



# NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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## **Notes from the President:**

Spring has arrived, so it is time to come out and help with the maintenance work to be done on the ranges and facility. I encourage all members to come out and participate in the workparties as they are able, in these efforts.

As many of you already know from articles published in the King George Journal and Fredericksburg free Lance Star, the Rails-to-Trails Project has resurfaced. A former director of DCR has formed a private association to bring the RTT into operation. I ask all members to keep an extra eye out for activity on the RROW when shooting on the lower rifle/pistol range. The EC will keep you apprised of further information and developments.

There are a number of problems occurring on the ranges caused by irresponsible folks. Someone is trashing and destroying the ranges and material, causing dangerous situations with the debris left on the range. The EC requests all members who observe any destruction of property, the breaking of club rules that cause unsafe conditions and hazards, to report the incident to a club officer as soon as possible. Include a brief description of those individuals with their vehicle and tag numbers and the date and time of the infraction.

Chronic Wasting Disease reports from Wisconsin indicate a high percentage of farm raised deer contracting the disease on a specific farm had indicated 80% of the deer killed to test had the disease ( 60 out of 76 ) and that another 40 deer escaped from that farm into the wild. The help illustrate the dangers that Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries biologists have been communicating this fear for several years and it is bound to spread in all directions from Wisconsin.

A reminder to all first year members: In addition to the financial obligations, each new member is required to contribute a minimum of four (4) workdays during their first year. Failure to complete the required workdays within the first year of membership could result in not being tendered membership renewal. Anyone having problems attending regularly scheduled workparties are encouraged to contact the XO. He is the activities director who will assign special projects to enable members to accomplish their work credits.

The EC is currently looking for a volunteer to coordinate and begin to make arrangements for next year's annual club dinner. Please contact an EC member if you are interested.

As always, I would like to stress the importance of safety by all members and their families and guests while on the facility property.

John LoBuglio  
President

## **High Power News:**

April 8th will be a M1 Garand Match. Bring your M1 and your own ammo and come on out and shoot. We will have loner rifles and ammo for sale for anyone needing it or just wanting to come on out and try it out.

Also we are working on getting are matches NRA approved. That way these matches will count towards your NRA classification. We look forward to seeing you all out there.

Tony Gimmellie

## **Club Logo Promotional Items:**

Club logo promotional items will be on sale at our monthly meetings. There are Polo shirts, T-shirts and hats with the new club logo. Polo shirts (with pockets) are \$27; T-shirts (with pockets) are \$15; and hats are \$9. Orders for special sizes and items on a future order will be taken. Please call John LoBuglio at (540) 644-9999 if you are interested in a specific size or color that we have in stock.

## **From the XO:**

Thanks to all that came to the March work party. We got a lot of work done on the rifle range and shotgun fields.

We still need to do work on the target frames. We found some poplar boards that are long enough. I'll bring my Router and some one can cut the groove and mount the new boards. I'm counting on Fred having extra dowels. Hammers etc. will be needed so we can fix up the target stands. I think we could start cutting some of the trees by the picnic area.

Remember if you need work credits and can't make a work day contact me for a project that can be done any time and some any place. Let me know if you want to just do it on other than the third Saturday or need to work it some other way.

The club has gotten some complaints about noise. Specifically at night, but I think we should think about the whole picture. I also don't think it is a "club" solution. A .22 rf rifle makes a lot less noise than other firearms. Some HP rifles make more noise than target loads in a shotgun. Each discipline should think this trough and come up with guidelines for times of operation. These times might be different depending on if school is in session.

Joe Primerano,  
Executive Officer ([joesprim@yahoo.com](mailto:joesprim@yahoo.com) or 540-775-2308)

## **March 2006 Membership Report:**

Please join me in welcoming **Kip Yost**, **Matt Philpott**, Lesley **Todd Lewis**, and **Richard Sypher** to the Club.

There are 4 prospective members: **Thomas Yaun** of Falmouth; **Chris Strange**, of Fredericksburg; **Stewart Tiller**, of Partlow, Virginia; and **Mike Botelho**, of Fredericksburg. If anyone has any issues with any of the prospective members please contact the membership chairman or any club officer with your concerns as soon as possible.

