

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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WGC Annual Family Picnic

& August Member Meeting

The WGC Annual Family Picnic will be held on August 12th at the range. After a year hiatus due to the pandemic, it will be nice to casually mingle among old friends and new friends among the membership. Shooting options are planned with some general plinking and possibly some trap shooting. There will also be a short business meeting.

Serving starts about 6PM. The club provides hotdogs and hamburgers with the fixings. Everyone please plan to bring something else along, following the guidelines below according to the first letter of your last name. Thanks!

A-F Drinks and chips.

G-L Salad, Slaw or beans.

M-Z Deserts.

We will need members to help clean up after the picnic.

See you all there!

Important Proposed ByLaws Amendments

A first reading/notice of the proposed amendments will be conducted at the August Membership Meeting. The proposed language is included at the end of this newsletter.

Generally, the changes include mention of prompt club repayment for use of discipline funds for emergencies and mention of an equitable contribution and return from and back to each discipline.

Also, the current method for approving new members many times involves incomplete submittals of required items and no confirmed familiarity with the club or range use rules prior to membership vote and receipt of money. The current process has often been criticized by members as being too informal. The new process gives members a better opportunity to be an integral part of the new member process. Also note that the club proposes to no longer accept a background check from the local clerk of court as this check does not incorporate any checks beyond Watauga County.

Please take the time to review the proposed amendment changes and be prepared to comment at the August members meeting. The proposed amendments will then be voted on by members at the September Members meeting.

Rimfire Benchrest

The July match attendance was again excellent and the competition levels quite high. Come on out for the next match on August 15th and meet some new friends. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle.

WGC Steel

The next match is Saturday, August 21st. Last month, many shooters stayed away due to the threat of rain that never materialized. So much for predicting mountain weather. Come on out and have some FUN!

WGC Action Pistol

The next match is Saturday, August 14th. Come on out and try something new. The previous matches have been a load of fun and very rewarding. There is plenty of room for new shooters to participate in a course of fire format somewhat less procedural than IDPA.

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 web site is maintained for member use. It is very frustrating to answer emails and phone calls about issues that have already been published. The calendar is particularly useful in determining whether the range will be available when members might wish to shoot. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the available information provided on the web site.

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NRA Membership Cards

There are apparently some members who have still not provided their annual proof of NRA membership. If you are one of these members and you find that your gate access is denied, please don't call to inquire as to why.

Range Etiquette

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. Make the club YOUR club and help out where you can.

Watauga Hunter Skills Team

The WGC will again proudly support young shooters from Watauga County and has authorized the range for use on Sunday afternoons by the team from October through next March.

2022 Club Officers

All club officer positions for 2022 are available. Members should consider offering their time and energy in carrying the club forward through participation in the everyday business of the club. The Membership Coordinator position, arguably one of the most difficult positions, must be filled by a new officer as Sandy will be stepping down after this year. If you can offer your time and energy to this position, please step forward early and learn the current systems and procedures already in place as the changing of the guard occurs during a most critical time for the Membership Coordinator. The responsibilities for the Membership Coordinator include (but may not be limited to): maintaining the membership rolls; collection annual member required information updates and new member information; close coordination with Treasurer in collecting annual dues and new member dues; preparation of the new member packages and production of all new and renewed member badges and member cards; maintaining the gate codes for range access; producing required and advisory

emails to the membership and many other associated coordination tasks related to most all club business issues. This position MUST be filled.

Some current officers on the Executive Committee are serving because no other members were willing to step forward. We need officers who can commit the time required. EC officers are expected to attend the monthly EC meetings at 6PM on the last Monday of each month. Such participation is critical to the running of the club.

The descriptions of officer responsibilities are included in the WGC Members Manual. The club relies on the efforts of the EC to maintain the range and keep club business affairs in order. As an incentive, EC officers dues are waived during years of service.

We need officers. Step up.

NRA High Country Banquet & Fundraiser

Check the two prior newsletters for additional information on how you might participate in a meaningful way.

