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JULY MEETING

The next meeting of the Chatuge Gun Club will be
Tuesday, 15 July 2014 at 7:00 PM at the
Senior Citizen Center in Hiawassee, Georgia.

DON'T FORGET...
...BE THERE!!

Check out the Chatuge Gun Club website:

www.chatugegunclub.com
For schedules, match descriptions, directions, range rules, more photos at www.chatugegc.com, club contacts, newsletters, shooting related links and a complete calendar of ALL club events and activities.

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●●●●● Coming Events ●●●●●

DATE	EVENT	START	RGE	CLOSED	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE #
28-Jun	Smallbore Rifle Silhouette	1200		1000-1700	Carol Rosenqvist	706-781-4392
5-Jul	3-Gun Match	1000		0900-1700	Matt Van Steen	706-896-1782
12-Jul	Cowboy Rifle Silhouette RF / CF	1000		0800-1700	Bill Christine	706-781-7192
19-Jul	Bowling Pin Match	1000		0900-1700	Matt Van Steen	706-896-1782
26-Jul	Smallbore Rifle Silhouette	1200		1000-1700	Carol Rosenqvist	706-781-4392
2-Aug	RF/BR & CF/BR	1000		0900-1600	Larry Mongue	352-584-0166
9-Aug	Women on Target	0900		0830-1600	Carol Rosenqvist	706-781-4392
17-Aug	.22 caliber No Score Fun Match	1100		1000-1700	Joan Moody	706-747-1226
23-Aug	Smallbore Rifle Silhouette	1200		1000-1700	Carol Rosenqvist	706-781-4392
30-Aug	Steel Plate RF & CF	1000		0900-1700	Matt Van Steen	706-896-1782
6-Sept	Defensive Pistol Class & Match	0900		0900-1600	Rick Klopp	706-781-4526
13-Sept	Cowboy Rifle Silhouette	1000		0800-1700	Bill Christine	706-781-7192
20-Sept	Cowboy Action	1000		0900-1600	John Sluder	706-865-1663
27-Sept	Smallbore Rifle Silhouette	1200		1000-1700	Carol Rosenqvist	706-781-4392

For future scheduled events check the Chatuge Gun Website

NOTE: The Shotgun Group shoots Trap EVERY WEDNESDAY beginning at 0900 until all squads have fired. Please do not come to shoot before the Trap Group starts set-up at 0830 as Artie does the Range Maintenance (target repairs, grass trimming, garbage cleanup, ect.) every Wednesday morning beginning at sunrise until the 0830 setup.

For more information: Russ Schoetker at 706-896-1645 or Dick Fille at 706-896-7538

NOTE: There is OPEN RANGE for anyone on the second Sunday of the month from 1330 to 1530.

Rimfire & Centerfire
Benchrest Match Results
Match Director: Larry Mongue

**On May 10th we had our Rimfire/Cenetrfire
Benchrest challenge match!**

We shot the 25 rounds for record then we shot a
"KNOW YOUR LIMITS" target.

We had 14 shooters. The winners were:

Scoped Hunter: 1st Larry Mongue, 2nd Gene
Blackburn, 3rd Matt Van Steen.

Scoped Open: 1st John Hagan, 2nd Jerry Reed,
3rd Larry Mongue.

Iron Sights Hunter: 1st John Hagan, 2nd Keith
McMahan, 3rd Jim Vance.

Iron Sights Open: 1st Matt Van Steen

At 12 :30 we started shooting the Centerfire
Varmint Benchrest Match. 12 shooters attended.

Winners were 6mm & down:

1st Gene Blackburn, 2nd Larry Mongue,
3rd Matt Van Steen. Above 6mm: 1st John
Hagan,

2nd Jim Vance, 3rd Larry Avery.

Pistol Cartridge Carbine: 1st Larry Mongue

Thanks to all who attended.

The next Benchrest Match will be Aug 2, 2014.

RF&CF Benchrest Match – Aug. 2, 2014

Match Director – Larry Mongue

Set-up 8:30am, Safety Meeting 9:45, match
starts 10am-4ish

We will start Rimfire at 10am.

