

January 2025 Watauga Gun Club Newsletter

Greetings and Happy New Year Members! We are focused on repairing the Club from the extensive damages caused by TS Helene. This winter we will need the membership's time and energy in getting some work done on site. While we are repairing the damages, we are also implementing some new structures that will withstand the next flood of Meat Camp Creek. Our goal is to have a functioning clubhouse by April 1st.

We will meet at the Boone Optimist Club for the February Membership meeting (13 February) at 7PM. A hearty welcome to our new members!

Range Updates:

The range is functional at this time. We have to figure out a way to keep the rented latrine standing upright! Please check the garbage cans and empty them if they are full, when you come out to shoot.

TS Helene Repair Priorities:

1. Getting the front gate repaired.
2. Getting the security cameras back on line.
3. Getting the heater installed in the clubhouse.
4. Getting the bathrooms fixed in the clubhouse.

Work days: I'm programming two work days in February and two work days in March.

Saturday, 8 February: clean up all trash along Meat Camp Creek. Try to re-post the fence posts that are currently bent. Re-install range signage that faces the creek "Live Fire - Do Not Enter" signs. Bag all the trash and place into our dumpster. Larger items we will ask a member with a truck to take to the County Landfill. Rewire the fence to the posts. 10AM-2PM

Saturday, 22 February: Clean up dead trees and storm damage in the Pine Tree forest on Appaloosa Drive. Build a debris pile in the open field next to the Archery target. Members with chainsaws and wheelbarrows, rakes. If we have enough capacity we will also cut up the large pine tree that was knocked over a few weeks ago. 10AM-2PM

I'll check with the Forest Service and determine if we can burn the debris on the work day. Bring chairs to relax by the fire if we are able to burn.

I'll publish more information on the March work days in the February newsletter.