



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

I want to remind members that we are still operating with the lower ranges closed for unmanaged shooting. They are only open when we have safety observers in place. Early on we had someone begin shooting while other members were checking out the area for the new pistol range. They did not ascertain if anyone was down range. Luckily no one was in the impact area, they were to the west of our road. This goes to show that members need to make sure of the new operating procedures and follow them.

I want the members to know that at our last meeting, we cleared quite a few trees from the area where we are planning a new 25 yard pistol/Cowboy action range. The final approval of this range requires more work and planning. Higher berms and possibly a ricochet wall need to be designed.

Thanks for the great burgers, Darryl. We had a quick meeting due to the cold temps and winds. Darryl did a stellar job as usual bringing the food and drinks and...cooking the hamburgers. They are excellent hamburgers, and Darryl has been doing this in addition to the many other jobs he has been taking care of for the club.

Tom Hackett, one of our prior club Presidents, has volunteered to maintain our web site. For others who have volunteered, contact Tom, he could use the help.

We also put doors on the new trap house, and Doug Richmond did more surveying work on the RR bed property line. Some destruction work was also accomplished on the beaver dams.

I want to remind members to monitor other shooters on the range. If you look at the right most 100 yard target frame, you'll see it's not there anymore. What you do see is evidence of vandalism. Someone continuously shot at the base of the 4x6 inch post until it fell down. This was not accidental and it was not due to a member setting a target against the post. That required quite a few shots. This was direct destruction/vandalism. There are also many holes in our target frames. Some accidental, but many are also vandalism. Nine bullet holes into the spot where a crossbeam meets a post indicates that someone used that spot as a target. Last year, a member moved concrete rip rap that we placed on the firing line band to help stop erosion. Some of them ended up on the 50 yard berm, were used as targets, and then left them there where we had to avoid them with the mower. This is dangerous, and the shooter had no control over ricochet. This is irresponsible and is not permitted on our range. Shoot safely and know what is behind where you are shooting. Also know where your bullets are impacting.

This will be very important should we ever go back to unsupervised range operations. Our plan is to build a concrete wall along the edge of the RR bed. This wall could run 400 yards, and be at least eight feet high. This wall will NOT be a target, and will not be there to stop direct bullet impacts. It will stop them, but the purpose is to stop the inadvertent misguided shot. We will also be building up the side and backstop berms. If we are to use the new 25 yard range along with the old range, members will need to shoot safer than we have been in the past...as evidenced by behavior like the two examples of many listed above.

We are talking to Mr. Williams and the trails people. They are looking at a re-route to the north of the RR bed. This would put hikers on our road for maybe 30 yards to the north of the RR bed crossing. This will also require some changes in our current plans for a 25 yard range. I will keep you posted on the progress.

Some of you may have read in the King George Journal about the hikers being shot at on the Saturday we had our work party and meeting. This did not happen on our gun club and none of our members were involved. This took place to the west of us, maybe near the end of the trail near the landfill area. This may have been somewhat on purpose to intimidate the hikers. The claim was that a mother and her children were peppered with shot. Some people wrote to the Journal that the story seemed exaggerated. Well, I don't know how anyone would assume that, but shooting carelessly is irresponsible

and not what the NRA and mature shooters are all about. Safe gun handling will help ensure the continuation of gun ownership. That type of behavior will galvanize the public against gun owners and gun ranges.

That's a lot about safety, but that is an A-Priori requirement for membership in our club.

I am looking for someone to draw up a diagram of our lower ranges. We need measurements and locations of berms and target frames so we can get estimates for rebuilding the safety berms. Doug Richmond has volunteered to survey it for us, so we can get exact measurements. Doug has already given us a lot of his time and that is greatly appreciated.

I am looking for a member to look into building an indoor bathroom facility. We are spending around \$1,900 per year on port-a-jons. I think we could build a drain field and bathroom for around \$6,000. We might also look into a concrete facility like you see in remote park areas. These are merely outdoor toilets, but are well-designed and ventilated. They work very well. If a member can look in to this, we can take it to the facility board and get funding for the development.