If you are sponsoring a prospective member, please provide that person's name to the membership secretary as soon as possible in order to publish it in the newsletter without delay. We currently have 327 active members in the club, 16 absentee members, and 7 pending members.

Mark Varney  
Membership Secretary

## **Roughrider sporting Clays Match:**

The Roughrider was held on April 18 with nine shooters , completing the course of 13 shooting stations and 93 total targets. Todd hunter finished first with a spectacular 73, a solid Class A performance. Jon was second with 67, followed by Tim with 55, Brion with 52, and mike 48. Lonnie won the Jr. Division with a nice 45.

## **ATA Match:**

High winds and bitter March cold were in control of this one. Ernie Jones prevailed over Jon Yagla in a shootoff at the 16 yard line. The Doubles match was the one to watch, after a bad start Ernie Jones worked his way up the board. Going into the last ten-target station, he was in a dead heat with Chip King, who had a brilliant start, and Rick DeMerle, who was steady all the way. The match was decided at the last pair, Ernie broke both, Rick one, and Chip dropped the pair and the match

Jon Yagla  
Shotgun Chairman

## **March '06 BR Match:**

OK, OK, OK..... You guys are absolutely right.... Normally I get the match results out Saturday night after the match but this time I've been slack... Reason??? Looks like shell shock... I came within a gnats ass of taking a grand whipping.. After a 3 gun aggregate I came out with a stinking 1 point win and was behind in X count.. WOW what a great match.. Gene whipped me again in sporter rifle, Andy tied me to the X count in 10 ½ lb..... and finally I won 13 ½ lb by one point... The wind was blowing to half a gale and kept changing direction every couple of seconds... I think everyone was having trouble doping wind... Good shooting to everyone and especially to the newest ... Keep up the hard work and hopefully this will continue for some time...

See you guys in April... I know I need lots of practice..

Perry Fridley  
Benchrest Chairman

## **Website:**

Website has been caught up on. I am tasking anyone running your shooting sports to please email me any of your match results and pictures from your matches. If you supply the information then it will get posted on the website to help promote your shooting sport. It also helps attract new members and allow you to track your sports results. If you guys don't submit me these things to me, they can't get posted. So I look forward to getting results and pictures in my mail box.

Also the site has been up for almost a year and the message forums are hardly used. The message forums are a great place to communicate; talk and help out are members or new members thinking of joining. I ask that everyone gets in there and registers and starts participating in these forums.

As for people who need access into the CLUB MEMBER ONLY section you need to register and send ME a personnel message that you need access. Once I receive your PM or a email I will get you your access.

Tony Gimmellie

## **Officers and Committee Chairmen:**

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## NVGC 2006 Calendar

Date	Time	Event
2 April	1:00pm	Skeet & Trap practice
8 April	9:00 – 12:00	M1 Garand Match
9 April	1:00pm	Skeet & Trap practice
13 April	1:00pm	Skeet & Trap practice
15 April	9:00am / 12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
16 April	09:30am	ATA Trap
16 April	1:00pm	Skeet & Trap practice
21- 23 April		BSA Troop 77 Joe Primerano
22 April	8:30am – 12:00 noon	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
23 April	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
30 April	1:00pm	Skeet & Trap practice
13 May	9:00am – 12:00 noon	High Power Service Rifle Match
16 May	09:30am	ATA Trap
20 May	9:00am - 12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
20 May	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
21 May	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
26-29 May	Friday PM to Mon 1pm	Boy Scout Troop 875 (Jim Morgan)
10 June	9:00am – 12:00 noon	High Power Service Rifle Match
11 June	09:30 am	ATA Trap
17 June	9:00am - 12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting Club Picnic
24 – 25 June	8:00am – 4:00pm	Summer Shoot Out Open Skeet Match 4 gun & Dbls
24 June	8:30am – 12:00 noon	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
25 June	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
8 July	9:00am – 12:00 noon	M1 Garand Match
15 July	9:00am - 12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
22 July	8:30am – 12:00 noon	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
23 July	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
12 August	9:00 – 12:00	High Power Service Rifle Match
19 August	9:00am - 12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
26 August	8:30am – 12:00 noon	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
27 August	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
9 September	9:00 – 12:00	High Power Service Rifle Match
16 September	9:00am - 12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
23 September	All day	NVGC OPEN HOUSE (Nat'l Hunting & Fishing Day)
23 September	8:30am – 12:00 noon	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire) *TBD*
24 September	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
30 Sept. – 1 Oct.	8:00am – 4:00pm	Fall Tree Line Open Skeet Match
1 October	12:00- 4:00 pm	Black Powder Qualification – Caledon
14 October	9:00am - 12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
14 October	After meeting	CMP Affiliated M1 Garand Match
21 October	8:30am – 12:00 noon	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
22 October	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)

