

Nitro Express

Official Newsletter of Watauga Gun Club 2010

MARCH

By Mike Suddreth

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Hopefully the winter season has run its course this year and we can move ahead and enjoy spring. Another year of Hope & Change awaits!!!

Discipline directors need to get in the habit of periodically checking their mail trays/bins at the clubhouse. The correspondence trays/bins are located on the wall in the corner of the clubhouse office. A few trays are starting to fill.

Now that range conditions have thawed, members need to always make sure the front gate and clubhouse get closed & locked after leaving the gun club facilities. Please guard the gate code very carefully. Do not leave the code entered on the padlocks when entering and exiting the range. The range has been targeted by vandals and thieves over the winter months. Steel fixtures and target equipment have been noticed missing from the area. The vending machine and clubhouse were damaged after unsuccessful attempts to gain entry. During recent visits to the range in the last few weeks, some members may have noticed four newly placed motion activated flood lights in various locations. Hopefully this may help with future incidents. At the March Club meeting, the possible use of video recording devices had been suggested by Club VP Vince Gable. A few club members seemed to be knowledgeable about video surveillance equipment and its possible uses.

Doc Harmon, the Range Officer, has noticed members not using target stands properly. Members, please make sure your targets are attached to the stands so that your rounds impact the back of the bays and are not skipping across the ground of the bay in which you are shooting. If the target stands appear to be too short, members will have to move closer to the impact area at the back of the bay or come out one day and help build more target stands. Also the shooting bays are getting a lot of clutter and debris left behind. After visiting the range please try to leave things in better condition than how it was found. Everyone

appreciates the effort most members show when visiting the range, but it's always that select few that ruin everything for other members.

A "Ladies' Only Day" has been scheduled for May 29th, the last Saturday in May. Sandy and Gary Hoyle will sponsor the daylong session and plan to cover shooting basics, safe handling, self-defense techniques, and Q & A opportunities. The course is open to all ladies both club members and non-members from throughout the community.

New members not familiar with the current matches held at WGC may be ready to try the Gary Lindabury Experience! Club member Gary Lindabury has expressed a great interest in getting his version of a Ruger Rimfire Pistol Match started at WGC. The 2nd Saturday of each month has been left open without an NRA High Power sponsor. Gary is open to trying many types of rimfire disciplines over the course of the year. Silhouette, steel-type challenge, bullseye, etc. are all up for suggestion. No run-and-gun type stages are suggested yet. If you have any suggestions that you would like to run by Gary please send him a message at personalsoln@skybest.com.

Postage for newsletters last year really took a toll on funds. If you are a member with internet access please help the club save money on postage. Let's try to get away from so much snail-mail this year.

