

WGC Newsletter

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Watauga Gun Club

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Club Hours

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday &
Saturday.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday

We are on the web!

www.WataugaGunClub.com

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Membership Renewals

Annual membership dues were past due on February 1. Please **mail your annual dues to the mailing address at left**, in order to remain a club member. Include a copy of your Concealed Carry-Handgun permit, handgun purchase permit (issued within the last three months) or an official background check with a copy of your NRA member card. **IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED AN ANNUAL RANGE USE AND SAFETY REVIEW MEETING IN THE PAST YEAR**, you will need to submit a signed and dated waiver.

A copy of the waiver is included at the end of this newsletter.

At present, the number of renewed members for 2021 may not support the general operation and maintenance of the range, clubhouse and facilities for the year. Delayed renewals are a hardship on your club and effect the ability to project future

costs and prudently make repairs. Upon further discussion at the March 29 EC meeting, the Executive Committee will propose two Amendments to the Club Bylaws. These pressing issues will be on the agenda for discussion at the April Membership Meeting for action in May. Proposed Bylaws language changes are included at the end of this Newsletter. This is a notice exceeding the ten days required by club Bylaws for consideration and action at the May Member Meeting.

April Member Meeting Is On!

The April monthly member meeting will be held outside at the picnic tables on Thursday, April 8th at 7PM. The range use and safety review meeting and the member matches normally held prior to the member meeting remain suspended.

Gate Replacement

The new gate has been installed. However, the actuator arm mechanism has to be returned to the manufacturer for inspection and/or repair. The new gate may need to be locked with chain and a combination lock prior to resolution of the actuator arm problems. If this happens, the lock combination will be emailed to all current members. **Please do not push, pull or move the existing gate from the open position until further notice.**

Rimfire Benchrest

The March match presented some of the most unpredictable wind conditions many shooters had ever experienced at the club. That's their story and they are sticking to it. Seriously, some very difficult wind conditions were navigated with varying

levels of success. While the turn out was very good, it's not fair that everyone shouldn't experience the fun. Come on out for the next match on April 11 and bring your friends. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle. Bring your friends. All welcome!

WGC IDPA

WGC-IDPA held a modified format match on March 13 that was very well received by the shooters present. Fourteen guns were entered (more than one per shooter in some cases) and the more shooter friendly procedures provided much fun for the participants.

The format for the match and the rules were distributed to the IDPA shooters list by email before the match. The tentative new name for that match was the American Carbine Pistol League (ACPL). This name may change to the WGC-Action Pistol whereby several additional competition formats may be introduced dependent upon the Discipline Directors and input/suggestions from competitors.

The ACPL description was as follows:

Divisions:

- Single stack
- Double stack
- Carry optics (SINGLE OR DOUBLE STACK)
- Revolver
- PCC (Same as IDPA PCC)
- Open (USPSA OPEN TYPE PISTOLS)
- Rimfire pistol
- Rimfire rifle
- Shotgun (stay tuned)

Shooter free to solve problem while remaining within delineated boundaries.

Standard safety rules apply.

Target:

Head and down 1 area scored as down zero. Down 3 area scored as down 3 (3 seconds). A miss will be counted as down 5 (5 seconds).

Single head shot renders target neutralized. So shooter, unless otherwise specified, can make a single head shot OR two body shots. (This helps the revolver shooters with their limited capacity).

Shotguns ONLY shoot the steel in the stages, no paper. (since they compete only against other shotguns, this won't be an issue). This will be considered in stage setup.

All firearms loaded to capacity.

140mm rule as in USPSA to govern magazine size. (Includes open division).

Basically, the only penalty is for hits on a non-threat at 5 down (5 seconds) and/or a safety issue, that are DQ offences, (180 degree rule, or going outside the delineated area, or doing something specifically addressed prior to shooting by the match director, that may be a safety issue).

Rimfire pistol starts at low ready, no holster needed.

Carbines start at low ready. Same bagging of long guns as in steel match, with chamber flags.

Rimfire just has to hit steel, not knock over. Same rules as per scoring as other divisions.

Steel must be painted between rimfire shooters to ensure steel indeed hit.

Web Site

The club web site is still developing; however members are encouraged to utilize the current site for important updates, meeting minutes, club business and newsletters. Be sure to check the calendar for important dates and range use information.

Steel Match

It has been a long six months, but on April 17 the 2021 steel match season begins. Limit of 2 guns per shooter. First gun is \$10 and second gun is \$5. Registration opens at 0900, match starts at 1000.

Six (6) stages with 5 targets in each. Shoot each stage 4 times, throw out slowest string and add the remaining 3 strings for the stage time. Plus 1 fun/ fast stage.

Rimfire handguns and all rifles and carbines start from a low ready. Centerfire handguns start holstered.

Long guns come to the line flagged and bagged. Handguns must be bagged, cased or holstered.

Range Etiquette

The Watauga Gun Club is as good as the members make it. It is every member's responsibility to keep the range clean, not cause any damage to the range and

clubhouse and most importantly to concern yourself with your safety and the safety of other members. All safety procedures and range use information is available in the Range Use Manual provided to each member upon becoming a member. The manual may also be viewed on the club web site. It never hurts to review the manual and to remind yourself of all aspects of gun safety.

When any member sees another member exhibiting poor gun safety or violating range rules, that member should help the offending member to understand their infractions and, if needed, file an incident report in the ring bound pad in the clubhouse.

