

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

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September Member Meeting

A first notice of proposed amendments to the club Bylaws was conducted at the August Membership Meeting and published in the August newsletter, which was emailed to every member. The proposed and otherwise unchanged language is included at the end of this newsletter.

The member vote on the proposed amendments will be held at the September Member Meeting on September 9th.

Please take the time to review the proposed amendment changes and be prepared to vote at the upcoming meeting. Any other club concerns can be addressed as well. Participation is encouraged.

Storm Damage to Range & Clubhouse

Meat Camp Creek again overflowed its banks along the range perimeter courtesy of the remnants of Hurricane Fred. The graveled drive and parking areas suffered erosion as well as the benchrest area of the 300 yard range. A good bit of debris was swept into the creek along with metal chairs, barrels and other light materials that were in the path of the flooding. The clubhouse was muddied with 2-3 inches of water. Subsequent to the event, and quickly arranged and overseen by Gary & Sandy Hoyle, the graveled areas were regraded and the clubhouse cleaned and aired. No further site work, aside from emergencies, will be performed until the the tropical storm season nears an end.

Users of the bench rest area of the 300 yard range should exercise caution due to the recent erosion. Given that another tropical storm is on track to hit the area as this is written and more may follow, the Executive Committee feels it unwise to add more gravel to the benchrest area that could again easily end up in the creek. Discussions on how to eventually remedy the recurring damages and costs associated with creek flooding include stabilizing the shoreline at the gate, seeking solutions to the drainage that erodes the gate area and adding to the existing concrete toward the back bench for the length of the covered bench rest area at the 300 yard range. Such improvements will need further discussion, budgeting and membership approval.

Rimfire Benchrest

The August match attendance was, for a third month, excellent and the competition remained high. Come on out for the next match on September 12th and meet some new friends. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle.

Club members Dan Lofaro and Lance Stell, with moral support from Arvin Pearson, replaced the aging wooden bench to the right of the entrance to the benchrest area.



Dan graciously provided the materials and Dan and Lance the labor involved.



A hearty thank you goes out to these fine gents for their care and commitment to the club.

WGC Steel

The next match is Saturday, September 18th. After the next match, the October match will be the last of the year. Come on out and have some FUN!

WGC Action Pistol

The next match is Saturday, September 11th. Come on out and try something new. The previous matches have been a load of fun and very rewarding. There is plenty of room for new shooters to participate in a course of fire format somewhat less procedural than IDPA.

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 problem 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.

Web Site

The web site is maintained for member use. Please familiarize yourself with the available information. The webmaster position is being maintained by the Publicity Officer, however a more experienced webmaster is needed. If you are familiar with Word Press and have an interest in becoming webmaster, please contact the Publicity Officer through the web site.

Also, given that Member Meeting Minutes are individually password coded, creating difficulty with access after the old annual pass codes are forgotten, it has been proposed that meeting minutes will no longer be available through the web site. Copies of meeting minutes can be provided by the club Secretary upon request.

Also, some interest was expressed in monthly club financial information being published in the newsletter. The Executive Committee believes such financial information should not be publicly available and only available to members. The current financial information can be provided by a club officer upon request. There was also discussion of posting the information inside the clubhouse for member use.

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Range Etiquette

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. Make the club YOUR club and help out where you can.

Work Party Needed for Range Clean Up

With the recent flooding, there is a good bit of debris that needs to be picked up across the range and along the perimeter fence. Some of the younger trap shooters were enlisted by Morgan Shaw to pick up a good bit of scattered debris. We appreciate and thank them for that effort. More work needs to be done. A work party of members might be able to finish this task in a couple of hours, depending upon the number of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Range Officer or, if you can, possibly organize an effort independently.

2022 Club Officers

All club officer positions for 2022 are available. Members should consider offering their time and energy in carrying the club forward through participation in the everyday business of the club. The Membership Coordinator position, arguably one of the most difficult positions, must be filled by a new officer as Sandy will be stepping down after this year. If you can offer your time and energy to this position, please step forward early and learn the current systems and procedures already in place as the changing of the guard occurs during a most critical time for the Membership Coordinator. The responsibilities for the Membership Coordinator include (but may not be limited to): maintaining the membership rolls; collection annual member required information updates and new member information; close coordination with Treasurer in collecting annual dues and new member dues; preparation of the new member packages and production of all new and renewed member badges and member cards; maintaining the gate codes for range access; producing required and advisory emails to the membership and many other associated coordination tasks related to most all club business issues. This position MUST be filled.

Some current officers on the Executive Committee are serving because no other members were willing to step forward. We need officers who can commit the time required. EC officers are expected to attend the monthly EC meetings at 6PM on the last Monday of each month. Such participation is critical to the running of the club.

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.

