



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

I'm happy to report Gene Hodgson is making great progress on the new tractor shed. Gene still needs volunteers to help complete it and also to help with repairs to the old tractor shed before winter sets in. Anyone who feels they can contribute work time, please contact Gene at (540) 663-3816 or e-mail at ehodgson@verizon.net.

Anthony Gimmellie has accepted the position to be the new Hi-Power Chairman. I'd like to thank Tony for volunteering and Jerry Gibson has volunteered to help Tony with this job.

If anyone is interested in taking over as the Club Promotional Items Manager, please contact me.

Ask all to visit the new official club website at: northernviriniagunclub.org and log-in and register. Anthony Gimmellie is the Webmaster of this website.

Much work was completed in September thanks to all those who contributed their time and energy to volunteer. Your efforts do make a difference and the organization is able to function and provide services to our members. Without volunteers, the organization would not be able to survive.

This month we are asking members to consider running for one of the Executive Committee positions. Nominations will be made at the November meeting and elections will take place at the December meeting. Please contact a member of the Election Committee (listed in this newsletter) if you or any member you know, would like more information about any of the EC positions.

Please mark your calendar that the **November club meeting** has been re-scheduled to **Sunday Nov. 20th, 06 from 1 – 2 PM at the Gander Mountain Lodge** meeting room at Gander Mtn. on Rte 3 in Fredericksburg. This change was made to accommodate the many members who like to hunt on the opening day of the general firearms season which is the 3rd Sat., Nov. 19th.

Recently, the subject of abuse to range equipment has been brought to the attention of the membership by the Shotgun Chairman. I and the EC know that this pertains to 1% or less of the membership, but the other 99% who do follow all the rules and handle the club & facility property in a respectful manner need to be aware of and report any incidents to either an activity chairman or club officer. We all need to be conscientious in the use of club and facility equipment and property to ensure that it is kept in the best possible condition for the benefit of all. There will always be normal wear which is expected from usage, but neglect and sloppy disregard for one's own convenience should not be tolerated. Costly repairs and replacement of equipment will only lead to increased dues and assessments to the abiding membership. If infractions of this type are not taken seriously, then club property and services could deteriorate swiftly. The conscientious members who work hard putting time and effort into the upkeep of the property could drop off significantly and services offered to the membership would decline. This could lead to good members to leaving the club out of frustration. We can't afford irresponsible actions that incur a significant financial burden on the entire membership. It would be better for the few who are irresponsible to lose their privileges than the many good members who care to be unable to have use of their privileges due to downed equipment and costly repairs. The EC therefore will look into and take

appropriate action as necessary to enforce the ByLaws and club rules when requested by Committee Chairmen or the membership depending on the severity of such incidents.

As always, I would like to stress the importance of safety by all members and their guests while on the facility property.

John LoBuglio, President

From the XO:

We have the King George Citizen's Center reserved for the third Saturday in January from 4 to 10 for our annual dinner. Jay Comfort will be catering it. I'm still working on getting a speaker.

Again look at the work day credits list and make sure you are covered there. I think I have everyone up to date so if you are missing credits before 29 September let me know.

Thanks to all especially Gene for all the great work on the tractor shed it really looks good!

So now we need to make the repairs to the old shed before winter.

Work day efforts:

We need to cut trees at the rifle range that are overhanging the shooting cover and some at the picnic area that are overhanging the pavilion.

Still looking for at least 2, but possibly 3 picnic tables for the pavilion. [Talk to Mark Varney since he just built one for the skeet shelter.] So there are lots of opportunities for work credits besides the third Saturday of the month.

We always need weed eating done.

Rifle/pistol range

We need to spread the fill dirt around the target frames so we can post targets in wet weather without getting soaked in standing water. The gutters need to be repaired.

Joe Primerano, Executive Officer

October Membership Report:

Please join me in welcoming Charles Doyal, Thomas J. John, and Kenneth Tiedge to the Club.

There are six prospective members: Ahmed Niazi and Eric Adams, who are a former members; James Cavender, sponsored by Ernest Jones; Dave Sears, sponsored by Anthony Gimmellie; and James Coleman and Megan Coleman, no sponsors.

