



The Bullet-IN

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Dawsonville Ballistic Challenge XIV

One of the great strengths of any Club is the turn-out of its members in support of prestigious events that bring notoriety to the Club and raise it's local community profile in a favorable light with those who may otherwise express ambivalence towards the Club or at the worse, something more negative.

This November 20th and 21st will be the 14th time Glock brings to River Bend Gun Club the single largest instance of a GSSF Match outside of the Glock "Gunny Match" --their nationally renowned shoot-off match. River Bend Gun Club has long held a 'King of the Hill' status when it comes to attracting vast numbers of Glock shooters for their match. It is hard to imagine that a "local Georgia match" can not only beat out any other match held across the country -- but gives the national shoot-off match a real run for their money. How does a local club throw down the gauntlet to a national match? Easy.

This little local club can best a national match -not with more and better shooters (doesn't hurt though), not with more vender trucks and swag. It's people --the club ROs make ALL the difference! River Bend's Range Officers are second to none when it comes to welcoming old friends and making new ones. No greater impact is made when the nervous-nelly shooter is guided and soothed into knocking down every plate --the smile afterwards scales like a supernova!

I need River Bend members to turn out this November 20th and 21st and bring brilliant smiles to nervous-nellies, and give the Gunny Match a shot across the bow that the Ballistic Challenge match at RBGC is coming their way!

Email rbgcgsssfmatch@gmail.com with your preferred choice of shift:

- Saturday AM or Saturday PM the 20th
- Sunday AM or Sunday PM the 21st

Range Officers are fed, they have their own separate drawing for prizes and Glock certificates, they can fire Glock pistols for free(!) with Glock's ammo!



Food, prizes, shoot Glock pistols with free ammo! Who could resist?!?

Come out and turn out for the Best.Match.Glock.Ever.Saw!!

See you on the range!

James 'Maverick' Garner
Glock Match Director



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My Journey from Shooter to Novelist by David Rabin

For those of you who don't know me, here's a brief introduction: I joined River Bend in 2000; I'm now a Life Member; I'm the Range Officer for Smallbore Rifle Prone and an Assistant Range Officer for the 3x600 Highpower Rifle matches; and in addition to those disciplines, I also compete in centerfire and rimfire benchrest. Yes, I'm at the club a lot!

But this article isn't about shooting. It's about my long and winding journey to becoming a novelist.

Around 1994, during some idle moments, I began thinking about a story: a crime story set in 1980s Chicago, where I grew up. I wasn't even thinking about writing a novel; it was just something with which to entertain myself when I wasn't otherwise occupied. I came up with a general outline of the story in my head, along with the characters who would populate it, and somewhere along the way I thought: I wonder if I could turn this into a novel?

At the time I was a litigation partner at an Atlanta law firm, working insane hours, and I had a wife and two young children. I had neither the time nor the energy to sit down and write a book, but I told myself: someday, when I retire, I'll write that book.

For the next twenty years I thought about that book practically every day—when I was in the shower, while driving, when waiting in line, anytime I didn't need to be thinking about something else. I worked out the whole plot and all the characters in my head, even memorizing the text of entire passages.

I retired in 2013, and for the next three years I mostly just went to the club, shot in lots of matches, and generally goofed-off, but finally I reached an inflection point. I could either just think about the book for the rest of my life or I could write it. I knew I'd be disappointed in myself if I never wrote it, so it was time to sit down and do it.

Two problems immediately confronted me. First, I had never studied creative writing and the last time I'd written fiction was when I wrote compositions in grade school. I knew nothing about how to write a novel other than what I may have gleaned from reading them. I considered taking some writing classes but I was afraid I'd spend all my time learning instead of writing, so I decided to try to learn it by doing it.

The second issue was that my story involved lots of topics about which I knew nothing, and that meant I'd have to do research. I spent countless hours reading books, doing research online, and watching videos. I interviewed several Chicago Police detectives and toured a Chicago Police Department facility. I consulted with a Cook County, Illinois prosecutor, retired military personnel, and a neuropsychologist (a River Bend member, by the way). Sometimes I'd do hours of research just to be able to write a couple of paragraphs or even just a couple of sentences. I don't know whether I got everything right, but if I didn't, it wasn't for lack of trying.

There was, though, a silver lining in having waited so long to write the book: after thinking about it for 20+ years, I knew the story and the characters like the back of my hand.

By 2018 I had a first draft, and I asked several people to read it and give me feedback. In the book industry, these are called "beta readers." I asked them to tell me everything that was wrong with the book—and they did so! It made for some long conversations, but their comments were invaluable in improving the manuscript.