The club needs a favor. Over the years the club has accumulated paper file copies of past newsletters that were kept in the clubhouse. Someone has removed them. Please look through your personal files and see if you have a copy of previous letters that you would consider either giving or copying for inclusion in the club files. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

~~~ The Executive Committee



SPECIAL THANKS TO CLUB MEMBER **CRAIG TRIVETTE** WHO CLEARED THE SNOW ON THE RANGE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY SO WE COULD GET IN AND OUT. Great job, Craig! Everyone who suffered from cabin fever and were FINALLY able to get out to the range appreciate it greatly.



## Range Officer Report

By Charles Harmon

Contact: 828-406-3560(mobile) or 828-865-5410(store)

February 2, 2010

Results of January 14, 2010 club match: .22 Sport Revolver

| Shooter           | Score | X's |
|-------------------|-------|-----|
| Lloyd Poole       | 89    | 4   |
| Ted Greene        | 89    | 3   |
| Doug Merkel       | 88    | 1   |
| Wayne Phillips    | 86    | 0   |
| Michael Testerman | 84    | 1   |
| David Williams    | 81    | 0   |
| Vince Gable       | 79    | 0   |
| Tom Bennett       | 70    | 1   |
| Fred Oliver       | 49    | 0   |
| Charles Harmon    | 38    | 0   |
| Jeff Foster       | 35    | 0   |
| Gary Lindabury    | 19    | 0   |
| Wayne Green       | 8     | 0   |
| Mike Suddreth     | 0     | 0   |



For the benefit of our newer members, I was the Range Officer several years ago for 5 consecutive years. I was schooled in the drill of conducting matches by Ben Bosworth; a charter member of this club and life member emeritus and a captain in the Marine Corps Reserve who instructed trainees in marksmanship in WW-II and the Korean War. Though I am ex-Army, matches will be conducted by the corps drill as Bosworth taught. Results of the matches will be posted on the club bulletin board soon after the match and submitted to The Nitro Express and webmaster.

The January match started out the year with quite a good showing of shooters with three mad-dog shooters going at it fang 'n jowl for first place.

**RANGE ISSUES:** Most of the target stand uprights in the pistol bays have been shot down to stubs and when targets are attached to them bullets are impacting the ground instead of the bank in spite of posted signs stating **all bullets must impact the bank**. Until new uprights are installed on the target bases, shooters will need to furnish their own 8-foot uprights which can be attached to the bases with c-clamps, tape or screws. Shooting into the ground because the target stand was too short is no excuse for risking the club's existence.

The first IDPA match is coming up soon, so the target stands will have to be repaired by then. Speaking of which, since ammo is still scarce clever shooters buy obscure caliber ammunition then find a pistol chambered for it. Backward but effective.

### 2010 IDPA Schedule at WGC



**10:00a.m. Starts.**

**\$15 Match fee – \$5 fee Side Match**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – Classifier/Pistol**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – Shotgun Side Match**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – Rifle Side Match**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – Shotgun Side Match**

**July 17<sup>th</sup> – Rifle Side Match**

**August 21<sup>st</sup> – Shotgun Side Match**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> – Rifle Side Match**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> – Mountaineer IDPA Classic**

**\*\*\* Shotgun Side Match Notice: Bring plenty of birdshot and 10 slugs !!!**



**2010 ATA Schedule at WGC**

The Trap Discipline of Watauga Gun Club hosts  
ATA matches and a league match series.

Another "fun night" for club members is the informal Tuesday night shoots where unbroken birds are "recyled" at a reduced rate. Great practice prior to the Thursday night league matches! Proceeds go towards the trap programs expenses.

