

**2019 DIXIE NRA REGIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**With Civilian Marksmanship Program Service Pistol & .22 Rimfire E.I.C. Match and National Rifle Association Distinguished Revolver Match**  
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The 2019 Dixie Matches were held at Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club, Jacksonville, FL on April 5-7, 2019. This annual National Rifle Association (NRA) Regional Precision Pistol Championship continues to be a highlight for many Florida Bullseye shooters and was also attended by military and civilian competitors from several different states. There were 60 shooters competing, the most in the past several years. Despite threats of rain over the weekend, the weather was excellent throughout the match. Greg Markowski, from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) at Ft. Benning, Georgia and last year's Dixie Champion, fired a 2665-138X to take "Top Gun" honors, winning the NRA Regional championship, and being named Dixie Match Champion. Coming in second, also from the AMU was Carl Clegg, firing a 2645-114X. Wes Fleming (New Philadelphia, OH), finished third with a 2585-118X. Winning the High Master Class was Adam Kopstein (Summerville, SC), with a 2548-65X. Top shots in the Master Class (Service) was Joshua Kingery of the AMU with a 2564-95X and Master Class (Civilian) was Lee Fleming (Gloucester Point, VA) with a 2539-79X. Taking the Expert Class was Brian Reed (Callahan, FL) firing a 2478-64X. The high Sharpshooter was Keith Fredriksen (Valrico, FL) with a 2419-45X. Top honors in the Marksman Class went to "Buck" Johnston (Fernandina, FL) firing a 2278-25X. Winning the .22 Caliber Only Aggregate was Robert Fanucci (Waycross, GA) with a 2585-82X. Special Category Awards for High Service and Open Division shooter went to Greg Markowski (Columbus, GA), High Civilian and High Veteran shooter was won by Wes Fleming (New Philadelphia, OH), High Senior shooter was won by Hiem Trang (Germantown, MD), High Women shooter went to Jill Knerr (Pensacola, FL), High Grand Senior was won by Robert Settle (Paisley, FL). Winning the Metallic Division was Joseph Peterson (Smiths Station, AL).

The AMU won the overall team match (a combination of scores from the .22, Centerfire and .45 team matches) with a total of 3375-116X. There were six Civilian 2-person teams entered, with the winning team from Accuracy X of Lee and Wes Fleming firing a score of 1697-46X. There were also two Civilian, 2-person .22 Only teams entered, with the winning team of Keith Fredriksen and Don Cox firing a score of 1020-15X.

The NRA Distinguished Revolver Match had 20 shooters competing. Winning the match was Greg Markowski (Columbus, GA) firing a 277-9X, followed by Mark Hays (Niceville, FL) with a 264-3X and finishing third was Brian Reed (Callahan, FL) with a 255-7X. The CMP Service Pistol EIC Match had 29 shooters, and was won by Greg Markowski with a 291-10X, followed by AMU teammates Carl Clegg firing a 283-7X and Walker Buckman finishing third with a 280-5X. The CMP's .22 Rimfire EIC Match had 34 shooters competing. Winning the match was Greg Markowski with a 292-17X, followed by Walker Buckman firing a 288-9X and Tom Nussbaum (Savannah, GA) with a 287-8X.

In its only second year, air pistol was offered as an additional event for the competitors. The 20 shot air pistol "fun" match and a "closest to the center shot" competition both had good participation. The air pistol events were fired in the Bill Craig facility. Proceeds from the match were divided between top scoring competitors and the Florida Sport Shooting Association.

The annual Dixie Match remains one of the best attended Bullseye matches in the southeast and continues to attract more shooters. There were many first-time shooters coming from Florida to Maryland. Match Director was Ted Carter and calling a superb line for all three days was Chief Range Officer John Michalski. Assisting John to ensure a well-run and safe line were Range Officers Marion Estes, David Poole, Larry Watkins and Morris Truslow. Randy Erickson assisted as Jury Chairman. Recording and posting all scores were Chief Statistical Officer Sue Carter, assisted by Karen Davis. There were plenty of complements from the competitors on the excellent Bullseye facilities at Gateway and the friendly, professional and safety conscious staff.

Many thanks to all the competitors for their support, some driving hundreds of miles to attend the match. A special Thank You to our many sponsors: Safariland, Magpul, Pyramid Air, Glock, Mission BBQ, Starline Brass, Hornady, Midway USA, Brownells, My Medic, Precision Target Pistol Grips, Florida Sport Shooting Association, Manufacturing Services, Gun Goddess, Dillon Precision Products, Brazos Bullet Company, and Nosler for their generous support of our match. Finally, a well earned thanks goes out to the Dixie match staff, the Gateway range officers, office staff and the range maintenance folks who made this another great shooting event. Planning has already begun on the 2020 Dixie Match and we're looking forward to another exciting competition.

For a complete listing of scores and plenty of match photos, please go to: [http://www.grpc-jax.com/disciplines/outdoor\\_pistol.html](http://www.grpc-jax.com/disciplines/outdoor_pistol.html)



Winning Team - US Army Marksmanship Unit



Winning Two Person Team - Accuracy X



Winning Two Person- .22 Only Team- Team Keith & Don



3rd Place - Wes Fleming



Winner - Greg Markowski



2nd - Carl Clegg



Ted Carter (Match Director) presents the Dixie Champion Trophy to Greg Markowski



Dixie Match Photos:



Wes and Don Fleming shooting Air Pistol



Winner of the Pyramid Air Pistol - Stephen Price



Dixie Match Shooters on the line



Dixie Shooters and Match Staff enjoy dinner at Mission BBQ