Assistant Range Officer for Action Pistol.
- The board approved Simon Bailey as NRA Light Rifle Ro and Match Director.
- The board approved Chris Sagar as NRA Light Rifle ARO.
- The board approved Clint Randles as 200-year Rimfire RO.
- The board approved the use of Cowboy Hill Bay 11 for TAC Rifle privileges.
- The board approved reimbursing Precision Rifle Match Director Luke Crawford \$1,800 for match start up materials.
- Club Manager Eric Leid reported that new ceiling fans were installed, and lighting replaced in the Cowboy Hill pavilion. All electrical outlets were checked on the CB bays and 4 were replaced.
- TDS has authorized laying telephone lines to the Bullseye Range call box.
- The Club Manager's laptop and the Shotgun Hill Manager's PC and Desktop Cash register have been replaced.
- New wind flags and flag poses were installed, steel targets repaired, and wooden framework reinforced on the Silhouette Range.
- Target frames and backers were replaced on MP2.
- Currently onboarding Mr. Chris Hicks to replace Ben Karcher on Shotgun Hill.

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# Official Club Business

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- Unserviceable American flag at the front gate was replaced.
- Shotgun Hill Manager Bill Wettingfeld reported that shotgun range use in September 2022 was 410 shooters (361 members and 49 guests). 1,329 rounds were fired during September with 34 cart rentals. Total September revenue to the club was \$10,415.00.
- Member Communications Manager David Norcross reported that the October Bullet-IN reached 2,286 recipients with 2,282 successful deliveries (99.8%). Open rate was 1,573 (68.9%) and 642 (28.1%) members clicked through the newsletter.
- Facilities Chairman Art Thompson reported that AP Bay 3 Project Manager Paul Van Oudheusden is looking at reducing the scope of the AP Bay 3 project by removing the Hesco bag berm work and reducing the amount of M10 floor remediation to include only AP Bay 3.
- The Board approved 15 new members and 1 reinstatement.
- Land Use Committee Chairman Paul Van Oudheusden reported that the map overlay has been completed for the website so members can click on Google Maps and see the various areas of the club. Paul has resigned as Land Use Committee Chairman.
- Range Rules Revision Committee Chairman James Garner reported that the meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2022.
- Training Committee Chairman Jerry Rioux presented the proposed monthly training courses: 1/14/23, Basic Pistol; 2/11/23, Youth Pistol; 3/11/23, Youth Rifle; 4/8/23, Women on Target; 5/13/23, Basic Pistol; 6/10/23, Women on Target; 7/8/23, Basic Rifle; 8/12/23, CCW (Basic Pistol pre-requisite); 9/9/23, Women on Target; 10/14/23, Youth Rifle; 11/11/23, Youth Shotgun; 12/9/23, Basic Pistol.

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

	OCT 2022	SEP 2022	OCT 2021
Annual and Non-Resident Members	1,793	1,771	1,747
Life Members	187	187	185
Senior Members	203	202	188
Honorary Members	5	5	4
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>2,124</b>

## New Members Approved

Shukhrat Artikov, Sandy Springs	Chris Jones, Atlanta	Mike Menkus, Marietta
Dustin Barney, Cumming	Renee Just, Flowery Branch	Dan Mirolli, Atlanta
Crew Cohoes, Alpharetta	Jonathan Kilpatrick, Alpharetta	Tom Parker, Canton
Werner Guevara Jr., Gainesville	Brian McCormick, Woodstock	Chris Rathbun, Canton
Rick Hozman, Alpharetta	Garret McLaren, Kennesaw	Joe Street, Big Canoe

## Reinstatements

Mark Bradley, Cumming

# CRO Range Bag

Hello River Bend Members,

As the holidays approach, when family and friends draw near, it is a time of year that seems to signal a winding down. The year is near its end, business looks to the year-end reporting, fall gives way to winter's grip, and those who worked all year are eager to use up all that vacation time. It is however, not a time to wind-down on Range Rules. In fact, as family and friends admire \*your\* outdoor gun club, it is time to double-down on the Range Rules.

I would like nothing more than to see the ear-to-ear grins of young cousins, grandkids, middle aged aunts and uncles as they experience all that River Bend has to offer. During all the merry-making and memories creation, there is plenty of opportunity to allow our emotions that pause that says "...oh, go ahead –no one is looking" or perhaps "well ok, but be quick about it" as the Range Rules are tested –or, outright ignored.

