

# WGC Newsletter

May 2022



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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)

## Volunteer Work Day – Clean up

On Wednesday, May 4 a small crew of the usual volunteers will be at the club at 9AM for a general clean up of the range as our most active shooting season has arrived. If any members have the time, please join us in making the range the best it can be. The more volunteers, the easier the work. Generally, the bays will be cleaned up in addition to the shoot house and the fence line along the creek. Collected debris will then be ceremoniously burned by the most avid fire bugs in the group.

See you all on Wednesday!

## May Monthly Member Meeting

The May monthly member meeting will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the clubhouse. Only one new applicant, Damon Stevens, was introduced for club membership at the April Member Meeting.

If the applicant has submitted all required information and paid all fees and there are no objections, he may be voted on for membership at the May Member Meeting.

## Range Improvements – Courtesy of The Hunter Skills Team

The Hunter skills team has procured a donation of 60 tons of gravel to be delivered to the range for entrance road and internal road improvements. They are also rebuilding the fence between Bays 1&2. The team has already repaired several picnic tables in the picnic area. WGC gave range time to the team and the team has given back.

So, when the Hunter Skills Team attended the April Member meeting and requested use of the range in the upcoming season beginning in Fall, the member response was overwhelming in their interest in the continuing education of our local youth shooters and grateful for the gratitude shown the club.

Good things are happening with our local youth at the club. Read on to learn more.

## Rimfire Benchrest

Eleven competitors signed in for the April match. The warmer weather will no doubt bring a higher count in May. Tis the season.

Come on out for the next match on May 15th. 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 is scheduled for May 14. 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

Last month, the call for new shooters was sent out and 12 new shooters arrived to join the team and participate. The Hunter Skills Team that we allow to utilize our facilities contributed directly to the new shooters. The club can be greatly satisfied that young shooters are learning gun safety and assuring the shooting sports will prosper into the future.

In addition, the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers had a big weekend starting April 23 at the North Carolina Hall of Fame shoot. Congratulations to Megan Smith on her first 100 straight! Along with Megan, Hunter (Scooter) Scott

and Daniel Tollison, Jr. (Lil D) had championship winning performances.

More information on the team and the results can be viewed on the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers Facebook page.

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

Have a look at the future of our sport as these young shooters mug for the camera.

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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 April steel match was held on Easter weekend. The turnout, however, supported three squads and the 2022 season started with a bang. Sincere apologies for that pun. We had only two youth shooters last month and would like to see more. Members, bring out your kids for a fun Saturday in May on the 21<sup>st</sup>, it is a highly addictive sport and with the abundance of regular shooter's willingness to help new shooters, there is no reason to feel any pressure on your first match.

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

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.

## Recent Range Violations Reviewed

In keeping with and support of the Range Etiquette mentioned above, we have seen cases of flagrant rule and safety violations in the past two months. The Executive Committee has reviewed two cases in the last two months where membership privileges have been suspended. While any violations can be reviewed and corrective action taken, intermediate and serious violations have serious consequences to the offending members. The WGC Violation Guidelines were presented in the March 2022 newsletter in detail. Please review these guidelines.

Again, every member is responsible for knowing the rules at WGC and conducting themselves in a safe manner.

If any member would like a review of the rules or needs a bit of a refresher, any member can attend a monthly range orientation briefing/meeting. These meetings are scheduled by the Range Officer at monthly membership meetings. Note that any violation that comes up for review will include mandatory attendance by the offending member of a range orientation briefing at a minimum until club privileges are restored.

## Range Closures For Mowing

As the mowing season begins, the range will be 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

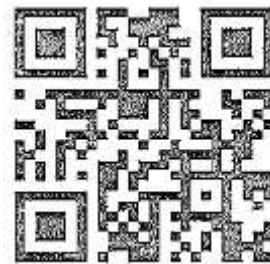
missed Wednesday mowing. It is always a good idea to check the range cameras before visiting the range to ensure the mowers are not present.

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.

## How to Access Club Cameras

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

## **BLUE RIDGE CLAY BREAKERS**

*(Language lifted from the WGCBCB Facebook page with permission)*

We would like to welcome our new youth shooters to the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers. We had orientation Sunday, April 10 and gained 12 new shooters! Let's all Welcome Emma McGuire, Kami McGuire, Nara Westwood, Aden Plemons, Maddie Plemons, Eli Rash, Tytus Wilson, Miller Dylan, Stevens Conner, Lambert Glaspy, Megan Smith ! As the shooting season has begun we can't wait to see these kids in action !

Wow what a big weekend for the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers at the North Carolina Hall Of Fame! We got to say a huge congratulations to Megan Smith on her first and many, many more to come 100 straight! Congratulations Megan !

Megan Smith is also your NCHOF singles champion with a 199x200!

Megan also won 🏆 for

Lady 1 Preliminary singles champion

Lady 1 Preliminary Handicap champion

Lady 1 Doubles champion

Class C Doubles champion

Lady 1 High All Around (HAA) !!!

Scooter Scott took home all the Sub Jr. 🏆

Sub Jr Singles Champion

Sub Jr Handicap Champion

Sub Jr Doubles Champion

Sub Jr High All Around (HAA)

Lil D Tollison is your NCHOF Handicap Champion!

He also won NCHOF High All Around (HAA) Champion 379x400

And Junior Doubles Champion!

Congratulations to you all!

