

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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August Monthly Member Meeting

The August monthly member meeting will be on August 11th beginning at 7PM in the clubhouse.

Seven new applicants were introduced at the July member meeting for membership consideration:

Barbara & John Rumpel;
Barry Redner;
Wendy McDowell;
Todd Hady;
Paul Davis; and
Philip Hale.

If these applicants have submitted all required information, paid all fees, attended a range orientation briefing and there are no objections, they may be voted on for membership at the August Member Meeting.

Rimfire Benchrest

The July match was not well attended as the weather report indicated worse weather than was actual. Even though a bit misty, the shooting conditions were the best seen in many months.

Come on out for the next match on August 14th. As with all of the disciplines at WGC, new shooters are graciously welcomed and assisted in whatever ways are most helpful. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle. Bring your friends. All welcome!

More info at:

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

WGC Action Pistol

The July match attendance remained thin. The course set up was very engaging and tremendous fun. Come on out August 13th and give this a try. The set up is geared toward being less restrictive than IDPA with arguably less movement/running.

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.

Youth Trap Shooting Team – Blue Ridge Clay Breakers

The WGC Trap season is in full swing. The monthly club matches have been competitive and fun. The Blue Ridge Clay Breakers continue in their winning ways, much to the dismay of other shooters throughout the state. Some new shooters have joined from Avery County adding significantly to the team strength. The latest accomplishments are well documented on the Facebook page indicated below.

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

Normally, team practice sessions are held each Sunday beginning at 2PM. Other shooters may also attend these practices. It is inspiring to watch these young shooters and to appreciate their talent earned through their dedication and practice. Check the club calendar. There is a \$5.00 fee per round for club members, \$6.00 for guests/non-members.

Steel Match

The July match was well attended and the sun was very warm. Some good scores were posted. The next match is August 20th. There are only three matches remaining this season, so come on out and get your fix.

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. Note that if you would like to refresh your knowledge of club rules and policies, any member can attend the monthly new member orientation briefing. The dates for the briefing are normally set at the monthly member meetings – or you can contact the Range Officer, Marc Scott. Contact information is located on the club web site.

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 Improvements

The Hunter Safety Team, that our members have voted to continue to use our range for practice and training, has completed the fence between Bays 1&2 and gravel has been added to the entrance drive and clubhouse parking area. The support from the Hunter Safety Team is greatly appreciated. The fencing was erected by Bob Plemons, Chris Kleman, Cole Kleman, Aiden Plemons and Nathan Stamey. Three Rivers

Building Supplies donated wood and materials thanks to Eric and Ryland Brinker.

The gravel was supplied courtesy of Glenn Morris of Vulcan Quarry and John Hodges Trucking.

Gary Hoyle volunteered to assist with oversight for the club – maintaining the consistency of all of his prior efforts over the many years.

A hearty thank you to all for your gracious efforts and contributions to the Watauga Gun Club!

Firearms Introduction Class

Our Chief Instructor, Terry Julian is interested in beginning a Firearm Introduction Class for residents of Watauga County. The class has been tentatively scheduled for 11AM until 1PM every third Saturday of the month in the clubhouse. No

attendees will bring weapons, but will be introduced to commonly available firearms and how to operate and clean. No live fire. Anyone interested in assisting Terry as a safety observer, contact information is on the club web site. Advertising for now will be posted at local gun stores.

Gate Access

The continued difficulties with the gate was again discussed at the July Executive Committee meeting. The EC has determined to authorize software upgrades and associated hardware, under emergency funding if necessary. More information at the August Member Meeting.