



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

As we begin the new shooting season at our club, there are some items of interest that the E.C. discussed at our last meeting. Of particular concern is the shooting at ground targets on the lower ranges. There needs to be some changes in the future that will make these targets safer. It's possible for ricochets to go into the woods behind the berms. So be aware of any changes that may occur in the near future.

Also of concern to all members is the fact that our failing economy might be impacting the ability of our members to keep current with their annual dues and especially with the requirement to keep up with stock purchases. The club values all of our memberships and doesn't want to lose anyone because of financial difficulties. If this applies to anyone, don't hesitate to get in touch with me or any other E.C. officer, we will definitely work this out. It's important to keep our second amendment supporters active in the shooting sports.

Perry Fridley
NVGC President

March 2009 Membership Report:

Please join me in welcoming 11 new members in February: Glen Bulloss, Craig Hennessee, Philip Jackson, Benjamin Grady, Norb Raddatz, Jerry Hunt, Bob Hunt, Christopher Mays, Jason Connerley, Mike Simpson and Mark Peed.

There are five prospective members: Jeffry Cormier, David Gursky, Darry Grossnickle sponsored by John Quintana, Ronald Filley, Jr sponsored by Craig Hennessee and Tim Wilkinson of Fredericksburg. 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 prospective members, please ensure I can read the application. If I can not read it, I can not send out the mail! Another source of problems is when the prospective member misunderstands the process of setting up a range safety check. It is up to the prospective member to contact Seth Rinaldi and schedule a meeting at the range. It is easier on everyone if they show for our monthly work party and perform the range safety check after the monthly meeting (third Saturday of the month March-October). If that is not possible, the prospective member needs to contact Seth. I do not contact Seth for them nor do I forward the names and contact information to Seth for him to contact the prospective member.

We currently have 326 Active members.

Darryl Breitenstein
Membership Secretary

From the XO:

Beaver Dams – Thanks to nine dedicated club members, the beaver dams along the lower creek and swamp have been torn apart which lowered the water level in the creek about 1 foot. This should help with the flooding on the range we have been experiencing. We're going to keep tearing the dams apart in an effort to lower the water level further.

Work Party – Our March work party will be held on 21 March, commencing 9AM. Please come and help support your club. We will focus on several projects:

1. Toilet building interior finishing (carpentry, plumbing and electric tools)
2. Target frame repair (carpentry tools, battery operated saw/drill)

3. Installation of new steps near CAS range (carpentry tools)
4. Re-installation of fence posts and rail in parking area (post hole digger, tamper)
5. Concrete apron around well head (wheel barrel, hoe)
6. Additional beaver dam removal (waders, mattocks, picks).
7. Deadfall clean-up (chain saws, shovels, rakes)

Lunch will be provided at noon. Looking for two volunteers to buy food / cook (call Tim week prior 775-4561).

Tim Spivak
Executive Officer

Range Safety Notes:

Please **DO NOT SHOOT AT THE GROUND OR INTO THE STANDING WATER** on the ranges, doing so will only increase the chance of a ricochet. If you want to bring your own targets, set the target or targets at the foot of one of the berms.

Please practice basic safety, **EYE** and **EAR** protection required on the line while shooting is in progress on the lower ranges, forward of the light poles on the skeet and trap ranges.

Always appoint someone as Range Safety Officer (RSO); if you are the first person on the range, you are it. When you leave the range, turn the (RSO) duties over to someone else. **EVERYONE** keep in mind, when a “CEASE FIRE” is called, unload your weapon, lay the weapon on the bench, and step away from the line, **NO ONE** is to touch anything on the firing line until the range is “HOT”.

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 a cross member. **DO NOT** lean anything against an upright to shoot at, build your own frame and set up **in front** of a berm, be sure that your rounds **impact the berm**, and avoid shooting into the ground.

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.

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.

Remember, there are extra gate locks in the ammo can in the target shed on the lower ranges.

Drive slow to and from the lower ranges and be courteous to anyone walking on the road.

Seth Rinaldi
Chief Range Safety Officer

Shotgun Corner:

Range activity is responding to the better weather, with good practices on Sunday afternoons. The regular shooting hours will change to Wednesdays at 4:30 starting with the change over to daylight savings time. The first Wednesday shoot will be March 11.

Jon Yagla
Shotgun Chairman

Toilet Building Progress:

We are looking forward to nicer weather! With cold and/or mud every weekend in February, we missed about a month of work. The grass is planted and hopefully the next time you come it will be up. We want to complete the electrical and plumbing rough in and bury the underground lines this month.

Jon Yagla

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Northern Virginia Gun Club

Cabin Fever Fifties Open NSSA Skeet Match

March 28, 2009 - Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM

.410 Bore Championship (Saturday 28th) - Flight Times: 9:15 AM, 10:00 AM (20 shooters max)

28 Gauge Championship (Saturday 28th) - Flight Times: 10:45 AM, 11:30 AM (20 shooters max)

20 Gauge Championship (Saturday 28th) - Flight Times: 12:30 PM, 1:15 PM (20 shooters max)

12 Gauge Championship (Saturday 28th) - Flight Times: 2:00 PM; 2:45 PM (20 shooters max)

50 targets in each gun

Entry fees are \$15 for the first gun, \$12 for additional guns.

Shoot offs for Match Champ and Class Champ for each gauge/bore and HOA held at 3:45 PM on Field One, if required.

All Flight Times are approximate and may be moved ahead if previous flights have completed firing.

Free Lunch for contestants

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: philip.m.bushong@verizon.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 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.

