



NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS

JANUARY 10TH 2019 MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING
ANNUAL RENEWALS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS
TIME!!!!

Present NORVA members: Joe Wolfe, John Mackenzie, Rodney Roberts, Uwe Jacobs, Willy Whitlock, Gerry Petraitis, John Hoffman (Big Doe), Rich Danyliw, Dan Van Gundy, Pete Darby, Jeff Vanderherst (new 3D Cadre), Paul Layman, Andrew King, Chris Foster, Kevin Jacobs, Joseph Atmore, Jose Guerra, John Soma, Katie Beavers, Dave Burpee, Rich Manser, John Shea, Dana Grimm, Justin Grimm, Troy Stoner, Kevin Brown, Robin Vogel.

Time to renew your membership!!!!!!!

Northern Virginia Archers

Monthly Members Meeting Notes

Renewals:

Members Annual Renewal form, Liability Waiver and Credit Card Authorization can be found at the following link:

<http://www.novaarchers.org/membership.html>

NORVA has been working diligently to bring the renewal & new member processing mechanism into the modern era. President Joe Wolfe, Membership Chair Gerry Petraitis, and Treasure Clint Snider are now using Square to process credit cards. The Credit Card Authorization form can be filled out and sent in with your renewal, once processed the credit card form will be shredded. Gerry worked diligently before and during the meeting taking payments and the electronic system seems to be working great right now.

Members Cost Increase:

The annual membership fee was increased to \$150 per year for primary members. This was discussed and voted on during the October/November members meeting along with the removal of the military/civil service discount. The only discount now offered is 50% off membership fee for individuals who dedicate 10 hours of volunteer time to NORVA. This discount is applied to the following year's dues and only available if a board member validates the volunteer time and signs off on the membership form.

Example: John Doe comes to three of the 2019 work parties at NORVA and works 10 hours with the 3D Captain Willy Whitlock on range clean up. John Doe's volunteer time is signed off by Willy Whitlock and the 50% discount on Mr. Doe's primary membership is applied on his 2020 renewal form.

Renewals are due no later than January 31st 2019 – if not received the renewing member will be assessed a \$10 penalty.



President (Joe Wolfe)

First and foremost, thank you everyone for the great turnout for our January meeting. It was standing room in a lot of the clubhouse. Just remember that these monthly meetings are for you the members to be able to voice your opinions on anything club related.

The members meetings are for YOU because it's YOUR club.

Mr. Bob Burpee and Robin Vogel both spoke on behalf of the VBA. After great conversations with them and the membership Joe spoke up and believes we should not run away from our problems with the VBA but remain as a VBA club and try to help fix the issues and make both organizations better for everyone.

Establishment of a new position has been brought to the table. The EVENTS CHAIRMAN will be responsible for organizing and managing events such as: Fort AP Hill – Earth Day, Cabela's Spring Sales Event, as well as NORVA events. Contact Joe Wolfe for details.

NORVA is looking for a new VBA Rep. If you are interested – the VBA meets quarterly and the club will pay lodging cost as well as food. Duties will include keeping the club informed about VBA issues and deliver NORVA's votes on agenda items that pertain to the VBA. Contact Joe Wolfe for details.

Mr. Bard Jackson is the new Fountain Head Park manager, Ms. Chrystal has retired. Mr. Jackson has been asked to attend members meetings when and if he is available.

There are things that the leadership would like to utilize in order bring NORVA more into the modern era. A laminated bar code membership card is one route the club would like to use. This would alleviate the need for a manual sign in roster as well as aid in tracking the clubs peak usage, volunteer time, and in case of an incident the ability to see who was present at the time. These are items that NORVA would like to bring to the table in 2019 and 2020.

Bylaw changes to be voted on during upcoming members meeting – LATE FEE on renewals, current rate is \$10, proposed increase to \$35.

Media Chairman / Webmaster (Uwe Jacobs)

The new member application, renewal, liability waver, and credit card processing are now on the website. They can be found here: <http://novaarchers.org/membership.html>

At this time we are still using the 2018 mailing list. Starting in February we will rebuild the list to include only those who have renewed or joined the club in 2019.

Treasurer (Clint Snider)

NORVA is now able to process credit card/debit card payments. I am working with Wells Fargo to establish a more streamlined process for renewals/new members, tournament payments, and the purchase of NORVA gear. The use of Square to process payments is just the beginning of what NORVA would like to do to make your archery experience convenient and enjoyable.

