

# NITRO EXPRESS

Official Newsletter of Watauga Gun Club

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## May / June 2004

Time for another meeting. Get your scatter guns out! The club match is 2 round of trap. I've witnessed several club members coming out for the practice rounds on Tuesday nights. Thursday nights trap league shoots have been going real well. It seems like every league shoot, the wind demons invade the trap fields. Every other target called for seems to be picked on by the wind to make it climb or dive. Lots of fun and a good test of our shooting skills.

Those same wind demons along with a lot of rain tore limbs and tops out of many of the trees around the property. Fire wood ready to be cut up! No other damage that I am aware of, however.

Health tip: Trap shooting may be safer than golf. While shooting trap you stand on a nice flat sidewalk. Everyone shoots in the same general direction. Golf on the other hand causes one to wander all over the countryside, dodging the perils of grassy slopes, looking for the lost golf you knocked who know where. You have to keep an eye out for misdirected golf's and so forth. Case in point: Walter McCracken. Ask Walter how he broke his leg this week playing GOLF! You can probably shoot trap with a broken leg, but can you golf that way? Wishes for a speedy recovery, Walter!

Membership Drive: The member who recruits the most new members gets his next years dues free. Ernest Vannoy was last year's winner.

The next club workday is June 12<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend and get your five hours in. Have a good time and meet some club members you've not yet met. If you can't make it on the 12<sup>th</sup> there is plenty to be done in the meantime. One of the important jobs that needs to be done is cleaning up the property line. We need to go around to make sure our posted signs are in place. The line along the river especially needs to be checked and the brush cleared around the signs so that they are clearly visible. Call or see Tom or Wayne for more details. This needs to be done ASAP!

One club event I am looking forward to is our club picnic. Our club meeting night in July is for the family and friends of the club. VP Dave Richardson supplies the hamburgers and hotdogs and the trimmings and does the cooking, too. Club member bring drinks, chips, salads, beans, desserts and so forth according to the notice later in this letter. Open shooting that evening and fun for all. There is no club match in July.

Summer Trap League starts up the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June.

See Tom Pitts or Morgan Shaw if you would like to attend. Or just show up and join the fun!

Benchrest Match, May 29<sup>th</sup> was called a success. Thirty plus shooters and some very good scores. Marvin Gragg (of National Champion fame) and Dave Richardson headed up this event. They are planning another match in the fall when we have a month with an extra Saturday.

High Power is doing well. Joe West has added some divisions to the course of fire and the attendance has shown their appreciation of his efforts.

IDPA Pistol is doing well and the shooters are hard at work getting ready for the State Championship to be held here in September. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year for holding this prestigious event.

Trap shooters have some first class matches lined up. The Glenn Miller Classic will be their big one.

Lots of activities going on at your club! Come out and be a part of the fun!

Gary Hoyle, Publicity Officer

## Watauga Gun Club

2004 Benchrest Match Results: May 29, 2004

On May 29 the Watauga Gun Club held its second annual 300 Yard High Score Benchrest match. It turned out to be a beautiful day with no rain and fair winds. We had a good turn out of shooters with a total of 19 guns in the Light Gun class and 18 guns in the Factory Class. For a total of 37 guns fired for the match.

The winners of the match received trophies provided by the Gun Club, as well as very nice prizes provided by, Montana X-Tream Gun Care Products from Morganton N.C. All the shooters were provided a lunch donated by Humphrey Hayes and Marvin Gragg.

The trophies and prizes were awarded to the top 5 shooters in each class.

### Light Gun Class

- #1. Larry Isenhour
- #2. Kenney McRary
- #3. Michael Davis
- #4. Marvin Gragg
- #5. Lloyd Poole

### Factory Class:

- #1. Larry Isenhour
- #2. Tony McElveen
- #3. Mike Davis
- #4. Robert Isenhour
- #5. Jeff McLean

A list of all the benchrest shooters:

Clayton Hendricks	Jimmy Bennick
David Richardson	Sharon Jenkins
Jeff McLean	Jack Jenkins
Robert Isenhour	Joe Moody
Janet Wright	Lewis Winkler
Larry Isenhour	Lloyd Poole
Gerald Wright	Chad Jenkins
Michael Davis	David Nichols
Humphrey Hayes	Marvin Gragg
Mike Miller	Kenney McRary
Tony McElveen	David Bryant
Howard Sutton	Reid Perry

A very big thanks to all shooters and to the shooters that helped with running the match.

Marvin Gragg

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## RANGE OFFICER'S REPORT

May 13, 2004: The May club match results for the Big Bore Pistol are as follows:

		Rapid	Slow	Total
1	Gary Hoyle	91	89	180
2	Sandy Hoyle	89	89	178
3	Mike Testerman	60	58	118
4	Lloyd Poole	71	46	117
5	Ted Greene	82	33	115
6	Wayne Green	65	47	112
7	Morgan Shaw	57	54	111
8	Doug Merkel	40	59	99
9	Phillip Brown	67	13	80
10	Charles Harmon	15	55	70
11	Tom Bennett	32	13	45
12	James Henson	45	0	45
13	Wayne Hildebrand	24	19	43
14	Chris Shaw (Youth)	15	10	25
15	Ed Roberts	10	13	23
16	Ernie Vannoy	15	0	15
17	David Richardson	10	0	10
18	Walter McCracken	5	5	10

The June club match is trap, so bring out your blunderbus and join the fun!

### CLUB DISCIPLINE REPORTS:

#### TRAP

We've not had a report lately from the Watauga Cartel, but they have been busy shooting and haven't had time to write. Maybe next time!

