

# The Bullet-IN

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## RIVER BEND BALLISTIC CHALLENGE XVI GLOCK MATCH



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The 2023 Dawsonville Glock Match was held on the Cowboy Hill Range March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> with a total of 642 entries (aka 'pistols shot') for the match. Everyone seemed to understand how Sunday's weather forecast might make it tough on scores—particularly if you were wanting to do well. Saturday was bright and sunny, and the quote "Suns out, Guns out" rang out like gunfire thunder! Sunday's plan to shoot the match became Saturday's battle cry of "let's go, NOW"!

Registration opened early Saturday to allow the Range Officers an opportunity to finish their match from the day before. The in-rush of competitors side-lined that thought right from the start. Soon, Cowboy Hill was awash with shooters signing in and pulling triggers. The Range Officers and Staff were running up and down the Hill trying to keep ahead of *EVERYONE* wanting to get their entries shot right then!! Lines were long and waiting to shoot got everyone a little anxious. GLOCK, River Bend Range Officers --every volunteer on the Hill kicked in and got the bottlenecks opened. An additional Course of Fire was thrown together in a matter of minutes to address the flood of shooters once the gates opened.

'Time takes time', and the Ballistic Challenge has no sway on the physical laws of time and space—although we really, REALLY try to! A perspective on Saturday: with every CoF running at top speed; 3 plate racks banging and clanking non-stop, shooting was halted by *darkness!!* Time had run out for the remaining shooters on the \*day before\* daylight savings took effect! Sunday's weather started as predicted: windy with rain. A few braved the elements to get their shots in for score. By mid-morning, the rain ended, and the Sun didn't exactly jump out, but the damage was done with less than 100 entries for the day.



The Young Marines brought a new element to the Ballistic Challenge this year by flipping burgers for everyone's lunch fare. Judging by the compliments received—they hit a home run with the fresh approach, the fresh coffee and the fresh condiments served up for everyone's enjoyment. The Range Officer raffle and prize table giveaways included seven Glock pistol certificates, four certificates for Hunter HD Gold shooting glasses

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## RIVER BEND BALLISTIC CHALLENGE XVI GLOCK MATCH

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and ten .22LR Silencer Central suppressors!! “Sweet XVI” Glock match tee-shirts sold during the two-day event moved well –and are still available if you missed getting yours.

Lastly, as the final numbers were tallied for the GSSF Ballistic Challenge at River Bend Gun Club, the staff, range officers and administration personnel took pride in the fact that -aside from the National “Gunny Match” held in September, the 2023 Ballistic Challenge XVI is #1 as the largest local Glock match in the country!!

My sincere thanks and deep appreciation for all the Club members who participated in the Glock match this year. Without the commitment and support of our members, the success the Ballistic Challenge has achieved would not be possible. Thank you!



## RANGE RULE REMINDER OF THE MONTH

May 2023

Changes are coming to the River Bend ranges. Just as with AP-4 and AP-5 whose firing line is identified by red stake 4x4s, so it will be made so at every River Bend range possible. From Cowboy Hill and on down the line, red stakes are being placed on both the left and right sides of the range to delineate the firing line for that range.

Depending on the range where the red stakes are placed, the red stakes will mean the absolute end of the allowable shooting area for that range. Meaning that shooting for that range must occur forward of the red stakes and impact directly on the back berm for that range.

As work progresses on Cowboy Hill for Bays 3, 4, and 6, so will the placement of red stakes begin with Cowboy Hill. As the the 4x4 red posts are added to the Cowboy Hill Bays, the CRO team will be placing updated Range Rules booklets specifically addressing that range and its new firing line markers.

The CRO and the CRO Team urge you to look for, and identify, the red 4x4 stakes on the range you are enjoying and understand its meaning and purpose.

Thank you for your attention.

James Garner – CRO.



## Membership Dues Increase Approved for FY 2023-2024

During the Executive Session that followed the monthly Board of Directors meeting on March 13, 2023, the Board voted to approve a 4.55% dues increase for fiscal year 2023-2024. This modest dues increase is necessary for the continued fiscal health of River Bend Gun Club and it will help offset increased costs in fuel, construction materials and labor.

Dues for annual members will increase \$15.00 to \$345 and dues for senior members will increase \$7.50 to \$172.50. This 4.55% increase is consistent with dues increases in FY 22-23 (3.8%), FY 21-22 (3.9%) and in FY 20-21 (2%). Prior to the FY 20-21 increase, the club had not increased dues since 2005 when dues were increased from \$200 to \$300 (50%) and several members allowed their membership to lapse in protest

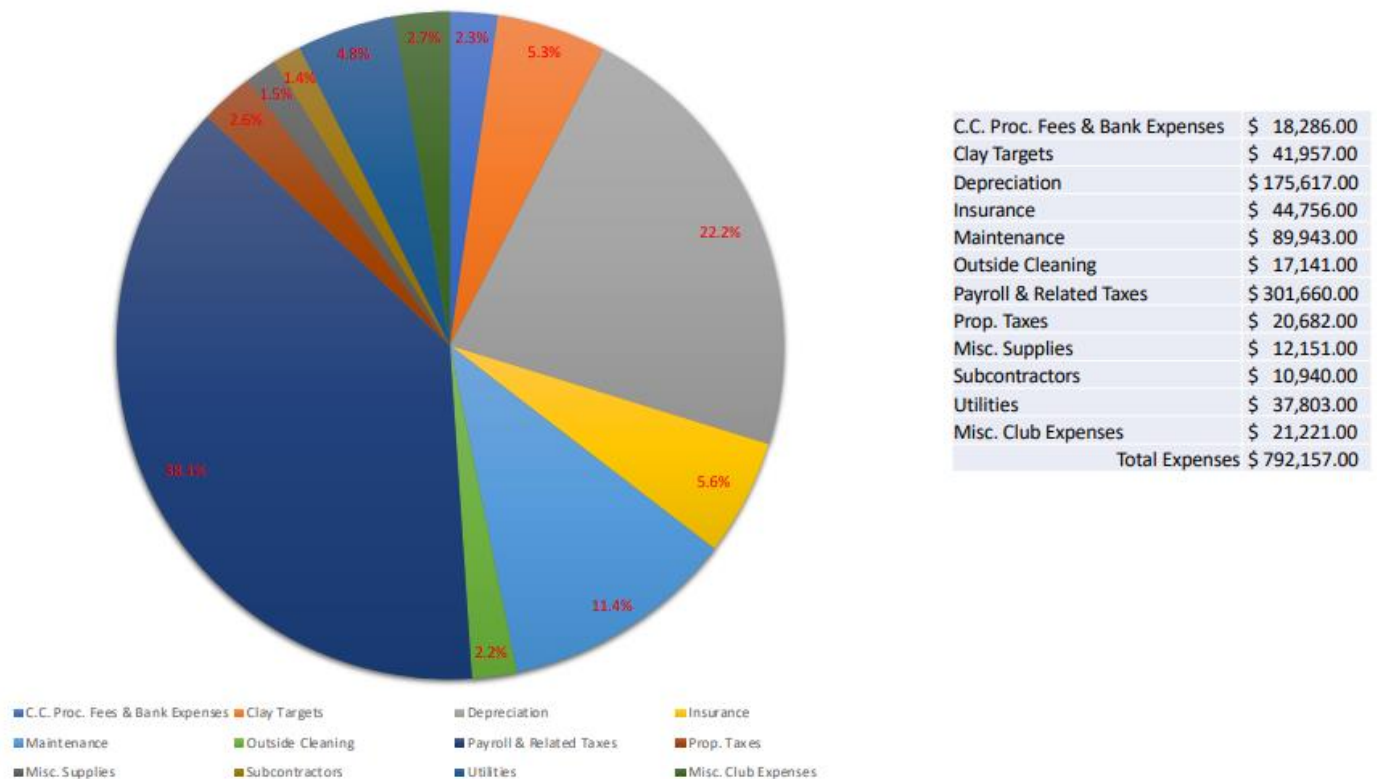
Based on current membership growth trends, the 4.55% dues increase for FY 23-24 will provide approximately \$32,000 in additional income from dues payments. Significant income is also generated by initiation fees and dues from new members who join RBGC at an average rate of approximately 16 new members per month. Membership dues and initiation fees are the club's primary sources of revenue and, together, they generate a bit less than \$1,000,000 in annual income. Annual operating expenses are approximately \$800,000 and, in any given year, the club has approximately \$180,000 to \$200,000 in "discretionary income" which is used for equipment replacement, paving, range rehabilitation and new range development and construction.

As long as we have incremental dues increases and new member growth, RBGC will continue to operate efficiently and will continue to host shooting venues (matches) and provide multiple ranges for members, their families and guests to safely shoot on and enjoy. Even though the club hosts a robust match schedule on weekends, many ranges are available for member use on weekends and all ranges are generally available for member use on weekdays. Club Management, the Board of Directors, the Club Treasurer and I monitor the club's financial performance closely and adjustments in spending and project time lines are made as necessary to ensure that the club remains financially solvent and debt free.

The attached pie chart shows club expenses broken down into 12 categories for the period July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. The club's total expenses for FY 2022-2023 were \$792,157 through March 31, 2023. As of March 31, 2023, the club had \$332,271 in the bank including \$100,224 in the Capitol Reserve Fund (to be used for unforeseen expenses like flood, fire or earthquake damage) and \$42,797 in the Scholarship Fund.

— Will

'22-'23 FYTD Expense Allocation thru 03/31/23





## 2023 Board of Directors Election

River Bend Gun Club's 2023 annual business meeting will convene at 11:00 AM on Sunday, May 21, 2023, 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 2023, the president, two Life Directors, and two Annual Directors will be elected. The members who qualified as candidates and are running for election in 2023 are:

For President:

Will Owensby, Life Member

For Life Director:

Kelly Duncan, Life Member

Michael Hall, Life Member

For Annual Director:

Camille Brown, Annual Member

Cliff Buckalew, Annual Member

Jeremy Demar, Annual Member

Paul van Oudheusden, Annual Member

As stipulated in the club By-Laws, only Life Members may vote for the President and Life Directors, and only Annual and Senior members may vote for Annual Directors.

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 emailed to the club membership and will be available for download on the club website after April 1, 2023.

Properly completed and signed proxy forms must be received by the Club Secretary no later than 5PM on Friday, May 12, 2023. Proxies received after that date and time will be rejected. Please remember, if you assign your voting rights to a proxy, the club member you assign your proxy to must be present and signed-in at the annual meeting to vote on your behalf, 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. Any member who authorizes another member to act on their behalf at a specific meeting via proxy may not vote at the meeting specified.

