

# Nitro Express

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## RANGE OFFICER'S REPORT

Range Officers Report .22 Sporter Revolver January 12, 2006  
Congratulations, Ted Greene first place, Todd Walker second place, Doug Merkel and Rick Oakes tied for third place.

1	Ted Greene	86	1-X
2	Todd Walker	80	
3	Doug Merkel	79	1-X
4	Rick Oakes	79	1-X
5	Charles Harmon	75	
6	Michael Testerman	72	2-X
7	Francis Greene	72	
8	David Coffey	69	1-X
9	Sandy Hoyle	68	
10	Vince Gable	68	
11	Dan Smith	67	3-X
12	David Hollis	67	1-X
13	Lloyd Poole	65	
14	Joe Moody	65	
15	David Williams	64	
16	Wayne Green	51	1-X
17	Bryan Wood	50	
18	Cindy Donald	48	1-X
19	David Bowers	44	
20	Tom Bennett	41	
21	Fred Stahl	20	
22	Wilson Greene	10	

The Club match for February will be .22 Target Pistol

Distance	50 feet
Firearm	Any .22 caliber target pistol or revolver with a two pound minimum trigger pull, a barrel length not of nor over ten inches, and a sight radius of not over ten inches.
Sights	No Restrictions
Ammunition	.22 caliber short, long or long rifle
Target	B-2 Slow-fire and B-3 Timed and rapid-fire
Procedure	All shots shall be taken standing and employing the off hand position (one hand, one arm).
First course of fire	Slow-Fire: 10 shots within ten minutes on the B-2 Target
Second course	Timed-Fire: Two five round strings, 20 seconds per string on the B-3 Target.
Third course	Rapid-Fire: 2 five round strings, 10 seconds per string on the B-3 Target

Malfunctions shall cause the complete re-firing of the 5-shot timed and or rapid-fire strings, or all three sequences, if more appropriate. Ties shall be resolved in favor of the shooter having the highest rapid-fire score. Each shooter must call his target before firing for record and have it witnessed.

There will be a ten minute sight in period at the start of each squad's course of fire. The match will start at 5: PM on Thursday the 9th of February. Loaner guns will be available. SAFTEY FIRST, all persons taking part in the match or observing must have eye and ear protection.

You can come out and practice for this match on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM during the Shutzen Verein in the Quonset hut.

## PRESS RELEASES

### IDPA

On January 21, 2006; the Watauga Gun Club held it's monthly I.D.P.A. shooting match. I.D.P.A. stands for the International Defensive Pistol Shooting Association. This Association is a group that promotes "defensive pistol shooting as a sport using practical equipment (guns regularly used for self defense) including full charge ammunition to solve simulated real world self defense scenarios."

Handguns are divided into five divisions. These are Custom Defensive Pistol (.45 caliber single action semi-automatic pistols) Stock Service Pistols (double action semi-automatic pistols) Enhanced Service Pistols (Single action semi-automatic pistols of other caliber's than .45), Stock Service Revolver (revolvers that are reloaded by other means than a "moon clip", and Enhanced Service Revolver (revolvers that are reloaded by means of a "moon clip". Each division has five classifications within it. These are Novice, Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert, and Master.

The January Match is known as the Winter Pistol Frolic as it has never been canceled due to weather. It has been held in every weather condition imaginable. This year thirty-nine shooters competed under cool, rainy conditions. The match consisted of seven stages or scenarios. Division and Class Winners are: CDP Master – Rick Oakes; CDP Expert – Doyle Ward; CDP Sharpshooter – Gregg Young; CDP Marksman – Rodney Harris; CDP Novice – Rebecca Schaffer; ESP Expert – Steve Byerly; ESP Sharpshooter – Wayne Green; ESP Marksman – Matthew Horney; SSP Master – Todd Walker; SSP Expert – Rodney Waiser; SSP Sharpshooter - Bruce Hurt; SSP Marksman – Mack Langford; SSP Novice – Jared Schaffer; and SSR Marksman – Tim Honeycutt. (excerpt from press notice sent to papers)

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Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual winter pistol frolic was well attended. There were 39 shooters who braved the weather reports to come out and shot. If we could not have sunshine we could do with mild temperatures and light rain. There were 7 stages with around 80 rounds for the match. Several people had input on stage design and set up. The stages had lots of movement with plenty of targets to choose from. Wayne's stage was inspired from a recent trip to the big city. It was based on a situation while putting gas in your car. The shoot house was set up with several find and shoot targets. The plate rack was part of one stage and everyone seems to enjoy steel targets.