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

Please remember: if you are sponsoring a prospective member, the process will be greatly facilitated if you: (1) start with the most recent application (available through the web-site or through the officers), (2) make sure that the prospective member comes to our monthly meeting on the third Saturday of the month to meet other members and work at their first work party, (3) bring a firearm and have the range safety check, (4) and turn in their application, prorated dues, and initiation fee. We have had several applications without the range safety check. Prospective members WILL NOT get their membership card until their range safety check is turned into the membership secretary.

We currently have 314 active members in the club, 18 absentee members, and 8 pending members.

Mark Varney, Membership Secretary

Special Membership Report:

The membership had several items which were discovered during the last billing cycle.

Robert Fickinger's wife informed us that he has passed away.

Tom Brown's wife informed us that he is very sick.

George Tomlinson moved out of the area to:

10353 Goodman Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Darryl Breitenstein

Officers and Committee Chairmen:

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NVGC Calendar

2 October	12:00- 4:00 pm	Caledon Black Powder Qualification
7, 8, 9 October		BSA Troop 1887 James Miller
15 October	9:00am - 12 noon	Work Party/Club meeting
16 October	10:00 am	ATA Match
22 October	8:30am – 12 noon	Smallbore Benchrest Match (IR50 - .22 rimfire)
23 October	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
13 November	10:00 am	ATA Match
20 November	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Club meeting Gander Mountain Lodge on route 3 in Fredericksburg
27 November	10:00am-4:00pm	Cowboy Action Shooting – Match (Register 9-10am)
4 December	10:00 am	ATA Match
18 December	1:00 pm	Club meeting Old KGES

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

Hunting News:

We are approaching the fall hunting season and those members who have fulfilled the 4 workday requirement can contact the Hunt Chairman, John Klochak for their hunting permit.

A reminder that hunters need to follow state law and club regulations when on facility property during the fall deer and turkey seasons. No guests are allowed to hunt on club property and family members must be accompanied and in visual site of the club member when hunting. It is advisable that any non-hunters venturing outside the picnic and range areas during these seasons wear bright colors.

This year constitutes the longest deer season allowed according to the state formula for calculating the hunting seasons. The Archery Season begins on the first Saturday in October which is October 1st this year and the firearms Season ends on the first Saturday in January which is January 7th, 06. Visit the VA State DGIF website: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/index.asp> for more information.

The biggest change to deer hunting regulations this year is the use of crossbows. Crossbow hunting has it's own separate license this year, yet falls within the same season dates as the regular archery season. You will need to purchase this license if you intend to hunt with a crossbow during the archery or blackpowder seasons. You are no longer required to have a doctor's authorization; anyone can apply for a crossbow license this year. If you intend to hunt with both a bow and a crossbow, you must purchase both licenses. If you only intend to hunt with the crossbow, then you would only be required to purchase the crossbow license and not need to purchase the regular bow license. If you have any questions, visit the VA State website: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/index.asp> for more information.

As a safety precaution when hunting with a crossbow, do not walk around with it cocked and loaded with a bolt (crossbow term for arrow). When walking, you can have cable cocked, but keep the bolt in a protected quiver until you are in your stand or blind. This should apply wherever you may hunt and not just on the club property.

As a note, Crossbows are not allowed for use on the archery range to shoot at the excelsior bales. You will be allowed to bring your own stand-alone crossbow target to shoot at on the archery range provided that you do not use the excelsior bales as a backstop. John LoBuglio

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING:

Howdy!

Sunday September 25 - Twenty six shooters showed up for our 11th monthly match to blast lead with the NVGC's Pepper Mill Creek Gang. It was cloudy and cool in the morning but later the sun came out. This was a beautiful day for shooting. When all the smoke had cleared, Sweet Tooth Wally stood tallest among his pardas as the top shooter of the day. Congratulations Wally!

The Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) held the annual Northeast Regional Championship "Mason Dixon Stampede" September 29 - October 2. The Virginia State Championship (Star City Shootout) is scheduled for October 14-16. Good Luck to all of our pardas that attended these events.

Thanks to all that come out to shoot with us. We shoot monthly on the 4th Sunday of the month (weather permitting). Our next match is scheduled for Sunday October 23. Registration is from 9-9:45am. Mandatory safety briefing is at 9:45 with the first shots downrange at 10am. We usually finish around 4pm. Match fee is only \$10.

New shooters are requested to observe one match before registering to shoot. NVGC members who plan on shooting are asked to arrive at 8:30am to help in range set-up, and asked to stay after the match to help tear-down (You can earn work party credits for this). If you plan on participating in the next match, please send me your name and e-mail address so we can add you to the distribution list for details of the upcoming stages. If you have any questions regarding the CAS program, feel free to contact me.

