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NORVA Annual "Spring Fling" Field, Hunter & 3-D Pin Shoot

Welcome to NORVA's May newsletter. Many of our members have been having fun at various shoots and we have some of their shared stories. However, before we get to the fun stuff, there are several important messages. Please review them thoroughly. This is your club so let's do everything we can so NORVA remains the best archery club around.

Important Message

Keep Grievances Between Members Out of the Club

We received a few complaints regarding grievances between members. We are all grown-ups and issues between members need to be resolved between yourselves. Do not bring these things into the clubhouse or club meetings. If you do, you will be asked to leave. Best advice: keep things friendly; keep things polite. The club is not a place to hash it out.

No Trespassing

We have non-members using our range while the gates are open. Any NORVA member has the authority to challenge another person about proof of membership. Each member has a new quiver badge and a current sticker. If you suspect someone is trespassing, make no confrontations but try to get the name of the person, a photo, or even photograph their auto tag and then contact Joe Wolfe or any of the other council members (see NORVA webpage under [contacts](#)).

Do not confuse trespassers from guests. Guests accompanied by members are welcome. All guests must sign the waiver which can be found in the clubhouse and they must sign the logbook notating the name of the NORVA member they are with. Important note: If a guest does not sign a liability waiver and they are injured, it is the member's responsibility.

Violations Relating to Broadheads

We are having some problems with improper broadhead usage on our ranges. Please remember that broadheads cause extreme damage to our targets. We have one dedicated target where broadheads are allowed. They may not be used anywhere else at NORVA.

It has also come to our attention that someone is practicing with "Toxic" broadheads. Toxics (and similar) are not permitted due to the high damage they inflict even at NORVA's broadhead target. If you want to practice using Toxics, you must bring your own target.



Excessive Damage Caused by Toxic Broadheads

The broadhead target is built with a stack of layered foam bricks each costing approximately \$120.00 each. The entire target costs us approximately \$1200. Another way to look at this, each brick is a little more than dues for a one-year membership at NORVA.

Range is Closed During Scheduled Work Days

In the interest of safety, all NORVA ranges will be closed the entire day during any scheduled work day. We cannot go about repairing targets with the risk of archers accidentally sending projectiles in our direction. If you come to shoot on a scheduled work day, you will immediately

be asked to leave. The only exception will be at the Archery Academy range when they are conducting classes due to the area being screened to prevent projectiles from leaving the area, they are shooting into an empty space, and they are using low power equipment.

Violations May Lead to Club Expulsion

This is your club. Everyone plays a part in making NORVA the best club around. With this said, anyone caught violating any of these policies is subject expulsion from the club. Please do not put any of these to the test.

Fun at the R100



Michelle Jacobs Nails the Apple at the R100

The R100 is a Rinehart target sponsored event that happens every year in Staunton, VA. There were two courses comprising of fifty 3-D targets each. One course was setup with animals found in North America and the other had targets of animals found in Africa. Nineteen NORVA members (that we are aware of) gathered at the Best Western for the event during the weekend of April 24. Most arrived on Friday and met at the Waffle House Saturday bright and early (between 5-5:30am) for breakfast. The Waffle House was a bit unprepared for such a large group that they brought in extra help for the next morning. Saturday evening the group met at a steakhouse and afterward several went go-carting. By Sunday morning, the group arrived half sober but ready to have fun and fun it was.



Robert Hahn, his wife Brynne, and their son Nathan shot all 100 targets on Saturday. Robert and Nathan both shot the Men's Traditional class and Brynne shot the Women's Traditional class. It was their first time at the R100 event and they saw at least 5-6 other NORVA members there. They had a "very interesting round" due to the family that was in front.



Hahn's Patiently Wait for their Turn at the R100

Baltimore Traditional Classic

Robert and his son Nathan attended the Baltimore Traditional Classic for their first time. It seemed like there were well over 500 archers by Saturday afternoon. The shoot was not competitive per se, but there were many competitive special events. The 50/50 bottle shoot was very well subscribed and targets on the ranges were placed in realistic hunting situations which made it fun but contributed to very long waits. There were many vendors and overnight campers. Next year the Hahn family will try to camp there.

