



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

The annual dinner on January 17th was a very enjoyable evening. The food was delicious and the Officer's Club was a great choice for a location that was centrally located for the members. We are already considering this location for next year. Our special guest speaker, Doug Wicklund, Sr. Curator at the National Firearms Museum, gave a presentation on "Arms Through the Ages, Developments and Technology". He discussed firearms from the 1500s up until now and included ten firearms as part of his talk. At the conclusion, a plaque was given to him to show our appreciation. I am planning on posting some pictures on our new website very soon. Paid attendance was about 34. I would like to see at least 50 next year. With a membership approaching 300, I wish more members would attend this annual event. I would like to especially thank Fred Kolbrener for organizing this event. He did an outstanding job.

Once again we are trying to get a jump on Spring and have planned a work party day for February, 21. We still have some trees to clear after the Hurricane last Fall. See Jim Morgan's column below for more details. There will be a club meeting afterwards at noon at the club pavilion for those hearty enough to attend. John LoBuglio has even offered to bring some venison chili. I had some last year and you don't want to miss this chili!

We have a new Chairman! Perry Fridley is starting a .22 bench rest program. This started on January 31 and will occur thru June. Hopefully there will be enough interest to continue the program. Please contact Perry if you have any questions.

As many of you know, we had to postpone the Special Meeting scheduled for January 11th. Although I was able to contact many members, some did not get the word and showed up for the meeting. I am sorry that we were not able to contact all the members in the short time we had. I will try to improve this.

I have acquired the domain name NVGC.ORG and am in the process of building a web site that will contain news, club calendar, pictures, etc. I am doing this myself with no cost to the club.

As always if you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me or any member of the Executive Committee.

Tom Hackett
President NVGC

Membership Report For February:

We have three prospective new members:
John Cotton of Manassas sponsored by Jim Morgan Jr
Thomas Distain of Fredericksburg sponsored by Joe Satriano
Stephen Walsh of Herndon, not sponsored

If anyone has any issues with any of these prospective members please contact the membership chairman or any club officer with your concerns.

Welcome to new member Bobby Keller Jr.

I would like to remind Members that they have obligations when they join the club. One is to do four work days your first year of membership and second is to purchase your stocks from the NVSF after your first year. If either of these is not done you can be dropped from membership.

Joe Graninger
Membership Secretary

From the XO:

The February work day will be dedicated to cutting the down trees from hurricane into saw logs. This will require a good turn out if we are to complete the project in one day. The following task and the number of workers are explained as follows:

- 1) 3 teams of 2 each, total of 6; each team will need one 16 foot tape measure and one ax. This team will be marking the trees into saw log lengths. Joe Primerano will take lead on this.
- 2) 4 - 6 people with chain saws to saw the trees into saw logs.
- 3) 4 teams of 3 each, total of 12 to move the tree laps to an appropriate lap pile; each team will need a small chain saw and ax.
- 4) 3 people to work with the tractor to hook up chains to move the logs from the woods to the location where the saw mill will be located to cut the logs into boards.

The plan is to clear the down trees from the archery range and then move to other areas where we decide to cut the down trees into saw logs. Once the trees are cut there will be other work party days to saw the logs.

This will not require as many people to work with the sawing operation and can be accomplished by a fewer number on afternoons during the week. Anyone that wants to get their work days helping with the saw mill operation can sign up and Tim can work out the details with them.

I will plan to have hot coffee, cocoa, and hamburgers for the work party in February. Wear several layers of clothes to stay warm, you can take them off if you get hot but it will be difficult to add them on if you do not have them. We may even build a bon fire with some of the logs.

SAFETY NOTICE REMINDER:

MEMBERS - YOU MUST PLACE TARGETS SO THAT YOU ARE SHOOTING IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE TARGET AND THE BULLETS ARE IMPACTING IN THE BERM. When you are firing at an angle to the target your bullets are not impacting the designed berm. The bullets may exit the range across the road or the right side of the range.

Shooters are remaining on the firing line when a cease fire is called and the range is cold so people could go down range and put up targets. When the firing line is cold EVERYONE MUST MOVE behind the firing line so the Safety Officer has a clear view up and down the firing line. Thank you for following these two safety rules.

NOTICE: ANYONE WHO USES ANY TYPE OF METAL OR WOOD TARGET MATERIAL: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE THE TARGET MATERIAL FROM THE RANGE. THE TRACTOR TIRES ARE NO MATCH FOR THIS MATERIAL. PERSISTENCE IN LEAVING ANY TYPE OF METAL OR WOOD TARGETING MATERIAL WILL NECESSITATE A RULING ON WHAT TYPE OF MATERIAL CAN BE USED ON THE RANGE.

I wish to thank all the club members that are cleaning up the range after they finish shooting. It sure makes the range look better and cutting the range a lot less time consuming.

Jim Morgan

From the Hi Power Chairman:

This might be the off season, but this is the time to start thinking and planning for the up coming hi power season., so dust off your rifle, do a shake down of your gear, and order whatever you need. We had a good first year, last year, and I know we can do even better this year. There will be again, this year, an "Any Service", service rifle (combat) match and a hi power championship at the gun club. Match bulletins will be posted prior to the events. See the newsletter calendar of events for the dates.