We need officers. Step up.

Mandatory Member Meeting

Every member must, each year, attend at least one membership meeting in order to renew their membership the following year. At present, a significant number of members have not met this requirement. Please be sure to fulfill this important member obligation.

Proposed Bylaw Changes – Watauga Gun Club

For review and first notice at August Member Meeting on 8/12/21 and approval at September Member Meeting on 9/9/21.

Article VI (5)(e)

Current Language: The Discipline finances are property of Watauga Gun Club and may be used by the club for emergency expenses only, and

Proposed Change: The Discipline finances are property of Watauga Gun Club and may be used by the club for emergency expenses only. If discipline monies are appropriated to address an emergency, the funds shall be borrowed from each discipline account in equal percentages unless financial circumstances in the discipline's account prevents the same. It is understood that Watauga Gun Club is to reimburse any funds borrowed from each discipline in a timely fashion, to be repaid to each discipline in equal disbursements until the outstanding balance is paid in full, and

Amendment I (3):

Current Language: Individuals applying for membership are required to present to the WGC Membership Coordinator a NC Handgun Purchase Permit that was issued within the last 60-days, or a current NC / NC reciprocal Concealed and Carry Permit, or a criminal background check not older than 60-days.

Proposed Change: Individuals applying for membership are required to present to the WGC Membership Coordinator a NC Handgun Purchase Permit that was issued within the last 60 days, or a current NC/NC reciprocal Concealed Carry Permit. ~~or a criminal background check not older than 60-days.~~

Amendment I (4):

Current Language: The applicant may be voted on at their first meeting. If approved by a majority of the members present, the new member shall be a probationary member for six months with all privileges of regular membership.

Proposed Change: All prospective applicants must attend two regular monthly meetings prior to being granted membership to Watauga Gun Club. The procedure for applicants is as follows:

- i. The applicant attends their first monthly membership meeting with a completed application and any supporting documents.
- ii. The applicant's name is published in the monthly newsletter, or, when circumstances prevent a newsletter publication, an e-mail to all current WGC members.
- iii. Current members review the name or names of prospective applicants and have the opportunity prior to the applicant's 2nd meeting to oppose the application by submitting to the Executive Committee, with evidence and/or affidavits and other statements, reasons as to why the person should not be granted membership to WGC. Defamatory statements are not permitted; anyone submitting such will be subject to disciplinary action. The Executive Committee shall consider evidence presented and either affirm or deny the concerns of the opposed.
- iv. If the Executive Committee determines that there is not enough evidence to deny membership, or if no member responds in opposition to the applicant(s),

- the applicant(s) will be required to attend a 2nd meeting to be voted on by members present.
- v. Prior to attending their 2nd meeting, the applicant is expected to attend a range safety briefing. If the applicant has not attended the safety briefing prior to their 2nd meeting, or they have not produced all necessary documents to verify eligibility, they will be ineligible for a vote until they have satisfied that requirement.
 - vi. If approved by a majority of the members present at the applicant's 2nd meeting, the new member shall be a probationary member for six months with all privileges of regular membership.

Amendment 1 (7):

Current Language: 7. In order to be eligible for annual membership renewal, each member must: 1.) not be prohibited by Federal or State Law to possess firearms and ammunition, 2.) present to the WGC Membership Coordinator a NC Handgun Purchase Permit that was issued within the last 60-days, or a current NC / NC reciprocal Concealed and Carry Permit, or a criminal background check not older than 60-days, 3.) have attended at least one Watauga Gun Club Regular Monthly Business meeting and a Range Safety/Operations Briefing after the previous year renewal provided an annually updated Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement provided by the club and indicate the member has thoroughly reviewed the then current Range Use Manual with particular regard for Range Safety/Operations of the Watauga Gun Club. (Amended May 2021).

Proposed Change: 7. In order to be eligible for annual membership renewal, each member must: 1.) not be prohibited by Federal or State Law to possess firearms and ammunition, 2.) present to the WGC Membership Coordinator a NC Handgun Purchase Permit that was issued within the last 60-days, or a current NC / NC reciprocal Concealed and Carry Permit, ~~or a criminal background check not older than 60-days,~~ 3.) have attended at least one Watauga Gun Club Regular Monthly Business meeting and a Range

Safety/Operations Briefing after the previous year renewal provided an annually updated Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement provided by the club and indicate the member has thoroughly reviewed the then current

Range Use Manual with particular regard for Range Safety/Operations of the Watauga Gun Club. (Amended September 2021).

Amendment 1 (8):

Current Language: All new members will undergo an orientation before becoming active members. (Approved March 2001).

Proposed Change: ~~All new members will undergo an orientation before becoming active members. (Approved March 2001).~~ Refer to Amendment 1(4)(v).