



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President

This month I have a question for the entire membership. Do you think our club is getting close to have too many members? The total right now is fast approaching 400. It is getting to be a big workload to process renewals along with new memberships. I have gone to the ranges several times this winter and there is always a good crowd on the line. I feel it would be responsible to everyone if we put a cap on membership.

Next month I want to put out a questionnaire to get as much feedback as possible. Everyone's participation is highly encouraged and a vote either yeah or nay is all that's required. Comments will also be appreciated.

I am also making a change to the operation of the lower ranges during scheduled events. Three events each month take place on the lower ranges; IR 50/50 benchrest match, Ball & Patch muzzle loading, metal silhouette match and a Cowboy match. The ranges will not be closed for any of these matches. I just hope that non-participants can be courteous and abide by event range officers of the day.

Let's make NVGC an enjoyable place to shoot.

Perry Fridley
President NVGC

February Membership Report

Please welcome to the club the following new members:

- Michael Angelo Jacovelli of King George, Va.
- Keith Dye of Fredericksburg, Va.
- Thomas Edward Krumpton of King George, Va.

There are six new prospective members this month. If any members have any issues with these prospective members, please contact any member of the NVGC executive committee as soon as possible.

- Zachary Rene Scott of King George, Va. Sponsored by Brian Fox
- Nick Vuckmer of Leonardtown Md. Sponsored by Richard Chadwick
- Gary Hampton of Fredericksburg, Va. Sponsored by James Wilkerson
- Daniel Martin of King George, Va. Sponsored by Perry Fridley
- Michael Whitmire of Alexandria Va. Sponsored by Perry Sisson
- Steve Grossen of King George, Va. Sponsored by Brett Affholter

Jim Westendorf
Membership Secretary

Classified Ad

Private/group pistol shooting classes by certified NRA instructor. Lessons tailored to your needs - accuracy improvement, firearm selection, defensive shooting, concealed carry permit classes, cowboy action coaching. Reasonable rates, discount for club members and their families. Contact Tim at tspivak@va.metrocast.net or phone (540) 848-4634.

From the XO

March Work Party: Scheduled for 17th March, start time 0900. Lunch at noon. Projects are as follows:

1. Replace cross braces lower range. Bring bat drills and torx bits
2. Clean up brush and fallen trees. Bring chain saws, wackers etc.
3. Re-paint skeet houses. See Jon Yagla
4. Frame for concrete - 200 yd line – See Perry Fridley
5. Clean gutters lower range
6. Clean target backers – lower range
7. Trash run.

Food: Looking for volunteers to help buy and cook food – please contact Tim ASAP if you can help. Call me or email tspivak@va.metrocast.net if you can help (540)-775-4561.

Action Range Status: Persistent rain continues to delay final grading and spreading of stone on ranges. Look for updates via email for adhoc work parties to trench for power and pour concrete slabs. UNTIL THEN DO NOT SHOOT ON THE ACTION RANGES.

Tim Spivak

Executive Officer

Range Safety Notes

If you choose to shoot while a match is in progress, you are required to follow the match rules that are in effect. Most matches are timed events, be sure you have enough targets out to keep you busy between cease fires.

Due to neighbors complaining about someone setting off explosives on the ranges, “**EXPLODING TARGETS**” are prohibited. If someone thinks that the club is setting off explosives on the property and reports the incident to law enforcement, we could come under some intense scrutiny by local authorities, and the BATF. I understand that one of the plastic chairs was destroyed during this incident; destroying club property is grounds for dismissal.

I would like to remind everyone to please take the time to go over the range rules below with guests that you might bring to the range before engaging in actual shooting.

During casual shooting always appoint someone as Range Safety Officer (RSO); if you are the first person on the range, **you** are it. When you leave the range, turn the RSO duties over to someone else. **EVERYONE keep in mind, when a “CEASE FIRE” is called, unload your weapon, lay the weapon on the bench with the action open and step away from the line, NO ONE is to touch anything on the firing line until the range is “HOT”. KEEP THE MUZZLE DOWN RANGE AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE LINE. WHEN MOVING TO AND FROM YOUR VEHICLE OR A DIFFERENT FIRING POSITION WITH AN UNCASSED WEAPON, KEEP THE WEAPON UNLOADED, WITH THE ACTION OPEN, MUZZLE POINTED AT THE GROUND, FINGER OFF OF THE TRIGGER.**

Target frames are to be used for holding target backers, NOT clay pigeons, cans plastic bottles, balloons etc. Staple balloons to target backers if you shoot balloons, hang plastic bottles, etc. with a string from a cross member. **DO NOT** lean anything against an upright to shoot at, build your own frame and set up **in front** of a berm, be sure that your rounds **impact the berm. No cross firing on the ranges, shoot at the target directly in front of you, do not shoot into the ground or into standing water.**

TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE.