Sod Buster (aka Tom Hackett)
sod.buster@cox.net

The results of the last match are sent as a separate file!!!!



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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King George Fall Classic Skeet Match

October 22, 2005

12 Gauge Championship

Flight Time: 9:30

20 Gauge Championship

Flight Time: 11:00

28 Gauge Championship

Flight Time: 1:00

.410 Bore Championship

Flight Time: 2:30

100 targets in each gun. \$10 Class Options Each Gun

Entries limited to 12 competitors in each gauge/bore. Registration starts at 9:00 for those not registered in advance.

High Over All Big Jackpot (\$5)

Entry fees are \$18 for the first gun, \$15 for additional gun.

Free Authentic Navy Slider and Tube Steak lunch for competitors following the 20 ga Championship.

Option Awards: Gun Champ gets \$1 per shooter & class first money.

Cash payout of remaining money to class, for 1 to 5 in class is
100% to class champ, 6 or more in class 60/40 split.

Advance reservations will be accepted via e-mail to The_Kings@netscape.com or US Mail to NVGC,
11272 Dixie Dr, King George, VA 22485

This is our final match of our second year sponsoring Skeet matches. In trying to control costs, we may need volunteers to help! We will start on time. The club has two fields with new and very reliable Beomat traps. There is no clubhouse, but there is a large picnic shelter with electrical outlets and picnic tables, two Shooter Pavilions, and a covered Spectator area. Camper hookups may be available with prior arrangements.

Work Party Credits

		Officers/chairman	Shed	Boy Scouts	No specific date	19-Mar	16-Apr	21-May	18-Jun	16-Jul	20-Aug	17-Sep
Mel	Amos								x			
Jerry	Arel					x						
Scott	Armstrong		1					x	x			x
Dave	Arthur										x	
Mike	Arthur				1		x			x	x	x
Frank	Baker				1							
Jim	Barlet						x					
Dick	Boyce			2				x		x		
Chuck	Boyer								x		x	
Buzz	Boykin					x						
Darryl	Breitenstein	4	3			x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ed	Budzynski	4			11							
Ray	Burle										x	
Phil	Bushong			2	2	x	x		x	x	x	x
Cliff	Byrum		2		x			x	x		x	
Tim	Carsola						x					x
Joseph	Comfort					x						
Mark	Dillick		1									
Jason	Falbe		5			x						
Perry	Fridley	4										
Jerry	Gibson	4							x			
John	Gilmer		3		1							
Anthony	Gimmellie	4	1					x	x	x		
Udo	Goff		1									
Tim	Gorder	4				x					x	
Tom	Hackett				1		x		x		x	x
Greg	Harrod				1			x	x	x	x	x
Brian	Hodgson		2									
Gene	Hodgson	4	43									
Andy	Huffstickler		1		1	x		x	x		x	
Bruce	Huffstickler		4					x	x		x	x
Jack	Huffstickler		4					x	x		x	x
Jimmy	Huffstickler										x	
Sam	Huffstickler		2		1			x				x
Dale	Hundley		5			x		x	x		x	x
Mario	Jimenez					x				x		
Dave	Johnson						x					
Ernie	Jones		2					x		x		
Richard	Kinek					x						
Bob	King	4	3		3	x	x		x		x	x

Charles	King				2							
George	Kirby											
John	Klochak	4	2		16	x			x	x		x
Fred	Kolbrener						x	x	x	x		
Tom	Largent		1									x
John	Lenihan		1									
John	LoBuglio	4				x	x	x	x		x	x
Joe	Maddox				1	x		x			x	
John	Magerowski								x			x
Ben	Manuel		6		21	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Russ	Manuel				4			x				x
Henry	Mathis						x	x				x
John	Mayberry		1									
Dennis	McCauley				1							x
Robert	Menuet								x			
James	Miller					x	x	x	x	x		
Kevin	Montrief		1		1				x	x	x	x
Jim	Morgan		1	8		x			x		x	
Alan	Moss		4						x			
Tim	Neel	4							x			
Ahmed	Niazi											x
Ed	Nichols					x				x		
Dale	Otterbacher				1			x		x		x
Shawn	Palivoda		1									
Tom	Pasko					x	x			x	x	
Vincent	Penoso							x	x	x		
Joe	Petruzzo							x				
Joe	Primerano		3	3	3	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Carl	Quann		4						x	x	x	x
Doug	Richmond					x	x				x	
Mike	Richter					x					x	
Seth	Rinaldi		4			x			x	x	x	x
Sean	Ryan								x			
Rodney	Shojinaga						x					x
Tom	Skeer				2				x			
Gary	Smoller						x		x			x
Brion	Southall									x		
Tim	Spivak	4										
Jay	Stewart						x	x		x	x	
Gary	Tacke		9									
Chenee	Tillett											x
Rich	Toothman				4							x
Gary	Van Horn					x	x	x			x	x
Mark	Varney	4	3		4							
Tom	Wilkes				1							x
William	Wood								x			
Jon	Yagla	4	4					x	x	x	x	x

