

# 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](http://www.WataugaGunClub.com)

## July Monthly Member Meeting & Annual Family Picnic

The July monthly member meeting and annual family picnic will be on July 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at about 6PM in the clubhouse and at the covered picnic tables.

Five new applicants were introduced at the June member meeting for membership consideration:

Don McNamee, Sugar Grove;  
Charlie Keiger, Charlotte;  
Erich Moss, Port St. Lucie, FL;  
Carson Rivers, Fleetwood; and  
Keith Honeycutt, Boone.

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 July Member Meeting.

The Annual Family Picnic coincides with the July Member Meeting so some brief business of necessity will be discussed.

As regards the picnic, 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.

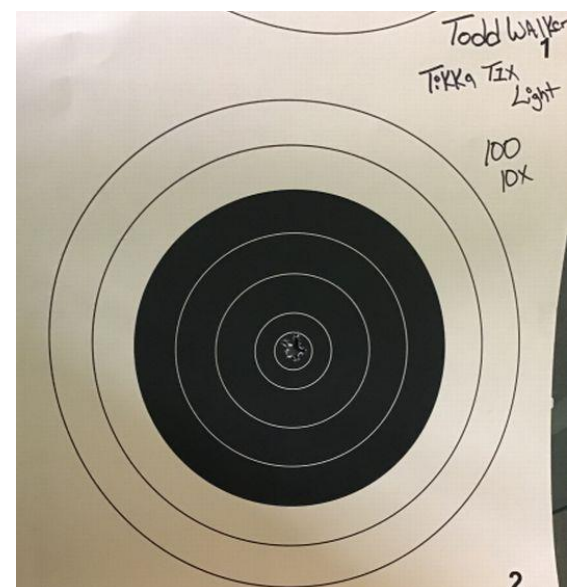
M-Z Deserts.

Please consider sticking around and helping clean up after the festivities.

## Rimfire Benchrest

The June match was a bit tough during the initial flight with undecipherable winds as indicated from the various flags and streamers. Things settled down considerably as the day wore on.

Todd Walker fired a group on the second target in the second flight with his scoped light rifle that needs printing...



Well done Todd!

Come on out for the next match on July 10th. 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 June match attendance was still thin due to unknown reasons. We need more shooters to bring this discipline up to a staple offering of the WGC. The July match is scheduled for July 9th. Come on out and have some fun.

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**

Watauga Gun Club held an ATA registered shoot Saturday June 25. There were 33 singles shooters with Daniel (lil D) Tollison coming out on top and in caps Lee Perry and

Daniel (big D) Tollison came out on top, earning them a half yard punch each. In doubles Jim Hughes was the big winner. Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed the rain showers with us. We enjoyed you all! Thanks to Lynn for a great lunch!

Several Clay Breakers attended and performed well at the NC State shoot in Bostic and others at an Ohio State shoot – both matches in June.

More information on the team and the results can be viewed on the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers Facebook page.

<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 June match was very well attended with 35 shooters and 55 guns! The next match is July 16<sup>th</sup>. Be warned, it is a highly addictive.

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.

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## **Range Etiquette**

We have fielded new complaints about members speeding and stirring dust from the gravel drives. In addition to being a nuisance to members nearby with their bolts open, our neighbor will also be affected and may add to our speed bumps along the entry to the range. If you see dust in your rear view

mirror, you are driving too fast.

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. 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.

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## **Range Improvements**

Dan Lofaro completed his work on the benches at the rifle range with three coats of stain on his prior reconstruction efforts. He had bees from a nearby nest add to the fun as well.

Dan Tollison added WiFi boosters to the clubhouse and outside to improve electronic reception for our members. We do not think it wise to publish the passwords here,

but any industrious member can easily get the info. Maybe from the bulletin board?

Anyway, thanks to both Dans for their efforts and dedication to improving our club.

## **IRS Returns 2019 Return Payment**

The IRS, upon review of the 2019 return, with communication with our Treasurer Jason Dancy, returned our payment in full with interest. A hearty thanks to Jason for his considerable efforts in getting club finances in order.

## **Gate Access**

If you are having difficulties with the gate at times, we are aware and have maintenance scheduled. We have been limping along for a few years now on antiquated software – requiring antiquated iPads to communicate with the software. One of our first improvements to make, once we start to accumulate more funds will be to upgrade the gate and controller platforms. The estimated cost will hopefully not exceed \$2,500.00.

## **SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!**