The photo to the right is an example of outright ignoring the Range Rules. Someone -who did not sign-in, apparently needed to hear some "clank" or "ting" of rounds hitting metal. They didn't have any proper steel themselves, so they borrow something close from the cupboard at home, no doubt. This skillet was found in the trashcan on Cowboy Hill – Bay 7 today...Monday the 28th of November. Buried under several target backers. Sometime between mid-morning until late afternoon, party or parties unknown decided the Range Rules were for other folk and made up their own 'steel' target to shoot at.



This is a clear violation of the Range Rules at your club:

## 4.1.3 – Cowboy Bays 2-8

### 2. Allowable Targets and Range Restrictions:

Paper and metal targets (including reactive targets such as pepper poppers and falling plates) may be used on bay 2-8.

I, and the whole CRO Staff, want all of the members to enjoy this club to the fullest extent possible. Whenever misbehavior like this is seen, it needs to be addressed –immediately. There is usually a presence at the Club ready and willing to assist if you so choose.

River Bend is a splendid outdoor Club for shooting enthusiasts, campers, hikers, fishing –nearly everything out of doors. Your help is invaluable to keep the ranges safe for all to enjoy far into the future.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

James Garner





## Fall Vintage Rifle Match

Sixteen shooters firing various WWII-era vintage rifles enjoyed blue skies and moderate temperatures at the Fall Vintage Rifle Match. There were ten M1 Garand rifles, two 1903A3 Springfields, one 1903 Springfield, and one M1917. There were also two foreign Military Bolt rifles – one of which was a straight-pull Swiss K31. We also had two modified M1 Garands that had been modified for match shooting.

The high score for the day went to RBGC's Larry Sollars (478-14x), firing a highly modified Garand in 6XC caliber. First place in the Springfield Rifle Match was RBGC member Matt Whitley (456-4x). A video of Matt shooting the Prone Rapid-Fire stage is included in this article. First place in the as-issued M1 Garand Match was Doug Rauber (446-4x). RBGC member Richard Marshall fired an M1917 Enfield (449- 2x) for first place in the Vintage Military Bolt Rifle match.

A video of RBGC Member Jack Talley firing an as-issued "WWII correct" M1 Garand is included in this article. Jack and Sue Talley just completed a book containing the letters Sue's father, a paratrooper in the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR), kept while fighting in Europe during WWII. The book, [Never Give Up The Jump](#) will be available soon from Simon and Schuster.

RBGC's Fall Vintage Rifle is a sanctioned Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) event. We shoot the CMP 50 shot "Course B" course of fire. This event is held on RBGC's High Power Range, and all firing is done from the 200-yard line. Participants are kept busy either firing, scoring, or in the pits pulling targets. Working the pits sounds like a lot of work, but most enjoy doing "pit duty."



Larry Sollars spotting disk

In the pits, you operate the targets and mark and score the shots fired at your target. You place a three- inch spotting disk in the bullet hole so the shooter can see where his shot went. You also insert the six- inch orange scoring disk in the appropriate location around the edge of the target to indicate the shot value.

Larry Sollars first shot hit the X-ring (center of the target). The person in the pits dutifully pulled and marked the shot, inserting the three-inch spotter in the bullet hole. Larry's scorer, Tim Noble, was sitting behind Larry and called out "X" to let Larry know he had seen and marked Larry's scorecard with an X.

Larry's next shot was also in the X ring, and since the spotting disk covers most of the X ring, the shot had gone through the spotting disk. Tim had been watching and saw that Larry's shot had hit the spotting disk. When Tim told Larry he had hit the spotter, Larry turned around and said, "That spotting disk is going to have a bad day." It did.

Calling the line typically keeps me busy, and typically I cannot shoot, but that doesn't mean it's not fun. Look for the next Vintage Rifle event at RBGC – The Rifleman's Weekend, the first weekend in May.

—Ben Franklin

Videos mentioned in this article:

RBGC member Matt Whitley fires his 1903A3 Springfield in the Prone Rapid Fire stage.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rp3qn9exPzl>

RBGC member Jack Talley fires his WWII USGI M1 (Garand) rifle during the Sitting Rapid Fire stage.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYRusc7sG\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYRusc7sG_c)

## 100 Yard Match/Clinic

At the October 100 Yard Match/Clinic this month, we hosted nineteen Boy Scouts from Troop 232. This same troop participated in our match last year and seeing many of the Scouts return the previous year was great. Many of the Scouts shot excellent scores!

It was their first time shooting a rifle for many Scouts, but by the end of the day, they were all safely loading and shooting their .22 rifles. The following day a Rifle Shooting Merit Badge class was held in RBGC's AP5 bay. According to RBGC member Dave Harrington who led the Scout's visit, fourteen scouts earned their Rifle shooting merit badge on Sunday. Jerry and Kathy Rioux conducted the merit badge clinic on Sunday, along with Doug McNash and Rick Pawlowski.



