

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 Picnic

Mark your calendars, the 2023 WGC Annual Picnic will be July 13th at the clubhouse and picnic tables beginning at 6PM. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

The WGC Facebook page has announced the picnic and what members might bring, based upon the first letter of their last name.

A-F Drinks and chips
G-L Salad, Slaw or beans
M-Z Deserts.

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

The WGC Facebook page can be viewed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/shootWGC>

There is a lot of useful information on club events and members at the Facebook page. The established social media format may be a good vehicle to replace the club newsletter by the end of the year.

July Monthly Member Meeting

The July monthly member meeting will be on July 13 at 7PM during the annual picnic. Seven new membership applicants introduced themselves at the June Member Meeting.

Joe Upchurch, Sugar Mtn.,
Kyle Zimmerman, Boone,
Bernard Russo, Boone,
Stacy Rinehart, Blowing Rock/Raleigh,
Quinn Boxley, V, App State/Greensboro,
Jody Bowers, Boone, and
Kimberly Briles, Boone.

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

The July members meeting will follow an abbreviated agenda of introducing any new members, approving members above and any other important items our club president may have and as indicated elsewhere in this newsletter.

In Memoriam

In the past several weeks, our club has lost two very influential, cherished and long-time members.

Tom Pitts, who passed on April 29, was a staunch supporter and Co-Director of our trap disciplines and had a hand in every aspect of trap facilities, equipment and events. Tom was also an avid and accomplished shooter, a member of the

Watauga Cartel that dominated ATA events frequently.

Gary Hoyle, who passed on June 22, served multiple terms as President and other officer positions. He was a founding member of WGC IDPA and Match Director for many State Championships. He also contributed to the start of the 22 rimfire steel match which evolved into WGC Steel. A tireless advocate for all things good.

We offer our most sincere condolences to the families of our two esteemed members and fondly relish our memories of these friends who contributed so much to our enjoyment of our club.

Notice of Bylaws Change

All due diligence has been conducted to confirm the use of a member waiver as confirmation each member is lawfully able to own or shoot firearms and are otherwise law-abiding citizens. The waiver will replace background checks. The amended Bylaws language will be presented for approval at the August membership meeting.

Range Improvements

The estimate received for the Bay 3 improvements

(\$3,500) was approved by the Executive Committee and may be again presented to the membership at the July Member meeting.

The EC is receiving bids to bring in gravel to level out the entrance drive and internal roadways. We should see progress in this regard soon. The estimated cost is roughly \$4,500 and may be discussed for member approval at the July member meeting.

The deck replacement, as described in the June newsletter to be performed by Aiden Plemons as his public service project associated with his Eagle Scout requirements has been finalized by Morgan Shaw and we expect the project to begin soon.

Rimfire Benchrest

The occasional rain and drizzle made for some very infrequent wind and better than normal shooting conditions at the June match. Our fearless leader, Lance Stell was wandering about Europe, making room atop the leader board.

Come on out for the next match on July 9th. 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 Southern Defensive Pistol

The June match was again well attended, but we need more shooters to add to the fun. We encourage members and friends to come out, and give this defensive pistol format a try. The July match is scheduled

for July 8th. Roughly, 120 rounds of ammunition will be required.

More info at: <https://wgcpistol.com/>

Sign in begins at 9AM and the match will begin at 10AM after the shooter briefing. Here is another opportunity to hone your defensive pistol skills while having an enjoyable day with friends.

Trap Shooting – Blue Ridge Clay Breakers

The accomplishments of members of the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers continue to amaze. See for yourself by having a look at:

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

Normally, team practice sessions are held each Sunday beginning at 2PM. Members and other shooters may also attend these practices. Check the club calendar. There is a \$5.00 fee per round for club members, \$6.00 for guests/non-members.

ATA events are normally posted on the club calendar on the club web page.

REMEMBER - PICK UP YOUR HULLS!

WGC Steel Match

The June steel match was again very well attended. WGC Steel is a very popular discipline, mostly due to the fun and camaraderie. Steve and Sally Jones have put forth great effort over the past decade to make this discipline what it is. This year, however, is their last year as match co-directors. New match directors will need to step forward if the discipline is to continue. It would be wise for anyone interested to let Steve and Sally know so that they can show the prospective director(s) what is required to run the discipline on an annual basis. Be sure to speak to Steve or Sally if you have

interest and can commit to conducting all of the matches in the season.

That being said, come on out for a fun Saturday in July on the 15th. New club members – don't be shy. Steel match shooting is tremendous fun and a highly addictive sport.

Limit of 2 guns per shooter. First gun is \$10 and second gun is \$5. Registration opens at 0900, match starts at 1000.

Four (4) stages with 5 targets in each – plus one fun/fast stage. Shoot each of the four stages 5 times, throw out slowest score and add the remaining 4 for the stage time.

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.

You will need approximately 200 rounds per gun to complete the stages.

Range Etiquette

Practice safety always. Pick up targets, trash and shotgun hulls when you are finished shooting. It is amazing how often this has to be pointed out. Make our club and membership an outstanding experience.

Also, be sure to report any club rule infractions. This is an important measure to ensure that our club remains a safe environment and the future of our club is protected from incidents that may involve public complaint.

Member Information and Responsibility

It is the sole responsibility of each member to ensure that all contact information remains current. Any updates should be promptly submitted to our membership coordinator. Please be sure to maintain your NRA membership and provide each update/renewal to the membership coordinator. If we do not have proof of current NRA membership, range access will be denied until such time as NRA membership is again current. Our membership coordinator can be contacted at: wgcmemberships@yahoo.com

Friends of the NRA Fundraising Event of the High Country

A reminder of the note from Todd Hady as regards this 2023 NRA Event-

"I am excited to share that we are already selling table packages for the Friends of the NRA fundraiser event of the High Country. In addition, we have a NEW location

with LOTS of room at the National Guard Armory in Boone, NC.

You can get involved with as little as a \$50 dinner ticket which includes a BBQ dinner, a stainless steel tumbler and a raffle ticket for door prizes. The best value is the \$125 ticket which includes your BBQ dinner, a knife, a one in eight chance to win a gun of your choice (off the \$1000 table package), and you will be in on all the door prize raffles. Each table will be a group of 8 people. You can build your own table of 8, or I can build one for you.

DATE: Thursday August 3rd
PLACE: Army National Guard
274 Hunting Hills Lane
Boone, NC 28607
TIME: 6pm

For those of you that might not be able to attend, you can still participate by buying raffle tickets (you don't need to be present to win). In addition, we are looking for local donations of merchandise, gift certificates, etc. to promote your business, and we can provide a tax donation receipt.

I am excited to note that half the money we raise stays in the state of North Carolina to support local kids' shooting clubs, ROTC, etc. I can run CC, checks made payable to "Friends of the NRA", or cash.

Let me know how you want to participate. As always, this event sells out fast. Please contact me below for any questions.

Thanks for your local support of this fun event."

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