



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

Welcome to spring at NVGC.

Fellow club members welcome to spring at the NVGC. This is the time of year when things are starting to pop at our club.

*** Shooters PLEASE *** If you bring your dog to the range, please curb them away from the parking area. I can personally attest to the fact that nothing spoils the start of a day any quicker than fresh dog doo all over your shoes as soon as you get out of your truck.

This is a great time of year to just enjoy what we have. If you participate in shooting sports, the organized matches from Bench rest and Cowboy Action on through Skeet are all starting up in March. If you just like to come out and use the range, they are all in pretty good shape with just the right amount of spring mud to make life fun. The archery range is free of leafy brush, but still challenging.

If you don't shoot, it is still a perfect time to come out and just walk the grounds and watch Mother Nature do her thing. Or just pick a warm afternoon and come out and sit in the sunshine and enjoy the solitude and beauty. Look up and you may see a Hawk or an Eagle soaring in the sky over our club. Look down and you may have deer or turkey or a groundhog for company. Bring your family and a picnic lunch and make it quality time for all.

The first work party of the year is coming up (March 15 – 09:00 am). This is a time to freshen up our club after the winter months have loosened their hold. We were fortunate this year with a fairly mild winter with only a little wind and ice damage. The roads are in fairly good shape with only a few potholes and a little surface smoothing needed. The shed is full of clay targets that need to be moved into the Skeet and Trap houses. The target shed at the range is full of squirrel leftovers and out of staples. I think the squirrels used them to hold the leaves to the walls.

And finally to answer the question that has been on the lips of the shot gunners for a while. Those holes behind the range are not the sinister leftovers of an alien landing nor are they the remains of Druid rites of spring; they are there for the planting of trees

ENJOY spring at our club.

Chip King,
NVGC President

Membership Report:

There are two prospective members, Ryan Muhlenkamp of King George, Va. and Patricia Vance of White Plains, Md. 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 Report:

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.

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.

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, build your own frame and set up in front of a berm.

One cross member on the 25 yard pistol range is missing and the rest are in bad shape and will need to be replaced, anyone needing work credits, here is your chance.

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.

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.

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.

Practice basic safety, eye and ear protection required on the line while shooting is in progress, forward of the light poles on the skeet and trap ranges.

When a “cease fire” is called, clear your weapon, place the weapon on the line with bolt/ slide open and step back from the line; take items such as glasses, drinks, etc. with you. **At no time during a “cease fire” are you permitted to touch your weapon for any reason.**

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Northern Virginia Gun Club:
Jambalaya Open NSSA Skeet Match – March 29-30, 2008

Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM

20 Gauge Championship (Saturday 29th)

Flight Times: 9:45, 11:15 AM (20 shooters max)

12 Gauge Championship (Saturday 29th)

Flight Times: 12:45; 2:15 PM (20 shooters max)

Doubles (Saturday 29th)

Flight Time 3:45 PM (12 shooters max)

28 Gauge Championship (Sunday 30th)

Flight Times: 09:45, 11:15 AM (20 shooters max)

.410 Bore Championship (Sunday 30th)

Flight Times: 12:45, 2:15 PM (20 shooters max)

100 targets in each gun

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

Free New Orleans Jambalaya lunch for contestants

(Leftovers on Sunday, if any)

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

Class payout is \$2 per shooter. 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.

Shooters will provide their own proof shells.

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").

NSSA membership is required. If you have never previously joined the NSSA, free one year Complimentary Limited Memberships are available.

Please be prompt: we will start shooting on time. Camper hookups available with prior coordination.

State Skeet Note:

Two NVGC Members named to the State Skeet Teams: Two club members have been named to the 2008 Virginia State Skeet teams. Based on 2007 scores, Mike Botelho has been named to the Triple Sub Senior team with his .9140 average. Bob King was named to the Retired military team with is .9263 average. The teams are composed of five members maximum, with an individual selected to one team only. Selection is based on the average of the individual's end-of-year four gun averages (doubles excluded) as compiled by NSSA. The team member having the highest average will be designated team captain with the remainder ranked in descending order. In case of ties, the smallest gun average is used for the tie-breaker, then the next larger, etc., until the tie is broken. At least 600 qualifying Virginia targets must be shot in each gun to establish eligibility. The list of selected teams is reported to NSSA for publication in the "Skeet Shooting Review," and team members are recognized in the State Shoot program and awards presented at the State Shoot general membership meeting in August.

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March 2008

NVGC 2008 Calendar:

Date	Time	Event
15 March	0900	Work party & meeting
16 March	0830	Cowboy Action Shooting
28-29 March	0830	Jambalaya Open Skeet Match
19 April	0900	Work party & meeting
27 April	0830	Cowboy Action Shooting
10 May	0830	Cowboy Action Shooting
17 May	0900	Work party & meeting then Bench rest match
24, 25, & 26 May		BSA
31 May	0830	Fickle Finger Fifty Open Skeet Match
14 June	0830	Cowboy Action Shooting
21 June	0900	Work party & meeting & Club Picnic
28-29 June	0830	Summer Shoot Out Skeet Match (and Club Skeet Championship)
12 July	0830	Cowboy Action Shooting
19 July	0900	Work party & meeting
9 August	0830	Cowboy Action Shooting
16 August	0900	Work party & meeting
13 September	0830	Cowboy Action Shooting
20 September	0900	Work party & meeting
27 September	1000	Annual Open House
27 & 28 September	0830	Tree Line Open Skeet Match
TBD		TBD Black powder quals.
11 October	0830	Cowboy Action Shooting
18 October	0900	Work party & meeting
8 November	0830	Cowboy Action Shooting
15 November	TBD	Club meeting (TBD)
20 December	TBD	Club meeting (TBD)

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