Originally, I had planned on self-publishing, but when I completed the manuscript some of my friends encouraged me to try to get it published by a traditional publisher, and I figured I had nothing to lose by trying. I then faced my next hurdle: I knew nothing about how to get a book published.

I joined the Atlanta Writers Club, attended its meetings and writers' conferences, and learned about the process. Typically, the first step is to find an agent willing to represent the author—an exceedingly difficult task by itself—and then for the agent to try to sell the book to a publisher. For two years I sent unsolicited "queries" to agents and also "pitched" agents at the writers' conferences. Along the way, I won several awards for Best Manuscript Sample at the conferences, but still could not induce an agent to take me on.

At length, I decided to pitch my book to publishers who were willing to review manuscripts without the intervention of an agent, and that's where this story finally has a happy ending. I'm pleased to be able to tell you that my debut novel, *IN DANGER OF JUDGMENT*, will be published by Black Rose Writing in August 2022.

I occasionally post updates about my progress on my Facebook page, which you can find at facebook.com/david.rabin.243 (and yes, the "243" means exactly what you think it does). I'm also compiling a list of people who want to be kept up to date by email. If you're interested in being on the list, please email me at drabin55@gmail.com or pull me aside when you see me at the range.



Women on Target Pistol Clinic



On October 9th, twelve ladies participated in the Women on Target Pistol Clinic led by NRA Pistol Instructors Amy Courtney, Camille Brown, and Linda Horne. The classroom portion covered firearm safety, parts and functions of revolvers and semi-automatic pistols, ammunition knowledge and shooting fundamentals. Mary Stewart, a competitive shooter, presented “What’s Next” on how to participate in many of the matches at River Bend in order to put those new found skills to use. She covered courses of fire, typical range commands and how to sign up online for a variety of matches. Will Owensby, then joined us, to describe the various ranges at the club, benefits of membership, and new member orientations. After a delicious lunch, we joined the volunteer coaches at the range to shoot some fun targets. The ladies really appreciated the instruction and encouragement from the volunteer coaches!



Many thanks to our coaches – David Norcross, Bill Hines, David Donley, Gene Gammill, Will Owensby, James Garner, Linda Horne, David Kelley, Mary Stewart, Amy Courtney, David Marcus, Camille Brown, Ederlin Owensby, & Jerry Rioux.

We plan to offer three Women on Target Clinics in 2022.

Watch the club calendar for dates!

Questions – please email Kathy Rioux at legacyost@gmail.com.

Club Manager Needed

River Bend Gun Club is seeking a Club Manager to assume management of daily club operations within the next six months. Bill Illg, our current Club Manager since May 2018 has done and continues to do an outstanding job. Mr. Illg plans to retire in May 2022 and the Board of Directors and I are beginning the search for a Club Manager to succeed Mr. Illg now.

The Club Manager plays a key role in overseeing the daily operation of the club and they also serve as an equal member of the Club Management Team that is comprised of the Club President, the Club Manager and the CRO. The Board of Directors is also an integral part of Club Management and the Board is the ultimate authority for the management and allocation of the club's financial resources. While the Board of Directors meets monthly, the Club President, Club Manager and CRO are the most active members of the Club Management Team, they meet weekly and communicate almost daily.

Pursuant to the River Bend Gun Club, Inc. By-Laws, Article XI – Powers of the Board of Directors, Section G.

“The Board may create the position of manager, and such assistant managers as it may deem necessary for the proper and successful operation of the Club, and shall determine their duties, responsibilities and compensation. Such manager shall, subject to the overall supervision of the Board, have general responsibility for the operation, maintenance, preservation, and supervision of all Club operations and improvements excepting shooting activities and duties and responsibilities otherwise allocated or assigned in the By-Laws. He shall have authority to employ such persons or entities on a full- or part-time basis as may be required to accomplish Club operations, their duties, authority, and the compensation to be paid therefor. He shall have authority to enter into contracts and incur bills up to a limit determined by the Board annually, but shall be required to secure approval of the Board or Executive Committee for expenditures in excess of such amount. He shall make a monthly report to the Board of all his activities, Club properties, income and expenditures, and shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the Board. He shall have no authority over any officers as created under these By-Laws, but shall provide assistance to such officers and shall be responsible for performance of such maintenance of the various ranges as the range officers and Range Committee may request. Assistant managers shall be charged with the same responsibilities, but shall have no authority except such as the Board shall specifically approve. [Amended 10-08-2012]”

In addition to managing the daily operations of the club and supervision of multiple direct reports, the Club Manager also serves as Chairman of the Membership Committee and as Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee.

