



## Northern Virginia Archers February 2020 Meeting

Date of Meeting: February 6, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:10 pm

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe	Chris Foster	John Shea	Rodney Roberts
Uwe Jacobs	Elise Walker	Bakari Dale	John Hoffman
Dave Grant	Christian DePaz	Jeff Van de Vaarst	Justin Raines
Joe Pittman	Tim Downs	Peter Hoffman	Russel Glass
Jim Libovicz	Rich Manser	Steve Daniels	Mark Finkenstaedt
John Soma			

**Next Work Party is Saturday, March 7 starting at 8:30 am**

**Rain date for the Work Party is March 8**

**We need your help! There will be food! Bring your tools!**

**NOTE: The range will be closed for the Work Party.**

## 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 February 2020 meeting.

## Message from the President (Joe Wolfe)

The February 2020 meeting was led by club President Wolfe.

### Safety Issues

1. If you are recovering an arrow from behind any of the below:
  - a. Academy Range,
  - b. 3-D target 27,
  - c. 3-D target 28,
  - d. Broadhead target, or
  - e. 60-yard target,

**Make sure that all the other targets listed above are cold before you retrieve your arrow!**

2. Do not pull broadhead arrows unless 3-D target 27 is clear.
3. There are now 3-D targets on the back 14 of the field targets. They are for children only! No Adult Shooting is allowed!
4. The 10-year practice target will be removed because of its proximity to the path. It will be relocated to the Academy range.

### Other items

- The club's Virginia State Corporation Commission's account is being updated to include new officers (Vice President Foster and Secretary/Treasurer Shea). Once that is done, we will work on finalizing the club's auditing.
- The club's mailing address is a Post Office box (PO Box 7130; Fairfax Station, VA 22039). Please do NOT mail anything for the club to the physical address. If you do, it will go the park management office; it will not come to the club.
- The Broadhead Range has a Rinehart wall that has been in use for years. It is still serviceable, but needs some maintenance. Rodney Roberts has a plan to build a new target out of some of the club's existing pieces.

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

## *Meet the Treasurer by John Shea*

When the demands on my time and energy eased up two years ago, I finally explored a curiosity I've had for a long time — archery. Took a beginner class and was hooked. Then I searched the area for clubs and found NORVA the most appealing with its many rolling wooded acres. Think I went to the first orientation held in 2018 and really like how NORVA tries to make archers of all styles and skill levels feel welcomed.

Although I don't have much archery experience, I do have many years of system engineering and program management experience. So late last year, when I knew I would retire from the FAA after 33 years, and no one else had yet stepped up to serve as treasurer in 2020, I raised my hand. Although I've never been one to seek the spotlight, I recognize organizations like NORVA would not exist if not for those who donated their time and talents before me. So it is with gratitude to those who have served, and those still serving the club, that I'm happy and honored to be your treasurer.

I take this fiduciary responsibility very seriously. I've developed some new Excel compatible spreadsheets linked together to facilitate record keeping and reporting. If you would like to see them, feel free to ask me at any meeting. I pledge to provide our members transparency, accuracy, and accountability with managing the club's finances. I've been busy getting up to speed and gathering records. Hopefully in two weeks, I'll be added to the checking account and be fully empowered (waiting on the State Corporation Commission to process an update to our officer's names and addresses).

As soon as I'm able, I'll start performing an audit, with the help of a few member volunteers, of the club's finance records for the last three years. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at [treasurer@novaarchers.org](mailto:treasurer@novaarchers.org). Or just come up and we can talk — you'll usually see me around the club with a recurve and occasionally a hickory stick (I find the longbow the most aesthetically appealing). Call me a glutton for punishment, but I like the challenge of trying to learn to shoot consistently well with fingers and holding full weight.

### Treasurer News

- John will use SurveyMonkey to poll NORVA members. This will help the Board get a sense of what the club members are interested in seeing. The hope is that members will feel that they have a voice in the club's direction.