As is the tradition in Scouting, the Scouts also did a Service Project to thank the club for allowing them to participate. The Service Project selected by the Club Manager was to pick up the already cut bushes by the river and load them on a trailer, cleaning up the river bank for club members to enjoy.

In addition to the Scouts, we had several new shooters participate. Many "regulars" attended, and one gentleman drove down from North Carolina just to participate in our match. The experienced shooters let the Scouts and new shooters use their mats and scopes and coached them when needed.

The 100 Yard Match/Clinic is a perfect venue for first-timers and those wishing to improve their marksmanship skills. The "clinic" portion is taught by experienced High Power Rifle competitors and differs from what you will hear in other courses. We explain the two fundamentals of shooting - yes, there are only two, and there is a reason why there are only two.

We touch on the mental aspects of shooting, why the target is a distraction, how to use your body (or position) to point the rifle rather than using muscle, and the importance of the natural point of aim (NPA). We also stress safety as part of a formal program, which I believe is the best way to get in the habit of being safe with firearms. While we are all there to have fun and learn, we don't compromise on safety.

The course of fire for the match is a ten-minute sighting-in period, then a ten-shots slow-fire standing, a ten-shot sitting rapid-fire, ten-shots prone rapid-fire, and finally, a twenty-shot slow-fire string. We have a portion of the clinic between each stage, so you learn about the position, then shoot from that position.

What rifle do you need to participate in the 100 Yard match/Clinic? Any centerfire rifle up to 8mm. .22 rimfire rifles are perfect for the 100 Yard Match/Clinic, and with the cost of ammo these days, a .22 rimfire is a good option. Rifles should be able to accept a detachable magazine or be loaded via stripper clip; semi-auto or bolt rifle.

Your rifle must, however, have iron sights. No rifle scopes or optics allowed. The 100 Yard Match/Clinic is a basic marksmanship program, and we firmly believe you need to learn using iron sights. We often have loaner rifles available. Contact the match director ([ben@rbgc.org](mailto:ben@rbgc.org)) for more information.

I often hear, "I've been meaning to try the 100 Yard." Now is a perfect time. You will have a fun day!

Special thanks to the Club Manager Eric Leid, Assistant Club Manager Greg Hughes, and Chief Range Officer Jim Garner for their assistance coordinating the Scout's visit.

— Ben Franklin



# Action Pistol

## Thanksgiving Dinner Table Match

Saturday, November 19th dawned cold and clear for our November River Bend Action Pistol "Thanksgiving Dinner Table Match". It's that time of year to be thankful for blessings, friends, and an opportunity to get to sit at the Big Table. We had a great turnout of 51 Action Pistol shooters who came for a beautiful day of shooting, socializing, and celebrating our kickoff of Thanksgiving.

Bay 1 - **Confused Yet?** - Once again we played with all that muscle memory. Forget about just shooting steel as fast as you can (or not), this time you had to stop your reflexes and think about what you were doing. Seemed to be a lot of chanting about three and three and three and three -- whatever that meant. And then there was that Texas Star.



Bay 2 - **Phil's Malphunction** - This stage was a design from Phil Henderson, who created a great one. Ports and plates and poppers and paper with heads and Mozambiques and just plain two's and that turning four and then he throws in a start with a run to the right! More than a few ran left.... Fun stage!



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## Action Pistol

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Bay 3 – **Get A Seat At The Big Table** - Everyone wants to sit at the Big Table for Thanksgiving but first you've got to earn it. This year was a twist with first "harvesting" the turkey and then safely making it to The Big Table, along with all the "fixings". This stage prepared everyone for the multi-tasking that is needed during Thanksgiving dinner. Keeping both hands full and busy, but whatever you do, don't drop anything and for heaven's sake don't forget the basket! Another holiday event celebrated!



Our Action Pistol traditions continued after the bays were cleared with another great lunch with all the necessary accessories and John Livingstone grilling up the hotdogs. And once again Karen B. amazed us tortellini soup and tasty baked beans and Mamiko blessed us with the gooey goodness of her brownies. The things that make America Great.

Our shooting matches continue to support fine dining and caloric overload River Bend Style as an event that no one should miss. Of course the match and lunch were topped off with door prizes of ammo, ammo, and ammo and two gift certificates from King of Camo. Thank you, Travis Bentley. Another fine day with friends new and old.

Thanks again to the Action Pistol RO's and Support Team who keep us safe and organized, especially Mike Castleberry, Paul van O, Jeremy Demar, and Phil Henderson who came out Friday to setup ALL the stages prior to Saturday, plus the competitors who show up early on Saturday to help get us going.

