

# 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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## November Member Meeting

The November Member Meeting will be held at 7PM on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. One new applicant was introduced at the September member meeting for membership consideration:

Kirk Keller, of Piney Creek.

If the applicant has submitted all required information, paid all fees, attended a range orientation briefing and there are no objections, they may be voted on for membership at the November Member Meeting.

## 2024 Membership Dues

2024 membership dues will be due January 1, 2024 and past due February 1, 2024. Club membership will be forfeited if dues are not received by February 1, 2024.

The new dues schedule can be viewed on the club web site at:

<https://wataugagunclub.com/annual-dues/>

The increased dues to \$200 per year were approved at the April 2022 member meeting.

PLEASE NOTE, whether submitting your dues payment by mail or directly to the Treasurer at a member meeting, you MUST submit all items required with that payment or the payment will not be accepted and your membership will not be renewed. The items in addition to the annual fees are:

- a copy of a current NRA member card; and
- a signed and dated waiver.

A copy of the waiver can be downloaded at:

<https://wataugagunclub.com/waiver.pdf>

A complete discussion of the renewal requirements can be viewed at:

<https://wataugagunclub.com/membership-renewal/>

## Watauga Hunter Skills Team

The Watauga Hunter Skills Team is again practicing at WGC each Sunday afternoon at 1PM. Our club can take great pride in supporting this program.

## October Member Match

Several members participated in the abbreviated SDPL (Southern Defensive Pistol League) Member Match on October 12 before the member meeting on Bay 2.

Hopefully, these members will support the SDPL Discipline next season.

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## Rimfire Benchrest

The October match was moderately well attended with some excellent scores posted in unpredictable wind.

Come on out for the next match on November 12th.

A demonstration may be held in addition to the bench rifle flights for 100 yard rimfire pistol competition with Dan Henk, a regular match attendee with a good deal of experience with rimfire pistol competitions

If you are a new member at WGC, this event can be a lot of fun and a great way to meet other members with similar interests. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle. Bring your friends. All welcome!

More info at:

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

## WGC Steel Match

The October match was again an exceedingly well attended event. The October match was the last match of the 2023 season. This was also be the last match directed by our beloved co-directors Steve and Sally Jones. Their

tenure was celebrated as outstanding contributors to the WGC over many years. We will no doubt see Steve and Sally at various matches in the future, just in a more relaxed capacity.

**THANK YOU STEVE & SALLY JONES!**

## WGC Southern Defensive Pistol

The October match was not very well attended again. The October match was the last match of the 2023 season.

More info at: <https://wgcpistol.com/>

We need to get some type of interest in this discipline to ensure the discipline remains viable. Please consider working on defensive pistol skills over Winter and coming out in April to compete in a fairly simple format of competition.

## Trap Shooting – Blue Ridge Clay Breakers

The ongoing accomplishments of members of the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers can be monitored at:

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

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!**

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## Range Etiquette

When entering the club on the gravel drive – drive slowly so as to not kick up dust.

Practice safety always. Pick up targets, trash and shotgun hulls when you are finished shooting. Return the bay you use to a better condition than you found it. Make our club and membership an outstanding experience.

In Bays 2, 3, 4 &5 – do not pick up red or yellow tape markers in the ground. These markers are used for scheduled matches.

Also, be sure to report any club rule infractions. This is an important measure to ensure that our club remains a safe environment and the future of our club is protected from incidents that may involve public complaint.

## 2024 Club Officers

All club officer positions for 2024 are available. Some current officers will not be returning for 2024. We will need members to step up and help manage the club. The club and the range cannot function without officers.

The descriptions of officer responsibilities are included in the WGC Members Manual. The club relies on the efforts of the EC to maintain the range and keep club business affairs in order. As an incentive, EC officers dues are waived during years of service.

Please make any intentions to serve on the WGC Executive Committee known at the next member meeting or to an existing club officer.

## Range Improvements

We still have not received estimates/bids for berm rehabilitation at various Bays. This is an important series of improvements that hopefully will be initiated over the Winter months.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**