



Northern Virginia Archers

April 2019 Membership Meeting

Date of April Meeting: April 4, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:08 pm

NORVA members present:

Dave Grant (Academy)

Gerry Petraitis (Meeting Scribe)

Uwe Jacobs (Webmaster)

Jeff Van de Vaarst - Willy's new 3D Cadre, tester/setter of Iron Man stakes

Kevin Brown - VBA Rep

Jim Libovicz

Chris Foster

Nick DiProfio

John "Big Doe" Hoffman, regrettably, had to leave early for meatloaf.

Clint Snider (Treasurer)

Rodney Roberts (Tournament Chairman)

Willy and Russell Whitlock (3D Captain and Cadre)

John Shea

Peter Darby

Announcements

Credit cards now accepted at NORVA:

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 for renewals, orientations and club merchandise (T-shirts, VBA knives, window stickers, etc.).

New membership pricing and the volunteer discount:

The annual membership fee was increased to \$150 per year for primary members. This was discussed and voted on during the 2018 October/November membership meeting along with the removal of the military/civil service discount. The only discount now offered is 50% off the primary membership fee for individuals who volunteer 10 hours or more during NORVA work parties and/or events. The 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 Big Doe comes to three 2019 work parties at NORVA and works 3-4 hours each time with the 3D Captain Willy Whitlock on range clean up. John B. Doe's 50% discount is signed off by Willy Whitlock and is applied to his 2020 membership renewal dues.

Join us at the monthly membership meetings:

Please join us at the monthly membership meetings. They are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. Stay up to date with shoots/tournaments, hunting information and club projects. Bring us your ideas and find ways to volunteer so you can earn your discount.

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

President (Joe Wolfe)

President Wolfe wishes everyone a safe and happy Spring.

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.

Reinhart-100 Staunton VA May 24 and 25. Joe has rooms if you are interested please contact him ASAP. Visit www.r100.org for details about the event. It's LOTS of fun!

Fairfax park hunts are now closed, but the next season will be right around the corner.

Treasurer (Clint Snider)

The club's bank balance as of April 4, 2019 is \$16,711.35

Year to date, we have \$22,489.58 in income and \$7,851.54 in expenses

Major transactions in March:

\$4,000 to the VBA in February - mostly renewals and Feb new members

\$670 to the VBA in March - some renewals, new March members

\$442 Quick Print

Possible big-ticket expenses for the year include

New 3D targets (est. \$5,000)

Redo the fence behind the main practice range

Add a fence between the 3D range and the end of the 14-28 field course (where the 3D course begins)

Rodney and Clint met with a CPA who made a lot of suggestions. Among them was to have one go over the books - going back 5-7 years.

In the past, the club had non-profit status, but we lost that status. Somewhere along the way, we did not file the necessary forms to maintain that status.

If the club was supposed to file returns for past years and it didn't, we may have to pay taxes and penalties. In order to do the audit, we will need all the financial records from past treasurers.

For anyone who has not yet renewed, please send your renewal form, liability waver, and payment/credit card form to:

Clint Snider

9695 Barlow Road

Fort Belvoir VA 22060

Membership Chairman (Gerry Petraitis)

Mar 9 was the second orientation of the year. We gained 13 new primary members, 15 in total. Our next orientation was on April 13. We gained 8 new primary members, 12 in total

We do not anticipate to have the 400+ members that we had last year. More likely we will be in the 350 – 375 range. Our numbers thus far:

2019 membership: 284 total (188 primary, 96 family)

The membership packets were mailed out Monday March 11. Everyone should have it by now. Another mailing went out on April 1 with a handful of renewals and the March new members.

We will not use quiver tag stickers this year but you still need to have your 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 2019 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 was set on the locks after the April membership meeting. The new code is on your 2019 NORVA membership card. DO NOT give out the combo. If anyone didn't receive it, they should contact Gerry or Joe.

