



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

It's December, and almost a year has gone by since I was elected as president of the NVGC. We've gotten a lot accomplished this year, the most important being the upgrade of the berms and the reopening of the ranges due to the MOU with the RR bed users. Thanks to all those who were involved in that year long effort.

Elections are upon us again. They will be held at the next meeting Dec 15 at the meeting room in the Gander Mountain store. Last month, the management gave us a presentation of their gunsmith services. They also gave each one in attendance a discount card. We only had a handful of members present. With elections taking place, I anticipate many more members being present. If not, I would ask you to make sure to cast the ballot included in this month's newsletter.

The annual dinner will be held at Ryans located in Central Park, Fredericksburg, near the Wall Mart. Please let Joe Primerano, or Steven Murray, (smur228560@verizon.net), know you plan to attend. The number of attendees may be limited. See the form in the newsletter.

Brian Zinns, a national Pistol Champion a few times over, is planning to speak. This should be a very interesting talk. A shooter of his caliber should have many tips on how to improve your shooting skills. I've learned a lot over the years, and there are a few tricks or processes to follow that can really make a difference. I'm eager to hear Brian talk; maybe I can get another good tip. I've incorporated some of those tips in my golf game too; it's surprising how the same techniques can help in other sports.

At the upcoming meeting, we will discuss a request for more weekends by scout organizations. This will have a large impact on the use of the club, so come to the meeting to be heard. One thing the board is considering is to require scout groups to come to the club on specified scout weekends, vice allowing them to pick a weekend, which results in several weekends tying up the club facilities. We need members input on this issue.

Another issue is having all members using the club to wear an ID tag. I want to ask each member to volunteer to show your id to any member that asks for it. With the trail users being on our property, members need to know who is and who is not a member. We have a growing problem with the gate being left open also. We only leave the gate open when a scheduled event is in progress. This means a skeet match, or work party. I also have been getting lax on this issue, leaving the gate open for planned skeet shooting. That is not a scheduled event. What is happening is that the gate is opened, and left open until the last person leaves the club. Sometimes the last person doesn't know he is the last one, so the gate gets left open. The person opening the gate for a scheduled event should take the lock with them, and relocking the gate when they leave. The lock should never be left unlocked hanging on the gate, especially with the combination left on it. We will likely be discussing this at the next meeting also. In addition, members should never give out the combination to another person.

Members needing workday credits can perform tasks themselves; see Joe Primerano. Here is a list of things to complete;

- Build stairs for the 25 yard line, lumber is bought and stored in the garage.
- Pour concrete around the well head, the forms are already in place.
- We need the leaning tree over the logging road near the scout camp to be cut down. Good firewood in that tree.
- We need to do some heavy trimming of the trees over the shooting covers; cut them way back from the roof.
- The Picnic shelter needs to have more paint on the trim, where it's getting weather worn.
- We need to spray a bleach solution on the picnic shelter roof in order to kill the moss growth. Spraying with the hose should then remove the moss.
- We need to do a more permanent job installing the trail signs, some of them are getting blown down.

Have a Merry Christmas, and a happy new year, hope to see you at the dinner. Fill out the dinner form, or let the right person know you plan to attend.

Gene Hodgson,
NVGC President

Note from the NVSF Treasurer:

There are still about 60 members that have not purchased shares yet this year. Bills were sent out four weeks ago. This will be the only second notice you will get.

Membership Report:

Please join me in welcoming :Robert Hudson of Reedville, Gene Miller of King George, and Larry Lafferty of King George to the Club.

There are 3 prospective members, William Norris of King George, Carl A. Carter of King George and Daniel Altman 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

Range Safety Notes:

I have received complaints from members who have encountered non-members using the ranges. Keep in mind that members are to be present when you have a guest and do not give out the combination to the gate. The gate is to be locked except for scheduled events that are in the newsletter calendar. The number wheels on the lock are to be spun off the combination, one digit does not count, spin all four. I haven’t heard of any member straining a muscle turning the number wheels on the lock.

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.

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.

People are still putting rounds through the TOP cross members on all of the ranges.

In most cases these rounds are clearing the berms and going into the trees. Please think before you pull the trigger, a stray round could injure or kill someone. The club has put a lot of money and time into building new berms, it is your responsibility to be sure your rounds impact the berm and not go off to who knows where.

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 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.

With hunting season upon us, 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. 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 would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Seth Rinaldi

Range Safety Officer

NVGC 2007 Calendar:

Date	Time	Event
15 December	09:00 am	Club Meeting Gander Mountain Lodge
Note: All events are held at the Club unless specifically stated otherwise.		