If a member can research the Pittman/Robertson (I think) grants, we might be able to put in for funds that have been collected from all gun and ammo sales for shooting range developments and improvements.

Finally, call the Range Safety Officer, Seth Rinaldi to volunteer as a safety observer. Seth will organize open range periods if we get volunteers. So far, we have had open range times, but they are being set up on short notice. If we get volunteers to commit, then we can publish open times on the web site.

Gene Hodgson

President

From the XO:

Thanks to all that came to the March Workday. For the April workday, there are a couple of small pines near the gate that look like they are about to fall over. In addition, other areas need attention:

Shotgun Area: Clear brush and trees in shotgun impact area Paint new trap house. Touch up paint on other buildings. Wire pavilions.	Main Area: Frame up the well head for concrete, about a 3x3 foot pad. Adjust the door latch on the old tractor shed. Hang the hose reel at the well. Paint white trim around the garage doors. We need white paint.
Rifle range: New steps at the 25 yard pistol line. Cut trees off some berms to get ready for new dirt.	Action pistol range: Continue to work on new action pistol range

Joe Primerano

Executive Officer

From the Range Safety Officer:

Again, I would like to thank everyone for doing their part to operate the lower ranges in a safe manner using observers and the club-provided radios. Lower range operating procedures remain the same as posted on the target shed and those stated in the previous news letters. There is an error in the procedures for the 200 yard line. The procedures state the second observer should be WEST of the 200 yard line impact area; the second observer should be EAST of the 200 yard line impact area. Both observers are to the EAST, left side of the drive, as you are going toward the lower ranges. I have placed surveyors tape and a traffic cone at each observer station, these are on the right as you walk East on the trail. If there are any questions regarding any of the operating procedures, give me a call, my home number is at the end of the newsletter, and my office is: 540-653-1362, leave a message and a number to reach you.

As the weather warms up, please remember to bring plenty of bug spray, liquids to drink, and a chair for observer duty. As a part of your observing for the line, look down for yourself every once in a while, snakes are out! I am still working to get a method in place for members to volunteer to work range safety in exchange for work credits so we can open the ranges at specific times. If anyone has specific ideas, let me or one of the other officers know.

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. I have placed a fresh pack of AAA batteries in the radio box and replaced those that were weak or dead in the radios. Please turn the radios off when you are finished and lock them up in the box. That's about it for this month; I will keep everyone posted as to any changes regarding operating procedures.

Seth Rinaldi

RSO

NVGC 2007 Calendar:

Date	Time	Event
14 & 15 April		BSA Troops 1 & 1404
21 April		Work party & meeting
22 April	1200	Trap
22 April	1000	CAS Match
28 April	0800	Benchrest Match
6 May	1200	Trap
19 May		Work party & meeting
19 May		Bench rest match after meeting
26, 27, & 28 May		BSA
27 May	1000	CAS Match
10 June	1200	Trap
16 June		Work party & meeting
23 June	0800	.22 Bench Rest
23 & 24 June	0830	NSSA Summer Closed Skeet & Club Championship Match
24 June	1000	CAS Match
15 July	1200	Trap
21 July		Work party & meeting
28 July	0800	.22 Bench Rest
22 July	1000	CAS Match
15 August	1200	Trap
18 August		Work party & meeting
25 August	0800	.22 Bench Rest
26 August	1000	CAS Match
15 September		Work party & meeting
22 September	0800	.22 Bench Rest
23 September	1000	CAS Match
29 & 30 September	0830	NSSA Treeline Open Skeet Match
6 October		TBD Black powder quals.
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.

