



Nitro Express

The Official Newsletter of Watauga Gun Club

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Club Meeting: 2/10/05

Glad you came! To those brave souls who came out to the last club meeting and didn't pay attention to the weather forecast. Indeed, by the time the meeting was over there was plenty of snow on the ground. Sixteen shooters shared the "warmth and comfort" of the Quonset Hut for the club match, Rim-fire Target Pistol, with some very good scores turned in. Results will be posted elsewhere in this letter. I encourage you to get involved in these club events. They are not restricted to club members. Bring your family and friends and prospective members.

I do not have the minutes of the meeting but will tell you what I remember.

Bryan Wood presented a outline for a Junior safety course for high school students, starting with a Hunter Safety class, followed with a basic gun safety and basic pistol and rifle classes in .22 rim-fire. This is an effort to get high school students involved in an activity other than what is available to them at the high school, hopefully in an area where they have an interest. We're hoping that the NRA will help us out with this program and thereby help the club in other ways. This would give club members another area to become involved in the club, too. Helping others for a good cause is always a good thing. There was much discussion on this subject.

We also discussed some of the work needed to be done for the upkeep of the club. Most notable is the severe

undercutting of the creek bank between the gate and the club house. The road is in danger and something needs to be done. A discussion, perhaps, for the next meeting. (March 10th)

Marvin Gragg promoted the 300-Yard Benchrest shoot (April 9th). This is a fun and interesting match. Come shoot and see what you can do, long-distance.

Morgan Shaw says the trap program is ready to go pending better weather. The trap clinic with the All American filled with shooters so is ready to run.

Joe West with several fellow High Power shooters spent a day getting their equipment ready and, of course, they had to try some of it out afterwards!

IDPA had about 20 come out for the annual Safety Officers class. A super turn out and a good time. Pistol shooters are gearing up for the new season. The March 19th match is a classifier with a shotgun side match.

Several new shooters were voted into the club and several members renewed their memberships.

Raffle ticket sales were good. We need to get a drive going to sell these tickets. We have just barely broken even on the cost of the tickets and the prize money. Now we need the profit! Come on out to the March meeting and get yours and pick up some to sell. The proceeds go to the improvements of the rifle range; a real benefit to the club. Tickets are six for \$5. The prize of \$300 cash to the winner will be drawn at the April club meeting if we sell enough tickets.

Club dues are due NOW. If you do not get the April newsletter, we don't have you listed as paid. This newsletter is the one we usually send the new gate code in, but due to the weather and illness, we have not been able to get all the records together to complete the membership list.

CLUB MATCHES

The March club match is .22 Target Rifle in the Quonset Hut.

Course of fire: 50 feet; any sights; A-17, 10 bull target; 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing in 10 minutes. One shot per bull for score. Sling allowed in the prone position.

If you do not care to shoot prone, you may choose sitting or kneeling for your second position; no sling allowed. The A-17, 10 bull target has a sighting target in the middle. This is a target rifle event, any rifle will do; any sight is allowed. There are rifles available if you do not have one.

Shooting starts at 5 pm.

Results of the February Club Match, .22 Target Pistol are as follows:

1	Gary Hoyle	268	2x
2	Doug Merkel	248	4x
3	Ted Greene	246	2x
4	Todd Walker	243	3x
5	Sandy Hoyle	243	
6	Tim Honeycutt	230	1x
7	Robert Niemi	197	
8	Bob Trivett	196	1x
9	Bryan Wood	143	1x
10	Charles Harmon	121	1x
11	Morgan Shaw	117	
12	James Henson	94	
13	Wayne Green	89	
Youth:	Jacob Greer	242	3x
	Hunter Greer	87	
	Chris Shaw	73	1x

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WORKDAY: February 12th

Was a bold blustery day! And, yes, several members came out. They did what they could and headed for home. And they got something done. There will be another day scheduled. What to do???

Trash on the range needs to be picked up at the ends of the berms and wherever. Signs need to be posted around the perimeter of the property. The gutter on the clubhouse needs to be repaired along with the fascia board. (Snow sliding off the roof.)

When the weather dries the berms need to be burned off. Is our club fireman reading this?

Weed and tree trimming along the river bank, from the gate in and down the side of the rifle range. Several downed trees on the west side of the rifle range could be cut up for firewood.

Target stands need to be repaired. (See Gary for materials.) Paint the roof of the benchrest shed and the tractor shed. The club house needs paint. If four or five painters will get in touch with me, we will set a date. Gerald Sparks requests that we use matching colors this time!

Some hemlocks or similar type hedge needs to be planted on our western boundary. If anyone can help us out on this let someone on the Executive Committee know.

There is plenty to do at your range. Team up with your shooting buddy and tackle a project. Have fun and take pride in what we have.

HIGH POWER

Come out and shoot the long yardage game that counts! Joe and the rest of the guys will make you feel right at home!

IDPA

IDPA starts off with a classifier match and a tactical shotgun side match. IDPA does it's every third Saturday through November. Come join the fun! Great practice for CCH holders.

SCHUTZEN VEREIN

This is .22 rimfire in the Quonset hut; any rifle or pistol. A NRA badge is possible, so come out and have fun. Contact Wayne Green or Michael Testerman or Gary Hoyle.

TRAP

Look for a pretty Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday afternoon and come out and shoot some clay targets. League shoots and spring & summer schedule starts in April.

CLUB WEBPAGE:

Check it out!
www.WataugaGunClub.com

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