Practice sessions will be  
on each Tuesday and  
Thursday evening except  
on club meeting nights  
from April through  
October. Come out and  
join the fun!

**Morgan Shaw**  
**828-297-3039**  
**Tom Pitts**  
**828-264-1578**

**2010 ATA Dates**

|                                        |               |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>May 22</b>                          | <b>ATA #1</b> |
| <b>June 26</b>                         | <b>ATA #2</b> |
| <b>July 24 &amp; 25</b>                | <b>ATA #3</b> |
| <b>August 28 Glenn Miller Memorial</b> | <b>ATA #4</b> |
| <b>October 23</b>                      | <b>ATA #5</b> |



**Club League Matches: One long series! We will have nine club matches that will run thru July depending on the weather.**

**2010 Tactical Precision .22 Rimfire Rifle Schedule at WGC**

**TACTICAL PRECISION .22 RIMFIRE RIFLE**



**2010 MATCH SCHEDULE**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| <b>May 8</b>   | <b>June 12</b>   |
| <b>July 10</b> | <b>August 14</b> |

**Organized Sight-Ins from 10:00am-10:45am Matches will start at 11:00am Entry fee is \$5.00**  
**Contact Humphrey Hayes 828-297-7050 humphayes@skybest.com**

**More Information at: [www.6mabr.com/rimfirtactical.html](http://www.6mabr.com/rimfirtactical.html)**

## MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR TACTICAL PRECISION .22

- .22 LR Rimfire only. (With interest, .17 Rimfire and/or .22 RF Magnums could be grouped into their own class at a later date.)
- **SIGHTS:** *Scoped* (Iron sights will be disadvantaged)
- **ACTION:** Bolt Action repeater and Semi-Auto .22 RF Rifle.
- To be competitive, your rifle should be capable of shooting within 1" or less at 50 yards.
- Target ranges from 25 - 200 yards. The majority of targets are at 50 yards.
- A normal match is 2 boxes of ammo (100 rounds).
- Sample targets are found on the reverse of this page. Actual size targets can be downloaded from the above web address.
- Most shooting is done from the prone position with some stages sitting, kneeling or standing.
- **Additional gear needed:**
  - Eye and ear protection (mandatory)
  - Clear Chamber Safety Indicator (will be provided if you do not have one - mandatory)
  - Spare magazine(s)
  - Front rest allowed - Ruck Sack, Harris style bi-pod, crossed sticks, sling. Any of these of like variation.
  - Rest NOT allowed - 3-point mechanical rest. No rest under the rear of the weapon other than shooter body parts.
  - Spotting Scope (optional) & Shooting mat (optional)

Every match will have the following targets / stages as standard:

Cold Bore - 50 yards prone

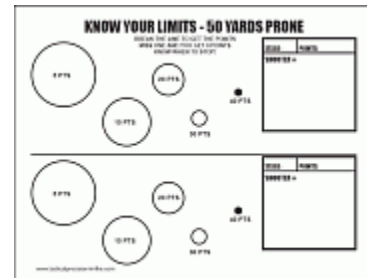
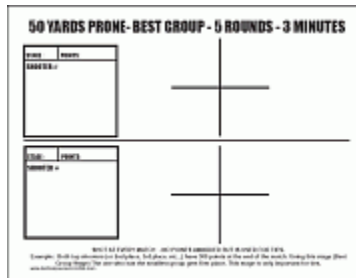
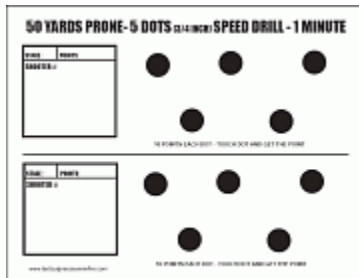
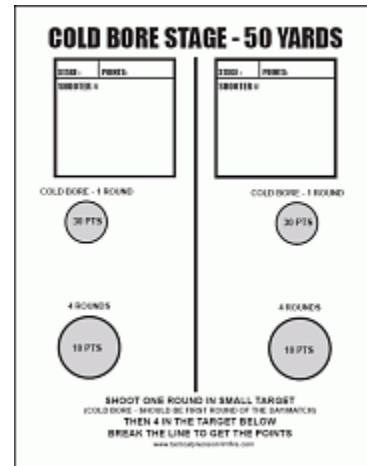
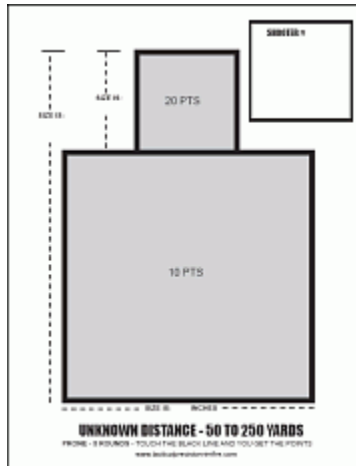
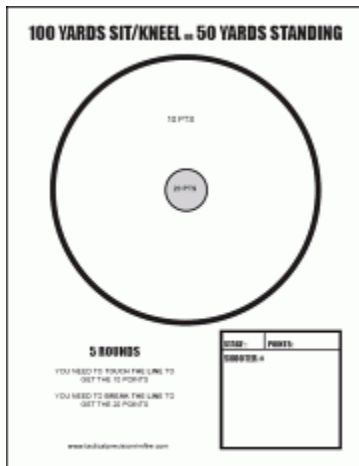
Speed Drill - 50 yards prone

Know Your Limits - 50 yards prone

Best Group - 50 yards prone

Speed Drill - 75 yards prone

Speed Drill - 100 yards prone



Additional but different targets / stages will be added in every match

## Upcoming Events at WGC

- **ATA** Practice on Tuesday nights. \$3 fee.  
Thursday nights Club League matches.  
ATA #1 Match Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.  
Contact Tom Pitts 828-264-1578  
or Morgan Shaw 828-297-3039.
- **Ruger Rimfire Pistol Matches** Paper & Steel.  
Scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.  
Shooters wanted and volunteers needed to help.  
Gary Lindabury: personalsoln@skybest.com
- **IDPA** Pistol match - Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
\$15 fee. 10am start. Shotgun side match. \$5 fee.  
Contact Wayne Green 828-963-5086.
- **Tactical Precision .22 Rimfire** May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Saturday 10am Sight-In. \$5 fee. 11am match start.  
