

Nitro Express

Official Newsletter of Watauga Gun Club

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This newsletter and the new gate code are changed for all renewed members for 2007.
The treasurer asks that you attend an upcoming meeting and collect your new card. The next meeting is May 10, 2007.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Range Use Committee consisted of Chair - Wayne Greene & Members Mike Testerman & Vince Gable

Report:

Individual members bring guests to the range should only bring the number they can adequately supervise. Members are responsible for their guests and are required to insure that all range rules are followed including, but not limited to, eye and ear protection for every individual.

Groups

All non-profit, i.e., Boy Scouts, etc. are required to be supervised by at least one WGC member in good standing. Depending on the number of participants, additional WGC members, preferable Range Safety Officers, should be asked to assist. All range rules are to be strictly adhered to.

All for profit groups are required to pay the WGC a sum of at least \$10.00 per participant, per day. Additional charges for equipment and supplies will be assessed depending on the event and usage. For profit is defined as, any activity in which a fee is charged or the person or entity conducting the event gets remunerated in anyway including corporate good-will.

In the event that any group is desiring to use the WGC facilities the WGC website calendar will be checked for conflicts and the event scheduled at least 30 days in advance.news

PRESS RELEASES

**From Grass Roots North Carolina – <http://www.grnc.org>
<http://www.grnc.org/alerts/>**

"Stolen Gun" Bill Would Prosecute VICTIMS!

It's already law in NY, MA, OH, D.C., and RI, Are we next? Properly called "The Prosecute Lawful Gun Owners Act," the bill would:

- > Give you only 48 hours to file separate reports for each firearm stolen.
- > Cover not only known, but also unknown losses. For instance, if you have your gun safe cleaned out by a burglar and you report the 30 guns you remember, but there was that one you forgot you had, you could be held liable for that one because you "reasonably should have known" it was stolen.
- > Virtually require you to retain a pistol purchase permit for each handgun stolen, creating a new pathway to handgun registration.

Will you let this happen? While anti-gun lobbyists for North Carolinians "Against Gun Violence," may not have yet found a politician to introduce the bill, in the current "Victim Disarmament Session" of the legislature, they probably will.

Sutton At It Again With 'GUN BUYER REGISTRATION ACT!'

[Analysis] In the 2005 session of the NC General Assembly, your overwhelming input with crucial in killing a bill GRNC dubbed "The Gun Buyer Registration Act." As is so often the case with gun control bills, however, the bill has risen from the dead this year as HB 1287, sponsored by the usual suspects: Reps. RONNIE SUTTON (D-Robeson, GRNC 1-star), PRICEY HARRISON (D-Guilford, GRNC 0-star), MAGGIE JEFFUS (D-Guilford, 0-star) and VERLA INSKO (D-Guilford, 0-star).

Ironically, although the bill is entitled "Report Denial of Some Pistol Permits," it actually registers ALL denials, even for the arbitrary reasons described below.

IF PASSED, HB 1287 WOULD:

Ø REGISTER anyone who is denied a pistol purchase permit by his sheriff into a DATABASE with the State Bureau of Investigation.

Ø Keep the denial in the SBI database for 8 YEARS.

Ø Require the denial to appear in all subsequent records checks.

SHERIFFS HAVE BROAD LATITUDE IN DENYING PERMITS:

Unlike concealed handgun permits, which are "sheriff shall issue," sheriffs have broad latitude in denying pistol purchase permits. Reasons for which sheriffs may deny permits under G.S. 14-404--beyond finding a criminal background--include:

Ø Limiting number of permits issued per year.

Ø Deciding that you are not of "good moral character."

Translation: Let's say you are a resident of Durham County, where the sheriff demands you bring someone to attest to your "character." Let's say you make the application but are unable (or unwilling) to provide the "character witness." Or perhaps you forgot that you had already been issued as many purchase permits as the sheriff decides you ought to have, and you submit another. Congratulations. In either case, you would now be enshrined in the SBI database.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED Chairman Rep. Sutton

Vice Chairman Rep. Daughtry

Vice Chairman Rep. Faison

Vice Chairman Rep. R. Warren

Members Rep. Almond, Rep. Cotham, Rep. Fisher, Rep. Haire, Rep. Jeffus, Rep. Lewis, Rep. Michaux, Rep. Tillis, Rep. Underhill, Rep. Walend, Rep. Wiley

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

> E-MAIL all members of the NC House using our auto-emailer: <http://gnc.org/alerts/autoemail.htm>

> CALL your NC House representative: To find your rep, go to: http://www.gnc.org/contact_reps.htm

You may write your federal congressman by going here:

<http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

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Support these PRO RKBA merchants who, as GRNC sponsors, are supporting your Second Amendment rights:

Hyatt Coin & Gun Shop, 3332 Wilkinson Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28208, 704-663-5656, www.hyattguns.com

Duncan Gun & Pawn, 414 Second St., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659, 336-667-6303, www.duncangun.com

Shooter's Express, 2 Caldwell Dr., Belmont, NC 28012, 800-358-GUNS, www.shootersexpress.com

The Aisle Pawn Shop, 216 N. Main St., Mooresville, NC 28115, 704-663-5656

Gunner's Alley, LLC, 200 Parkthrough St., Cary, NC 27511, www.gunnersalley.com, 919-388-1991, contact: Ed Gurearo, ed@gunnersalley.com

From Gun Owners of America – <http://www.gunowners.org/>

Gun Owners of America Legislative Alert

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Aftermath Of Tragedy: GOA Defending Freedom see <http://www.gunowners.org/a041707.htm>
The overall message that GOA is delivering is that gun prohibitions are part of the problem, not the solution.