The Club Manager position at River Bend Gun Club is a full-time, salaried position requiring a minimum of 40 hours weekly and requiring the Club Manager to be on site at the club at least one weekend monthly. Bill Illg is a talented manager and his dedication to the club is beyond question. It is imperative that the club finds a well-qualified club member who is equally dedicated and who is highly motivated to serve as Club Manager. This is why we are beginning the search for a Club Manager early. Ideally, we seek to hire a highly qualified candidate early so that this person will be able to work with Mr. Illg and with Greg Hughes, Assistant Club Manager learning the job for a reasonable period prior to Mr. Illg's retirement.

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Club Manager Needed

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Minimum qualifications for the RBGC Club Manager position follow:

- Must be an RBGC member in good standing for at least three years
- Must have prior experience managing multiple direct reports
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and computer-based data management, accounting and communication systems
- Must possess excellent organizational skills and be results oriented
- Must possess well developed inter personal skills and public speaking ability
- Must possess well rounded management skills that allow independent decision making and also enable them to work effectively as a member of a team
- Must provide a detailed resume of employment, education and firearms related experience and training

River Bend Gun Club is one of the best gun clubs in the country, it is a wonderful place for members, their families and friends to pursue the shooting sports, compete, socialize and enjoy the natural, North GA woodland habitat. In order to help maintain the club's high standards, we need the right person for the Club Manager position.

Please contact me if you are interested in the Club Manager position. Upon receipt of your resume, I'll be happy to discuss the position and answer related questions in confidence.

Will Owensby

RBGC Club President

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NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CRO TEAM

Allow me to introduce to you, the newest member of the CRO team --ACRO II, Tom Pugh!

Tom is a native Texan who has lived most of his life in Texas, Virginia, and California. He has a BS degree in Psychology from Southern Methodist University and a MS in Social Work from the University of Texas, Arlington.

He initially worked as a mental health counselor but then found a job with Yamaha Motor Corporation as a field service trainer, then field service representative, and finally a Government Relations manager. He retired from Yamaha after working there for 38 years.



Tom and his wife Pat moved to Georgia in late 2019 from California. They decided to move to Georgia to be close to the "kids" and grandkids.

Tom's hobbies include target shooting, gun collecting (especially Mausers), and reloading. He also enjoys riding motorcycles and ATV's. He works on his "toys" and is currently restoring a classic Mustang. Fishing and camping are other hobbies he enjoys.

Tom is already patrolling the ranges so if you get the opportunity, take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome Tom to the Club!

Thank you, Maverick

Official Club Business

Highlights of the September 13, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

President Will Owensby presided over a quorum of six Board members. Also attending were four club officers, the Club Manager, and the Assistant Club Manager. The meeting was convened at 7:00PM on Monday, September 13, 2021. 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 August 9, 2021 Board meeting were approved, and the following officer and manager reports were presented and accepted:

Treasurer Secretary Chief Range Officer Club Manager Shotgun Manager

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

- Treasurer Geoff Rhines reported that August FYTD income was \$617K, an increase of approximately \$57K versus the same period in FY 2020.
- August FYTD expense was \$149K, a decrease of approximately \$7K versus the same period in FY 2020.
- Cash in the bank as of 8/31/21 was \$552,151 including \$100,208 in Capital Reserve Fund.
- Club Secretary Erica D'Amico reported that the membership total at the beginning of the September 2021 meeting was 2,101.
- The number of Senior Members in September 2021 was 187 (8.9% of RBGC membership).
- There are currently 21 members on the Life Membership Wait List.
- Chief Range Officer Jim Garner reported that 12 of 20 venues submitted Match Use Summary Reports for August. Total entries were 359 (173 members, 167 non-members, and 19 juniors). August match income was \$5,170 with \$899.50 reported to the club.
- Range Use Summary Report for August totaled 2,023 (1,725 members and 298 guests).
- There was a New Member Orientation (NMO) class held on August 22 for 25 of the 29 registered attendees.
- There were 8 Tac Rifle Certifications and 2 NFA Certifications in August.
- Club Manager Bill Illg reported that six uprights were replaced on the High-Power Range.
- The plate rack from AP Bay 1 was used to replace the plate rack removed from Centerfire Plinking Bay 2, and a new rack was installed for AP 1.
- Seventeen new solar panels were purchased for the Sporting Clays course.
- Shotgun Hill Manager Bill Wettingfeld reported that shotgun range use in August was 475 shooters (441 members and 34 guests). 1,489 rounds were fired during the month with 28 cart rentals. Total August revenue to the club was \$9,531.
- Broken trap machine has been repaired.
- The Board approved 18 new members.
- Facilities Committee Chairman Art Thompson reported on the following projects which the board approved:
 - ◇ Paving project with Steve Watson in the amount of \$78,780:
 - ◆ Part 1 – Access Road to 22 RF Rifle Range
 - ◆ Part 2 – Access Road to CF Silhouette Range
 - ◆ Part 3 – CF Rifle Silhouette Range Road Extension
 - ◆ Part 4 – Access Road to Bullseye Pistol Range
 - ◇ Grading of Centerfire Plinking Range Bays 1 & 2 and load of #5 gravel to cover removed soil on adjacent roadway by Freddie Jones Hauling in the amount of \$2,925.
 - ◇ Concrete work by Eddie Whaley in the amount of \$8,600:
 - ◆ 2 – 8' x 10' concrete pads for CF Plinking Range Bays 1 & 2
 - ◆ 2 – 8' x 10' concrete pads for AP Bays 4 & 5
 - ◆ 1 – 10' x 12' concrete pad at entrance flagpole
 - ◆ Remove and replace Rim Fire Plinking 10' x '20' concrete pad