NORVA Members Make a Showing at the 3-D Spring Classic

Bowhunters of Rockingham hosted the VBA State Spring Classic 3-D event over April 26 & 27. There were 86 archers and several NORVA members made a nice showing.

Congratulations to:

Frank Jones Jr for scoring 1st place - SHC. Frank set the new state record for Senior Hunter Class Male (VBA).

Melinda Wilson scored 1st place - SFHC. Melinda set the new state record for Female Senior Hunter (VBA).

Rebecca Sikes came in 1st - FHC

Paul Vogel came in 2nd - STRD

Robin Vogel came in 2nd - FTRD

Brandon Sikes came in 3rd - HC

Featured Member of the Month - Heather Pond



Heather Having Fun at NORVA

Every month a random member will be selected to be our featured person of the month. This month, I would like to introduce Heather Pond.

Heather is a research assistant at a neuroscience lab and is "kind of a geek." She has always been interested in learning archery in addition to sword fighting and riding horses. Heather said she was "probably a bad*** in a previous life but not so much in this one." Heather has only been shooting since February. As a Valentine gift from her friend who knew she always wanted to try archery, he bought her a kid's compound bow and one archery lesson which was held in Manassas. Although Heather enjoyed her introduction to archery using her compound, she soon fell in love with a Samick Sage recurve and a Diamond Infinite Edge compound. Because there are not many places to practice archery where she lives, she searched for an archery club where she discovered NORVA. Heather went on to say, "I love that it's outside and it feels so much more natural than indoors."

Currently, Heather's bows are at 25 pounds but she is working on her arm strength (but not rushing it) so she can eventually increase the draw weight in the event it becomes necessary to take out a zombie. Heather only shoots for fun; she likes hitting the target! Although more of a day dream, she would like to learn to shoot a bow while riding a horse. She asks, "How cool would that be?"

May 03 Club Meeting Recap

Joe Wolfe hosted the May 03 club meeting. Here are the highlights:

As soon as the refrigerator is empty, we will be replacing with it with vending machines supplied by Canteen. Canteen will not charge us for the machines as long as we use them exclusively and we have a choice between Coke and Pepsi products. We will begin with Coke products and they will be sold in 20oz bottles. Bottled water will also be available. The price of drinks will increase from \$1.00 to 1.50.

Don't feel bad about our old refrigerator. It is our understanding that Dominion Power is giving \$50.00 for donated refrigerators so it appears we have found it a home.

We Have T-shirts and VBA Commemorative Knives for Sale

We have short sleeve NORVA and VBA T-shirts for sale and they look great:

VBA 75th Anniversary 100% preshrunk cotton T-shirt
NORVA microfiber T-shirt in colors gray or black.
Sizes range from Small - 2XL at the bargain price of \$15.00 each.

We also have VBA Knives. These are authentic buck knives w/VBA 75th stamped on the blade. The blade is full tang.

\$40 for standard blade,
\$45 for gut hook (will be in soon)

We will be looking at cotton long sleeve shirts and either cotton hoodies or sweatshirts with the same designs and same gray and black colors towards the end of summer. If we do not go with hoodies, we will offer sweatshirts and beanies. We expect to get hats regardless. Also, Joe Wolfe is working on a NORVA pin with logo that members can purchase.

Who Do I Contact with Club Questions?

There is a bit of confusion about who to contact regarding membership and club questions. If you have a question about the status of your membership such as whether we received your renewal or when will membership material be mailed, contact Kevin Brown at: [Secretary / Treasurer](#)

On the other hand, all other club questions should be addressed to our membership chairman, John Somma. John knows more about what is going on within the club than anyone else. If he does not have an answer, he will contact the correct person and then get back to you. You can contact John at: [Membership Chairman](#)

Financials & Membership Reports

Kevin Brown reported that we have 379 current members. Additionally, he has a few renewals and new members to be processed. Regarding financials: NORVA has spent some money in order to rebuild the targets and improve the facilities - and it really shows positively. Invoices have been paid bringing the club balance to \$17142.05 as of May 02, 2016.