NEXT UP:

ACTION PISTOL PRE-CHRISTMAS CLOSEOUT 2022 WITH A BANG MATCH

DECEMBER 17th





## NFA Fun Shoot Day

November 13th was NFA Fun Shoot Day at RBGC (aka Subgun Sunday!!). Several NFA certified club members gathered on AP4 for a day of camaraderie and fun why blasting away in a target rich environment with several types of submachine guns. There is no doubt that the HK MP5 was the most popular based on the numbers at the match, but there were also Uzis, MP40s, Thompsons, Mac10s, Swedish Ks, AR 9s, and more!!!! Members were able to blast all the targets and also participate in a competition course of fire that demanded knowledge of one's firearm to competent successfully.

Not only was the shooting fun, but the lunch was a feast for royalty!! Participants enjoyed hamburgers, Brunswick Stew, Tomato Soup, Mac N Cheese, stuffed peppers, and more!!!!

RBGC continues to prove that it is a social club where you get to shoot some pretty neat stuff!!! 2022 was a year of memories and we look forward to more good times together in 2023....see you on the range!





December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2 is Closed	2 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2-7 is Closed	3 <a href="#">High Power Christmas Miracle EIC Match</a> <a href="#">Cowboy Action Sporting Clays Match</a>
4 <a href="#">High Power Christmas Miracle 600x3 Match</a> <a href="#">IDPA Match</a> <a href="#">RBGC Precision Rifle Match</a>	5	6	7	8	9	10 <a href="#">Centerfire Benchrest</a> <a href="#">ICORE Match</a> <a href="#">High Power Silhouette Match</a> <a href="#">NRA Rifle First Steps Orientation - Youth Shooting</a>
11 <a href="#">Steel Challenge</a>	12 <a href="#">Board Meeting</a>	13	14	15	16 AP Bays 1 - 3 Closed at 2pm for AP Match Set-up	17 Cowboy Bays 1 through 6 Closed from 9:00am to 1:00pm for USPSA Setup <a href="#">Action Pistol</a> <a href="#">Hunting Rifle Shoot - HP</a> <a href="#">Tactical Rifle Certification</a>
18 New Member Orientation Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24 <a href="#">100 Yard Match/Clinic</a> <a href="#">Shotgun Hill Closed for Christmas Eve</a>
25 Christmas <a href="#">Shotgun Hill Closed for Christmas</a>	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <a href="#">RBGC Precision Rifle Match</a>	2	3	4 <a href="#">Concealed Carry and Home Defense Fundamentals</a>	5 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2 is Closed	6 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2-7 is Closed	7 <a href="#">Cowboy Action</a> <a href="#">NRA RSO Training Course - Mowell Conference Room</a>
8 <a href="#">Steel Challenge</a>	9 <a href="#">Board Meeting</a>	10	11	12	13	14 <a href="#">Centerfire Benchrest</a> <a href="#">NRA Basic Rifle Class</a>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <a href="#">Action Pistol RO Meeting - Mowell Conference Room</a> <a href="#">Hunting Rifle Shoot - Silhouette</a> <a href="#">Tactical Rifle Certification</a> Cowboy Bays 1 through 6 Closed from 9:00am to 1:00pm for USPSA Setup
22 New Member Orientation Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28 <a href="#">USPSA Match</a> <a href="#">100 Yard Match/Clinic</a> <a href="#">Buffalo Rifle Match</a>
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# Bench Tech—Chapter 1: Beginning to Begin

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This chapter is primarily about identifying what I believe are realistic expectations of what could be achieved by implementing the procedures and techniques that will be presented in subsequent chapters. In doing so, I will define basic terms and introduce concepts and lessons learned that have guided me in my pursuit of "accuracy".

I am confident that many of you are quite good at reloading high-quality ammunition. There is ample evidence of that belief, demonstrated at hunter rifle sight-ins and 3 x 600 "fun" matches. Some of the procedures and techniques I will present are likely well known to you, and may be a fundamental part of your ammunition preparation routine. Within these "known" techniques, however, there may be some deviations to your procedures that I believe are worth considering. Some of the techniques I will present may not be known to you or have been disparaged in what I believe are old wives' tales. All are a good-faith effort on my part to help improve your current accuracy, but only you can assess if such help is warranted. Take the best and leave the rest.

The foregoing serves to underscore what you already know to be true: the quest for accuracy is experimental trial and error. There are no guarantees. You have to pay to play. You likely have already invested in various tools and components, trying new techniques that have never really panned out. I, too, have (and continue to be) on that "mad science" path as evidenced by way too many burned out barrels. My only defense of whatever your outcome is that the techniques I will present have worked for me, producing target results as presented in the Introduction to these articles. I believe that if you correctly implement these techniques, you will have at least Vegas house odds of success.

