

NORTHERN VIRGI GUN CLUB

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Notes From The President:

Our annual Club Picnic and Swap Meet was again very successful. It was well attended by both club members and some family members. Both our Shotgun fields and Cowboy Action programs were busy! Thanks to Jon Yagla & Slip Hammer Spiv (Tim Spivak) for hosting Shotgun and CAS activities. Thanks to Lewis Ray and his wife Cordelia for planning our menu and acting as cooks. Thanks also to all others who helped with the food, cooking, and clean up. All members who worked at the June work party did a great job. The property looks great.

Annual membership dues are now overdue. If you haven't sent in your membership renewal, please send it in now to our Treasurer, Darryl Breitenstein. It costs us money to buy stamps to send second notices. This is money that could be better spent elsewhere. Please note that the gate combination will be changed at the August work party.

SNAKE! Jon Yagla got a hello-bite on his boot from a copperhead snake in the lower skeet house that we use as storage. Where there is one snake there probably is another. Please help us keep this storage area free from clutter and please be on the lookout for the possibility that there may be more.

Below are some recent actions by the Executive Committee:

- 1) Although the membership voted at the June meeting that is was not necessary to notify the IRS that our gross income went over \$25,000 during FY2002-2003, we felt it was in the club's best interest to do so. It is better to be safe than sorry. This year, when our Treasurer files with the IRS for FY2003-2004, he will update them regarding last year.
- 2) It has always been understood that both incendiary and armor-piercing ammo were not allowed to be used on our property. Our new-member package has only specified incendiary. The EC has passed a resolution to clarify this. We do not allow either steel-piercing or armor-piercing ammo. The new member package will also be updated.
- 3) It has been our policy for some time that .50 caliber and above are not allowed to be shot on our property (with the exception of blackpower and shotgun). With all the new handgun calibers now coming out in .50cal we felt it was time to update our range rules. The new policy is "50 caliber and above Rifle Firearms are prohibited except for Black Powder and Shotguns." This will allow the new pistols to be used without violating the Range Rules. The .50 BMG caliber is a rifle caliber and is not permitted on our range. The new member package will be updated to reflect this change as well.
- 4) With the addition of Cowboy Action shooting on our Pistol/Rifle range, we have found it necessary to update the rules for spectators to these events. The metal targets are very close to the shooters. There is a danger of lead bouncing back to the shooters as well as the spectators. Blackpower firearms also can spit lead. The EC has passed a resolution that anyone observing a

CAS match must also wear eye protection. This is **mandatory.** Hearing protection is strongly recommended as well. This must be done to comply with the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) so that we can be a registered club. The EC is planning to purchase some hearing and eye protection to sell to spectators and guests. These can be used at any shooting event – not just the CAS shoots. Safety needs to be our number one concern.

5) Overseas Active Duty military NVGC members – The EC has passed a resolution that, if requested by the member, the Club will convert their membership to ABSENTEE at the beginning of the next Fiscal Year (July 1) and cover the absentee membership fee until such time as they return from overseas military service. This is being done to show support for our troops that are stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq – especially those that have had their tours of duty unavoidably extended. Please remember that the member must request this, we will not automatically do this.

If you have any comments, please contact me.

Tom Hackett, NVGC President thackett@commeng.com

Newsletter Notes:

Its been some time since I've included some pictures in the newsletter. This affects the club members who subscribe to the electronic mailing. Members using modems may have noticed a longer download time than usual, although I have tried to minimize the size of that the pictures use. However, the good side of having the newsletter in electronic format is that you can grab the corners of the pictures and enlarge them as much as you wish. I have kept the pictures smallish so as to not use up lots of paper in the paper mailings. If you are going to send in pictures (which IS encouraged) please reduce resolution so as to limit the file size to a reasonable amount (35kB – 200kB where 100kB is usually ideal).

Dave Brown newsletter editor

Note for those still receiving the paper copy of the newsletter:

The electronic version of the newsletter has grown in popularity, both with recipients and with the officers. It is a lot easier to e-mail notices when unexpected events occur or some event is planned on short notice. So if you have e-mail and would prefer to get the newsletter electronically let me know and I will put you on the list. For those already on the e-mail distribution: PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO LET ME KNOW WHEN YOUR ISP CHANGES!!!!

Darryl Breitenstein darryl.breitenstein@ieee.org

Work Day project for July:

The July workparty is scheduled for July 17. Projects have not determined at this time, so bring the usual shovels, picks, chainsaws.