Treasurer's report on the club's finances:

<b>January</b>				
<b>Checking account beginning balance</b>		<b>8,882.93</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Debits</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1/2	Home Depot (Wolfe debit card)		71.84	Clubhouse electrical safety improvements.
1/2	VA State Corp. Comm., check 2376		25.00	Annual fee
1/10	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	165.38		
1/13	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	172.20		
1/14	Bank deposit — dues checks/cash	1,397.00		
1/14	Dominion Energy		80.01	
1/16	Waste Management		129.54	
1/17	Papa John's pizza (Wolfe debit card)		60.72	Informal leadership meeting.
1/21	Bank deposit — dues checks/cash	1,835.00		
1/21	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	52.40		
1/23	VBA, check 2279		476.00	Annual charter (25) and dues share.
1/27	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	592.87		
1/27	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	732.65		
1/27	Bank deposit — dues checks/cash	3,710.00		
1/27	USPS (Wolfe debit card)		10.30	
1/27	Verizon		54.94	
1/28	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	318.15		
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,975.65</b>	<b>908.35</b>	
	<b>Checking account ending balance</b>	<b>16,950.23</b>		
	<b>Projected year-end balance</b>	<b>9,875.00</b>		Will be less once 2020 budget is further defined. Want to maintain at least \$5,000 management reserve.

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

At the February 1 new member orientation, there were 15 new members (13 of them primary). As of February 3, the club has 153 members (103 of them primary).

**Membership Reminder** – Renewals for 2020 are past due. The forms can be downloaded from the club web page at <http://www.novaarchers.org/membership.html>

## **Volunteers still needed!**

For Events Chair, Field Range Cadres and 3-D Range Cadres. Please contact any Board member if you are interested.

## Tournament Chairman (Rodney Roberts)

NORVA will hold its first tournament of 2020 on March 14. We will need help in organizing the tournament. This will include a **volunteer in charge of food**. If you are interested, please contact Rodney.

Upcoming VBA shoots:

February 22-23	VBA State Indoor (co-hosted by Belvoir, Kingsboro, Rockingham, and Sherwood)
February 29-Mar 1	Staunton Rive 3-D
February 29-Mar 1	NFAA Mid-Atlantic Sectionals (hosted by Prince William Archers)
<b>March 14</b>	<b>NORVA 3-D and Field</b>
March 14-15	Sherwood Archers 3-D
March 15	Belvoir Indoor
March 15	Bowhunters of Rockingham 3-D
March 21	Manahoac 3-D

For entry information, please go to <https://vbarchers.com/>

There are new IBO rules.

- For the YMR 13-14 years class, archers shall now shoot from the yellow 35-yard stake.
- The Youth Traditional Class no longer exists. Traditional youth archers shall shoot in the adult category.
- For Fixed Pin classes, sights may not contain a pin for longer than 50 years or a pin that is not uniform in alignment with other pins. This rule is intended to prevent the use of a belly pin to bracket.

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

- Jeff added a rope at 3-D target number 25 to help with the steep decline.
- He requested \$2,000 for inserts and targets. The Treasurer indicated that there was money for this request.
- There is much work to do on the courses. Jeff suggested that we post a list of needed tasks at the clubhouse.

## Field Targets Captain (Elise Walker)

Ms. Elise Walker was presented as the new Field Target Captain.

A motion was presented to allocate up to \$8,000.00 in club funds for the purchase of 16 block targets for the Field Range (two would be for the Academy).

The retail price for targets is approximately \$899. Hoffman Archery offers a price of approximately \$475 a piece if we buy at least 10. Shipping is included in that price.

The motion to spend up to \$8,000 for block targets passed unanimously.

The Field Targets need a great deal of maintenance and work. Elise will come up with a plan and priorities to work on them. This plan will include a budget for materials in addition to the block targets. It will also include a prioritization of which targets need to be replaced or improved soonest.

The goal is to improve half the field targets this year, and the other half next year. If we invest in good materials and provide quality labor, the hope is that the targets will last 10+ years.

This work will be on the agenda for the year's **first Work Party on March 7**.