The generic tools and equipment I used that contributed to those target results presented in the Introduction are laundry-listed in Chapter 23 of my eBook found at [africahunterquest.com](http://africahunterquest.com). Those tools are in addition to those normally considered basic for reloading, such as a press, case trimmer, powder measure, etc.

You will note that no manufacturer or brand names are used in this laundry list. That premeditated omission underscores two important points. First, I have no vested financial interest in what you accomplish or how you accomplish it. Second, the skill and craftsmanship used to implement the technique are far more important than the tool or equipment used. Quite frankly, some of you boys and girls would rather push a Ford than drive a Chevy. I do not want to be in the bursting radius of any reloading, metaphoric "Ford vs Chevy" wars. Such useless verbal combat both detracts from and obscures the techniques and related concepts that are being presented.

That last sentence presents probably the most important word that is pretty-much the basis for all the chapters in this series: concepts. The techniques and procedures I will present are all in response to implementing a concept. I will take the time to briefly discuss what I believe are the concepts in play to help better understand the objective of the technique. By understanding the concept, you can modify my technique to your specific preferences, or invent your own.

So, just what can reasonably be expected by successfully implementing the techniques I present? Quite simply, better accuracy, as defined by a specified center-to-center group diameter with a stipulated number of shots at a stipulated distance. The techniques I will present should likely reduce the number and/or extent of fliers by improving the consistency of your ammunition. Consistent ammunition, free of fliers, will allow the opportunity for refined and strategic load tuning based on "true" impact patterns that show up on the target.

In order to achieve a specified accuracy goal, the word "consistency" also needs to apply to your firearm system and your skill set as a shooter. In terms of your firearm system (action, stock, barrel, trigger, and sights), inconsistency can produce fliers resulting from such things as poor action bedding, a barrel that is not free-floated, a bugged muzzle crown, etc. In terms of shooter skills, inconsistency can produce fliers resulting from such things as poor breath control, poor trigger squeeze, (even on a 2-oz trigger) misjudging/missing a condition, etc.

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I believe my systems never lie and the result is target truth. Therefore, for me to actually “fix” any undesirable group that shows up on the target requires that I “fix” any combination of inconsistency from my system, my shooting technique, and ammunition.

The reality and validity of than target truth axiom resulted in an epic “Duh” moment over 20 years ago at MP-1. My factory system, chambered in 22-250, had just testified to all manner of buffoonery at 100 yards. The target group grope was testimony to the likely interaction of all three consistency variables. Unwilling to believe either my (highly regarded) system or shooting skills were at fault, I purchase what was thought to be high- quality, off-the-shelf ammo to incriminate my inferred feckless hand-loading skills.

Nope. Same result. Still (foolishly) unwilling to believe my system or I was at fault, I did basic forensics on the factory ammo. I discovered (to my horror) ugly variations both in powder charge and base-to-ogive seating depth that were likely contributing to the shotgun pattern that had appeared on the target.

In a second “Duh” moment, I arrived at the cosmic conclusion that the only source of inconsistency that could actually be fixed was my system. I had the action bedded, the trigger tuned, the barrel recrowned, and the bolt’s locking lugs lapped. Whether any of that was actually necessary, I will never know. As far as I was concerned, I had eliminated one source of inconsistency and could focus on the other two.



Having just graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Buffoon U, I began graduate-level studies by assuming that shooting from a bench was easy. The bench’s fixity implied that universal proper shooting technique (breath control, trigger squeeze, cheek weld, follow-through, reading conditions, and calling shots) was incidental and of no appreciable importance. Ultimately recognizing such blasphemy resulted in my self-imposed exile to bench-shooting technique purgatory. My labors were sufficiently rigorous for me to claim that any deviation from a called shot was due to ammunition that needed “fixed”. I will present the key elements of this bench-shooting technique in Chapter 2.

Your takeaway from my lessons learned is that maxing-out any ammunition accuracy benefit based on what I present is dependent on you eliminating inconsistency from both your system and your shooting technique. What could be done or even should be done to reduce/eliminate those inconsistencies is up to you.

Picture 1-1

Be advised: successfully implementing some of the ammunition reloading techniques I will present will likely be at odds with seemingly tried and true axioms from both fellow members of your shooting discipline and what the shooting community at large “knows” to be true. Keeping an open mind and “giving it a go” may reward you as shown in picture 1-1. The target was shot at 200 yards (MP-1) using a hunting rifle chambered in 375 H&H. The loaded cartridge and the bullet used are also shown. The rifle and rests used to produce this group are shown in picture 1-2.

