



Chatuge Gun Club, Inc.

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**The next meeting of the Chatuge Gun Club will be on April 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
The April meeting is the Annual Meeting.**

Location: Towns County Recreation /Conference Center. Near the intersection of Hwy 76 & Hwy 17. Turn on Mining Gap Rd., between Century 21 and the North Georgia Golf Carts, then right on Foster Park Rd. [Google Map](#)
Refreshments and door prizes.

Meetings are held 4 times a year, on the third Tuesday of meeting months,
January, April (Annual Meeting), July and October.

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

Always check the [website](#) before you head out to the range, as events or weather can change things quickly.

NOTICE: About cold range lights.

If the lights are not working, check the ground fault outlet at the right side of the concrete platform.

TRAP: The Shotgun Group shoots Trap EVERY WEDNESDAY beginning at 10 am until all squads have fired. Trap shooters should be there by 9:30 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 DAY for non-members 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. Members are always welcome on Open Range Day.**

Have a firearm for sale or looking for one, check out the [Tradin' Table](#) always on the website.

We miss you, Jim Vance.

Jim Vance passed on February 9, 2020



Obituary

As a member of the Chatuge Gun Club, Jim was a match director, a good shooter and a great friend. Jim was always ready to help, with a smile and kind word. I miss you, Jim.

Joan Moody

I was struck with how cheerfully humble Jim approached his shooting endeavors. Always quick to share his knowledge and a grin. So long! Godspeed. *Keith Loveland*

Jim was a great help to me when I first competed in Cowboy Action. He gave me a lot of pointers, and I will miss him. *Harvey Ballenberg*

Jim Vance and I worked together at Aegis Power Systems for many years. He was a hard worker and always strived to be the best at any task he was asked to do. Jim was partially responsible for getting me started shooting the matches at the Range and joining the gun club. During the time the club tallied the Shootist points, Jim was always in the top 10 shooters. Jim will be

missed during the Saturday matches as he was quite the competitor and participated in almost all the matches. *Jerome Schreiber*

I enjoyed knowing and competing with Jim over the years. He was always a gentleman in his actions and was willing to provide meaningful advice whenever he was asked. *Thad Bynum*

I really liked Jim. He ran a lot of matches and was very good at it. Jim and I would sit and talk a lot at matches. I will miss him very much.

Keith McMahan

I was very saddened to learn of Jim's passing.

The only time we saw each other was at matches, but I always felt pleased when I saw he was there. Our conversations were always interesting, and, in thinking of Jim, the saying "still waters run deep" comes to mind. He will be missed. *A. T. Sorrells*

The Chatuge Gun Club lost a good friend and competitor with the sudden passing of Jim Vance on Sunday, 9 February at age 79. Anyone attending any of the club functions, meetings, matches and training secessions must remember Jim's wide smile and friendly and eager greeting when Jim approached. Jim was always ready to jump in and help where help was needed anywhere from gopher to Match Director. The condolences of the club are extended to Jim's wife, Sandra, sons Edward, Kevin and Tommy and daughter Jeanette along with their families. Jim's presence and friendship will be missed by all that knew Jim.

Adieu My Friend. *Ed Jones*

These are just a few comments from Jim's many friends in the Chatuge Gun Club. Jim was a valued member, instructor, and match director, and anyone that knew him would agree that we will miss him greatly.

RSO - Range Safety Officer Class - 25 March 2020

We are scheduling a 9-hour RSO workshop on Wednesday, 25 March 2020. Club members are invited, up to 20 participants. If you are interested in becoming an RSO, contact Ed Jones for details. 706-896-1783



Air Gun - February 2, 2020 & Air Gun - February 16, 2020



[See all Air Gun Results here.](#)

Old West Shooting! - Cowboy Action



even the bad guy, back in the **Old West's**.

What if you were told that you don't need a time machine to travel back to the 1800's? What if you could experience the **Wild West lifestyle**, the smell of gunpowder and the excitement of a western shootout right here at Chatuge Gun Club? You are invited to join a great group of folks who adorn the Old West lifestyle with single action pistols and rifles and a shotgun.

You might have questions about Cowboy Action Shooting like:

- What in the world is this all about?
- What firearms do I need for the sport?
- Ammunition questions?
- Can my wife and children join as well?

Was there a time when you were a kid (or perhaps even now) when you thought of being transported back in time to classic westerns like *Have Gun, Will Travel* - *Bonanza* - *Rawhide*. You might even wonder what it would be like to be the good guy, or

For answers to these and other questions, contact Greg Boggs aka Rattlesnake Blake at 985-788-5623.



Rim Fire/Center Fire Bench Rest Match - February 15, 2020

On a cold windy day we had 6 hardy shooters fire 13 rifles in several different classes. A special thanks to Keith McMahan for loaning me his scoped Anschutz rifle in the rim fire class. We all had a good time despite the cold weather. We are looking forward to the next Bench Rest Match [See the Results here.](#)
William Parker Match Director/RSO



Steel Plate Pistol Duel - February 22, 2020



On February 22, 2020 we met at the Chatuge Gun Club range on a cool morning for a Steel Plate pistol Duel.

The temperature that morning was somewhere between frigid and cold but nevertheless we had 18 shooters bravely converge on the range to shoot.

We had two different match classifications which consisted of Rimfire and Centerfire. The rimfire portion was two separate banks of 7 targets sitting on their own respective rail. Between the banks of targets was the Texas Star which consisted of 8 targets alternating between Red and Blue plates. When the fire command was given, the two shooters on the line would commence firing on their color targets and when the rail was cleared they would then finish up on the Texas Star. The first shooter to clear their color from the Star was declared the winner of that round. This was a double elimination match so winners had to defend their position several times and those that lost a round had another chance. There was a total of 30 separate duels for the winner of the match Andrew Bynum to be declared. Gene Cooley came in second place and Jerome Schreiber came in third place.

The center-fire class was similar, but it consisted of 14 large, heavy steel silhouette targets painted alternately Red and Blue. These targets were at approximately 15 yards distance and then there were two small rails with 2 targets each at a distance of 60 yards. At the command to fire the two shooters had to shoot their color targets off the close rail before attempting the last two targets at the longer range. Andrew Bynum again came in first place with Thad Bynum second place and Jerome Shreiber third place. We had a total of 28 individual duels for the centerfire class.

A good time seemed to be had by all!

Thad Bynum

[See more photos and results here.](#)



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