



# NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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## Notes from the President

This time of year finds club activity slowing down. No work party until March and attendance at meetings at a minimum. There will be a club meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We have permission to use the old King George middle school. The school is located about a half mile or so from Rt. 3 on Rt. 206 in King George. The main interest of this meeting will be counting of votes for the 2012 executive committee. Votes can be cast at the meeting if desired. Hope to see you there.

A reminder that the annual dinner will be held at Gray & Blue Brewery in Fredericksburg. See the attached flyer for information; should be a great event. Get your reservation in as soon as possible. The club is paying for a portion of the dinner cost. **SO COME ON OUT.**

I also want to take this opportunity to wish EVERYONE in the club a very Merry Christmas and holiday season. I also sincerely thank all of our members for the terrific effort put forward in improving and maintaining the facilities. It takes a lot of work by a lot of dedicated people.

Again, thank all of you...

**Perry Fridley**  
*NVGC President*

## December 2011 Membership Updates

Please join me in welcoming the newest members to our club:

- Timothy Bertrand, of Fredericksburg, sponsored by Seth Rinaldi;
- Ronald Wood, of Lexington Park, sponsored by Perry Fridley;
- Daniel Schaidt, of Leonardtown, sponsored by Seth Rinaldi;
- Shane Hudelson, of King George, sponsored by Perry Fridley;
- Stephen Bunce, of Colonial Beach, sponsored by James Westendorf;
- Timothy Devlin, of King George, sponsored by Mark Varney;
- Steve Jewell, of Fredericksburg, sponsored by Glen Bulloss.

There are five prospective members this month:

- Richard A. Chadwick, of Lexington Park, MD, sponsored by Jim McWhirt
- Ronald C. Tournay, of Lexington Park, MD, sponsored by Jim McWhirt
- James R. Vachalek, of Hollywood, MD, sponsored by Seth Rinaldi
- Alex Melnichak, of Colonial Beach, VA, sponsored by Mark Varney
- Mark L. Toler, of Springfield, VA, sponsored by Perry Fridley

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.

We currently have 342 Active members and 18 Absentee members.

**Mark Varney**  
*Membership Secretary*

## From the XO

**Annual Wrap-Up:** Our last official work party for 2011 was Nov – we had a good turn out and finished the fence on the action range. Over the past year we have collectively logged thousands of hours of work time on the ranges which have resulted in some very real improvements to our ranges and facilities. To list the major ones - new 25 yard bullet deflector, re-built berms at 25 and 100 yds, new target posts at 25 yds, added soil over all lower ranges, gravel walkways to keep our feet drier, action range earth work, action range privacy fence, toilet building DONE!, and a bunch of grass cutting, trimming and road cleanup. Not to mention, we had some mighty fine lunches along the way – thanks to all the cooks! Overall, we have accomplished a lot, especially for an all volunteer workforce. So a hearty “job well done” from the EC to everyone who helped. To those that didn’t help, please consider turning out next year to do your part.

**Action Range Status:** Persistent rain has delayed re-grading of ranges and addition of gravel. As things dry up, we will have some adhoc work parties during Jan/Feb to pour and finish concrete slabs and pre-fab trusses for roofs of covered firing areas. We will also need to trench for conduit for future power. So – buy some thermals and be on the lookout for emails during Jan/Feb announcing adhoc work parties.

**2012 Shooting Event Schedule:** Anyone wishing to schedule shooting events during 2012, please contact me with details. I will integrate into calendar on first come, first serve basis. Keep in mind that we already have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday booked for IPSC, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday for work parties, the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday for benchrest, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for Cowboy Action. The rest is wide open – so get me your inputs as soon as you know what you want to do.

**2012 Work Party Projects:** Looking ahead to 2012, here are the major projects we plan to undertake:

1. Action ranges – complete earthwork, gravel, power conduit, covered firing areas and open up for business.
2. Re-build 25 yd covered firing area on lower ranges, new cover and concrete slab
3. Complete concrete slab along 200 yd firing line.
4. Re-gravel road

**Tim Spivak**

*Executive Officer*

## NVSF Treasurer’s Report

The majority of the checks for the 2011 share purchase have already been received and deposited. Attached as a separate fill is a list of who bought shares and who still needs to purchase shares (for those who get the ELECTRONIC newsletter only). If you have questions just e-mail me or call. The certificates will be mailed as soon as Fred and I can get together and sign them. I expect this will be early 2012.

**Darryl Breitenstein**

*NVSF Treasurer*

## Range Safety Notes

**WITH HUNTING SEASON OPEN, HUNTERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHERE THEY ARE ON THE PROPERTY IN RELATION TO THE RANGES.**

**Please stay off the line during a “CEASE FIRE”, some folks are still remaining on the line while others are down range, rules are explained below.** During work parties all ranges are closed, all fire arms are to remain in your vehicle until after the monthly meeting.

I would like to remind everyone to please take the time to go over the range rules below with guests that you might bring to the range before engaging in actual shooting.

During casual shooting 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 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 with the action open and step away from the line, NO ONE is to touch anything on the firing line until the range is “HOT”. KEEP THE MUZZLE DOWN RANGE AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE LINE. WHEN MOVING TO AND FROM YOUR VEHICLE OR A DIFFERENT FIRING POSITION WITH AN UNCASSED WEAPON, KEEP THE WEAPON UNLOADED, WITH THE ACTION OPEN, MUZZLE POINTED AT THE GROUND, FINGER OFF OF THE TRIGGER.**

**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. No cross firing on the ranges, shoot at the target directly in front of you, do not shoot into the ground or into standing water.**

**TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE.**

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 located in the lower left compartment the target shed on the lower ranges.**

**Seth Rinaldi**

*Chief Range Safety Officer*

### **Cowboy Action Report**

We had a huge turn-out for our last match of the year and chile cookout. Hmm, free food/huge turnout - coincidence maybe? Tough competition all day with winners as follows: Overall Top Shooter and Gunfighter went to Wichita Wayne; Top Duelist to Virginia Kid; best Forty-Niner was B. S. Walker; Silver Senior taken by Sourdough Joe; Lady Wrangler went to Sunshine Señorita; B Western to El Perro Loco; and Clean Match to our very own Grouchy Greg (Harrod). Matches will resume forth Sunday in March! Call/write if interested in more info.

**Tim Spivak**

*CAS Chairman*

### **Classified Ads:**

Private/group pistol shooting classes by certified NRA instructor. Lessons tailored to your needs - accuracy improvement, firearm selection, defensive shooting, concealed carry permit classes, cowboy action coaching. Reasonable rates, discount for club members and their families. Contact [tspivak@va.metrocast.net](mailto:tspivak@va.metrocast.net) or phone (540) 848-4634.

### **NVGC 2011 Calendar:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday's All Year	1300- Dusk	Shotgun Practice (POC – Jon Yagla)
17 December	1200	Club Meeting (Old King George Middle School St Rt 206)
15 January 2012	1700-2000	Club Annual Dinner (Blue & Gray Pub Fredericksburg)
28 January 2012	0830-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match (POC Perry Fridley)

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

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