March 2007 Membership Report:

Please join me in welcoming John Klass to the Club. There are three prospective new members: Brett Affholter, Douglas Detwiler and Tracy Usry. 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

Work Party Credit List:

		Officers/Chairman	NVSF	No specific date	Pick up Trap mach.	Scouts	17-Mar	21-Apr	19-May
Affholter	Brett						1		
Boyce	Dick			2			1		
Breitenstein	Darryl	4					1		
Brissey	Ted			2					
Brissey	Ted			4					
Bushong	Phil			2			1		
Carver	Reed			3					
Farley	Davis						1		
Fridley	Perry	8							
Gibson	Jerry		4				1		
Hearn	Brian			1					
Hodgson	Gene	4	4	1					
Howard	Bill					2			
Huffstickler	Andy			1					
Jones	Ernie	4		3	4		1		
King	Bob	4		1	4				
King	Chip	4	4	1	4		1		
Manely	Brent			1					
Manual	Ben			1			1		
Mason	Rich						1		
Mouse	Fred						1		
Primerano	Joe	4							
Proes	Roger			2					
Quann	Carl			1			1		
Richmond	Doug								
Rinaldi	Seith	4							
Tacke	Gary						1		
Tiedge	Ken						1		
Whelk	George						1		
Wilkerson	James W						1		
Yagla	Jon	4	4	3			1		
	John			1					

2007 NVGC M1 Garand Match Results:

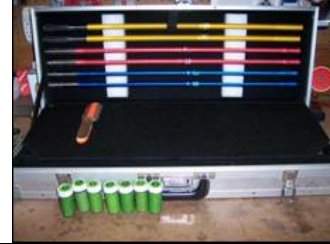
Thanks to everyone that came out and shot the match; we had a great showing and a great day. It was some tough shooting and we look at doing it again here sometime soon. So keep your eyes on the newsletter and look at the calendar. Special thanks to Dave Sears and Chad Howell for helping with setup and watching the railroad bed for hikers. I am attempting to get our next match CMP affiliate so we can earn our certificates to purchase rifles.

1. Tony Gimmellie- 264-4x	7. Jim Westendorf 240-1x
2. Jon Yagla- 264-1x	8. Brian Hearn 238-0x
3. Rob Menuet- 263-3x	9. Mario Jimenez 229-0x
4. Fred Kolbrener- 259-2x	10. Dave Sears 222-0x
5. Dale Hundley- 245-3x	11. Chad Howell 177-1x
6. Jerry Gibson 241-3x	12. Greg Harrod 143-1x

Tony Gimmellie
High Power Chairman

For Sale:

Browning Citori Skeet - 12 ga 28" Skeet Model for sale at \$2750.00. Features include factory ported barrel with Invector plus choke tubes and high skeet rib. Recently upgraded wood by Browning Custom shop with hand rubbed oil finish. Action is tighter than when new! Briley Ultra Light tube set. Skeet and skeet tubes for each gauge, plus 2 other choke tubes per gauge. Vault case set up for extra barrels. Nine Browning Invector plus choke tubes, from cyl to full. Kolar barrel weight. Fewer than 3000 rounds fired! Contact Tom at 571-238-2966, and leave a message.



March Gale Wind Gauntlet Trap Match:

The gale wind flags were up on the Chesapeake Bay and lower Potomac River, and so were the shooters. These were the wildest targets we have seen in years with 40 mph gusts riding variable direction base wind. One gust blew Ernie Jones off the stand when he was about to call for a target. The frantic motions of the targets were like the alien disks of Roswell in the 40's and 50's. They seemed to possess intelligence. They knew just when to turn straight up, or when they could safely duck down below the roof of the trap house. We examined a number of targets afterward, looking for conformal antennae, small embedded micro chip processors, miniature control surfaces, and mag-lev inductors, but found none. Jon Yagla's gourmet lunch seemed to help, because the scores went up for handicap, and then up again for doubles. Larry Baden won the singles match with a 91, Phil Bushong won the handicap with a 86, and Frank Baker took the doubles with a very nice 87. – Jon Yagla



Jambalaya Open NSSA Skeet Match Competitors. The match winner was Vern Lucas, seventh standing from left. Dick Boyce, second from left kneeling, ran his first 25 straight shortly after the picture was taken. His teammates promptly blew up his \$20 hat!