Conventional “tried and true” wisdom essentially dictates that this group is unlikely, at best. (“Ain’t no way, Dude. That target was shot at 50 yards.”) The case is long and skinny with too shallow a shoulder angle, all incompatible with good accuracy. The bullet is lead tipped, BC-challenged, and seated way too far into the case. Even with this extreme seating depth, the powder used doesn’t even come close to filling the case. Loaded rounds can be used as maracas. Except for uniformed



Picture 1-2

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flash holes, the brass is unsorted, box stock, and full-length resized using no expander ball. The bullet's ogive is seated "way too far" off the lands at 0.145 inches. Finally, conventional wisdom says the chambering produces far too much recoil for consistent accuracy.

My response? Accuracy is where you find it, and I'm not afraid to look. The intent of these articles is to help you all find comparable accuracy to the extent that your system and skill set will allow.

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—Scott Fletcher

## Classified Ads

### For Sale—Caesar Guerini Summit Sporting O/U

2-3/4 in. Chambers

32" Barrels

Includes chokes set and case

Small blemish near safety as shown in picture.

Beautiful shotgun and nice overall condition.

Will meet at my residence or RBGC for a cash sale.

Call Mark at 404-925-3699





## Classified Ads

### For Sale—Lapua Midas Center X 22LR ammunition

Five (5) Bricks of 22 LR Lapua Center X

2500 rounds

All five bricks with Lot # 28555/70276

\$160.00 / brick

you save shipping and taxes

call or text Jack Calhoun 404-775-1447

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### For Sale—Steyr Sniper .300 Win. Mag.

Chris Kyle inspired me.

One of the most accurate rifles in the world, from Austria.

Hammer forged barrel, integrated mono pod. Factory bipod. Folding stock.

Night Force 8x32x50, SFP. Soft bag included. All the good stuff.

8 shot mag (2), 220 Custom loads with Berger 208 gr. Bullet.

150 rounds of Black Hills ammo with 165 gr. Bullet, 70 rounds of brass.

Approx. 500 rounds shot thru it. Ready to enjoy!

Got a new project.

If interested, contact Ronnie at

770-630-9258 or

[Claybird8sv1@gmail.com](mailto:Claybird8sv1@gmail.com)



### For Sale

**Remington 547** From the Remington Custom Shop, Sturgis SD.

Excellent condition with less than 500 rounds fired.

22" Shilen BBL, chamber cut to Eley specs. 6 round factory mag.

Original case, Talley bases and 1" rings, Factory target and

manual, bore guide. Retail \$1400.00-- for sale at \$950.00.



**Anschutz 1411 Match 54.** 1973 vintage. Rifle has been well taken

care of. Includes bore guide and Harrel precision rimfire tuner.

(Scope and rings not included). \$875.00.



Rimfire Match ammo

Eley Tenex lots:

1019-03172 1057 fps 100+ boxes

1019-03231 (No velocity info.) 31 boxes

1018-04312 1066 fps. 100+ boxes

\$15.00 box + shipping if applicable. Buy 10 or more boxes

\$14.50 box



Craig Patterson 404-964-3601-- call or text or email [ccp400@gmail.com](mailto:ccp400@gmail.com)

## Classified Ads

### For Sale—Kimber 45 ACP Super Carry Custom HD

Custom Shop

two (2) mags

100 rounds of Armscor 230 GR FMJ ammunition

All for \$1175.00

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### For Sale—Lapua Midas + 22LR ammunition

Ten Bricks of 22 LR Lapua Midas+

5000 rounds

nine (9) bricks with Lot # 26555/701602

one (1) brick with Lot # 26555/701711

\$200.00 / brick

you save shipping and taxes

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Happy  
Holidays

### For Sale—New Lower Price

Anschutz model 1710 HB-U2 23"STS.

Unfired

GRS Hybrid Stock. Black/Red

Epoxy bedding at factory

5019 Two Stage Trigger

BT 65-LW gen 2 Atlas Bipod

1- 5 round mag

1-10 round mag

1500 rounds RWS R-50 lot

224

Factory Test Fire target on request

\$3,495.00

Contact: Charlie [cstramare@gmail.com](mailto:cstramare@gmail.com)



## Classified Ads

### Assistant Club Manager Needed

River Bend Gun Club is seeking qualified candidates for the Assistant Club Manager position. The current Assistant Club Manager is retiring in June of 2023. In order to meet training needs and to support near term staff augmentation requirements, the club would like to fill this position as soon as feasible.

