



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

As I write this, I am at the gun club. Dickie Sisson has two of his Takeuchi tracked front-end loaders and an excavator working on our 25-yard berm. That will be completed probably today...Wed Aug 30. Dickie is bringing heavier equipment to the club on Friday in order to work on the 100 yard line berm. The Facility board purchased 190 truckloads of dirt all of which were delivered to the club Tuesday and Wednesday. As soon as we get an OK from the RHRT group, we will build up the berm at the intersection of the RR bed and our road. This will provide an additional level of safety for members and trail hikers on our road above the RR bed. As soon as the MOU is signed, and that work is complete, we will make a decision on allowing the range to be used without safety observers. The MOU has been technically agreed to by Mr. Brickley and the Facility board, and could be signed within days.

I met with Mr. Williams and Dave Jones of the DHRT. We came to an agreement on installing gates on the RR bed. This was accomplished at the last work party. Thanks to all those that procured the material, dug the hole and installed the gates. DHRT members also were present and did part of the work.

However, I am concerned about members that do not follow the range rules. I have heard many stories of mishandling of firearms while shooters are downrange, members shooting down our target frames, leaving metal objects and chunks of concrete where the mower could strike them, and I noticed that our brass barrel has been shot with a .22 and a shotgun. It is these incidents that may require us to operate our ranges only when a safety observer is present in order to ensure range rules are followed, and to protect our facilities. Thank you, to the vast majority of our members that do follow rules of common sense and safety. We just need to reign in the few members that are causing us problems.

I would appreciate a member looking in to what it would take to install an electronic gate that will log members in and out. That will give us a measure of accountability. I think the Tractor Store might have one, but we would need to couple some sort of logging feature with it I think.

Another complaint item I have is that someone used our gas barbecue grille with charcoal...I see the gas tanks are missing. I have to assume that a member has taken them to get filled. The charcoal grille was just five feet to the left of the gas grille...I cannot believe someone was so inconsiderate as to possibly ruin our gas grill that was donated by Ray Bashoor. I hope someone can clean it up and get it operational again.

On a happy note, you all owe Dale Hundley, myself, and Gary Tacke for taking time out of their days to be at the club to provide direction to the truckers and Dickie Sisson's employees on what we wanted done with the dirt. This all came about with less than a day's notice. When you need dirt, you can't get it, and when you want to get rid of it, no one wants it...we were lucky to get this at a good price.

Member Dickie Sisson who owns Sisson Excavating, has also been at the club for the last few days...with extremely short notice, he has redirected his equipment and employees to the range in order to help us get the 25-yard berm constructed. His son, Richard, also has spent a couple of days on the job operating equipment.

The old tractor shed has a new floor. Several members were involved in laying a concrete floor. Doors have been modified and reinstalled. It will now be used for skeet storage.

The open house and a work party take place this month, check the calendar for dates.

Observe safe hunting practices; note when and where you can hunt on the property. There might be hikers that are unaware of hunting and firearm dangers on our property. It is up to the hunter to shoot safely.

Gene Hodgson
President

From the XO:

Thanks to all that came to the August workday. For general clean up, we need to concrete in the well head. See Jon Yagla for Shotgun range needs. For the rifle range, continue to work on new berms. We still need to do the new steps at the 25 yard pistol line.

Joe Primerano
Executive Officer

Editorial:

We are now in the election cycle for NVSF. Most of the members will not even bother to vote. As a stockholder, your only control over the Facility is to vote for the seven Officers who COMPLETELY run the Facility. If these seven Officers make bad decisions or to refuse to make decisions, the stockholders were the ones who put them in the driver's seat. The only time they can correct past mistakes is at election time. If you do not know the individuals running for Office, ask other members! Take a few minutes and find out who would be the best Officers.

In a similar context, the Club Officers will be up for election soon. Chip King (NVGC Vice-President) is trying to get two members to run for every office. I hope at least one member will run for every office. I will not be running for Treasurer, and I believe some of the other Officers may not be running for their current office. The Club Officers need to accomplish many tasks to keep the Club operating. It is helpful that there not be too big of a turnover in any given year. Last year, 5 of the 7 were new to the Executive Committee. This presented many difficulties that I had not seen in the previous eight years. The Trail problems and restrictions on range usage did not help. If you are willing to serve, talk to the Officer holding the position you are interested in pursuing. All of the Officer's e-mail and telephone numbers are in the newsletter.

