



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President

Just a few quick items:

1. Don't forget about August 11th picnic and team challenge. See attachments for details.
2. On August 4th, there will be a 50k run on the railroad bed and around the bypass on gun club property. There will be runners on our road that leads to the lower ranges. Please be careful and courteous to the runners. Joe Primerano is asking for volunteers to man the water tables in support of this marathon. Work credit days will be awarded.
3. Shooting facility will have elections this September. Anyone interested in running for the facility can contact Seth Rinaldi to get on the ballot.

That's all for this month.

Perry Fridley
NVGC President

Membership Report

There are currently nine prospective members for July 2012. If anyone has any issues with any of those listed below, please contact any member of the Executive Committee with your concerns.

- Gabriel R. Munoz, of Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by Mark Sullivan
- Jason J. Hasley, of Stafford, VA. Sponsored by Shane Beatty
- Larry D. Mason, of King George, VA. Sponsored by Richard Boyce
- Sam Huffstickler, of Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by Jon Yagla
- Jack Huffstickler, of Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by Jon Yagla
- Stephen Florich, of King George, VA. Sponsored by Tim Spivak
- Robert G. Hayden, of Tappahannock, VA., Sponsored by Chip King
- Thomas A. Crowder, of Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by John R. Howard
- Robert T. Hines, of Dumfries, VA. Sponsored by Ted Veggeberg

Please welcome the following new members to the club:

- Charles Terry Breckenridge, of King George VA. Sponsored by Darrell Tatro
- Larry A. Cooney, of Stafford, VA. Sponsored by Dallas Sharp
- Charles W. Taylor, of King George, VA. Sponsored by Richard Boyce
- Christopher T. Braccini, of King George, VA. Sponsored by Peter Braccini
- Ralph Crosby, of Bealton VA. Sponsored by Tom Hackett
- Joseph V. Sferrella, of King George, VA. Sponsored by Daniel Martin
- Burton Mason, of Stafford, VA. Sponsored by Robert P. Hunt
- Patrick E. Caiafa, of Spotsylvania, VA. Sponsored by Otto W. Rusch III
- Joey Salisbury, of King George, VA. sponsored by Brion Southall

Chris Mays
Membership Secretary

Picnic Notice

The Club picnic and Open House has been slightly changed to a Picnic/Swap meet/Team Competition this year. That does not mean any less fun. There will be plenty of sausages and hot dogs and cold drinks. Anyone wanting to bring a dessert, that would be appreciated, but it is not required. The event takes place at the Club on Saturday, August 11 with the first sausage being ready about 10:30 and food available until at least 1:00 pm and probably until 2:00 pm. The ranges will be open and you can eat with other Club members and then spend some time on the ranges. The event has always been a lot of fun in the past.

Greg Harrod and Darryl Breitenstein

Picnic Coordinators

From the XO

Action Range Status: We are delighted to report that the action ranges are DONE and ready for the grand opening on 11 August. We could not have finished this project in such a short time without the dedication of dozens of club volunteers who collectively logged over 2,500 man hours of hard work. This was a spectacular team effort with impressive results. The Club thanks you!

Action Range Operations: As we get closer to opening the new ranges, we wanted to pass along some of the basic guidelines for shooting on the new ranges.

Shooting Bays: There are four independent shooting bays. The purpose of having four bays is to allow four different shooting activities to occur simultaneously without interference. You may use any bay you wish. If one bay is occupied, we recommend you shoot on another bay. If all four bays are in use, join in the bay that appears to be doing compatible type of shooting. This will minimize conflict and maximize safety.

Ammunition Limits: Ranges are designed for PISTOL CARTRIDGES only. This includes 22 rim fire and 22 magnum rim fire as well as all center fire cartridges and black powder up to and including 50 caliber are acceptable. In other words, DO NOT shoot any rifle cartridges on the action ranges.

Shooting Positions: You may shoot from under each shelter toward the side or back berms, or from a position forward (down range) of each shelter toward the side or back berms. Most action competitions will be conducted with competitors firing in the open on the downrange side of the shelters. Each shelter has a bench to support your gear.

Availability: Ranges are available on a first come first service basis to all members and their guests. Per club rules, no more than four guests per member are allowed for non-scheduled events. Scheduled shooting competitions and practices will be able to reserve specific shooting bays thru the Action Range Committee (see below).

