



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

I have good news...the rifle/pistol range is open for use without safety observers. But you need to read and adhere to the following. Then read the last paragraph. Your facility board has worked hard on getting the MOU signed. That took place at the open house Sept. 22. With the reopening of the range, each member needs to practice safe shooting. Be aware of what is going on around you. Hikers, bikers or four wheelers could be on our property and possibly in a danger area. Safety is the shooter's responsibility.

The berm work the facility board has begun, has a purpose...that is to keep bullets ON OUR PROPERTY. They will not work if members shoot in to the air. They will not work if members shoot in to the ground in front of the berms. Nor will they stop ricochets from shooting at the target frames. I can not believe all the rounds that are going through our frames. That can not be all accidental. If the club board sees continued abuse of the facilities, or hears of unsafe shooting practices, our only solution will be to close the range again, and require only supervised shooting on the range. Read that sentence again members. And I ask each of the over 300 sensible and concerned members to watch for the handful of members that do not practice sensible shooting. Those members will restrict your right to use the range as we have used it in the past. Each of you needs to take action to protect our range. Let the board know of any unsafe or bonehead members that break the safety rules.

- Do not place items on, or in front of, the target frames.
- Do not shoot unless your bullets impact INTO the dirt berms.
- Do not shoot at the frames..... they are for holding targets only.
- Staple targets in the center of the backer boards that are provided for your use.
- Do not shoot over the dirt berms.
- Do not shoot at steel or concrete or rocks that will cause ricochets. This does not apply to the cowboy action shooters, they use unjacketed low power rounds.
- Hunters need to be aware that hikers will be traversing our property, HUNT SAFELY

We will continue to add to our berms at the 100 and 200 yard line. We will also add signs and structure that will guide shooters to NOT shoot above a certain elevation. These improvements are to keep our bullets on our property. Bullets that leave our property can kill, that would be devastating. If they just cause property damage, that will shut us down.

I may sound overdramatic, but the community around us is growing fast. Our membership has grown a lot also. We are seeing increased damage to our structures. I do not want to see a bad situation arise. Members need to help police our range. Virginia ranges at Lorton, Fredericksburg and Camp Peary on the York river have been closed or severely impacted by bullets leaving the range. Two were closed permanently. There are many other range problem stories, let's keep our range safe.

The MOU is signed. The gates on the RR bed are locked. Signs are installed directing hikers up and around the impact area. That trail goes through our property where we allow hunting. The trails group will notify us of events where they plan to open the gates and use the RR bed trail. We will have 30 days notice. The range will either be closed at those times, or safety observers will have to be in place in order to shoot. We have a lot more citizens moving in to houses close to our range, and across Rt 218 in our line of fire. Errant and wild shots may impact into property that may be someone's house. Drive carefully on our road, we will have hikers and cyclists on our road, so watch out for them. We have had fender benders on our road before... don't you be the next one. Shooters need to make sure that your shots impact INTO the dirt berms. We have lowered the target frames in order to help ensure that this happens.

Have fun, and enjoy the range. **Gene Hodgson, President**

Membership Report:

Please join me in welcoming Peter Paquette to the Club. There are 4 prospective members: Brian Fox of Fredericksburg, Steve Hock of King George, Charlie Tamez of King George, and Garland Dodson of King George, Va. If anyone has any issues with any of the prospective members, please contact the membership secretary 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.

Perry Fridley, *Membership Secretary*

Workday Credits:

| Last | First | Officers/Chmn | NVSF | No Date | Trap mach | Scouts | 17-Mar | 21-Apr | 19-May | 16-Jun | 21-Jul | 18-Aug | 15-Sep | 20-Oct |
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| Affholter | Brett | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Arthur | Mike | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Asper | Janet | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Bleau | Tim | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Bone | Kyle | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Bone | Lucie | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Bone | John | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Botelho | Mike | | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boyer | Chuck | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Boyce | Dick | | | 6 | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Breitenstein | Darryl | 4 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Brissey | Ted | | | 6 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | |
| Busch | William | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Bushong | Phil | | | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Carsola | Tim | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | |
| Carver | Reed | | | 4 | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Cavender | Jim | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Crampton | Mark | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crcuph | Mark | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Culpepper | Andrew | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| DeMerle | Rick | | | 4 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Detwiler | Doug | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Donlavage | David | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Doyal | Charles | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farley | Davis | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Frericks | Lonnie | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Fridley | Perry | 8 | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Green | Halsey | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Gibson | Jerry | | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Goff | Udo | | | 3 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Harrod | Greg | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Hearn | Brian | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hodgson | Gene | 4 | 4 | 5 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| Holden | Earl | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Howard | Bill | | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Huffstickler | Andy | | | | | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| Huffstickler | Jack | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Huffstickler | Sam | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Hundley | Dale | | 4 | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Jenkins | David | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Johnson | Dave | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Jones | Ernie | 4 | | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | |

