

Nitro Express

Official Newsletter of Watauga Gun Club

May 8, 2006

Wayne Green, Publicity Officer

Minutes from last meeting:

See the website. The minutes of previous meetings are posted on the website for members to view who have paid the club dues and received the gate code. www.wataugagunclub.com

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I just wanted to express my thanks for the WONDERFUL job our volunteers did last weekend! They went to work with weed eaters and chainsaws, hauled brush and trash and made a difference. I think this is the best the club has looked EVER!!!! Thank You:

Bob Trivett
Craig Trivett
Steven Trivett
Joe Trivett
Jason Trivett
Mike Miller

I hope everyone will come out and see what a great job they did, and that it will inspire more members to participate.

Tom Smith, WGC President

RANGE OFFICER'S REPORT

APRIL CLUB MATCH: .22 Target Rifle at 50 yards;
Standing and Prone positions.

	Prone		Standing		TOTAL	
Lloyd Poole	96	3	78		174	3
Doug Merkel	93	1	80		173	1
Todd Walker	96	2	73		169	2
Alan Burchell	79		78		157	0
Jeff Foster	84		73		157	0
Ted Greene	73	2	73		146	2
Rick Oakes	90	1	55		145	1
Sandy Hoyle	89		49		138	0
Bryan Wood	84		52		136	0
Charles Harmon	83		52		135	0
Tom Bennett	70		61		131	0
F. Greene	65		43		108	0
Vince Gable	56		48		104	0

MAY CLUB MATCH: Big Bore Pistol; Slow fire,
rapid fire, timed.

	25 yds		50 yds.		TOTAL	
Ted Greene	174		59	1	233	1
Sandy Hoyle	160	3	68		228	3
Todd Walker	172	3	56		228	3
Steve Byerly	154	1	74		228	1
Lloyd Poole	167		58	1	225	1
Gary Hoyle	161	1	54		215	1
Vince Gable	141	2	71		212	2
Doug Merkel	154		46		200	0
Robert Niemi	129	1	50		179	1
Gary Lindabury	133		16		149	0
Bryan Wood	114		32		146	0
Rick Oakes	108		28		136	0
Tom Bennett	96		20		116	0
Wayne Green	99	2	12		111	2
Marc McCachren	92		17		109	0
Charles Harmon	17		5		22	0

IDPA REPORT

May 20, 2006: IDPA pistol match with a shotgun side match. Plenty of good practice for concealed carry folks or for IDPA regulars getting ready for the major matches coming up or those who just like to shoot scenario matches or like to come out and play with their friends. Whatever your reason, come out and join the fun!

Third Saturday each month through September. The NC 2006 State IDPA Championship will be held on the first Saturday instead of the third so we can avoid local touristy events and ASU football games.

TRAP REPORT

Trap May 8, 2006

Well from the feel of things trap is cranking up and is in full swing. Wayne has called and asked for something for the news letter.

The one and most important item I want to bring up is the Trap Team Leagues. There has been just a little confusion as to when it will start. The Leagues will start next Thursday night 18th of May and will run for nine weeks for the summer. This was done so that we would be in a little warmer weather.

So anyone that wants to shoot on a team and be a part of the Trap Leagues needs to come out the 18th and get on a team, or let me or Morgan know.

The ATA is up and going wide open. We had our first match in April. Had a great turn out in the face of some heavy winds. I think the wind blew the whole date and stayed at a steady 30 mph. But the sun was out and the numbers were good for the first shoot. Then this past weekend we had our second ATA match. Saturday was just great one of the finest days we've had for trap shooting this year. We had a turn out of around 27 shooters and had great time. But Sunday was a wash and I do mean a wash. We had two shooters that made the drive up and we ended up watching the rain and temp fall.

Tom Pitts

Upcoming Events

- Big bore pistol match on Club meeting night May 11th.
- First team trap league shoot May 18th., second May 25
- May IDPA Match May 20th.
- NRA High Power match May 27
- Concealed carry class May 26 & 27. Legal stuff Friday pm, Safety and shooting Saturday am.
- There will be no ATA trap shoot in June because of conflicts with the State Shoot.

