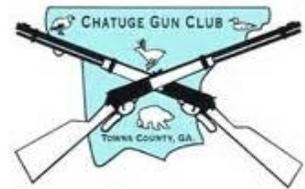




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FEBRUARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Chatuge Gun Club will be Tuesday, 16 Feb. 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Towns County Civic Center, 67 Lakeview Circle (upper level), next to the Library in Hiawassee. [Google Map](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....BE THERE!!

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Check out the Chatuge Gun Club website:

www.chatugegunclub.com

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

More photos at

www.chatugegc.com

Coming Events

DATE	EVENT	START	RGE CLOSED	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE #
16-Jan	3-Gun Match	1000	0900-1700	Jerome Schreiber	828-361-0684
23-Jan	RF/CF Rifle Offhand SP/BP	1000	0900-1600	Jim Vance	828-361-0215
13-Feb	Steel Plate RF & CF	1000	0900-1700	Arthur Delpup	845-521-4320
20-Feb	RF/CF Revolver/Pistol Match	1000	0900-1600	Jim Vance	828-361-0215
27-Feb	Smallbore Rifle Match Up Match	1100	0900-1600	Joan Moody	706-747-1226
5-Mar	RF/BR & CF/BR	1000	0900-1600	Jim Vance	828-361-0215
12-Mar	Modified Bowling Pin Match	1000	0900-1700	Arthur Delpup	845-521-4320
19-Mar	Range Work Day	0800	0800-1200	Arthur Delpup	845-521-4320
26-Mar	RF/CF Revolver/Pistol Match	1000	0900-1600	Jim Vance	828-361-0215

Ending times are approximate and may deviate by as much as an hour. Depending on attendance.

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!

NOTE: The Shotgun Group shoots Trap EVERY WEDNESDAY beginning at 9 am until all squads have fired.

Please do not come to shoot before the Trap Group starts set-up at 8:30 am, as Artie does the Range Maintenance (target repairs, grass trimming, garbage cleanup, ect.) every Wednesday morning beginning at sunrise until 8:30 am. Trap shooters should be there by 8:30 am for squadding and helping with setup.

For more information: 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 1330 to 1530.

Word from the Prez.

Welcome to 2016! I hope that the New Year finds you and your families well and enthusiastic about the coming year.

With the New Year, the board will begin planning and scheduling for the 2016 season. Some of the upcoming events include the:

1. Range Work Day in March.
2. Annual Meeting in April.
3. Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home Charity Trap Shooting this summer or fall.

Club related information and specifics on these and other events will be published in the newsletter and/or posted on the website.

As a Chatuge Gun Club member, you also have responsibilities and duties at the start of the New Year. They are as follows:

1. Pay your annual dues by April 19th.
2. Update your contact information if it has changed.
3. **RE-READ and FULLY** understand the current Range Rules.
4. Always ensure you and your guest act **Safe and Responsibility** when at the range.
5. Always ensure others act **Safe and Responsibility** when at the range.

Remember, safety is a full time job that requires 100% attention and adherence to the rules. A momentary lapse can have permanent consequences.

Enjoy Your Second Amendment Rights,

Arthur H Douville
President, Chatuge Gun Club, Inc.

2016 ANNUAL DUES

It is a New Year and time to pay your \$35.00 annual dues for 2016 – 2017. Dues may be paid at the monthly meeting or at the annual meeting on April 19th. Dues may also be mailed to the club's P.O. Box. Dues are past due after the April 19th meeting. There will be a grace period; however, if dues have not been received by May 31st, your name will be removed from the list of active members. Thereafter, if you wish to continue as a member, you will need to submit a new application, attend a safety orientation and pay the annual dues plus the \$25.00 membership fee.

By submitting your annual dues, you recertify to the club that; (A) You have reviewed and fully understand the current range rules, (B) You and your guest will abide by these rules at all times while at the range and (C) You have not been convicted of a felony in any federal, state or local jurisdiction and are otherwise disqualified from lawfully possessing or using firearms.

IMPORTANT: Remember to keep your electronic access card as these will not be reissued; instead, your existing card will be reactivated each year upon receipt of that year's dues. A replacement card will require a payment of \$25.00.

Finally, please verify that your contact information is correct and current. If any changes need to be made, send a note along with your check.

Notice:

It is requested 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".

