

WGC Newsletter

April 2022



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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

Membership Renewals

Annual membership dues were past due on February 1. If your dues remain unpaid, you will have to reapply for membership. We are still receiving renewals in the mail that cannot be accepted without the old member re-applying, paying associated fees and attending the new member orientation meeting.

April Monthly Member Meeting

The April monthly member meeting is April 14th at 7PM in the clubhouse. New applicants introduced for club membership at the March Member Meeting were:

- Bruce Talbert (returning member)
- Jessie Lyall
- Bradley Bokein (returning member)
- Charlie Fox
- Tony Holman (returning member)

If these applicants have submitted all required information and paid all fees and there are no objections, the above applicants may be voted on for membership at the April Member Meeting.

Bylaws Amendment Vote

Note that at the April Monthly Members Meeting, membership may vote on the membership dues increase to \$200.00 per year, beginning in 2023.

At the February Monthly Members Meeting, the need for the increase was discussed and all members present agreed to the increase and a motion was made and accepted to give notice of this increase. Notice was given in the March Newsletter and has been posted on the club web site since March 1.

Rimfire Benchrest

Something exceedingly rare occurred in March. The regularly scheduled March match was cancelled due to weather. This seemingly put a burr under the saddles of some of the heartier competitors and a make-up match was scheduled for the following Sunday. The weather at the make-up match was arguably worse than the week prior. Six shooters signed in and two left after the first flight. The remaining four shooters endured the second flight and two shooters endured a third. Hats off to the determined spirit of these persistent competitors!

Come on out for the next match on April 10th and bring your friends. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle. Bring your friends. All welcome!

WGC Action Pistol

The match scheduled for March was cancelled due to weather. The April match is scheduled for April 9. Come on out and have some fun.

A general match description 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 problems 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.

ATA Youth Trap Shooting Team

Come out and join your local youth ATA trap shooting team!

The Blue Ridge Clay Breakers are accepting youth shooters ages 10 and up. Come on out on Sunday, April 10 from 2PM until 6PM. Orientation will be from 2-3PM and then practice from 3-6PM. Bring your own ammo and shotgun. Hope to see you all there!

Normally, practice sessions are held each Sunday beginning at 2PM. Check the club calendar.

Steel Match

It has been a long six months, but on April 16 the 2022 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.

If you have not participated in a steel challenge match, come on out and have some real fun. The safety officers can help guide you through the relatively easy procedures and get you up to maximum fun in no time. You will need approximately 200-250 rounds per gun to complete the seven stages.

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 and their guests. All safety procedures and range use information are 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.

Volunteer Members Move the Burn Pile

The burn pile location was changed back in mid 2021 due to the new trap trailer needing to be located very near the old burn pile location between Bays 2 & 3. There were remnants of old materials and brush that had remained at the old location, so a few members decided to clean up the area and burn the debris in the new location generally between Bay 4 & 5. The crew endured much heat and many a tall tale as the amount of debris was substantial.

So, as a reminder, DO NOT put any debris between Bays 2 & 3. The new burn pile location is between Bays 4 & 5.

AND, when burning, make sure water can be transported to the burn pile so as to make sure any remaining embers are put out.



Mugging for the camera up top, L to R are Steve Byerly, Michael Chalson, Arvin Pearson, Dan Lafaro and Mark Robertson.



Range Closures For Mowing

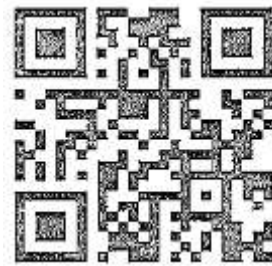
As the mowing season begins, the range will be closed on Wednesday mornings until noon to allow the mowing contractor crew to mow in safety. If the mowing cannot be conducted due to weather or other reasons, the mowing may either skip a week or be performed in the day(s) following the missed Wednesday mowing. It is always a good idea to check the range cameras

before visiting the range to ensure the mowers are not present.

How to Access Club Cameras

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