



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

I want to thank Roger Prose and Dick Boyce for clearing the trees from the road after the ice and snow storms. They did a good job keeping the road open.

Our Web site is in pretty poor shape. Without a member stepping forward that has the time and ability to maintain our web, we will have to close it down. Tony has done a great job putting it together, but his work schedule does not allow him the time to keep it up. Tony is doing quite a lot of travel on his job right now. The information is out of date, and we had some delinquent hackers get in and do some damage that required significant time to clean up.

We had one meeting with Joe Williams, David Brickley, Dave Jones, and members of the Facility board. The reason for continuing with the clearing of the RR bed was two fold. One was an article in our newsletter calling for demonstrations against the trail. The second was no response from the club/facility board after David Brickley sent a letter to the facility board by stating that transfer of ownership of the RR bed through our property was a no go. The facility board was waiting for a response from David Brickley, and he was waiting for something from us. The lines of communication need to be kept open, and used. A mutually beneficial agreement here is going to take work on both sides. Inactivity will not be in our best interests. They thought we were vacating our agreement. The good news is that Mr. Brickley said that he still wants to try to run the trail around behind our firing points; then running the trail either up our road, or back up along the west property line. I think the meeting went well, and was constructive. We talked about alternatives, and agreed to meet maybe next week at the club to look at the possibilities. That meeting is not yet set, however.

We are also looking in to building baffles, berms and /or other construction to catch ricochets. The fact may be that we may never be able to go back to shooting without at least one safety observer. We have a responsibility to each other to ensure that our range is operated safely and that our rules are adhered to. Without that assurance, we are not protecting our members and the surrounding community.

We are still planning to open up a 25 yard range to the north of the RR bed. We have marked out the area, and have a drawing. We need to talk to the county in order to find out if any permits are required. We may not need any since we will not disturb more than 2500 square feet of ground. I would appreciate a member's help by taking over the task of getting this plan approved by the facility board, and managing the cutting of trees and moving some dirt. Call me if you would like to do this.

I'll say it again, in order to have our ranges open, we need volunteers. Seth Rinaldi is waiting for members to call him. He will schedule when we can have the ranges open, but we need to have members volunteer to serve as safety observers. I think Seth has decided that three people will be required, depending on what type of match or shooting is taking place. We can have the ranges open at any time if safety observers are on station.

I'll see you at the meeting on March 17. We will need a couple of chain saws to clear out some trees on the logging road, and our main road. I hope to be able to clear trees on the new range area too.

As the Facility Treasurer, I want to remind those second year members who have not purchased stock this year, that in order to continue your membership in the club, 4 shares of stock per year need to be bought. There are about 20 members that did not meet this requirement.

Gene Hodgson
President

From the XO:

Thanks to Roger Prose and Dick Boyce for cleaning up the road “twice” of downed debris from storms. This indicates we should clean up leaning trees this month. The rifle/pistol range needs target backers. If I get to town, I’ll get some. If a member wants a work credit, pick up several sheets of Luan (usually the store will cut in ¼ for you) and bring it to the range and give the receipt to Darryl or myself. See John Yagla or Bob King about cutting trees to improve the background for the skeet and trap fields. Finally, the 06/07 workdays table is included. If you didn’t get credit for work performed since the last scheduled work day, contact me.

Joe Primerano
Executive Officer

The Passing of a Member:

The Club has been notified by the father of William M Strother III that he passed away in an airplane accident at the Shannon Airport on 15 October 2006. William Strother Jr is trying to sell his son’s gun collection (40 firearms) and ammo inventory. The collection includes pistols and revolvers in 22, 9mm,.380,and 45,and long guns in 12ga., .223, 7.62, 22, 9mm,and Mauser and Nagant bolt action. William Strother Jr can be reached at (732) 566-1992 or wmsjr1@verizon.net.

NVGC 2007 Calendar:

Date	Time	Event
10 March	0900	M1 Garand Match
18 March	1200	Trap
17 March	0830	Work party & meeting
24 March	0800	.22 Bench Rest
24 March	1300	Girl Scouts Skeet Joe P.
25 March	0800	CAS
7 & 8 April		BSA Troops 1 & 1404
21 April		Work party & meeting
22 April	1200	Trap
6 May	1200	Trap
19 May		Work party & meeting then Bench rest match
26, 27, & 28 May		BSA
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
15 July	1200	Trap
21 July		Work party & meeting
28 July	0800	.22 Bench Rest
15 August	1200	Trap
18 August		Work party & meeting
25 August	0800	.22 Bench Rest
15 September		Work party & meeting
22 September	0800	.22 Bench Rest
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
17 November		TBD Club meeting
24 November	0800	.22 Bench Rest
15 December	TBD	Club meeting (TBD)

