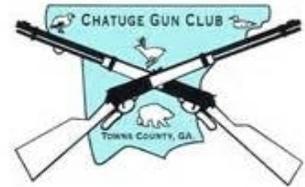




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## MAY MEETING

The next meeting of the Chatuge Gun Club will be Tuesday, 19 May 2015 at the Senior Citizen Center, 954 Main St., (west side of Hiawasse), Georgia. (across from Circle K)

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

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Check out the Chatuge Gun Club website:

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

For schedules, match descriptions, directions, range rules, more photos at

[www.chatugegc.com](http://www.chatugegc.com), club

contacts, newsletters, shooting related links and a complete calendar of ALL club events and activities.

## Coming Events

DATE	EVENT	START	RGE CLOSED	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE #
2-May	<a href="#">Cowboy Rifle Silhouette RF &amp; PC</a>	1000	0900-1600	Bill Christine	706-781-7192
9-May	<a href="#">RF/BR &amp; CF/BR</a>	1000	0900-1600	Larry Mongue	352-584-0166
16-May	<a href="#">Cowboy Action</a>	1000	0900-1600	John Sluder	706-865-1663
23-May	<a href="#">Smallbore Rifle Silhouette</a>	1100	0900-1700	Carol Rosenqvist	706-781-4392
24-May	Basic Pistol Range Time	1000	0900-1700	Ed Jones	706-896-1783
30-May	<a href="#">Steel Plate RF &amp; CF</a>	1000	0900-1700	Matt Van Steen	706-896-1782
6-Jun	<a href="#">Defensive Pistol Class/Match</a>	0900	0830-1500	Rick Klopp	706-781-4526
12-Jun	Sheriff's Trap Shoot		All Day		
13-Jun	Back-up day for Sheriff Shoot		All Day		
20-Jun	<a href="#">Modified Bowling Pin Match</a>	1000	0900-1700	Matt Van Steen	706-896-1782
27-Jun	<a href="#">Smallbore Rifle Silhouette</a>	1100	0900-1700	Carol Rosenqvist	706-781-4392
4-Jul	<a href="#">Cowboy Rifle Silhouette RF &amp; PC</a>	1000	0900-1600	Bill Christine	706-781-7192

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

**NOTE: The range will be closed for Law Enforcement use on the 3rd Tuesday + the following Thursday each month, from daylight to 1220 Hrs. Please stay away!**

**NOTE: Starting May 6th.** 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 8:15 am, as Artie does the Range Maintenance (target repairs, grass trimming, garbage cleanup, ect.) every Wednesday morning beginning at sunrise until 8:15 am. Trap shooters should be there by 8:15 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.

## 2015 Annual Chatuge Gun Club Meeting

*Art Douville*

The Chatuge Gun Club held its annual meeting on April 21, 2015 at the new Towns County Recreational Center. The meeting was called to order by President Arthur H. Douville at 7:05 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, member and retired pastor Steve Midkiff opened the meeting with a thoughtful prayer. Approximately 275 members and guests attended, and 11 new members joined the Club. The meeting was catered by Amazing Grace Catering & Events of Blairsville, GA. Scott Spinks of [PremEar](#) set up a display and took orders for custom-molded hearing protection.

Two speakers were invited to speak at this year's meeting. Towns County Commissioner Bill Kendall provided an inspiring message about the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> amendments of the Bill of Rights. He also provided everyone with a copy of the book "The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About it". Next, Georgia DNR Officer David Webb spoke to everyone about recent organizational changes within the DNR and the services the organization provides to the residents of Georgia.

The North Georgia Air Heads, our 4H air rifle team, staffed a table displaying some of their equipment and targets. Team members Olivia Adams, McKenzie Henderson and Austin Adams were present to answer questions about Sporter Air Rifle competition. Club members donated close to \$200 to the team. Commissioner Kendall also presented the team a check for \$500 from Towns County.



Bill Kendal



David Webb

As decreed by our by-laws, the Club accepted nominations and conducted elections for the Board of Directors. Russ Schoetker reported for the Nominations Committee, and nominations were opened to the floor. The current sitting officers were all nominated and agreed to serve for the next year. All were re-elected by the membership. The officers are: Arthur H. Douville as President, Matt Van Steen as Vice President, Artie Delpup as Vice President/Operations, Frank Alexander as Secretary, A.T. Sorrells as Treasurer, Carol Rosenqvist as Range Officer, and Gene Blackburn as Executive Officer.

