



Northern Virginia Archers

August 2021

Date of Meeting: August 12, 2021

NORVA members present:

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| Joe Wolfe | Chris Foster | John Shea | Gerry Petraitis |
| Uwe Jacobs | Ken Wilkinson | Jim Libovicz | Chris Stull |
| Caitlin Stull | Reid Schwebach | | |
| Members calling in: | Celeste Otsuka | Bakari Dale | Reggie Atkins |

The September meeting will be held on September 9.

We will vote on:

Board elections for 2022 &

Whether NORVA should leave the VBA.

Please attend.

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 August 2021 meeting.

General Items

The July 2021 meeting was held both in-person and on-line. It was led by President Joe Wolfe.

Joe indicated that we will hold a work party once the weather cools down. Repairs on the field course will be high on the priority list.

2022 Board nominees

The following individuals were nominated to serve on the Board for 2022

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| President | Joe Wolfe |
| Vice President | Rich Manser, Ken Wilkinson |
| Treasurer | John Shea |
| Membership | Gerry Petraitis |
| Secretary | Chris Foster, Jim Libovicz |

Elections will be held at the September meeting.

Tree Stands

The club has modified its rules to allow for shooting from a tree stand on club grounds, **but only** under the supervision of Hunting Chair Jeff Tyree. Please contact him (hunting@novaarchers.org) for details. The club's rules on tree stands can be found on our web page at <https://novaarchers.org/wp/home/tree-stand-climber-rules/>

VBA Affiliation

There was a general discussion regarding a proposal that NORVA end its affiliation with the Virginia Bowhunters Association. A petition that listed a number of reasons for ending the affiliation was presented. The reasons included the following:

- The VBA is not recognized by any other state or national archery organization.
- The VBA is planning to increase fees for state shoots in 2022.
- The VBA has not managed its finances well.

- The VBA has not been transparent enough with regard to documenting or sharing information on the proceedings of its meetings.
- The funds that NORVA pays to the VBA could be spent on improving NORVA facilities.
- Some NORVA members do not wish to pay part of their dues for lobbying on bowhunter issues.

Five members signed the petition. This number is sufficient to bring the matter to a vote. A copy of the petition (with the five signatures) has been posted to the club's Facebook page.

This issue will be voted on at NORVA's September meeting (which will be held on September 9).

Membership Chair (Gerry Petraitis)

As of the August monthly club meeting, we had 581 members. Following the August new member orientation that was held on August 15, the club is not up to 606 members. This is the club's highest number ever.

If you have friends who are interested in joining, please direct them to our web site and visit the JOIN page. Send an email to Membership Chair Gerry (membership@novaarchers.org) for details.

3-D Range Captain (Reggie Atkins)

We are still waiting for the 3-D targets that the club ordered a while ago. The pandemic has adversely affected the supply chain, and deliveries are delayed.

Reggie will be swapping out animals if he doesn't receive the inserts needed. Also, he is working on an uphill shot.

Field Course (Ken Wilkinson)

Ken reported that he plans to add new targets. As the weather cools down, he will add new blocks to the targets.

Events Chair (Celeste Otsuka)

We have a winner for our logo re-design contest! There were many great submissions, but after two rounds of voting and one round of consideration by the Board, the below logo has been selected.



Congratulations to Eric Pederson for his winning design. We will start to order club merchandise featuring the new logo.

And thanks to all those who took the time to design and submit entries. There were many worthy designs, and the selection process was a difficult one!

VBA Representative (Bakari Dale)

Bakari reported on two agenda items that will be considered at the next VBA meeting:

1. A proposal to raise the cost of state shoots from \$20 to \$30 for members, with a maximum charge of \$60 per family. For non-VBA members, the charge would go up from \$20 to \$40.

At the August NORVA meeting, those present voted unanimously that NORVA should vote “No” on this initiative.

2. A proposal to add “Barebow Recurve” as a shooting category for students.

At the August NORVA, those present voted unanimously (with 4 abstaining) that NORVA should vote “Yes” on this initiative.

Tournament Chair

Rodney Roberts has left Northern Virginia. Thus we are in dire need of someone to replace him as Tournament Chair.

If you would like to carry on the great work that he did (and earn a Volunteer Discount), contact President Joe Wolfe.

Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

John reported that the club took in approximately \$2,500 in July. The big expenditure for July was \$4,565 for the club's insurance policy.

We have a projected year-end balance of \$11,374. This amount includes an emergency reserve of \$10,000. The July 2021 checking account report appears below.

NORVA Checking Account 2021 Monthly Report

| For July (prepared on August 1 by John Shea) | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Description | Credits | Debits | Notes |
| Membership renewals | 489.46 | | via Square |
| New members | 2,484.68 | | 7/11 orientation via Square |
| 7/10 shoot income | 390.05 | | \$87 via Square |
| 7/10 shoot food & ice | | 416.75 | Costco, Anitas, & 7-11 by Wolfe |
| Liability insurance | | 4,565.76 | ACH to Sadler by Shea |
| Printer ink | | 46.63 | Office Depot by Shea |
| New member orientation | | 74.94 | Coffee & donuts by Wolfe |
| Snake repellent & misc HW | | 61.95 | Home Depot by Shea |
| Insect repellent candles | | 50.37 | Walmart by Wolfe |
| Pop-up canopy | | 154.29 | Walmart by Wolfe |
| Utilities: | | | |
| Dominion Energy | | 34.90 | |
| Waste Management | | 176.88 | |
| USS Dons Johns | | 173.21 | |
| Verizon | | 71.78 | |
| Totals | 3,364.19 | 5,827.46 | |
| Ending balance on 7/31 | 28,381.06 | | |
| Projected year-end balance | 11,374 | | |
| Reserve | -10,000 | | |
| Uncommitted | 1,374 | | |

Signing in at NORVA

When visiting NORVA, you must sign in via the electronic sign-in form (<https://www.novaarchers.org/signin.html>). Guests need to sign the liability waiver at (https://www.novaarchers.org/guest_waiver.html) once per calendar year. For detailed information, see the Electronic Range Book Instructions at (<https://www.novaarchers.org/docs/NORVA%20electronic%20range%20book.pdf>).

Hunting Information

Fairfax County Park Hunts (see <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>): Qualifications for the next season will run from April 1 – July 2 and must be done on an annual basis. Qualification sessions will be held at NORVA. Check the webpage as well as the Facebook page for the schedule.

International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) – This class is required to archery hunt the Fairfax county park program as well as on Fort Belvoir. There are multiple places to attend this course. They generally run about 8 hours and are conducted mostly on Saturdays. See <https://register-ed.com/programs/virginia/66-virginia-bowhunter-education-course-ibep/agency> to find a class in your area. In case there are no more seats available, contact Sgt. Earit Powell at Earit.Powell@fairfaxcounty.gov to get into one of his classes. You only need to take this class once (good for life) as long as you can produce the IBEP card.

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries app for your phone. Now you can notch your deer tag without the paper tag and without calling the 800-number to report it. The APP can hold multiple digital licenses so you don't need to carry paper ones or deer tags.

VA phone app: <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/app/>

VA hunting and fishing licenses: <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/>

Military installation hunting Belvoir Bowhunters:
<https://ftbelvoir.isportsman.net/Bowhunting.aspx>

Marine Corps Base Quantico: <https://www.quantico.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/G-F-Installation-and-Environment/Natural-Resources-Environmental-Affairs/Quantico-Sportsman/Hunting/>