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Official Club Business

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- Infrastructure Chairman Bill Illg reported that the GFCI outlet running the well on Cowboy Hill was replaced with a standard outlet since the GFCI outlet was disconnecting several times a week.
- The GFCI outlet running the Emergency box on Silhouette range was replaced with a standard outlet as well since the GFCI outlet was also disconnecting weekly.
- A bad GFCI breaker was replaced with a new GFCI breaker on the Jim Hinkle Rimfire Rifle Range.
- The waterproof switch box cover for the cold range indicators was replaced with a standard switch plate cover on the Jim Hinkle Rifle Range at the request of two Ros for venues there.
- Insurance Committee Chairman Geoff Rhines reported that the club's insurance policy with Philadelphia has been renewed.
- Public Relations Committee Chairman David Norcross reported that the September Bullet-IN reached 2,127 recipients. Open rate was 57% and 31% of members clicked through the newsletter.
- Range Rules Committee Chairman Jim Garner reported that they are updating the matrix for the books.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman Ernie Knoche reported that \$9,600 has been received in renewal donations. The winner of the Glock Raffle was David Buenger.

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

	SEP 2021	AUG 2021
Annual and Non-Resident Members	1,724	1,689
Life Members	184	185
Senior Members	187	183
Corporate Members	2	2
Honorary Members	4	4
Total Active Members	2,101	2,063

New Members Approved

Steve Abraham, Marietta	William Gallagher, Cumming	Alejandro Rodriguez, Canton
James Coe, Marietta	Arnold Hendon, Cumming	Scott Smith, Gainesville
James Coker, Marietta	Robert Johnson, Cumming	Lowell Starr, Cumming
Jeremy Demar, Canton	Hans Kaspar, Miramar Beach	Douglass Tatum, Tallahassee
Tim Downing, Oakwood	Bob Kutschke, Woodstock	
Michael Fricke, Treasure Island	Richard Mendola, Atlanta	

Georgia ICORE

With the International Revolver Championship behind us it was time to get serious about Georgia ICORE this month. It is fall and though our local farmer didn't plant any corn this year, we did have some stalks at our match. It also looks like the targets are "stalking" on Bay 4, so we hurriedly put an end to that. Actually, it was an ICORE Classifier that everyone enjoyed.



We shot the steel plates just straight out. No added paper or special sequence, just shoot the plates as fast as you can. Now, do it a 2nd and 3rd time. Ah, but it was done as the last stage. Did you bring enough ammo?



Bays Two and Three had some usual ICORE shenanigans with ports, and with "X" rings that subtracted from the raw time. Everyone shot slow and steady on those. Didn't want to give up -10 seconds.



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Georgia ICORE

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One observation over the last couple of years is the increased popularity of other brands of revolvers than just Smith & Wesson. Ruger has become well represented in IRC and as well at GA ICORE. So come on out and have fun. Bring your Ruger, or Taurus, or High Standard, or Korth or Manurhin.



The next match is Saturday, November 13th, at the Action Pistol Ranges. The entry fee is only \$15 (\$5 for 2nd gun). You do not have to be a member of either ICORE or River Bend to participate. Meet at Action Pistol Ranges, with; setup at 7am, if you'd like to help, registration opens at 8am, a short shooters meeting at 9am, and then hammer down. First time shooters will need to meet up prior to the match for a safety briefing.