Notes: All events are held at the Club unless specifically stated

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The proposed FY 06-07 budget along with the status of the FY 05-06 year are included for the members to review. It will be voted on at the April meeting. If you have any concerns let one of the Club Officers know.

Darryl Breitenstein  
Treasurer

<b>Income:</b>	<b>FY 05-06</b>	<b>to Date</b>	<b>FY 06-07</b>
Dues:60	\$18,900.00	\$18,780.00	\$18,600.00
Dues:10	\$130.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
Dues:45	\$360.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Dues mistake	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Dues:30	\$240.00	\$270.00	\$300.00
Dues:15	\$120.00	\$45.00	\$150.00
Initiation Fees:	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,200.00
Miscellaneous**	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00
shotgun	\$8,555.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
pistol		\$0.00	\$0.00
benchrest		\$0.00	\$0.00
Hipower		\$375.00	\$0.00
John Garand		\$0.00	\$0.00
Club Logo Items	\$500.00	\$173.50	\$300.00
Annual Dinner		\$800.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,305.00</b>	<b>\$23,893.50</b>	<b>\$33,160.00</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 05-06</b>	<b>to Date</b>	<b>FY 06-07</b>
Lease to NVSF	\$6,100.00	\$5,647.12	\$5,900.00
Insurance	\$3,875.00	\$3,881.41	\$4,160.00
Newsletter	\$1,800.00	\$962.24	\$1,500.00
Membership	\$440.00	\$0.00	\$480.00
Open House	\$400.00	\$368.00	\$400.00
Picnic	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Utilities	\$300.00	\$225.19	\$360.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$6.90	\$70.00
Tractor Fuel &	\$350.00	\$254.57	\$400.00
Operating Costs	\$150.00	\$152.10	\$150.00
work party food	\$685.00	\$583.18	\$700.00
Annual Dinner	\$500.00	\$1,389.29	\$500.00
E.C. Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$65.00	\$500.00
Club FFL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Club Affiliations	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Contributions	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
Wildlife Program	\$500.00	\$346.47	\$500.00
Club Logo Items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
junior shooting	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
all maintenance	\$2,400.00	\$2,361.73	\$2,500.00
portable toilets	\$1,950.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,950.00
Archery Program	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Pres. Discretionary	\$500.00	\$204.00	\$500.00
Shotgun	\$8,555.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
CAS Program	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Pistol Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hipower Program	\$100.00	\$513.33	\$100.00
Benchrest Program	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Club website	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
hunting (signs and	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,305.00</b>	<b>\$18,885.53</b>	<b>\$33,160.00</b>

## Work Party List

		Officers/chairman	No specific date	18-Feb	18-Mar
Armstrong	Scott	4			1
Arthur	Mike				1
Baker	Frank		1		
Boyer	Chuck				1
Breitenstein	Darryl	4		1	1
Bushong	Phil		3		1
Cavender	James		1		
DeMerl	Rick		1		
Donlavage	David				1
Fridley	Perry	4		1	1
Gibson	Jerry			1	1
Gorder	Tim	4		1	1
Grahm	Peter		2		
Granonger	Joe		1		
Hodgson	Gene		1	1	1
Jimenez	Mario			1	1
Jones	Ernie		2		
Kile	Larry			1	1
King	Bob	4	1		
Kolbrener	Fred				1
LeBuglio	John	4			1
Manuel	Ben		4		1
Manuel	Russel				1
McCauley	Dennis		2		1
Miller	James W.				1
Montrief	Kevin		1		
Morgan	Jim			1	
Nichols	Ed				1
Primerano	Joe	4		1	1
Richmond	Doug				1
Rinaldi	Seith		1		1
Southhall	Brian				1
Strange	Chris				1
Tiedge	Ken				1
Van Horn	Gary				1
Varney	Mark	4			
Yagla	Jon	4	4		1
Yost	Kip		1		1

