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Uwe Jacobs makes a 55 Yard Bunny Shot

Welcome to June's newsletter. July 4th is just around the corner and this year it gives many of us a long weekend. Have fun and be safe. As a reminder, our next members meeting is scheduled for July 05 and will begin at 7pm.

We had 68 shooters for the 2016 VBA state open on May 28/29 and for our June 04 shoot we had 17 3-D shooters and four field shooters.

Our next event at NORVA is July 17th and it will be a Hunter and 3-D shoot.

Hoffman archery has a shoot on the 2nd of July.

Belvoir Bowhunters is having a 3-D shoot and pig roast this Saturday, June 25. Come out and have fun! It will be at Fort Belvoir's Outdoor Archery Range. Registration begins at 8am with the first team ready to go once registered (\$10 for adults, Kids 17 & under free). There will be an Iron Buck - two arrows for \$5. Be sure to bring extra arrows. They will also have K50 & K40 known distance classes. It will be a lot of fun and with great people.

Rodney Roberts, our tournament chairman has updated the IBO Classes document and it can be viewed online at our website: [IBO Classes](#).

NORVA Donates Targets to The Greenbow Foundation



The Greenbow Foundation is a “non-profit organization whose primary goal is to give youth interested in hunting the education, mentorship and advocacy opportunities to mature into natural resource sustainability leaders within the outdoor sportsman community.” They are headquartered in Warrenton, VA but allowed to use the back portion of the Southern Heritage Farm in Bealeton, VA off of Route 17 for archery practice. We have NORVA members that belong to Greenbow as well as others that are interested in joining.

Greenbow accepts kids 8 through 18 and meets on a Sunday once a month from 1pm to 3pm for wildlife and conservation education as well as archery practice at the Southern Heritage Farm where the landowner put some land aside for them and the Boy Scouts. There is no membership fee but Greenbow requires the kids to volunteer in community projects. For example, the group keeps up the four ground blinds and trails at the CF Phelps WMA Hogue Tract, a hunting area for handicapped hunters in Sumerduck, VA. Given enough volunteer hours served and after passing an archery proficiency test at Hoffman’s, the club takes the young hunter to bow hunts on private land. They can even earn a bow through volunteer hours.

The Southern Heritage Farm recently permitted Greenbow to build a four lane 3-D range. This range will be a great addition for Greenbow and offer kids in the area an opportunity to shoot 3-D. To get them started, NORVA donated the older Delta McKenzie targets, namely two deer, two boars, one standing bear and one turkey (without a fan).

Consider attending a monthly meeting with your young ones. No reservation is required and you don’t have to own a bow or have any aspirations to being a hunter. And no surprise, the girls routinely outshoot the boys.

To learn more about Greenbow, visit their webpage at: www.greenbowfoundation.org.

If you have some archery equipment that you would like to donate, please visit: <https://www.greenbowfoundation.org/make-a-donation/>



NORVA By-Laws

NORVA By-Laws are now on our Website: [By-Laws .PDF](#). Physical copies are available in the clubhouse. The last time by-laws were updated was in 2012. However, there are many new positions where we do not have a by-law. Additionally, NORVA participates in many events that do not have a rule for them. The council's goal for 2017 is to change / update the by-laws to reflect the goings on for a multifaceted archery club such as NORVA.

June 07 Club Meeting Recap

Joe Wolfe hosted the May 03 club meeting. Here are the highlights:

Work Hours Committee

During the May meeting, it was decided to create a "work hours" committee (lead by John McKenzie) due to the small percentage of volunteers which includes ten consistent members that tend to do the majority of work by consistently maintaining the ranges for the entire club. The committee is evaluating the requirement of mandatory hours or similar proposals to be added as a condition of membership. Committee recommendations will be presented to membership during the July 2016 club meeting. If mandatory recommendations come to vote and pass, they will take effect beginning January 2017. Members can still earn a price reduction for their next year dues by volunteering 10 hours this year.

If you have any ideas about work hours that you would like to share, contact: [John McKenzie](#).

Secretary / Treasurer report

Kevin reported that after he processes a batch of new members, club membership will be around 450. On the financial side, as of June 07, the club balance is \$21,800.00. There are still a few bills that need to be paid such as food for the VBA shoot and to the VBA for the state shoot plus 58 VBA memberships.

Because membership is growing at a rapid pace and NORVA is easily found with a simple Google search, it has been decided by Joe Wolf, (club president) with input from John Somma (membership chairman) as well as other board and council members that we will no longer advertise the club.

Archery Academy

The academy reports that classes are full all the time. They just finished their first set of Introductory to Archery classes and they have already filled up the next set. Classes went well with no issues, just a lot of praise. NORVA should be receiving funds from the Academy to pay for the upkeep of the equipment. As part of the process, NORVA has verified that all background checks and certifications are in good standing for the instructors. However the coverage/certificate of insurance expires at the end of June and needs to be renewed.

Media Report

Although we do not mind non-members following our Facebook page, it seems we are having a few problems. Regardless of member or non-member, content must remain civil, no profanity, no elicit photographs, and no advertisements of products. If someone wants to promote an organization, they must come to the board who will make the decision as to whether it will be posted to NORVA's Facebook page. However, we do promote other archery clubs such as Belvior Bow Hunters and other local archery clubs. Hunting clubs that want to open up membership to NORVA is also OK.

3-D Range Captain

Josh King was going to move to California however his plans have changed. Josh will be staying and he will continue be be NORVA's 3-D range captain. Josh can be reached at: [Josh King](#).

Field Range Reports

Everything is up and running. Bowhangers are up and the majority of seats are in. John Parker mentioned that he wants to rebuild the bridge going from lane two to three and he wants to redo the planks on the bridge that crosses over from ten and eleven. Also, John would like to dig out lane ten to expand the walkway to make it wider and safer.

John requested we order new sets of targets for future shoots and to maintain what we have on the field ranges. Members are reminded not to use the targets reserved for tournaments. The

wooden rack with a clearly written sign that says, "Do Not Use" means just that. These are reserved for field events.

VBA Report

Frank Jones Jr. is taking over as NORVA's VBA representative.

There was an amendment item for a three year tryout relating to the Spring 3-D start times. The suggested times were 9am and 1pm for two days. This gives the archer the ability to shoot two scores in the same day and allows the archer the opportunity to shoot two or more classes for the same event. The amendment passed unanimously.

Proposals were put in for state events for 2017. NORVA proposed a bid for 2017 VBA State Open and a bid to host the VBA Fall 3-D Classic.

NORVA membership voted unanimously to accept the proposed bids for the two VBA events.

VBA scheduling for 2017 will be put in place at the next VBA quarterly meeting.

Regarding VBA tournaments, archers are asked to have their VBA card present for name, correct spelling, and club participation so the results can be made easier.

Shannon Nasselrod was sworn in as the new Hunting Field Vice President who took the place for Dave Proctor who passed away earlier this year.

Shirts & Knives

This is a reminder that we have NORVA shirts for sale. They are made of a moisture wicking material in gray or black. Sizes come in S - XXL. The cost is only \$15.00 each. We also sell a VBA cotton tee for \$15.00 and VBA Polo shirts are on order.

If you are looking for a buck knife, we have a special VBA edition with the VBA logo on the blade. Two types of blades, straight for \$40.00 and with a gut hook for \$45.00

Items are for sale during NORVA events or you can contact [Kevin Brown](#) to make other arrangements.

How Many NORVA Members Does It Take to Move a Safe?



NORVA Gets A Donated Safe