Maintenance Around NORVA

The ranges have undergone major repairs, debris has been removed, and leaves raked from the trails. A special thank you to Frank, John P, Willy, Russell, Paul and Ron for their dedicated

work. Bowhangers are still in the process of being installed for field targets 15-28 but the majority of the work has been completed. NORVA is looking like a park.

Among other work around the club, the NORVA sign at the entrance is scheduled to be repainted and possibly the gate as well.

Possible Mandatory Work Hours

Volunteering at NORVA is not all swinging a hammer and cutting wood. There are plenty of opportunities for putting in hours. Work parties, shoots, helping with food, and helping with other events such as the archery demonstration that was almost canceled at A.P. Hill's Earth Day because of a lack of volunteers... And if you see something that needs to be done around the club, you can contact a council member in advance so the work you do can be verified.

We had 30 volunteers attend our April 30 work party and a big thank you goes to each volunteer for helping to make an awesome showing for the "Spring Fling" event. Despite 30 volunteers, this is a very small percentage of out of the 379 active NORVA members - it is less than 10% of the club membership. Despite that it has been a policy to offer members that volunteer ten hours over the year a 50% reduction on primary dues for the following year, only a few take advantage of it. With full dues costing \$120.00 per year divided by 365 days a year, the daily cost to be a member is nothing more than loose change. The council at NORVA is also aware that most other clubs require mandatory work hours as a condition to membership.

Because of the small percentage of volunteers which includes ten consistent volunteers that tend to do the most work by consistently maintaining the ranges for the entire club, a committee has been established to evaluate requiring mandatory hours or similar proposals to be added as a condition of membership. Committee recommendations will be presented to membership and then voted upon during the August 2016 club meeting. If mandatory recommendations pass, they will take effect beginning January 2017. Members can still earn a price reduction for their next year dues by volunteering 10 hours this year.

John McKenzie has been gracious to head the committee. If you would like to be a part of the committee, contact [John](#) or [Joe Wolfe](#).

Archery Academy

NORVA is proud to have a dedicated range for the Archery Academy. Dave Grant, his wife Erin, and Cindy are manning the range every Saturday exposing people to the sport of archery. Dave reported that "classes are booming." They currently have four classes each Saturday. At the time of the May 03 club meeting, June and July classes are quickly filling up. To sign up or to learn more about the academy, visit NORVA's webpage [Archery Academy](#).

New VBA Representative

Paul Vogal has been our VBA representative and is in the process of leaving while Joe Wolf is in the process of phasing in as NORVA's new VBA new representative.

Good Looking Iron Buck



Russell Whitlock is working on the first of two iron bucks. For those who do not know what the iron buck is used for, it is an arrow destroying event. Typically, you begin at a 20-yard marker and try to shoot your arrow through the small hole in the buck. If you miss, your arrow will be destroyed. Anyone who successfully shoots through the hole and their arrow is still intact, they move onto the next distance and so on until we have a winner. As a tip, do not use your premium arrows for this event!

ISO Large Pieces of Cardboard

We are in great need for large pieces of cardboard for our field targets. We are looking for 31" X 31" or larger. If you can help us out with this, please contact our field course captains, [John Parker](#) and [Mark Finkenstaedt](#).

Webmaster & News Editor Reports:

We are in need of photographs of NORVA members having fun with archery related activities for our website gallery and we are always looking for archery related stories for our newsletter. Please send your photographs to our [webmaster](#). Stories you wish to share should be sent to [news editor](#). Photographs that accompany your story are also welcome!

June NORVA Events

NORVA Field Hunter & 3D Pin Shoot - Saturday June 04
Registration is from 9am - 11am

NORVA Members Meeting - Tuesday June 07 beginning at 7pm

Visit our webpage for other archery events in the area. [NOVA Website](#)



Contemplating the meaning of being a "real archer" at the R100