#### Job Description

The Assistant Club Manager (ACM) assists the Club Manager in day-to-day operations; however, the primary role is one of membership support and lifecycle management of membership. In this role the ACM reports directly to the Club Manager and coordinates with the CRO team, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Communications Manager, Range Officers, staff, members, and vendors as needed.

This is a full-time position requiring at least 40 hours per week with the requirement to be onsite at least one weekend day per month in support of New Member Orientation (NMO). Additional weekend support may be needed for special events such as the annual Young Shooters Challenge (YSC) or the Annual Business Meeting and Picnic.

Candidates must be an RBGC member in good standing for at least three years and must possess excellent interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills. Administrative and organizational skills are essential. A basic working knowledge of MS Excel and MS Word is desirable as are any data management skills.

#### Primary Responsibilities

The ACM is responsible for lifecycle management and support of membership including initial membership inquiries and maintenance of complete and accurate records and archives of membership throughout the life of same. These responsibilities include:

- Acting as the primary point of contact for membership inquiries, facility tours, and membership applications
- Managing membership intake processes, vetting of applications for membership, scheduling of applicants into NMO and post-NMO processing of applicants into membership
- Administration of membership pricing, invoicing, system configuration updates, changes, and reporting as needed
- Updating and managing membership records throughout the lifecycle of membership. Support and resolution of membership related questions or issues for existing members
- Development, coordination, and implementation of the annual membership renewal
- Issuance of membership / staff badges and gate card credentials
- Managing the gate access system, gate credentials, and gate schedules.

#### Additional Responsibilities

- Accounts Receivables, banking, and deposit reporting
- Accounts Payables as needed
- Payroll Processing
- Employee onboarding processes
- Vendor management
- Coordinating event hospitality services when needed



Qualified candidates who are interested in this position are encouraged to submit a current resume with their email and telephone contact information to the Will Owensby, Club President at [willborner@aol.com](mailto:willborner@aol.com).



## Classified Ads

### For Sale—Ruger 10 22 action (SR-22R receiver) target rifle

2 Ruger mags included  
comes with one brick Federal Premium Match 22 LR ammo  
Vortex Crossfire II 6-24X50 scope (mounted) with original box and manual  
Hogue Stock  
Volquartsen trigger, 2.5 lb pull  
Tandemcross bolt and charging handle  
Tactical Solutions mag release and bolt hold open catch  
Shaw custom barrel  
Will meet you at RBGC for the cash sale  
All for \$650.00  
call or text Jack Calhoun 404-775-1447 email: [tuxfordjack@gmail.com](mailto:tuxfordjack@gmail.com)



### For Sale— Begara B-14 HMR, 6.5 Creedmore with original box and manual 24" barrel

uses AICS style MAG, 3 included  
Vortex Viper (mounted) 6-24X50 scope with original box and manual  
comes with 1 Lot, assorted factory ammunition as pictured approx 300 rounds, most all of it is Hornady.

Also comes with all you need to reload 6.5 Creedmore ammo,  
1450 CCI large rifle primers  
2 Lbs H4350 powder  
approx 550 Hornady Bullets, mostly 140  
gr ELD match  
approx 200 rounds of Hornady brass  
1 RCBS FL die set for 6.5 Creedmore

All for \$1500.00  
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### For Sale—Ruger 10 22 action (BRN-22R receiver) target rifle

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Riton 6-24X50 scope (mounted) with original box and manual  
Victor Stock  
Volquartsen trigger, 2.5 lb pull  
Tandemcross bolt and charging handle  
Tactical Solutions mag release and bolt hold open catch  
Shaw custom barrel  
Will meet you at RBGC for the cash sale

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## Classified Ads

**For Sale—Bolt-action 93R17 BTVS.** It combines Savage's user-adjustable AccuTrigger™ technology and a 21-inch, button-rifled, heavy stainless steel barrel. The rifle features a wood laminate stock with a custom thumbhole, as well as a three (3) 5-round detachable box magazines. also included is an ammo can of various .17 HMR ammo

All for \$475.00

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### Shotgun For Sale

Rizzini BR110 Sporting over/under Shotgun. Hardly used in excellent condition. Includes hard case and 7 chokes (2 custom Brileys). \$1600 Call Al Cummings 678-977-3767

### For Sale—Ruger 10 22 action (SR-22R receiver) target rifle

2 Ruger mags included  
comes with one brick Federal Premium Match 22 LR ammo  
Vortex Crossfire II 6-18X44 scope (mounted) with original box and manual  
Archangel Stock  
upgraded charging handle  
extended mag release and bolt hold open catch  
stainless threaded bull barrel  
Bipod

All for \$525.00

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### Firearm Consignments

Interested in selling one gun, several guns, a collection or even firearms that may part of an estate? How 'bout selling some of those "safe queens" that have been taking up room in your safe for years? We can consign your inventory and use our established dealer networks to get top dollar, so you can finally buy that special firearm you've been watching or just for a little extra Christmas cash. We are active members of RBGC and specialize in no-hassle turn-key firearms consignments for our clients. We believe in the "Big Easy Button." We both hold FFL's, and between us we cover the North Georgia from Atlanta to the Tennessee border.