Targets: The lower edge of all targets must be at least 18 inches above the ground. And the top edge of all targets must be no more than 72 -inches above the ground. DO NOT place any targets on the ground, as this will cause unsafe ricochets. Steel plate targets must be hung such that top of the plate is leaned toward the shooter so bullets ricochet downward. You are encouraged to bring your own portable target stands or use the 8-foot long saw horse target supports that are located on each bay to support your targets (cans, paper, plastic) NO GLASS. There is one portable table in each bay that you can carry down range to support your shooting bag, ammo, guns if you are doing some close in firing against the back berm. Make sure you carry the table back under the shelter when you are done. The tables are not for supporting targets.

Safety Rules: Will be posted on each bay.

Action Range Committee: Now that the new ranges are done, we will need to coordinate scheduled shooting competitions and manage the upkeep and plan improvements. To that end, we have formed an Action Range Committee, composed of the IDPA Chair (Tim Yagla), USPSA Chair (Alex Melnichak), and the CAS Chair (Tim Spivak). Anyone wishing to participate on the range committee is more than welcome. Please contact Tim Spivak for details.

August Work Party: The next work party is scheduled for 18th August. We will likely have some trimming, grass cutting and general clean-up to do. We may be constructing a few props/target stands for the action ranges and doing general maintenance on the other ranges. Work party starts at 8AM with lunch served at Noon.

Tim Spivak

Executive Officer

Toilet Building and Meeting Room. The building is officially finished. We installed the thermostat controlled heat tapes and circuit at the last work session. The facility paid half the money and the club payed half the money. Lots of materials were donated by members and friends. All the labor was donated as well – *Jon Yagla*

Long Range Planning Committee. The focus this year has been the new range and finishing up some critical safety items. We have a lot of momentum, with lots of members showing up for the work parties and special work details. We have a long range plan and it covers several spreadsheets. Items are added to plan, completed, and some are dropped off. It is a living document. If you have a pet idea or project in mind, get it put into the plan. If you want to head up a project, that is better yet, and you will get plenty of help. The planning committee consists of three members from the gun club and three members from the shooting facility board. The board will pay for many projects and equipment items and sometimes share the cost of major items with the club. The club is responsible for maintenance. The facility will start meeting in September. You can be a club rep or facility rep by contacting Perry Fridley, Fred Kolbrenner, or Jon Yagla.

Range Safety Notes

There is a marathon using the trail bypass on 04 August, please drive slow going to and from the lower ranges.

Anyone interested in running for a position on the Facility Board, please contact me NO LATER than 1800 Saturday 11 August. Sorry for the short notice, I forgot to bring it up at last month's club meeting.

The New ACTION RANGES will open 11 August, Range safety rules will be posted at each bay.

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. Your guests and family members are your responsibility.

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 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 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. DO NOT APPROACH THE LINE DURING A CEASE FIRE!**

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

IDPA/USPSA News

On August 11, the club will be opening the action range. Adjacent to the Sportsman's Challenge competition, we will host an introduction to action pistol shooting sports for club members, their families, and invited guests. Since action shooting is new to much of our membership, we'll offer a brief safety orientation and use one action bay to host a USPSA-style field course and another to host an IDPA-style stage or two. You'll get a feel for what it's like to shoot each game and a basic introduction to rules and scoring.

Look for more information at <http://nvgcidpa.wordpress.com/> <<http://nvgcidpa.wordpress.com/>>. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Yagla (bigyags@gmail.com <<mailto:bigyags@gmail.com>>, 804-307-3055) or Alex Melnichak (alexmelnichak@gmail.com <<mailto:alexmelnichak@gmail.com>>, 703-967-9285).