Questions about the annual meeting or election of the president and directors should be directed to the Club Secretary, Erica D'Amico, at [sec@rbgc.org](mailto:sec@rbgc.org) or 470-865-0754.



# PROXY



Please Complete All Highlighted Fields

The undersigned member of River Bend Gun Club, Inc., does hereby name, constitute and appoint

   as my sole proxy to vote for and  
(Please print the name of the member you want to vote on your behalf.)

on my behalf at the **2023 Annual Meeting** of River Bend Gun Club, Inc., to be held on **May 21, 2023**,

and I do hereby ratify and confirm the action of my proxy named herein in all votes or actions taken by my proxy at such meeting or any continuances thereof.

Date:

Member's Physical Signature - No electronic signatures will be accepted)

**Your Membership Class:**

☐ Life      ☐ Annual      ☐ Senior

PLEASE PRINT

Name:

Address:

## YOUR CONTACT

City, State, Zip:

INFO HERE

Phone:

E-mail:

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

Name: Will Owensby Primary Tel. Number: (770)856-6552  
E-mail Address: willborner@aol.com Alternate Tel. Number: None  
Membership Type: ☐ Annual ☐ Senior ☒ Life RBGC Member Since: July 14, 1997  
Candidacy For: ☐ Annual Director ☐ Life Director ☒ President

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

I visit the club an average of 10 times per month.

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

I am active in Action Pistol and Multi-Gun. I've also competed in USPSA, Steel Challenge and Cowboy Action.

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

May 2022 to present: Club President  
May 2021 to May 2022: Club President  
May 2020 to May 2021: Club President  
May 2019 to May 2020: Club President  
May 2018 to May 2019: Club President  
May 2018 to present: Chairman: Executive Committee  
May 2018 to present: Member of all standing and other committees  
2014 to Present: RO and Program Director for the Annual Young Shooters Challenge  
2014 to 2018: Chairman: Training Committee  
2013 to 2018: Chairman: Range Rules Revision Committee  
2012 to 2018: Chairman: Range Committee  
2012 to 2018: Chief Range Officer (CRO)  
2009 to 2012: RO and Match Director for Action Pistol  
2009 to 2015: RO and Match Director for 3 Gun

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

- Ensure that the club continues to be effectively managed, operated efficiently and remains debt free.
- Endorse and support ALL shooting venues and the annual Young Shooters Challenge.
- Ensure that range improvement and expansion and other Board approved projects are managed expeditiously and do not exceed their allocated budgets.
- Ensure that club officers, employees and representatives 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.
- Continue to work closely with the Board of Directors and Club Management to manage club resources in a manner that ensures the long-term growth and financial stability of River Bend Gun Club.
- Continue to use the Bullet-In and RBGC Forum to communicate priorities to club members and remain readily available to club members' questions, feedback and ideas.

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

River Bend Gun Club is a special place. My primary mission is to ensure that the club remains a safe, fun and debt free shooting facility for all members and for our children and grandchildren.

Candidate's Signature: Will Owensby Date: 12/1/22

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) Will Owensby

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.

Membership Type (Life or Annual/Senior only)	Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
1. LIFE	ROBERT REIBER JR	<i>Robert Reiber Jr</i>	Dec 2, 2022
2. LIFE	C.S. HARDIN	<i>C.S. Hardin</i>	12/3/2022
3. LIFE	ROVAND CASTRO	<i>R. Castro</i>	12/4/2022
4. LIFE	William Goode	<i>William Goode</i>	12/7/2022
5. LIFE	WILLIAM ILLG	<i>William Illg</i>	12/27/2022
6. LIFE	MICHAEL W HALL	<i>Michael W Hall</i>	12/28/2022
7. LIFE	Larry Sollars	<i>Larry Sollars</i>	12/30/22
8. LIFE	JIM ANDRESS	<i>Jim Andress</i>	1/4/23
9. LIFE	Scott Peterson	<i>Scott Peterson</i>	1/7/23
10. LIFE	Brian Hede	<i>Brian Hede</i>	1/7/23

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).

Membership Type (Life or Annual/Senior only)	Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
1. LIFE	Kelly Duncan	<i>Kelly Duncan</i>	1-7-23
2. LIFE	EDERVIN OWENSBY	<i>Edervin Owensby</i>	1-7-23
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5.			

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **River Bend Gun Club, Inc.**

### **2023 Board of Directors Official Candidate Application**

**Additional Statement  
by  
Will Owensby**

I am a candidate for Club President because I believe in River Bend Gun Club and because a great deal of hard work remains to be done to help this club continue to meet the needs of the members and remain financially strong.

Since I was first elected as Club President in May 2018, I have been fortunate to enjoy the support and cooperation of the Board of Directors and the club's staff and members to accomplish many important projects, expansion of the club's property and membership and consistent financial stability. Since June 2022, the support from several members of the Board of Directors has been sorely lacking and this has reduced my effectiveness as Club President and the effectiveness of the Board as a whole.

The River Bend Gun Club, Inc By-Laws assign specific powers to the Board of Directors. The By-Laws require the Club President to preside at all meetings of the club, the Board and the Executive Committee and they require the Club President to function as Chief Executive Officer, exercising all authority not otherwise delegated or assigned under the By-Laws. Neither the Club President or the Board of Directors has more authority than the other and both the President and the Board must work together to effectively manage club operations and resources. When enough members of the Board pursue an agenda that is not supported by other Board members, the effectiveness of the Board is compromised, important decisions are not agreed to, actions are not initiated and the club and its membership bear the consequences.

Since June 2022, two Life Directors have resigned. One resigned in June because he moved out of state and another in September, for personal reasons. Pursuant to the By-Laws, life members were elected by the Board to serve in their place until the next Annual Business Meeting. Since then, groundless accusations by Board members against one another, inappropriate displays of emotion and blame shifting have been common at Board meetings. Disagreements and hard feelings have been much more common than compromise and a willingness to work together.

The many productive actions accomplished by the various Boards of Directors I presided over prior to June 2022 have remained beneficial for the club and membership and I am confident that these success will continue if more members who truly care more about the club than their own agendas are elected. **I ask for your vote for Club President and I ask that you join me in voting for the following Life and Annual Directors to revitalize the Board and help bring the club back onto a path to success.**

#### **Kelly Duncan for Life Director**

Kelly joined RBGC in 2009. He has served on the Board as a Life Director and, as Vice President during my first term as President in 2018-19, Kelly was one of the few who were instrumental in helping the club purchase the additional 55 acres that expanded total club property to 377 acres. Kelly is competitive in USPSA, IDPA, Hunter Rifle, Multi-Gun, Action Pistol, Cowboy Action, Run and Gun and in Trap, Skeet and sporting Clays.

#### **Michael Hall for Life Director**

Michael joined RBGC in 2008. He is a Certified Public Accountant who owns and operates his own accounting firm and he has a firm understanding of the asset management, cash flow and personnel management challenges faced by small businesses. Michael is an advanced collector of S&W revolvers and he is competitive in High Power rifle.

#### **Cliff Buckalew for Annual Director**

Cliff joined RBGC in 2007. He recently retired from executive management with GA Power and is ready to bring his years of entrepreneurial business knowledge to the table as an Annual Director. Cliff is competitive in Action Pistol, Multi-Gun, Centerfire Rifle Silhouette and Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays.



# River Bend Gun Club, Inc.

## 2023 Board of Directors Official Candidate Application

Name: Michael Kelly Duncan Primary Tel. Number: 678-756-3326

E-mail Address: DOCDUNCAN@BELLSOOTH.NET 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)? TWO/THREE TIMES PER MONTH

In what shooting disciplines are you active? USPSA, IDPA, ACTION PISTOL STEEL CHALLENGE, 3 GUN, RUN & GUN, COWBOY

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

CURRENTLY SERVICING ON SCHOLARSHIP COMM.  
PREVIOUS LIFE DIRECTOR  
PREVIOUS VICE-PRESIDENT

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

SHORT TERM - CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE EXISTING SHOOTING EVENTS @ RBGC. SEEK AND EXPLORE EXPANSION FOR YOUTH CENTERED SHOOTING AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS.  
LONG TERM - MAINTAIN EXISTING RANGES & FACILITIES.  
ENSURE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUB FOR LONG-TERM FINANCIAL SECURITY AND SURVIVAL.  
EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL RANGES AND EXPANSION.

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

Candidate's Signature: Michael Kelly Duncan Date: December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

Candidate's name: (please print) MICHAEL KELLY DUNCAN

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.

Membership Type (Life or Annual/Senior only)	Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
1. Life	Derek Giddings	<i>[Signature]</i>	12/16/2022
2. Life	Robert Reiber Jr	<i>[Signature]</i>	12/17/2022
3. Life	James M Reiber	<i>[Signature]</i>	12/17/2022
4. Life	Benny Hendley	<i>[Signature]</i>	12/17/2023
5. Life	Johnny Thomas	<i>[Signature]</i>	Jan 7 2023
6. LIFE	WILLOWENSBY	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/7/23
7. Life	Scott Pearson	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/7/23
8. LIFE	Bill Goode	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/7/23
9. LIFE	MICHAEL HALL	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/7/23
10. LIFE	Jay Walls	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/20/23

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1. _____	_____	_____	_____
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3. _____	_____	_____	_____
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5. _____	_____	_____	_____

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**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.

My name is Kelly Duncan and I am running for Life Director at River Bend Gun Club. My family has been a member of River Bend Gun club since the 1970's. I have been an avid shooter and competitor since I was a teenager. In the 80's I decided to dedicate my time to USPSA competition. I have competed in State and National competitions and in 1990 went to Australia and competed in the IPSC World Shoot. I have also competed in the Sportsmen Team Challenge and Atlanta 3 Gun and many years in Single Action Shooting Society (Cowboy).

I enjoy all shooting sports and love the ability to shoot many challenging doctrines here at River Bend. Some of these include: Cowboy Action, USPSA, IDPA, Steel Challenge, Action Pistol, Hunter Rifle, GSSF, Multi/Gun/3Gun, Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clays and love helping with the Young Shooters and Women on Target events.

I have served on the River Bend Board in previous years as Life Director and Vice President. I would like your support so that I can help keep River Bend Gun Club one of the premier clubs in the country.



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

Name: MICHAEL HALL Primary Tel. Number: 678-428-0255  
E-mail Address: mhall@mhallgroup.com Alternate Tel. Number: NONE  
Membership Type: ☐ Annual ☐ Senior ☒ Life RBGC Member Since: 2008  
Candidacy For: ☐ Annual Director ☒ Life Director ☐ President

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

7 x per month

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

When I joined the club I shot mostly handguns. I still shoot handguns semi-regularly, along with sporting clays, but from a match perspective today I mostly shoot Highpower / Fclass rifle.