Darryl Breitenstein

September 2007 Membership Report:

Please join me in welcoming Scott Decker, Christopher Kuper, Kevin Colovos and John Bone to the Club. There is one prospective member, Peter Paquette of King George. 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

State Skeet Results:

Dick Boyce Storms The State Skeet Championships – Dick Boyce, known for terrorizing the D class competitors in recent matches took the State Championships by storm. Dick took three Gold, one Silver, and three Bronze medals in claiming the D Class High Over All and D Class High All Around honors.

On Thursday, 16 August, the temperature was 102 degrees in Chase City, Virginia, at the Arrowhead Gun Club, and even hotter on the Skeet Fields. To this Dick added his own heat to the competition by besting all but one to claim D2 honors in Doubles and a Silver medal. After a brief respite in the club house, Dick took to the field for 20 ga competition and battled to take D3 honors and a Bronze medal, his second medal of the day. Friday saw the temperature drop to 100, with the temperature on the fields only about 110, but Dick remained hot. Shooting for the first time in C class, Dick pulled out C4 honors and a second Bronze medal, his third medal of the matches. The temperature was down right pleasant on Saturday as Dick continued his domination. In the 88 degree weather, Dick's calm demeanor and smooth execution helped him claim D4 honors in the peewee .410 bore competition, and his fourth medal of the matches. For Sunday, with the return of the heat and humidity, Dick saved his best. His midday round of 12 ga saw him tied atop of the D Class leader board, with shoot off Doubles on stations 3-4-5 to decide the outcome. Dick took a full box of Remington STS factory ammo, along with a full box of confidence, but needed only one station to best the opposition. He claimed the Gold medal in 12 gauge and the engraved wood plaque. His consistently high performance across the four gun competition gained him another Gold medal and the engraved wood plaque for D Class High Overall Champion. Adding in his Doubles scores and the final Gold medal and the third engraved wood plaque were his.

Also shooting was Bob King (C class .410 third place Bronze medal).

Shotgun Report:

Trap News: July saw some fine performances on the trap fields. In our July monthly ATA shoot, it was Ernie Jones with a 98 in singles, Phil Bushong with a 95 in Handicap and Chip King with a 95 in Doubles. At the Virginia State Championships with about 300 competitors Rick DeMerle won a preliminary handicap yardage group trophy with a 94 and picked up another half yard with a 96 in the Virginia Handicap Championship Match. Phil shot a 195 in the Virginia Singles Championship for the class B trophy, and finished in 5th place in the entire field with a 95 in the Handicap Championship. Jon Yagla managed a 98 in Singles and a 97 in the Hawkeye Handicap with about 800 competitors at the Iowa State Championship, for runner up in 22-24 yards, and a yard earned.

Trap doubles Workshop: We had seven shooters all showed some pretty good improvement.

National Trapshooting Day is October 13. Please mark you calendars for shooting event on this day - trap & skeet both!

Jon Yagla

Shotgun Chairman

NVGC 2007 Calendar:

Date	Time	Event
15 September	0900	Work party & meeting
22 September	0800	.22 Bench Rest
22 September	1000	Open House
23 September	1000	CAS Match
29 & 30 September	0830	NSSA Treeline Open Skeet Match
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.

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Northern Virginia Gun Club
Tree Line Open NSSA Skeet Match
September 29-30, 2007
Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM

20 Gauge Championship (Saturday 29th)
Flight Times: 9:00, 10:30 AM (20 shooters max)

12 Gauge Championship (Saturday 29th)
Flight Times: 12:15; 1:45 PM (20 shooters max)

Doubles (Saturday 29th)
Flight Time 3:15 PM (12 shooters max)

28 Gauge Championship (Sunday 30th)
Flight Times: 09:00, 10:30 AM (20 shooters max)

.410 Bore Championship (Sunday 30th)
Flight Times: 12:15, 1:45 PM (20 shooters max)
100 targets in each gun

Entry fees are \$19 for the first gun, \$16 for additional guns

*Free New Orleans Red Beans & Rice lunch for contestants
(Leftovers on Sunday, if any)*

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 accepted and encouraged: bushongpm@earthlink.net

In trying to control costs, we need volunteers to help! The club will provide a referee for the first round, and competitors will be asked to pull and score for remaining rounds. The club has two fields with lights. There is no clubhouse, but there is a large picnic shelter with electrical outlets and picnic tables, two shooter pavilions for shooters and spectators behind each range, and a covered bench area (the "Classroom"). Please be prompt: we will start shooting on time. Camper hookups available with prior coordination.