Officers and Committee Chairmen:

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Duties of the NVGC Executive Committee (EC):

All officers:

All officers act as Ombudsmen to the members. If anyone talks to a club officer, that officer will ensure that the information is passed to the responsible officer who will provide feedback when possible. New member stuff usually goes through the membership secretary, money matters go through the treasurer and range safety checks or items go through the range safety officer, but the officers generally take the information and pass it along.

Most of the officers make the monthly meeting. This is not a strict requirement except for the President, Treasurer, Executive Officer and recording secretary although since new members show up at our meeting it is nice to have the membership secretary and range safety officer there.

Specific tasks:

President: Makes a lot of the tough decisions between meetings and acts as an information conduit. He needs to keep everyone informed and schedule meetings, activities and everything else to try to get the maximum use out of the Club. He needs to maintain the President's files, which includes much of the Club history.

Vice-President: Acts as the chief supernumerary for the EC and fills in for the President or Executive Officer when they are not able to make the meetings, sometimes without notice. Lead the Annual Financial Audit of the clubs books. Head the Nominating committee.

Treasurer: Prepares a rough draft of the budget, pays the bills according to the budget and deposits the checks from the members and the matches. He sends out the billing in late May or early June.

Range safety officer: Conducts the range safety checks of potential members and introduces potential members to the Clubs assets, activities and the responsibilities to the Club and certifies the other members who can also perform these checks. This is especially important to the potential members who do not have a sponsor.

Membership Secretary: He keeps the official record of the members and their status, address, e-mail address, telephone numbers and other information.

Recording secretary: Takes the minutes of the monthly meetings, EC meetings and drafts letters as required by the Club or EC.

Executive Officer: He is responsible for planning the work parties and scheduling of the Club activities subject to the approval of the membership at large, i.e. the Club's activities must be approved by the membership at a monthly meeting. This includes notifying the members via the newsletter what is needed for the work party.

Amended NVGC Officer Proxy Ballot

Amended 11/17/07 Brett Affholter moved from candidate for Executive Officer to candidate for Treasurer.

Circle the nominated candidate or fill in the write-in for each officer position. In order for the proxy to be counted before the December 15th 2007 meeting at 09:00 am they must be received by Ernie Jones **no later than by the December 14th mail delivery!** If you send in a second ballot, the ballot with the latest date governs.

Print Name: _____

NVGC Membership #: _____ (If known: It is on your membership card)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

President: Chip King or write-in _____

Vice President: Darryl Breitenstein or write-in _____

Executive Officer: Frank Manuel or write-in _____

Treasurer: Brett Affholter or write-in _____

Recording Secretary: Joe Primerano or write-in _____

Membership Secretary: Perry Fridley or write-in _____

Chief Range Safety Officer: Seth Rinaldi or write-in _____

Please mail proxy ballot NLT 07 December 2007 to:

Ernie Jones
7262 Sherwood Forest Drive
King George, VA 22485-1176

OR

Vote in person at the December 15th meeting

NVGC
PO Box 1581
King George, VA 22485

Postmaster: Address Service Requested

December 2007

Annual Dinner Registration Form
NVGC Annual Dinner
Saturday, January 19th, 2008 5 – 8 PM at Ryan’s Steakhouse
1780 Carl D. Silver Pkwy., Fredericksburg, VA.
Located in Central Park off Rte. 3

Schedule:

5 - 6 PM Social Hour

6 – 6:45 PM Dinner

6:45 – 7 PM Meeting

7 - 8 PM Special Guest Speaker: **Brian Zinns**, a national Pistol Champion a few times over, is planning to speak. This should be a very interesting talk. A shooter of his caliber should have many tips on how to improve your shooting skills.

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 130B, Rte 3 west (toward Culpepper). Turn right onto Carl D. Silver Parkway (into Central Park). Proceed approximately ½ mile just past Cowan Boulevard. Ryan’s will be on the left next to Panera Bread and in front of Wal Mart.

Cost: is \$11 Per Person. This includes dinner, gratuity, entertainment, door prizes and more!

Please mail form and check (**made payable to NVGC**) **NLT January 12th, 2008**

NVGC Annual Dinner Form (for January 19th, 2008 Dinner)

Member (& guest) (print) _____

Phone number: _____

Number of people in party attending _____ X \$11 per person = \$ _____ Total Remittance

Buffet Dinner

Please **mail NVGC Annual Dinner Form with check NLT January 12th, 2008** to:

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