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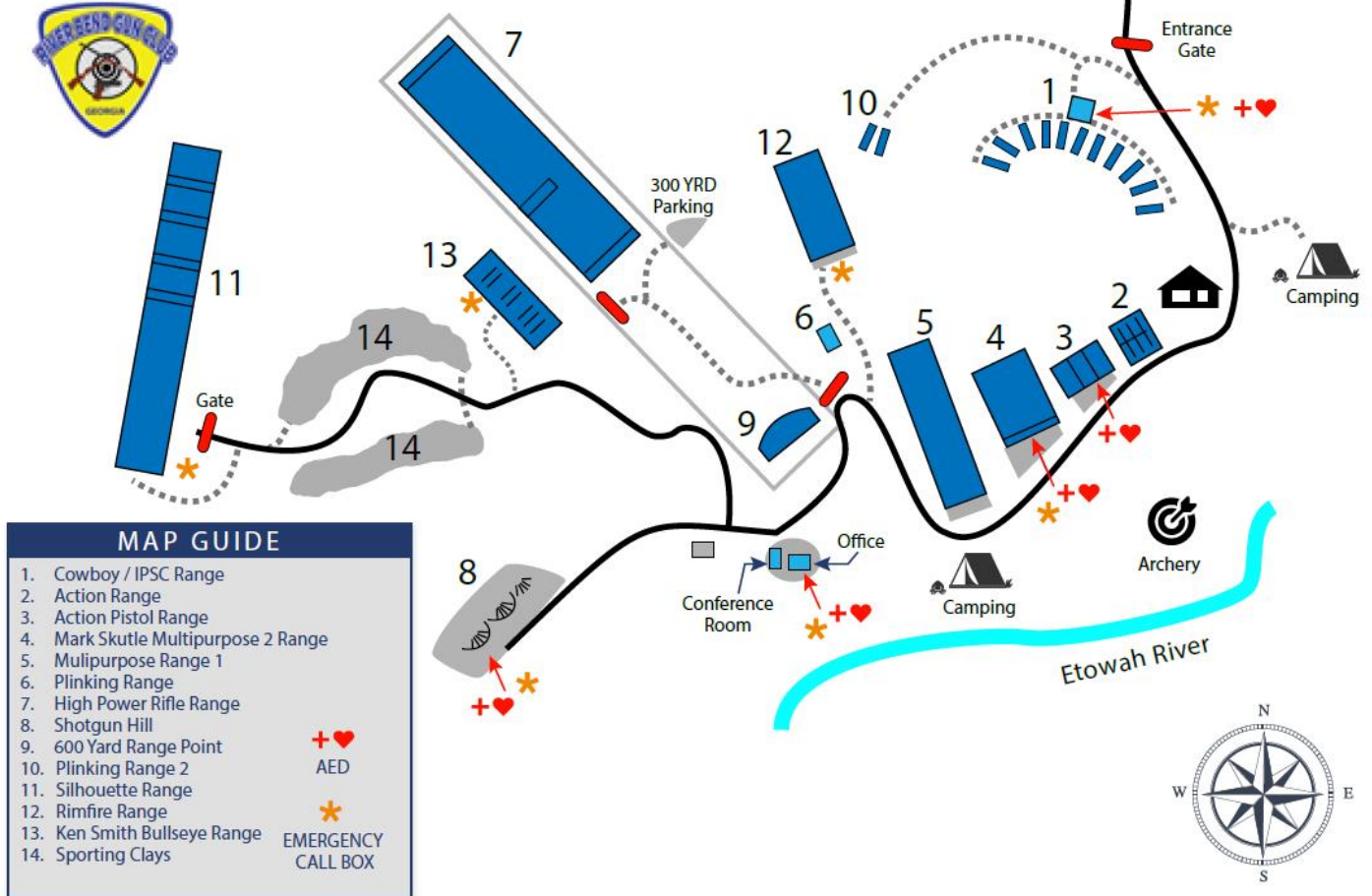
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OPEN Thursday - Sunday 10am - 6pm last round must begin prior to 5:30 pm

CLOSED Monday - Wednesday

### Club Hours:

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