



Northern Virginia Archers April 2021 On-line Meeting

Date of Meeting: April 1, 2021

NORVA members present:

John Shea	Joe Wolfe	Rodney Roberts	Gerry Petraitis
Celeste Otsuka	Gabriel Best	Mike Diakiwsky	Uwe Jacobs
Joe Camargo	Jim Libovicz	Dave Grant	Ken Wilkinson
Reggie Atkins	Tom Blake	Jackson Minnich	Artem Tregubov

**April 17 NORVA shoot
Field, Hunter, and 3-D Pin
Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.
(Registration details below)**

Signing in at NORVA

We have a new sign-in procedure. You must do so on-line. Please use the electronic sign-in form (<https://www.novaarchers.org/signin.html>). Should you not have a smartphone available, you can sign-in and out from your home computer even after the fact. Also, guests need to sign the liability waiver at (https://www.novaarchers.org/guest_waiver.html) once per calendar year. Do not use the paper form. For detailed information, see the Electronic Range Book Instructions at (<https://www.novaarchers.org/docs/NORVA%20electronic%20range%20book.pdf>).

Message from the Board

As required in NORVA's by-laws, this Newsletter is a report to the membership of the Board's actions. It also constitutes the minutes from the April 2021 meeting.

General

The March 2021 meeting was held on-line and led by club Secretary/Treasurer John Shea.

Order of the Golden Deer. The Board has decided to award the Order of the Golden Deer to the following members for their countless hours of service and dedication to NORVA:

Willie Whitlock
Russell Whitlock
Paul Whitlock
Rodney Roberts
Jeff Van de Vaarst

We thank these gentlemen for the blood, sweat, and tears that they have poured into the club over the years. NORVA is a better place because of them. Cheers!

These five will be the last recipients of this prestigious award. The Board will retire the award and come up with a new one in the future.

Lifetime Membership. In the same vein of recognizing outstanding contributions to the club, the Board has awarded Lifetime Memberships to Willie, Russell, and Paul Whitlock. You would be hard-pressed to find a target, a lane, or even a table at NORVA that these three have not worked on and improved. Thank you!

Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. Tournament Chair Rodney Roberts was approached by the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. The BHA is a non-profit organization of hunters and anglers dedicated to the outdoors and the conservation of public lands. The BHA would like to have a friendly BHA – NORVA archery competition on the 3-D course. Each group could learn about the other one. Rodney will hand this great idea off to Events Chair Celeste Otsuka.

Future club meetings. As people get vaccinated and we transition (we hope) back to normal, the club is looking to have in-person meetings. As a first step, the meetings will be held outdoors (weather permitting), with an option for members to call in. Treasurer John Shea proposed buying a speakerphone for this purpose, as well as subscribing to a conference call service.

Vending machine in the clubhouse. The clubhouse vending machine has come to the end of its useful life. It will be removed, and we will go to an honor system for the purchase of drinks. Drinks (water, Gatorade, soda pop) will be kept in the refrigerator, with a prominently displayed pay jar.

Hunting Chair. President Joe Wolfe would like to create a Hunting Chair position. This person would, among other things, liaise with the Fairfax County hunting program. Joe will approach possible candidates to discuss this new position.

3-D Course (Reggie Atkins)

Walking tour of the 3-D Course. On April 18, Reggie will lead a range tour for new members. The tour starts at 9:00 a.m. and is open to all members. The tour will take about 3 hours. For those who need to leave early, there is an exit at the half-way point.

He will be holding a work party to work on the 3-D course. He will focus on bridge and stairs repairs.

Also, Reggie would like to use a “mentor system” for the 3-D course, by which experienced members walk the course with new ones. He is willing to escort someone during the April 17 club shoot.

Tournament Chair (Rodney Roberts)

Field, Hunter, and 3-D Pin shoot on April 17. NORVA's next shoot will have a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$10. Kids 15 and under shoot free. To register go to <https://novaarchers.org/wp/>

The Rinehart 100 will be held April 23 – 25 in Staunton, Virginia. The club has hotel rooms reserved. So far, about 30 NORVA members will be attending. Contact Chair Roberts if you would like to join the group.

To register go to <https://www.r100.org/events/>

We had a good turn-out for the Ice-breaker shoot in March. The ping pong ball shoot at the end of it was a hit. We will try to do more of those.

