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Archery Version of Pokemon Go

Hunters for the Hungry 3-D Benefit Shoot

Be sure to attend Belvoir Bowhunters for the Hungry 3-D benefit shoot this Saturday, August 27, 2016 held at NORVA. Registration begins at 8am and closes at 11am. \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 additional for family members up to \$20.00. The shoot will go on rain or shine. Food, live auctions, prizes, and much more.

Important Announcements

Due to hunting season preparation, the practice ranges and broad head ranges are seeing a lot of traffic. Keep in mind that broad heads are allowed on the broad head range only!!! No one may use a broad head on any other range. The broad head range is reserved for archers who wish to tune their bow with broad head tips. Persons using field tips at the broad head range are permitted but must move to another target if an archer with broad heads wishes to use the lane. In other words, broad head archers have priority at the broad head range.

Speaking of broad heads, no broad heads that use a coring method for wounding are allowed to be used at any NORVA target lane - this includes the broad head range. Coring broad heads can only be used on targets that are provided by the archer and only setup at the broad head range. You must bring your own target block.

Archer Spotlight

On April 29th, ABC 7 news premiered one of NORVA's very own. Paul Whitlock was interviewed by ABC news 7, Scott Abraham. Paul was selected to be on a program called

“Rising Stars.” This is a program that spotlights individuals that participate in sports while dealing with various types of physical, mental, and emotional hardships and handicaps but still excel in sports. As many of you know, Paul has dealt with several handicaps in his life but still manages to be at NORVA and compete right alongside some of our most accomplished archers. Not only does Paul compete, but in the past year, he has really begun to excel and succeed in the sport of archery.

Keep your eye on NORVA’s [Facebook](#) page and website to see Paul on TV.

Our Younger NORVA Members

This month I would like to share with you a few of our younger (17 and under) NORVA members. It is with pleasure to introduce Caeden Beavers, Kaylie Bortniker, and Kevin Jacobs:

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Caeden has been interested in archery ever since he first got to shoot at camp in 2014. For his thirteenth birthday, Caeden finally got his own bow. He and his dad went to Hoffman Archery where he selected a Mission compound bow, and he absolutely loves it. At the moment Caeden only shoots for fun but he may decide to compete in the future. For now, he is really enjoying learning and improving his skills. Caeden is very impressed by the generosity of NORVA members who have given him their time and expertise. He has received very helpful tips from the more experienced archers and everyone has been very friendly. Now Caeden needs his dad to get a bow!

Kaylie Bortniker



Kaylie Bortniker wins her class

Kaylie is the daughter of NORVA's news editor ;-). It was not dad who influenced her to take up archery, it was Orlando Bloom in the Lord of the Rings. Last year, Kaylie took a few lessons using a recurve. Over the year, she had the opportunity to join the Sunday NORVA group and decided she wanted a compound bow. Kaylie recently turned 10 years of age and dad took her to Hoffman Archery for her birthday. She fell in love with a pink Mission compound. Within three months, Kaylie entered her first Animal shoot that was hosted at the Isaak Walton League in Prince William County where she won 1st place in her class. Kaylie is also learning proper form through some of NORVA's "senior" shooters and she is honing those skills at the archery club sponsored by the Greenbow Foundation.

Kevin Jacobs

Kevin got started in archery three summers ago at his grandparents farm. He got his first bow from Dick's Sporting. He quickly learned that the bow was more of a toy caliber but kept at it. The following year, he joined NORVA and his dad gave him his old bow which was a great improvement but still sub-par to being a properly fitted bow. Last summer, he was outfitted with a Mission compound which he loves. Kevin enjoys shooting with the adults but would like to see more younger archers participate. Kevin also attends 4-H through the Greenbow Foundation. Other favorite activities include rowing with his school team. Kevin enjoys competing with other schools. Rowing practice sessions are held at Fountainhead Regional Park.



Kevin Jacobs with some of the NORVA gang and with 4-H members

August 02, 2016 Club Meeting Recap

Joe Wolfe hosted the August 02 club meeting. Here are the highlights:

Joe said that the vending machines that were to be supplied by Canteen fell through. Joe contacted other vending machine companies but felt that they are not going to fulfill the requirements for our club. One of the issues is the sheer amount of water & Gatorade the club goes through - on a hot weekend, we can easily go through ten cases. He also looked into purchasing a machine that NORVA will own. One machine Joe came across allows for different size cans and bottles. We can program it to accept different payments and we can even put in special 8 ounce canisters that would possibly allow us to put in t-shirts that we sell. And yes, this machine should be able to get us through those ultra-hot weekends as it can hold 177 bottles or 288 cans. Furthermore, the machine comes with a five year warranty and we can purchase an extended 10 year warranty. Regarding profit on sales, NORVA is a non-profit organization and Joe is not looking to make profit, just a practical and convenient amenity for our members. John Soma will lead a committee to research this and other options. We will discuss vending machines further during the September club meeting.

Membership Chair Looks into a Database

John Soma talked about a membership system for the club that will allow the club to better maintain our membership information. He and Katey Beavers looked at over a dozen database systems. The one they liked the best is called Wild Apricot. It allows for online payment registration for new members and renewals, it can send out automated reminders and other announcements including newsletters and email blasts, and it can handle events. For example, we can set it up so you you can login and pay for an event in advance. This feature will be helpful

for shoots as it will let us know in advance how many are expected to attend. The cost is \$70.00 per month for up to 500 members plus \$10.00 administrator access for each club officer. For those that are concerned about making online payments, NORVA will still accept cash payments, so have no fear!

We will discuss this application during our September meeting. For more information, you can read about the membership system at: <http://www.wildapricot.com>

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Kevin reported that membership is up to 460. He paid several invoices bringing the club balance to \$17,532.27. However, the new 3-D targets have not yet been paid.

Nominations for Elected Positions

Nominations for the September elections were taken.

Joe Wolf was nominated to continue as club president for 2017.

John McKenzie was nominated to continue as club vice president for 2017.

Kevin Brown will not run as club secretary / treasurer for 2017. At this time, no nominations have been received. If you are interested in this position, please contact [Joe Wolfe](#) or [John McKenzie](#)

Elections for these positions will take place during the September 06 club meeting.

Share Your Story & Photos

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!

Next Club Meeting

The next NORVA club meeting will be held September 06, beginning at 7pm. See you there!