

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS

Newsletter – July 2018

ALL RANGES CLOSED (EXCEPT ACADEMY) AUGUST 13 – 17.

SEE 3D/TOURNAMENT SECTION

Monthly members meeting – first Thursday of every month, unless a holiday falls within that time.

Meeting was call to order at 7pm by Mr. Joe Wolfe

In attendance:

Joe Wolfe, Rodney Roberts, Clint Snider, Gerry Petraitis, Uwe Jacobs, Willy Whitlock, Christian Tremblay and Val & her daughter.

Old Business

Joe is going to pay the NORVA liability insurance, which is due in August. In addition there are 12 years remaining on the lease for NORVA through Fairfax County. Lease amount is \$1 per year and the intent is to pay the remaining 12 years in one payment.

The Presidents Chair

Fountainhead, Occoquan are going to borrow our clubhouse to run their safety briefings prior to the Fairfax county hunt season. During this time we are not going to shut down the range to allow this meeting to take place. The parameters set forth are that a group leader must be a member of the club. Meetings are scheduled for Sept 9th and 23rd from 7-8pm.

The club has approved plans through Fairfax County that include a canopy and lights to be placed on the practice range. The time frame for this project will come later this year.

Call for Volunteers

Periodically NORVA is asked to conduct an archery demonstration. Recently a woman contacted NORVA requesting a demo be held at her Viking themed wedding. The details are as followed:

Shooting into a wooden area with a clear backdrop of 100 yards

Food will be provided

We do not have to be in costume

They will give the club a \$500 donation

5pm in October

Details to follow

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VP's View

No news is good news.

WebMaster

Uwe reports that everything looks good on the website. There are no problems with website storage space as we did in the past.

He thinks we might have gotten an upgrade or been moved to a modern plan after the billing changed. The website is now billed to Joe's credit card (no longer on Kevin Brown's)

Membership

Next orientation will be Saturday July 14th at 1000 a.m. NORVA membership is growing each year, along with the added number of members come increased responsibility. Please ensure that you are not sharing the gate code with anyone at any time.



3D Range

ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED AUGUST 13 THRU 17!! This is in preparation for the VBA Fall 3D Classic and the Hunters for the Hungry. We will need assistance all through the week to ensure that our range is spot on and ready to shine during these two events.

All the Reinhart inserts have arrived: Snake, Pheasant and new Grouse are ready to be placed.

If you notice an issue please give as much information as possible about the issue (target #, issue, ect.) and place the info on the board outside the club house.

Field Range

Some new animal paper targets arrived and a minimal amount are able to be used on the practice range.

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Tournament

Hello all in the next month our tournament season will be coming to a close. Our 2 biggest shoots the VBA Fall 3D Classic will be August 18-19. One big change this year is that there will be a Known 50 class for males and a Known 45 for females. The following weekend on August 25th will be the Belvoir Bowhunters annual Hunters for the Hungry shoot hosted at NORVA. This is always a great shoot with a big turnout. They have a lot of raffles for a lot of great prizes. The VBA State Closed will be on 1 and 2 September at Walton Park Bowhunters.

This Saturday is Belvoir Bowhunters Club Picnic 3D shoot. This will also be our last Club VS Club shoot against Cub run. This has been a great competition between our clubs with a lot of smack talking back and forth. Cub Run is currently leading by 35 points. If we have a great day shooting and they have a bad day we can actually catch them. I ask that everyone that has shot or can shoot this one for NORVA to show up and let's whoop up on them. Dave and I will also be doing the Awards ceremony after the shoot there, so would love for everyone that has shot and supported us to stay for that. We really hope to grow this and add more clubs for next year.

Everyone is starting to get geared up for hunting season which is right around the corner. Don't wait till the last minute to do some maintenance on your bows and arrows. If anyone needs help with bow maintenance, tuning or arrows I am always willing to help out. I built a draw board at the clubhouse for your use but just like with the press it is a tool and if you are not familiar with how to use it please ask. You use it at your risk. Pull your stands out and check the welds and look at your straps. Make sure that your safety lines are all still good to go. Safety is a must.

I would really like feedback as to how the membership thinks that we can improve our turnouts for our monthly shoots. We have over 250 members and only have 25 or 30 show for a shoot and several of those are from other clubs. If you have any feedback on anything for me please drop me a message. Thanks

Congrats to Ron and Christina for placing in the Cub Run money shoot. Ron placed 6th and Christina placed 9th.

Secretary/Treasure

Apologies to everyone for any delay in correspondence over the last month. I have had many changes going on in my life and my plate is overflowing. Joe and I are attempting to get the financial aspect of the club placed in my name. In addition if you have an issue don't hesitate to bring to my attention and I will attempt to resolve it in a timely manner.

VBA

VBA rep was not present

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Additional Information

There will be a meeting between NORVA and Belvoir Bowhunters during our next meeting to discuss the Hunters for the Hungry shoot. The discussion will include all the preparation needed, the layout of the facility, food and any other issues that are brought up. Again this shoot is one of our biggest and we need all the help we can get in order to make NORVA shine.

HUNTING Information

There have been a lot of questions brought to the leadership by numerous members and friends regarding the policies and procedures on archery hunting in the area. Below is some information and links for different requirements for hunting in Virginia and Fairfax County.

International Bowhunter Education Program class is required to archery hunt in Virginia and surrounding states. There are multiple places to attend this course. They generally run about 8 hours and are conducting mostly on Saturdays. See link below to find a class in your area.

<https://register-ed.com/programs/virginia/66-virginia-bowhunter-education-course-ibep/agency:19>

Fairfax county park hunting – if you are a 1st or 2nd year member, you must attend a mandatory safety meeting with SGT Powell at the Fairfax Government Center. Emails were sent this week with dates and times for the meetings.

Fairfax county archery site: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>

VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries now have an APP for your phone - you can notch your deer tag without the paper tag and without calling the 800-number to report it.

You can have a digital license so you don't need to carry paper anymore - don't have to carry 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://belvoirbowhunters.com/>

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