Cowboy Action Report:

Howdy Pard! Our 2009 shooting season starts on Sunday, 24th March. Registration and set-up starts at 9AM. We shoot six stages, starting at 10AM and wrapping up around 3PM. Bring your 1800's style six shooters, holsters, rifle, and shotgun along with 120 rounds pistol/rifle ammo + 50 rounds shotgun ammo if you want to join the fun. Contact Tim 775-4561 for any details – or Google “SASS” to learn more about the competition.

Tim Spivak
CAS Chairman

NVGC 2009 Calendar:

Date	Time	Event
21 March	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
22 March	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
Wednesday's (8Mar-25Oct)	1630 - 2030	Shotgun Practice (POC - Jon Yagla)
28 March	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
28 March	0830 - 1530	VSSA Skeet Match - "Cabin Fever Fifties" (POC - Jon Yagla)
18 April	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
25 April	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
25 April	0900 - TBA	Trap Match - (POC - Jon Yagla)
26 April	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
9 May	0900 - TBA	Trap Match - (POC - Jon Yagla)
16 May	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
23 May	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
24 May	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
30 May	TBA	VSSA Skeet Match - "Fickle Finger Fifties" (POC - Jon Yagla)
20 June	0900	Work Party, Club Meeting, Club Picnic (POC-Tim Spivak)
27 June	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
28 June	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
11 July	TBA	VSSA Skeet Match - "Fahrenheit Fifties" (POC Jon Yagla)
18 July	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
19 July	0900 - TBA	Trap Match - (POC - Jon Yagla)
25 July	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
26 July	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
15 August	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
22 August	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
22 August	0900 - TBA	Trap Match - (POC - Jon Yagla)
23 August	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
12 September	TBA	VSSA Skeet Match - "Felicitous Fall Fifties" (POC Jon Yagla)
19 September	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
26 September	1000	Annual Open House (POC Tim Spivak)
26 September	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
26 September	0900 - TBA	Trap Match - (POC - Jon Yagla)
27 September	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
10-12 October	0800 Sat - 1700 Mon	Boy Scout Troop 1887 (POC Jim Miller)
17 October	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
24 October	0800 - 1200	Benchrest CHAMPIONSHIP Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
25 October	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
Sunday's (1 Nov - 31 Dec)	1300 - 1700	Shotgun Practice (POC - Jon Yagla)
21 November	TBD	Club Meeting (Location TBD, POC Tim Spivak)
22 November	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
28 November	0800 - 1200	Benchrest OYSTER COOKOUT Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
19 December	TBD	Club Meeting (Location TBD, POC Tim Spivak)

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

Work Party Credits:

Last	First	21-Mar	16-Feb	Other *	Total
Affholter	Brett			4	4
Armstrong	Scott				0
Arthur	Mike				0
Arthur	Dave				0
Asper	Janet				0
Bass	Gary				0
Blancard	Steve		1		1
Bleau	Tim				0
Bone	Lucy				0
Bone	John				0
Boyer	Chuck				0
Boyce	Dick				0
Breitenstein	Darryl			4	4
Brissey	Ted				0
Burns					0
Bushong	Phil				0
Carsole	Tim		1		1
Carter	Anthony				0
Carter	Garrett				0
Carver	Reed			4	4
Ciarula	Tom			4	4
Crampton	Mark				0
Crompton					0
Decker	Scott				0
Detwiler	Doug				0
Donlavage	David				0
Farley	Dave				0
Fox	Brian				0
Frericks	Lonnie			4	4
Fridley	Perry			8	8
Garloch	Mike		1		1
Gibson	Jerry		1		1
Gilmer	John				0
Gimmelle	Tony				0
Goff	Udo				0
Gonzalez	Jose				0
Hackett	Tom			4	4
Harrod	Greg				0
Heilman	Jeff				0
Hodgson	Gene			4	4
Hudson	Thomas		1		1
Huffstickler	Andy				0
Hundley	Dale			4	4
Jenkins	David				0
Jones	Ernie				0

Last	First	21-Mar	16-Feb	Other *	Total
Kueglar					0
King	Bob				0
King	Chip				0
Klochak	John			4	4
Knowles	Kerry				0
Kolbrenner	Fred			4	4
Largent	Tom			4	4
Leasure	Eric				0
Lewis	Todd		1		1
LoBuglio	John				0
Lopez	Felix				0
Maddox	Joe				0
Manuel	Ben				0
Miller	James			4	4
Montreif					0
Morrissett	Jim		1		1
Newman	Jim			4	4
Niazi	Ahmed				0
Norberg	Joe				0
Paquette	Peter				0
Philbrick	Charles				0
Phillips	Thomas				0
Poynor	Jim				0
Primerano	Joe			4	4
Proes	Roger				0
Qointana	John				0
Quann	Carl				0
Rappe	Jim				0
Reidinger	Jim				0
Rinaldi	Seth			8	8
Rowan	Chuck				0
Sessoms	John				0
Simmons	Dale				0
Sisson	Dickie				0
Spivak	Tim		1	8	9
Strange	Chris				0
Tacke	Gary				0
Tiedge	Ken				0
Wasmund	Tom		1	4	5
Westendorf	Jim				0
Whitby	George				0
White	Brian				0
Wilkenson	James				0
Yagla	Jon			8	8
	Subtotal		9	92	92

Other* = Boy Scouts, Cowboy Action Match; Bench Rest Match; NVGC Officers/Chairs; NFSF Officers; Trap/ Skeet Match

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