Upcoming fun shoots. In the spirit of promoting a family-friendly atmosphere, the club is looking to hold the following events:

Mother's Day / Ladies' Day Shoot. This shoot will be for females only. Husbands, significant others, and children will serve as caddies, pull arrows, etc. We hope to hold this one the weekend before Mother's Day.

Kids' Fun Shoot. This would be free to kids and include plenty of fun targets (ping pong balls, balloons, fruit, etc.). We hope to hold this event in June, just as school gets out.

These events will be less about competing and more about having a fun, enjoyable day at the Club. More to follow on both.

Field Course (Ken Wilkinson)

Rodney reported that the Field Course will be inspected to the VBA Field Vice President to have the course certified by the National Field Archery Association. The 3-D course's certification is good through 2024.

Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

John reported that the club took in over \$9,500 in March as a result of new memberships and shoot registration. He paid the VBA membership for NORVA's members.

NORVA Checking Account 2021 Monthly Report

For March (prepared on April 1st by John Shea)			
Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
Membership renewals	634.80		
New members	9,070.09		3/13 & 14 two sessions each day (thanks Gerry)
2/27 work party food		107.80	Anitas
2/27 work party coffee		19.07	Dunkin Donuts
2/27 work party drinks		92.77	Check 2423 to Wolfe
Masks & sanitizer		96.26	Walmart by Wolfe debit
Stone for upper parking lot		741.11	Check 2416 to D. Grant
3/13 shoot income	400.02		
3/13 shoot food		107.80	Anita's burritos for volunteers (Wolfe debit)
3/13 shoot misc		31.13	Safeway ice & condiments (Wolfe debit)
3/13 shoot food & drinks		255.99	Costco food & drinks (Wolfe debit)
Shirts & stickers	62.00		
VBA dues share		1,715.00	Check 2418 to VBA
Printer ink		93.26	Office Depot by Shea debit card
Drill hammer for 3D rebar		24.32	Check 2417 to U. Jacobs
200 wire target pins		142.00	Lancaster by Shea debit card
Chain		21.42	Home Depot by Wolfe debit card
Dominion Energy		63.05	Auto debit
Waste Management		173.51	Auto debit Wolfe's card
USS Dons Johns		156.01	Shea's debit card
Verizon		114.70	Auto debit two monthly payments
Totals	10,166.91	3,955.20	
Ending balance on 3/31	40,242.85		
Projected year-end balance	15,410		Maintain \$5,000 minimum cash reserve.

Bylaws re-write project

The re-writing of the Club's bylaws has been completed. Once all Board members have signed the final document, it will be posted to the Club's web page. Thanks to John for his efforts on this one.

Membership Chair (Gerry Petraitis)

The first orientations of 2021 were successfully conducted in March over one weekend. Four classes were held. We still have a backlog of about 30 interested prospective members. As of March 31, we have 450 total members (248 are primary).

New member Mike Diakiwsky thanked Gerry and John for the great orientation. He gave Gerry a shout-out for the finely-honed pedagogical skills that he displays with novice members. Well done!

Academy Representative (Dave Grant)

Dave reports that the Academy is only doing private lessons for now. They are following all health and safety protocols. They wipe down all equipment after each class, the instructors wear masks for the entire session, and the students wear masks when they are not shooting.

Events Chair (Celeste Otsuka)

Celeste conducted an on-line survey to gauge the membership on how they feel about the club. She received 13 responses. One comment received was that the 3-D course had too many targets and it took too long to get through.

Helpful hint: How to Pull Arrows from a 3-D target



Former 3-D Captains Willy Whitlock and John Hoffman demonstrate the proper technique to pull an arrow out of a 3-D target.

- Hold the animal in place.
- Pull **straight back** on the arrow.
- To get a good grip on the arrow, use an arrow puller.
- Sometimes the arrow will be literally glued into the foam (as a result of the arrow's high velocity). In such a case, turn the arrow clockwise until it comes loose. Then pull it out. You can prevent this from happening by using field points with a bulge and applying arrow fluid to them. Only apply the fluid on the field tip, not the carbon. Repeat after every shot.

Follow these tips to help preserve our great (and expensive) collection of targets!