## Range Safety news

The new range Safety Officer, Scott Armstrong, has been working on the Range Safety Rules. The rules below and on the next page **augment** and **DO NOT REPLACE** the current range safety rules! One of the biggest changes is to the list of Range Safety Officer duties and responsibilities. Many members felt that they were not sure where the line of the RSO duties was. Hopefully, this will give everyone a firm grasp of what a good RSO does to keep our Club safe and fun. The other range rules are on the following four pages.

## ***NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB***

### **Pistol/Rifle Range Safety Rules**

#### **GENERAL SAFETY RULES:**

1. **ALWAYS** treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
2. Never point a firearm at anything that you do not intend to shoot, or in a direction where an unintentional discharge may do harm.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until your sights are on target and you have made the conscious decision to shoot.
4. Be sure of your target, its backstop, and beyond.

#### **SPECIFIC RANGE SAFETY RULES:**

1. Eye and ear protection must be worn at all times forward of the fence, separating the parking lot from the firing area.
2. All shooting must be done **at** the firing line, not in front of or back from the firing line. All firing will be straight downrange to the target. No cross-range firing is allowed.
3. Keep all uncased firearms pointed down range at all times unless the firearm is carried in a holster or the unloaded firearm is stored in a weapons rack behind the firing line with the action open.
4. Do not shoot at target frames; do not place targets in front of frames. Paper targets should be centered on the provided target backers to minimize damage to the frames, and should be placed on the front face of the backer to minimize puncture wounds from protruding staples. Under no circumstances will target frames, shooting benches, or any range equipment be used as / for, supporting targets.
5. Targets placed on the range are to be paper targets, authorized metallic targets, soda cans, metal gongs, bowling pins, and plastic jugs. All targets must be placed in such a manner to ensure the impact of bullets or slugs into the designated backstop. At the conclusion of shooting, shooters will police up all target material for appropriate disposal. *No rocks or glass items may be used as targets at any time!*

## **SPECIFIC RANGE SAFETY RULES (Continued):**

6. Each shooter is responsible for cleaning his firing point (including all brass, paper, and targets placed on the range) and replacing their target backer in the proper storage shed, if used.

7. **EVERYONE has the responsibility for ensuring safety on the range.**

8. We are all responsible for each other's safety. Anyone observing a safety problem or any unsafe act, report it immediately to the Range Safety Officer. Any shooter can call a cease-fire if an unsafe condition exists on the range.

## **RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO) RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Whenever the pistol or rifle range is occupied, a **club member** will be designated as the Range Safety Officer (RSO).

2. The RSO will ensure all shooters follow the range safety rules on the rifle and pistol ranges. (Again, this is also an individual responsibility for every member)

3. The RSO will call for a cease-fire (cold line) when a shooter needs to go forward of the firing line. When the "cease-fire" is called:

- All shooters stop firing immediately.
- All firearms will be unloaded.
- All actions will remain open and the firearms will be grounded (benched) in a safe manner.
- All shooters not going downrange will step back from the firing line to ensure the line remains safe until the downrange area is clear.

4. The RSO will visually and physically ensure the entire firing line is safe before allowing anyone to go down range.

***NOTE:** During the time that people are down range, under no circumstances will any firearm be handled. This includes any sight adjustments, loading or unloading magazines, and casing or uncasing of any weapons.*

5. Before firing is resumed, the RSO will ensure the downrange area is clear and visually check that all shooters have returned.

6. The RSO will ensure the ranges are used safely and as intended following the NVGC guidelines for all ranges.

Prior to the RSO departing the range, they will ensure that another club member is designated as the RSO if the range is still occupied.