In the meantime, we'll post the league shoot scores for you to look over. This was great fun and good way to get

to know some of our fellow club members. Speaking as a member of the "IDPA Bunch" (as Tom Pitts dubbed us), we've come up in the standing from last year and hope to do at least as well in the Summer league. It's never too late to get on a team either, so come when you can and enjoy the com radery. S.Hoyle

April 29, 2004

Mountaineer Barber		vs	IDPA Bunch	
Ted Greene	37		Gary Hoyle	33
Ken Ward	33		Wayne Green	43
Tom Pitts	42		W. McCracken	42
Jared Pitts	34		Tom Bennett	34
Howard Sutton	33		Sandy Hoyle	35
	<u>179</u>			<u>187</u>
Morgans Jewelry		vs	Northwest Opticians	
Morgan Shaw			Charles Harmon	41
Lloyd Poole	38		Randy Jones	43
George Sudderth	46		Jared Ward	44
Tom Smith	43		Worth Miller	38
Chris Shaw	39		Tom Shelley	41
Ed Younce	38		John Cutcliffe	47
	<u>204</u>			<u>216</u>

May 6, 2004

Mountaineer Barber		vs	Morgans Jewelry	
Ted Greene	44		Morgan Shaw	46
Ken Ward	42		Lloyd Poole	47
Tom Pitts	40		George Sudderth	45
Hub Powell	44		Tom Smith	41
Dempsey Allgood	40		Chris Shaw	41
	<u>210</u>		Ed Younce	35
				<u>220</u>
Northwest Opticians		vs	IDPA Bunch	
Charles Harmon	43		Gary Hoyle	35
Randy Jones	45		Wayne Green	49
Jared Ward	41		Sandy Hoyle	34
Worth Miller	47		W. McCracken	42
Tom Shelley	46		Tom Bennett	39
John Cutcliffe	44		Rick Oakes	39
	<u>225</u>			<u>210</u>

May 20, 2004

Mountaineer Barber		vs	Northwest Opticians	
Ted Greene	42		Charles Harmon	39
Tom Pitts	47		Randy Jones	41
Hub Powell	48		Worth Miller	40
Howard Sutton	37		Tom Shelley	48
Dempsey Allgood	33		John Cutcliffe	36
	<u>207</u>			<u>204</u>
Morgans Jewelry		vs	IDPA Bunch	
Morgan Shaw	48		Gary Hoyle	39
Lloyd Poole	43		Wayne Green	43
George Sudderth	48		Sandy Hoyle	39
Tom Smith	44		W. McCracken	46
Chris Shaw	44		Tom Bennett	49
Ed Younce	43		Matthew Horney	41
	<u>227</u>		Rick Oakes	43
				<u>222</u>

May 27, 2004

Mountaineer Barber		vs	IDPA Bunch	
Ted Greene	37		Gary Hoyle	33
Ken Ward	33		Wayne Green	43
Tom Pitts	42		W. McCracken	42
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And the results stack up this way at the end.

	Wins	Loses
Morgans Jewelry	4	2
Mountaineer Barber	2	4
Northwest Opticians	3	3
IDPA Bunch	3	3

In our humble opinion... not too shabby for pistoleros!

## IDPA

Busy with the new season! Good group of shooters coming out and new folks, too. Planning for the State Match in September is well underway and progressing nicely. Stages are in the planning processes and will be submitted to the IDPA Area Rep. soon for approval. The entries are coming in and we expect to have a super match again this year.

## HIGHPOWER

May 22, 2004 Match Results

The High Power Gang was back in action again as we hung through the heat and humidity for a great match. It was great to have Dan back with us again from his many travels. Jim Baugh came by from the eastern part of the state to shoot with us along with Stephen Hayes with his venerable M1 Garand. Deadeye Lunsford was gone to Butner so the rest of us had a chance. We had a great turnout of nine shooters along with a couple of visitors stopping by to ask when the next match was going to be held – new shooters on the horizon. Dan Flowers took the honors this match, congratulations Dan, but he had stiff competition with young and wily Patrick Northam chompin' at his heels. And the rest of the pack was very close at hand with the top five shooters only separated by 11 points!

We debuted our new 300 yard prone any rifle any sights just for fun match this Saturday. We had a blast with Dan Flowers taking the honors in this shoot as well. Feedback was very good and it appears we will include this at the conclusion of our High Power matches for any and all who want to come and give it a try. The match consists of a 5 minute sight in period followed by a 20 rounds in a 20 minute time limit from the prone position at the 300 yard line, any rifle, any sights. As a kicker, you can set up your chronographs to check your loads and an added prize will be awarded for the lowest ES and SD. All shooters are welcome whether new or veteran, just figuring another way to have some fun doing the thing we all love to do ... burn that powder! So come on out and join the fun and see if you can keep them in the "X" ring.

Results of the Modified National Match Course 60 shot 600 Aggregate

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Name	Class	Category	Aggregate
Dan Flowers	EX	Match	558-18x
Patrick Northam	EX	Service	555.5x
Barry Waits	EX	Service	553.9x
George Northam	EX	Service	549-5x
Reid Perry	MA	Match	547-9x
Don Keziah	SS	Service	525-5x
Jim Baugh	EX	Match	522-5x
Scott Holman	MK	Service	477-2x
Stephen Hayes	MK	Service	172-1x

Until next month, keep your powder dry and pray for sunshine and no wind.

"5 Ringer" Joe West

July club picnic - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Per first letter of last name,  
please bring -  
A - F Salad, Slaw or Beans  
G - L Desserts  
M - Z Drinks & Chips  
Thanks! See you there!

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