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

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

Caliber wise, anything from .32 up with .38spl, 9mm and .45ACP being the most common. .22lr Rimfire shooters are welcome, but will be scored separately. Because of the steel targets no magnum, P+ calibers, hollow point, steel core or hyper velocity rounds. Only lead, coated lead, jacketed or plated bullets.

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



NRA Light Rifle RBGC Club Championship Match

The previous weekend: cool sunny and beautiful – this match weekend – icky. Overcast, muggy and a bit misty weather greeted the 14 competitors present to vie for Light Rifle Club Championship honors. Notably absent was usual range office Don Coleman who was not feeling well enough to attend. His absence led to a rearrangement of duties with Chris Sagar taking over as Range Officer.

After the safety briefing and explanation of the match procedures, a short sight-in period was held. Competitors were called to the line for the first stage just after 9:45AM under windless grey conditions.

Bob Morris demonstrated that he was the competitor to be reckoned with this year by firing a 95-2X in the first stage with Matt Whitley being his closest competition with a 90-0X. In the second stage, Morris posted a 91-1X to retain first place, while both Simon Bailey and David Massengill fired 92-0X's to take 2nd and 3rd place respectively. George Wilson and Kirk Swanson were tied at 177-0X to fill 1st Expert and 1st Marksman respectively, with Brad Reynolds 171-0X holding 1st Sharpshooter.



In stage three, Swanson came alive, firing a 96-1X to shuffle the rankings. Unfortunately, he was unable to keep up the pressure and threw a shot wide in the fourth stage to spot the field 10 points. With Bailey firing a pair of 90's and Morris firing a pair of 91's, the top two places remained unchanged through the 4th stage. David Massengill only managed a pair of 85's in stages three and four so Swanson's effort turned out to be good enough to take over third place. Brad Reynolds maintained his first Sharpshooter position while Matt Whitley, firing consistently in the high 80's, moved to first place among the Marksman class.

The fifth stage was where things changed for good. Morris continued his effort with another 91-0X to stay in the lead while Swanson recovered from his weak previous stage by firing a solid 95-0X to take over second place. Wilson put a 90-0X on the board to move into third as Bailey could only muster an 85-0X to fall out of podium contention.

In the final stage, Morris fired his fourth 91 in a row to secure first place and his first Club Championship honors with an aggregate 550-6X. Swanson posted an 87-01 to take second place with 539-2X and Wilson finished in third, 2 points back, with a 537-0X.



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Light Rifle Match Report

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Junior contestant Xander Massengill secured Junior Club Champion honors by firing a 488-0X.

Bob Morris	550-6X	Match Winner – 202 Club Champion
Kirk Swanson	539-2X	2nd Place
George Wilson	537-0X	3rd Place

Simon Bailey	536-0X	1st Sharpshooter
Matt Whitley	525-1X	1st Marksman

For full results, please see the match bulletin on the [website](#).

At the completion of the formal match, the traditional fun “One Shot” matches were held with the prize being a brick of ammo for each match.

The first fun match, nicknamed the Barney Fife match, is a true one shot affair, with the shooter who fires their bullet closest to scoring a perfect center shot winning the match. The closest two shooters for the second year in a row were Kirk Swanson and Simon Bailey, but in a reverse of last year’s results, Bailey won the ammo by 1/3 of the width of the white 10 ring line.

The second fun match is a single elimination match, with only the best half of the field advancing to the next round. Fourteen shooters were reduced to eight – Simon Bailey (apparently having remembered how to shoot), Becky Boo (Beth Reynolds – apparently you should never let your husband write you name on the target), David Massengill, George Wilson, Tom Hollingsworth, Bob Morris, Xander Massengill and Paul Lemley.

Eight shooters became four and then four shooters became two – George Wilson and Xander Massengill. The final shots left George Wilson the winner of the second brick of ammo.

In an unexpected, and generous act, Kirk Swanson donated another brick of ammo for a third one shot match – another Barney Fife affair. Kirk officiated the match and awarded the prize to winner Tom Hollingsworth.

With all medals and match results announced, Match Director Bailey made the final announcement of the season. Having been honored to serve as Match Director for the past 10 seasons, Bailey announced that he was stepping down to become an Assistant Range Officer while Chris Sagar would be stepping into the Range Officer and Match Director role. Bailey stated that it has been his pleasure to serve for the past 10 years, but the time had come to step back and welcomed Sagar into his new role (with board approval expected at the next board meeting).