Contact Humphrey Hayes 828-297-7050  
or email: humphayes@skybest.com
- **Club Match** Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
.22 Target Rifle 4:00pm-6:45pm Bay #2 at 50yds  
10 shots/10min standing & 10 shots/10min prone  
Contact: Charles Harmon 828-264-5410



- **139th NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits at the Charlotte Convention Center**  
**501 South College Street – Charlotte, NC**  
**Friday thru Sunday May 14-16, 2010**  
Exhibit Hours: Fri-Sat 9:00am-6:00pm  
& Sun 10:00am-5:00pm  
More Event Info: 1-877-800-4672
- **300yd Bench Rest** Upcoming Match Info:  
Dave Richardson 336-372-5873  
dw\_richardson@hotmail.com
- **New Member Safety Course** April 2010.  
Sunday, April 11th 1:30-2:30pm  
meet at the WGC clubhouse  
Contact: Gary Hoyle 828-963-6307
- **Concealed Carry Handgun 2010 (CCH)**  
Joe Moody by appointment Contact: 828-264-2486  
Gary & Sandy Hoyle 6pm-9pm April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Gary & Sandy Hoyle 9am-3pm April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Contact: 828-963-6307

- **Ladies' Only Day – Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am to 5:00pm**  
**OPEN to all women Members & Local Residents**  
**Contact Gary & Sandy Hoyle 828-963-6307 or www.garynsam.com**

## WGC Range Hours 2010

### 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, I.D.P.A. Matches, Tactical .22 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.

## Buy – Sell – Trade

- **Wanted:** 30-30 loading dies, 30-30 brass cases, & .38 SPC round nose bullets. Contact Gary Hoyle 828-963-6307.
- **For Sale:** 2 gun set – Winchesters **1<sup>st</sup>**) Model 62 22cal. Pump, rare factory folding post rear tang sight, first year (1932) manufacturer date, 4 digit serial # **2<sup>nd</sup>**) Model 42 410 gauge pump, full choke, pre-war. Both in excellent condition – offered as set \$1850. Vince Gable 828-262-3305.
- **For Sale:** Marlin Model 60 .22LR semi-auto, 17 round tube magazine, New in Box (1989). Never fired. Includes Simmons 3x9x40 scope w/mounts. Only \$150. Jeff Foster 828-295-3540.
- **For Sale:** Reloading supplies: cleaned pistol brass **1)** 357 Sig cal. qty 125 nickel and 11 brass total qty 136 -\$11 **2)** 40 cal. nickel qty 112 -\$10 **3)** 40 cal brass qty 309 -\$10 **4)** 45 cal. brass qty 300 -\$25 **5)** 45 cal. nickel qty 100 -\$10. Contact Joseph 336-877-2420.
- **For Sale:** Professional Gunsmith Equipment and Firearms at [www.armedandfree.net](http://www.armedandfree.net) T. Boone Berlin needs your help before beginning U.S. Navy service. Contact: [berlinsale@me.com](mailto:berlinsale@me.com) for tools/equipment and for firearms info contact Andy Adams Gunsmithing at 828-632-2324 or mobile 828-244-0977.
- **For Sale:** Model 1886 Take Down Winchester Lever Action, 33 WCF cal, nickel steel barrel for smokeless powder. \$5500. Ron Stewart 828-297-3311.
- **For Sale or Trade:** 30 round AR-15 magazines & approx 200 ct - 20 gauge shotshell wads. Gary Hoyle 828-963-6307.
- **For Sale:** Rock Chucker Kit with extras. \$300. Also a .50cal Thompson Muzzle Loader, 209 primer break action. \$300. Doug Smith 910-391-8691.
- **For Sale:** Contender Barrels various types: .45 ACP stainless 20"length .75"muzzle with no sights \$274.38; .45 Auto-rim 16.5"length .75"muzzle with Tasco Silver Antler scope \$255.63; .22 Hornett 21"length factory muzzle with Bushnell scope \$99.38; .45 Colt 22"length .75"muzzle with Weaver K-4 hooded silhouette front scope \$280.63; \*\*all .45 barrels made by Bullberry in Utah. Grant Holder 828-406-8466 or contact by email: holdergn@gmail.com
- **Gun Show:** C&E Show at Hickory Metro Convention Ctr. (Exit 125-I40) in Hickory, NC. **April 17-18.** Admission: \$8 (children under 12 free). Free Parking/Security. Sat 9am-5pm & Sun 10am-5pm. Guns-Ammo-Knives-Ammo-Apparel-Ammo-Accessories-Ammo-Optics-Ammo-Magazines-Ammo-Safes.