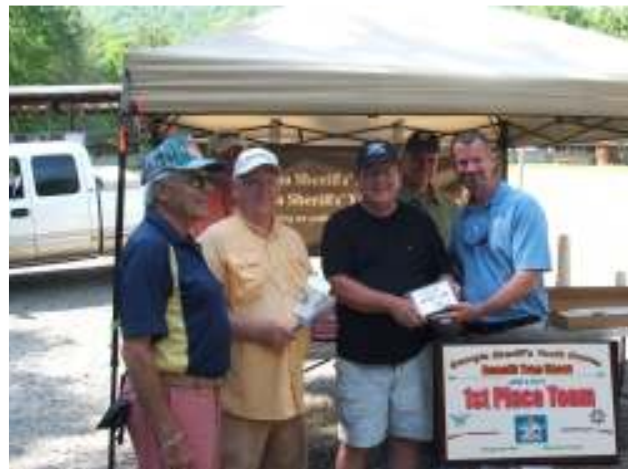
Classes are: Hunter Iron Sights (25 shots-
50yds); Hunter Scoped (25 shots-50yds);
Open Iron Sights (25 shots-50 yds); Open
Scoped (25 shots-50 yds).

Centerfire will start about 1pm with classes:
6MM & Down Scoped Rifle (25 shots-
100yds)

6mm up to .308 Scoped Rifle (25 shots-
100yds). Complete rules are online.

Hope to see many of you at this Benchrest
Match.

Sheriffs' Association Charity Trap Shoot
May 6, 2014



[See all photos at www.chatugegc.com](http://www.chatugegc.com)

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wish to trade, sell or give away, let the club members know.*

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Larry: gamountainlife@aol.com

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MONTHLY IN ORDER TO
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MONTH!**

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HERE IS YOUR CHANCE

A match for anyone that would like to try some of the .22 matches without the pressure of shooting in a regular scored or timed match. If you have participated in the matches, you are welcome too, everyone is welcome. If you have a young person that would like to get started, this would be a good time to jump in, as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Because there will be no score, you do not have to be there for all of the match, so if you can only be there an hour, that will be fine.

This is NOT to teach anyone to use their firearm, you must be familiar and capable with what you are shooting. It can be any pistol and/or rifle with or without a scope or red dot, that will shoot .22 caliber (.22, .22 short, .22 L, .22 LR only, No hyper-velocity ammunition, Vipers, Stingers, will be allowed.) This is to give people a chance to have some fun and become familiar with participating in the matches, without the pressure of being scored.

All safety rules will be in place, ear protection is required, eye protection is **mandatory** for both competitors as well as spectators during this match. The match will be setup for introduction to Bowling Pin, Smallbore Silhouette, Steel Plate and Cowboy Silhouette. Put it on your calendar, Sunday, August 17th from 11am to 4pm. If you would like to help with setup, be there at 10am. This is going to be fun so come on out and join us. More details are on the club website, under matches. If you have questions, call Joan Moody at 706-747-1226



Annual Picnic June 14, 2014



Matt Van Steen, 2013 Shootist



[See all photos at www.chatugegc.com](http://www.chatugegc.com)

On June we held the Steel Plate Match, Match Director Matt Van Steen. We had 15 competitors in the centerfire class and 19 in the rimfire class.



[More photos at www.chatugegc.com](http://www.chatugegc.com)

A Word of Safety from the President

In this month's newsletter, you will find a current copy of the Chatuge Gun Club range rules. Please take a moment to review them thoroughly. The range rules have been amended to include new language regarding the Club's policy on the concealed and open carry of a firearm at the Club's range or at any Chatuge Gun Club sponsored event. Also take a moment to re-read rule # 6 regard guests

Members are 110% responsible for the actions of their guests. Rules or safety violations by a guest could result in member sanctions, including loss of Club membership. Feel free to contact me or any member of the Board with your questions.

Arthur H Douville

President, Chatuge Gun Club

CHATUGE GUN CLUB, INC. RANGE RULES

(Revised 6/2014)