The new model of locks can be a little confusing. There is a seam on the bottom and a line one number up from that. The upper line is where you align the combination, 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 2019 combination.



The newest revision of NORVA's Range Rules is 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 and branches that might have fallen when you are on the range. Everyone will appreciate your efforts.

WebMaster (Uwe Jacobs)

The updated range rules are now on the webpage. The club mailing list has also been updated. The mailing list reflects all renewals and new members as of 14-March.

For the next revision we should add a few rules regarding target faces; i.e. don't leave the old one next to the target, throw the thing into the dumpster. Also, don't take targets from the field range to use at the broadhead range. (This has been an issue in the past.)

The NORVA new member application, renewal application, liability waver, and credit card processing are all available on the website in the JOIN tab.

The yearly payment (\$71) for the webpage and the domain name is due in May.

A new gallery with pictures from the 3-D State Shoot is up: http://novaarchers.org/twg/index.php?twg_album=VBA+3-D+Spring+Classic+2019.

Archery Academy (Dave Grant)

Dave is close to finalizing the MOU between NORVA and the Academy. It is almost ready for signing by AA and NORVA board. The MOU has details on insurance, waivers, equipment, range use, etc. It also discusses waivers of liability for students and chaperones. Chaperones who spend time with the class must sign; chaperones who are merely dropping off their child, will not have to sign.

Tournament Chairman (Rodney Roberts)

VBA State 3-D Classic



The proud champions

We had 77 people at the VBA State 3-D Classic this month. I would like to thank everyone that assisted in the shoot, as well as everyone that came and shot. A good time was had by all.

And a special shout out to Mark Finkenstaedt for doing such a great job as tournament photographer.

The club vs club challenge with Cub Run is underway, and they are currently 4 points ahead of us.

I am working out the final rules for a weekly 3-D tournament. It will run for 8 - 10 weeks. Participants will be able to shoot Monday to Sunday. You will have to shoot with at least one other person in the competition. It will be \$35.00 to get in, and there will be a 50/50 pay out. There will be a known 50 class and an unknown hunter class. The number of participants will determine the amount of payouts. If you want in please text or email Rodney.



VBA Representative (Kevin Brown)

At the April NORVA Meeting there was a discussion about changing the VBA zones. Some members opined thoughtfully that NORVA should not be in the same zone as Shenandoah Valley clubs. They are 100 miles away. The club will prepare a request to be submitted to the VBA.

At the last VBA meeting, NORVA's own Tim Connor was awarded the Bill Bennet. VBA will continue to hold a January meeting. It's too much of a planning meeting. Silver Arrow awards were distributed. NORVA did not submit anyone for consideration.

VBA offers a scholarship. It used to be for a student going into conservation, now they have a lot more. Logan Weller was the only applicant. He was unanimously approved. He will be attending James Madison and participating on the Archery Team incoming Freshman

The issue on whether to continue to issue Flight in hard copy continues. It is still unresolved.

Pope & Young in Chantilly have invited the VBA to host a reception in conjunction with a corporate sponsor. There will be a 3D shoot at the event ; it might be held at the convention center.

VBA wants to add a barebow recurve class. This class would not compete with compound barebow. It would have Youth, Peewee, Cub and Adult categories. It would be effective 2020 for state shoots if it passes.

VBA is exploring ways to raise funds. One possible way is to copy an idea used in Texas. There they have a "Shoot Your Way Across Texas" fundraiser.

The next VBA meeting is in June.

Hunting Information

Fairfax county park hunts are now closed.

Lots of questions came to us from numerus members and friends regarding the policies and procedures on archery hunting in the area. Below is some information and links for different hunting requirements in Virginia and Fairfax County.

International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) – This 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. You only need to take this class once (good for life).

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

VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries APP for your phone – now you can notch your deer tag without the paper tag and without calling the 800-number to report it. The APP can hold multiple digital licenses so you don't need to carry paper ones 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/>

Scenes from the Tournament