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

I serve on or advise numerous boards as well as management teams, but always as a part of my job. I have taken a lot of enjoyment out of the club over the years, and met a lot of great people, and find myself spending more and more time at the club; and it's time I started giving to the club.

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

The club has grown tremendously over the past several years, and with that growth has come increased requirements and challenges. I want to help foster that growth by helping focus the club's resources to make sure all our existing facilities are properly maintained and supported.

I want to help make certain that the club continues to be a competition-oriented, multi-capable facility that is world-class in whichever disciplines the club chooses to support. The most important controllable part of this is to ensure we have adequate allocated funds and labor directed at these disciplines.

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

Candidate's Signature: Michael W Hall Date: 1/20/2023

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Candidate's name: (please print) MICHAEL W HALL

Candidacy For:

☐

Annual Director

☒

Life Director

☐

President

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2. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>WILLIAM P. ILLG</u>	<u>William P Illg</u>	<u>12-30-22</u>
3. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>WILL OWENSBY</u>	<u>Will Owensby</u>	<u>12-30-22</u>
4. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>William H. Goode</u>	<u>William H Goode</u>	<u>12-30-22</u>
5. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>CHARLES M. IRAGANDY</u>	<u>Ch M I</u>	<u>1/6/23</u>
6. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>Robert J Reiber Jr</u>	<u>Robert J Reiber Jr</u>	<u>1/6/23</u>
7. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>Jim ANDRESS</u>	<u>Jim Andress</u>	<u>1/6/23</u>
8. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>Kelly DUNAW</u>	<u>Kelly Dunaw</u>	<u>1-7-23</u>
9. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>C.S. HARDIN</u>	<u>C S Hardin</u>	<u>1-9-23</u>
10. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>Ken BASS</u>	<u>Ken Bass</u>	<u>1-13-23</u>

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1. <u>LIFE</u>	<u>William J Dittman</u>	<u>William J Dittman</u>	<u>1/18/23</u>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

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Michael Hall

I grew up on a farm outside Dublin, Georgia, and while my dad saw guns as tools, I was always fascinated by them. I got my first subscription to Guns and Ammo when I was around 10, which really upset my mother. When I moved to Atlanta, Jack Lescher at Chuck's Firearms told me to go check out River Bend, and when I did I was amazed at what was up here. At that time I only owned a few revolvers, but some "bad influences" at the Club changed that in short order, and now I enjoy the Cowboy and Action Pistol bays as well as the rifle ranges and Shotgun Hill.

I've been a practicing CPA for over 30 years. About 17 years ago I left a larger regional firm as a partner and formed my own firm. Today we work mostly with for-profit closely held corporations, providing audit and tax services as well as transactional consulting. We have also worked with numerous nonprofit entities, mainly churches, but also with foundations and charities.

I appreciate the time and effort that the leadership at the club invests in keeping the gate open and the ranges maintained. As I've spent more time on property, and remembering what it was like on the farm, I've realized that what I once took for granted when I stepped onto the range was actually the result of a lot of dedication and time from people who love having a place to not only shoot but to hang around like-minded people. I'm ready to learn from those people and do my part to make sure the club continues to grow and provide others the same fantastic experience I still have every time I pass through the gate.



**River Bend Gun Club, Inc.****2023 Board of Directors Official Candidate Application**Name: Camille Brown Primary Tel. Number: 908-295-6265E-mail Address: CSb.mac@gmail.com Alternate Tel. Number: Same as AboveMembership Type: ☒ Annual ☐ Senior ☐ Life RBGC Member Since: 2019Candidacy For: ☒ Annual Director ☐ Life Director ☐ PresidentHow frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)? 2-3 times per month

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

USPSA Steel Challenge  
MULTI-gun BSSF

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

Currently Serving as ARO for the BSSF Ballistic Challenge for 2023

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

My short term goals would be to continue & maintain the excellent reputation of our Club. In the long term, I hope to grow the club's stature as a premier shooting facility. Our Club is the best in my eyes, and I would like to see the membership to also see that as well.

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

I will answer any additional questions from anyone who wishes to learn more about me.

Candidate's Signature: CBDate: 1.29.23

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

Candidate's name: (please print)

*Camille Brown*

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.**

Membership Type (Life or Annual/Senior only)	Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
1. Annual	Scott Hauswirth	<i>Scott Hauswirth</i>	Feb. 29, 2023
2. Annual	Tim Bowden	<i>Tim Bowden</i>	1/30/2023
3. Annual	Brenda Tyler	<i>Brenda Tyler</i>	1/30/2023
4. Annual	Dan Wieleba	<i>Dan Wieleba</i>	1/30/2023
5. Annual	Garret McLaren	<i>Garret McLaren</i>	1/30/2023
6. Annual	Sam Knapp	<i>Sam Knapp</i>	1/30/2023
7. Annual	Steven Helfman	<i>Steven Helfman</i>	1/30/2023
8. Annual	RANDY GAMBLE	<i>RANDY GAMBLE</i>	1/30/2023
9. Annual	Jake Sonshein	<i>Jake Sonshein</i>	1/29/2023
10. Annual	Bilal Sinno	<i>Bilal Sinno</i>	1/30/2023

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Membership Type (Life or Annual/Senior only)	Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
1. Annual	Michael Ulloa	<i>Michael Ulloa</i>	1/30/2023
2. Annual	Rob Chavous	<i>Rob Chavous</i>	1/30/2023
3.			
4.			
5.			

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To All Annual Members;

It's that time again when our membership must chose new annual leaders for our club. I am seeking your support for the position of Annual Director.

Since becoming a member in 2019, it has been my desire to contribute my time and efforts in helping maintain River Bend as the standout it is within the shooting community. River Bend has a reputation of the being "the club" in our area. I have been extremely proud being a member and now I wish to be a part of the leadership to maintain that exemplary reputation.

While I have not served on any committees in an official state, I have participated in many matches and used other venues during the tenure of my membership. I am currently working as an ARO for the upcoming GSSF Ballistics Challenge and as Match Director for Hammer-Down USPSA indoor match held at Sharp Shooters. As assistant to the previous Match Director and now Match Director, I have played an extensive roll in bringing about the success of that match. Working with different styles of personalities to create a successful event is the most important skill I have garnered in order to be successful in my role on the board. In addition, I have spent countless hours assisting on set crews or served as Range Officer at Steel Challenge and USPSA matches. My contribution also extends outside of River Bend as I wholeheartedly support all gun clubs in their efforts to be a conduit in the growth of our shooting community.

However, my heart belongs to River Bend. The measure of success of River Bend and all other private clubs, will be defined by the commitment of their members and those chosen to lead. I wish to and intend to, if chosen, to continue those efforts for the foreseeable future.

In looking forward, I envision my roll as that of a supporter to every club member, every office holder and every venue Range Officer. I wish to see more participation from our younger members, and youth family members.

In closing, I love River Bend and I wish to serve the club and it's members for the next 2 years. Please give me your support as I embark on this new chapter to serve you!

Camille Brown  
Annual Member Since 2019  
ARO-GSSF Ballistic Challenge  
Match Director-Hammer-Down Practical Shooters



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

Name: Cliff Buckalew Primary Tel. Number: 470-370-5401

E-mail Address: Cliffbuckalew17@gmail.com Alternate Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: ☒ Annual ☐ Senior ☐ Life RBGC Member Since: 2008

Candidacy For: ☒ Annual Director ☐ Life Director ☐ President

How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?:  
2-3

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

- \* Action Shooting - RBGC Action Pistol, IDPA, Multigun, Steel Challenge
- \* Rifle - High Power Silhouette - Plinking - PCC Class
- \* Shotgun - Skeet, Sporting Clays

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

RBGC Action Pistol - Match Range Officer (RO)

RBGC 3-Gun - Match RO

RBGC Women on Target - Shooting Coach

RBGC Youth Shoot - Shooting Coach

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

Short-Term:

Actively participate with the Board of Directors (BOD) and our Club Management (CM) team to manage our club resources in a manner that:

1. Respects our club history and the huge effort it took to build this club
2. Continues to provide a friendly, quality, and safe shooting experience for all members, family and guests
3. Fosters team-oriented communications within the BOD, our CM Team, and our club members

Long-Term:

1. Balance financial and physical resources in the best interest of RBGC and its members
2. Improve or grow our club facilities as needed in a financially sound, but practical manner
3. Pro-actively manage the legal, political, economic, and local community forces at work that present risk to RBGC

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

I love RBGC!

I will LISTEN to our members, the BOD and our CM team and act in the best interests of the club. A lot of people have volunteered their time and expertise over the years to build our club to one of the premier gun clubs in the southeast. I am now retired and have more time to volunteer and support our mission.

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

*Cliff Buckalew*

Date: 01/10/2023

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

Candidate's name: (please print) Cliff Buckalew RCB 01/09/23

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.

Membership Type (Life or Annual/Senior only)	Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
1. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>Phil Henderson</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-9-23</u>
2. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>GREG HUGHES</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-9-23</u>
3. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>JOHN BRYANT JR</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-9-23</u>
4. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>JEFF FEEKEU</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-9-23</u>
5. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>BART CRANFORD</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-9-23</u>
6. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>Frankie Loscavio</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-9-23</u>
7. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>DAVID NORCROSS</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-9-23</u>
8. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>Don BARNES</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/10/23</u>
9. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>ERNIE KNOCKE</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>01-11-23</u>
10. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>DENNIS THRIFT</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-11-23</u>

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1. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>ROGER TOTA</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-11-23</u>
2. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>Bill e Deringfield</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-12-23</u>
3. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>Raymond C. Hicks</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-15-23</u>
4. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>HAL SPYLESS</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-16-2023</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

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RCB  
01/09/23



# CLIFF BUCKALEW BOD CANDIDATE STATEMENT

## **WHY JOIN THE RBGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS?**

Simply stated...I feel like I need to *contribute and support* our club more... River Bend Gun Club (RBGC) and shooting sports is one of my passions

- **Why now?**
  - I retired in early 2022 and I now have more time to get involved
  - I love our club and all the opportunities it affords us
  - I have the leadership skills and business background to contribute in a meaningful manner

