



## Northern Virginia Archers January 2020 Meeting

Date of Meeting: January 9, 2020  
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:33 pm

NORVA members present:

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|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Chris Foster  | John Shea       | Rodney Roberts          |
| Uwe Jacobs    | Kevin Jacobs    | Gerry Petraitis         |
| Frank Jones   | Dave Grant      | Jeff Van de Vaarst      |
| Bob Seltzer   | John Hoffman    | Willy Whitlock          |
| Kevin Brown   | Eli Sternberg   | Frank Brandt            |
| Dan Van Gundy | Sergei Mishenko | William Gilles          |
| Jason Edwards | Amr Majul       | John McKenzie and Moose |
| Steve Burpee  | John Soma       |                         |

## Updated Range Rules

NORVA updated the range rules. These are the new additions:

- Range hours are 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes past sunset.
- No alcohol or controlled substances prior to or during your time on any NORVA range.
- Do not shoot at the 10 yd practice target while people are walking up and down the path.

## 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 January 2020 meeting.

## Message from the President (Joe Wolfe)

The January 2020 meeting was led by Vice President Chris Foster.

There was a problem with the club's PO box. Mail is being returned and not delivered. The matter has been corrected. The correct address is

**PO Box 7130  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039**

Emails have been sent out to the club members notifying them of this correction.

As a result of this mistake, **if you sent your renewal check in in December, it may have been returned or lost. Please check your checking account.** If the check you sent in has not been cashed, it was likely lost. Please send in a new check.

Joe will add John Shea (Incoming Treasurer) and Chris Foster (Incoming Vice President) to the bank account and remove Clint Snider (outgoing Treasurer). This process required more paperwork than anticipated. It should be done by the February meeting.

Chris Foster recommended having a Breast Cancer Awareness shoot. It would be a charity shoot to raise funds for the cause. It is too late to do it in February. We may be able to do one later in the year. Kevin stated that if we can get the details to the VBA by September, they can advertise it.



Recommend to the Board of Directors any changes in the Range layout deemed necessary

Supervise work parties

May have as many assistants as can be raised to assist in the proper performance of duties

- Field Range Cadre(s):  
Assist the Field Range Captain
- 3-D Range Cadre(s):  
Assist the 3-D Range Captain
- Events Chair:  
Assist the President and Tournament Chair with 3rd party communications  
Coordinate charity shoots  
Solicit prizes for shoots  
Coordinate demonstration requests
- VBA Representative:  
Main contact between the VBA (Virginia Bowhunters Association, [www.vbarchers.org](http://www.vbarchers.org)) and NORVA.  
Represent NORVA at the quarterly VBA meetings in the Harrisonburg area (hotel, mileage and meals are reimbursed).  
Present VBA meeting results and conduct club votes on VBA agenda items at a members' meeting.

## **Membership Chairman** (Gerry Petraitis)

Membership cards will be mailed out with your VBA cards in February (with the new lock combination).

There may be a small handful of members who want their VBA fees refunded since they've paid it to another club. This applies to less than a dozen people. We will continue to handle this on a case by case basis.

The club no longer has a Youth Membership for safety reasons. We require one parent, who attended the safety briefing, to be the primary member and then add the child for \$5.

A club priority is to decide on a membership volunteer hour requirement to secure more engagement from members. The question is: Does the club need more volunteer help or more money? This was tabled for another day. The 2019 pricing model has put the club on solid financial footing.

In 2019 we had 251 primary members - 89 of them were new members.

There is an effort to get more members involved so that the same core group of people aren't doing all the club work.

**Membership Reminder** – Renewals for 2020 are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> via mail or personal drop-off at the February 6<sup>th</sup> members' meeting. The forms can be downloaded from the club web page at [www.novaarchers.org](http://www.novaarchers.org) under "Updates".

## **Treasurer's Report** (John Shea)

Our bank requires the club to furnish a list of Treasurers in order of succession, signed by the current elected officers, before they can add John to the account.

