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## 17 JANUARY 2023 MEETING

The next meeting of the Chatuge Gun Club will be on Tuesday,  
**JANUARY 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm.**

Location: The Towns County Civic Center, 67 Lakeview Circle  
(upper level) next to the Court House in Hiwassee.

Monthly Meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month,

**BE THERE!! COME AND BRING A FRIEND!**

**Check out the  
Chatuge Gun Club  
website:**

[chatugegunclub.com](http://chatugegunclub.com)

It has schedules,  
match descriptions,  
directions, range  
rules, photos, club  
contacts, newsletters,  
shooting related links  
and a complete  
calendar of ALL club  
events and activities.

**1 December 2022  
Membership = 860**

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR





# MATCH SCHEDULE DEC 2022 & JANUARY 2023



Match dates and times are subject to change,  
so, check back here **BEFORE** you go to the Range.  
End times are approximate and may deviate by as much as an hour,  
depending on attendance.

\*On Open Range Days, members can still go to the range during that time.  
The full day is open to members

Always arrive ahead of the start time to check in with the match director or check your firearm.  
**The SHOTGUN GROUP Shoots TRAP Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY at 9:30am until Noon.**  
For Trap details call or text Jerome Schreiber at 828.361.068

Date	Match Title	Start Time	Range Closed	Match Director	Phone #
Dec. 4	Steel Plate Challenge	10:00 AM	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Steve Boatright	828.342.6217
Dec. 4	to	1:30 PM	Not at Range	Marie Green	386.562.7011
			See website page.		
Dec. 10	50/50 Rimfire (pistol+rifle)	11:00 AM	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Josh Warman	706.994.4349
Dec. 11	*Open Range Day	1:30: PM	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Carol Rosenqvist	706.781.4392
Dec. 17	Benchrest Silhouette fun match	11:00 AM	8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Josh Warman	706.994.4349
Dec. 18	Air Gun - Rifle & Pistol	1:30 PM	Not at Range	Marie Green	386.562.7011
			See website page.		
<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Merry Christmas</b>	<b>Hope you get a new gun from Santa</b>		<b>Merry Christmas</b>	
Dec. 31					
Jan. 7	Bench Rest	11:00 AM	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	William Parker	860.798.8646
<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>Air Gun - Rifle &amp; Pistol</b>	<b>Moved to next weekend</b>		<b>Happy New Year</b>	
Jan 8	Air Gun - Rifle & Pistol	1:30 PM	Not at Range/see website page	Marie Green	386.562.7011
Jan. 8	*Open Range Day	1:30 PM	thru 3:30 PM - still open to members	Carol Rosenqvist	706.781.4392
Jan. 14	Bowling Pin	10:00 AM	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	Robert Collins	706.635.8933
Jan. 17	Club Meeting	7:00 PM			706.897.2306
Jan. 21	Steel Plate Duel	9:30 AM	8:30 AM-4:00 PM	Thad Bynum	706.490.0523
Jan. 22	Air Gun - Rifle & Pistol	1:30 PM	Not at Range/see website page	Marie Green	386.562.7011
Jan. 28					

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# THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN



Great News from Chatuge Gun Club!!! Cowboy Action Matches are back on the schedule for next spring.

Ever wanted to be like John Wayne or any other spaghetti western hero??

Here's your chance.... Peggysue and I (Ken) will be working over the next few months to get this fun sport up and running for anyone interested in competing in Cowboy Single Action Fun!! Stay tuned to more details about dates and times.

All shooters will be welcome whether familiar with the sport or not!! There are many different categories to compete in depending on several factors, so our sport is open to all ages and genders. To add to the fun, we also get the chance to dress in period correct clothing to further enhance the experience of our sport! Simply get in

touch with us to help us with the forward planning for the spring.

Not familiar with SASS or Cowboy Action



matches??? Not to worry. Peggysue and I, along with several other highly qualified, experienced people will be happy to not only answer your questions and explain how it all works, but also assist you with shooting a complimentary stage (one part of the match) using period correct firearms where you can get a feel for the sport, we all love and enjoy.

Already familiar with our sport, please get in touch with one of us to volunteer to help out with the matches. We have a the more, the merrier attitude about this sport and that will make for a great day of Cowboy Action shooting for everyone! Come out, volunteer for all to have a great day!

Contact us either through the Chatuge Gun Club or for more immediate attention, call us at the following numbers.

