



Northern Virginia Archers July 2019 Meeting

Date of Meeting: July 11, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

NORVA members present:

John McKenzie
Gerry Petraitis
Uwe Jacobs
Willy Whitlock
Dave Grant
Frank Jones

Clint Snider
Rodney Roberts
John Hoffman
Jeff Van de Vaarst
John Shea
Dave Burpee

There were no visitors this month.

Notice: The August orientation will be held on Aug 17. It's postponed one week from the usual 2nd Saturday.

Message from the Board

As required in Article 4, Section 9 of NORVA's by-laws, this Newsletter is a report to the membership of the Board's actions. It also constitutes the minutes from the July meeting.

Message from the Vice President (John McKenzie)

Vice President McKenzie lead the July meeting. The following topics were discussed.

- Clubhouse repairs and upgrades. A number of projects need to be done, including:
 - Sloping the grade in front of the clubhouse away from the building.
 - Cleaning the gutters.
 - Roto-routering the French drain at the front door.
 - The back-facia board and gutters need attention.
 - The ceiling tiles need work, as well. It may be necessary to replace them.
 - Gravel has crept up to clubhouse and Academy shed walls.
 - Dirt is rotting the wood. It will be necessary to replace some plywood.
- There was talk of adding windows to the clubhouse. However, these may attract bugs.
- We may have to address these repairs before replacing targets.

NOTICE: Snakes in the clubhouse!

Snakes have been spotted in the clubhouse. Please proceed with caution. Be vigilant.

The clubhouse is in a wooded area. From time to time critters enter it. They are a draw for predatory snakes. The Club is taking measures to repel them.

Treasurer's Report (Clint Snider)

At the July meeting, Treasurer Snider presented the following:

Account Balance as of 31 May 2019:	\$16,392.15
Income	
7/08/19 - Square	\$43.12
6/27/19 - Square	\$154.25
6/11/19 - Home Depot Return	\$60.94
6/11/19 - ATM Deposit	\$165.00
6/11/19 - ATM Deposit	\$460.00
6/10/19 - Square	\$1,662.97
6/06/19 - ATM Deposit	\$75.00
Total:	\$2,621.28
Expenses	
7/08/19 - Anitas	\$71.75
7/08/19 - Shoppers - Food for Shoot	\$31.19
7/08/19 - Minute Key	\$7.94
7/05/19 - 7-11 Woodbridge	\$59.97
7/05/19 - Walmart	\$78.08
07/01/19 - Check 2392 - Reimburse for Insurance Pay	\$494.03
6/28/19 - Papa Johns	\$60.49
6/27/19 - Home Depot	\$302.65
6/12/19 - Dominion Energy Elec	\$41.66
6/11/19 - Home Depot	\$99.98
6/10/19 - Check 2391 - Frank	\$35.00
6/10/19 - Home Depot	\$89.68
6/10/19 - Sunco	\$5.51
6/10/19 - Walmart	\$93.73
6/10/19 - Home Depot	\$252.82
6/10/19 - Costco	\$217.55
6/07/19 - United Site Service	\$610.97
Total Expenses:	\$2,553.00
Account Balance as of July 11 2019:	\$16,406.07

At the July meeting there was a discussion as to who had access to NORVA credit/debit cards. When Treasurer Snider is out of town, he delegates deposits to President Wolfe and Membership Chairman Petraitis.

There is an ongoing discussion regarding the use of an accountant for club needs, including an audit. It was suggested that we audit back five years, assess tax liabilities, and renew the club's previously held non-profit status.

It was suggested to get bids from three small accounting firms. It was also suggested that an audit be done on a regular basis (or at least when there is a change in Treasurer). The benefit of an audit is that it allows us to see the problems of the past and procedurally address them so they don't happen again.

An audit may be the only way for the club to ensure that it has non-profit status. A full-scale audit may, however, be expensive (i.e. over \$3,000).

Membership Chairman (Gerry Petraitis)

Our membership total in June was 322 members. The July 13 orientation was another great turn-out - the club gained 22 new members. This brings the club total to 344 members. We may hit 375 by October – which will be the last orientation for 2019.

The next orientation will be held on August 13, 2019. This is not the usual 2nd Saturday, but Membership Chairman Petraitis has another engagement that required the schedule change. Uwe has updated the club calendar and placed a note in the JOIN tab of our website.

Web Master Report (Uwe Jacobs)

Web Master Jacobs reported that the website is operating well; all bills have been paid.

3-D Course Range Captain (Willy Whitlock)

Captain Whitlock is in the process of doing an inventory of all the club's 3-D targets before we proceed to the purchase of additional targets.

He also suggested that we use Block targets to replace the older blob and foam targets. The Block targets on the practice range are holding up well.

NEW RULE for the 3-D Range: Please do not step on the 3-D tassel stakes. Put your foot against them – like you are propping the tassels up. This will prolong the life of the tassels.

Tournament Chairman (Rodney Roberts)

The next club vs club shoot is at Cub Run in August. We need a strong Club contingent to vanquish our rivals. This will be the last shoot for the year. NORVA is currently in the lead.

There was a discussion about changing the Club's course. Occasionally, some people complain that it never changes. We aren't talking about moving the lanes, but we could shuffle the targets from lane to lane.

Hunters for the Hungry Shoot (August 25 at NORVA):

- Although it will be held at NORVA, this shoot is hosted by the Belvoir Bowhunters.
- There will be lots of prizes in the raffle at the HFH shoot.
- There will also be a milk jug novelty shoot.
- Belvoir volunteers will clean up after the HFH shoot.
- All NORVA volunteers will need to do is help them put up the tent Friday night and make sure the courses are clean.

Academy Report (Dave Grant)

There was a discussion of shooting at the 60-yard target when the Academy is in session. Some archers feel that there is a risk that stray arrows from the Academy's Youth Range could make it onto the 60-yard target.

Adding a fence on the right side of the 60-yard target would solve the problem, but it would need to be a significant height – probably higher than 6 feet.

There was also a discussion of putting another fence between the left side of the 10-yard practice range and the path towards the Academy. Mr. Hoffman pointed out that adding a fence could create the possibility of a ricochet and a wild arrow. The Club has not had a fence there for 50 years. Generally, when a shooter sees people walking, they stop shooting. When walkers see a shooter, they wait. It was agreed to table this one and focus on the fence at the 60-yard target.

Lastly, Mr. Grant suggested that the Academy targets be converted to block targets. NORVA would pay for them.

VBA Issues (Kevin Brown)

The re-zoning issue has been delivered to the VBA. We hope to have a response at their September meeting.

For the 2020 VBA shoot calendar, Tournament Chair Roberts bid on the 2nd Saturday of each month. This will be decided at the September VBA meeting.

Hunting Information

Fairfax County Park Hunts -- The qualification process for this year has closed.

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/>

Noteworthy Shot of the Month



Proof that you don't need a compound bow to hit the squirrel.