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
Affholter	Brett						1	1				1		
Arthur	Mike									1				
Asper	Janet								1					
Bleau	Tim								2	1	1			
Bone	Kyle									1				
Botelho	Mike			6										
Boyce	Dick			6			1		1					
Breitenstein	Darryl	4					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		
Crampton	Mark			4										
Crcuph	Mark											1		
Culpper	Andrew										1			
DeMerle	Rick			4				1	1					
Detwiler	Doug			1				1	1		1			
Doyal	Charles			4										
Farley	Davis						1	1		1				
Frericks	Lonnie								1					
Fridley	Perry	8						1			1	1		
Green	Halsey										2			
Gibson	Jerry	4	1								1	1		
Goff	Udo			3				1	1	1				
Harrod	Greg							1	1	1	1	1		
Hearn	Brian			1										
Hodgson	Gene	4	4	5					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		
Jenkins	David									1				
Johnson	Dave									1		1		
Jones	Ernie	4		4	4		1	1				1		

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Kinek	Richard										1			
King	Bob	4	4	2	4				1					
King	Chip	4		1	4				1					
Klochak	John	4		1			1	1	1		1	1		
Kolbrener	Fred			4						1	1			
Kuper	Adam										1			
Kuper	Chris										1			
Langley	David			1										
Maney	Brent			1										
Manual	Ben			21			1	1	1	1	1	1		
Martin	Jon										1			
Mason	Rich			1		1	1			1				
Miller	James									1				
Miller	Jim											1		
Montrief	Kevin			1										
Morgan	Jim					5								
Mouse	Fred						1		1					
Newman	Jim									1				
Niazi	Ahmed										1			
Paquette	Peter					3	1	1		1	1	1		
Primerano	Joe	4							1	1				
Proes	Roger			5					1	1				
Quann	Carl			1			1			1	1			
Quintana	John										1			
Richmond	Doug			4										
Rinaldi	Seth	4					1	1	1	1	1	1		
Simmons	Dale							1						
Strange	Chris									1				
Swenson	Howard									1				
Tacke	Gary						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				

Dues Update:

This will be the last newsletter for the following members unless I receive their dues before the October newsletter goes out due to non-payment of dues: Eric Adams, Scott Armstrong, Gary Bass, Ronald Boline, Byron Coleman, James Coleman, John Cotton, Aaron Daye, William Fisher, Brian Green, Randall Hendrickson, William Horton, Thomas John, Chip Klass, Christopher Kopp, Michael LaFever, Brent Maney, Russ Manuel, Frank Marino, Richard Mason, Brandon McBarron, Jonathon Ohleger, Todd Petty, Michael Pokladnik, John Quartuccio, Norb Raddatz, Dale Riddle, Sean Ryan, Dan Sangster, Thomas Skeer, Stephen Stoyanof, Mark Sullivan, Richard Sypher, David Tanner, Jericho Upham, Steven Wendelin, Dean Wietz, Kevin Wright, Thomas Yaun and Steve Young.

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NVGC Treasurer

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Open House:

All members should take note that our Open House takes place on Saturday September 22. This is our biggest recruiting event. If you know anyone who is interested in joining our Club, invite them to the Club on that Saturday. Our ranges will be open, Ray Bashor will have sausages and there will be plenty of applications for interested potential members to take home and review.

Hunting News:

Hunting permits will be handed out at the September workparty and the Open House. Hunters are required to have their four work party credits (as posted in the newsletter) or be over 60. Permits will NOT be mailed.

Hunters are reminded that the ranges will remain open during hunting season and that the DHRT is open and that hikers on this trail are NOT required to wear blaze orange.

John Klochak
Hunting Chairman