The safety brief will be open and free to all. There will be a \$5 fee to shoot. We'll keep the intro to about 50-60 rounds total. Cheap FMJ/ball ammo is fine ... anything safe that will function reliably in your gun. In order to keep things moving and for the sake of safety, we'll shoot brass-lost, meaning no brass scrounging. It is super-simple to get started in action pistol shooting. The minimum gear checklist is as follows:

- Eye Protection
- Hearing Protection
- Holster (no shoulder, appendix, cross-draw, or small-of-back for safety reasons)
- Magazine/Speed Loader carriers
- Pistol/Revolver (The most popular guns in IDPA and USPSA are common service/duty/carry sidearms, like Glocks, 1911's, etc.)
- Magazines/Speed Loaders/Moon Clips... 2 minimum, but as many as you can scrounge up is helpful
- Ammo matching the caliber of your handgun
- Range Bag/Backpack

Tim Yagla, IDPA Chairman

Alex Melinichak, USPSA Chairman

Cowboy Action Report

We had an excellent match in July with 17 shooters showing up to compete. Our newest shooter is 15 years old and she appears to be whipping-up on most of the other shooters. Our next match will take place on the Action Ranges, Bay 3, on 26th August. Set up at 0830 and first shots down range by 10. We shoot six stages by SASS rules. Competition is open to all club members and their guests. Please contact Tim Spivak (tspivak@va.metrocast.net) if you wish any additional details.

Tim Spivak

Executive Officer

Shotgun Range Notes

Our shooter, Rick DeMerle, was runner up at the Virginia State Trapshoot in Winchester! He broke 199 out of 200 targets in the state championship sixteen yard event on July 3. Earlier in the week, he won the class A championship in a preliminary match with a 99 earlier in the week, and won class C in the state doubles championship with an 85. Congratulations to Rick! He is at the southern zone shoot at the time of this writing, and then going on to the Grand American Trapshoot in Sparta Illinois next week.

I hope you recall, our shooter Mike Thompson won the singles championship two years ago with a 199. Come on out and shoot with us. We are always looking for new shooters and will help you get started any way we can. If you get really interested in it, we can take you a long way. In a few years, you might be a champion! Or just come out and grind up some dirt birds just for the fun of it.

There will be a sporting clays match on Sunday September 2. Come on out and try it. It's like golf in the woods with a shotgun. You will get to shoot a lot of targets that simulate hunting situations. It will be a 100 target event with 17 stations. You can shoot all of it or any part. It will be conducted with NSCA rules, but not registered. The cost will be \$16 for the whole event. And you can bring guests.

Jon Yagla

Shotgun Chairman

2012 NVGC Annual Billing Statement

Please remit \$90.00 made payable to NVGC with your membership number in the “memo line “of your check. If you do not wish to renew your membership you may resign or pay a \$15.00 absentee membership that covers the cost of the newsletter. As an absentee member you can pay the \$75.00 difference at any time during the year and receive full membership status.

Those who own stock, wish to resign, and hold your shares, please keep your contact information current with the Stock Registrar, or sell your shares back to the Facility.

Please send your check to:

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P.O. Box 1581

King George, VA 22485

Please fill out (PRINT) the information below if any of your contact information has changed over the past year; please be sure that your e-mail address is legible.

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Apt # _____

City _____

State _____

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NVGC 2012 Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Sunday's All Year	1000- Dusk	Shotgun Practice (POC – Jon Yagla)
04 August	0800-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
11 August	1000-1600	Club Picnic, Swap Meet & Team Competition
18 August	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)
25 August	0800-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match(POC Perry Fridley)
25 August	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
26 August	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match(POC Tim Spivak)
01 September	0800-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
02 September	0930-1500	Sporting Clays (POC Jon Yagla)
15 September	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)
22 September	0800-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Match(POC Perry Fridley)
22 September	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
23 September	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match(POC Tim Spivak)
06-08 October	0900 6 October 1200 8 October	Boy Scout Troop 1887 (POC Jim Miller)
13 October NOTE DATE CHANGE	0800-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt) NOTE DATE CHANGE
20 October	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)
27 October	0800-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Championship Match(POC Perry Fridley)
27 October	0930-1500	ATA Trap Match (POC Jon Yagla)
28 October	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match(POC Tim Spivak)
03 November	0800-1400	Black Powder Silhouette Match(POC Dan Schaidt)
10 November	0800-1400	.22 Rimfire Benchrest Fun Match and Cookout (POC Perry Fridley)
17 November	0900-1200	Club Work Party and Meeting(POC Tim Spivak)
25 November	0800-1500	Cowboy Action Match(POC Tim Spivak)
15 December	1200	Club Meeting Location TBD
19 January 2013	TBD	Annual Club Dinner Location TBD

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

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