## GRNC Symposium Draws Heavy Hitters

### Second Amendment Symposium adds heavy hitters to lineup

Organized by Grass Roots North Carolina and sponsored by Tim D'Annunzio for Congress, GRNC's 'Second Amendment Symposium' will now feature Alan Gura, Sen. Richard Burr, 8th District Republican Tim D'Annunzio and Second Amendment Foundation president Joe Tartaro.

On Friday, May 14, immediately adjacent to the NRA Convention in Charlotte, Grass Roots North Carolina ([www.grnc.org](http://www.grnc.org)) will host a dinner and Second Amendment Symposium featuring Heller v. D.C. lawyer Alan Gura, Second Amendment Foundation president Joe Tartaro, Eighth Congressional District Republican candidate Tim D'Annunzio and Senator Richard Burr.

THE SPEAKERS ...

In 2008, Mr. Gura made history by winning the widely renowned Heller v. D.C. case, leading the Supreme Court to rule for the first time that the Second Amendment affirms an individual right to keep and bear arms. He immediately filed yet another suit, McDonald v. Chicago, to force application of Second Amendment scrutiny to state laws. The case was argued on March 2, with a ruling expected in June, and could force states to defend the constitutionality of a broad range of gun laws.

Senator Burr was elected to Congress in 1994 and to the U.S. Senate in 2004. His perfect 100% pro-gun voting record and long history of sponsoring Second Amendment legislation earned Grass Roots North Carolina's highest 4-star evaluation. Most recently, Sen. Burr garnered

national attention (and the wrath of the "Violence Policy Center") by introducing the Veteran's Second Amendment Protection Act.

In addition to being president of the Second Amendment Foundation, a leading plaintiff in the McDonald case, Mr. Tartaro is also the executive editor of "Gun Week." He appears frequently on national television and radio shows and his editorials are widely published. Mr. Tartaro is the author of *Revolt at Cincinnati*, a frequently cited history of the reform movement that rocked the NRA in 1977, and *The Great Assault Weapon Hoax*, an updated version of which appeared in the *University of Dayton Law Review*.

Eighth District Republican candidate Tim D'Annunzio, who has agreed to sponsor the event, has made preserving the Second Amendment a cornerstone of his campaign to recapture the district held until 2008 by pro-gun Republican Robin Hayes. D'Annunzio's unconventional fundraising events have even included "machine gun socials."

#### GRNC EVENT IDEAL FOR NRA CONVENTION-GOERS

The NRA Annual Meetings and Events runs from May 14 through May 16. On May 14, the NRA will host an afternoon event with Sarah Palin in addition to having one of the world's largest gun shows and

other seminars.

GRNC's Second Amendment Symposium is timed and located just a few blocks away to enable NRA convention-goers to see Palin and then walk a few blocks to the GRNC event. It will be held at the Charlotte Marriott City Center, with a cocktail reception beginning at 5:30 PM and the Symposium and dinner at 6:30 PM. (Those who prefer transportation are encouraged to contact event sponsor Charlotte Checker Cab at 704-333-1111.)

Event sponsors in addition to Mr. D'Annunzio include Gunner's Alley, Hyatt Guns, the Second Amendment Foundation, Charlotte Checker Cab, and Techniserv Printing & Graphics (704-827-1023). Additional speakers will be announced in coming weeks.

#### TO RESERVE SEATS

To help gun owners who are victims of the ailing economy, GRNC has reduced the Second Amendment Symposium price to \$50 per ticket. A limited number of hotel rooms booked at a GRNC discount are available by calling (800) 359-3204 and asking for the "Grass Roots NC" group rate or online at [www.marriottcitycenter.com](http://www.marriottcitycenter.com), under "Special Rates & Awards," group code:GRNGRNA.