Date: Wednesday August 18

Place: American Legion
333 Wallingford Road Blowing Rock, NC

Time: 6pm

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Proposed Policy Changes Regarding Use of Range By Instructors

In continuance of a discussion at the June EC meeting and as presented in the last newsletter regarding a recent proposal to conduct NRA Certified Safety Officer classes and possibly other training classes at the WGC, the Executive Committee determined a need to update and communicate our list of already approved instructors, as a few of the people on the list are no longer with the club. In addition, the EC proposes a policy to review any new potential instructor applicants. The new applicants would be required to meet all rules already in place. The only change is that the EC would ask that the instructor present their class(es) in full to the EC, along with proof of insurance, a c.v., etc. before they were presented to the membership for a full vote of consideration. The applicant would be asked, as usual, to introduce themselves to the members before proceeding. The intent behind this policy is to ensure that when presented to the membership for full consideration, the instructor has already met all requirements necessary, and that we as a club have done our due diligence for all involved. As it is, our calendar is usually full, so any applicant would likely (if approved by our members) be permitted on a case-by-case, limited basis so as to remain compliant with our bylaw provisions for member use of the range. They would still be required to submit dates to the Range Officer/ members for approval, as our currently approved instructors do.

Proposed Bylaw Changes – Watauga Gun Club

For review and first notice at August Member Meeting on 8/12/21 and approval at September Member Meeting on 9/9/21.

Article VI (5)(e)

Current Language: The Discipline finances are property of Watauga Gun Club and may be used by the club for emergency expenses only, and

Proposed Change: The Discipline finances are property of Watauga Gun Club and may be used by the club for emergency expenses only. If discipline monies are appropriated to address an emergency, the funds shall be borrowed from each discipline account in equal percentages unless financial circumstances in the discipline's account prevents the same. It is understood that Watauga Gun Club is to reimburse any funds borrowed from each discipline in a timely fashion, to be repaid to each discipline in equal disbursements until the outstanding balance is paid in full, and

Amendment I (3):

Current Language: Individuals applying for membership are required to present to the WGC Membership Coordinator a NC Handgun Purchase Permit that was issued within the last 60-days, or a current NC / NC reciprocal Concealed and Carry Permit, or a criminal background check not older than 60-days.

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Amendment I (4):

Current Language: The applicant may be voted on at their first meeting. If approved by a majority of the members present, the new member shall be a probationary member for six months with all privileges of regular membership.

Proposed Change: All prospective applicants must attend two regular monthly meetings prior to being granted membership to Watauga Gun Club. The procedure for applicants is as follows:

- i. The applicant attends their first monthly membership meeting with a completed application and any supporting documents.
- ii. The applicant's name is published in the monthly newsletter, or, when circumstances prevent a newsletter publication, an e-mail to all current WGC members.
- iii. Current members review the name or names of prospective applicants and have the opportunity prior to the applicant's 2nd meeting to oppose the application by submitting to the Executive Committee, with evidence and/or affidavits and other statements, reasons as to why the person should not be granted membership to WGC. Defamatory statements are not permitted; anyone submitting such will be subject to disciplinary action. The Executive Committee shall consider evidence presented and either affirm or deny the concerns of the opposed.
- iv. If the Executive Committee determines that there is not enough evidence to deny membership, or if no member responds in opposition to the applicant(s), the applicant(s) will be required to attend a 2nd meeting to be voted on by members present.

- v. Prior to attending their 2nd meeting, the applicant is expected to attend a range safety briefing. If the applicant has not attended the safety briefing prior to their 2nd meeting, or they have not produced all necessary documents to verify eligibility, they will be ineligible for a vote until they have satisfied that requirement.

- vi. If approved by a majority of the members present at the applicant's 2nd meeting, the new member shall be a probationary member for six months with all privileges of regular membership.

Amendment 1 (7):

Current Language: 7. In order to be eligible for annual membership renewal, each member must: 1.) not be prohibited by Federal or State Law to possess firearms and ammunition, 2.) present to the WGC Membership Coordinator a NC Handgun Purchase Permit that was issued within the last 60-days, or a current NC / NC reciprocal Concealed and Carry Permit, or a criminal background check not older than 60-days, 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. (Amended May 2021).

Proposed Change: 7. In order to be eligible for annual membership renewal, each member must: 1.) not be prohibited by Federal or State Law to possess firearms and ammunition, 2.) present to the WGC Membership Coordinator a NC Handgun Purchase Permit that was issued within the last 60-days, or a current NC / NC reciprocal Concealed and Carry Permit, ~~or a criminal background check not older than 60-days,~~ 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. (Amended September 2021).

Amendment 1 (8):

Current Language: All new members will undergo an orientation before becoming active members. (Approved March 2001).

Proposed Change: ~~All new members will undergo an orientation before becoming active members. (Approved March 2001).~~ Refer to Amendment 1(4)(v).