The 2014 Shootist Award was presented by Gene Blackburn. The top 10 points winners for 2014 were awarded plaques. They were John Hagan, Jerome Schreiber, Artie Delpup, Larry Mongue, Keith McMahan, Jim Vance, Gene Blackburn, Steve Boatright, Matt Van Steen, and Joan Moody. Next, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers of the Shootist Shoot-Off were announced. Larry Mongue placed second, and Jerome Schreiber placed third. Matt Van Steen, the reigning Shootist Award winner, presented the 2014 Shootist Award to John Hagan.

Finally, door prize tickets were drawn by McKenzie Henderson and Oliva Adams for a Nikon spotting scope and Henry Golden Boy lever-action rifle. Member David Mays, to his surprise, was the winner of the Henry Golden Boy rifle. [Click here to see many more photos.](#)



# 2014 SHOOTIST SHOOT-OFF

## John Hagan is the 2014 Shootist of the Year.



### CONGRATULATIONS JOHN !!!!

The shoot-off for the 2014 Shootist of the Year award was held Saturday April 18, 2015. In addition to John, competitors participating in this year's event included Larry Mongue; Jerome Schreiber; Artie Delpup; Jim Soltys; Gene Cooley; Keith McMahan; Nelson Fagan; and Jim Vance. The aggregate score from six (6) different matches determined the winner. The matches were XTC/Bullseye; Defensive Pistol; Trap; Cowboy Rifle Silhouette; Steel Plate; and Benchrest Rifle. The winner of an individual match was awarded nine (9) points. Second place, eight (8) points, etc. with last place earning one (1) point. If a competitor had won all the matches, he would have accumulated 54 points. Upon completion of the six matches, the 3rd place winner was Jerome Schreiber with 37 points; Larry Mongue finished in 2nd place with 38 points. John Hagan was the overall winner with 40 points.

Awards were presented to the three top finishers at the annual meeting on Tuesday night, April 21, 2015.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the event a success. Art Douville as overall Match Director and everyone else who contributed to the effort. Rick Klopp, Russ Schoetner, Steve Curlee, Steve Midkiff, Joan Moody, Janet Finnegan, Larry Avery, David Mays, Diane Hamilton, Matt Van Steen, Harvey Ballenberg, Noble Rhinesmith and Gene Blackburn.

The lunch, prepared by Noble Rhinesmith, for competitors and volunteers was appreciated by all, especially when topped off with a slice of Artie Delpup's famous cheese cake. [Click for all photos.](#)



### Cowboy Action

The first match of the Chatuge Cowboys for the year was held on April 4, 2015, and was attended by six of our club members. We had a good shoot even with a light turn-out. First place was won by John Sluder (Maverick Milt), second place went to Bill Tribble (Deputy Trouble) and third place went to John Hagan (Undertaker John).

Our next match is scheduled for May 16, 2015. I am hoping for a larger turn-out and spectators are welcome, I think you will have fun!! Set-up and sign-up will start at 9am with safety meeting at 10am. This match will consist of five stages, a change from the normal of four. Bring enough ammo for the change. We might have the "Texas Star", this is always a challenge and fun.



*Happy trails, John Sluder (Maverick Milt)*



## Towns County 4-H Team qualifies for State Competition - Congratulations!!!!



### 3-Gun ~Match 4-11-15

A total of 12 shooters turned out for the morning match and 13 for the afternoon match. The 3-Gun match allows the shooting of three different disciplines. It is a timed match, with bonus time given during the rifle portion for hitting the small steel gong at the 100 yard line. The shooter is required to shoot a handgun, rifle, and shotgun at three different target setups.

The shooter started at the handgun stage and shot at ten steel plate targets set approx 20 to 25 yards out, that required 1-shot each (missing the steel plate adds a 10 second penalty to the time). For Open Class ammo per magazine is a full mag. For Limited (Iron Sight) Class ammo per magazine is 10 round max.



[More photos and results](#)

The shooter then moves to his rifle and shoots at multiple IDPA silhouette paper targets set from 50 yards to 75 yards out, and one small steel gong set at 100 yards out. Each IDPA target required 2-shots each (missing the 2-shots adds a 10 second penalty for each miss to the time). For Open Class ammo per magazine is a full mag. For Limited (Iron Sight) Class ammo per magazine is 10 round max. Unlimited magazines allowed for both classes.

The shooter then moves to the Shotgun stage with targets consisted of three steel knock down targets and 8 clay pigeons. One clay pigeon was a no shoot, and one of the clay pigeons a pop up shot. Targets were set approx 20 yards out. For Open Class ammo per shotgun is a full capacity. For Limited (Iron Sight) Class ammo per shotgun is 4 round max. Shooter can reload as many times as needed.