BASIC RULES OF GUN SAFETY

There are five basic rules of gun safety that Club members must understand and observe at all times;

1. Assume that every gun is loaded and treat the gun accordingly even if you "know" that it is unloaded;
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 shooting; and,
5. Be sure of your target, as well as what is around and behind it. At the range, this means that before handling or loading a firearm confirm that the firing line is hot and independently verify that no one is down range.

RANGE RULES

(Revised November 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"). In this regard, all firearms brought to the range must be Rendered Safe before passing through the gate. THERE ARE ONLY TWO EXCEPTIONS: (1) firearms properly present on the Firing Line during such time as the line is Hot (see Rule 4) and (2) firearms carried concealed (See Rule 6).

2. Firing Line Generally. The Firing Line (defined as the area between the red line at the front of the concrete and the yellow safety line) may be either Hot or Cold, and it is the responsibility of the Member to determine its status. The status of the Firing Line may be changed from Hot to Cold or from Cold to 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 handled or loaded until the Firing Line has been declared Hot;
- B. Unless the firearm has been Rendered Safe and is in a closed case, no firearm shall be moved from or to vehicles except when the Firing Line is Hot;
- C. Only one (1) firearm shall be on a bench at a time unless in a closed case;
- D. No person shall go downrange or move in front of the Firing Line for any reason unless and until the firing line is declared Cold as provided in Rule 3 below.

3. Cold Firing Line: The following conditions must be met before any person may go downrange or move in front of the firing line:

- A. All persons on and around the Firing Line have acknowledged that the line is Cold;
- B. All firearms present on the Firing Line have been Rendered Safe;
- C. All rifles and shotguns have been placed in a rack or have an Open Bolt Indicator in place;
- D. All pistols and revolvers have been placed in a closed case or have an Empty Chamber Indicator in place;
- E. All persons not going downrange have moved behind the yellow safety line;
- F. The Warning Lights have been activated (see Rule 5 below);
- G. No firearm shall be touched for any reason until the Firing Line has again been declared Hot and the Warning Lights deactivated; this means, but is not limited to, no sight adjustments, no cleaning and no moving firearms to and from the firing line.
- H. With respect to scheduled matches, the Match Director may modify the procedures set forth in this and other 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 Executive and Safety Officers.

4. Hot Firing Line. When the Firing Line is Hot and the Warning Lights are off, the following requirements must be met:

A. Eye and ear protection is strongly recommended for all persons on or around the firing line. Eye and ear protection is mandatory and must be in place 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.

5. Warning Lights: The Warning Lights at the Firing Line shall be activated before any person goes downrange. Before activating or deactivating the Warning Lights, the Member desiring to change the status of the Firing Line from Hot to Cold or vice versa must personally obtain consent from all individuals on or around the line. The lights may not be activated or deactivated without obtaining such consent. While the Warning Lights are an indication of the status of the Firing Line, it is the responsibility of each Member to always independently verify that status.

6. Concealed and Open Carry:

A. Although discouraged, concealed carry (notwithstanding any provision of Rules 1, 2, 3 and 4 above to the contrary) is permitted by those Members possessing a valid Georgia Weapons 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 which means that the carry weapon may not be used for practice or competition 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.

7. 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 ceasing fire, Rendering Safe all firearms and placing them on the bench.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Ammunition. No tracer or incendiary ammunition will be used on the range.

11. Targets. All targets must be comprised of (A) paper, metal or polymer or (B) material found in such commonly used targets as clay birds and bowling pins. Examples of acceptable targets include

standard bullseye paper targets, traditional action-shooting targets, humanoid type silhouette targets, animal targets and unrecognizable generic images of characters such as zombies, thugs and bad guys. No glass, bottles, cans, explosives or incendiary materials or similar items may be used as targets. Imagery, photos or pictures that depict a commonly identifiable person such as a political figure are not allowed. 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 targets shall be removed from target boards, all target boards returned to the sides of the range and any target debris cleaned up.

12. Behavior. The Golden Rule for behavior at the range is to treat other shooters as you would want to be treated. Unless a real and imminent danger is presented, a rule infraction should be discussed with the offending Member in a calm and courteous manner. More specific rules are that 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; however, the gate may be left open during scheduled matches. The last person leaving the range shall ensure that the Warning Lights are off and that the gate is locked.

