



Watauga Gun Club Newsletter

April 2026

Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting is **Thursday, April 9th at 7 p.m.**

New Member Applicants that will be voted on in April's Meeting:

- John David Harris
- Justin Hodges
- Bill Aycock
- Randy Jones
- Brian Davies

New/Prospective Members

For any questions on the application process, please visit our website at <https://wataugagunclub.com/>, or contact a member of the Executive Committee (contact info listed on the website) with additional questions.

Range Updates

Mowing

Mowing season is upon us and will take place on Wednesdays, weather permitting – please keep an eye on the calendar. While mowing is going on, the range is CLOSED to all shooting activities.

Bank Restoration and Tree Planting

THANK YOU to member Chon S. for all of your hard work planting the trees donated to us by the County.

Gravel



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Gravel has been spread in the pistol bays and under the rifle shed. The EC is looking into options for the driveway, including proactive measures to mitigate ongoing erosion caused by flooding.

Other Repairs and Restoration Efforts

Please keep an eye out for future announcements; as weather warms up, we will continue to ask for volunteer help and other items related to Helene recovery efforts. Some things that are already in the works (dates TBD for any who want to assist) are:

- Painting the exterior of the clubhouse
- Repair of the handicap ramp
- Reinstalling the office door and pass-through cover
- Repairing screen doors
- Installing trim inside the clubhouse and around windows
- Repairing the urinal in the mens' room
- Repairing posts to the picnic shed
- Installation of an additional camera

Long-term restoration efforts will include:

- Restoring the kitchen
- Driveway gravel and erosion mitigation for future flooding events

Thank you to everyone who has given your time, money, and other resources to help us get to this point in our recovery. While we still have work to do, we would not have gotten this far without all of your help.

Range Events



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As the weather warms up, range activity will increase- keep an eye on the calendar (and the cameras) as well as any other special announcements related to range activities. And please, come out and shoot!

All matches are open to the public; we encourage new shooters to attend – bring a friend (or two) and come see what all the fun is about!

- **Steel** resumes its matches on Saturday, April 18th. Matches will be held monthly on the Saturday of the 3rd full weekend through October.
- **Southern Defensive Pistol** will resume their monthly matches beginning Saturday, April 11th; matches are held on the Saturday of the 2nd full weekend through October. The afternoon prior to the match, the range will be closed for setup.
- **Trap** holds practices on Sunday afternoons from 2-6. Regular monthly ATA will be held on the 4th Saturday monthly through October; the next match is April 25th.
- **Rimfire Bench** holds its match on the 2nd full Sunday of the month. The next Rimfire Bench match is 4/12/26. Registration begins at 12 p.m. and the match begins at 1. There are categories for a variety of rimfire calibers, with scopes or iron sights. More information is available on the Club's website.