## **WHO IS CLIFF?**

- RBGC member since 2008
- Married (Teresa), 1 daughter (Jessica) and 2 grandchildren (Elliott and Emilia)
- Live in Big Canoe...15 minutes from RBGC
- 35 years in the electrical utility and power generation industry
  - Large scale electric utility engineering and sales professional (Large Business)
    - Learned big business process and culture
  - Moved to small startup business and successfully grew and sold the business
    - Learned and thrived in small business process and culture (Small Business)
- Teresa and I have always been outdoorsy types. We hunt, fish, garden, shoot, travel together and LOVE being outdoors
- I originally joined RBGC for shotgun purposes and shot skeet with friends competitively for a few years out of our shotgun hill and local competitive events
- I shifted to the ACTION SHOOTING sports a few years ago...I love action pistol, IDPA, and 3 gun. I especially enjoy our ACTION PISTOL (AP) matches. I like it because it's setup to create a comfortable environment for new shooters to participate in action sports. I enjoy the competition, the opportunity to mentor and coach new shooters, as well as all the cool toys you get to buy! 😊

## **CLIFF'S PROMISE**

I will always:

- Listen carefully
- Evaluate and act with our members and the club's best interest as my #1 priority
- Support our BOD and Club Management team with a "Small Business" mentality and decision making approach

*Please vote for me as an Annual Director...I will do you a great job!*



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

Name: Jeremy Demar

Primary Tel. Number: 678-882-4086

E-mail Address: jeremy@remad.net

Alternate Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: ☒ Annual ☐ Senior ☐ Life

RBGC Member Since: 07/26/2021

Candidacy For: ☒ Annual Director ☐ Life Director ☐ President

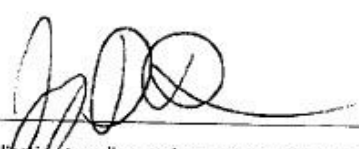
How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?:  
8-10

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:  
USPSA, Steel Challenge, Precision Rifle, Multigun, Action Pistol

Summarize your previous service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.:  
Currently ARO for Multigun and Action Pistol

Briefly describe your short- and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected (attach additional sheets if needed):  
My goal is to help maintain the existing high standards for RBGC and to work with the team to continue improving the facilities

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

Candidate's Signature: 

Date: 01/18/2023

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

Candidate's name: (please print) Jeremy Demar

Candidacy For:



Annual Director



Life Director



President

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1. <u>Annual</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN TOIVOLA</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>01/19/23</u>
2. <u>Annual</u>	<u>Brandon Truesdell</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/19/23</u>
3. <u>Annual</u>	<u>Paul van Oudheusden</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/21/23</u>
4. <u>Annual</u>	<u>Ryan Lasinski</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/21/23</u>
5. <u>Annual</u>	<u>CLIFF BOCKALE</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>01/21/23</u>
6. <u>Annual</u>	<u>Yen Edwards</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/21/2023</u>
7. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>DAVID NORCROSS</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/21/2023</u>
8. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>Phil Henderson</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-21-2023</u>
9. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>JEFF FEGREU</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1-21-2023</u>
10. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>JAMES GARNER</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1.21.2023</u>

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Membership Type (Life or Annual/Senior only)	Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
1. <u>Annual</u>	<u>William Ward</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/24/2023</u>
2. <u>Annual</u>	<u>Randy Gamble</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/24/2023</u>
3. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>JAMES COE</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/28/2023</u>
4. <u>Annual</u>	<u>Tom PARKER</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/28/2023</u>
5. <u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>DAVID MARCUS</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/28/2023</u>

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

Name: Paul van Oudheusden Sr.

Primary Tel. Number: 706-429-2486

E-mail Address: paulvano36@gmail.com

Alternate Tel. Number:

Membership Type:



Annual



Senior



Life

RBGC Member Since: 2019

Candidacy For:



Annual Director



Life Director



President

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

10-15 days

In what shooting disciplines are you active?:

Multigun, PRS, Action Pistol, IDPA, USPSA

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

Currently serve on the Facilities Committee, RO Committee.

Previously: Served as Chairman of the Land Use Committee.

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

Short term goals are to improve current infrastructure, i.e. Action Shooting Complex and Cowboy hill, update rifle ranges, update current buildings.

Long term goals are to implement a New Club House and MP3.

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

Previous Jobs include President of a Non-Profit Organization, Ranger Instructor, Platoon Sergeant, Squad Leader, Team Leader.

Candidate's Signature:



Date: January 20, 2023

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

Candidate's name: (please print) Paul van Oudheusden

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.*

Membership Type (Life or Annual/Senior only)	Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
1. Annual	Jeremy Demar		1/21/23
2. Annual	Ryan Lasowski		1/21/23
3. Annual	CLIFF BUCKALEW		01/21/23
4. Annual	Yen Edwards		1/21/2023
5. Annual	DAVID NORCROSS		1/21/2023
6. Annual	Phil Henderson		1-21-2023
7. Annual	JEFF FEEHEU		1-21-2023
8. ANNUAL	JAMES GARNER		1-21-2023
9. Annual	BENOIT MARQUIET		1/21/2023
10. Annual	Shukhrat Artikov		1/21/2023

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1. Annual	Colin Kress		1/21/2023
2. Annual	Tim Morrison		1/21/2023
3. Annual	William Ward		1/24/2023
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5. Annual	Tim Downing		1/28/23

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## 👉 HELP WANTED 👈

### River Bend Gun Club is adding one or more staff positions on Shotgun Hill!

RBGC's Shotgun Hill Facility is seeking applicants to fill part time Staff Associate positions. Desired hours are Thursday through Sunday from 9am until 2pm, however flexibility in scheduling is feasible, including additional hours if desired.

The primary responsibilities of the Shotgun Hill Staff Associate include:

- Monitoring the safety of shooters
- Stocking trap machines
- Pulling a variety of games for customers
- Maintenance of fields and facilities
- Processing cash register transactions.

Customer service skills are essential in this position. Knowledge of shotgun sports is beneficial but not required as we will train staff members how to pull each game. The position offers an excellent opportunity to work in the shooting sports industry and engage with both members, guests, and staff.

If interested, please contact either Bill Wettingfeld, Shotgun Hill Manager at 770-894-4280 or via email at [shotgunmanager@gmail.com](mailto:shotgunmanager@gmail.com) , or Bill Goode, Club Manager at 770-893-3502 or via email at [clubmanager@rbgc.org](mailto:clubmanager@rbgc.org)

River Bend Scholarship Committee will be raffling a Radical Firearms RF-15 5.56 caliber rifle in 2023.

This prize is being generously donated by River Bend members Keith and Lynda Hudson of Appalachian Armory in Dawsonville, GA.

***Tickets are selling fast!***

To purchase \$20.00 tickets you may get them from Phil Henderson, AGROA patrolling the club Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays and also at the Club Manager's office during normal office hours.

For more ticket information contact Phil Henderson at [scholarship@RBGC.org](mailto:scholarship@RBGC.org).

The winning ticket will be drawn in May 2023 at the River Bend Annual Club Meeting and Picnic.



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706-216-2113



# River Bend Scholarship Fundraiser



## Shotgun Hill

Saturday June 24th 10:30 to 1:00

Safety Meeting 10:30

Lunch at 1:00



\$30 donation includes either one round of five stand or wobble trap.

Lunch is included along with a raffle ticket for some give aways.

This event is for members and non-members alike, so bring your friends.

Once you have finished this event, feel free to stay and shoot some more at regular Shotgun Hill rates.

Being part of this event does not give non-members access to the rest of the club unless accompanied by a member.

Range Safety Officers will be on site.

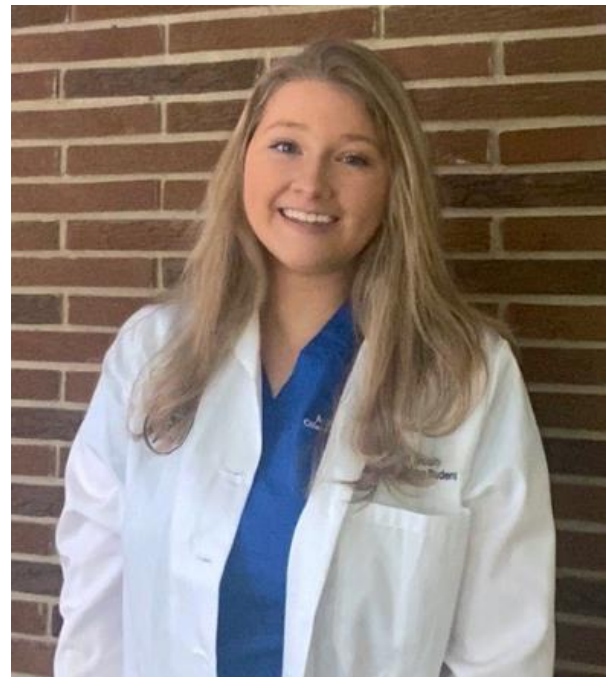


## RIVER BEND GUN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Scholarship Committee announces the 2023 Academic Year Scholarship Recipient:

### Grace Beardsley

Hello! My name is Grace; I'm a nursing student in my junior year at Augusta University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After graduating in May 2024, I plan to start my career as a VA nurse and return to school in 2026 to become a family nurse practitioner. I've always wanted to be a nurse and am excited to serve veterans through the VA. I'm very thankful to RBGC and its members for choosing me for this scholarship so I can continue my education and become a registered nurse!





## Training at River Bend Gun Club

### Women on Target Pistol Clinic on April 8th



Our Women on Target Pistol Clinic on April 8<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful example of perseverance and flexibility. Nine ladies braved the wet and windy weather for a great day of instruction in the classroom and on the range. Many thanks to RBGC management – when the weather did not improve, they helped us move to the Bullseye Range. The group stayed dry and shot under cover. The targets got a little soggy and but the group learned to shoot pistols safely with the help of the volunteer coaches. Many thanks to the instructors and coaches - Jim Garner, Dave Harrington, Chris Hicks, Yen Edwards, Phil Henderson, Denny Rey, Tom Pugh, David Norcross, Jeff Fegreus, Michelle Goodnight, Susanne Marcus, Linda Horne, Bill Goode, and Jerry Rioux.



#### UPCOMING TRAINING:

See RBGC calendar to register

**WOMEN on Target** Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup>

**NRA BASIC PISTOL** Sat. July 8<sup>th</sup> Meets pre-requisite for NRA CCW in August

**NRA CCW** Sat. Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>

**WOMEN on Target** Sat. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

Questions: email Kathy Rioux at [legacyost@gmail.com](mailto:legacyost@gmail.com)

# Official Club Business

## Highlights of the March 13, 2023, Regular Board of Directors Meeting

President Will Owensby presided over a quorum of eight Board members. Also attending were the Club Manager, Assistant Club Manager, four club officers, three life members, four annual members, and one life member spouse. The meeting was convened at 6:59PM on Monday, March 13, 2023. The meeting was held at RBGC's Gene Mowell Conference Center on club property.

