

# WGC Newsletter

June 2023



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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)

Larry Vilott, Fosco  
George Verdone, Jr., Linville  
Paul Powers, Boone  
Jason Lomax, Boone  
Cory Held, 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 June Member Meeting.

The members present at the May Members meeting voted to retain the NRA membership requirement for all WGC members and also voted to not re-address this issue for at least five years.

**WGC Annual Picnic** – July 13, 6PM at the clubhouse. More details in the July Newsletter.

## Meeting for Defibrillator Instruction

Marvin Gragg has arranged for a certified instructor to teach club members how to maintain and use the club defibrillator - generously donated by a club member - on Tuesday, June 6 at 6Pm in the clubhouse. An email to all club members was sent in this regard on May 30. EC members and Discipline Directors will be expected to attend as well as, hopefully, members who frequently use the club and participate in the various disciplines.

Please indicate if you will attend the meeting/class by emailing the Publicity Officer at [WGC.NEWS@charter.net](mailto:WGC.NEWS@charter.net).

## June Monthly Member Meeting

The June monthly member meeting will be on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the clubhouse. Five new membership applicants introduced themselves at the May Member Meeting.

## Range Improvements

The club received an estimate from a contractor for the Bay 3 improvements (\$3,500) and the deck ramp (\$4,500).

At the Executive Committee meeting on May 30, Aiden Plemons proposed to replace the entire deck fronting the clubhouse with concrete along with appropriate railings and porch roof supports as part of his BSA Eagle Scout requirement for conducting a public service project. The EC was hard pressed to not sit in awe of the young man who arrived with his father, in full uniform and personally presented a proposal of architectural renderings, shutters on the front windows, landscape plans, plans for material procurement and work to be performed. While Aiden has to get final approval from his Troop, the EC overwhelmingly approved the project(s) as proposed. The future started looking better after his visit.



Aiden Plemons

As the project(s) are proposed to be completed in June, the porch entrance to the clubhouse may be closed while the work is underway. If you see Aiden and those he has assisting him, be sure to thank him for his generous efforts.

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## Rimfire Benchrest

Fifty guns were registered over four flights of competition and the attendees brought their "A" games to the benches.

Come on out for the next match on June 11th. 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

According to reporter Arvin P., 13 gentlemen had an outstanding inaugural SDPL match in May. Two squads, running and gunning with 5 stages. A quick, yet challenging 1st stage started off the match. We encourage members and friends to come out, and enjoy the fun. The June match is scheduled for June 10th. 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

Our Blue Ridge Clay Breakers took to the road to compete in the South Carolina State Shoot and represented themselves in fine fashion – as usual. The WGC match on Saturday May 27 also featured some outstanding shooting in a bit of above normal WGC wind. For more information on the team and these results – have 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.

**REMEMBER - PICK UP YOUR HULLS!**

## WGC Steel Match

The May steel match was again very well attended. New shooters are always encouraged to attend and join in the fun. Attendees new to the sport bring fresh exhilaration for the sport to everyone present. The new, reduced format this year is rolling along smoothly and the match was again completed by roughly 2PM.

Come on out for a fun Saturday in June on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Steel match shooting is 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.

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## 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 insure that our club remains a safe environment and the future of our club is protected from incidents that may involve public complaint.

## Range Closures For Mowing

Some members expressed concerns that the mowing contractor was not completing mowing by 2PM. These concerns have been relayed to the contractor. In any event, be sure to check the range by using the on line cameras. Instructions for accessing the cameras with your computers or cell phones were included in the last two newsletters.

## Impromptu Memorial Day Shoot

Kevin Hartley arranged for a somewhat impromptu Memorial Day Shoot in honor of our nation's fallen servicemen and servicewomen. Kevin might have better planned the event but, well, he had some unexpected health issues. It appears, however, that Kevin is a hard man to stop. Anyway, several club members, mostly from the Tuesday lunch group, met and shot vintage military weapons in

celebration. A fine time of comradery, shooting and solemn remembrance was had by all.



*Steve Byerly and Kevin Hartley pause with their vintage rifles.*

## Friends of the NRA Fundraising Event of the High Country

Following is a kind 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**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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