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Welcome to NORVA's May newsletter. This month our newsletter is a little different than normal. With no news from the May 4th members meeting that lasted only 25 minutes long and setting a new record for short durations of club meetings, I thought it would be fun to share some of the adventures about NORVA attending the R100 in Staunton, VA.

Announcements

The 2017 VBA State Open at NORVA is Saturday, May 27 and May 28, 2017. Preregistration is Friday the 26th or you can register Saturday between 7am and 8am. For more information, see [NORVA's website](#).

The next NORVA members meeting is Thursday, June 01 and begins at 7pm.

NORVA Field, Hunter, 3-D Pin and Casual Shoot - June 03, 2017, 9am - 11am.

Be sure to download [NORVA's shoot schedule](#) to your personal calendar.

NORVA Goes to the R100

NORVA has attended the Rinehart 100 3-D shoot in Staunton Virginia for a few years in a row and it now appears to be a yearly tradition. The event consists of 100 Rinehart targets (no surprise) comprising of two courses, one has 50 3-D targets of animals found in North America and the other is made up of 50 targets from animals found in Africa - with the exception of a few dinosaurs. Both courses were known distance.

This year, 22 NORVA members went as a group. Joe Wolfe, NORVA President was instrumental in coordinating the group. Last year after the shoot, he immediately put in place room reservations at the

Comfort Inn - thus a full year in advance. Excellent move as it turned out that this year was also graduation for three local colleges and rooms sold out very quickly and at high rates. Just one minor incident. The day the group was to arrive (May 04), Joe was informed by the hotel that the 10 plus rooms he reserved were no longer available. Joe miraculously found an alternative in the last minute - the Motel 6 had 10 rooms and it was willing to give it to us and it was only one exit down the road.

As fate may have it, I think the new location was better than the Comfort Inn. Upton arriving, the group quickly commandeered two picnic tables. Everyone had a great time sharing their war stories. Despite 22 rowdy archers, hotel personnel let us do our thing even late into the night. The group even set up a few practice targets. Food was delivered and let's say there were plenty of beverages to keep everyone in the good spirit of things.

There is nothing like sitting around a picnic table sharing your stories when it dawns that you need to purchase a few snacks to take along during the shoot. A quick road trip to Walmart solved the problem.



NORVA Raids Walmart

After raiding Walmart, the group returned to the picnic tables. By 10:30pm, several called it a night but a few remained until?

Come 5am sharp Saturday morning, text messages and phone calls went around to make sure everyone was awake. We were to meet at a breakfast buffet by 6am.



The Breakfast Club

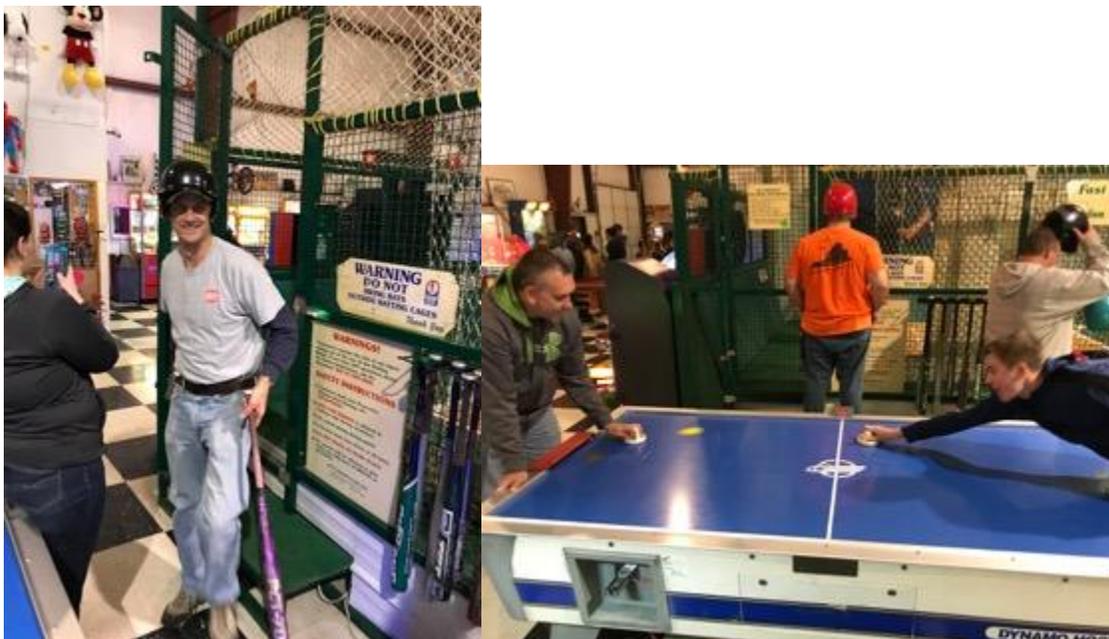
Approximately 7:30am our group checked in at the R100. I want to share, one of NORVA's Field Course Captains, John Parker saw a small squirrel target to be raffled at the end of the shoot. John set his eyes on that squirrel because it would be a perfect replacement for NORVA's 60 yard rabbit that badly needed replacing. John said that he must get that target somehow. Incidentally, Rinehart targets were not for sale at the event. We will come back to John's story later.

To keep the shooting lanes moving as efficiently as possible, everyone split up into smaller groups. The group I attended did the American targets first. One of the favorites is the deer with an apple in its mouth - shoot the apple and you get bonus points.



From Teams Willy & Team Hoffman/Parker

We finished around 1 pm, ate some lunch and then headed back to the hotel to rest and prepare for the evening's activities which included 22 hungry archers going to a steakhouse (without making reservations!) and then the traditional visit to the go-kart track. Unfortunately, after going a round or two at the track, the heavens above opened with a downpour, closing the track for the evening. Instead, the group played various coin operated games.



Sunday morning, text messages and phone calls circulated with the routine 5am wake up call. Again, everyone met at the buffet for breakfast and then headed out to tackle the remaining 50 targets. Before

proceeding to the African course, John took another look at the squirrel target. His gears were turning as he thought about how he could get that squirrel.



Afterwards, there were a few specialty shoots such as the Iron Buck. However, the most anticipated event was the final event of the weekend - the infamous R100 raffle. When you register, you get one raffle ticket per course. In other words, you get two tickets max for shooting the North American and the African course. Some prizes we can do without such as the bow-umbrellas, but some were fairly nice - a compound bow, crossbow, and Rinehart targets including the Rinehart Squirrel. NORVA did fairly well with wining things but the most amazing (to me) was John Parker's incredible mind power to get that squirrel. Did he win it? NO! He won a Rinehart 3-D Deer target. Someone from another club won the squirrel. But wait, there is more...

...John tracked down the squirrel winner and offered to trade. It was not an immediate acceptance but the other party felt the deer was a better option for their needs. John got the squirrel.



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