



## Northern Virginia Archers September 2020 On-line Meeting

Date of Meeting: September 3, 2020  
Time: 7:09 pm to 8:04 pm

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe	Uwe Jacobs	Jeff Van de Vaarst	Rodney Roberts
Gerry Petraitis	Jim Libovicz	Todd Robinson	David Burpee
Mark Finkenstaedt	Celeste Otsuka	James Frey	Brian Goldstein
Jason Beland	Carolton Tippit	Jason Beland	Jonathan Petri
Gordon Byrnes			

***Club elections will be held in October!***  
***See below for details.***

# ***Signing in at NORVA***

*NORVA is open! Please note that we have a new sign-in procedure. You must do so on-line.*

## **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 September 2020 meeting.

## **Elections Announcement**

Elections for the 2021 Board will be held at the October meeting.

Thus far we have the following nominations:

President	Joe Wolfe
Vice President	Chris Foster
Secretary/Treasurer	John Shea

If you are interested in nominating someone else, please submit that name via email to Secretary/Treasurer John Shea at ([treasurer@novaarchers.org](mailto:treasurer@novaarchers.org)). Nominations may also be submitted at the October meeting.

**You must have the nominee's consent before you nominate someone.**

NOTE: If you plan on attending the October meeting, please be sure to send President Joe Wolfe an email ([president@novaarchers.org](mailto:president@novaarchers.org)) to let him know. We are planning on having the meeting at NORVA facilities. If, however, we are unable to do so, the meeting will be held on line. Joe will send a link to those members who have emailed him their intention to attend the October meeting.

## **Message from the President** (Joe Wolfe)

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

Joe introduced Celeste Otsuka as the new Events Chair. In her daytime job she has run small (10 – 15 person) to huge (2,000+) events. She is a welcome addition to the team!

Joe will meet with course captains Walker and Van de Vaarst to plan our next work party.



## **Web Master** (Uwe Jacobs)

Uwe has been working on the on-line forms. He plans to have membership renewals done in this manner. The payments will be done on-line as well. This automation will save the Membership Chairman and the Treasurer a great deal of labor. He hopes to have this ready by December.

Under this new renewal process, all current members will receive an email notifying them of the process by which they can renew.

Joe recognized the great work that Uwe has done so that new members sign up and pay on-line. This is a more efficient and more sanitary way to do it.

**SIGN-IN REMINDER:** Please use the electronic sign-in form (<https://www.novaarchers.org/signin.html>) as soon as you arrive at the NORVA range and follow the instructions. 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 ([https://www.novaarchers.org/guest\\_waiver.html](https://www.novaarchers.org/guest_waiver.html)) once per calendar year; do not use the paper form anymore. For detailed information, see the Electronic Range Book Instructions (<https://www.novaarchers.org/docs/NORVA%20electronic%20range%20book.pdf>).

## **Events Chair** (Celeste Otsuka)

### *Meet our new Events Chair*

Celeste Otsuka is a brand new member of NORVA (as of August 2020). She took Gerry's ask to volunteer skills and talents very seriously. Being both new to NORVA and new to archery (thanks to several current members), she felt like contributing to the club would be a great way to get to know both people and the sport.

Celeste got involved with event management in college during sorority recruitment, and she found an interest in planning social, corporate, and philanthropic events. She has carried this interest through professionally as a recruiter for several law, accounting, and financial services firms. She has organized events for as many as 2,000 attendees. Outside of work and archery, she enjoys spending time with her dog Addie, trying new recipes, and tackling home improvement projects.

## **Membership Chairman** (Gerry Petraitis)

Gerry reported that at the orientation held in August, the club gained 36 new members. The September orientation yielded 20 more, which brings us to 399 club members. The club's total membership at this same time last year was only 380 members, so this has been a good year for NORVA, despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic.

The tentative date for the last orientation for 2020 is October 10. If you know anyone that wants to join the club this year, this is their last chance. Orientations will resume in February 2021 (weather and interest permitting). Please remind any interested new members that we cannot accept walk-ins. If you want to join, please visit the Join page on the club website for information and send an email to [membership@novaarchers.org](mailto:membership@novaarchers.org) to get instructions.

## **3-D Course Captain** (Jeff Van de Vaarst)

Jeff reported that the 3-D course is in good shape. During the recent shoot at NORVA hosted by the Belvoir Bowhunters, Jeff was informed was told that 3-D targets can't be quartering towards shooter. Subsequent research into the rules by Rodney Roberts belied this claim.

The bridge between targets 2 and 3 needs some repair. It will be the object of one of our next work parties.

Jeff inquired about what his budget would be for 2021. Joe responded that it would likely be the same as this year. If he felt it necessary, Jeff could request an increase.

## **VBA Representative** (Bakari Dale)

NORVA has turned in a bid to host a tournament in 2021. It will be voted on at the VBA scheduling session that will take place later this month.

The VBA's annual dinner was held on September 5 at Two Rivers in Front Royal. At the dinner, NORVA member John Hoffman received his well-deserved Silver Arrow Award for his years of contributions to the sport of archery. Well done!

Other NORVA members that brought home bling from the dinner were:

Elise Walker:	Bill Bennet Award
John McKenzie	Bill Bennet Award
Bakari Dale	Bill Bennet Award
Rodney Roberts	Bill Bennet Award
Rodney Roberts:	Season's biggest Gar and Season's biggest Carp

## **Field Targets Captain** (Elise Walker)

Uwe reported that the course is in good shape. A few target butts need to be changed, but overall it is in good condition. Also, Target 11 needed work, and Rodney Roberts and Ken Wilkenson fixed it.

## **Tournament Chairman** (Rodney Roberts)

Fairfax County Park hunts started on September 12. Antlerless only.