If you remove stools or benches from under the covered part of the line please put them back when finished. Someone put time and effort into building this equipment for the club, **YOUR CLUB**, so take care of **YOUR** stuff.

If you see anyone deliberately destroying club property, report the person or persons to any one of the Executive Committee or any member of the Facility Board.

Remember, there are extra gate locks in the ammo can located in the lower left compartment the target shed on the lower ranges.

Seth Rinaldi

Chief Range Safety Officer

Hunting Safety Note

The following disturbing report recently was brought to my attention.

A gun club member was target shooting at the rifle range in the November-December, 2011 timeframe when he saw someone walking across the railroad right of way behind the range. He immediately stopped shooting and investigated the situation. As it turned out, the person whom he saw had been hunting, had parked at the intersection of the club driveway and the railroad right of way, and when he finished hunting he foolishly walked back along the railroad right of way while someone was target shooting. Furthermore, this hunter pled ignorance when confronted with the obvious error of his ways.

Now, since all NVGC members in our hunting program sign the Hold Harmless Agreement and are cautioned verbally to avoid the range impact area, I assume that this wayward wanderer was a trespasser on our property and not a gun club member. However, should a similar incident involving a club member ever be reported to me in the future (and the purpose of this message is to help ensure that it never does), it will be handled with the utmost seriousness. The transgressor could suffer, other than the possibility of injury or death from a gunshot wound, up to expulsion from the club. Repercussions for the club, should someone be injured or killed, would be unpredictable but very likely disastrous. Therefore, I strongly urge everyone to heed this message and avoid the range impact area.

Thank you.

John Klochak
Hunting Chairman

Cowboy Action Report

Our first match of the season takes place on March 25th. Please arrive at 0830 to help set up. Registration is at 0900. First shots are downrange at 1000 hrs, and we usually wrap up around 1500 hrs. BYO lunch. If you are interested in getting involved in CAS, give me a call (540) 775-4561 or email tspivak@va.metrocast.net.

Tim Spivak,
CAS Chairman

NVGC 2012 Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Sunday's All Year	1000- Dusk	Shotgun Practice (POC – Jon Yagla)
03 March	0900- 1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
17 March	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)
24 March	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match(POC Perry Fridley)
24 March	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
25 March	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match(POC Tim Spivak)
31 March	0930-1500	NSSA 4X50 Skeet Match (POC Jon Yagla)
7 April	0900-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
21 April	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)
22 April	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match(POC Tim Spivak)
28 April	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match(POC Perry Fridley)
28 April	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
5-6 May	0800 5 May -1300 6 May	Boy Scout Troop 8
12 May	0930-1500	ATA Trap match (POC Jon Yagla)
12 May NOTE DATE CHANGE	0900-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt) NOTE DATE CHANGE
19 May	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)
20 May	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match(POC Tim Spivak)
25 May- 28 May	1400 25 May – 1200 28 May	Boy Scout Troop 875 (POC Jim Morgan)
28 May	0930-1500	Sporting Clays (POC Jon Yagla)
02 June	0900-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
09 June NOTE DATE CHANGE	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match(POC Perry Fridley) NOTE DATE CHANGE
09 June	0830-1500	NSSA 4X50 Skeet Match (POC Jon Yagla)

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16 June	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting (POC Tim Spivak)
23 June	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match (POC Perry Fridley)
23 June	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
24 June	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match (POC Tim Spivak)
07 July	0900-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
21 July	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting (POC Tim Spivak)
22 July	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match (POC Tim Spivak)
28 July	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match (POC Perry Fridley)
28 July	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
04 August	0900-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
18 August	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting (POC Tim Spivak)
25 August	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match (POC Perry Fridley)
25 August	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
26 August	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match (POC Tim Spivak)
01 September	0900-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
02 September	0930-1500	Sporting Clays (POC Jon Yagla)
15 September	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting (POC Tim Spivak)
22 September	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match (POC Perry Fridley)
22 September	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
23 September	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match (POC Tim Spivak)
06-08 October	0900 6 Oct. - 1200 8 Oct	Boy Scout Troop 1887 (POC Jim Miller)
13 October NOTE DATE CHANGE	0900-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt) NOTE DATE CHANGE
20 October	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)
27 October	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Championship Match (POC Perry Fridley)
27 October	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
28 October	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match(POC Tim Spivak)
03 November	0900-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
10 November	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Fun Match & Cookout (POC Perry Fridley)
17 November	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)
25 November	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match(POC Tim Spivak)
15 December	1200	Club Meeting Location TBD
19 January 2013	TBD	Annual Club Dinner Location TBD

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

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