CHANGE IN THE NVSF STOCK PURCHASE SCHEDULE:

Note from the northern Virginia Shooting Facility Treasurer

The NVSF has approved a change in the billing cycle for the purchase of NVSF shares of stock. Each member is required to purchase four shares of NVSF stock each year beginning with the first billing cycle of the second year of membership. This four per year purchase continues until at least 35 shares are purchased. Billing will then cease for that member. If additional shares are desired, they may be purchased at the option of the member. A request must be made to the stock registrar of the NVSF. There is a 75-share limit per member.

This change will take effect immediately with the elimination of the June 2004 stock billing cycle. The NVSF will be sending out bills to members that do not hold 35 shares beginning November 2004 for four

shares of stock, or \$120.00. Those members' currently holding over 31 shares will be billed for less than four shares to make the 35-share requirement. Members need to note that the NVGC and NFSF Treasurers are two separate offices, accounts, addresses and banks. Some members send dues checks to the NVSF Treasurer, and stock purchases to the NVGC Treasurer. Please take care when paying your bills. Checks sent to the wrong Treasurer will be returned to the member for correction.

Eugene Hodgson NVSF Treasurer.

NVGC Team Scores at the St Jude Charity Shoot:

An NVGC sponsored Trap Team participated in the recent *Crush'n Clays for Kids* charity shoot to raise money for the St Jude Children's Research Hospital. The team of Joe Primerano (Team Captain), Bob King, Jericho Upham, and Mike Whitby placed ahead of over half of all entries with a top three shooters score of 65 at the 16-yard event. Top shooter was Jericho Upham with a 23, followed closely by Bob King with 22 birds.

Our squad is all fairly new shooters so the Handicap event really was a handicap. We all normally shoot at 20 yards, but for this event we were shooting six feet further back. Again the team placed in the upper half of all squads with a high three shooters score of 57. Top shooter was Bob King with a 21, followed by Mike Whitby with 19 birds.

The Team: Joe Primerano, Jericho Upham, Bob King, Mike Whitby

The full day affair included a barbeque lunch, shooting exhibition by John Satterwhite, past US Olympic Shotgun Team Captain and multiple gold medal winner, and Annie Oakley events lead by Big Dave Butz, the former Redskin's All-Pro Defensive Tackle.

Olympic Medalist John Satterwhite

Mike Whitby knocks out shooters on 1 and 3 in the Anne Oakley

SPECIAL NOTICE:

If you ever see any vandalism or troublesome trespassers, please call the King George Sheriff's office and report the event. Please have the deputy come to the property and document the problems. The King George sheriff's number is: Clarence 'Moose' Dobson (540) 775-2049.

We also request that you contact the club president, Tom Hackett, and Darryl Breitenstein since he manages the club email list and can get notices out to our email list quickly.

Picture from the last M1 Garand Clinic:

For Sale:

2000 GMC Sierra 1500 Extended Cab Short Bed 5.3L V8 - Automatic - 4x4 - 62600+ miles - Z71 Off, Road Pkg - Third Door - SLE - Air - PW - PDL -Dual

Power Seats - Tilt wheel - Cruise Control - CD - Premium Sound - ABS (4 wheel) - Rhino Spray in bedliner - Two tone paint - Alloy wheels Asking \$15,500

Contact Jason Falbe @ 540-775-6201 home, 540-809-1410 mobile, 540-653-7977 work, or jfalbe@yahoo.com

Cowboy Action Report:

The Pepper Mill Creek Gang of the NVGC has officially kicked off their Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) program. Our first monthly match took place at the pistol/rifle range at NVGC on Sunday 27th Jun. The event was a huge success with nineteen competitors participating in six stages of fire. We had shooters join in from the ranks of the NVGC as well as from other CAS clubs in Richmond and Waldorf. The competition is fast and fun and challenges your skill in single action pistol, lever action rifle and shotgun. Competitions are conducted under the rules of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS). The CAS club has applied for SASS affiliation which will allow us to more easily expand our shooting program. This first shoot was the culmination of many, many hours of hard work by a small cadre of dedicated club members. You pards know who you are - so many thanks for making this all possible! Our next match is scheduled for Sunday 25th July. Match registration takes place from 9am-10am with event start at 1015am, and wrap up around 4pm. Match fee is \$10 per shooter, bring your own lunch. New shooters are requested to observe one match before registering to shoot. NVGC members who plan on shooting are requested to arrive at 830am to help in range set-up, and asked to stay after the match to help tear-down and pack up. If you plan on participating in the next match, pls send me your name and e-mail address so we can add you to the distribution list for details of the upcoming stages. Or if you have any questions regarding this program, feel free to contact me.