Range Safety in light of Range Maintenance and Tracking Wounded Game:

An issue was raised at the August Gun Club meeting concerning range procedures for conducting range maintenance and tracking and recovery of wounded game. This was raised during discussions of the 05-06 Club Hunting regulations. The following paragraphs discuss each of these issues separately.

Range Maintenance: Range maintenance falls under the Executive Officer per the By-Laws, and historically, the maintenance is conducted during the monthly work parties. On a few occasions, such as prior to scheduled matches, some short notice maintenance has needed to be completed, and has been handled on a case by case basis. I am not aware of archery range maintenance outside of the normal work party cycle, but perhaps the Archery Chairman can explain what procedures were used if such out of cycle maintenance was conducted. Shotgun range maintenance has utilized an orange safety cone to indicate when maintenance is being conducted in the Trap House, and the Skeet Houses have had their power secured at the breaker box when maintenance was conducted there. Rifle and Pistol range maintenance outside of the normal cycle has had notifications in the newsletters, and signs and tape to indicate maintenance was ongoing. Further, maintenance is generally in plain view of the firing line, the exception being the far end of the 200 yd rifle area. Cutting the range grass is probably the most common maintenance that has occurred on other than monthly work parties, and the tractor cutting grass has so far been pretty hard to overlook. I suggest that whoever is mowing the grass at the far end of the 200 yard rifle range not linger there, but make cuts that bring him frequently into view of the rest of the firing line. The Executive Office may want to review the scheduling of maintenance, with an eye toward all maintenance being conducted during the regular work parties. The 05-06 Hunting regulations would seem to have no impact on the club's current maintenance procedures.

Tracking and Recovery of Wounded Game: This topic seems to be a new issue this year, until one realizes that the ranges have never been closed for archery and muzzleloader seasons since these seasons came into existence, and no special procedures have ever been required. Wounded deer have been most likely to head for the swamp than the impact areas, and I don't believe it will be different during the shotgun season. Discussions during the August Gun Club meeting suggested a flag system to indicate the range was cold. The discussion also quickly identified one problem with such a system in that we did not have a common, intuitive understanding of what a red flag meant. Those with a military background consider the range HOT with a red flag is raised. Those of a civilian background thought red meant the range was closed. A cone system was suggested, as were posting of signs, particularly by methods that would physically block access to the range.

Solution: In considering these alternatives, each with their own drawbacks, one answer that was overlooked is how we currently control the ranges. By our current rules, the ranges are controlled by a member of the range safety committee, or, if one is not present, the club members select one of their number to act as the range officer. If a hunter needs to enter the impact area, he would contact the range officer controlling that range. In the cases where the range is not in use and no range officer is present, the hunter would have to provide a range officer (a range safety committee member or another selected club member as in normal range operations) to control the range while he is searching for his wounded deer and in the impact area. This places the burden on the hunter in the areas of the club where ranges are located. This would seem appropriate since, by keeping the ranges open during the hunting seasons, the club is stating the principal activity in this area is range firing. Likewise, hunting is the principal activity from the logging road and eastward, and in the new 45 acre additional property, since there are no ranges located here to hamper hunting.

The above solution was presented by the Hunting and Range Safety Committee Chairmen, and accepted by the NVGC Executive Committee at their 15 September 2005 meeting.

M1 results:

OCTOBER 1, 2005

NVGC M1 Garand, Vintage Military Match Results.

I would like to thank everyone who came out and made it a great event. It was a great learning experience and was fun to break out the big guns and do some serious shooting. I would like to thank everyone who helped out to make this match a success, along with Jim Morgan for all his hard work in setting it up and getting everyone there a CMP certificate to be able to purchase through CMP for a new rifle. We look forward to running club level M1 matches once every 3 months.

