

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

Added Improvements – Clean up

More replaced bench wood on the rifle range was completed in May funded by and courtesy of Dan Lofaro. Dan’s crew assisting this effort were Lance Stell, Arvin Pearson and Joe Upchurch. Joe was out working on his birthday, Happy Birthday Joe!

Dan Lofaro also donated several warning signs the club will use to post along the fence line with the creek. Dan also donated several cans of purple paint - which is recognized by the state to denote shooting ranges and hunting areas. Learn something new every day – a good thing.

RO Marc Scott and VP Dan Tollison then took the lead in the further trimming of the vegetation along the fence line so as to insure the visibility of the old and newly placed signs. Hopefully, this will warn away

fisherman who sometimes wander onto the range unexpectedly.

Thank you to all for your support of our club!

June Monthly Member Meeting

The June monthly member meeting will be on June 9th at 7PM in the clubhouse.

Seven new applicants were introduced at the May member meeting:

Clifton Hackbarth, Sevin Devils;
Gregory Salmon, Boone;
James Lyall, West Jefferson
Steven Pressley, APP State ROTC;
Robert Hutka, Linville
Jim Summerlin, Blowing Rock
Casey Miller, Zionville.

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 June Member Meeting.

2022 Annual Family Picnic

Well, it’s time for another fun club picnic to be held in the picnic area and clubhouse on July 14th beginning around 6:00 PM. The picnic coincides with the July Member Meeting so some brief business of necessity will be discussed.

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 May match was fired under light, but deceiving wind. Eleven scores of 200 were posted across three of the four flights. Aperture shooters fared slightly less than the scoped rifles with the best score posted being 199 and falling off from there.

Come on out for the next match on June 12th. 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 May match attendance was thin due to expected poor weather. We need more shooters to brave the ever-changing conditions at the WGC! The June match is scheduled for June 11th. 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

On May 28, WGC had a 300 bird shoot. It was a little cool, windy and cloudy in the morning, but the sun came out before singles were done. There were 35 shooters for singles including several new Blue Ridge Claybreakers. Shawn Reese one birded Jim Hughes and Caleb Mathis to win singles with a 98. Shawn also was on top in caps with a 95 and got 1/2 yd punch. In doubles, Jim Hughes and Caleb Mathis tied with 93. Caleb Mathis was HOA with a 281.

In mid May a few of the youth shooters attended the South Carolina State Shoot. Logan Glaspy, Scooter Scott & Megan Smith traveled to Pacolet S.C. and all three put up some outstanding scores.

Scooter Scott won 🏆

Out Of State

D Class Double Sub Jr Champion (92)

Out Of State

Handicap Sub Jr Champion (93)

Megan Smith won 🏆

Out Of State

R.Knight Doubles Lady 1 (90)

J.Beckham Handicap Lady 1 (89)

R.Raines Singles Lady 1 (96)

Out Of State

Singles Champion Lady 1 (193)

(after a shoot off)

Out Of State

Handicap Champion Lady 1 (96)

Out Of State

HOA (High Over All) Lady 1 champion (823)

A big congratulations and great shooting.

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 May match was well attended and a few new shooters stated they will definitely be coming back for more! The next match is June 18th. 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.

Range Etiquette

We have fielded some complaints about shooters not cleaning up after their range visits. Specifically, shotgun hulls should be picked up and not left on the ground in any bay. And, when you leave after shooting, put the targets away.

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.

NRA Membership Requirements

There has been some discussion of removing the NRA membership requirement to become a member at WGC. It was decided to open such discussion at a membership meeting to get a feel from members whether they approve or not. Be prepared to discuss this soon

Range Closures For Mowing

The range is closed on Wednesday from 8AM until 2PM to allow the mowing contractor crew to mow in safety. If the mowing cannot be conducted due to weather or other reasons, the mowing may either skip a week or be performed in the day(s) following the missed Wednesday mowing. It is always a good idea to check the range cameras before visiting the range to ensure the mowers are not present.

Do not ask Brian if you can shoot while his crew is mowing. He cannot authorize this and if a member shoots while the mowing crew is present it will be treated as a rules violation that may come before the Executive Committee with consequences to the offending member.

Honors Graduate Among Our Ranks

At the 63rd Annual Honors and Awards Ceremony at Lees-McRae College in May, Jenna Isenhour received the Criminal Justice Award and graduated with honors with a 4.0 GPA.

Congratulations Jenna