

NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President

On August 11th, the club is hosting a picnic, swap meet, and team shooting challenge. There will be five events; each team can enter all or just the ones of interest. Each team member is required to participate equally in each event entered. I have tried to make the event rules such that equipment can be easily shared at each station except shotgun events. A team will need one shotgun per team member. In order to facilitate planning efforts, I would like to get as many teams as possible to sign up ahead of August 11th. So far I've seen interest from eight or so team captains. Looks like it is going to be a good event. Since this is the first time I have tried to plan an event like this, it probably won't be perfect, but I'm doing all I can to make everything run as smooth as possible. So bear with me. Maybe this could be an annual affair.

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR LIST OF EVENTS. Please copy signup section and send to address below.

Signup: provide captain's name place an X under each event to enter

Entry fee is \$15 per team per event for a two tier cash payout. Grand prize for 5 events and a payout for each individual event.

Team Captain archery shotgun muzzleloader .22 rifle pistol

Email to pfridley@hotmail.com or mail to:

NVGC - Team Challenge P.O. Box 1581 King George, Va. 22485

Perry Fridley
NVGC President

Membership Report

There are currently nine prospective members for July, 2012. If anyone has any issues with any of those listed below, please contact any member of the Executive Committee with your concerns.

- Charles Terry Breckenridge, of King George VA. Sponsored by Darrell Tatro
- Larry A. Cooney, of Stafford, VA. Sponsored by Dallas Sharp
- Charles W. Taylor, of King George, VA. Sponsored by Richard Boyce
- Christopher T. Braccini, of King George, VA. Sponsored by Peter Braccini
- Ralph Crosby, of Bealton VA. Sponsored by Tom Hackett
- Joseph V. Sferrella, of King George, VA. Sponsored by Daniel Martin
- Burton Mason, of Stafford, VA. Sponsored by Robert P. Hunt
- Patrick E. Caiafa, of Spotsylvania, VA. Sponsored by Otto W. Rusch III
- Joey Salisbury, of King George, VA. sponsored by Brion Southall

Please welcome the following new members to the club:

- Jacob (Ben) Wall of Springfield, VA. Sponsored by Robert Curry
- Gary Lopez Jr. of Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by Shane Beatty
- John Strzelec of King George, VA. Sponsored by Jon Yagla

Vacant

Membership Secretary

Range Safety Notes

Anyone interested in assuming the Membership Secretary's duties, please contact any member of the EC.

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. Your guests and family members are your responsibility.

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 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 UNCASED WEAPON, KEEP THE WEAPON UNLOADED, WITH THE ACTION OPEN, MUZZLE POINTED AT THE GROUND, FINGER OFF OF THE TRIGGER. DO NOT APPROACH THE LINE DURING A CEASE FIRE!

<u>Target frames are to be used for holding target backers, NOT clay pigeons, cans plastic bottles, balloons etc.</u> 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

Picnic Notice

The Club Picnic and Open House has been slightly changed to a Picnic/Swap meet/Team Competition this year. That does not mean any less fun. There will be plenty of sausages and hot dogs and cold drinks. Anyone wanting to bring a dessert, that would be appreciated, but it is not required. The event takes place at the Club on Saturday, August 11 with the first sausage being ready about 10:30 and food available until at least 1:00 pm and probably until 2:00 pm. The ranges will be open and you can eat with other Club members and then spend some time on the ranges. The event has always been a lot of fun in the past.

Greg Harrod and Darryl Breitenstein

Picnic Coordinators

A Note from the NVSF President

Significant progress has been made on the construction of the new multi-purpose range complex. Our thanks to Tim Spivak for taking on this monumental project. As of last weekend, finishing touches were being put in place on the shooting enclosures; some staining and painting still needed to be accomplished and more gravel was scheduled to be brought in to finish off and level some of the areas. The berms have been constructed and capped with concrete blocks at the ends to assist with erosion control. The berms have also been seeded, but we are at the mercy of the weather to provide sufficient rainfall to assist the grass to grow for erosion control. We are planning to plant some trees along the top of the berms beyond the impact areas. As a part of this project, concrete blocks were also added to the SE corner of the intersection of our road with the Dahlgren Heritage Railroad Trail to provide additional screening from shooting on the current lower pistol ranges.

NVSF is as anxious as all the other members for this range complex to be accepted and cleared for usage.