13. Membership Badges. Members are encouraged to wear or otherwise display their membership badges.

14. Litter. All food and food related litter shall be removed from the range. All non-food litter shall be collected and placed in the available trash barrels or dumpsters. All brass shall be removed from the Firing Line and the concrete area. Reloadable brass not wanted should be placed in the brass bucket. Each Member shall assist in keeping the range property clean.

15. Range Access Cards. The Range Access Cards 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.

16. 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.

17. Removal For Safety Violations. Any officer may remove anyone engaging in a dangerous practice from the range property.



Air Gun ~ 1-3-16

Rifle		Pistol	
Steve Curlee	217	Bill Christine	305
Joan Moody	206	Joe Piazza	250
Gene Blackburn	205	Joan Moody	170



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

Air Gun ~ 1-17-16

Rifle	
Steve Curlee	217
Gene Blackburn	205
Joan Moody	206

Pistol	
Joan Moody	170
Ruby Rhinesmith	160

Steve Curlee



Range Work Day on March 19, 2016

It's that time of year again, we are having our work day at the range on Saturday March 19th from 8am till Noon. I will need people that will be able to help me at the 100 yard line dig a 4 inch trench to install some drainage pipe to help with the water that has been accumulating in the walkway after the rain storms. As usual we also need some people to help paint the metal rails for the Small Bore Silhouette targets and repaint the Red and Yellow lines on the firing line. There will be a few other small projects we can attempt if time and people are available. I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Thank You all. Artie DeIPup



3-Gun Match 1-16-16



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A total of 11 shooters turned out for the morning match and 10 for the afternoon match. It started as a cold morning but warmed up by afternoon. The 3-Gun match allows the shooting of three different disciplines. It is a timed match, with the shooter required to shoot a handgun, rifle, and shotgun at three different target setups.

The shooter started at the shotgun stage with targets consisting of 3 steel knock down targets and 11 clay pigeons, with one of the clay pigeons a pop up shot. Targets were set starting at approx 15 yards and increasing to 30 yards out. For Open Class and Limited (Iron Sight) ammo per shotgun is full capacity. Shooter can reload as many times as

needed. Any missed shot added 10 seconds time. All targets were to be shot in "Tactical order" and if shot out of order a 5 second penalty is added to the time.

The shooter then moves to his rifle and shoots at 11 IDPA silhouette paper targets. Two set at 20 yards, two set at 30 yards, two set at 50 yards, two set at 60 yards, and three set at 75 yards. Each required two body shots, (missed shoots adds a 5 second penalty each to the time). All target positions had a mix of "No Shoot" targets. Any No Shoot hit added 10 seconds to the time. All targets were to be shot in "Tactical order" and if shot out of order a 5 second penalty is added to the time.

For Open Class max capacity magazine was allowed. Limited (Iron Sight) ammo per magazine was limited to 30 rounds. Unlimited magazines allowed for both classes.

The shooter then moves to the handgun stage and shot at 8 steel plates, one knock down steel plate, and one 6-target shooting tree set approx 20 to 25 yards out, that required 1-shot each, (missed steel plate adds a 10 second penalty each to the time,

with each miss on the shooting tree adding 5 second penalty each). For Limited (Iron Sight) ammo per magazine was 10 round max, and Open Class allowed max magazine capacity.

The match consisted of two timed stages. Each stage is independent.

If you missed this 3-GUN match your next opportunity is TBD until the new Match calendar is worked out.
Jerome Schreiber

RF/CF Rifle Offhand Steel Plate/Bowling Pin Match - January 23, 2016
The match was canceled due to the weather



[Tradin' Table is always on the website on the Bulletin Board](#)

FOR SALE: Stoeger Condor 12 ga over/under shotgun with 28" barrel and walnut stock. Chambered for 2 3/4" and 3" shells. Purchased new (at Benton's) on 10/22/15 and still in new condition. Approximately 100 shells shot through it. Comes with one IC and one M choke, choke key and manual. \$350 or make an offer. Rob Dukes cell 813-453-8038 or northgarob@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: Ruger SR9, new Fobus holster and magazine holder, 4 magazines, original box and magazine loader. Put 100 rounds through it. \$400.00 firm, it's a steal. Mike at 706-851-9441 or mebinger@windstream.net



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