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| K | Adam | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Kinek | Richard | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| King | Bob | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| King | Chip | 4 | | 1 | 4 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Klochak | John | 4 | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Kolbrener | Fred | | | 4 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Kuper | Adam | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Kuper | Chris | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Langley | David | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lourn | Kile | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Maney | Brent | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manual | Ben | | | 21 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Martin | Jon | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Mason | Rich | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| Miller | James | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Miller | Jim | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Montrief | Kevin | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan | Jim | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mouse | Fred | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Newman | Jim | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Niazi | Ahmed | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Paquette | Peter | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Primerano | Joe | 4 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Proes | Roger | | | 5 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Quann | Carl | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Quintana | John | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Richmond | Doug | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rinaldi | Seth | 4 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Simmons | Dale | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Sisson | Dickie | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Strange | Chris | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Swenson | Howard | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Tacke | Gary | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Tiedge | Ken | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Usry | Tracy | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Van Horn | Gary | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Wasmund | Tom | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Whitby | George | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Wilkerson | James | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Yagla | Jon | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| | John | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |

Shotgun:

Trap News. Chip King shot a 99 in a big trap shoot with about 100 competitors to win class C, and followed with a fine 92 in doubles to win that trophy, too. Rick DeMerle ran his first 100 straight in a 200 bird race in Pennsylvania, but got caught in a hard rain during the second set.

Skeet News. We are happy to report 18 shooters competed in the Tree Line Open Skeet shoot at our club the last weekend in September, including four juniors. More later...

National Trapshooting Day Oct 13. Mark your calendars for a trap + skeet event from 10-4 on Saturday.

Jon Yagla, Shotgun Chairman

NVGC 2007 Calendar:

| Date | Time | Event |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 7 October | TBD | 12-1600 Black powder quals. |
| 6 October | TBD | GSA Skeet |
| 6-8 October | TBD | Jim Miller BSA |
| 13 October | 1000-1600 | National Trapshooting Day Event |
| 20 October | 0830 | Workday/meeting |
| 27 October | 0800 | .22 Bench Rest |
| 28 October | 1000 | CAS Match |
| 17 November | TBD | Club meeting |
| 24 November | 0800 | .22 Bench Rest |
| 25 November | 1000 | CAS Match |
| 15 December | TBD | Club meeting (TBD) |

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

Range Safety Notes:

I am sure that most, if not all, of you know that as of September 22nd the Rifle, Pistol and 200 yard range are now open to shooting without the need for an observer. Please be careful when shooting even though the gates on the trail are closed and locked.

Keep in mind that since the trail has been rerouted, a part of our road that leads to the lower ranges is a part of the trail. Drive slow to and from the lower ranges and be courteous to anyone walking on the road.

One of the provisions in the MOU is that the trail folks will give us one month notice prior to a planned event. The lower ranges will be **closed** during the trail event. Keep an eye on your e-mail and the newsletter.

Remember that eye and ear protection is required on the line when the line is hot, and

forward of the light poles on the skeet and trap ranges when shooting is in progress. I would recommend that anyone observing, not on the line, especially children, wear at least ear protection.

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 the **bottom** cross member. **DO NOT** lean anything against an upright to shoot at it., build your own frame and set up in front of a berm.

I am one of the people that spend a lot of time repairing the frames during work parties and on our own time, we don't appreciate our work being shot up.

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 are going to show someone a weapon double check that it is unloaded, the action is open, AND point the muzzle at the ground or in the air. I have noticed folks displaying weapons around the picnic shelter and on the ranges being a little lax as to the basic rules of safety. If I see you I will call you on it; EMPTY weapons seem to kill and injure a lot of people.

With hunting season approaching I want everyone to be on the lookout for folks on the trail and other hunters, be sure of what you are about to shoot. Sometimes people get disoriented in the woods, especially if for some reason they decide to get off the trail to get a closer look at something. If you see someone wandering help them out.

Please pick up your targets and take them with you when you are finished shooting; if you can bring it you can certainly take it with you and dispose of it.

That's about it for this month; shoot often and shoot safely.