Some areas yet to be completed:

- 1. The King George County building inspector must inspect the shooting enclosures and sign off that they are built correctly and with proper cross-bracing.
- 2. While we do plan to pour concrete pads for three of the areas, we have been advised by our construction contractor that the dirt needs to settle for about 6 months to provide a proper base for the concrete.
- 3. Current plans call for a low, 12 to 24 inch high target holder that will extend the width of the shooting lane at the base of each berm. This holder will be nothing more than a supported board or boards that will enable members to place targets such as plastic bottles, cans, clay birds, knock-downs, up off the ground. Shooting at targets placed on the ground will cause furrows to form with resultant erosion; shooting into the gravel also increases the chances of ricochets and is forbidden. Shooters wishing to use targets that require a frame will have to provide their own suitable frame that targets can be fastened to.
- 4. Final decision on placement of a "privacy fence" along the entrance to the ranges is currently held in abeyance.
- 5. Range safety rules are being developed and will be posted.

<u>Providing the county has signed off on the construction and final area grading has taken place, NVSF is tentatively planning to allow the ranges to be used at the August 11, 2012 NVGC picnic, swap meet, fun shoot.</u>

Fred Kolbrener

Pres. NVSF

Shotgun Corner

The shot gunners are busy working down the target supply. Our shooters have shined in competition. Here are the highlights:

Trap – Chip King and Rick DeMerle are busy posting 98's, 99's and 100 straights in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Chip broke 98 in the singles match a Tuscarora Gun Club in Maryland, and he backed it up the following week with a 98 at Fairfax Rod and Gun Club in Manassas. He won nice trophies in the doubles match at both of thes shoots. Rick ran 100 at NVGC in last month's match, and took the 16 yard singles in the June match with a 98 and the handicap with a 92. The handicap win punched him back to 26.5 yards. The doubles went to Robert Hayden (new membership applicant) who ran about 90 targets before dropping two for a 98. JD Stamper took B singles with a 95, and Rich Dodson won C with a 91. Rich also took C and some money home from Dunbrooke Gun Club in Tappahannock the week before with a 93. The level of competition at out our club continues to improve, with six past or present state team members shooting in the last match. Both trap machines thumped away all day long, nearly flawlessly, and threw 3700 targets in six hours for the June match!

Skeet - Jim Wisher won the 12, 20, and .410 matches in the Sizzling Summer 4 X 50. Perennial contender Al Tavener took the 20 gauge. The skeet program needs more shooters. If you want to learn to shoot skeet come on out. Our fields and equipment are top notch. We have guns to loan and plenty of ammo. You can get free coaching and learn to break these targets.

Sporting Clays – The Memorial Day sporting clays match drew eight shooters. Unlike trap and skeet where there are lots of scores in the 90's, entry level sporting shooters are trying break 50% as their first big milestone. Only a few will break 90, and 100's are rare. The course is changed completely for every shoot. The targets are fast. Some are small. Some are thin, and some fly curved trajectories. The rabbits come in pairs and take crazy hops. Lots of the targets are thrown in the woods, where the background and lighting make it difficult to see and track the targets. This course set up was especially difficult. The top three shooters were Todd, 84, Jon 74, and Ray 71. All but two shooters broke 50 or more, showing we are making good progress. Hopefully we can get the new shooters up into the 60's and 70's soon.

Email Distribution – If you want to be on the distribution list for shotgun activities, please send me an email to jyagla@google .com. Watch the ATA Trap and Field magazine for shoots in our area, or check the ATA web page. NSSA's skeet shooting review publishes a calendar with all the shoots in the country. VSSA has web page with information on Virginia activities.

Jon Yagla

Shotgun Chairman

2012 NVGC Annual Billing Statement

Please remit \$90.00 made payable to NVGC with your membership number in the "memo line "of your check. If you do not wish to renew your membership you may resign or pay a \$15.00 absentee membership that covers the cost of the newsletter. As an absentee member you can pay the \$75.00 difference at any time during the year and receive full membership status.

Those who own stock, wish to resign, and hold your shares, please keep your contact information current with the Stock Registrar, or sell your shares back to the Facility.

Please send your check to:

NVGC P.O. Box 1581

King George, VA 22485

Please fill out (PRINT) the information below if any of your contact information has changed over the past year; please be sure that your e-mail address is legible.

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NVGC 2012 Calendar

Date	Time	Event	
Sunday's All Year	1000- Dusk	Shotgun Practice (POC – Jon Yagla)	
07 July	0800-1400	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	0800-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match(POC Perry Fridley)	
28 July	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)	
04 August	0800-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)	
11 August	1000-1600	Club Picnic, Swap Meet & Team Competition	
18 August	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)	
25 August	0800-1400	.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	0800-1400	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	0800-1400	.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 October	Boy Scout Troop 1887 (POC Jim Miller)	
	1200 8 October		
13 October NOTE DATE	0800-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)	
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20 October	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)	
27 October	0800-1400	.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	0800-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)	
10 November	0800-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Fun Match and 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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