The pictures on the next page will give you an idea of what we are doing. Come on out and join us!

CAS chairman Slip Hammer Spiv (aka Tim Spivak) spivak@worldskyline.com 540-775-4561

Shotgun Range Report:

Sporting Clays at the Picnic - Hard crossing targets were the fare for ten hard nosed competitors. The first field of 25 targets was short range crossing targets- fast running single rabbits from the left, report doubles on the skeet middle stations, left running double rabbits from the right, bumble bees, and rising teal. Tim Neel and Brian Green led the way with superb 22's, with Jon Yagla and Frank Manuel already three behind the leaders. The second field was progressively more difficult hard crossers, true doubles from the middle skeet stations and Chinese Skeet - trap machine targets shot from the skeet stations. Green stumbled intermittently in the doubles, and Neel blanked out the middle stations, letting Yagla have the space he needed to recover from his poor performance on the first field with some really fine Chinese skeet, to win the match one target ahead of Green. The top scores were Yagla 40, Green 39, Neel 36, Ernie Jones 32, and Joe Graniger 30.

Shotgun Range Activities – Scheduled practices are running at capacity, with 12-16 shooters on Wednesday evenings. There are usually a few squads on Sundays at 1 p.m.

In this past month we have thrown about 2000 registered trap and skeet targets, with several members taking advantage of the "targets only" opportunities. Frank Baker won a trap doubles preliminary at the Maryland State Trap Shoot, Jon Yagla won the prelim at the USA Shooting Regional Olympic trap match at Quantico, finishing fifth over all. Rich Toothman collected his 200 straight trap doubles patch.

Pavilions – We are coming down the home stretch. The frames are up, rafters in place, and the buildings are already in use with temporary plastic tarps for roofs. The shade is much appreciated by shooters and spectators, and we already got under the roof a few times to ride out afternoon thundershowers.

Jon Yagla Shotgun Chairman NVGC 2004 Calendar

Date	Time	Event
10 July, 2004	9:00am	Hold for potential shotgun event – see Jon Yagla
17 July, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting

25 July, 2004	10:00am-4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
31 July, 2004	9:00am-12:00pm	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR5022 rimfire)
14 August, 2004	9:00am	Hold for potential shotgun event – see Jon Yagla
21 August, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
22 August, 2004	10:00am-4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
28 August, 2004	10:00am	Highpower John Garand match CANCELLED
28 August, 2004	9:00am-12:00pm	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR5022 rimfire)
11 September, 2004	9:00am	Hold for potential shotgun event – see Jon Yagla
18 September, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
18 September, 2004	After NVGC meeting	NVSF Annual Meeting
18 September, 2004	2:00pm	Highpower – Club Highpower Service Rifle Match
19 September, 2004	10:00am-4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
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
2 October, 2004	All Day	HUNTING – First Day – Deer Archery Season
9 October, 2004	9:00am	Hold for potential shotgun event – see Jon Yagla
16 October, 2004	9:00am/12:00 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
24 October, 2004	10:00am-4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
30 October, 2004	All Day	HUNTING – First Day – Deer Muzzleloader Season
30 October, 2004	9:00am-12:00pm	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR5022 rimfire)
13 November, 2004	All Day	HUNTING – First Day – Deer General Firearms Season
14 November, 2004	10:00am	Highpower – John Garand match
20 November, 2004	TBD	Club meeting (TBD)
28 November, 2004	10:00am-4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
18 December, 2004	TBD	Club meeting (TBD)
26 December, 2004	10:00am-4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
22 January, 2005	5:00pm	Annual Dinner & Club Meeting

Notes:

1) All events are held at the Club unless specifically stated otherwise.

2) All Ranges will be CLOSED Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays during Deer General Firearms Season starting November 13 and ending January 1, 2005.

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Membership Report For July

We have three prospective new members:

Todd Petty of King George sponsored by Perry Fridley Nancy Depoy of King George sponsored by Tim Spivak Alan Moss of Fredericksburg , no sponsor.

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 members Chistopher Strickland, Tracy Anne Rees, Timothy Gorder, Jacob Huffstickler, Michael Cherok, and Thomas Phillips III.

A reminder that membership dues are due by July 1, 2004. The gate combination will be changed at the August Work Party.

Joe Graninger Membership Secretary NVGC PO Box 1581 King George, VA 22485

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