## Academy Update (Dave Grant)

- As discussed at the January meeting, Dave will be holding a USA Archery Level 1 and Level 2 archery instructor certification class on February 22 – 23. Sign-ups closed 2/10. There will be 14 students on Day One and 7 on Day Two. The class will utilize the clubhouse for the full weekend; the bow press, arrow saw, and indoor tuning target will not be available during this time.

- Since the club is looking to remove the 10-yard target at the Practice Range for safety reasons, he suggested that the target butts be moved to the Academy location. This would still provide a 10-yard target option for all NORVA members whenever classes are not in session. The current 10-yard practice range will be taken down during or before the year's **first Work Party on March 7** and re-established at the Academy range.

- Continuing a topic from the last meeting, Dave brought up that that the Academy would like to, as part of their classes, take new students out on an orientation walk-through and shoot of the club's 3-D and field ranges. This will help to encourage students to join the club, give new members an opportunity to learn their way around the field and 3-D ranges, and emphasize participating in club shoots by going over the various yardages, rules, and etiquette. The membership in attendance was supportive of the suggestion. The first orientation classes will be scheduled later this spring. Group size will be 4 students or less and will not be left unattended.

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

- Now that renewals are past due, the form to renew will include a \$10 late charge.
- Uwe will rebuild the mailing list to limit it to only those who have renewed their membership.
- Uwe undertook the laborious task of reviewing the club's Facebook page and eliminating those followers who no longer exist.

## **VBA Matters** (Bakari Dale)

Mr. Bakari Dale was introduced as NORVA's new VBA representative. He reported as follows:

- VBA granted its prestigious Silver Arrow Award to Mr. John Hoffman of NORVA and Mr. Ricky Stark of Prince William Archers.

We salute John for his years of contribution to archery. Many of us have benefitted from his taking the time to teach us about the sport. Thank you and Congratulations!

### **New VBA Officers:**

- Bakari is the new VBA Hunting Vice President. He will still be covering Field Vice President duties until March 29.
- Jim Little will take over as the new Field VP on March 29.
- Rob Pecora was appointed Parliamentarian.

### **Other VBA News:**

•The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual VBA Banquet will be held Saturday, March 28 at the Am Vets Post 7, 1340 North Liberty Street in Harrisonburg. A social Hour will start at 4:30 p.m., with Dinner at 5:30 p.m. The Awards Ceremony (to include John's Silver Arrow award) will start at 6:30 p.m. Meal will be buffet style. RSVP to Marie Bell [ybabowhunters@cox.net](mailto:ybabowhunters@cox.net) or 540.330.6701 by 21 March. Tickets: \$25 per Adult. Kids 12 and under are free.

•VBA voted to eliminate lighted nocks for State Level indoor and field/hunter tournaments. Clubs can do what they want at their own shoots.

•VBA will continue to monitor pending Virginia legislation that could affect archery. A bill to allow hunting on Sunday was killed in committee.

•VBA plans to approach those archery clubs in Virginia that are not VBA members to try to convince them to join. They will also continue to promote the sport and try to increase membership.

- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (David Dodson, Mindy Tucker, and Jason Miller) met with the VBA Board and delegates to discuss the possibility of partnering with VBA in an effort to bring new archers to the sport of bowhunting. There was a discussion of a Memorandum of Understanding to support this relationship. More to come.
- Submit your request for a VBA Big Game Awards to Marie Bell by March 1.
- Deadline for articles in VBA's *Flight* magazine is April 15.
- VBA still has Travel Mugs, Lanyards, T-Shirts, 75th Anniversary Pins, and 75th Anniversary Patches for sale. Anyone interested should contact Bakari.
- MONEY CLASS at Spring 3-D tournament: There will be a one-time trial of this class. Participants will pay into the pool, with the VBA, the hosting club, and the winner sharing the proceeds. An archer may shoot a regular category and the Money Class at the same time. The outcome of this trial will be discussed at the September meeting.

## **Hunting Information**

**Fairfax County Park Hunts** -- The season is drawing to a close.

Qualifications for the next season will run from March 21 – June 20. Qualifications for the program now must be done on an **annual basis**. Qualification sessions will be held at NORVA. There are only three clubs that do the qualifications, so we may be busy.

**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 conducted 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/>