



NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS

MARCH 2019 MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING

**ANNUAL RENEWALS RECEIVED AFTER 7 FEB WILL BE
CHARGED A \$10.00 LATE FEE!**

NORVA members present: Joe Wolfe, Rodney Roberts, Uwe Jacobs, Willy Whitlock, Gerry Petraitis, Jeff Van de Vaarst, Kevin Brown, Dave Burpee, Russell Whitlock, Uwe Jacobs, William Foster, Ron Meinert, Jim Liebowicz

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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 well.

Membership 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 a 2019 work party at NORVA and works 10 hours with the 3D Captain Willy Whitlock on range clean up. John Doe's 50% discount is signed off by Willy Whitlock and is applied to his 2020 membership dues.

Please join us on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. The members meetings are for YOU because it's YOUR club.

Presidents Chair (Joe Wolfe)

First and foremost, thank you everyone for a good turnout at the March meeting.

A CPA has been identified and will begin an audit of the club's finances.

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.

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 membership card with a bar code and reader system instead of the paper cards is one example. This would alleviate the need for a paper 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.

Upcoming Events:

Fort AP hill Earth Day event. This is not a membership push event. This is a setup for kids to see and shoot archery. We will set up a tent and targets for them to shoot at. We need volunteers. Please get with Joe if interested. The event is on April 18th from 10 am to 2pm.

R100 Staunton VA May 24th and 25th Joe has rooms if you are interested please get with him ASAP.

Fairfax park hunts are now closed and the New Year will be right around the corner.

VP's house (John Mackenzie)

Nothing to report at this time.

Money money money!! (Clint Snider)

NORVA is now able to process credit card/debit card payments. Clint is 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 for late renewals and new members. The VBA Cards should follow shortly thereafter.

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 (Gerry Petraitis)

Gerry processed a bunch of new memberships and renewals at the meeting and even stayed late to finish them up. The March membership orientation (for new members) was held on March 9th. We gained 15 new members.

Our total count (including the last couple renewals and the March orientation) is 266. 177 of those are primary members. NORVA finished up 2018 with almost 400 members.

Membership cards have been sent out along with the VBA membership cards when we receive them back from the VBA. If you have not received them yet give them a few more days.

There will not use 2019 Quiver Stickers but you will still need to have the Quiver Tag visible while visiting NORVA. If you see someone without a quiver tag you can ask them if they are a member. If they cannot produce a quiver tag or their membership card you can ask them to leave. They will need to contact membership for a replacement if they cannot find it.

The new gate code will be set on all of the locks the night of the April membership meeting. The new code is on your 2019 NORVA membership card contained in the mailing to all current members. DO NOT give out the combo. If anyone didn't receive it, they should contact Gerry or Joe.

The new model of locks we have (with 2018 combo for now) can be 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 we did with the older style locks. It will go where you see 4905 in this picture. Not where you see 3894. These numbers are just examples, not the current combo.



The membership roster is up to date and our club emails will only go to current members. If you aren't getting the newsletter by email and you've renewed your membership – contact Gerry.

The NORVA Range Rules have been updated on the website. Go to the MEMBERS page and look at the top of the RULES section. The older copies on the board in the clubhouse will be updated soon.

This is your club. Please try and make it better by picking up trash, old targets or branches that might have fallen when you are on the range. Everyone will appreciate your efforts.

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

Tournament (Rodney Roberts)

NORVA's first shoot of the year was the ICE BREAKER on the 10th of March. It was cancelled due to unsafe range conditions caused by rain and ice the night before.

NORVA will be hosting the VBA Spring 3D (marked yardage) on April 06-07, 2019.

Registration will be at 8am with a 9am and 1pm SG start time. 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.

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.

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 the 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. Belvoir also wants to be in on it this year. The dates are below with the club. The classes are going to just stay the same as last year as he has no one that wants to do an unknown class and he does not think he has any traditional archers that will show up for all of the shoots. We need to beat up on them this year! The same rules will apply as last year. We will shoot as many as we have that want to shoot in each class and take the top 2 scores. Known 50 no restrictions. Known-40 and Hunter: 12in (max) stabilizer.

March 24th Cub Run, April 14th Belvoir, May 19th NORVA, June 9th NORVA, July 20th Belvoir, August 25th Cub Run.

With the addition of the Ironman stakes that Willy and Jeff have set we will offer a 50/50 buy in if you choose. It will be \$5.00 per person. It will be shot at the same time as your normal class that you shoot in. You will have to shoot the normal class first then will shoot the ironman stake. The Ironman stake will be unknown distance.

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

Willy has set Saturday March 30th for our second work party. It will be 7am to 3pm. We will need as many bodies as possible so we can get ready for the State shoot. 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. **This would be a good time to log some volunteer hours to reduce the cost of renewal in 2020.**

Jeff Van de Vaarst is our 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 Ironman rebar stakes for each target: the closer one is for recurve and youth and the farther one is for all others.

WEBMASTER (Uwe Jacobs)

Uwe brought up a motion to discuss the boundaries and zones of the VBA. 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 Flight magazine. A vote is coming up for the VBA to reduce printing and mailing Flight from 4 times each year to twice each year. It is already produced as a PDF that can be found on the VBA website – and it is in COLOR. Flight will continue to be produced as a PDF quarterly. The club voted in favor of this change which should save the VBA about \$4,500 each year if the motion carries at the next VBA meeting.

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

There is now **Order of the Silver Arrow** which is a step below the Golden Feather for the VBA.

VBA

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.

Robin Vogel, 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.

HUNTING Information

Fairfax county park hunts are now closed.

There have been a lot of questions brought to the leadership by numerus 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 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.

The APP holds your digital licenses so you don't need to carry paper licenses or 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 (Archery Academy)-

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

Dave held a USA Archery Level 1 instruction course on Sat March 16th.
It was well attended by about a dozen people.

Academy people are going to have their own work party. They applied mulch to the front and back parts of the academy range and it is a 1X a year maintenance.

Dave wrote up a “**Memorandum of Understanding**”. It’s been talked about for a couple years and now it exists.

It is not a legal document. It is a handshake agreement listing 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 take payments ahead
- Archery Academy LLC is a separate company, not part of NORVA.
- 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. The new Park manager is aware of the relationship between the Academy and NORVA and has given his approval.

The NORVA board is reviewing the MOA.

Once it is approved, the NORVA board, Academy and NOVA Parks will all have a copy.

The Academy started about 2 years ago 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.