Ken – 706-994-7100

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# BENCHREST

## 12 NOVEMBER 2022



### WILLIAM PARKER - MATCH DIRECTOR

Today's BR match saw 11 shooters. Firing in different classes. The weather started off a bit cool, but it warmed up later in the morning.

The wind was calm to start the matches however it picked up later in the day and shooters had to be aware of the changing wind directions.

The Scoped class was hotly contested featuring some of the clubs' best shooters and a couple of newcomers to the match and a couple of shooters we had not seen in a while. Welcome back Marilyn Marks and Steve Mullen. Newcomer Jim Daubbe tried his hand at this demanding sport.

#### Scoped Heavy Barrel Class

1 <sup>st</sup> Jr Dillinger	Score 250 8X (tie)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bruce Dillinger	Score 245 5X
1 <sup>st</sup> Gavin Sherman	Score 250 8X (tie)	4 <sup>th</sup> Jim Daubbe	Score 242 8X
2 <sup>nd</sup> Barry Dean	Score 249 8X	5 <sup>th</sup> Keith McMahan	Score 238 5X
		6 <sup>th</sup> Marilyn Marks	Score 228 3X

#### Heavy Barry Class Iron Sights

**This competition was hotly contested**

1 <sup>st</sup> William Parker	250 17 X	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gavin Sherman	250 15 X
3 <sup>rd</sup> Gene Cooley	247 9X		

*Gavin has only been firing BR for only a year and he's already contenting for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Great Job Gavin.*

#### Hunter Class

1 <sup>st</sup> Steve Mullen	Score 243 8X	3 <sup>rd</sup> John Kremski	Score 183 2X
2 <sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Mark	Score 232 4X		

#### Hunter Iron Class

1<sup>st</sup> Gene Cooley      Score 244 8X

As usual **a good time was had by all.** Special thanks for the shooters that did set up and take down.



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# 3-GUN MATCH

5 NOVEMBER 2022

## JOSH WARMAN – MATCH DIRECTOR

The morning started off quite wet. But we still had a great showing for the last 3 Gun match of the year. The rain pouring was down, and the wind kept knocking down the targets. 13 shooters came all gave it their best shot.

We started with rimfire, and there were plenty of steel to knock down and or around. The Texas star and dueling tree were split between pistol and rifle. For shotgun there were steel knockdowns and clay birds.

After the first round we voted to shoot rimfire again, mainly due to the cardboard silhouettes we



use for centerfire don't like the rain. The times from both runs were averaged to determine the winners.

Mike Clare cleaned house with his second run and took 1st place. Josh Warman followed behind in 2nd place. Jerome Schreiber won 3rd place.

Next year we will be splitting rimfire and centerfire to separate days, so keep an eye on the schedule for that. Thanks to everyone who came out to shoot, set up/tear down, and otherwise make this a great 3-gun season. See y'all next year.



## HEY-LET'S SHOOT

Are you a **NEW MEMBER** looking to improve your skills and get comfortable at the range; or is your husband too bossy, your wife won't listen, you've had your firearm in the box or on the shelf far too long and need to brush off the cobwebs, you need to get ready for a competitive match, or you just need a shooting partner?

I'm an NRA instructor, a competitive shooter,

and have years of experience with shooters of all ages. I can help you improve your shooting in a non-judgmental and easy-going manner. I can work with pistol, rifle, or shotgun shooting. Don't ask for help with silhouette shooting as I'm terrible!



**Best of all, it's free.**

Just text me and we can arrange to meet at the range anytime that is convenient.

Bring your gun and ammo and I will bring the targets.

Friends and family are welcome.

Dave Hickerson 706-487-9626



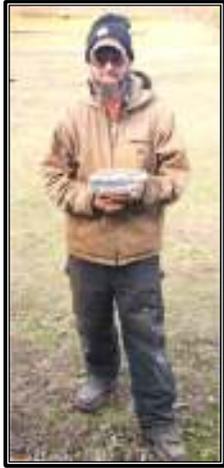


# STEEL PLATE DUEL

NOVEMBER 19, 2022



## MATCH DIRECTOR – THAD BYNUM



The morning started out right chilly for the steel plate duel on November 19th. The weather was 26 to 47 degrees that day. We had ten competitors show up for fierce competition.

Dave Hickerson took first in rimfire Gene Cooley fired for a second and Josh Warman won third.

Thad Bynum (Me) came in first in centerfire Gene Cooley was second and Jerome Schreiber took third.