- 1. Cold Range.** The Chatuge Gun Club operates a Cold Range. This means that all firearms anywhere on range property, including the Firing Line, shall at all times be and remain (A) unloaded, (B) the actions open and (C) detachable magazines removed ("Rendered Safe"). The ONLY EXCEPTION is for firearms properly present on the Firing Line during such time as the line is Hot (see below). In this regard, all firearms brought to the range must be Rendered Safe before passing through the gate.
- 2. Cold Firing Line.** The Firing Line (defined as the area between the red firing line at the front of the concrete and the yellow safety line) shall be Cold unless expressly declared to be Hot by the range officer in charge or, if no range officer is present, by the express agreement of all persons on and around the Firing Line. In this regard:
 - A. No firearm shall be moved to and from vehicles except when the Firing Line is Hot unless the firearm has been Rendered Safe and is in a closed case;
 - B. Only one (1) firearm shall be on a bench at a time unless in a closed case;
 - C. No firearm shall be loaded until the Firing Line has been declared Hot and all persons on and around the line have acknowledged that the line is Hot;
 - D. No person shall go downrange or move in front of the Firing Line for any reason until the following conditions have been met:
 - i. All persons on and around the Firing Line have acknowledged that the line is Cold;
 - ii. All firearms present on the Firing Line have been Rendered Safe;
 - iii. All rifles have been placed in a rack or an Open Bolt Indicator is in place;
 - iv. All pistols and revolvers have been placed in a closed case or an Empty Chamber Indicator is in place;
 - v. All persons not going downrange have moved behind the yellow safety line;
 - vi. If possible, one (1) person not going downrange has been designated to enforce the Cold Firing Line conditions while others are downrange; and,
 - vii. No firearm shall be touched for any reason until the Firing Line has again been declared Hot; this means, but is not limited to, no sight adjustments, no cleaning and no moving firearms to and from the firing line.
 - E. With respect to scheduled matches, the Match Director may modify the procedures set forth in this paragraph and elsewhere in these Rules to the extent appropriate for the shooting activity involved. All such modifications shall be consistent with good safety practices and shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors.
- 3. Hot Firing Line.** When the Firing Line has been properly declared to be Hot, the following conditions shall be met and the described actions may be taken:
 - A. Eye protection is mandatory for all persons on or around the firing line. Hearing protection, is

mandatory for all persons under the age of eighteen (18) while on or around the Firing Line;

B. Firearms may be loaded and firing commenced;

C. All firing shall be done either from the bench or from a position on the concrete just behind the red firing line. The only exception is for scheduled matches where other positions are part of the course of fire. In no event shall the muzzle of any firearm be positioned behind any other person regardless of their position on the line;

D. No loaded firearm shall be left unattended or moved from a firing position;

E. All firearms which are not actually being used shall be Rendered Safe; only one (1) firearm may be considered in use at any one time;

F. All firearms shall be Rendered Safe before being removed from the firing line; and

G. Firearms that have been Rendered Safe may be moved to and from the firing line and vehicles without being in a closed case.

4. Concealed and Open Carry:

(A) Notwithstanding any provision of Rules 1, 2 and 3 above to the contrary, concealed carry at the range is permitted by those Members possessing a valid Georgia Weapons Carry License (formerly Firearms Carry License) or other valid carry license/permit recognized by the state of Georgia.

Concealed carry by guests is not permitted;

(B) Members' who carry concealed do so subject to the condition that the weapon must be completely concealed at all times during that range session;

(C) Open carry by either Members or guests, including off-duty law enforcement officers, is not permitted; and,

(D) The host Member has the responsibility of ensuring that his or her guests comply with this rule.

5. Cease Fire Commands. "Cease-Fire" or a similar command such as "Range Cold" shall be made by anyone present who observes an unsafe condition and such command shall be obeyed immediately by Rendering Safe all firearms and placing them on the bench.

6. Guests. No guest shall be permitted on Club property unless accompanied by a Member. With respect to guests:

A. The host Member shall review all safety rules with each guest before arriving at the range and be satisfied that each guest fully understands and will abide by all Rules;

B. The host Member shall monitor and ensure that guests obey each Rule at all times while at the range;

C. The host Member shall ensure that other Members have priority over guests in the use of range facilities, including shooting positions and targets;

D. To ensure proper supervision, the host Member and guest(s) shall shoot from no more than two (2) tables or firing line positions;

E. No Member shall bring, at any one range session, more than three (3) guests who intend to or who actually do shoot; and,

F. The host Member shall be responsible for his or her guests and may be subject to sanctions, including revocation of Club membership, as the result of any improper action or omission of such guests.

7. Alcoholic Beverage. No alcoholic beverages of any type are permitted on range property, and no one under the influence of alcohol or other mind altering substance shall enter upon range property.

8. Ammunition. No Tracer or Incendiary ammunition will be used on the range.

9. Targets. The only targets allowed are (A) paper, metal and polymer and (B) commonly used targets such as clay birds and bowling pins. No glass, bottles, cans, explosive or incendiary materials or similar items may be used as targets. All metal targets must be sufficiently downrange to prevent ricochets or metal splashing that might endanger other shooters. Target boards are not to be used for shotgun patterning. At the end of each range session, all paper targets shall be removed from target boards and any target debris cleaned up.