A quorum was confirmed, the proposed agenda was adopted, the minutes of the February 13, 2023, 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 presented the Treasurer's report and reported that February FYTD income was \$827K, a decrease of approximately \$5K versus the same period in FY 2022.
- February FYTD expense was \$702K, a decrease of approximately \$50K versus the same period in FY 2022.
- Cash in the bank as of 2/28/23 was \$373,391 including \$100,223 in Capital Reserve Fund and \$42,787 in Scholarship Fund.
- Club Secretary Erica D'Amico reported that the membership total as of March 11, 2023, was 2,289; 83 members more than this time last year.
- The number of Senior Members as of March 11, 2023, was 206; 8.99% of RBGC membership and 6 members more than this time last year.
- There were 10 members on the Life Membership Wait List at the beginning of the March 2023 meeting.
- Chief Range Officer James Garner reported that the Range Use Summary Report for February 2023 totaled 2,067 (1,674 members and 393 guests).
- Eight venues submitted Match Use Summary Reports for February 2023. Total entries were 242 (97 members, 145 non-members, and 0 juniors). February match income was \$3,870.00 with \$370.00 reported to the club.
- New Member Orientation held on February 26, 2023 for 24 attendees.
- There were 19 Tac Rifle Certifications, 0 NFA Certifications, 0 Supergun Certifications, and 12 Stop the Bleed Certifications in February 2023.
- Bill Goode presented the Club Manager's report and reported that the Manager's office was painted and new lighting installed.
- New concrete steps were installed on Shotgun Hill.
- Replaced switch on 5-stand tower, replaced four non-working outlets on SL range, and repaired CB Bay 4 outlet.
- Damaged target backers replaced on MP1.
- A new PA system was purchased for the Annual Meeting and Picnic.
- Assistant Club Manager Greg Hughes presented the Shotgun Hill Manager's report and reported shotgun range use in February 2023 was 339 shooters (284 members and 55 guests). 1,025 rounds were fired during February with 28 cart rentals. Total February revenue to the club was \$8,227.00.
- Member Communications Manager David Norcross reported that the March 2023 Bullet-IN reached 2,328 recipients with 2,326 successful deliveries (99.9%). Open rate was 1,627 (69.9%) and 718 (30.9%) members clicked through the newsletter.
- The Board approved 20 new members.
- The Board approved to keep 20.74 acres out of conservation status for future development.
- The Board approved \$20,000.00 for another club work truck when one becomes available.

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- The Board approved a \$15.00 increase in annual membership dues, and a \$7.50 increase in senior membership dues. Annual membership dues will be \$345/yr and Senior dues will be \$172/yr.

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

	MAR 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2022
Annual and Non-Resident Members	1,890	1,871	1,815
Life Members	188	188	187
Senior Members	206	205	200
Honorary Members	5	5	4
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>2,206</b>

### New Members Approved

Dave Bushe, Marietta  
Greg Cooke, Woodstock  
Christina Critzer, Smyrna  
Brad Cummings, Marietta  
Josh Cupit, Canton  
Jason Everett, Gainesville  
Craig Forbes, Roswell

Mark Glaspey, Roswell  
Mark Groves, Canton  
Frank Gurley, Canton  
Greg Harrell, Canton  
Marcus Hewell, Ball Ground  
Van Lear, Atlanta  
Jeff Moss, Ball Ground

Scott Poole, Ball Ground  
Carter Roughton, Cumming  
Bryan Traylor, Kennesaw  
Sara Weinberger, Alpharetta  
Gerri Raatz, Woodstock  
Adam Weaver, Cumming

### Left The Range

Richard T. Steadman (Tommy) passed away on Thursday morning, April 27, 2023 at 78 years of age. Tommy was a long-standing River Bend Gun Club member and he and his wife, Linda were both life members.

Tommy retired after a distinguished career as an executive with Bellsouth and AT&T. He served on the RBGC Board of Directors as Vice President and as a Director. Tommy was instrumental as a liaison with the Black Hawk Rifle Club and with RBGC's hosting of the prestigious, annual Black Hawk Open 22 rimfire rifle matches. Tommy also served as RO for the NRA Smallbore Rifle match and he was a primary motivating force behind the club's successful efforts to build the Jim Hinkle 22 Rimfire Rifle Range. Tommy also served as the RO and event facilitator for the club's annual Young Shooters Challenge event that is open to youths, age 8 to 18. The YSC event continues to be a well-attended and popular event.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Linda and their daughters, Febi and Michelle (Shelly).

—Will



## Action Pistol—All Steel Match

Saturday morning was dry and beautiful and under clearing skies and warm weather, fifty-nine Action Pistol Competitors arrived for our 4th All Steel Action Pistol Match. If you stayed in bed Saturday, you totally missed out on the real challenge and satisfaction of the sound and feedback of lead-on-steel. Lots of smiles and shooting as Jeremy Demar ran his first Action Pistol Match.



**Bay 1 Let's Go Bowling With Bullets!** began the steel madness with not only plate and pin racks, but ten “bowling pins” and that little **RED** first “bowling pin”. Shoot pin #1, then pin #2, then pin #1, then pin #3, then pin #1, then pin #4 and so on until you shoot all ten pins. Did I mention that there was a forced reload somewhere in the middle? Can you imagine how many shooters lost their place in the pin order? Thought so.



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## Action Pistol

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**Bay 2 Poppers and Swingers and a Tree and a Star** brought more confusion to simple instructions: Shoot the dueling tree from both gaps in the barrels. Don't forget to use three portholes and don't forget those no shoots behind the poppers. What could possibly go wrong? You can't see what you can't see until it's too late. Also, several shooters were lucky that the portholes weren't concrete...that pesky "height over bore" thing can put your muzzle where it shouldn't be if you're in hurry and not aware.



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## Action Pistol

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**Bay 3 Poppers, a Star and the Racks** settled things down a little with just plan ole' racks and poppers and, yes, another Texas Star. Our 2x4 plate racks, rebar and conveyor belt swinging racks and really tall gongs gave lots of visual and auditory feedback and satisfaction. Good times.



**Thank you, Paul and Jeremy and River Bend MultiGun who used our stages for Sunday so we only had ONE steel stage to tear down!**

Our Action Pistol traditions continued after the Bays were cleared with a great grilled lunch prepared by Katie and Karen and we were almost terminally sweetened by superb desserts of Yen's Tres Leche, Karen's lemon cake **AND** Mamiko's infamous brownies. The match was topped off with door prizes of ammo, EDC lights, and storage equipment.

Thanks again to Jeremy Demar for running a smooth fun match and the Action Pistol RO's and Support Team who help set up, get us going and keep us safe and organized.

**OUR NEXT ACTION PISTOL MATCH IS MAY 20th!**



## Rimfire Benchrest Match Report

There is only one word to describe the April Rimfire Benchrest match – WINDY – really really windy. Twenty shooters were on-hand for the match with misleading still cool conditions during setup and the safety briefing. The match was run in two approximately equal size relays. As soon as the first relay took the firing line the wind started blowing, with shooters agreeing that it was the worst wind conditions in memory, strong constantly switching conditions.

In the unlimited class, there was little doubt about the outcome, as Grant Toman jumped out to a commanding lead firing an impressive 249-19X, four points ahead of both Simon Bailey and Pat Patterson. Under worsening conditions, Toman posted a 148-19X and a pair of 249's to finish 25 points ahead.

The precision class had seven competitors with Jeff Kitchens using a CZ457 posting a first stage 247-7X ahead of Ken Bowles and his CZ457 and 241-5X effort and Doug McNash using his Anschutz 1613 to fire a 241-5X. Through stages two and three, Kitchens and Bowles suffered from the increasing wind dropping additional points. McNash strengthened his scores, ending on a pair of 246's to secure 1st Precision with a 972-24X while Kitchens mustered a 964-31X to take 2nd Precision over Bowles 953-25X 3rd Precision finish.

In the factory class, Bob Morris and Steve Hickom, both using Kimber 82G's and Alan Rauber and his BSA dominated, with Morris and Rauber both posting first stage 250's with Rauber only one point back. With additional targets fired, Paul Lemley, using a CZ452, made a great effort to break into the top three, but could quite compete against the 82G's. Morris fourth card was a second 250, easily securing 1st Factory honors with a 994-35X over Hickom and Rauber who took 2nd and 3rd Factory respectively. The dominance of the 82G did cause some concern and as a result, the Kimber 82G will be classified as a Precision class rifle for future matches.



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Just like with the Ultimate class, the three contestant Hunter class was dominated by a single competitor, George Wilson, who took 1st Hunter honors with a 964-11X aggregate.

Congratulations to all winners:

Grant Toman            995-69X   1st Unlimited

Doug McNash           972-24X   1st Precision

Jeff Kitchens           964-31X   2nd Precision

Ken Bowles            953-25X   3rd Precision

Bob Morris            994-35X   1st Factory

Steve Hickom          987-27X   2nd Factory

Alan Rauber           985-29X   3rd Factory

George Wilson          964-11X   1st Hunter



After the match, prize money and congratulations were awarded. Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to next month. Please see the [website](#) for the full match results.

The next match will be on **Saturday May 13th, 2023**. The match format will be 4 cards fired at 100 yards fired on the IBS 200 target. Bring your 22lr rifle, a bi-pod or rest, a rear bag and some decent ammo and come join in! It's a fun event and a great way to sharpen you wind and bench shooting skills.





# Rimfire Silhouette Match Report

Rimfire Silhouette is a sport where we shoot at metallic animals to knock them down. We shoot chickens at 40 meters, pigs at 60 meters, turkeys at 77 meters and rams at 100 meters. If you want to try some fun and challenging shooting, come out and shoot with us.

Saturday, April 15 was the first match of the 2023 season. It started with a dark cloud with our Match Director Don Coleman going into the hospital on Friday 14th for back surgery. Chris Sagar filled in as acting Match Director.

The day started with 9 competitors. Range setup started about 8:30am. Frank Ledford had a suggestion to use one set of target animals and use relays for the competitors to rotate thru the sequence of shooting. The competitors were set up in 3 relays of 3 people. Shooting started about 10am and completed the HUNTER match about 12 noon. The match ended with a tie for first place with a score of 14. Using the tie breaker of a shoot-off, Frank Ledford won first place and Bob Morris as runner up. In the Junior class, brothers Xander and Felix Massengill tied. With their shoot-off, Felix won the tie breaker for high Junior.

