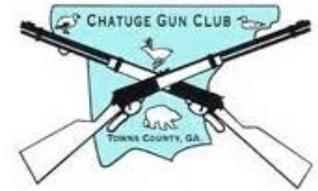




# Chatuge Gun Club, Inc.

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**Tuesday, 16 January 2018 at 7:00 pm** is the next meeting of the Chatuge Gun Club. Location: The Towns County Civic Center, 67 Lakeview Circle (upper level), next to the Library in Hiawassee. [Google Map](#)  
**Have a question or idea, be at the meeting!**

**Always Check the Chatuge Gun Club website:**  
[www.chatugegunclub.com](http://www.chatugegunclub.com)  
for last minute changes to the match schedule, or range closures. Also range rules, club contacts, newsletters, and calendar of ALL club events and activities. Photos & match results at: [www.chatugegc.com](http://www.chatugegc.com)

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## >>>>> Coming Events <<<<<<

Date	Event	Start Time	Range Closed	Match Director	Phone Number
6-Jan	<b>CANCELED</b> Steel Plate				
7-Jan	<a href="#">Air Rifle / Air Pistol</a>	1245	Not at Range	Grant Toman	706-970-1286
21-Jan	<a href="#">Air Rifle / Air Pistol</a>	1245	Not at Range	Grant Toman	706-970-1286
3-Feb	<a href="#">Defensive Pistol Class/Match</a>	0900	0830-1700	Rick Klopp	706-781-4526
4-Feb	<a href="#">Air Rifle / Air Pistol</a>	1245	Not at Range	Grant Toman	706-970-1286
10-Feb	<b>CANCELED</b> Bowling Pin				
18-Feb	<a href="#">Air Rifle / Air Pistol</a>	1245	Not at Range	Grant Toman	706-970-1286
21-Feb	<b>RANGE CLOSED</b>	<b>after trap</b>	<b>1300-1800</b>	<b>STAY AWAY</b>	
4-Mar	<a href="#">Air Rifle / Air Pistol</a>	1245	Not at Range	Grant Toman	706-970-1286
17-Mar	<a href="#">Cowboy Action</a>	1000	0830-1700	John Sluder	706-865-1663
18-Mar	<a href="#">Air Rifle / Air Pistol</a>	1245	Not at Range	Grant Toman	706-970-1286
31-Mar	Range Work Day	0800	0800-1200	Gene Blackburn	706-379-1707

*Ending times are approximate and may deviate by as much as an hour, depending on attendance.  
Please arrive **AHEAD** of start time to check your firearms if needed & sign in with the match director.*

**Air Rifle/Air Pistol Matches** are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1pm. October - March. Matches are held in the Old Rec Center in Hiawassee, *not at the range*. See [Airgun Program page](#) for details and directions to location.

**NOTE: The range will be closed for Law Enforcement use on the 3rd Tuesday + the following Thursday each month, from daylight to 12:30 pm. Please stay away!**

**TRAP:** The Shotgun Group shoots Trap EVERY WEDNESDAY beginning at 9 am until all squads have fired. Trap shooters should be there by 8:30 am for squadding and helping with setup.

For more information call Russ Schoetker at 706-896-1645 or Dick Fille at 321-403-3959.

**NOTE:** There is **OPEN RANGE** for anyone on the second Sunday of the month from 1:30p to 3:30p.  
**Non club members need to be at the range by 1 pm for a short orientation on open range day.**



## *A Year End Message from the “Prez”*

As 2017 winds down to an end, The Chatuge Gun Club continues to have the “cream of the crop” for members. You take pride and good care of your range. Pat yourself on the back. We all Thank You....

We have had our issues with the electronic gate the past couple of years but these issues appear to be almost totally due to strikes by lightning. At the present, the system has NO wired connection between the gate and the storage shed where the controller equipment is located. It is now a totally wireless connection. This previously wired connection is the suspected culprit in the lightning susceptibility. Hopefully the problem has been at least minimized if not eliminated. Even with the headaches, this system is affording simplicity and savings compared to the old system of replacing the keys on a yearly basis. With 800+ members, the cost of producing, numbering and distributing the keys not to mention the logistics and labor involved in that task make this system far more effective, notwithstanding the problems along the way. Cross your fingers that we have eliminated the problems.

The club instituted a Range Rule Review project to help new and old members better understand and follow our rules for everyone’s safety on club property. With the membership as high as it was it became apparent that some of the range users were not as proficient understanding the range rules and their meanings as we had hoped. Approximately 750 members in addition to all new members attended the 2-3 hour reviews throughout the year. Membership rose to 846 in August 2017 previous to the purging of the members who chose not to maintain their memberships for whatever reason. New members are

welcomed into the club monthly at the review presented on the second Saturday.

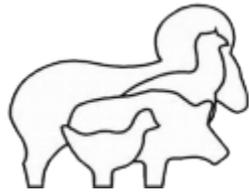
The club activities have remained safe and busy this year and we have presented over 55 weekend matches/events in addition to the weekly scheduled 52 Wednesday trap matches. Think of it: 100+ events and 800+ members. Not too shabby for a little “gun club” in a relatively “backwoods” area.

It is the volunteers in the bunch that make all we do possible. Thanks to Joan Moody, we have a website for the membership that is professional and updated almost daily. Wanna know what is goin’- or fixin’ to be goin’- on, the website will set you straight. Wanna trade or sell something; see the website. How does one join this esteemed group? Ask the website. We owe much to the club’s great Match Directors that give so much of their time and energy to entertaining us with so many safe and fun “gun games”. Say thanks to: Artie Delpup, Jim Vance, John Sluder, Carol Rosenqvist, Bill Christine, Gary Caines, Rick Klopp, Joan Moody, Thad Bynam, Grant Toman, Gene Blackburn, Russ Schoetker, Dick Fille, Dave Schraml, George Nagel, Ben Evans and Steve Curlee. Forgive me if I left someone out.

Attendance at the monthly meetings has fallen off some. Possibly due to the quality of the jokes and entertainment? Will work on that on the coming months.

Hope y’all had a Very Merry Christmas and we are wishing you a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2018.

The Chatuge Gun Club Board of Directors: Ed Jones, Jim Soltys, Art Douville, A.T. Sorrells, Frank Alexander, Artie Delpup, Gene Blackburn, Carol Rosenqvist.



# Cowboy Silhouette

*December 16, 2017*



Yes, we were dressed for the cold, but we got lucky and there was no wind at all. So, no wind chill to worry about, but the low temperature did not dampen our spirits. We all had a good time at the range and no one can say that isn't a great way to spend a day. We had 11 shooters in both the smallbore match and the pistol cartridge match. This was the last Cowboy Silhouette match for 2017. We will have 6 matches in 2018 and welcome new shooters at every match. Anyone that has not participated in a match is always welcome to come out and give it a try. If you don't have a rifle there is most likely someone there that will be happy to let you use one.

More photos and results at <http://www.chatugegc.com>



Please remove your paper targets from the target backer boards. It only takes a few seconds for the individual shooter to remove their paper targets when finished shooting. However if Keith has to remove multiple papers, that takes more of his time when he is trying to keep the target backer boards in good shape. Remember the range maintenance is not done by some magical unseen force. We all need to do our part to keep OUR range in good shape. The target backer boards are a large part of the work time needed to give us all a safe and clean range to use. So consider the next person to shoot and pull your target when you are finished.

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