



# Watauga Gun Club Newsletter

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May 2026

## Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting is **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

New Member Applicants that will be voted on in May's Meeting:

- Brian Pelski (Boone)
- Jessie Latondresse (Boone)
- Alex Church (Fleetwood)
- Ashley Church (Fleetwood)
- James Bryant (Todd)

## New/Prospective Members

For any questions on the application process, please visit our website at <https://wataugagunclub.com/>, or contact a member of the Executive Committee (contact info listed on the website) with additional questions.

## Range Updates

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic

Our annual picnic will be on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring your family and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship! Dinner will be catered by Big Brose's Family Barbecue, and we're asking members to bring dessert – details to be announced as the date draws closer.

### Mowing

Mowing season is upon us and will take place on Wednesdays, weather permitting – please keep an eye on the calendar. While mowing is going on, the range is CLOSED to all shooting activities.

### Gravel



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Please remember to adhere to the posted speed limit (10 mph) on the driveway so that we can be courteous to our neighbor and limit the dust from our vehicles. If we have had a dry spell and it is dustier than normal, please drive under the speed limit.

Gravel work has now been completed on the driveway, courtesy of Josh Kannyo. He also shored up our bank at the driveway to prevent further erosion from the next flood event – more work may be needed in the future.



### Other Repairs and Restoration Efforts

Please keep an eye out for future announcements; as weather warms up, ***we will continue to ask for volunteer help*** and other items related to Helene recovery efforts.

Thanks to some favorable weather, work has already been underway! So far, we have:

- Completed gravel work in the pistol bays, under the rifle shed, and on the driveway
- Completed erosion mitigation work on the bank by rock placement and tree planting



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- Cleared the old handicap ramp.

Some things that are in the works are:

- Painting the exterior of the clubhouse
- Reinstalling the office door and pass-through cover
- Repairing screen doors
- Installing trim inside the clubhouse and around windows
- Repairing posts to the picnic shed
- Quonset hut door repair

Long-term restoration efforts will include:

- Restoring the kitchen

**Some of the above may be hired out depending on responses for volunteers; this may change our operating budget!**

*Thank you to everyone who has given your time, money, and other resources to help us get to this point in our recovery. While we still have work to do, we would not have gotten this far without all of your help.*

### Plumbing Repair

Thanks in part to Helene damage, we are exploring the cost of improving plumbing in the clubhouse. Our plumber's recommendation is to install a booster pump and sediment filter to maintain even water pressure. Also, the urinal will need a rebuild it on its valve. Expected expenditures from this repair effort will be announced as we receive them.

### Range Events

As the weather warms up, range activity will increase- keep an eye on the calendar (and the cameras) as well as any other special announcements related to range activities. And please, come out and shoot!



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All matches are open to the public; we encourage new shooters to attend – bring a friend (or two) and come see what all the fun is about!

- **Steel** resumes its matches on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Matches will be held monthly on the Saturday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> full weekend through October. Presquadding is now available, and the Steel team have worked hard over the offseason – participants in the matches will be treated to new stages this season, as well as new shooting boxes!
- **Southern Defensive Pistol** will resume their monthly matches beginning Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>; matches are held on the Saturday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend through October. The afternoon prior to the match, the range will be closed for setup.
- **Trap** holds practices on Sunday afternoons from 2-6. Regular monthly ATA will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday monthly through October; the next match is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Rimfire Bench** holds its match on the 2<sup>nd</sup> full Sunday of the month. The next Rimfire Bench match is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 12 p.m. and the match begins at 1. There are categories for a variety of rimfire calibers, with scopes or iron sights. More information is available on the Club's website.

## General Safety Reminder

Please stay outside of the area past the sign on Bay 5 so people can see you.

## Range Classes

Range Safety Officer (RSO) and Stop the Bleed Classes are in the planning stages; keep an eye out for announcements on dates and further details! Once we have proposed dates for both classes, we will bring the information to the membership for approval.