Also would like to say good job to Brian Gibson the only youth shooter out there today. He did shot great and we look forward to him and other youths to participate in are shooting programs at the club.

Please look at the calendar for future events along with other high power events.

Tony Gimmellie

Results:

1. Tony Gimmellie - 457 2X
2. Rob Menuet – 448 3X
3. Gerald Gibson – 436 1X
4. Fred Kolbrener – 435 3X
5. Roarke Anderson - 432 3X
6. Tom Hackett – 387 2X
7. James Miller – 384 1X
8. Dave Sears – 356 0X
9. Gary Thomas – 328 1X
10. Chad Howell – 345 5X
11. Greg Harrad – 335 2X
12. Anthony Rekas – 326 0X
13. Bach Melick – 289 0X
14. Brian Gibson – 274 1X

High Power News:

Things in the NVGC high power shooting are starting to take shape. We look forward to starting to use the 2nd Saturday of each month to get the Club's high power program back on track and matches happening. Please check the calendar for upcoming events. All ideas and help are welcome.

Tony Gimmellie

Custom Molded Ear Plugs:

I have been able to re-establish myself as a dealer for the E.A.R.custom molded ear plugs. These are the best, most comfortable ear plugs I have ever found, plus the sound protection can be up to 33 NRR. I am currently using a set I made for high power shooting 20 years ago, so I know they last a long time. Enough people expressed an interest, so I ordered the supplies, and have them on hand. I can make your custom molded ear plugs with carrying case for \$25. The process takes about 20-25 minutes, and requires that you not talk or move

your jaw for about 15 minutes as the material sets up. The plugs are useable the next day. Give me a call or drop me an email if you want to get a set. Bob King, The_Kings@netscape.com, 540 775-5651.

Shotgun Range:

We've had such a great year, with dozens of shooters having a good time all summer, and the competitors shooting some really fine scores in big matches all across the country.

On the negative side, I have something I want you all to think about and help each other with. First is the equipment. The machines cost us about \$24,000. They belong to all of us. We need to take good care of them. Besides the normal wear and tear, which we expect, there has been some outright abuse. We had a skeet shooter trying shoot alone by releasing the targets by stepping on the switches. The next bunch of shooters reported they couldn't shoot because the high house and doubles switches didn't work. I took the release handle apart and it had dirt ground into to it. The handle was just replaced this spring for \$78. I just replaced the trap throwing arm twice. They were severely bent and cost \$32 each. This is from trying to throw targets when the machine is jammed. One guy was standing there shooting at the biggest pieces. Anyway, at \$2/round with a very small margin of profit, it will take hundreds of rounds of shooting to pay for these parts. If four in row come out broken, cease firing and clear the machine. There is a process in place: I can bill a shooter for any parts and labor to make a repair. The EC will back this up and take any additional action they deem appropriate. Better yet, the shooter should just come forward and pay for any damage.

Finally, the targets belong to the shooters. There is no NVGC or NVSF money involved. The shooters pay for the targets they shoot and use the money to buy new ones. It is very important that *every* shooter pay *every* time for *every* target. They \$2/25 or 8 cents each. Target manufacturing costs are up, delivery cost is up, and it will be very hard to hold this price unless *everyone* pays.

Annie Oakley: We had a great Annie with lots of free chow last Friday. It raised

a little money, too. Watch your e-mail for the next one. We'll study the weather forecasts, see who can come, and announce it a day or so in advance.

Jon Yagla
Shotgun Chairman

Club Logo Promotional Items:

Club logo promotional items will be on sale at the monthly meeting. There are Polo shirts, T-shirts and hats with the new club logo. Polo shirts (with pockets) are \$27; T-shirts (with pockets) are \$15; and hats are \$9. We only have mesh-backed hats at this time. Orders for special sizes and items on a future order will be taken. Please call me, John LoBuglio at (540) 644-9999 if you are interested in a specific size or color that we have in stock.

For Sale:

Matthews MQ 32 RH, 30" draw, with National Turkey Federation stamped on the handle grip. Also available with a Matthews quiver, Trophy Ridge drop rest, Trophy Ridge lighted pin sight. Shot 30-40 times. Bow only \$400; Bow with everything \$600. Call John LoBuglio (540) 644-9999