

Nitro Express

Official Newsletter of Watauga Gun Club 2009

January/February

By Mike Suddreth

2008 is the year the people of the United States of America wanted and demanded change. The voters of North Carolina helped to do just that. President Barack Hussein Obama II is now our 44th President and all of North Carolina's electoral votes helped to get President Obama elected. North Carolina is now a "Blue" state to everyone across America. That means everyone across the United States and the world views North Carolina as a liberal and progressive state for living ...from a political point of view.

The good news for everyone who voted is that the change everyone wanted is definitely on the way. Early indicators have given me and others a strong image of what to expect in the coming months and years. The U.S. Constitution appears to mean nothing to many North Carolina voters and the U.S. Constitution means even less to our elected officials, but I refuse to surrender and join the feeble minds that want to give up everything just to get their "federal entitlements".

Now is the time to stand up and believe in something and fight for what you know is right. In case you have not guessed by now ... I did not vote for President Barack Hussein Obama and I did not vote for Senator Kay Hagan. I'm sure that many reading this can say the same ... many might say that I'm preachin' to the choir ... and I say, "Good!"

My goal is simple, to get others to do whatever they can to get more people interested in what Watauga Gun Club members enjoy.

"Nothing" is the worst thing you can do right now. Every member can do something, such as:

1. Have someone join the NRA or Grass Roots North Carolina (GRNC.org)
2. Take someone hunting this season
3. Convince friends/family to apply for a Concealed Carry Permit
4. Attend fundraisers for outdoors programs or youth shooting programs
5. Take a hunter safety course/hunting license
6. Take someone to a gun show/gun store
7. Volunteer a few hours to teach a young mind the joy of shooting
8. Etc.

Any action you decide to do will be helpful. Gun owners have had it easy these last few years. Legislation has helped to clarify some grey areas, let's not give up any progress made for 2nd Amendment rights. Become active and aware of currently elected officials. Let them know, without a doubt, where you stand on the 2nd Amendment. Elected officials fear losing their power and will do anything to keep it. Let's use that fear to our advantage. **"I want change I can believe in!"**

-- Mike Suddreth



2009 WGC Election Results

WATAUGA GUN CLUB: 2009

Executive Committee

Joe Moody – President
Walter McCracken – Treasurer
Tom Bennett – Range Officer
Mike Suddreth – Publicity Officer

Gary Hoyle – Vice-President
Bryan Wood – Secretary
Rickey Oakes – Chief Instructor
Robert Niemi – Membership Coordinator

2007/2008 Executive Committee & Disciplines

Special thanks needs to go out to everyone from the previous Executive Committee and disciplines for making Watauga Gun Club a current success. WGC Membership is at the highest level, the treasurer reports the largest surplus in recent memory and event attendance remains impressive each month. Keep up the great work everyone ... "If it's not broke, then don't fix it!" **"Thank You Ladies and Gentlemen!"**

Winter Frolic 2009

WGC 2009 Winter Frolic Pistol Match						# shooters:				24
Division	Class	Shooter	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	
CDP	Master	Alvan Cruz	229.38	51.67	62.33	27.59	22.12	33.61	32.06	
	Expert	Robert Niemi	168.51	44.13	43.33	20.11	11.72	25.48	23.74	
	Sharpshooter	Frank Phillips	219.66	47.90	45.71	33.84	39.77	26.52	25.92	
	Marksman	Jeff Neal	245.41	50.33	57.83	46.05	41.69	23.74	25.77	
	Novice	Marc McCachren	223.18	58.98	46.52	33.30	27.72	26.08	30.58	
			Bob Perrenoud	343.01	93.39	65.16	39.68	44.31	55.32	45.15
ESP	Master	Brian Traynor	122.94	31.17	29.30	15.88	11.36	14.87	20.36	
		Matthew Horney	153.26	34.93	34.60	29.65	12.33	26.26	15.49	
		John Anderson	155.77	35.87	34.12	31.11	14.25	23.67	16.75	
		Michael Testerman	201.54	30.95	50.13	27.17	40.11	27.06	26.12	
	Sharpshooter	Greg Beavers	146.64	33.44	36.30	24.73	13.57	22.32	16.28	
		Steve Byerly	154.14	36.34	32.74	25.28	27.05	18.21	14.52	
	Marksman	Tom Bennett	304.61	55.11	71.32	38.12	55.01	56.58	28.47	
SSP	Master	Todd Walker	129.08	28.59	30.92	28.21	11.00	15.74	14.62	
		Luke Cox	192.53	45.79	42.74	27.12	27.11	28.02	21.75	
		Jacob Young	196.85	44.29	51.07	27.71	29.97	20.15	23.66	
		Marty Cox	220.05	64.92	61.04	23.45	21.43	26.80	22.41	
	Expert	David Weston	125.85	38.69	29.80	17.30	9.57	14.24	16.25	
		Tim Honeycutt	197.86	39.75	47.89	32.69	22.20	28.42	26.91	
	Sharpshooter	Bob DeSanto	171.76	37.94	40.65	24.74	24.54	25.59	18.30	
		Michael Suddreth	177.74	36.16	46.20	24.82	25.78	26.25	18.53	
		Joe Billings	195.99	38.61	48.16	38.26	25.47	27.20	18.29	
		Marksman	Bryan Wood	200.53	50.21	43.34	27.85	33.25	26.02	19.86
ESR	Marksman	Doug Merkel	188.11	38.32	44.07	28.48	22.92	29.90	24.42	