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

If you missed this 3-GUN match your next opportunity is July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



## Smallbore Silhouette - April 25, 2015



Click photo for more photos and results.

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## SUB-COMPACT PISTOL SHOOT/CLINIC

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11AM., we will be conducting a clinic for the occasional pistol shooter. This clinic will allow an occasional shooter to gain a little more experience in shooting a pistol. Perhaps you have purchased a pistol for self or home defense, have shot it a few times and would like the opportunity to fire it some more. This clinic is **not** for the person who has never fired a gun nor is it for **competitive experienced pistol shooters**.

The clinic is for both members and non-members and there is no charge for attending. Hopefully, we will have a fun day of shooting. Aside from safety, there will be no lengthy lectures on grip, dominant eye, proper stance, trigger control, etc. We will have instructors to assist you. Everyone will be a winner. There will be no losers nor will there be 1<sup>st</sup> place 2<sup>nd</sup> place, comparison of scores, who beat who etc.

Targets will be the IDPA type and they will be large and close and easy to hit. If you have a son, daughter, wife, mother, uncle, etc. who would like a fun day shooting, this is for them. There will be more in upcoming newsletters but if you would like a heads up on this clinic, you may call *Gene Blackburn at 706-379-1707 or Nelson Fagan at 706-781-6078.*

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## LEARNING TO LIVE WITH FIREARMS

By Ed Jones, NRA Certified Firearms Instructor & Training Counselor

The National Rifle Association course titled "*BASIC PISTOL*", a 12-hour course demonstrating fundamental handling of handguns and the legal ownership, storage, and use of firearms and information pertaining to the citizen's right of self-defense will be presented by the Chatuge Gun Club, Inc., of Hiawassee, GA. The course will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, 23 and 24 May 2015.

The course is a basic handgun course enhanced by emphasis on self-defense and the law, so it is suitable for experienced, as well as, novice shooters. Ignorance and carelessness are the two leading causes of firearm accidents. Our aim is to eliminate both of them! Safe gun handling and storage techniques are paramount and are presented as a priority throughout the course.

Attendees will receive a copy of the NRA text "*BASIC PISTOL*" as well as handouts including information pertaining to basic rules of firearms safety. Other topics visited include selection of a firearm, the anatomy of a handgun and its ammunition, loading and unloading of firearms, cleaning and maintenance of firearms. We also explore methods and techniques that may be used to prevent home invasion or other occurrences which might evolve into a life-threatening situation requiring the use of deadly force. Video presentations will be utilized including "*FIREARM CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE*" and "*THE PRINCIPLES OF HOME DEFENSE*."

The 8-hour classroom portion of the course will be conducted by NRA Certified Instructors, and will be held on Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be included this day. In addition to the NRA course, questions and information pertaining to the legal, ownership, possession, transportation, and the use of firearms and deadly force will be fielded by the Sheriff office of Towns County, Georgia.

Supervised live firing will be conducted throughout the day on the following Sunday at the Chatuge Gun Club's firing range. The single thing that makes this class unique is the fact that we are able to provide one-on-one coaching on the firing line. Having attended other courses over the years, although their content is generally excellent, they are not able to provide the intensive firing line assistance. For safety and a more complete learning experience, the one-on-one experience is essential. This is made possible by members of the Chatuge Gun Club who are NRA Certified Instructors and willing to donate their time and expertise to afford a safe, entertaining, and rewarding experience.

Participants should provide a suitable handgun and 100 rounds of appropriate ammunition. A "suitable handgun" is defined as one capable of firing a minimum of five shots without reloading; it should also be capable of being fired without manual re-cocking. Single action revolvers are allowed but not recommended. High performance or magnum loads are not necessary nor are they desirable. A target load is adequate.

A certificate of attendance is awarded at the completion of the course.

The course is a "must" for anyone who has a handgun for personal protection.

The minimum age for participation is 16; those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

A nominal fee of \$35 will be charged to cover the cost of classroom materials, texts, snacks, lunch, targets, etc. (Yes, it says lunch) The instructors, coaches, instructional and law enforcement personnel contributing to this course are strictly volunteers donating their time and efforts as a public service to educate and possibly quell some of the negative images being given to firearms by the media for whatever reason. Pre-registration is required to a class capacity of 30. For information and/or registration, call Ed Jones at (706) 896-1783 or [edjones@brmemc.net](mailto:edjones@brmemc.net) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Ed Jones, NRA Certified Firearms Instructor & Training Counselor 706-896-1783

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

#### **Notice:**

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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