



NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS

FEBRUARY 2019 MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING
ANNUAL RENEWALS RECEIVED AFTER 7 FEB WILL BE
CHARGED A \$10.00 LATE FEE!

Present NORVA members: John Mackenzie, Rodney Roberts, Uwe Jacobs, Willy Whitlock, Gerry Petraitis, Rich Danyliw, Dan Van Gundy, Pete Darby, Jeff Vanderherst, Dave Burpee, Kevin Brown, Russell Whitlock, Valerie Clay, Annika Niahin, Dave Grant, Amir Ayur, Eli Sternberg, Frank Bradt, Gilbert Lingenfichter, Nahn Trang, Peter Quinn, Camille Quinn, Russell Glass, Jim Libovicz.

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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.

Presidents Chair (Joe Wolfe)

First and foremost, thank you everyone for the great turnout for our February meeting, we had a great turn out.

A CPA has been identified and will begin an audit of the finances in at the end of February

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



NOVA is looking for a new VBA Representative. If you are interested – the VBA meets quarterly and the club will pay lodging cost as well as gas. 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. Brad 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.

Club by-laws are being reviewed and during the 2019 season, we will be looking to update them and implement updated revisions that better serve the club and its members.

The VBA charter has been renewed for the 2019 year.

VP's house (John Mackenzie)

Next month we will have a better outlook on the financial information for the club. In Jan we had 2310 and in Feb it was up to 16,806 with more renewals and new memberships to be added as they come in. Clint has been at school at Fort Lee for 6 weeks and we will have a better idea of what we have in the bank once he gets back home and gets settled back in.

Money money money!! (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.

Any renewals that are received now that the February meeting is over will need to have a \$10.00 late fee along with it or it will not be processed.

Send Renewal form, liability waver, and payment/credit card form to:

Clint Snider

9695 Barlow Road

Fort Belvoir VA 22060

Membership applications can also be processed through the Club President and through the Membership Chairman until the treasurer returns. They will be helping me fulfill my obligations during my school.

Membership (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 175 with 119 primary done for 2019 so far.

Membership orientation (for new members) Gerry held a class on 2 February class and had 10 primary and 16 total to include spouse and kids. So this puts the total membership at 236, 141 of which are primary members.

Cards and quiver tags will be sent out along with the VBA membership cards when we receive them back from the VBA. The goal is to send everything in and try to have it back before the end of the month.

The new gate code will be set on all of the locks the night of the April membership meeting. The new code will be emailed as well as mailed to all current members.

Speaking of the code the locks have been changed and they are a little confusing. There is a line in the middle and a line one number up from that. The upper line is where you put the code not in the center as usual. It will go where the 4905 is at in this picture. Not where the 3894 is

at. The number is just the example that is not the code.



The membership list will be updated with only current members so if you have not renewed then you will drop off of the email list.

If you sent in your renewal paperwork but stop getting emails, please contact Gerry at membership@novaarchers.org.

Tournament (Rodney Roberts)

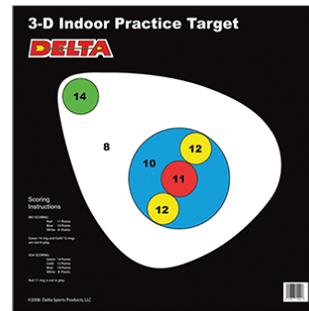
NORVA first shoot of the year is the ICE BREAKER on the 10th of March.

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. Joe will be posting a link on the Club Facebook page for any interested persons that wish to stay with the group. There are only 15 rooms available so make sure to be quick about responding.

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 Delta ASA Indoor Round (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.

The VBA State indoor Sectional will be on the 23rd and 24th of Feb at Belvoir, Rockingham, Kingsboro, and Sherwood. Please make sure that you have your VBA number for this shoot as it will be required.