We ran a third match consisting of center fire anything goes. We had a pistol caliber carbine versus race guns match. Josh Warman put on a clinic with his pistol besting all in attendance. Josh was first in open Dave Hickerson second in open and Bill Christine third.



**ALL THIS  
AND A  
CATERED  
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*Wanna Have a Really Good Feeling?....  
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**Last week there were  
36.82 million deer  
hunters running around  
with guns . NOT one  
mass shooting took  
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FACT !**



# 4-H BB GUN... TEACHING OUR YOUTH

*This article was provided by Carol Rosenquist. Carol began working with these great kids in 1999 and has stayed with it since. She has recruited help from various club members over the years but kept the program going even with the break-up and re-staffing of the local 4-H office in Hiawassee.*

*Putting the program together dealing, with the kids and their parents, picking the kids up each day at the school, coaching them, taking them to District and State Competitions and sending them home shows a true dedication to the program.*

Project SAFE is going strong. For those who don't know, Project SAFE stands for Shooting Awareness Fun and Education.

Our Towns Co. 4H'ers have continued to learn gun safety and 4 position BB Rifle shooting in spite of a few setbacks. (Covid)

In 2020 our 4H BB teams worked hard in preparation for their District Competition. Their team scores were great, and they were sure to qualify for State Competition. Two weeks before District Competition was to take place it was cancelled due to Covid. Needless to say, there were a lot of sad faces....no District and no State Competition.

Well, you can't let months of practice go to waste.....So, we challenged the Towns County Sheriff's Dept. to a Match....and they gladly accepted.

Armed with our 499 Daisy BB Rifles the Towns County 4H BB Team came away Victorious. There were plenty of smiles to go around. Thanks to the Towns County Sheriff's Officers for stepping up to the challenge, our 2020 year was a Success!



Our 2021 year was still a bit challenging with Covid restrictions in place. The team forged ahead and went on to compete in the District Competition, with 1 shooter qualifying as an individual for State Competition.

This year 2022 things were slowly getting back to normal. After several months of practice, we were off to District Competition in Commerce, Ga. It was challenging for our Team because the weather did not cooperate. The windy weather was met head on by our determined team.

The 4 H BB program set up through the University of Georgia Extension Office teaches safe gun handling, 4 position shooting, and the importance of working as a TEAM..because Together Everyone Accomplishes More.. We are already working

with 8 new shooters for our 2023 year.....

Thanks to the Chatuge Gun Club for all the support they have given to the Towns Co 4H programs...and the youth of this community.



# HERE'S SOME PRETTY IMPORTANT (AND NOT SO IMPORTANT) STUFF FOR YOU TO PONDER



Well, here's a newsflash for those of you who are at least 5-year members in the Chatuge Gun Club.

Following the procedure set forth in our by-laws, each of these members will need to reaffirm their knowledge of the club's range rules once each five years.

Now, those of you who attended your range rule review workshop in the year of 2017 (191 of you) are under in our headlights in 2023.

Enclosed in the mail, in the month of December 2022, you shall receive a form from the club which is completely self-explanatory and will allow you to accomplish this task by mail.

Enclosed in this mailing is a self-addressed and stamped envelope for you to put this form



when completed into along with your check of \$35 for dues for 2023. Shucks, it can't get much better than that. Heck, look at the deal you are getting. We kept you from having to sit through the three-hour review again and paid the postage and addressed the envelope for you to pay your dues. Is this a great club or what.

Seriously, if you fall into to this group, please attend to this as soon as you receive this mailing for two reasons: The first is you'll get it done; and the second is you will make it easier on the club to track the paperwork and payments if they're done in a timely fashion.

BTW-A lot happened in 2022. Let's look back and see what your Chatuge Gun Club accomplishes this year.

