

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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March Member Meeting

The March Member Meeting will be held at 7PM on Thursday March 9th in the clubhouse.

The following prospective members submitted an application for membership at the February Member Meeting.

Michael Testerman
Lance Bernard
Leonard McCullun
Stephen Watt
Robert Niemi Jr
Michael Rankhorn

If any current members have any concerns or objections regarding the prospective members, please contact a club officer before the final vote at the March Member Meeting.

2023 Pistol Discipline

We have not had any members step forward to direct the Action Pistol discipline. There

are, however, ongoing discussions on changes of format that might interest a wider range of shooters and in an attempt to get matches lined up beginning in April. A healthy discipline needs support. This discipline has historically been about shooting defensive pistols and pistol excellence in general. There is a small cadre of individuals remaining that have always supported the pistol disciplines and are an excellent source of knowledge and experience to new and accomplished shooters alike. It is important that such a discipline continues at the Watauga Gun Club. Get in touch with Sandy Hoyle for more information on how you might participate and/or add needed input on the future of a pistol discipline.

Range First Aid Kit

WGC Member Marvin Gragg stepped up and assembled first aid supplies that are located in the clubhouse. Thank you Marvin!

If any first aid supplies are used, please notify the Range Officer of what was used so the supplies may be monitored and replenished. The first aid supplies are important to have on hand for emergencies and should not be used frivolously.

Rimfire Benchrest

The February match was cancelled due to weather. This rarely happens, however given the weather forecast, attendee travel safety was of main concern. It turned out to be a good call. Rimfire Benchrest is an excellent discipline for new members to begin in club activities. The matches are low key, cordial and encouraging. Come on out for the next match on March 12th at 1:00 PM and meet some new friends and have some fun. There are normally four flights

fired and plenty of room as the afternoon wears on. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle.

More info at

<https://wataugagunclub.com/rimfire-benchrest-rifle/>

Blue Ridge Claybreakers

Normally, team practice sessions are held each Sunday afternoon beginning at 2PM. Check the calendar on the club web site. Other shooters are welcome to attend these practices. There is a good distribution of participant ages and talent whereby the beginner up to an accomplished trap shooter can enjoy an afternoon of turning clay discs into dust. Check the club calendar. There is a \$5.00 fee per round for club members, \$6.00 for guests/non-members. Any and ALL attendees need to pick up their hulls off of the grass after shooting their rounds. There should be no expectation for others to clean up after you!

There will be two Big 50 registered shoots in March. March 5 and March 19. Check in for a registered shoot begins promptly at 1 PM. Be there.

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

Membership

The WGC lost several members through non-renewal in 2023. The number of members is just above 200 and the expectation of new members each month will bring that total up. Club funds are, however, sufficient to conduct normal maintenance operations, pay utilities and taxes and make the repairs identified by the EC and approved by membership.

Range Updates and Access

The High Country Shooters youth group that WGC supports with range time has recently brought in equipment and trimmed out the bank along Bay 1 and behind the Quonset hut. We appreciate these efforts for giving back to the club by the High Country Shooters!

Range mowing MAY resume in March. Given the warmer than normal weather, we may need to initiate mowing. Mowing is normally conducted on Wednesday between 8 AM and 2 PM. The mowing dates may change from time to time due to weather. Check the range cameras after inclement weather and before you travel to the range. No shooting under any circumstances is allowed while the mowing crew is on site. Violations will be reviewed for immediate disciplinary action.

The contractor expected to finalize a bid to rebuild the clubhouse ramp has been occupied on another project and has not been able to attend to our project.

During the cold months, the gas heater in the clubhouse remains on low. If members raise the thermostat while using the clubhouse – remember to return the thermostat back to how it was found. Do not turn the heater off. If you are unfamiliar with the operation of the heater, it may be

best to just leave it alone. Any problems or concerns about the gas heater should be addressed to our RO, Marc Scott.

2024 Executive Committee Positions

While all officers are elected annually, three tenured Executive Committee officers, the current Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer, have indicated they will not continue after 2023. We are bringing this to your attention now so that interested parties can indicate their willingness to serve in these positions and get a jump start on working with the current officers in order to insure a smooth transition beginning in 2024. These positions are important to the club and need to be filled by diligent members.

Range Etiquette

We still, from time to time, have members and/or guests who leave targets, shotgun hulls and debris in the various bays at the range. Members are responsible for guests and in any event there is no excuse for not helping to maintain the cleanliness and integrity of our facility. Make an effort to set up targets correctly and not destroy the target holders provided. Be sure that your rounds are impacting only the berms backing each Bay.

Strict attention to gun handling and safety are paramount to each member and guest. If any member sees misuse of the range or others committing safety violations, take the time to correct the situation, send a report to the Range Officer or at least report the incidents in the incident report notebook in the clubhouse.

This is your club - take responsibility.