

# 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](http://www.WataugaGunClub.com)

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## Membership Renewals

If you have not renewed your membership and still wish to do so, the information for renewals can be found on the club web site (see at left). You can view prior newsletters for such information as well.

## May Member Meeting

The May monthly member meeting will be held outside at the picnic tables on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The range use and safety review meeting and the member matches normally held prior to the member meeting remain suspended.

The agenda will include, among other items, the member approval of the Bylaw changes as proposed in the April newsletter and at the last member meeting. The language is also attached on Page 4 herein.

The Executive committee is also exploring the possibility of harvesting the large pines on club property along Appaloosa Trail before the bridge crossing Meat Camp Creek. It appears the land was planted for pine harvesting before the land was purchased by the club. Monies received from such harvesting would be deposited into the capital reserve fund for future club infrastructure improvements. There is also a possibility that the open area used as an archery range may be planted with new pines as the current maintenance of that area appears to be an unnecessary cost. Lanes for future use by archers may be maintained in the new planting layout.

Attend the May 13 meeting to learn more.

## Gate Replacement

The interim instructions for using the gate were emailed to all current members last month. Until a new actuator arm is installed, the gate is accessed manually with a combination lock. This means that swiping your card will not open the gate. You will have to get out of your vehicle. There are some funny site camera videos in this regard. The gate lock combination is on the back of each current member's 2021 membership card. When you enter the range, you should close and lock the gate behind you. No exceptions except scheduled events.

It was hoped that the old actuator arm for the automatic gate could be easily and economically repaired. Given the short term warranty and cost for the repair, it will be more prudent to purchase a new actuator arm. The new arm will need to be fitted to the new gate when it arrives. It is hoped that the new automatic gate will be installed and functional within 2-3 weeks. There will be additional work done along the drive at the gate to address drainage issues. Member patience will be appreciated.

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## Rimfire Benchrest

The April match was attended by 14 shooters. There are several additional competitors who are anticipating joining in the next month or two. It looks as though there will be a good turnout for the 2021 benchrest season ahead. Come on out for the next match on May 9<sup>th</sup> and meet some new friends. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle. Bring your friends. All welcome!

## WGC Action Pistol

The next match is Saturday, May 8th

### 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 problem 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.

## Web Site

Club members are encouraged to utilize the current site for important updates, meeting minutes, club business and newsletters. It is much more efficient than emailing club officers for the same information. Be sure to check the calendar for important dates and range use information.

The last remaining sections of the web site to be added are the disciplines pages. The work is in progress. If you notice, the new web site has a more modern and interactive design put in place by our webmaster Josh Erwin. His work over these past months is appreciated.

## Steel Match

The first 2021 match was held on April 17 and the attendance was good as expected. The next match is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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## Range Etiquette

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. All safety procedures and range use information is 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.

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## Club Information Emails

Please make sure the email address the club has for you is correct. It is frustrating when members call and ask for information that has been previously distributed to all current members or is within previous newsletters.

Update your email address at [memberships@wataugagunclub.com](mailto:memberships@wataugagunclub.com).

## 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](http://www.wataugacounty.org/App_Pages/Dept/Sheriff/concealedperm.aspx)

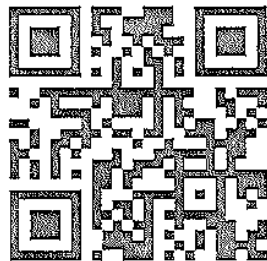
Which will send users here:  
<https://wataugasopermitium.com/ccw/start>

## Range Closures For Mowing

As the mowing season begins, the range will be closed on Wednesday mornings until noon to allow the mowing contractor crew to mow in safety. While the contractor was willing to accommodate some shooters while mowing in the past, there were too many incidents where members violated safety procedures to allow the practice to continue. This new policy comes with some added difficulties. 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.

This is how you can gain access to VIEW ONLY the cameras at the club.

1. Users must download the "IC Reatime App" from the app store.
2. Once it is downloaded on the phone or iPad, you may be able to scan this QR bar code;



OR... follow these remote access instructions.

In the app, tap the Menu button in the upper left; it looks like 3 horizontal lines. Tap Device Manager, then tap the + sign to add a device.

### Remote Access

**Register Mode:** P2P  
**Name:** WGC  
**SN:** NVR716NSP1508YD4800055  
**Username:** wgclub  
**Password:** wgc6539  
**Live Preview:** Extra  
**Playback:** Main  
Tap the Start Live Preview button

## Deck Repairs

The wooden deck along the clubhouse facing the creek has been taped off for member safety as there is a rotten plank that needs replacing. Arrangements are underway for these repairs. The club will also seek an estimate for gutters above the deck as deck damage appears to occur along the roof drip line. The gutter installation will be discussed for approval at a future member meeting once the estimates have been received.

### Proposed Watauga Gun Club Bylaws Amendments

For approval at the May Membership Meeting, May 13, 2021.

Article IV-Dues Paragraph 2 will be completely changed to read:

"If renewal membership dues are not received by February 1, membership will terminate. Terminated members would be required then to follow the New Member requirements, including initiation fees, in order to rejoin the club and use club facilities."

Article X-Amendments, Amendment I Paragraph 7 changed as follows:

...3.) have attended at least one Watauga Gun Club Regular Monthly Business Meeting and ~~a Range Safety/Operations Briefing after the previous year renewal.~~ provided an annually updated Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement provided by the Club and indicate the member has thoroughly reviewed the then current Range Use Manual with particular regard for Range Safety/Operations of the Watauga Gun Club.