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

I am looking at doing a 3D weekly league tournament for anyone that is interested. I will have 2 classes. A Known 50 and a hunter class that is unknown. It will be on a honor system but you will be required to shoot with at least one other person in the tournament. It will run from Monday morning until Sunday at 6PM. You and the other person will sign both cards and leave them on the desk for me. We will run it for 8 or 9 weeks probably and I will keep a running tally and post it every week. It will be \$30.00 to get in on it and depending on how many people shoot will depend on the number of places that it pays out. It will be the overall score of every week added up. I have not decided on a start date just yet but if you want to get in on it please message me so I can put your name on the list.

Dave from Cub run and I are working on the Club VS Club again this year. The classes are probably going to just stay the same as last year as he has no one that wants to do a unknown class and he does not think he has anyone that is trad that will show for all of the shoots. We need to beat up on them this year.

3D/Field (3D Willy Whitlock – Field John Parker, Mark Finkenstaedt)

Willy has set Saturday March 2nd for our first work party, it will be 7am to 3pm. We will need as many bodies as possible. The focus will be to finish the double targets on the practice range. Clean up and move targets on the 3D range and if we have enough people some maintenance

on the field course as well as hang the new metal signs. 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 1inch 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.

Mark said that he had posted new targets on the back half of the field range. Willie shot the front half last week and said that its in good shape too.

WEBMASTER (Uwe Jacobs)

The new member application, renewal, liability waver, and credit card processing are now on the website.

VBA

Kevin Brown updated on several items with the VBA

Number one was the VBA donated money to the Bowhunters of Rockingham for their land purchase. The VBA donated \$350.00 and Kevin stated that they can do that up to 350 without a vote at the officer's discession.

Marie Bells records were audited and everything was in order.

The VBA Banquet will be on the 30th of March at the New Market Fire and Rescue Department Social hall in new market VA 22844. Social hour will begin at 4:30 Price is \$25 per adult and kids 12 and under are \$12.00.

One of our members will be inducted into the Order of the Golden Feather and it would be great if we had some people go to show our support.

Don't forget the Bill Bennett awards are available to all members that shoot deer in VA. They have other awards to if you are interested go to their website and check them out.

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.

It was brought up about the VBA mapping of what clubs fall in what area and needs to be looked at for a possible change.

Uwe brought up a motion to discuss the boundaries and zones of the VBA. Currently there are 5 different clubs in our zone and a couple of zones that only have one club. This can create a conflict when we are doing our schedules for the monthly shoots. Rodney said he would look into it to see how it can be changed. We need a solution to go along with the concerns when we bring it to the VBA.

Uwe also brought up the cost of the Flight magazine for the VBA to be dropped and just do it as a digital magazine to save money. The flight magazine and the awards are the 2 biggest expenses that the VBA has. We will also bring this up 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 class is required to archery hunt the Fairfax county park program as well as on Fort Belvoir. 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>

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/>

Dave Grant talks about Academy-

Classes start on March 9th, breaks for state shoots, 4 week bursts.

Level 1 instruction course (8 hours, mostly lectures & test) on Level 1 USA Archery

Fee is \$80 NORVA members, \$100 other. All info on their website.

Academy people are going to have their own work party. Getting mulch from the county. Every year or two they do this.

David wrote up a “**Memorandum of Understanding**”. We’ve been talking about that for a couple years. It was explained that it is not a legal document. It is a handshake agreement between both parties. It lists the expectations of both parties. Here are some excerpts - Exclusive use of Academy range when lessons are on, non-exclusive use of field range There is a 90 day window for changes. They maintain \$1M insurance policy which is what the NOVA PARKS authority wants. Academy is going to maintain bows, not pay NORVA NOVA parks gets 15% of the profits. Mr. Brad Jackson is the new Fountain Head Park manager and Dave has been in contact with him. Park authority hasn’t changed.

WILL WE PUBLISH IT in the Newsletter, on the website, and keep it as a document that is available upon request.

NORVA board, Academy and NOVA Parks will all have a copy.

The Academy started about 2 years ago. It started off because there was a LOT of interest for professional lessons. It was done ad-hoc in the beginning. It didn’t work as a volunteer program. Students didn’t pay and sometimes didn’t show up. Same with instructors. The paid system works better. And this is one of the reasons that they operate as a separate business apart from NORVA.