Our side match was combat shotgun. There were two stages. The first was 3 rounds on the plate rack. Seven shots maximum per string. Shoot the plates as fast as you can was the idea. Steve Byerly was the inspiration for this stage. The shooters really enjoyed watching Steve and Todd Walker shoot so fast. The second stage was an all steel stage with six reactive targets. Again we were amazed at the speed Steve and

Todd shot so many rounds. Humphrey Hays won overall. There is something to be said for hitting your target in a timely fashion!

In February there is going to be a IDPA Safety Officers Clinic. We will start off with breakfast at 8 AM. Class starts around 9 AM. Lunch will be served around noon. The purpose of the class is to get everyone on the "same page" so to speak and to have a training time for the new SO as well as a refresher for the older SO. We can use your support in this way, both at Boone and Foothills. Let me know if you are able to come so we know how many to cook for. There is no charge for the course or the meals but tips are accepted.

The State Championship preparations are ahead of schedule. We are having good response from our mailings and E-mails. Plan to attend, to shoot or help out on the first weekend in October.

### Upcoming Events

- .22 Target Pistol match in the Hut on the February Club meeting night.
- NRA Range Officer Class on FEB 11. Breakfast at 9:00 at club. Must be pre-registered.
- IDPA Match (Safety Officer Class) FEB 18 Breakfast at 8:00
- TRAP Contact Tommy Pitts at [watco\\_top@yahoo.com](mailto:watco_top@yahoo.com) to be notified about shooting on Sundays if the weather is good.

### Agenda for the next meeting

We will discuss the motions made concerning the Shooter of the Year program and the club matches. I do not know if we can vote on these motions at this meeting or not because the bylaws indicate the motion has to be advertised in the newsletter for 30 days prior to the vote. If this is the case, then we would have to wait until the March meeting because the newsletter could not have been sent 30 days prior to the February meeting.

I assume there will be discussion about the news item listed below.

Discussion will be addressed about presenting a positive public image for the Club and the means to do so. We will also discuss possible community service items we can do.

### News

Some people that apparently bought one of the spec houses from the guy that wrote one of the letters to the paper wanting the gun club to shut down or move have sent a survey and an invitation to join a community action group to the property owners in the area. This action group is apparently being formed to try to find some way to shut the club down. The survey seems to be trying to gather information that the club has expanded its shooting and thus expanded the noise made. This would be the only action in which the Range Protection Act would not protect us from noise or nescience law suits. The letter also says they are going to investigate other environmental issues. As we have had all of our current programs for years, there would seem to be little to worry about in the noise department. Their letter and survey will be available for review and discussion at the meeting. Wayne

### And The Last Word Goes To:

We have a unique opportunity. One of our long time members is running for Sheriff. Joe Moody retired as a Captain from the Watauga County Sheriff's Department. At the urging of past Sheriff Red Lyons and others, Joe has decided to run for the office. Joe has been a member of the Watauga Gun Club for years. He conducts Hunter Safety Classes and Carrying Concealed Weapons classes. He shoots in many of the Club Matches, the trap league, and shoots IDPA matches. He was the firearms instructor for the Sheriff's Department even after he retired. I believe Joe also helps with Basic Law Enforcement Training instruction at Caldwell Community College. I have personally heard him voice very logical pro-gun arguments in conversations with gun-control advocates both in the Sheriff's Department and other places. When Joe becomes Sheriff, it will be the best thing that could happen for the Watauga Gun Club; especially when you consider the problems that we might have with some of our neighbors that want us gone. I can foresee us having to have a deputy remove people from our property. I believe each of the shooting disciplines has had the experience of someone showing up and demanding we stop a match. If you are eligible to do so, I would strongly urge you to vote for Joe in the primary and then in the general elections. Please understand this is my opinion and not the official opinion of the Club. Wayne

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