## **BASIC NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB** **RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE RULES**

1. Keep all firearms pointed down range at all times.
2. Keep firearms unloaded & actions open until the "LOAD" command is given.
3. When a member of the range safety committee is not present and more than one member is shooting, one member must take responsibility as the range safety officer in order to control when the range is clear (safe) and hot. If a clear range is needed, ask for it.
4. Whenever people are forward of the firing line, all firearms will be unloaded & grounded with actions open.
5. When a "**CEASE FIRE**" is called:

(1) **STOP FIRING IMMEDIATELY**

(2) **UNLOAD ALL FIREARMS**

(3) **KEEP ACTIONS OPEN**

(4) **GROUND ALL FIREARMS**

6. Eye & ear protection must be worn at all times forward of the fence separating the parking lot from the firing area.
7. All shooting must be done at the firing line, not in front or back from the firing line. All firing will be straight on to the target. No cross firing is allowed.
8. No shooting at target frames; do not place targets in front of frames. Paper targets should be centered on the target backers to minimize damage to frames, and should be placed on the front face of the target backer only. Stapling targets on the front and back of the target backer results in staples protruding in both directions, increasing chances for puncture wounds to shooters using that backer in the future. Under no circumstances will target frames, shooting benches or any range equipment be used for targets.
9. Targets placed on range are to be paper targets, authorized metallic silhouette, soda cans, metal gongs, bowling pins, and plastic jugs. No rocks or glass may be used for targets and all targets must be placed to ensure impact of bullets or slugs in a designated backstop. At the conclusion of shooting, shooters will police their target area, and remove their paper targets, authorized metallic silhouette, soda cans, metal gongs, bowling pins, or plastic jugs and store or dispose of them appropriately. If you bring it in, pack it out as well.
10. When a cease-fire is desired the designated range officer will issue the following commands:

**"CEASE FIRE--CLEAR AND GROUND ALL FIREARMS"**

**"ACTIONS OPEN--STEP BACK FROM THE LINE"**

**"IS THE LINE CLEAR?"**

Only when the range officer is satisfied that the line is **CLEAR** will he continue with:

**"THE LINE IS CLEAR--YOU MAY GO FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE".**

During the time that people are down range, **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY FIREARM BE HANDLED. (THIS INCLUDES SIGHT ADJUSTMENTS.)** Before firing is resumed, the designated range officer will verify that all persons are again behind the firing line and he will ask in a loud clear voice:

**"IS THE DOWN RANGE AREA CLEAR?"**

Only when he has an affirmative reply and visually checked that all shooters have returned will he issue the command:

**"THE LINE IS HOT"; "NO ONE MAY GO FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE"; "YOU MAY COMMENCE FIRING".**

**All range commands should be given in a loud clear voice so that the entire firing line can hear them at the same time.** It is recommended that a cease-fire be called at least every half-hour.

11. Each shooter is responsible for cleaning up his firing point (includes all brass, paper, and targets placed on the range) and replacing his target backer in the proper storage shed.



**BASIC NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB**  
**SHOTGUN RANGE RULES**

1. Keep all shotguns pointed in a safe direction, or in the provided storage racks.
2. Keep shotguns unloaded & actions open until the shooter is on the trap or skeet concrete pad and it is his/her turn to shoot. Firearms will be unloaded & actions open before the shooter steps off the pad.
3. Whenever people are forward of the firing pads - all firearms will be **UNLOADED & ACTIONS OPEN, OR UNLOADED & PLACED IN THE PROVIDED SHOTGUN RACKS.**
  
4. When a "**CEASE FIRE**" is called:
  - (1) **STOP FIRING IMMEDIATELY**
  - (2) **UNLOAD ALL FIREARMS**
  - (3) **KEEP ACTIONS OPEN**
5. Eye & ear protection must be worn at all times when forward of a line marked by the field light poles. This includes observers as well as shooters, since broken clay pieces do not make a distinction.
6. For formal practice or matches, all shooting must be done at the designated trap or skeet concrete pads. Only on specific occasions, such as club sponsored sporting clays type events, Annie Oaklies, or informal practice with ground or hand traps described below will firing at other specified locations be allowed.
7. No shot larger than 7½ will be fired on the shotgun ranges. Shooters wishing to shoot larger shot or shotgun slugs must use the rifle & pistol ranges to do so.
8. If no formal skeet or trap practice or matches are underway, members may set up personally owned ground or hand traps for informal shotgun practice using their own clay targets. Such traps should be set approximately between skeet station #4 and skeet station #8 on field one or two, or in a similar position in the unimproved fields left and right of the installed fields, and the clays launched such that their flight path does not cross any of the fixed trap or skeet buildings. Members should take great pains to ensure their shot patterns do not impact these fixed gun club installations, and that their fall of shot is within the normal shotgun range impact area. The limitations on shot size still apply. During informal practice, the shooter will be beside or forward of the trapper and ground or hand trap. If the shooter wishes to be behind the trap, the ground trap must be remotely operated. Formal skeet or trap practice or matches will take precedence over informal shotgun practice.
9. Each shooter is responsible for cleaning up the shotgun fields (includes all hulls, boxes, soda cans, lunch wrappers, etc., and refilling the trap and skeet machines. Plastic barrels are provided for unwanted hulls, and a burn barrel is provided for burnable trash. Please separate your trash accordingly.
10. Trap shooters desiring to enter the trap house should place the orange safety cone on top of the house so others know they are there.
11. Shooters, even with their actions open, will be mindful of the direction of their muzzles so as to not sweep across other shooters or spectators.