Seth Rinaldi, RSO

Northern Virginia Gun Club Fall Tree Line Open, 29-30 September – by Robert King

Beautiful weather abounded for the 18 shooters competing in the Northern Virginia Gun Club's Fall Tree Line Open, the club's final match of the season. Light, gusty winds and strong, glaring sunlight greeted the opening flights of the 20 ga match, with Bob King and Dick Boyce ending in a tie at 94. Bob won the shoot off to claim match Champ, with Dick taking the C1 honors. Kevin Montrief's 92 took A1 honors and Maryland visitor Ron Violet took the D1 honors. The 12 ga match again saw Bob King at the top, but this time tied with Kevin with 97. Kevin took the shoot off, with Bob settling for B1 honors. Mel Johnson (95), Roger Proes (95), and Peter Paquette (94) garnered the C1, D1, and E1 honors respectively. Doubles competition ended day one of the match with Tom Blair's fine 95 taking the Champ position handily. Dave Lowery, Mel Johnson, and Dick Boyce took B1, C1 and D1 as class leaders. Day two saw clear skies and gentle breezes for 28 ga and .410 bore competition. Kevin Montrief bested Bob King by one bird to claim the 28 ga Champ position with a 96, with Bob King A1, Dave Lowery B1, Dick Boyce C1, and Peter Paquette taking the D1 honors. In .410, Bob King's 93 held up to take Champ honors, with Mel Johnson A1, Kevin Montrief B1, and Al Tavenner C1. Sub Junior shooter Blake Shaw shot his first 25 straight in .410 competition to claim D1 honors with a solid 91. Bob King claimed both HOA and HAA, with Kevin Montrief taking Runner Up.



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REVISED DRAFT AGREEMENT AUGUST 18, 2007
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
AMONG FRIENDS OF THE DAHLGREN RAILROAD HERITAGE TRAIL
NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHOOTING FACILITY, INC.
DAHLGREN RAILROAD HERITAGE TRAIL ASSOCIATION, INC.
AND O.D.R., LLC

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility, Inc.; the Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail; and the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail Association, Inc., agree that it is for the mutual benefit of each organization and its membership to establish an agreement for the safe, non-motorized use of walkers, hikers and cyclists along the property known as the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail; and

WHEREAS, O.D.R., LLC, the owner of the property known as the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, is in agreement with the terms of this memorandum; and

WHEREAS, this AGREEMENT is also for the benefit of those members and users who participate in shooting activities on the property of the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility, Inc., and its affiliate organization, the Northern Virginia Gun Club; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned have agreed that a bypass trail will be constructed on property owned by the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility, Inc. along a mutually agreed designated route which will be accessed by Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail users in place of portions of the existing Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail where it divides adjoining property of the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, this designated route will serve as a temporary "detour" around that portion of the existing Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail that bisects the rifle and pistol ranges belonging to the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility; and

WHEREAS, this AGREEMENT recites the terms and conditions of this understanding;

NOW, IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

1. A temporary bypass trail for non-motorized use will be constructed along a route agreed to by representatives of the above organizations when they walked the planned route in March, 2007, as shown by the attached map known as Exhibit 1.
2. The best efforts of all organizations will be provided to construct and maintain this bypass trail.
3. Each organization will fully cooperate with the processing and approval of any required permits, such as but not limited to Erosion and Control Sediment permits, needed from local state and federal governmental entities.
4. Each organization will use its best efforts to effectively work together on this project and have a continued line of communication.
5. During the term of this Agreement all authorized trail users (i.e. walkers, hikers and cyclists) will use the bypass trail where it connects on the east and west segments of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail in place of the existing railroad trail.
6. There shall be installed safety barricades across the railroad bed where the temporary bypass trail connects on the east and west segments of the existing Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, which barricades will be removed at such time as a permanent solution, mutually agreed to by all parties is completed. Barricades shall consist of gates with locks and appropriate signs and keys or combinations to locks, with such keys or combinations being furnished to each organization.
7. During the term of this Agreement, all authorized trail users (i.e. walkers, hikers and cyclists) will not use or attempt to use that section of the existing railroad corridor between the east and west segments of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail.
8. Maintenance of the existing railroad trail between the east and west segments of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail will continue to be conducted by the Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, in coordination with the other organizations.
9. Notwithstanding paragraph 7, from time to time the Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail may conduct certain special events, which may use the entire existing Trail, including that portion of the railroad trail that is the subject of this Agreement. If such events are to take place, the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility, Inc will be provided at least thirty (30) days notice prior to the date of the activity.
10. The Northern Virginia Shooting Facility, Inc. will use its best efforts to insure that firearms activity on its property will not adversely impact the safety of the authorized trail users (i.e. walkers, hikers and cyclists) using the bypass trail. Furthermore, the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility or its affiliate, the Northern Virginia Gun Club, will operate their ranges in a safe manner as not to expose any authorized trail user (i.e. walker, hiker, and cyclist) to danger or harm caused from the discharge of firearms. The names of the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility, Inc., and its affiliate organization, the Northern Virginia Gun Club, Inc., shall be specifically included in the hold harmless section of the recreational permit signed by trail users.
11. This Memorandum of Agreement is effective upon the signatures of authorized representatives of each organization and shall remain in effect until terminated. This Agreement may be modified in writing by the mutual consent of the organizations, and may be terminated at any time by any organization, at its discretion, subject to requiring at least sixty (60) days written notification by Certified Mail to each of the other organizations prior to termination.

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October 2007

The next work party/meeting is Saturday October 20 at 08:30. See you there!