News

Arizona Senate is considering a bill that would allow people to carry concealed in a restaurant.

Senate backs allowing guns in restaurants
Associated Press
May. 2, 2006 04:31 PM

Resurrecting an issue that led to a veto last year, the Senate on Tuesday voted to let people carry guns in restaurants with liquor licenses.

The Senate voted to attach the guns measure to a House-approved bill (SB2740) to make it easier for restaurants to keep their liquor licenses even if their percentage of food sales falls below required levels.

Gov. Janet Napolitano on April 25, 2005, vetoed a bill that would have allowed people to carry guns in bars and restaurants if they weren't drinking and if the establishment didn't post notices banning firearms.

The new version would apply only to restaurants but, like the 2005 version, would prohibit a person from drinking alcohol while possessing a weapon.

Republican Sen. Jack Harper of Surprise said he opposed the restaurant license bill but saw it as opportunity to resurrect the weapons measure.

Supporters of the weapons measure contend it bolsters the rights of law-abiding citizens to carry guns and to defend themselves while in the establishment or while entering or leaving it.

Critics said it could lead to confrontations in bars and hikes in insurance premiums for the businesses.

The 2005 legislation was supported by the National Rifle Association and opposed by law enforcement organizations and groups representing cities and operators of bars, restaurants and hotels.

(Wouldn't it be nice if North Carolina legislature thought that you had as much right to defend yourself and your family in a restaurant as the people do that want to drink beer , wine, and liquor with their meals and then go out to their cars and drive home under the influence? How about in a movie theater? Why are you guilty until proven innocent?)

For sale, lost, found, want to buy

Men's ring found. Go by Morgan's Jewelry on the N.C. 105 Extension and describe it to get it back.

And The Last Word Goes To:

I was not at the workday on the 27th because I was out of town. I would like to thank the people that came and busted their butts cleaning up the range. It looks like a different place. You all deserve a big "ThataBoy" and a cup of coffee (hopefully made by someone other than Tom Bennett). Now for my usual editorial drivel.

The people that want to ban our guns never stop. This means we can't either. Sometimes trying to fight this never ending battle gets discouraging. You just want to quit and rest a while. The problem is, you can not afford to do this. Whenever I get down about things like this, I think about people that have done the impossible by never giving up and doing what has to be done. Lewis "Chesty " Puller is a prime example. Puller commanded the 1st. Marine Division during the retreat from the Chosin Reservoir on the Yalu River during the Korean War. His attitude and perseverance should be an example to us all.

When the Marines were cut off behind enemy lines and the Army had written the 1st Marine Division off as being lost because 22 enemy divisions surrounded the Marines, the Marines got discouraged. Then they got depressed. Then they got mad. (As the saying goes, depression is anger without the enthusiasm.) They made it out while inflicting the highest casualty ratio on an enemy in history and destroying 7 entire enemy divisions in the process. They brought their wounded, dead, and much of their equipment with them in sub-zero weather. An enemy division was 16500+ men while a Marine division was 12500 men.

I have found four versions of Puller's comments about an apparently hopeless situation.

"We're surrounded. That simplifies the problem."

- Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC

"All right, they're on our left, they're on our right, they're in front of us, they're behind usthey can't get away this time"

- Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC

"They are in front of us, behind us, and we are flanked on both sides by an enemy that outnumber us 29:1. They can't get away from us now!"

- Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC

"We're surrounded. The poor bastards. They can't get away"

- Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC

When it comes to defending your rights to keep your firearms, defend yourself, and enjoy the shooting sports, never give up. If it takes getting mad to motivate yourself, then get mad.

Wayne Green

P.S. Dave Richardson just sent me an email that explains the difference in how pro-gun people and anti-gun people have their beliefs reported in the press. "Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines." This kind of reflects how the press reports on the two sides of the issue. Maybe the anti-gun bias is weasel professional courtesy.

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