After a short break, shooting resumed with the STANDARD gun match. After the smoke cleared, Bob Morris was in first place with a score of 22 and Frank Ledford with 16 for runner up.

The main difference in the matches is the gun used. The 'Hunter' class rifles are limited to a maximum of 8.5 pounds, while the 'Standard' rifle can weigh just over 10 pounds. Hunter rifles can be used in the Standard match, but not vice versa.

The next match will be on May 20. Our shooting schedule is the 3rd Saturday of each month thru October.

The match results are provided.



## Hunter Rifle

Competitor	Class (Adult/Junior)	Chicken	Pig	Turkey	Ram	Total
Frank Ledford	A winner	5	2	4	3	14
Bob Morris	A runner up	5	3	2	4	14
Paul Lemley	A	5	4	1	2	12
Xander Massengill	J runner up	4	2	1	4	11
Felix Massengill	J winner	3	4	2	2	11
Tom Ford	A	1	3	0	5	9
Angelina Lemley	A	1	2	1	1	5
Al Dunn	A - not for score	5	5	1	5	16
Alan Rauber	A - not for score	0	3	3	2	8



## Standard Rifle

Competitor	Class (Adult/Junior)	Chicken	Pig	Turkey	Ram	Total
Bob Morris	A winner	7	6	5	4	22
Frank Ledford	runner up	5	5	3	3	16
Felix Massengill	J winner	6	4	2	3	15
Al Dunn	A	4	5	2	2	13
Alan Rauber	A	3	3	4	3	13
Angelina Lemley	A	2	4	1	2	9
Paul Lemley	A	2	2	3	2	9
Tom Ford	A	4	1	1	1	7
Xander Massengill	J	0	3	2	2	7



## Smallbore Rifle Prone

Our April match was a Conventional 1600 for which we had nine competitors, four shooting with a sling and five shooting F-Class. The temperature was moderate but the winds were howling. Reported wind speeds ranged from 9 mph to 15 mph from the start of the match to its end. The competitors were kept busy retrieving targets and other items that were no match for the wind. The bullets likewise were blown around, as reflected by the scores.

In the sling class, Steve Hardin proved yet again that he is one of the premier wind readers in the country, as he proceeded to shoot a master-class score as if the wind were a trivial factor. Steve dropped zero points in his first eighty shots, only two over his next forty, and only four over the remaining forty shots at 100 yards. Steve won all four of the forty-shot matches.

The top three in the sling division:

Steve Hardin	1594-104X
Mike Upchurch	1575-82X
Matthew Whitley	1562-77X



In F-Class, we were joined by Bill Treder, a recent transplant to Georgia who has shot with us previously at the Black Hawk Open. Welcome to Georgia, Bill! John McBrayer continued his exceptional F-Class shooting with a superb 1579-106X on the extremely difficult metric targets. He, too, won all four of the forty-shot matches.

The top three in F-Class:

John McBrayer	1579-106
Dave Rabin	1566-80
Simon Bailey	1540-76X

The competitors were reminded of two lessons at this match: (1) hang the correct target, and (2) fire all the required shots. I will not name names!

The full match report can be accessed by visiting our [venue page](#).

Our next match will be the 83rd Black Hawk Open to be held Memorial Day weekend. The Rimfire Range will be open for practice on Friday, May 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; we'll hold a Conventional 3200 on Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28; and on Monday, May 30, we'll have a 60-shot English Match and 45-shot Mini Palma match. The matches are open to both conventional prone (sling) and F-Class competitors. The match program and entry form are here: [https://www.blackhawkrifleclub.org/docs/2023/2023BlackHawkOpen\\_pgm.pdf](https://www.blackhawkrifleclub.org/docs/2023/2023BlackHawkOpen_pgm.pdf).



For further information about our Smallbore Rifle Prone program, please contact Dave Rabin at [smallbore@rbgc.org](mailto:smallbore@rbgc.org) or visit our [venue page](#).

-----Dave Rabin

## High Power Rifle – Reloading Simplified

In a previous High Power Rifle article, we discussed the need for “decent ammunition” at ranges beyond about 200 yards. Just what is “decent ammunition” and why do we need it? I have worked in the manufacturing engineering business for many years. My focus has always to simplify manufacturing processes and make them repeatable. Let’s try to simplify reloading...

At some point in your shooting, you are going to improve to the limits of your rifle and ammunition. This means that no matter how hard you work and how much you practice, your rifle and ammunition will only shoot so well. This can be frustrating, so it is important to understand whether the problem is the gun, the ammo or the shooter. The most expensive store bought “match ammo” isn’t that great. You could be paying \$2+ a round for ammunition that is run on automated loading machinery at fairly high production rates. Critical variables such as powder charge and case mouth tension can be all over the place. Contrast this with your own \$.60 hand loads, where case mouth tension and powder charge are exactly the same.



You don’t have to load ammo hot to be very accurate. In fact, the most accurate loads are usually well below published maximum powder charges. Published reloading data from Sierra and Lyman are a great place to start. What matters the most is safety and consistency. You want each round in a batch to be safe and exactly the same. Consistent ammo, along with an established zero, will allow you to work on your shooting technique. You will now be able to fine tune your body position, sight alignment and trigger control. Scores will start going up!

Decent ammunition starts with good quality brass. Supply issues over the past few years have been a big

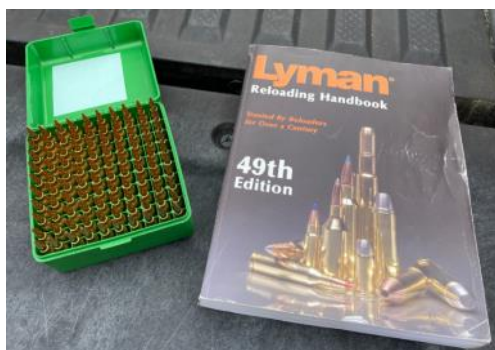
problem, so sourcing reloading components can be challenging. The key thing to remember about sourcing brass is that you should use the same manufacturer and head stamp for all your reloads. Once fired, resized and trimmed, brass will be very consistent. I have used stock RCBS sizing and seating dies and a Wilson hand trimmer for many years with great results.



Most experienced high powers shooters tend to favor Sierra and Berger bullets, but there are many other great bullets out there, all with lots of published loading data. Sierra and Berger bullets are very consistent in weight and size from batch to batch, with excellent ballistic performance. Either will easily hold the X ring on your target (or the target next to you).

Powder and primers have been our biggest sourcing challenge recently. Keep looking and if you find what you need, try to buy in quantity. This costs more up front, but saves you having to develop new loads when you run out of your favorite flavor.

Shoot Ben Franklin’s 100 yard match and ask other shooters where they are sourcing their supplies (and bad jokes).



I think the message I am trying to convey here is that an average hand load is far better than the best factory ammo. You not only save money, but your scores will go up and you can concentrate on improving your shooting technique. Pay attention to quality and safety, but **do not obsess**. This will let you to spend more time at the range. Always a “win-win” situation!

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <a href="#">IDPA Weeknight Match</a>	4 Cowboy Bays 1- 2, Silhouette Range, MP-2 and Action Bays 3 and 4 Closed for Run and Gun Set Up	5 Cowboy Bays 1- 2, Silhouette Range, MP-2 and Action Bays 3 and 4 Closed for Run and Gun Set Up  Cowboy Bays 3 through 7 Closed For SASS Setup	6 <a href="#">Cowboy Action</a> <a href="#">NRA Light Rifle</a> <a href="#">River Bend Gun Club 5K/10K Run and Gun Match</a> <a href="#">Defensive Shooting Fundamentals Class - AP Bay 5</a> Conference Room Reserved 8am to 5pm for IDPA Safety Officer Class <a href="#">Tactical Rifle Certification</a>
7 New Member Orientation Meeting <a href="#">IDPA Match</a> <a href="#">RBGC Precision Rifle Match</a>	8 <a href="#">Board Meeting</a>	9	10 <a href="#">IDPA Weeknight Match</a>	11	12	13 <a href="#">Centerfire Benchrest</a> <a href="#">ICORE Match</a> <a href="#">High Power XTC Match</a> <a href="#">Rimfire Benchrest Match</a>
14 Mothers Day -- You Better Not Forget <a href="#">Steel Challenge</a>	15	16	17 <a href="#">IDPA Weeknight Match</a>	18	19 AP Bays 1 - 5 Closed at 2pm for AP and MultiGun Match Set-up	20 <a href="#">MultiPurpose 1 Range Closed for Annual Meeting Set-up</a> <a href="#">Action Pistol</a> <a href="#">Hunting Rifle Shoot - Silhouette</a> <a href="#">Rimfire Silhouette Match</a> <a href="#">Bullseye Match</a> Cowboy Bays 1 through 6 Closed from 9:00am to 1:00pm for USPSA Setup <a href="#">Tactical Rifle Certification</a>
21 <a href="#">River Bend Gun Club Annual Business Meeting, Club Picnic and Swap Meet</a> Shotgun Hill will be open Sunday May 21st, 2023 1:00pm-6:00pm	22	23	24 <a href="#">IDPA Weeknight Match</a>	25	26 <a href="#">Smallbore Rifle Prone Match - 83nd Black Hawk Open Match</a>	27 <a href="#">USPSA Match</a> <a href="#">100 Yard Match/Clinic</a> MP2 Closed After 4:00PM for MultiGun Match Setup <a href="#">Buffalo Rifle Match</a> <a href="#">AR-15 Fundamentals Class - Conference Room and AP Bay 5</a> <a href="#">Smallbore Rifle Prone Match - 83nd Black Hawk Open Match</a>
28 New Member Orientation Meeting Shotgun Hill Closed In Observance of Memorial Day <a href="#">RBGC Carry Match - CB Hill Bays 1 thru 6</a> <a href="#">Smallbore Rifle Prone Match - 83nd Black Hawk Open Match</a> <a href="#">Steel Challenge PRACTICE - CB 8</a> <a href="#">MultiGun Match - Action Bays and MP2</a>	29 Memorial Day <a href="#">Smallbore Rifle Prone Match - 83nd Black Hawk Open Match</a>	30	31 <a href="#">IDPA Weeknight Match</a>			