#### And the final word ...

#### Support Sunday Hunting in Watauga County – submitted by Wayne Green

The Watauga County Commissioners have reversed their original decision on Sunday hunting. Commissioners are now going to hold a public hearing concerning the issue of asking the North Carolina Legislature for a county wide ban on Sunday hunting in Watauga County.

For those that are not aware, the Wildlife Commission proposed a change to the N.C. hunting regulations that would have allowed bow hunting on private land. In addition, Senate Bill 7 would have done away with the ban on Sunday hunting altogether. The bow hunting proposal was challenged, but has a chance of passing in May 2010. Senate Bill 7 did not make it to crossover, so it probably cannot be heard until next year.

A petition was presented to the Watauga County Commissioners with 753 signatures asking that the Commissioners request Cullie Tarleton to present a bill to the N.C. legislature that would ban any kind

of hunting on Sunday with a gun, a muzzle loader, or a bow. Both Tarleton and the gentleman that started this petition said that they were in favor of the ban because of religion convictions, as were the majority of the signatories on the petition. The names were apparently gathered from several local churches. At least one of these churches is in Vilas. I do not know if the churches near Watauga Gun Club participated in the petition.

If your religious convictions tell you not to hunt on Sunday, then you should not hunt on Sunday. Your religious convictions, should not govern me. I see nothing wrong with Sunday hunting. There is no difference in hunting on Sunday, when compared to other Sunday activities like playing golf, fishing, going to a car race, watching football or any other sporting event. Also, not everyone agrees that Sunday is the Sabbath. Some say it is Friday. Some say it is Saturday. In any event the

folks that wrote letters to the Commissioners backed off the religious aspect of a ban because that could be challenged under the First Amendment. However, this aspect is far from over.

The new reasons listed would allow local subjects to walk through the woods safely and be without noise from hunters using guns. As to the first reason for a ban, there has never been a hunting accident in Watauga County involving a bow according to the N.C. wildlife Commission and I do not think there has been an accident with a gun. I am still trying to find information about any local accidents with guns & hunting. Most hunting accidents are caused by falls from tree stands. Since there is not a problem with hunting the other six days a week, why would there be a problem with hunting on Sunday? Also, hunters have as much right on local game lands as does anyone on any day. Also if these people are walking on your private property without your permission, they are trespassing.

Now we get to the pressing cause of concern for Watauga Gun Club and its members. A bow does

not make noise so this complaint is just against guns. When hunting anything but doves, you are probably not going to shoot more than ten or twelve times in a day. If you are target shooting, trap shooting, plinking, or attending a shooting competition, there is probably going to be many shots fired, maybe hundreds of shots fired in a day. It does not matter if this happens at the Club or if you are shooting on your own land. **A ban on hunting on Sunday for this reason would only be an incremental step to a ban on shooting on Sunday, which would be a step to a ban on shooting anytime.**

Please support Watauga Gun Club and your civil rights under the First and Second Amendments by attending the meeting of the Watauga County Commissioners held at 6:00 P.M. at the County Offices on April 20th. Please be prepared to speak for no longer than 2 to 3 minutes as your time will probably be limited. Thank you!

---Wayne Green

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