Also, Fairfax Rod and Gun Club will again be having a Spring hi power league this year. Dates for Fairfax will be published when available. This is a six-man team match, shooting four matches, either the Saturday or Sunday. You can also shoot as an individual. The first match normally starts the end of March to mid April and ends by the end of May. This is open to male, female, and juniors. I would like to get enough participation to enter two teams. For those who have a preference of shooting with a particular partner or team, that should no problem if the numbers permit it. For those who are interested, for right now just e-mail me at mousegunner@earthlink.net. Later on you can mail me your SR-1 card and entry fees. Fairfax is a great place to get back into competitive shooting or if you are just starting out.

See you on the range,
Glenn Reisinger
HiPower Chairman

Pistol News

Fellow Shooters - I don't know about you, but my trigger finger is getting kinda itchy! As soon as the snow clears and it gets above 40, I'd like to start getting to the range again on a weekly basis. I will send an announcement out at that time.

I want to cover a few items. First, I'd like to switch to Wednesdays' (from Thursday's) to allow those interested in staying on for Shotgun shooting to do so. So - let me know if Wed is ok. Second, I want to get some steel plate targets and knock down plastic targets set up at 25yds. I've asked for \$ from the range - no word yet. If we get the \$, we'll also build a storage building so our stuff is protected. If not, we'll come up with another plan. Third, I want to de-emphasize weekly competitions, and just shoot for the fun. If some of us want an informal challenge, that's fine, I just don't want it to drive us. I lieu of, I have schedule monthly competitions starting in April (April 10th, May 8th, and June 12th) starting around 09:00.

Best regards,

Tim Spivak
Pistol Chairman

NVGC BENCHREST RESULTS

1-31-04

It was a chilling experience for the BR shooters Saturday morning at NVGC. It all started with one member going home for a propane torch to thaw the gate lock. The temperature was hovering at the single digit mark and wind blowing between 10 and 15 mph. Refreshing at the least. With hats and gloves and parkas and muckluks, we finally got going. Fingers so cold we could barely feel the triggers. None the less, we got it done and ended the event at BK eating a big cup of hot chili for us all.

RESULTS:

Spporter rifle	10.5 lb target
1. Perry Fridley 214-3X	1. Ed Lustig 211-3X

2. Dale hundley 204-1X
3. Gene Hodgson 159-2X

2. Jim Westendorf 181-0X

All in all, we had a good time with lots of laughs and a little cussing...

Pictures are included after the officer roster.

Perry Fridley
Benchrest Chairman

NVGC 2004 Calendar

Date	Time	Event
14 February, 2004	9:00am	ATA Trap Match (Registration starts at 8:30am)
21 February, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work party/Club meeting
22 February, 2004	2:00pm	NVGC Trap League
28 February, 2004	9:00am	VSSA/NSSA Skeet Match (Registration starts at 8:30am)
28 February, 2004	9:00am-12:00pm	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
29 February, 2004	2:00pm	NVGC Trap League (Backup Date for 2/22/03)
6-7 March, 2004	All Day	Boy Scout Troop 179 (Bill Howard)
13 March, 2004	9:00am	ATA Trap Match (Registration starts at 8:30am)
20, March, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
21 March, 2004	2:00pm	NVGC Trap League
21 March, 2004	10:00am	Highpower – John Garand match
27 March, 2004	9:00am-12:00pm	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
28 March, 2004	2:00pm	NVGC Trap League (Backup Date for 3/21/03)
17 April, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
17 April, 2004	2:00pm	Highpower – Any Service Rifle match
18 April, 2004	9:00am	ATA Trap Match (Registration starts at 8:30am)
24 April, 2004	9:00am-12:00pm	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
25 April, 2004	2:00pm	NVGC Trap League
15 May, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
16 May, 2004	9:00am	ATA Trap Match (Registration starts at 8:30am)
22 May, 2004	9:00am-12:00pm	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
23 May, 2004	2:00pm	NVGC Trap League
28-31 May, 2004	All day	Boy Scout Troop 875 (Fairfax)
5 June, 2004	10:00am	Highpower – John Garand match (alt. Date 6/12)
12 June, 2004	10:00am	Highpower – John Garand match (alt. Date 6/5)
19 June, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting & Annual Picnic
20 June, 2004	9:00am	ATA Trap Match (Registration starts at 8:30am)
26 June, 2004	9:00am-12:00pm	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
17 July, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
21 August, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
28 August, 2004	10:00am	Highpower – John Garand match
18 September, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
18 September, 2004	After NVGC meeting	NVSA Annual Meeting
18 September, 2004	2:00pm	Highpower – Club Highpower Service Rifle Match
25 September, 2004	All day	NVGC OPEN HOUSE (Nat'l Hunting & Fishing Day)
26 September, 2004	12:00- 4:00 pm	Black Powder Qualification - Caledon
16 October, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
13 November, 2003	10:00am	Highpower – John Garand match
20 November, 2004	TBD	Club meeting
18 December, 2004	TBD	Club meeting

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

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