And so, ends another fun and successful NRA Light Rifle season. I encourage all readers to join us next year. The venue is fun, family friendly, has low equipment requirements, is competitive and builds off-hand shooting skills.



September Smallbore Rifle Prone Match

The Georgia State Smallbore Prone Championship

Twenty competitors from five states gathered under sunny skies, moderate temperatures, and tricky winds for the two-day 2021 Georgia State Smallbore Prone Championship. Eleven competitors shot F-Class (front rest or bipod) and nine shot conventional prone (sling). The match followed its customary format: 160 record shots each day, with the sling shooters shooting with metallic (“iron”) sights the first day and “any sights” (irons or scope) the second day. The F-Class competitors, who shoot on the very challenging International targets, shot with scopes both days. A perfect score for the two-day match would be 3200-320X.



The reigning national champion in F-Class Smallbore, **Shane Collier**, won his third consecutive Georgia State F-Class Championship with a staggering 3189-235X, dropping only eleven points out of 320 shots on the International targets. Most competitors would count themselves fortunate to drop only eleven points in a 160-shot match!

Richard Freeman placed second with 3176-228X and River Bend's **John McBrayer** was third with 3172-216X. **John Matthews** finished fourth, tied with John on points but slightly behind on X-count, with 3172-201X.



River Bend's **Larry Sollars** won his fourth consecutive Georgia State Conventional Prone Championship, firing 1595-108X with iron sights and 1599-137X with scope, one point below perfection. His winning two-day aggregate was 3194-245X. River Bend's **Steve Hardin** was close behind with 3190-214X, and Tennessean **Mike Carter** finished third with 3186-235X. Mike also shot two perfect 200-20X scores, once at 100 yards and again at 50 yards. Fellow Tennessean **Ed Foley** was right behind Mike with 3185-204X.

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September Smallbore Rifle Prone Match

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

Many thanks to our volunteers who worked tirelessly to score targets and run the statistical office: **Tommy Steadman, Dennis Lindenbaum, and Fran Bailey.**

For further information, please contact Dave Rabin at smallbore@rbgc.org

-----Dave Rabin



Larry Sollars Award



Mike Carter Award



Shane Collier Award

October Smallbore Rifle Prone Match

Our last match of the year was a Conventional 1200 for which we had six competitors, split evenly between those shooting with a sling and those shooting F-Class. The temperature was in the upper 40s at 8:15 a.m. and eventually warmed to the mid-60s. With the change in temperature came wind, and this was probably the windiest smallbore match we had this year. It wasn't unusual for the flags to be straight out, nor was it unusual for the wind to go through several complete reverses during the course of a single 20-shot string.

In the sling division, Steve Hardin and Dave Rabin were neck-and-neck all day, and when each had fired his 120th shot, they were tied on points. This necessitated resort to the X-count to break the tie, which Steve won handily. The sling standings:

Steve Hardin	1191-71X
Dave Rabin	1191-61X
Charles Iracondo	1165-39X

In F-Class, shooting on the difficult NRA Metric targets, Joe Ettershank and John McBrayer likewise were neck-and-neck all day, with Joe narrowly edging out John by one point. Both, however, were outpaced by John Matthews, who fired an impressive 1170-52X in difficult conditions. The F-Class standings:

John Matthews	1170-52X
Joe Ettershank	1152-49X
John McBrayer	1151-41X

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

In other news – the gravel road leading to the Jim Hinkle Rimfire Rifle range is now paved! Many thanks to the club's Board of Directors and the other folks at River Bend who helped make this happen.

Our next match will be a non-sanctioned Conventional 1200 on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

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

-----Dave Rabin



Action Pistol

ZOMBIE XIII MATCH

October 16, 2021

Mother Nature once again smiled on Action Pistol and after very brief precipitation, the skies cleared and, for the most part, the wind didn't create too much havoc with the Zombie House. Sixty one (61!!) diehard (better than undead) pistol shooters turned out for another Battle Against the Undead at the Annual River Bend Gun Club Action Pistol Zombie Match XIII. Our determined Action Pistol shooters arrived to find that for the 13th year in a row the zombies were attempting to escape their confines of the AP Bays of River Bend. Little did those ghouls know what they were staggering and crawling up against.



Bay 1

A target rich environment! Lots of steel zombie heads to challenge our shooting skills, plus some spinning zombies apparently from Texas. The stenciled steel zombie heads were a hit and got hit. Plenty of calls for "More Ammo!!"