Club Information

Emails

Club information emails sent with important information are addressed to many member recipients. Mail servers may tag such emails as spam or junk mail. Be sure to check your spam or junk mail folders for club informational emails.

Also, if you are not receiving periodic emails from the club, make sure to

take the time to send the club your email address if your email address has changed. Send your email address to memberships@wataugagunclub.com.

Watauga County Concealed Handgun Permits

Applying for new or renewing Concealed Handgun Permits is now online. Here are two helpful links for the Sheriff's Office.

Main Concealed Carry Permits link:

http://www.wataugacounty.org/App_Pages/Dept/Sheriff/concealedperm.aspx

Which will send users here:

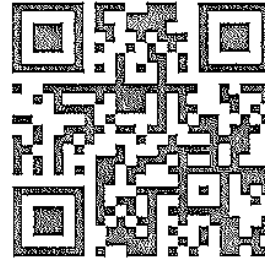
<https://wataugaso.permitium.com/ccw/start>

Range Closures For Mowing

As the mowing season begins, the range will be closed on Wednesday mornings until noon to allow the mowing contractor crew to mow in safety. While the contractor was willing to accommodate some shooters while mowing in the past, there were too many incidents where members violated safety procedures to allow the practice to continue. This new policy comes with some added difficulties. If the mowing cannot be conducted due to weather or other reasons, the mowing may either skip a week or be performed in the day(s) following the missed Wednesday mowing. It is always a good idea to check the range cameras before visiting the range to ensure the mowers are not present.

This is how you can gain access to VIEW ONLY the cameras at the club.

1. Users must download the "IC Reatime App" from the app store.
2. Once it is downloaded on the phone or iPad, you may be able to scan this QR bar code;



OR... follow these remote access instructions.

In the app, tap the Menu button in the upper left; it looks like 3 horizontal lines. Tap Device Manager, then tap the + sign to add a device.

Remote Access

Register Mode: P2P

Name: WGC

SN: NVR716NSP1508YD4800055

Username: wgclub

Password: wgc6539

Live Preview: Extra

Playback: Main

Tap the Start Live Preview button

WATAUGA GUN CLUB

WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELEASE HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I understand that engaging in Watauga Gun Club (WGC) activities may be hazardous, with accompanying risks of personal injury, death, and/or loss or damage to my property. In consideration of my participation in such shooting activities, I, on my own behalf and that of my heirs, successors, representatives, administrators and assigns, hereby:

1. Waive and completely release any and all, past, present or future claims, causes of action, suits, rights, damages, costs, expenses or obligations or demands of any kind whatsoever, I, or anyone on my behalf might have against Watauga Gun Club, and its respective officers, directors, agents, representatives and contractors (together "WGC"), for any loss, damage, personal injury, death and/or loss or damage to my property resulting from my participation in such shooting activities;
2. Agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless WGC, from any and all claims by any person, firm, corporation or others, for any damages, loss or claims, of any nature, arising in any way out of my participation in such shooting activities; and
3. Assume all risks associated with such activities and all responsibility for medical expenses, costs and/or other obligations and other losses or injuries to me or in which I may become involved, by reason of my participation in such shooting activities at the aforementioned facility and event.

I further affirm that that I am over eighteen [18] years of age, or am under the direct supervision of a person that is not disabled from possessing firearms & ammunition, and I am not a "PROHIBITED PERSON" under 18 U.S.C. 922(g), and have read and understand this Waiver of Liability and have executed this instrument voluntarily on this date.

MY COMMITMENT TO SAFE GUN HANDLING

Anyone who uses a firearm has a responsibility to themselves and others to use the firearm safely.

I acknowledge that I am familiar with the basic rules of firearm safety and that those basic rules have been provided to me in the WGC Range Use Manual. I further acknowledge that I have reviewed the WGC Membership & Safety Manual and the Range Use Manual within one month of signing this Waiver. I agree to follow all of the basic rules of firearm safety at all times during my use and handling of any firearms.

The safe use of firearms dictates that I understand and agree to follow all of these instructions:

- I WILL TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS IF IT WERE LOADED.
- I WILL ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
- I WILL NOT PLACE MY FINGER ON THE TRIGGER OR IN THE TRIGGER GUARD UNLESS AND UNTIL I AM READY TO FIRE.
- I WILL ALWAYS WEAR APPROPRIATE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.
- I WILL NEVER PASS THE FIREARM TO ANYONE WITHOUT OPENING AND KEEPING OPEN THE CYLINDER OR THE ACTION TO VERIFY THAT IT IS UNLOADED.
- I WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW THE COMMANDS OF THE RANGE OFFICER.

I understand these basic rules of firearms safety and I agree to follow them at all times. I have also within the past 30 days reviewed and understand the WGC Range Use Manual.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Proposed Watauga Gun Club Bylaws Amendments

For consideration and approval at the May Membership Meeting.

Article IV-Dues Paragraph 2 will be completely changed to read:

"If renewal membership dues are not received by February 1, membership will terminate. Terminated members would be required then to follow the New Member requirements, including initiation fees, in order to rejoin the club and use club facilities."

Article X-Amendments, Amendment I Paragraph 7 changed as follows:

...3.) have attended at least one Watauga Gun Club Regular Monthly Business Meeting and ~~a Range Safety/Operations Briefing after the previous year renewal.~~ provided an annually updated Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement provided by the Club and indicate the member has thoroughly reviewed the then current Range Use Manual with particular regard for Range Safety/Operations of the Watauga Gun Club.