



Northern Virginia Archers

November 2020 On-line Meeting

Date of Meeting: November 5, 2020
Time: 7:06 pm to 7:53 pm

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe	John Shea	Uwe Jacobs	Rodney Roberts
Gerry Petraitis	Uwe Jacobs	Jim Libovicz	Dave Grant
Joshua Brill	Simon Mouer	Carolton Tippitt	

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 Article 4, Section 9 of NORVA's by-laws, this Newsletter is a report to the membership of the Board's actions. It also constitutes the minutes from the November 2020 meeting.

Message from the President (Joe Wolfe)

The November 2020 meeting was held on-line and led by club President Joe Wolfe.

There is still some work that needs to be done on the parking lot. President Joe Wolfe stated that he had a contact with a company that could supply gravel for the work. He will contact it for a price estimate. Treasurer John Shea estimated that we would also need approximately two yards of gravel for our trails.

The club will not be issuing quiver tag stickers for 2021.

By-Laws Rewrite Project

At the October meeting, the club approved revisions to the Preamble and Articles 1 and 3 of the By-Laws. Secretary/Treasurer John Shea is leading this project. For the remaining Articles, he plans to first submit proposed changes to the Board, with a goal of presenting them to the club at the January and February meetings for discussion.

Web Master (Uwe Jacobs)

We are entering that time of year to renew memberships. Uwe has been working with Treasurer John Shea and Membership Chairman Gerry Petraitis on an on-line membership renewal process. At the meeting he demonstrated the prototype and how it would work. The online renewal form has been tested. It is ready for the general membership. We will send an email announcement with instructions shortly.

There will no longer be any paper involved in renewing memberships. Because of the pandemic, we want to do as much online as practical to reduce handling and to improve record keeping. Range sign-in, new member applications (except for payment), and guest liability waiver forms have already been migrated thanks to Uwe's hard work and foresight.

Regarding the security of accepting payments on-line, Uwe reports that the credit card information in the payment section of the form is handled directly by Square. The club does not have access to the fields. Square checks the data and returns a one-time key which we can use to charge the credit card. Their privacy policy link is at

<https://squareup.com/us/en/legal/general/privacy-no-account>

It is also mentioned on the form. NORVA has been using Square for a few years now to process credit card dues payments. This year we started using it for shoots.

Additionally, we store our webpage and database at a reputable internet hosting provider (Hostek). All communication between the webserver and the browser is encrypted. We are using best business practices when handling and storing the data, and we only permit administrative access to the board members that are actually involved with membership management. Additional details can be found at NORVA's privacy and terms-of-use policies.

Membership Chairman (Gerry Petraitis)

There will not be a new member orientation this month. The last one was in October, and the club gained eight primary members and one family member. The next orientation will be in early 2021.

Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

In October, there were no expenditures other than utilities. The new member orientation in October netted \$1,250. The checking account balance as of November 2 is \$14,670.25. Year-end projected balance (minus a reserve of \$5,000) is \$2,605. This assumes that approximately \$2,000 gets spent for maintenance (field course, parking lot, miscellaneous work party) in the rest of the year.

Tournament Chairman (Rodney Roberts)

It is that time of year when we start to plan for next year's 3-D season. I would like some input from everyone on how we can get bigger turn-outs at our shoots. NORVA has over 300 members, yet we are lucky to get 30 people at a 3-D shoot.

It is understandable that not everyone wants to shoot in a competition, but come out and shoot as a fun shoot! I hope to institute a new feature in 2021 – we pair up more experienced shooters with family members and kids who have not participated in a shoot. The experienced shooters can show them the ropes and provide tips. If you have any suggestions, please email me at tournament@novaarchers.org

The Lancaster Archery Classic (the second largest indoor shoot in the country) is scheduled for January 21 – 24 in Manheim, Pennsylvania. Be sure to track any Pennsylvania restrictions that may come out due to the pandemic. For more details, go to <https://www.lancasterarchery.com/lancaster-archery-classic>

We are tracking on what local clubs are planning for shoots in 2021, but a lot of things are still up in the air because of the pandemic.

Prince William Archers reports that, starting in December, they will host indoor shoots every Thursday and Saturday starting at 7:30. Check their Facebook page for details.



This photograph shows impeccable form. But look closely in the background – See the interloper onto NORVA grounds? No quiver tag displayed! (Photograph by Dave Grant).

Field Targets Captain (Ken Wilkinson)

Ken Wilkinson is our new Field Targets Captain. John Shea and Simon Mouer both expressed their willingness to be cadres for the Field Course.

VBA Representative (Bakari Dale)

For any hunters that harvest an animal this season, please let VBA Representative Bakari Dale know so that the VBA can recognize your accomplishment. Also, please share photos of your successes with us so that we can run them in the Newsletter.

Academy Report (Dave Grant)

The Academy range targets have been rebuilt and upgraded to the block targets. Jeremiah Maylum completed his Eagle Scout project that included the design, fabrication, and installation of the new target frames. In the process, a compromised oak tree was also removed, and the rounds were moved closer to the clubhouse waiting for someone who is looking to earn volunteer hours by splitting them into firewood.

