

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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Membership Renewals

Annual membership dues were past due on February 1. Please **mail your annual dues to the mailing address at left**, in order to remain a club member. Include a copy of your Concealed Carry-Handgun permit, handgun purchase permit (issued within the last three months) or an official background check with a copy of your NRA member card. **IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED AN ANNUAL RANGE USE AND SAFETY REVIEW MEETING IN THE PAST YEAR**, you will need to submit a signed and dated waiver.

A copy of the waiver is included at the end of this newsletter.

Gate access will be denied for all non-renewed members March 1.

At present, the number of renewed members for 2021 may not support the general operation and maintenance of the range, clubhouse and facilities for the year. Delayed renewals are a hardship on your club and effect the ability to project future costs and prudently make repairs. The Executive Committee has discussed the implementation of late fees for dues paid after February 1 each year. Discussion also questioned whether lapsed memberships could be re-instated without penalty or complete reapplication for a new membership. These pressing issues will be on the agenda for the next member meeting, hopefully in April.

Monthly Member Meetings

The March monthly member meeting, the range use and safety review meeting and the member matches normally held prior to the member meeting remains suspended. Hopefully we will at least be able to continue the member meeting in April outside at the picnic tables. Stay tuned.

Youth Hunter Educational Skills Tournament

WGC is proud to be the home range for two Watauga County youth teams for this state tournament.

The teams have been preparing for their annual scrimmages that are normally held each Spring. The tournament this year will be a virtual skills tournament. The virtual competition will be conducted with only one team present at a time at their home club because of Covid Restrictions.

The state will be strictly enforcing a 6-foot distance between all team members, coaches and attendees, including spectators, and everyone will be required to wear a mask. No more than 50 people total will be allowed on the range at one time. A team will be disqualified if all these protocols are not followed. All other disciplines or calendar events at WGC have been rescheduled to facilitate holding these events.

The Watauga Hunter Skills team date is Saturday, February 27th.

The High Country Shooters team date is Sunday, March 21st.

THE ENTIRE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THESE DATES!

This is an important program for our Watauga County youth and we are hopeful for the success of each participant given their diligent work and practice.

Rimfire Benchrest

Nine souls braved the damp and cold on Valentine's Day for the February match.



Come on out for the next match on March 14 and have some fun. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle. Bring your friends. All welcome!

Civilian Marksmanship Program

The program (CMP) is a national organization dedicated to training and educating U. S. citizens in responsible uses of firearms and airguns through gun safety training, marksmanship training and competitions. The CMP is a federally chartered 501(c)(3) corporation that places its highest priority on serving youth through gun safety and marksmanship activities that encourage personal growth and build life skills. The organization also sells surplus military training arms and ammunition along with firearm parts to members. A WGC member can utilize the organization under the club membership.

Do any members presently participate in or utilize this organization under the club membership? Please confirm at wgc.news@charter.net as the club may need to complete a report to CMP to maintain membership privileges.

WGC IDPA

WGC-IDPA has ordered several pistol caliber steel targets in preparation for the 2021 shooting season beginning the second Saturday of March. Plans are under way for a mixture of scenario applications. For information, please contact the discipline director, Bill Rudder at: oceanview1031@gmail.com.

Gate Replacement

As soon as we have dry weather, the welder and gate electronics technicians are lined up for repairs/replacement. **Please do not push, pull or move the existing gate as it will further damage the hardware.**

Web Site

The club web site still needs to develop access to discipline information, meeting minutes, club business and newsletters and will hopefully be fully functional soon. Be sure to check the calendar for important dates and range use information.

Range Etiquette

Please make the effort to leave the range as you found it, if not better. Make sure targets and trash are put in the garbage cans provided and return all target stands to their storage locations. Always report any range damage to the Range Officer.

As the range grounds are saturated, please try to stay on graveled areas and make every attempt to not create ruts in non-graveled areas when parking.

Also, be sure to always conduct yourself with safety in mind. Always use ear and eye protection.

Report any safety violations to the Range Officer.

Watauga County Concealed Handgun Permits

Applying for new or renewing Concealed Handgun Permits is now online. Here are two helpful links for the Sheriff's Office.

Main Concealed Carry Permits link:
http://www.wataugacounty.org/App_Pages/Dept/Sheriff/concealedperm.aspx

Which will send users here:
<https://wataugaso.permitium.com/ccw/start>

WATAUGA GUN CLUB

WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELEASE HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I understand that engaging in Watauga Gun Club (WGC) activities may be hazardous, with accompanying risks of personal injury, death, and/or loss or damage to my property. In consideration of my participation in such shooting activities, I, on my own behalf and that of my heirs, successors, representatives, administrators and assigns, hereby:

1. Waive and completely release any and all, past, present or future claims, causes of action, suits, rights, damages, costs, expenses or obligations or demands of any kind whatsoever, I, or anyone on my behalf might have against Watauga Gun Club, and its respective officers, directors, agents, representatives and contractors (together "WGC"), for any loss, damage, personal injury, death and/or loss or damage to my property resulting from my participation in such shooting activities;
2. Agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless WGC, from any and all claims by any person, firm, corporation or others, for any damages, loss or claims, of any nature, arising in any way out of my participation in such shooting activities; and
3. Assume all risks associated with such activities and all responsibility for medical expenses, costs and/or other obligations and other losses or injuries to me or in which I may become involved, by reason of my participation in such shooting activities at the aforementioned facility and event.

I further affirm that that I am over eighteen [18] years of age, or am under the direct supervision of a person that is not disabled from possessing firearms & ammunition, and I am not a "PROHIBITED PERSON" under 18 U.S.C. 922(g), and have read and understand this Waiver of Liability and have executed this instrument voluntarily on this date.

MY COMMITMENT TO SAFE GUN HANDLING

Anyone who uses a firearm has a responsibility to themselves and others to use the firearm safely.

I acknowledge that I am familiar with the basic rules of firearm safety and that those basic rules have been explained to me. I agree to follow all of the basic rules of firearm safety at all times during my use and handling of any firearms.

The safe use of firearms dictates that I understand and agree to follow all of these instructions:

- I WILL TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS IF IT WERE LOADED.
- I WILL ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
- I WILL NOT PLACE MY FINGER ON THE TRIGGER OR IN THE TRIGGER GUARD UNLESS AND UNTIL I AM READY TO FIRE.
- I WILL ALWAYS WEAR APPROPRIATE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.
- I WILL NEVER PASS THE FIREARM TO ANYONE WITHOUT OPENING AND KEEPING OPEN THE CYLINDER OR THE ACTION TO VERIFY THAT IT IS UNLOADED.
- I WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW THE COMMANDS OF THE RANGE OFFICER.

I understand these basic rules of firearms safety and I agree to follow them at all times. I have also within the past 30 days reviewed and understand the WGC Range Use Manual.

Print Name

Signature

Date