**GENERAL RANGE SAFETY RULES AND COMMANDS**  
**– APPLICABLE TO ALL RANGES –**

1. Ranges may be closed during the Deer Gun Season, so check the monthly newsletter. Dates generally run from the beginning of the week of Thanksgiving to the first Saturday in January. The ranges are open for general shooting on Sundays during this season, and may be open on other designated days.
2. Combination for the club gate is changed at the August work party.
3. Make sure you read your newsletter to keep informed about club functions and activities.
4. All club members are allowed to bring guests and are expected to act in a safe and responsible manner. However, no guest will be allowed on any range unless accompanied and supervised by a club member.
5. No member of the family (Associate Member) of a Club member is allowed on any range unless accompanied and supervised by a Club member.
6. Serious violations of range safety and club rules constitute grounds for permanent expulsion from the club per the by-laws.
7. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the firing ranges and any person under the influence of alcohol is barred from the ranges.
8. Discharge of firearms (of any type) or archery equipment is restricted to the range facility designated for such use. Shotguns firing larger than 7½ shot or slugs will utilize the rifle and pistol ranges because of their more substantial backstop.
9. No full automatic weapons of any type are to be fired on the club property.
10. Tracer or incendiary ammunition will not be fired at any time on the club property.
11. Firearms must be unloaded when brought onto the club property and will be loaded only when ready to fire on the firing line.
12. Actions of un-cased firearms will be open (slides back, cylinders open, bolts back, magazines out) at all times except when on the firing line ready to fire.
13. Muzzles of all benched or grounded firearms will be pointed downrange or placed in racks, if provided. No loaded firearm may be left unattended.
14. When loading, sighting, firing, resting, or dry firing, the firearm must be pointed down range.
15. Firearms .50 Caliber and over are prohibited except for Shotguns, Pistols, and Black Powder firearms.

**VIOLATION OF RANGE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION UP TO AND INCLUDING PERMANENT DISMISSAL FROM THE CLUB. THERE ARE TO BE NO EXCEPTIONS FROM THE ABOVE RANGE RULES.**

**BASIC NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB**  
**ARCHERY RANGE RULES**

1. Only Field Points and Target Points are to be used on the Excelsior bales and 3-D targets. Broadheads, crossbows and bolts are prohibited. Broadheads are only authorized for use on special designated Styrofoam, Eythofoam or similar targets that are specifically designed for Broadhead use. This type of target is not provided by the club or allowed to be set up on the Walk-Through Range.
2. Notify all archers at your station, before moving forward to pull arrows. Arrows are not to be nocked while anyone is forward of the shooting line.
3. Archers must be 18 years of age or supervised by a qualified adult.
4. Place practice targets in various spots on bale faces to equalize wear and avoid shooting at one area for all practice shots.
5. Paper testing may be done on target # 1 only.
6. Check your equipment. Make any necessary repairs and adjustments behind the shooting line. Mark any location of broken arrows or points that remain in the targets.
7. Do not handle another archer's equipment without their permission.
8. No shooting at target frames; do not place targets in front of frames.
9. Conduct that may endanger range safety is strictly prohibited.
10. Leave the range in better condition than you found it. Police your garbage.
11. Report all violations to the Archery Chairman or a club officer.