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Action Pistol

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Bay 2

Who would have guessed that there might be zombies in the kitchen? As all AP shooters know, you should always have an ice pick handy for unexpected guests. This stage was Spike and Run and Shoot, so Bay 2 met everyone's expectations and shortcomings. Lots of movement and finding all those pesky zombies through windows and walls and hiding behind those barrels. Did we mention how small those heads are?



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Bay 3

Traditions continued with the infamous Zombie Shoot Houses and this year the shoot house went back to our blacked out version with weapons lights and headlamps at the ready. Breach the door and keep moving. For more than a few, a lesson in tunnel vision. This year again many were entertained by the melodious tones of the Phenomenal Zombiette Choir as they exited the challenges of the first House of Horror. Who knew zombies wailed like that? Also our condolences go out to the families of Little Debbie and Elvira, Mistress of The Dark. Seems like a few of our zombie eliminators were just a wee bit too enthusiastic!



More Action Pistol Traditions

As is the Action Pistol tradition, the match was followed up with a GREAT lunch -- this year there was tasty Zombie Chili (no zombies were used in the preparation, or so we were assured) by Denise and Will. After all the votes were counted it was dead even as to whose was the most phenomenal! Chili served up plus hotdogs, plus to-die-for chocolate brownies, and then cupcakes and an incredible Zombie Cake complete with bloody glass shards!! Lunch AP Style continues thanks to our amazing AP chefs and dessertists (thank you Ariel and Lesa !) Our shooters cook on and off the ranges. And we can never forget, of course, the always popular Action Pistol Door Prizes.

Our thanks again to all the Range Officers and volunteers who make RBGC Action Pistol a success.

***Next AP Match is the Thanksgiving AP Turkey Rescue Extravaganza
November 20th, 2021 The Bird is the Word....***

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	5 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	6 200 Yard Rimfire Match Cowboy Action Sporting Clays Match
7 IDPA Match	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 Centerfire Benchrest High Power XTC Match ICORE Match NRA Rifle First Steps Orientation - Youth Shooting
14 Centerfire Benchrest High Power 600X3 Match Steel Challenge	15	16	17	18	19 River Bend Ballistic Challenge XIV Glock Match Set-up	20 Action Pistol Hunting Rifle Shoot River Bend Ballistic Challenge XIV Glock Match Tactical Rifle Certification
21 New Member Orientation Meeting River Bend Ballistic Challenge XIV Glock Match	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Shotgun Hill Closed for Thanksgiving	26	27 USPSA Match 100 Yard Match/Clinic Buffalo Rifle Match
28	29	30				

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

December 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	3 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	4 High Power EIC Match Cowboy Action Sporting Clays Match
5 High Power 600X3 Match IDPA Match	6	7	8	9	10	11 Centerfire Benchrest ICORE Match High Power Silhouette Match NRA Shotgun First Steps Orientation - Youth Shooting Class
12 Steel Challenge	13 Board Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 100 Yard Match/Clinic Action Pistol Hunting Rifle Shoot Tactical Rifle Certification
19 3Gun Match New Member Orientation Meeting	20	21	22	23	24 Shotgun Hill Closed for Christmas	25 Christmas MERRY CHRISTMAS 100 Yard Match/Clinic Shotgun Hill Closed for Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Classified Ads

.50-70 Govt. Items

Lyman #7660121 3-die set with shell holder for .50-70 - costs \$70

.50-70 Brass (44 pieces) unprimed and unfired - cost \$4.50 each or \$198 at Dixie Gun Works

Lyman .50-70 Bullet mold blocks #515141E / .512 Dia. - 425 Grains - \$90 at Midway

$\$70 + \$198 + \$90 = \358 / You can have it **All for \$250**

Paul (404) 702-3398



Reloading Equipment:

A senior member of RBGC has moved out of state. He has amassed a supply of reloading equipment. He has carbide dies for .45, .38, 9mm, .44 & .30 cal, a variety of brass, bullets, powder and other components. Also a Detroit bullet trap. A friend will handle the transaction and would prefer to sell in one lot as all must go. The friend will have a yard sale in early November but will show items before the sale.