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# June 2023

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="#">Cowboy Action</a> <a href="#">NRA Light Rifle</a> <a href="#">200 Yard Rimfire Match HP Range</a> <a href="#">Defensive Shooting</a> <a href="#">Fundamentals Class - AP Bay 5</a> <a href="#">Tactical Rifle Certification</a>
4 <a href="#">IDPA Match</a> <a href="#">RBGC Precision Rifle Match</a>	5	6	7 <a href="#">IDPA Weeknight Match</a> <a href="#">Gear and Gadgets Class</a> Conference Room Reserved - 5:00pm to 9:00pm	8	9	10 <a href="#">Centerfire Benchrest</a> <a href="#">High Power XTC Match</a> <a href="#">ICORE Match</a> <a href="#">High Power Silhouette Match</a> <a href="#">NRA Women On Target</a> Conference Room Reserved - 3:00pm to 4:00pm - Training Committee Meeting
11 <a href="#">High Power 3X600 Match</a> <a href="#">Steel Challenge</a>	12 <a href="#">Board Meeting</a>	13	14 <a href="#">IDPA Weeknight Match</a>	15	16 AP Bays 1 - 5 Closed at 2pm for AP and MultiGun Match Set-up	17 <a href="#">Action Pistol</a> <a href="#">Hunting Rifle Shoot - HP</a> <a href="#">Rimfire Silhouette Match</a> Cowboy Bays 1 through 6 Closed from 9:00am to 1:00pm for USPSA Setup <a href="#">Tactical Rifle Certification</a>
18 <a href="#">Bullseye Match</a> <a href="#">MultiGun Match</a>	19	20	21 <a href="#">IDPA Weeknight Match</a>	22	23	24 <a href="#">USPSA Match</a> <a href="#">100 Yard Match/Clinic</a> <a href="#">Buffalo Rifle Match</a> <a href="#">Smallbore Rifle Prone Match</a> <a href="#">AR-15 Fundamentals Class - Conference Room and AP Bay 5</a>
25 New Member Orientation Meeting <a href="#">Rimfire Benchrest Match</a> <a href="#">Steel Challenge</a> <a href="#">PRACTICE - CB 4 &amp; 5</a>	26	27	28 <a href="#">IDPA Weeknight Match</a>	29 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2 is Closed	30 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2-7 is Closed	

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## Bench Tech—Chapter 6: How to Strategically Full-Length Resize Rifle Brass with a Full-Length Resizing Die

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As I discussed in Chapter 5, I believe that strategically full-length resizing rifle brass is fundamental for crafting accurate ammunition. The following procedural steps describe my notion of “strategic”. As I have repeatedly stated (and will continue to do so), I make no claim that these steps constitute “best “ practice. They simply represent my path of least resistance and help produce target results compatible with my accuracy performance expectations.

The following procedure assumes the full-length resizing die (FLRSD) has been adjusted in the reloading press to produce satisfactory “cam-over” of the linkage at full stroke of the press's ram. Such an adjustment accommodates a slight compression interference fit of the threads. Slightly compressing the threads of the die into the threads of the press prior to final cinching of the lock ring during setup “squares” the die to enhance coaxial alignment.

The word “strategic” means that both the brass reference length adjustment and the subsequent measurement of that adjustment are accomplished in units of 0.001 inch. The tools used to make these measurements are shown in Picture 6-1. The equipment used to control the reference resizing length (distance from the case's base to an arbitrary reference point on its shoulder) is shown in Picture 6-2.



Picture 6-1



Picture 6-2

Picture 6-1 shows a digital caliper accurate to 0.001 inch. A dial caliper accurate to 0.001 inch can also be used. The top-most tool assembly includes a gunsmith-machined, custom bump gage and an off-the-shelf anvil that can be fastened to the caliper's jaws. The machined bump gage is a segment from a discarded rifle barrel that has been faced on both ends. A case reamer has been used on one end to cut out the shoulder area of the case (300 Win shown) that is to be measured.

The lower-most tool assembly is an off-the-shelf headspace kit that can also be fastened to the caliper's jaws. The kit includes interchangeable plugs (gray cylinder) with various diameter holes that can be fitted over the brass case that is to be measured. As shown, the plug rests on an arbitrary reference point on the case's shoulder based on the diameter of the plug's hole. If this off-the shelf tool is used, I strongly recommend that an anvil be attached to a caliper jaw to uniformly/consistently support the case during measurements.

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I believe the off-the-shelf head space tool shown is simple, economical, and effective. There are other off-the-shelf headspace tools that can be considered. As you may have expected, the custom-machined bump gage is preferred.

Picture 6-2 shows a set of off-the-shelf “competition” shell holders as well as an off-the-shelf FLRSD that has been customized with off-the-shelf components. The set includes a total of five precision-machined shell holders that fit specific case classes. The base thickness of these shell holders is machined at a thickness progressively increasing at 0.002- inch increments to strategically shorten the case to the desired value.

The expander ball shown on the decapping pin is carbide, offered as an additional-cost option by this particular manufacturer. I highly recommend the use of a carbide expander ball. Its use virtually eliminates galling of the case neck’s interior. Such galling scores the copper jacket of the bullet during seating and can cause some variation in neck tension.

The locking ring/cap screw assembly is in response to what occurred in Picture 6-3. The manufacturer-supplied lock ring/brass set screw furnished with its 358 Win FLRSD had insufficient a\$\$ to prevent the die from slipping within the ring. This slippage caused the cases to be resized about 0.006 inches shorter than the target length. Regardless of my crafting/quality-control ineptitude, Picture 6-3 is graphic testimony for what can happen with an inappropriately adjusted resizing die that produces “too much” headspace reduction.

The following procedural use of the competition shell holders results in iterative/incremental steps necessary to achieve a headspace that is “just right”. The following procedure is for bolt-action and lever-action rifles. The procedure for semiautomatic gas guns is subsequently presented.



Picture 6-3

- Measure the reference case length of multiple cases that require resizing to the nearest 0.001 inch. Use the tools shown in Picture 6-1 or a headspace measuring tool of your choice. Take your time. Be sure. Be precise. Thousandths of an inch matter. Expect some modest (at least 0.001 inch) variation of reference length measurement among the case candidates.
- Identify and segregate several of the “longest” cases for resizing trials.
- Install the FLRSD in the press and tighten it down.
- Insert the “.010” shell holder into the press’s ram.
- Lube the trial case, insert it into the shell holder, and resize the case.
- Wipe/clean the lube from the case.
- Measure the reference length of the resized case. The case’s reference length may or may not have been reduced. Even if it hasn’t, gently attempt to chamber the case. (Lightly grease locking lugs, as appropriate, prior to any attempt at chambering)
- If the case chambers without wrestling with the bolt or lever, you have found perfection and should have heard angelic choirs burst into song. For a subjective assessment of “wrestling”, chamber a currently resized case for comparison. If you still believe that no wrestling has occurred, you are done. Use the “.010” shell holder to resize all brass fired from that particular chamber. Go out and buy a lottery ticket ‘cause you’re livin’ well beyond “right”.
- 99.9% of you ain’t livin’ right (or right enough) to be done with a strategic case resize. Resist the urge to wrestle with the bolt or lever. You are merely at the first step of the iterative resizing process.

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- Remove the “.010” shell holder and insert the “.008” shell holder. Relube, resize, reclean, remeasure, reattempt to (gently) rechamber, and reassess “wrestling”.
- The procedure’s objective now becomes identifying the shell holder that first produces no-drama chambering while shortening the reference case length no more than 0.002 inches. If the “.008” shell holder has not produced this desired result, continue the described process with each progressively decreasing-number shell holder until this objective is achieved.

**Hot Tip:** Those of you that can remove the firing pin/spring assembly from your bolt have added benefit, as it becomes ridiculously easy to assess ease of chambering. With a “properly” resized case, you can literally feel the subtle, final progressive cinching of the case in the chamber due to engagement of the bolt’s locking lugs.

The same iterative procedure should be used for gas-gun brass. However, gas guns offer no tactile way to assess “bolt wrestling”. Furthermore, the case must “absolutely” chamber. As such, I recommend that the target resize reference length be at least 0.003 inches shorter than the fired length, but no more than 0.004 inches to facilitate brass longevity.

For the few of you who really ain’t livin’ right, it is possible that use of the “.002” shell holder will not produce a resized case that indicates it has been sufficiently bumped back/chambers without drama. The recourse is simple but aggravating (welcome to my world). Remove the die and the attendant lock ring and take the die to a machine shop. Have the die shortened by facing the end that accepts the case. A recommended amount is 0.006 inches.

Other dies are capable of full-length resizing rifle brass besides a FLRSD. Discussion of those dies and how they can be used is another topic with its own dedicated chapter(s). Hmmmm....I wonder what Chapter 7 will be about....

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—Scott Fletcher

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For sale reloading supplies for .45 ACP. All supplies have been stored in climate controlled conditions.

**BRASS:** Package price \$500

New, Starline, large primer, qty 2,100

New, R-P, large primer, qty 200

Once Fired, Federal, large primer, cleaned, purchased from Diamond K, LLC, qty 2,000

Once Fired, Mixed headstamp, large primer, qty 1,600

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Hornady, 230 gr. XTP, #45160, qty 170

Hornady, 200 gr. XTP, #45140, qty 100

Hornady, 230 gr. HAP (Hornady Action Pistol), #45161, qty 1,150

Hornady, 185 gr. XTP, #45100, qty 100

RMR Bullets, 230 gr. FMJ Rocky Mountain Reloading Bullets, qty 2,000

Oregon Trails, 230 gr RN cast, LaserCast, qty 400

Oregon Trails, 200 gr SWC cast, LaserCast, qty 500

Missouri Bullets, 200 gr SWC hard cast, coated, qty 500

**PRIMERS:** Package price \$600

CCI Large Pistol Primers, #CCI 300, qty 4,000

Winchester Large Pistol Primers, #WLP, qty 3,000

Total package of Brass, Bullets and Primers for \$1,400. You can load for years with this and I'll throw in a set of Hornady Custom Grade 3-die .45 ACP reloading dies.

Prices are firm and all sales are cash.

If interested contact Gil Dean email at [gilldee@yahoo.com](mailto:gilldee@yahoo.com)

We can share phone numbers and meet at the RBGC.

### For Sale 300 Remington Ultra Magnum

custom built by Jack Bennett, Georgia's top gun maker. 27 ½ inch barrel with muzzle brake, Kelvar stock, 700LH (Left Handed) action. Swarovski 4 x 16 x 40 mm scope with DTS lines. 7 boxes 180 grain bullets, 3268 FPS with Jack's custom ammo. ½ MOA, fired about 150 rounds. Airline safe case included. Used on six sheep hunts and I'm getting too old for the high mountains.

