



# Watauga Gun Club Newsletter

February 2026

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## Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting is **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**, weather permitting.

New Member Applicants that will be voted on in February's meeting are:

- Charles Miller
- Charles (Charlie) Wilcox
- Ken Johnson
- Zachary (Zach) Jones
- Henry Gregor

## 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.

## Dues

The deadline for renewals has passed, but because of the recent weather delaying mail, we have **extended the renewal deadline to February 28**. We are short on renewals that are typical this time of year. Despite that, we have seen a lot more timely renewals than in years past; thank you to everyone for paying

dues on time – it helps keep things moving along for payment and budgeting.

## General Reminders

During the winter, please leave the bathroom doors shut, and the heat setting on the thermostat set to “1” in the clubhouse when it's not in use.

## Range Recovery Updates

### **Bank Restoration and Tree Planting – Volunteers Needed**

Thanks to the efforts of a few diligent members, we have arranged with the Watauga County Soil and Water office to acquire native tree species to plant along our banks for erosion control.

The trees have been picked up and are being stored behind the picnic area by Trap 2. Volunteers will be needed to plant them at a later date when conditions allow. A project coordinator for the collection and planting of trees is also needed; please let the Executive Committee know if you can help!



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## **Gate**

Thank you to our members for your patience as we navigated gate repairs. Despite the setbacks we had with lightning strikes, we are fully operational again. Please contact the EC if your card does not function as expected.

## **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.

## **Range Events**

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 and Southern Defensive Pistol*** will resume their monthly matches beginning in March or April; please keep an eye on the calendar and future announcements with specific dates.

***Trap*** holds practices on Sunday afternoons from 2-6. Regular monthly ATA matches will resume March 28<sup>th</sup>, and will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday monthly through October.

Big 50 Events, which are registered ATA targets, are scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and March 8<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

***Rimfire Bench*** holds its match on the 2<sup>nd</sup> full Sunday of the month. The next Rimfire Bench match is 2/15/26. 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.

***Hunter Skills*** practices on Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m.; thank you to our membership for allowing them to use the range, and thank you to our Hunter Skills team members and families for your ongoing contributions to range maintenance and improvement projects!