*** It should be noted that at start time the temperature was 19°F and only got as high as 33°F.

January & February 2009 Club Matches

January 2009 .22 Revolver Match
Shot on 12 Feb 2009

			x's
1	Joe Moody	93	4
2	Tim Honeycutt	93	2
3	Steve Byerly	89	1
4	Todd Walker	87	1
5	Doug Merkel	86	1
6	Wayne Phillips	85	1
7	Lloyd Poole	84	1
8	Ted Greene	78	3
T 9	Mike Suddreth	77	
T 9	Vince Gable	73	
11	Chad Pitts	73	
12	Robert Niemi	67	
13	David Williams	61	1
14	Ben Bosworth	59	
15	Truby Proctor	56	
16	Tom Bennett	53	
17	Jacob Young	49	
18	Wayne Green	14	
19	Wayne Caudill	13	
20	Van Joffrion	5	

February 2009 .22 Pistol Match Shot on 12 Feb 2009

		Slow	Timed /Rapid		
	NAME	SCORE	SCORE	TOTAL	X's
1	Todd Walker	88	181	269	2
2	Ted Greene	79	174	253	1
3	Lloyd Poole	71	176	247	3
4	Doug Merkel	68	171	239	3
5	Steve Byerly	65	169	234	1
6	Tim Honeycutt	75	153	228	
7	Wayne Phillips	72	140	212	
8	Robert Niemi	56	149	205	1
9	Ben Bosworth	57	136	193	1
10	Joe Moody	45	147	192	
11	Mike Testerman	58	131	189	
12	Tom Bennett	47	110	157	
13	Jacob Young	60	93	153	
14	Mike Suddreth	48	104	152	
15	Fred Stahl	26	125	151	
16	Vince Gable	71	76	147	2
17	Truby Proctor	54	65	119	1
18	Rickey Oakes	27	88	115	
19	Van C Joffrion	29	70	99	
20	Dean Melton	0	84	84	
21	William Dethlefs	4	38	42	
22	Wayne Green	DNF	14	INC	

History & Events

A little Gun History Lesson

> In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control. From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

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> In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

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> Germany established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated

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> China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

- > Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
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- > Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
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- > Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million 'educated' people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
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- > Defenseless people rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control: 56 million.
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- > It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced by new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by their own government, a program costing Australia taxpayers more than \$500million dollars. The first year results are now in:
 - > Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2 percent
 - > Australia-wide, assaults are up 8.6 percent
 - > Australia-wide, armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent)!
 - > In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300 percent. Note that while the law-abiding citizens turned them in, the criminals *did not, and criminals still possess their guns!*
 - > It will never happen here? I bet the Aussies said that too!
 - > While figures over the previous 25 years showed a steady decrease unarmed robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upward in the past 12 months, since criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed.
 - > There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the ELDERLY. Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased, after such monumental effort and expense was expended in successfully ridding Australian society of guns.. The Australian experience and the other historical facts above prove it.
 - > You won't see this data on the US evening news, or hear politicians disseminating this information.
- > Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws adversely affect only the law-abiding citizens.
- > Take note my fellow Americans, before it's too late!
- > The next time someone talks in favor of gun control, please remind him of this history lesson.
- > With Guns.....We Are 'Citizens'.
- > Without Them.....We Are 'Subjects'.
- > During W.W.II the Japanese decided not to invade America because they knew most Americans were ARMED!
- > Note: Admiral Yamamoto who crafted the attack on Pearl Harbor had attended Harvard U 1919-1921 & was Naval Attaché to the U. S. 1925-28. Most of our Navy was destroyed at Pearl Harbor & our Army had been deprived of funding & was ill prepared to defend the country.
- > It was reported that when asked why Japan did not follow up the Pearl Harbor attack with an invasion of the U. S. Mainland, his reply was that he had lived in the U. S. & knew that almost all households had guns.

> Milton J Long

Upcoming Events at WGC

- **ATA** Practice starts every Tuesday & Thursday 5:00pm-9:00pm on March 31, 2009. ATA Match #1 on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Contact Tom Pitts 828-264-1578 or Morgan Shaw 828-297-3039
- **IDPA** Pistol Match on Saturday, March 21st. Side Match is the Classifier. 10am start. Contact Todd Walker 336-620-7061
- **NRA High Power** Saturday, March 28th 9:00am
*Must be signed in and ready before 9:00am
Contact Info: Steven Lunsford 828-559-0455
- **300yd Bench Rest** Contact Info:
Marvin Gragg 828-295-9965
mgmountainman@goboone.net
- **WGC Schutzen Verein** Rimfire Match #1
Tuesday, April 7th 5:00pm until done
Contact Mike Testerman 828-297-1897
(*Scheduled on 1st Tuesday of each month)
- **CCH Classes** *Gary & Sandy Hoyle;
March 13th 6-9pm/March 14th 9am-3pm
March 27th 6-9pm/March 28th 9am-3pm
** Joe Moody; March 14th 12:00pm-2:00pm

Watauga Gun Club 2009

RANGE HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Wednesday is from 8:00 A.M. To 12:00 P.M. if mowing is being done. Check with the person mowing to see if you can use the portions of the range where mowing has been completed. No Outdoor shooting is allowed after 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday. Sunday is from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Be sure to check by the two churches up the road to be sure they have finished their services before you start at 1:00 pm.

Scheduled events such as ATA Matches, High Power Matches, I.D.P.A. Matches, etc. and the monthly Club matches may run after 8:00 P.M. on any days other than Wednesday or Sunday. The entire range is closed during scheduled discipline events unless the discipline director agrees to open parts of it to the general membership for practice. The entire range is closed on the Thursday evening when the club match is being conducted. No exceptions. Read your club manual.

--- RANGE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY ---

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