The club's starting balance is about \$8,800. We want to maintain a management reserve of \$5,000.

John put together a 2-page spread sheet to highlight what he understands and what he needs to know. It will help him put together a budget for the year and to report actual costs and income. At the end of the year, it will serve as the club's financial statement.

John is also reviewing the NORVA By-Laws. The last update to them was in 2012. Based on this review, he has some questions. There is a position called Secretary / Treasurer. John thinks it should be two positions. Joe mentioned this would be a good idea, but it would require another position on the board so that the board has an odd number of members. Also, there is a provision on deficit spending, about which John has some concerns. John will email his markups and comments to the board members for a more thorough discussion at a later date.

## **3-D Course Captain** (Jeff Van de Vaarst)

**Help Wanted:** The club needs 3-D cadres.

Jeff inquired whether the club was available for rent. There is a structure to pay the park 15 percent of all proceeds. There was a question about liability.

Chris Foster will get pricing from Lancaster Archery for block Targets (60" x 60"). His Veteran's discount may help offset shipping costs. There was a discussion of whether this discussion would make it cheaper than going to Hoffman's Archery as we do for most of our 3D targets, inserts and Block targets. It was determined that it would still be cheaper to go with our usual arrangement at Hoffman's Archery.

## **Field Targets**

**Help Wanted:** The club needs a Field Targets captain and cadres. Please help!

The new children's 3-D course next to field targets 15 – 28 is still under safety assessment and has not been officially opened for the public.

The club urgently needs volunteers to do maintenance on the field targets.

## **Academy Update** (Dave Grant)

Dave is proposing the weekend of February 22 -23 for a Level 2 USA Archery Certification class in the NORVA clubhouse. The Club voted to approve the use of the clubhouse for this activity. Registration will be \$195 and will close on February 10.

Anyone interested can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44a9ae2ea0fa7-20201>

## **Web Master Report** (Uwe Jacobs)

The Web Master reset the passwords for the Vice President, Treasurer, 3D Captain, Field Captains and VBA Representative. He updated the contacts for the new board and appointees. He has also set up the email for new board members.

There is no mechanism on the web page to allow us to accept donations. This could be as simple as posting a note telling those who wish to donate to mail us a check and a short letter as to how they would like to be spent.

The Newsletter Editor will now report directly to the Webmaster/Media Chairman. Once the Newsletter has been approved by the relevant parties, the Webmaster or Newsletter Editor will handle the delivery of the newsletter to the membership.

## **VBA Matters** (Kevin Brown)

**Help Wanted:** The club need a VBA Representative.

There was a vote on whether to stay in the VBA for 2020. The club voted to stay in it. John Shea opined that the vote was invalid since the VBA membership is a requirement in the club's by-laws; he will draft a revision to the by-laws and present it at an upcoming meeting.

For the January VBA meeting there will be votes on nominees for the Silver Arrow Award. The nominees are Ricky Stark and NORVA's own John Hoffman. NORVA voted yes in support of both nominations.

A pending VBA issue is whether to allow illuminated nocks at indoor shooting events. NORVA voted in support of allowing the use of lit nocks.



Carlos "CD" Miller

The VBA and all archers mourn the loss of Carlos Dewey "CD" Miller, who passed away January 19. He was 70 years old. CD was an accomplished archer and competitor for over 60 years. He was a member of multiple clubs, and was a VBA member for 56 years (1962-2018). He also served as Treasurer of the VBA for many years and he helped establish the NFAA.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at Bradley's Funeral Chapel ([www.bradleysfh.com](http://www.bradleysfh.com)). You can view the full obituary at <https://www.bradleysfh.com/obituary/carlos-cd-miller>

## **Hunting Information**

**Fairfax County Park Hunts** -- The 2019 season will end on February 22nd and the qualification process for 2020 starts in March/April.

**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/>