

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

April Monthly Member Meeting

The April monthly member meeting is April 13th at 7PM in the clubhouse. New applicants introduced for club membership at the March Member Meeting were:

Allen Buchanan
Anthony Holman, and
Andrew Trone.

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

NC Pistol Permit Repeal

On March 29, the NC Legislature overrode a Governor’s veto eliminating “the longstanding permit system requiring sheriffs to perform character evaluations and criminal history checks of pistol applicants.”

[Permit to buy handgun no longer required in North Carolina | AP News](#)

The club membership will need to discuss temporary/emergency measures as well as permanent measures regarding how to fulfill background checks for new and renewing current members, as our Bylaws require. The EC appears reluctant to require every member to acquire and maintain a concealed carry permit which appears to be the sole remaining avenue for member background checks. Potential solutions may include modification to the member waiver signed and updated each year. Please be prepared to discuss this matter at the April membership meeting.

Volunteer Member Work Day

A member work day has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th. We need volunteers to help clean up and trim the range after the long and breezy Winter. Our fearless leader Dan Lofaro will be at the range at 8:30AM and hopes for volunteers to arrive and help out from 9AM until about 2PM. Any help within that span of time will be appreciated. The work of gathering debris is followed by a ceremonial burning of debris where lies are told and danger surely lurks. Seriously, it can be fun and a possible late lunch afterward should be fun as well. Take some time out and help spruce up the club for the coming shooting season.



Members mugging for the camera at last year’s work party.

Rimfire Benchrest

Something exceedingly rare occurred again in March. The March match was cancelled due to weather and safety concerns for competitor travel. Rimfire Benchrest is an excellent discipline for new members to begin in club activities. The matches are low key, cordial and encouraging. Come on out for the next match on April 9th at 1:00 PM and meet some new friends and have some fun. There are normally four flights fired and plenty of room as the afternoon wears on. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle. Please arrive in enough time to sign in and set up so the match can begin promptly at 1PM.

More info at:

<https://wataugagunclub.com/rimfire-benchrest-rifle/>

WGC Southern Defensive Pistol

WGC Action Pistol has now become WGC Southern Defensive Pistol. It will be, as I understand it, a part of the Southern Defensive Pistol League that is gaining significant popularity in the region. Robert Niemi has volunteered and been approved as director. Robert directs other SDPL matches as well. Several members of WGC have already participated in the

new format and it is described as "IDPA Lite". Roughly 120 rounds of ammunition will be required.

More info at: <https://wgcpistol.com/>

The first match is April 8th. Sign in begins at 9AM and the match will begin at 10AM after the shooter briefing. Here is another opportunity to hone your defensive pistol skills while having an enjoyable day with friends.

It is also important to mention our sincere appreciation for Bill Rudder for his direction of the Action Pistol discipline. Surely Bill will be able to still compete, time permitting. THANK YOU BILL!

ATA BIG 50 & Blue Ridge Clay Breakers

Normally, team practice sessions are held each Sunday afternoon beginning at 2PM. Check the calendar on the club web site. Other shooters are welcome to attend these practices. There is a good distribution of participant ages and talent whereby the beginner up to an accomplished trap shooter can enjoy an afternoon of turning clay discs into dust. Check the club calendar. There is a \$5.00 fee per round for club members, \$6.00 for guests/non-members. Any and ALL attendees need to pick up their hulls off of the grass after shooting their rounds. There should be no expectation for others to clean up after you!

There will be one Big 50 registered shoot in April on the 16th. Arrive in time to sign in so as to begin the shoot promptly at 1 PM. Be there.

<https://m.facebook.com/BRCBWGC>

WGC Steel Match

It has been a long six months, but on April 15th the 2023 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.

Normally, the match consists of 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. However, there may be some modification to the number of stages this season. Any changes will be announced at the match briefing.

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 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.

Range Closures For Mowing

As the mowing season begins, the range will be closed on Wednesday mornings until 2PM to allow for the mowing contractor crew to mow in safety. If the mowing

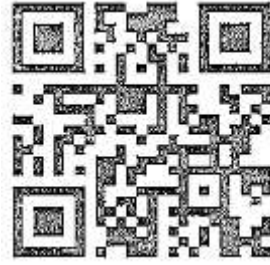
cannot be conducted due to weather or other reasons, the mowing may either skip a week or be performed in the day(s) following the missed Wednesday mowing. It is always a good idea to check the range cameras before visiting the range to ensure the mowers are not present.

NOTE: Members and guests may not shoot on any part of the range during mowing. The mowing contractor has been instructed not to make any exceptions. Violations of this rule will incur penalty, including suspension of range privileges.

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