VBA funding will be sent at the end of each month and VBA Cards should follow shortly thereafter.

I will be attending a military school from January 2019 to March 2019 and will only be available on the weekends. Any membership renewals sent during that time will be deposited during the weekend.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE JANUARY 31st!!!!!!

Send Renewal form, liability waver (one per person), and payment/credit card form to:

Clint Snider
9695 Barlow Road
Fort Belvoir VA 22060

Membership Chairman (Gerry Petraitis)

NORVA finished 2018 with just under 400 members!

Gerry processed a bunch of new memberships and renewals at the meeting and even stayed late to finish them up. That puts us somewhere around 125 done for 2019 so far.

Membership orientation (for new members) will resume on February 2, 2019. This isn't the usual 2nd Saturday of the month. While Gerry tries to stick to the second Saturday of the month, it doesn't always work out. Email membership@novaarchers.org and watch the calendar on our website if you know someone who would like to join the club, or if YOU would like a to join the group as a refresher (no charge for existing members).

NORVA membership cards (with the 2019 gate code) and quiver tags will be sent out along with the VBA membership cards when we receive them.

Tournament Chairman (Rodney Roberts)

NORVA will be hosting the VBA Spring 3D (marked yardage) on April 06-07, 2019. You can shoot either day or both for the same price. The top score will be logged if you shoot both days. You can go to the VBA website and pull the flier and pre-register if you would like.

Memorial Day weekend (May 24/25) is the R100 in Staunton VA. Joe has reserved a block of rooms for anyone who would like to participate. The VBA State shoot in Sherwood is the same weekend as the R100. Visit <https://www.r100.org> for more information.

We ordered the paper practice targets and they are located to the left of the glue table on the upper shelf. There are several different sizes of the single spots. There are also 5 spots as well as the DAIR which are the ones that look like the 3D inserts. Everyone seemed to really like them so they are there.

Belvoir Bowhunters indoor spots tournament is underway. Sunday mornings at 9am.

Prince William Archers also holds 2 weekly indoor shoots check them out.

3D & Field Captains (3D- Willy Whitlock, Field- John Parker, Mark Finkenstaedt)

Willy is looking at possible dates for an early spring work party. The focus will be to finish the double targets on the practice range. The VBA Spring Classic is mid-Spring so the area of consideration is mid to late February. This would be a good time to log some volunteer hours to reduce the cost of renewal in 2020.

Jeff is the newest 3D Cadre member and has established an Ironman course on the 3D side of NORVA. These shots challenge the individual archer to safely shoot through small openings and in unique positions. This is to help hunters simulate real world shots while hunting. This course is marked by 1-inch rebar located off the normal shooting lanes of the 3D course. There are 2 rebar stakes the closer is for recurve and youth and the farther is for the ones that are looking to break some arrows.

John Parker is appreciative of everyone helping out on the field course during his absence. There will be some work that will have to be done during the early spring work party to clean up from the winter months. The new metal field signs are in and will be posted on the range our first 2019 work party. No date has been set just yet.

VBA Representative (Kevin Brown)

Here are the three important votes from the Sept 2019 VBA Meeting:

- 1) Should the VBA continue to have a Jan meeting? Crucial planning happens here but it happens right after the holidays. Vote was tabled.
- 2) The Flight editor proposed to make the quarterly newsletter available electronically and cease printing and mailing which is a major expense. The vote was 23-13 which was less than 2/3's vote. You'll still get it in the mail for now. This may come up for another vote in 2019.
- 3) Wording for scholarship fund was changed from "Forestry, etc" to "Archery & Bowhunting".

The VBA Flight quarterly newsletter is available online at: <https://vbarchers.com/doc/flight>

Robin Vogel needs a new President (Bob Foster moved to TX), a VP (more like publicity guy- hands off media to printers, attends tournaments and takes pictures), and a Hunting VP (represents VBA at DGIF and goes to Richmond, banquet coordinator)

We as NORVA being one of the largest clubs in the VBA have a large voice in what goes on. If we feel something needs to change, we have to bring it to the VBA.

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 (IBEP) 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. It is a free class. You can NOT take it online. See link below to find a class in your area.
<https://register-ed.com/programs/virginia/66-virginia-bowhunter-education-course-ibep/agency:19>

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/>