Cost new 9,500+/-, take \$4,200. Rex Baker, [sheephuntr@aol.com](mailto:sheephuntr@aol.com), 404-626-3300

## Classified Ads

### For Sale Les Baer Custom, 1911, .45 ACP, Package

Les Baer Custom, Inc., 1911, Premier II, 5", .45 ACP, Blue, with 1-1/2 inch guarantee and tactical package. This beautiful 1911 from Baer is like new with 100% blue and has had around 400 rounds total fired. The Baer certification is attached with their 1.5" group at 50 yards guarantee and it shoots fantastic. The tactical package includes rounded edges of the pistol for snag-free effect. The pistol includes the Les Baer low mount adjustable rear sight and is a very comfortable handling gun. This hand built gun was bought new by me in 2014 and has spent almost all of its life in a climate controlled safe.

Package includes 5 Wilson Combat Elite Tactical 8 round magazines with ETM base pads and 2 original Les Baer magazines. Also included is a Hogue 1911 rubber grip with finger grooves, a custom made lined OSW saddle style holster by Andrews Holsters of St. Augustine, FL, as well as 2 Galco shoulder holsters for 1911, one vertical and one horizontal, both with magazine holders. Also included is 200 rounds of Federal American Eagle 230 grain FMJ, as well as 900 rounds of 230 grain jacketed hollow point ammunition.

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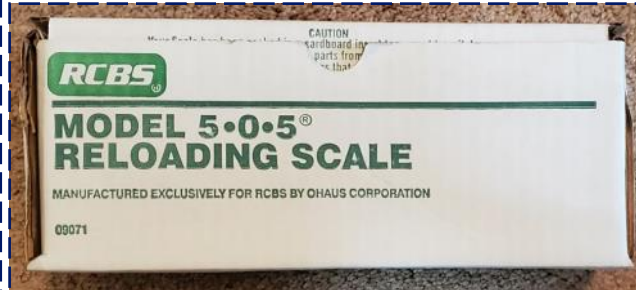
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**\$85 and No Tax**  
**RCBS Uniflow Powder Measure**  
New and unused in the box



**\$85 and No Tax**  
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New and unused in the box

**\$239 plus Sales Tax**

**Ruger SR-22 .22 lr semi-auto pistol (#CP4)**

Technical Specifications:

- Capacity: 10+1
- Slide Material: Aluminum
- Barrel Length: 3.50"
- Serial number: 365-11036
- Grip Frame: Black Polymer
- Barrel Type: Standard
- Slide Finish: Black Anodized
- Barrel Finish: Stainless
- Width: 0.97"
- Sights: Adjustable 3-Dot
- Weight: 17.5 oz.



The easy-to-use underside Picatinny rail features multiple cross slots for variable mounting of most popular accessories. Inspection port allows for visual confirmation of a loaded or empty chamber. Readily replaceable stainless-steel barrel. Ambidextrous manual thumb safety/decocking lever and magazine release. Easy to field strip.

Condition: Gun is like new. There are no scratches or scuff marks. Bore is bright and shiny.

Includes five, 10-round magazines; two finger grip extension floorplates, original box & owner's manual.

**6mm ARC Items. All are New in the Box and Unused**

- RCBS 6mm ARC Dies and 6mm ARC Shell Holder \$48
- Wilson 6mm ARC Case Gauge \$30
- Sinclair Carbide Mandrel Expander for 6mm/243 \$29
  - Note: this fits into a Sinclair Mandrel die not included
- 3 new unused AR Stoner 6 mm ARC 15 round SS mags available for \$15 ea.



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#### Canister 1, \$280:

Winchester Ranger RA40T

- 40 S&W, 180 grain
- 10 boxes, 500 rounds



#### Canister 2, \$235:

Remington Express Buckshot

- 12 gauge 2 ¾ length, 3 ¾ 00BK 9 pellets
- 10 boxes, 150 rounds

Winchester Super X Rifled Slug HP

- 12 gauge 2 ¾ inches, 1600 velocity, 1 oz
- 2 boxes, 30 rounds

Remington Express Magnum Buckshot

- 12 gauge 3 inch, 1225 velocity 15 pellets 00BK
- 1 box, 15 rounds



#### Canister 3, \$147:

Estate Buckshot

- 12 gauge 2 ¾ inches, 9 pellets 00BK
- 6 boxes, 150 rounds

Estate Buckshot

- 12 gauge, 00BK
- 11 boxes, 55 rounds



#### Canister 4, \$205:

Olin Corp, military grade

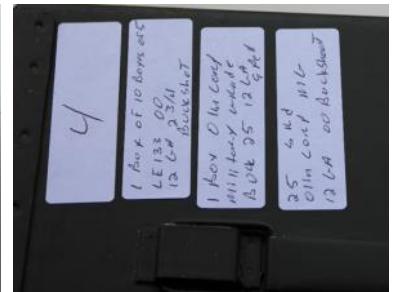
- 12 gauge, 00BK
- 25 boxes, 125 rounds

Olin Corp, military grade

- 12 gauge, 9 pellets, 00BK
- 1 box, 25 rounds

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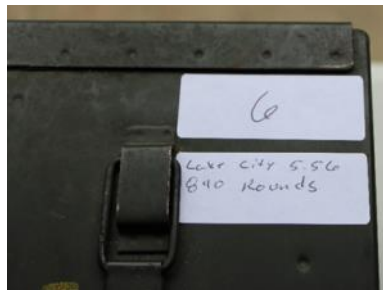
- 12 gauge, 2 ¾ inch, 00BK
- 10 boxes, 50 rounds



#### Canister 6, \$325:

Lake City 556

- 55 grain ball M855
- 10 round clips, 840 rounds



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|----------------------|-------|------|---------------------|-------|
| • Hi-Point           | JHP   | .45  | excellent condition | \$150 |
| • Raven              | MP-25 | .25  | moderate condition  | \$100 |
| • Rock Island Armory | M1911 | .45  | moderate condition  | \$350 |
| • Ruger              | P95   | 9mm  | excellent condition | \$350 |
| • S&                 | 22A-1 | 22LR | excellent condition | \$300 |

I'm cleaning out my safe, and these are the guns I don't shoot often. I'm the original owner, and all have less than 1000 rounds through them. I don't have the original boxes, but all have at least 2 magazines. I'm Jeff, and you can call 678-367-5448 or email [jeff@cwsa.biz](mailto:jeff@cwsa.biz) for pictures and more information.

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RCBS 1500 - Powder dispenser and scale combination

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RCBS - Case trimmer with all mandrels

Varget powder, two (2) one pound bottles

H4350 powder, one (1) one pound bottle

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Package priced at \$475.00 no shipping or Hazmat fees!

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Call: 770-894-3379

### For Sale—Taurus TX 22 LR pistol

Pistol includes two (2) 16 round magazines, original box and manual as well as a full-size holster.

Asking \$200.

I am original owner and pistol has less than 500 rounds through it.

Ron Hagey - [hageyr@bellsouth.net](mailto:hageyr@bellsouth.net).

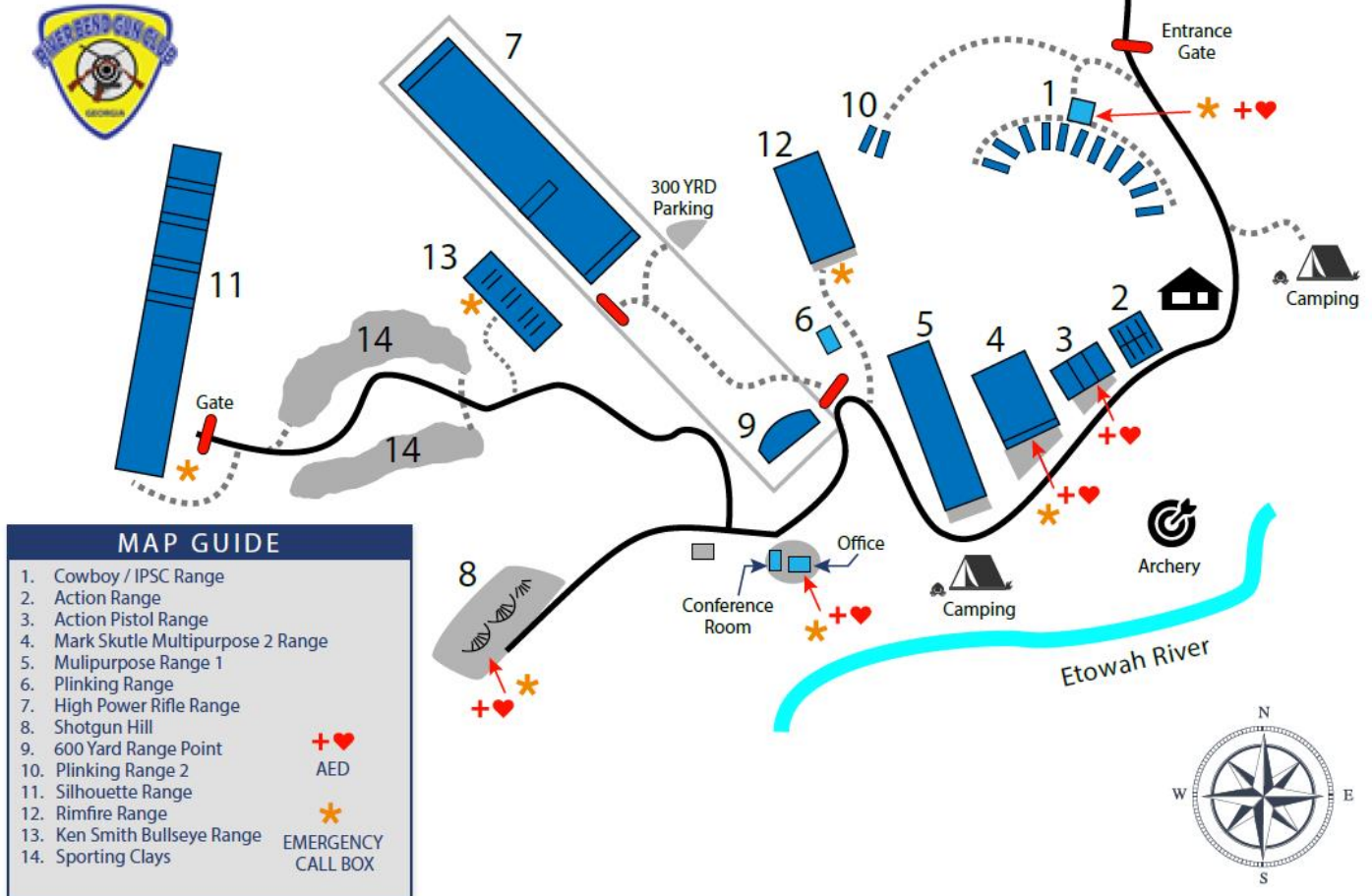


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