



Watauga Gun Club Newsletter

July 2026

Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting is **Thursday, July 9th at 6 p.m.** Food will be catered by Big Brose's BBQ, with a short business meeting to follow. Prior to eating, the range will be open for fun and fellowship – families are welcome, and we just ask that members bring a dessert to share.

New Member Applicants that will be voted on at July's Meeting:

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The next monthly meeting after that will take place on Thursday, August 13, at 7 pm.

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.

Range Updates

Mowing

Mowing season is upon us and will take place on Wednesdays, weather permitting – please keep an eye on the calendar. While mowing is going on, the range is CLOSED to all shooting activities. Our new grounds maintenance provider is doing a fantastic job – with a few small changes, we were able to save around \$5,000 per year on our mowing budget, and the grounds are in great shape!

Gravel

Please remember to adhere to the posted speed limit (10 mph) on the driveway so that we can be courteous to our neighbor and limit the dust from our vehicles. If we have had a dry spell and it is dustier than normal, please drive under the speed limit.



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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. Painting and other building improvement efforts are in progress! ***Thank you to everyone who has given your time, money, and other resources to help us get to this point in our recovery. While we still have work to do, we would not have gotten this far without all your help.***

On that note, we are reaching the point where our current needs for repairs are exceeding our operating budget. We are working on figures and other items to present as to how to move forward and the best way to balance the need for additional funds (and volunteers to limit expenses). We do not intend to discuss this at the July picnic, but we will do so at the August business meeting. Potential options being discussed include: a one-time assessment and/or raising dues for the 2027 calendar year. An assessment and/or dues increase will not be finalized at the August meeting (which would have to have formal language voted on and approved), but our intention with the August meeting discussion is to vote on the best way to move forward while addressing long-term needs of the Club.

Range Events

As the weather warms up, range activity will increase- keep an eye on the calendar (and the cameras) as well as any other special announcements related to range activities. And please, come out and shoot!

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** matches are held monthly on the Saturday of the 3rd full weekend through October. Presquadding is now available, and the Steel team have worked hard over the offseason – participants in the matches will be treated to new stages this season, as well as new shooting boxes! **The next match will be on Saturday, July 18.**
- **Southern Defensive Pistol** matches are held on the Saturday of the 2nd full weekend through October. The afternoon prior to the match, the range will be closed for setup. **July's match is cancelled** because the setup crew is unavailable – the discipline is in need of more volunteers to help with setup and



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match operations. Please contact Robert (info on the Club website) if you can help. The next match will take place on **Saturday, August 8.**

- **Trap** holds practices on Sunday afternoons from 2-6. Regular monthly ATA will be held on the 4th Saturday monthly through October; **the next match is a 2-day event, on July 25 and 26.**
- **Rimfire Bench** holds its match on the 2nd full Sunday of the month. The next Rimfire Bench match is **Sunday, July 12.** 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.

Range Classes

Range Safety Officer (RSO) and Stop the Bleed Classes are in the planning stages; keep an eye out for announcements on dates and further details! Once we have proposed dates for both classes, we will bring the information to the membership for approval.