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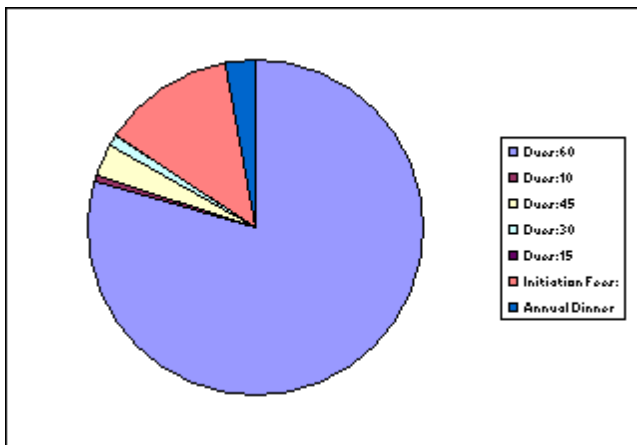
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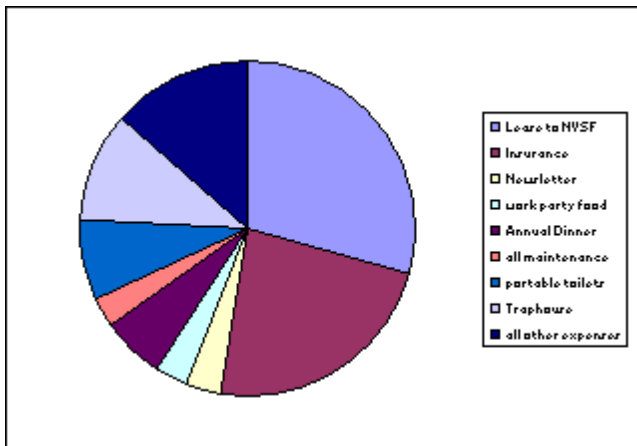
FY07/08 Budget:

Income:	FY 06-07	to Date	FY 07-08
Dues:60	\$18,600.00	\$18,960.00	\$19,800.00
Dues:10	\$160.00	\$130.00	\$130.00
Dues:45	\$450.00	\$675.00	\$360.00
Dues mistake		\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues:30	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$270.00
Dues:15	\$150.00	\$15.00	\$120.00
Initiation Fees:	\$3,200.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,000.00
pistol	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
benchrest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hipower	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
John Garand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Club Logo Items	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Dinner	\$0.00	\$649.00	\$0.00
Total	\$23,160.00	\$23,829.00	\$23,680.00

Income for FY 06-07



Expenses for the FY 06-07



Expenditures	FY 06-07	to Date	FY 07-08
Lease to NVSF	\$5,900.00	\$5,505.27	\$6,200.00
Insurance	\$4,160.00	\$4,278.25	\$5,000.00
Newsletter	\$1,500.00	\$647.72	\$1,200.00
Membership Mailing	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Open House	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
Picnic	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Utilities	\$360.00	\$152.97	\$250.00
Bank Charges	\$70.00	\$42.11	\$0.00
Tractor Fuel & Parts	\$400.00	\$311.71	\$600.00
Operating Costs	\$150.00	\$79.24	\$150.00
work party food	\$700.00	\$576.02	\$850.00
Annual Dinner	\$500.00	\$1,139.94	\$500.00
E.C. Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$477.95	\$750.00
Club FFL	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
Club Affiliations	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Contributions	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$500.00
Wildlife Program	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Club Logo Items	\$250.00	\$105.25	\$200.00
junior shooting program	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
all maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$561.54	\$2,500.00
portable toilets	\$1,950.00	\$1,417.50	\$1,950.00
Archery Program	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
Pres. Discretionary	\$500.00	\$207.02	\$500.00
CAS Program	\$500.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
Hipower Program	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Benchrest Program	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Club website	\$150.00	\$111.22	\$150.00
hunting (signs and paint)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Traphouse	\$0.00	\$1,973.76	\$0.00
Total	\$23,160.00	\$18,652.47	\$23,680.00

This is the proposed budget for the FY 07-08 year. The good news is that we should have a surplus for the sixth consecutive year even with the vote to spend almost \$2000 for the Club's cost of the new traphouse which was not in the budget originally. There are still three months left in the budget year with \$4500 still budgeted but not spent. The situation next year with membership expected to fall off may require adjustments in following years, but that is by no means a certainty. We will be discussing the budget at the April meeting and vote on it at the May meeting.

Darryl Breitenstein
Treasurer

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