“We can expect some forms of new gun control to be pushed in the U.S. Congress. The Democrats control Congress, but more importantly, anti-gun politicians control the Democrat party. If House Speaker Nancy Pelosi -- certainly no friend of gun owners -- gives free rein to virulently anti-gun House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers (D-MI), literally anything can make it to the floor of the full House”

Find out who and how to contact your representatives at <http://www.gunowners.org/activism.htm>

IDPA REPORT

IDPA matches are held on the third Saturday each month.

Is the shooter ready? STANDBY!

TRAP REPORT

Trap is holding practice sessions Tuesday and Thursday night through April. The Leagues will begin on Thursday Night - May 3!!!
Also: Due to the cost of everything going up so does the cost of a little fun. \$3.50 a round for practice and league. Team trap and ATA starts in May.

Upcoming Events

Due to high wind the April match will also be shot at the May meeting.

1. April
.22 Target Rifle 50 yards; any sights; A-23, 4 Bull target; 10 shots in 10 minutes standing, limit 3 shots per bull; 10 shots in 10 minutes prone, limit 3 shots per bull. Slings may be used in the prone position only.
2. May
Big Bore Pistol 25 yards and 50 yards; any handgun .32 caliber or larger; iron sight division and enhanced sight division; B-6 and B-8 target; 10 shots, 10 minutes at 50 yards (Slow Fire); 2 five round strings, 10 seconds per string at 25 yards (Rapid Fire); standing, offhand position.

Agenda for the next meeting

No news

For Sale: postings have to be renewed to stay in the next newsletter

Email the publicity officer if you have any items for sale or looking to buy.

And The Last Word Goes To

Thomas Bennett, Publicity Officer

All our prayers go out to the students, staff, faculty, and especially victims and parents of the victims of the shooting at Virginia Tech. Already the debates have started between defenders of our constitution and the anti-gun liberal left. This is an extreme case to support law abiding gun owners, especially conceal carry permit owners, to retain their “inalienable right” to carry his or her gun on campus. The conceal carry law in North Carolina and other states provide for the individual to NOT have a right to protect his or herself on at or near an educational institution. If any of these faculty or staff at VT were allowed this constitutional right there may have been fewer children and adults of the 32 victims that were killed. The “Fair and Balanced” Fox TV was the only network to keep up with the facts as the day moved forward. Watching the news on MSNBC TV tonight displayed the idiocy of these anti-gunners to think that repressing legal gun owners will control violence is as idiotic as thinking that if we are kind to the radical muslim terrorists violence would be suppressed, ... give me a break! Cho Seung-Hui was not a citizen although he was a legal alien.

Mark Smith, Expert in Federal Gun Law, “Criminals will illegally get guns...The government is not there to protect us, we

have to protect ourselves” was interviewed by O'Reilly. “ You are never going to change the gun laws in America”, says Rosie O'Donnell, ... thank God! I never thought I could positively quote Rosie. “Rosie doesn't want others to have guns but her entourage can”, Bernard Goldberg [Crazies to the left of me, wimps to the right](#) is his book. “The far left and middle left are coming closer together”, says Goldberg.

It has been statistically proven that removing guns from the law abiding citizens crime increases:

<http://www.nra.org/Issues/FactSheets/Read.aspx?id=30&issue=015>

Oversight Hearing on the District of Columbia's Gun Control Laws - In D.C., crime has risen significantly since the gun ban went into effect. http://www.aei.org/publications/pubID.22768/pub_detail.asp

You can find many more examples.

Repeat

The Watauga Gun Club Newsletter is a monthly publication. After this month the newsletter will only be mailed to those that cannot get out of their home and to those that pay for a subscription to cover publishing and postal costs. Those that cannot get out of their home include those who have had their membership fee waived according to the WGC bylaws and lifetime members. All others that wish to receive a paper copy by postal mail will need to send a check to the Treasurer, Walter McCracken (address below), for \$10 a year indicating that the payment is for the newsletter. The costs for sending out printed copies can exceed \$1000.00 per year, this is the cost of 10 membership fees. This is being done because it is unfair to those that pay for your newsletter where those individuals access the newsletter online. Those that access the newsletter online do not put additional costs on the club because their finances have been put into their online access, computer, printer, paper, and charge for power. The North Carolina Congress has passed legislation that allows you to access the Internet through public and institutional libraries free. At these libraries you may have to pay for printing but this is much less than people who have their own home Internet access to our newsletter. Any questions regarding this change may be addressed to the Publicity Officer.

Work cards will not be mailed out. You can pick up a work card in the office the first time you are out here to work. Members that do not turn in work cards in December will be charged \$50.00 for 0 hours worked.

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