

WGC Newsletter

October 2023



Whats inside

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| October Member Meeting..... | 1 |
| 2024 Membership Dues | 1 |
| October Member Match..... | 2 |
| Rimfire Benchrest..... | 2 |
| WGC Steel Match..... | 2 |
| WGC SDPL..... | 2 |
| Trap - Blue Ridge Clay Breakers..... | 2 |
| Range Ettiquette..... | 2 |
| 2024 Club Officers | 3 |
| Range Improvements..... | 3 |

Watauga Gun Club

Physical:
232 Appaloosa Trail
Boone, NC 28607

Mailing:
PO Box 2316
Boone, NC 28607

828.264-6539

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

October Member Meeting

The October Member Meeting will be held at 7PM on Thursday, October 12th. Three new applicants were introduced at the September member meeting for membership consideration:

Michael Button of Boone;

Walker McCall Forshee of Boone; and

Alan Burchell of Boone.

If these applicants have 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 October Member Meeting.

The Executive Committee is as yet inclined not to put on a Christmas party again this year as member interest - and particularly member participation in putting on the party – have been on the wane in recent years. If members wish to help put on a

2023 WGC Christmas party, please attend the October member meeting.

The WGC Membership & Safety Manual (Bylaws) changes - as advertised within the September newsletter - were approved by members attending at the September member meeting with no objections.

2024 Membership Dues

2024 membership dues will be due January 1 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 Membership Coordinator 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/>

October Member Match

In a continuing attempt to revive the member matches – held before member meetings – an abbreviated Member SDPL (Southern Defensive Pistol League) Match will be held at 5:30PM on October 12 before the member meeting on Bay 2.

While all members are welcome, we are specifically encouraging any new members or members who have been reluctant to attend a regular match to come and learn about how SDPL matches are conducted and how much fun they can be. The match will involve a single stage.

Shooters should preferably arrive with a centerfire pistol, a holster and extra magazine pouches. The stages will be set up to accommodate shooters who do not possess all of the above equipment. Not more than 30-50 rounds of ammunition will be required.

Do not bring a loaded pistol to the match and do not approach the firing line with a round in the chamber of your pistol. There will be adequate instruction of safety and strategy offered by some of the best discipline practitioners the club has to offer.

Again, this is an excellent opportunity to learn about and shoot a representative stage of a SDPL Match – (see elsewhere in this newsletter). Come on out!

Rimfire Benchrest

The September match was moderately well attended with some excellent scores posted. Only three flights were scored as the rain came in abundance.

Come on out for the next match on October 15th. 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. 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 Steel Match

The September match was again an exceedingly well attended event. The next match is the last match of the 2023 season and will be held October 21st. This will also be the last match directed by our beloved co-directors Steve and Sally Jones. Come on out and celebrate with us the final match with these wonderful, long time contributors to our club disciplines.

Limit of 2 guns per shooter. First gun is \$10 and second gun is \$5. Registration opens at 0900, match starts at 1000.

WGC Southern Defensive Pistol

The October Member Match will be one stage representing this discipline.

The September match was not very well attended. We encourage members and friends to come out, and give this defensive

pistol format a try. If you conceal carry with a permit, the skills acquired in this discipline is an excellent aid in overall pistol proficiency AND safety.

The October match will be the last of the season and is scheduled for October 14th. GET OUT THERE! 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

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!

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

The Emergency Call box outside the clubhouse has been replaced and an additional call box installed next to the defibrillator in the clubhouse – as approved at the August Member Meeting.

New 2x2 poles for target stands are on the range racks courtesy of Jeff King.
