

# WGC Newsletter

September 2022



## 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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## September Monthly Member Meeting

The September monthly member meeting comes up quick this month - September 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7PM in the clubhouse.

Seven new applicants were introduced at the August member meeting for membership consideration:

John Kowalczyk, Boone;  
Philip Davis, Boone;  
Kimberly Zappa-Jackson, Fleetwood;  
James Jackson, Fleetwood;  
Mark Fasczewski, Boone;  
Fred Blair, Boone; and  
Jordan Brooks, 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 September Member Meeting.

## Rimfire Benchrest

The August match was moderately attended with some excellent scores posted. Although Autumn is not here just yet, Autumn is in the air has special meaning to benchrest enthusiasts. Cooler air and brisk cross winds. This can surely even out the shooting field and bring changes to the match results.

Come on out for the next match on September 11th. 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 Action Pistol

The August match was hotly contested with the addition of some new shooters. As usual, the course set up was very engaging and tremendous fun. Come on out September 10<sup>th</sup> and give this a try. The set up is geared toward being less restrictive than IDPA with arguably less movement/running.

A general match description follows:

### 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 problems 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.

## **Youth Trap Shooting Team – Blue Ridge Clay Breakers**

The North Carolina State Trap Shoot – Youth Team Challenge was again championed by the Blue Ridge Clay Breakers of WGC. Six individual trophies were presented to the top youth shooters at a recent team practice. Check out the Team Facebook page to see the presentation videos in addition to other accolades of these fine young trap shooters.

The August ATA match at WGC had 43 singles shooters, 29 for Caps and 20 for doubles. Some good scores were posted. See complete results at the web page linked below.

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

Normally, team practice sessions are held each Sunday beginning at 2PM. Check the calendar. Other shooters may also attend these practices. It is inspiring to watch these young shooters and to appreciate their talent earned through their dedication and practice. Check the club calendar. There is a \$5.00 fee per round for club members, \$6.00 for guests/non-members.

## **Steel Match**

The August match was possibly the best attendance in number of shooters on record. The sun was very warm until the rains came – and stayed. The match was called a couple of stages short of completion, however the scores were still tallied and some good scores were posted. The next match is September 17<sup>th</sup>. This upcoming match and the October match are the last two matches remaining this season, so come on out and get your fix.

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

Six (6) stages with 5 targets in each. Shoot each stage 4 times, throw out slowest string and add the remaining 3 strings for the stage time. Plus 1 fun/ fast stage.

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.

New members! If you have not participated in a steel challenge match, come on out and have some real fun. The safety officers can help guide you through the relatively easy procedures and get you up to maximum fun in no time. You will need approximately 200-250 rounds per gun to complete the seven stages.

## **Range Etiquette**

The Watauga Gun Club is as good as the members make it. It is every member's responsibility to keep the range clean, not cause any damage to the range and clubhouse and most importantly to concern

yourself with your safety and the safety of other members and their guests. Over the last several months, we have had several new members join our ranks and our established and conscientious members need to set a good example. All safety procedures and range use information are available in the Range Use Manual provided to each member upon becoming a member. The manual may also be viewed on the club web site. It never hurts to review the manual and to remind yourself of all aspects of gun safety. Note that if you would like to refresh your knowledge of club rules and policies, any member can attend the monthly new member orientation briefing. The dates for the briefing are normally set at the monthly member meetings – or you can contact the Range Officer, Marc Scott. Contact information is

located on the club web site.

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.

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## **Club Officer Positions**

All club officer positions for 2023 are available. Members should consider offering their time and energy in carrying the club forward through participation in the everyday business of the club.

Some current officers on the Executive Committee are serving because no other members were willing to step forward. This, in the very least, creates officer burn-out. We need officers who can commit the time and effort required. EC officers are expected to attend the monthly EC meetings at 6:30PM 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.

## **Firearms Introduction Class**

Our Chief Instructor, Terry Julian will be sending out local notices for a Firearm Introduction Class for residents of Watauga County. The class will be scheduled for 11AM until 1PM every third Saturday of the month in the clubhouse. No attendees will bring weapons, but will be introduced to commonly available firearms and how to operate and clean. No live fire. Anyone interested in assisting Terry as a safety observer, contact information is on the club web site. Advertising for now will be posted at local gun stores.

## **Gate Access**

We are awaiting the installation of upgrades for the gate. Apologies for any inconveniences experienced by members of late in this regard. More information at the September Member Meeting.