Lyle Schroeder
lylebob@aol.com

30-06 Ammo:

192 rounds spam cans (2) with en blocs and bandoliers-- \$225.00 each (\$1.17 per round)

250 rounds of linked with ammo can-- \$300.00 (\$1.20 per round)

Contact Sam Alston 404-964-3959

Items for sale:

30-06 once fired Hornady brass, unprimed, 50 pieces, \$30

243 once fired Rem brass, primed, 100 pieces, \$45

38 Special once fired Winchester brass, unprimed, 350 pieces, \$65

38 Special once fired Rem/GFL/CBC/Fed brass, unprimed, 300 pieces, \$55

30-06 Rem 180gr Core-Lokt PSP factory loads NIB, 20 rounds \$20

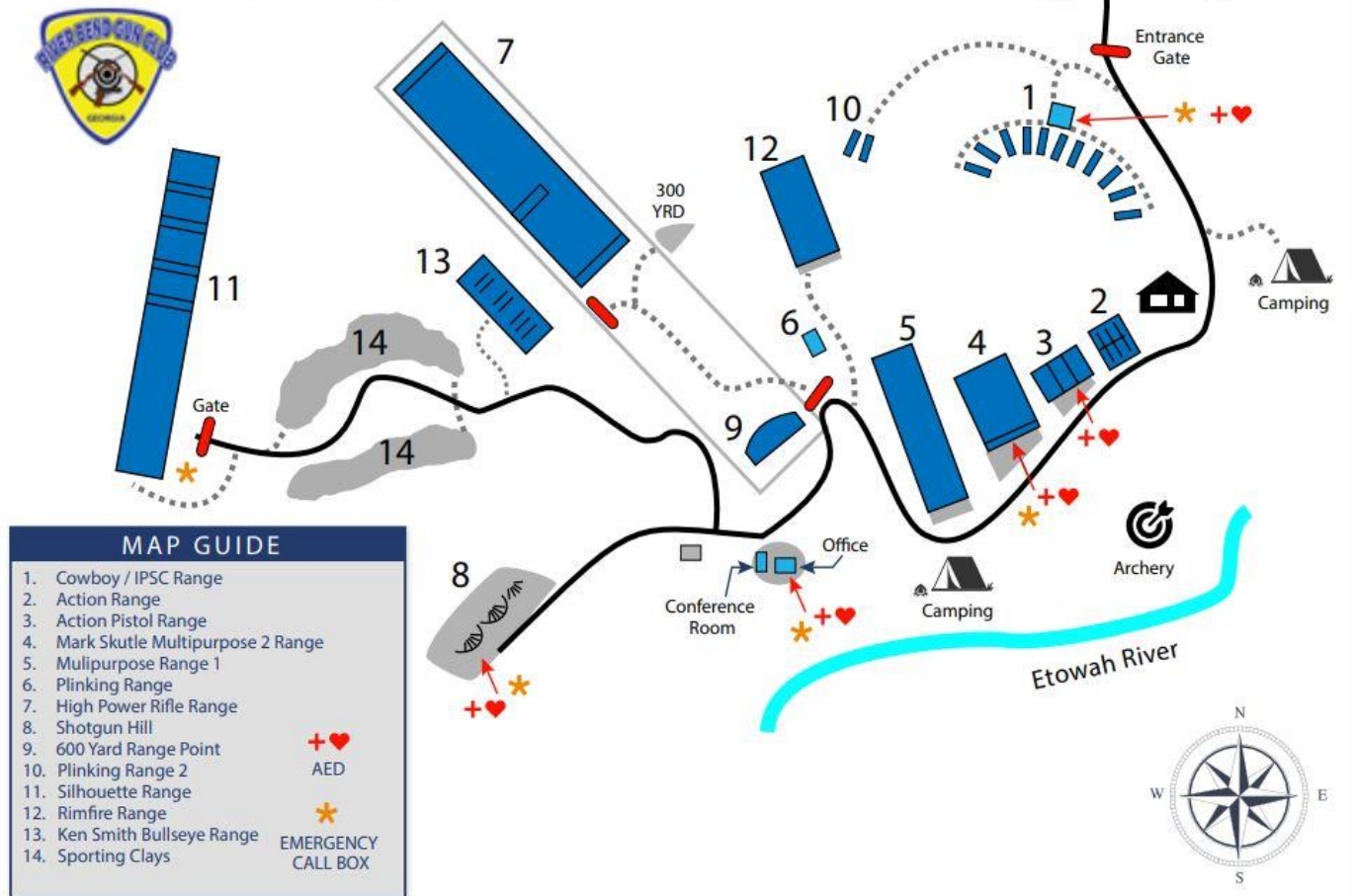
30-06 handloads, 165 Core-Lokt PSP, 50 rounds, \$50

Text or call 706-877-4236 if interested.

*Please submit classified ads to newsletter@rbgc.org no later than the 28th of the month.
Ads appear for two issues unless additional time is requested.*

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Shotgun Hill Hours:

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

CLOSED Monday - Wednesday

Club Hours:

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

Newsletter Information:

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

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

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