- After the completion of the 9 April 2022 New Member Range Rule Review, the membership of your club exceeded nine hundred members.
- 4-H BB Gun Sponsorship.
- Donation (\$3,500) to Georgia Sheriff's Youth Ranches.
- We had a successful year regarding gun safety at our range and we wish to thank all our members for their diligence in this regard. The club range gets regular usage regularly on all weekdays and friendly competitions presented on most weekends for the members enjoyment. Your board is very attentive to any instances at the range that may result in dangerous situations due to mishandling firearms while there. In most cases we have realized that the individual involved was basically just sleepwalking and when reminded of their flub they owned the responsibility and corrected their behavior with no problem. We had a couple of hiccups during the year involving mishandling firearms or abuse of our range rules and procedures but when confronted with their oversight, they dealt with their mistake and made the appropriate resolutions and restitutions. I think all y'all should pat yourselves on the back for helping continue to keep our range safe and enjoyable for all users. The fact that we have over 900 people handling and using firearms in an area that is less than an acre speaks loudly to your character and dedication. Thank you for keeping the Chatuge Gun Club safe, ship-shape and fun.
- Marie and Gregory Green have taken the Winter Air-gun program to another level and moved to a new facility and added Air Rifle/Pistol Silhouette to the program including new equipment to handle the targets and pellet traps. Thanks for all you guys' hard work to help your fellow shooters have a way to pass these dreary winter days.
- Keith McMahan has evidently taken us to raise 'cause he sees to it that we have a clean manicured and maintained facility for us to enjoy. Hats off for Keith!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks.

# AIR RIFLE/PISTOL NOVEMBER 20, 2022

## MATCH DIRECTOR - MARIE & GREGORY GREEN



### REMEMBER THIS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should've known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

# Etiquette for the Range

*Taken from the newsletter of the Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, December 07 (Reprint)*

At home pack your gear in the car. Pistols should be empty of ammunition. It is a good idea to have magazine removed. They should be stowed in accordance with Georgia laws.

Travel to the range while satisfying state laws. Park, get out of the car and determine if the line is cold or hot. Hot means firing can take place. Cold means firearms are empty with magazines out, actions open and not touched because people may be forward of the firing line.

If the line is cold, leave the firearm/s in the car, put up your targets. Move all gear but your firearm/s to the benches. Arrange your gear (without the firearm/s) and wait for the line to go hot. When the line goes hot, move the firearm/s from the car to the bench, and do this as to be described in the following paragraphs. If necessary, finish arranging your gear and then begin to practice.

If the line was hot, move your firearm/s safely to the benches (action open, magazines out, empty, more to follow). Get your targets and staple gun ready. Arrange your gear. Do your best to be considerate of the shooters and not disturb their concentration. Wait patiently; consider dry firing, work on your position relative to where you will put your targets.

When the line goes cold, put the firearm/s on the bench safely; empty, with the action open, and magazine removed. Step back and look to verify everyone else has stepped away from their properly placed firearms. Verify everyone acknowledges the line is cold, then go forward and adjust the targets.

It is time to pack for the trip home. Determine if the range is hot or cold.

If cold, clean up your target and area, while leaving the firearm/s safely on the bench and move your other gear to the car. Do not touch the firearm or any gear that is in contact with it. Wait patiently. When the line goes hot, move the empty firearm/s, with magazine out, and open action to your car and stow it for transport in accordance with Georgia laws.

Have a safe drive home.

Variations that are acceptable: A firearm has been verified to be empty at home. It arrives at the range in a closed case. The closed case is moved to the bench in either hot or cold state. The case is left closed until the range is declared hot.

The case may be a closed pouch, a closed competitive pistol box, or a closed tackle box. The key feature is an empty firearm/s in a closed container.

When the line is declared hot, the case is opened, the empty firearm/s is removed and placed on the bench, muzzle downrange, action open, and magazine removed. If a magazine was in the firearm/s during shipping, it was empty. Have a safe practice.

If the chamber, during shipping, has a snap cap, practice dud, etc., it is a smart move to very publicly remove and display the inert object. It also would be wise to announce to the adjacent shooters that this is an inert round.

When you are done shooting, during a range hot interval, put the snap cap equivalent in, lower the firing pin while the muzzle is down range, stow the firearm/s (muzzle down range) and close the container and depart.

Revolver users should have been able to interpret equivalent safe actions from the semi-automatic oriented narrative. Rifle shooters should have been able to make similar interpretations.

Unacceptable practices at the range are:

- A pistol in a carry holster on your person. This is a “COLD” RANGE. NO LOADED FIREARMS ALLOWED ON RANGE PROPERTY EXCEPT WHEN THE RANGE IS “HOT” FIRING AT THE FIRING LINE.
- A moved firearm in a non-closed holster, towel, etc., when the line is cold. When the line is hot, a firearm not in a closed container must be displayed to be empty, action open, and magazine removed to be transported in the area. An obscured pistol is not a safe pistol.
- Firearm muzzle pointed anywhere but the impact berm or up.
- Pointing a firearm at a person or property (intentionally or inadvertently) is a serious safety infraction.

**SAFE GUN HANDLING IS NO ACCIDENT**

