



Northern Virginia Archers May 2019 Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 2, 2019

Time: 7:03 pm to 7:53 pm

NORVA members present:

Clint Snider (Treasurer)

Gerry Petraitis (Membership Chairman)

Rodney Roberts (Tournament Chairman)

Jeff Van de Vaarst (3D Cadre)

Jim Libovicz (Interim Newsletter editor)

John Shea (all-around nice guy)

Message from the President (Joe Wolfe)

“It’s Not Whether You Get Knocked Down, It’s Whether You Get Up.”
–Vince Lombardi

Upcoming Events:

Reinhart-100 Held in Staunton, Virginia May 25 and 26, This is one of the coolest archery events of the year. It features two massive 3D courses, including exotic targets such as giraffes, elephants and even dinosaurs. 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!

Message from the Vice President (John McKenzie)

Any club member interested in receiving work hour credit towards their annual discounted renewal can do so by any of the following ways:

- Cleaning up the range paths and removing sticks and debris
- Blowing leaves from the field, 3D, or practice ranges
- Replacing some of the tattered targets with new targets

Feel free to contact leadership with any questions or assistance needed in getting your work hours recognized. It’s not necessary to wait until it’s requested or announced. If you see an issue, please feel free to take the initiative. Just be sure to report back to leadership so that you are credited for your time.

Treasurer's Report (Clint Snider)

The club's balance as of May 2, 2019: \$16,754.17

Some of our regular expenses include:

Waste Management is about \$127 per month

Electric bill is about \$80 per month

Verizon is \$55 per month

Business insurance is \$300 per year

We recently made purchases for the VBA shoot at Home Depot and Costco (food supplies). We issued a \$300 check to VBA to cover the membership fees of new NORVA members.

At the May meeting, Treasurer Snider stated that he would like to keep a financial buffer of about \$5,000 in the club account in anticipation of an accountant's audit and any possible tax liability.

At the May meeting a motion was made to allot \$4,000 for the purchase of new 3-D targets. It was unanimously approved. This should cover the purchase of up to 7 new targets. Five would be for use, and the other two would be spares. The amount should also cover the cost of inserts.

The plan is to increase the 3-D range from 25 to 30 targets. We would keep the same lanes, but double up 5 lanes (i.e., have two targets at five lanes).

Jeff Van de Vaarst had some suggestions for the new targets:

- A new 4-foot black bear
- Insert for cinnamon bear
- A havalena.
- A Tom to be paired with the strutting turkey
- A snowshoe hare for the cat
- A gazelle
- A new alligator
- A skunk and a badger
- A corsican ram

If anyone has any suggestions for new 3D targets, please email Tournament Chair Rodney Roberts. Check the Reinhart catalog, as it is the brand the club uses. To view their selection, go to

<https://www.rinehart3d.com/>

Membership Chairman (Gerry Petraitis)

The May orientation was held on Saturday, May 4. The date was moved up so as not to conflict with Mother's Day. NORVA now has 5 more members, two are primary. In total, there are 290 members (191 primary, 99 family)

Thanks to John McKenzie for replacing the gate and clubhouse locks with ones that can't be accidentally reprogrammed. Below is a picture of the new lock.



The numbers above are NOT the new combination. The new code is on your 2019 NORVA membership card. DO NOT give out the combination. If anyone didn't receive it, they should contact Gerry Petraitis or Joe Wolfe.

Tournament Chairman (Rodney Roberts)

In last month's newsletter, Rodney mentioned a weekly 3-D tournament that would run 8 – 10 weeks. Participants would shoot Monday through Sunday, at their leisure. Thus far, no one has responded. Anyone who is interested should please contact Rodney so that he can set a start date.

Last month, NORVA held its first and only VBA shoot of the year. Normally we do the Fall 3D but we've done it for so long we decided to let another club have a turn. The shoot we did in April will undoubtedly go down as the best shoot of 2019. It drew 77 people.

Thanks again to Mark Finkenstaedt for his outstanding professional photography. There are plenty of pictures on the website gallery. There are also new pictures on the CONTACTS page of the website, courtesy of Mark. Check them out and see how handsome NORVA's board members really are.

Gerry Petraitis suggested that the club create a tournament checklist so things like bringing in the water jugs are not forgotten.

Upcoming shoots:

- May 18 Buggs Island (<https://buggislandarchery.com/>)
- May 18 Dixie Bowman (<http://dixiebowmen.org/>)
- May 18 Hoffman Archery (<https://www.hoffmanarchery.com/>)
- May 18 Shenandoah Archery
- May 18 Staunton River (<https://www.facebook.com/StauntonRiverArcheryClub/>)
- May 19 NORVA
- May 19 Bowhunters of Rockingham (<http://bowhuntersofrockingham.com/>)
- May 19 Kingsboro Bowmen (<https://www.kingsborobowmen.com/>)
- May 19 Walton Park
- May 25 - 26 R100 Staunton (<http://www.r100.org/events/2019/5/staunton-virginia-32/>)
- May 25 - 26 VBA State Open – Sherwood Archers (Roanoke)

VBA Issues

At the May NORVA Meeting there was a continuation of the discussion about changing the VBA zones. Rodney Roberts talked to Dave at Cub Run and Larry from Belvoir Bowhunters about this issue. He proposed moving Manahoac and Prince William to a different zone than ours. Dave of Cub Run agreed. Larry of Belvoir needs to put it out for a vote (during their meeting in mid-May).

Rodney is drafting a letter for the VBA on this issue. Clint Snieder suggested that the three club presidents should sign it and send it to Bakari (the VBA Field VP).

The VBA will have a new president, now that Bob Foster has moved to Texas. We wish him well. The next VBA meeting is in June.

Hunting Information

Fairfax County Park Hunts -- The qualification process is under way. You have until the end of the month to do it. Remember that this is now a yearly requirement. You have to use the actual broadhead that you hunt with; you are no longer able to use practice heads. Also, the price has gone up to \$10 per try. Once the qualification process is closed, you will need to do the online application process.

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/>