10. **Behavior.** No one is permitted to pick up or otherwise touch anyone else's firearm or equipment without the owner's express permission. No one shall engage in loud conversations or any behavior that may distract other shooters or disturb their concentration. While the range is in use, the gate to the range shall be kept closed, but not locked; however, the gate may be left open during scheduled matches. The last person leaving the range shall ensure that the gate is locked.
11. **Litter.** All litter, including spent brass, shall be removed from the Firing Line and the concrete area. Such litter is to be placed in the available trash barrels and dumpsters. Each Member shall assist in keeping the range property clean.
12. **Range Keys.** Range keys are for Members' use only and may not be loaned to or otherwise used by non-members. This restriction applies to spouses and other family members.
13. **Minors.** No person under the age of eighteen (18) may be on the range, whether shooting or otherwise, unless under the direct supervision of a parent or other adult acting with the parents' express permission.
14. **Removal.** Any officer may remove anyone engaging in a dangerous practice from the range property.

GUN SAFETY PRACTICES

There are four basic gun safety practices that Club members must understand and observe at all times:

1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded. Always assume that a gun is loaded even if you think it is unloaded. Every time a gun is handled for any reason, check to see that it is not loaded.
2. Always be aware of where a gun is pointing. Keep all guns pointed in the safest possible direction.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
4. Do not load a gun until you are ready to shoot, and unload the gun immediately when you finish firing.

CONCEALED AND OPEN CARRY

After discussing the issue with the membership at our last monthly meeting, the Board has adopted an amendment to our safety rules to address the issue of concealed and open carry. We will try this approach and assess how well it works. The new rule reads as follows:

4. Concealed and Open Carry: (A) Notwithstanding any provision of Rules 1, 2 and 3 above to the contrary, concealed carry at the range is permitted by those Members possessing a valid Georgia Weapons Carry License (formerly Firearms Carry License) or other valid carry license/permit recognized by the state of Georgia. Concealed carry by guests is not permitted;
- (B) Members' who carry concealed do so subject to the condition that the weapon must be completely concealed at all times during that range session;
- (C) Open carry by either Members or guests, including off-duty law enforcement officers, is not permitted; and,
- (D) The host Member has the responsibility of ensuring that his or her guests comply with this rule.

Several points are worth noting.

Firstly, we are essentially formalizing the unstated "don't ask, don't tell" policy that has existed. There is a certain tension between Members' general right to concealed carry and the restrictions necessary to ensure the safe operation of a gun range. The operation of a gun range differs significantly from other venues in that the actual firing of multiple guns by multiple people is regularly taking place, and the range must be made safe for all. This is particularly a concern when people are down range. Thus, we have sought to find an accommodation between two competing interests.

Secondly, if you do carry concealed, the weapon must be fully concealed during the entire range session in order to comply with the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Concealed means just that - **concealed**. Thus, with the sole exception of responding to a need for self-defense, the carry weapon may not be removed from concealment during the range session for any reason, including, but not limited to, practice, competition or displaying the weapon to other shooters. Removing the weapon from concealment while on range property,

would be a rule violation. If there is a possibility that you may want to practice or compete with your usual carry weapon during that range session, then you should treat it as subject to Rules 1, 2 and 3 at all times while on range property.

Thirdly, open carry at the range will not be permitted. There does not seem to be any practical need or desire by Members for open carry, and the Board does not believe that there is a realistic accommodation that could be reached with our rules. In this regard, the rules do allow Match Directors to modify the rules as “appropriate for the shooting activity involved . . . consistent with good safety practice.”

Lastly, while not part of our Range Rules, the question of concealed carry at non-range events has been raised. The policy for non-range events will be that concealed carry by those members and guests possessing a valid Georgia Weapons Carry License or other valid license/permits recognized by the state of Georgia will be permitted, unless the venue dictates otherwise, e.g. meetings that have been and may in the future be held in the courthouse. Note that concealed carry by guests with an appropriate license is permitted. Although Georgia law apparently allows open carry by anyone with a Weapons Carry License, most, if not all, of our non-range events are at government or other facilities not owned or controlled by the Club; therefore, for that reason and as, perhaps more importantly, a matter of public perception/good will, open carry will not be permitted at such events.



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It is suggested that all members wear their membership card while at the range or other club activities. It makes it easier to identify members from guests and also let us know who you are so we can say “HI”.

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