

# 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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### Volunteer Work Day – Clean up

On Wednesday, April 5, a small crew of member volunteers gathered at the club at 9AM for a general clean-up of the range. A good deal was accomplished after the ravages of Old Man Winter. Thanks to these gents for their willingness to help the club and for the leadership of Mr. Lofaro.



*Ye Olde Clean-up Crew L to R: M. Robertson, Dan Lofaro, John Waters & Dave Thompson – Arvin Pearson was behind the camera.*

### May Monthly Member Meeting

The May monthly member meeting will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the clubhouse. Two new membership applicants introduced themselves at the April Member Meeting.

Rob Rusczak, Beech Mtn.  
Michelle Novacek, Blowing Rock.

If the applicants have submitted all required information and paid all dues and fees and there are no objections, they may be voted on for membership at the May Member Meeting.

The April member meeting held some discussions that will be continued at the May meeting. As has been noted in the prior newsletter, the pistol permitting requirements in NC have been repealed. The WGC utilized the associated background checks for a pistol permit to ensure that new and current members were lawful citizens and particularly not prohibited from owning or using firearms. The Executive Committee indicated that the recommended new procedure should include only the signing of a now modified Waiver (*see club web site*). President Morgan Shaw stated that he had contacted other regional gun clubs and that they were only requiring waivers as well – establishing a customary practice. Morgan also indicated he had contacted the company that underwrites the insurance for our club and was waiting for reply. This created enough dissent for a motion to continue the discussion at the May member meeting. Some members at the meeting were curious what other background checks might be available for members – yet without volunteering to check such availability on behalf of the club or offer any help in the

administration and review of potential future background checks. The EC is still of the opinion that a waiver will suffice as a “customary practice” of gun clubs as regards member ownership and use of firearms. Be prepared to discuss this issue at the next member meeting so that the club can modify the Bylaws and move on.

Also, there was again discussion at the last meeting as to whether the club should mandate NRA membership to become and remain a member of the WGC. While the discussion devolved somewhat as to the politics and leadership of the NRA, the specific issue is the specific requirement that members join the NRA. It was stated that while membership in any of the various 2A/gun rights organizations should be encouraged, the membership of one specific organization should not be mandated. This issue was last debated and voted on last year in June/July. The vote then of those members in attendance, was to keep the requirement. Be prepared to discuss this issue for

what will hopefully be a final resolution to this issue.

## **Range Improvements**

With the nicer weather on the horizon, we need to conduct several improvements to the clubhouse and range facilities. Local contractors appear to be scheduled out for over a year and are frequently pushed back even more. The EC is actively pursuing contractors to conduct the following:

- Frame, pour and finish concrete ramp to clubhouse porch and add a concrete ramp (with yellow coating) to the outside step down into the picnic area next to the drink machine.

- Replace front structural fascia board on Bay 3 structure – facing down range.

- Install gutters above clubhouse porch.

- Assess repairs to structure over picnic area.

Any help or recommendations from members would be greatly appreciated.

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## **Rimfire Benchrest**

A small number of competitors signed in for the April match on Easter Sunday. While it was a nice day, it was arguably not a nice day for rimfire benchrest – at least as far as good scores go. The upcoming warmer weather will no doubt bring a higher count in May. Tis the season.

Come on out for the next match on May 14th. 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**

The much anticipated April match was cancelled due to weather. The May match is scheduled for May 20. As noted previously, several members of WGC have already participated in the new format and describe it as “IDPA Lite”. 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**

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!

There are results below as regards the recent achievements of the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers. Much respect is due to these young shooters who maintain their preeminence in the world of trap shooting.

## **WGC Steel Match**

The April steel match was very well attended with some new shooters attending. 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

was well received by those in attendance and the overall time to conduct the match was reduced by roughly an hour.

Come on out for a fun Saturday in May on the 20<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.

## 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

## On Site Defibrillator

A kind benefactor has offered to donate funds to purchase a defibrillator for the club. In response, Marvin Gragg has again stepped to the forefront for health related concerns facing the club and researched the equipment and requirements for the WGC to have such an asset on site. There will be a need for training and a strict adherence to equipment maintenance. It has been suggested that at the very least, club officers, discipline directors and other highly active club members participate in the training for and administration of the new equipment. With our updated First Aid Kit (Thanks again to Marvin) and the repairs to the emergency call button on the outside of the clubhouse next to the office entrance, the defibrillator will add another layer of potential protection to our club members and guests.

## Range Closures For Mowing

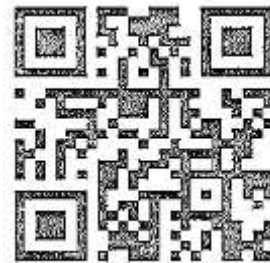
As the mowing season begins, the range will be closed on Wednesday from 8AM until 2PM to allow the mowing contractor crew to mow in safety. If the mowing cannot be conducted due to weather or other reasons, the mowing may either skip a week or be performed in the day(s) following the missed Wednesday 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 WGCBCRB Facebook page with permission)*

It was a great weekend at the NC Hall Of Fame for the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers. One young man claimed the instate HAA, Hunter (Scooter) Scott shooting 380x400. He also was the Handicap Champ with a 96. Great shooting, we are very proud of you!! Also had a Sub Jr get into a shoot off. Tytus Wilson for Sub Jr Champion in handicaps and he won his first big shoot off. We are also very proud of this young man!! We also had 3 other winners.

### **Hunter (Scooter) Scott**

HAA instate champ 380x400

Handicap Champ 96

Doubles Jr champ 93

Singles class B champ 191x200

### **Tytus Wilson**

Handicap Sub Jr Champ 88

### **Megan Smith**

Preliminary singles lady 1 96

Preliminary handicaps lady 1 95

Doubles lady 1 champ 88

Handicaps lady 1 88

HAA lady 1. 368x400

### **Logan Glaspay**

Singles sub jr champ 191

Doubles sub jr champ 85

HAA sub jr 362x400

### **Daniel Tollison Jr**

Preliminary Doubles Jr 93

Singles champ Jr 193x200



*Hunter Scott*



*Hunter Scott, Dan Tollison, Jr. & Tytus Wilson*

More information on the team and the results can be viewed at:

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

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