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

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A Poem, "My First 25 Straight":

<u>My First 25 Straight:</u>	
By Dick Boyce	
<p>There are those within our gun club Who would snicker at my expense It is time to put finger to keyboard And spring to my defense</p> <p>I bought "Old Rusty" at Chip's yard sale Politely not mentioning the rust Then when I got my wallet out He said a loader was a must</p> <p>I crammed all that junk in my garage Barely able to close the door After a week of loading you can't smoke out there But you can skate across the floor</p> <p>Bob, Kevin, Roger and Chip Were shooting at my first session I just wanted to have some fun But it turned into a lesson</p>	<p>Blasting away with Old Rusty I was having a ball Then Bob came up with a great idea Why not try to hit them all</p> <p>All of those guys pitched in to help We had our moments and maybe some quarrels But mostly due to their great advice I no longer shoot like Ray Charles</p> <p>Club Champion is my goal these days And I won't cut Bender any slack The reason I shot the perfect round Was to get Bob King off my back</p> <p>I want to thank Bob and all Who helped me shoot mo' betta Oops there goes the phone again I'll betcha its Beretta</p>

2007 NVGC M-1 Garand Match
March 10, 2007 @ 0900
www.northernvirginiagunclub.org
(Visit website for directions)

RIFLES ALLOWED. All rifles used in the Garand Match must be “as issued” U. S. military service rifles. Competitors’ rifles will be inspected and triggers will be weighed prior to the match to ensure that they comply with the “as-issued” rule. Rifles may also be inspected during or after the match. Here is the complete Rule 6.2.4.

As-Issued U.S. Rifle, Caliber .30, M1903 Springfield; Caliber .30, M1917 Enfield; Caliber .30, M1 Garand; Caliber .30, M1941 Johnson; and U.S. Carbine, Caliber .30 M1.

- (a) These firearms shall be as-issued by the U.S. Armed Forces or a commercially manufactured rifle of the same type and caliber, having not less than a 4.5 pound trigger pull, with standard stock and leather or web sling. Rifles in the “as-issued” class must conform to the weight and dimensions of the standard issue service rifle, and only U.S. Government issue parts or non-U. S. Government or commercial parts of the exact same weight and dimensions may be used. Rifles may be accurized only by the careful assembly of standard parts. “NM” parts may not be used in the rifle.
- (b) Rebarreling with a barrel of “as-issued” dimensions is permitted. No other modification or alteration of the “as-issued” rifle such as glass bedding, the use of synthetic or laminated stocks is permitted
- (c) No rifles chambered for the 7.62mm NATO (.308) cartridge may be used.

TARGETS. The standard 200 yard SR (short-range) high power rifle target will be used.

COURSE OF FIRE. 35 rounds total, 5 sighting shots and 30 rounds for record, fired at the 200-yard line.

Stage 1, 5 Sighting shots and 10 shots for record, prone position, slow fire, time limit 12 minutes.

Stage 2, 10 shots for record, standing to prone, rapid fire, time limit 70 seconds.

Stage 3, 10 shots for record, standing position, slow fire, time limit 10 minutes.

AMMUNITION. Competitors *MUST* bring your own ammo for this match!

SPOTTING SCOPES. Spotting scopes may be used by competitors for shooting or scoring. Scopes do not need to be turned away from the target during the rapid-fire stage.

OTHER EQUIPMENT. Cloth, canvas or leather shooting jackets may be used. Standard-issue web or leather slings or slings of this same type are permitted. Shooting gloves or mitts and ground cloths or shooting mats may be used.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT. All competitors and range personnel are urged to bring hearing and eye protection with them and to wear them whenever shooting takes place.

ALIBIS. No alibis or re-fires because of rifle or ammunition malfunctions are allowed during any stage of this match. It is important that the rifle you use be in good working condition.

REGISTRATION. Pre registration for this match will go until March 7, 2007. Cost for the match is \$12 for pre registration \$15 for day of the match registration. Pre registration will also allow for choice of relay. If relay you pick is filled you will be moved to the next relay.

Pre registration checks or MO can be made out to: Tony Gimmellie 8166 Reagan Dr. King George, VA 22485 440-339-6153

SCHEDULE. 0745 main gates to NVGC will be open all competitors should follow the road to the rear of the facility to rifle range. 0800 late registration will take place until 0845. 0900 match will begin with follow on relays taking place every 45 minutes until completion.

AWARDS. Plaques will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place

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Postmaster: Address Service Requested

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March 2007 Membership Report:

Please join me in welcoming Dickie Sisson, David Jenkins, Dale Simmons and Chuck Rowan to the Club.

There are no new prospective members

Perry Fridley
Membership Secretary