



Northern Virginia Archers March 2020 Meeting

Date of Meeting: March 5, 2020

Time: 6:55 pm to 8:20 pm

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe

Chris Foster

John Shea

Rodney Roberts

Uwe Jacobs

Dave Grant

Jeff Van de Vaarst

Gerry Petraitis

John Hoffman

Rich Danyliw

John McKenzie

Jim Libovicz

Steve Daniels

**NORVA's first shoot of the season will
be held March 14!**

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 March 2020 meeting.

Message from the President (Joe Wolfe)

The March 2020 meeting was led by club President Wolfe.

The President reported on old business:

- The Virginia State Corporation Commission account is being updated.
- The names of the new Board Members (Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer) have been transferred for purposes of the checking account.
- The lock combinations have been changed.
- A work party was scheduled for March 7.

Other items

Fairfax County Deer Management Program.

The qualifying period will be from March 21 to June 20.

Only authorized NORVA members can do a qualification on club grounds.

Joe Wolfe, Rodney Roberts, John McKenzie, and Billy Sepeck are all authorized.

The Job White Board is now functioning!

It is up in the clubhouse (see below).

It lists tasks that need to be done. Feel free to do one of them. Be sure to report that you have done a job to a Board Member so that you will get service credit.



American Heritage Girls demonstration

The American Heritage Girls troop of Springfield has asked NORVA to do an archery demonstration. The troop meets at the Immanuel Bible Church on Braddock Road. The demonstration will be given some time in April or May.

Eagle Scout project.

Eagle Scout candidates have approached the club in search of a community service project. The idea is that the candidate would come up with a proposal to fix something at the club. We would provide the materials, but the candidate would be in charge of doing the work. Joe Wolfe will track this one. The qualifying period will be from March.

Pope & Young Club Convention

The 2020 Pope & Young convention will be held March 26 – 28 at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly. NORVA will not have a booth at the convention, but we encourage everyone to attend. There will be prizes. For more information, see <https://pope-young.org/convention/>

Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

Treasurer's report for the month of February on the club's finances:

NORVA Checking Account 2020 Monthly Report

February				
Checking account beginning balance		16,950.23		
Date	Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
2/3	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	206.21		
2/3	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	1,367.97		
2/3	Bank deposit — dues checks/cash	4,590.00		
2/3	Dunkin Donuts		46.87	For 2/1 new member orientation
2/4	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	289.20		
2/7	Bank deposit — dues checks/cash	3,252.00		
2/7	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	747.12		
2/10	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	144.60		
2/10	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	226.47		
2/12	Dominion Energy		75.14	
2/14	Waste Management		148.93	
2/18	Amazon (for clubhouse)		288.80	White board, markers, tuning paper (10 roles)
2/18	Lancaster Archery		94.20	Field target paper faces (190 various sizes)
2/18	Home Depot		531.77	18" chain saw; 3 lighters; 12 cans spray adhesive for target faces; 4 cans of Trufuel for leaf blowers.
2/18	Property insurance annual premium		1,278.44	Check #2400
2/19	Digi Quick Print		170.98	8 additional aluminum caution signs for targets
2/20	Hoffman Archery		7,600.00	Check #2398 for new field target butts
2/26	Square deposit — dues paid with credit	173.55		
2/26	Bank deposit — dues checks/cash	1,120.00		
2/27	Verizon		54.94	
	Totals	12,117.12	10,290.07	
	Checking account ending balance	18,777.28		
	Projected year-end balance	9,875.00		Will be less once 2020 budget is further defined. Want to maintain at least \$5,000 management reserve.

By-Laws rewrite project

The President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer are working on a revision to the club by-laws (the current version is dated 2012). John Shea is preparing a draft. At the March meeting he discussed his proposed changes to the Preamble, Article 1 (Mission), Article 2 (Name), and Article 3 (Membership, Dues and Fees). A review of the remaining articles will be handled in two subsequent batches.

The membership agreed with most of his proposed language. There was some discussion on the requirement in Article 3, Section 6(a) to have some officers be members of the National Field Archery Association. There was also discussion on membership renewals and family memberships. He will take the comments into account and prepare another revision which will be formally presented at the April membership meeting with the intent of getting approval to send it out to the full membership in an email. The email will announce that a vote will be held on the changes at the May membership meeting. This email notification will be separate from the newsletter email to help ensure awareness and give members at least a month to review.

Any changes will be done pursuant to Article 9 (Proposed Amendments) of the by-laws. That Article describes the process for making amendments. A proposed amendment must be presented in writing at a regular meeting. It must then be tabled until the next regular meeting. In the interim, the Newsletter must report on the proposed amendment and its effect. It will then be voted on at the next meeting. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting members present is required to amend the by-law. More to follow on this important project.

The current version of the By-Laws can be found on the club website, under the 'Members' tab. They are in the left column. See https://www.novaarchers.org/docs/NORVA_By-Laws_2012.pdf

Volunteers still needed!

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

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>

Membership Chairman (Gerry Petraitis)

At the February new member orientation, there were 15 new members (13 of them primary). As of the March meeting, there are 241 club members.

VBA Membership Cards have not yet been mailed out. We hope to do that by the end of March. If you need cards before then, please contact Gerry.

We would like to know how many NORVA members are also members of the National Field Archery Association. If you are an NFAA member, please contact Gerry.

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.

We do not yet know whether we will have the Cub Run – NORVA club competition this year. Cub Run is only doing two shoots this year; thus, it may not be feasible to have the competition.

Upcoming VBA shoots:

March 14	NORVA 3-D and Field
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/>

Rinehart R100 Shoot

May 22 - 24 in Staunton, Virginia

<http://www.r100.org/events/2020/5/staunton-virginia-32/>

If you are interested in attending with NORVA members, contact Joe Wolfe

3-D Course Captain (Jeff Van de Vaarst)

- Some new targets have been installed on the 3-D range.
- At the February meeting, \$2,000 was allocated for purchasing new targets. Jeff requested that this amount be increased to \$3,000. This additional amount will also cover the newly implemented “kid’s range” on the back half of the field course. His request was approved.
- He will contact Hoffman Archery to purchase the targets.
- Jeff indicated that we needed to do an inventory on targets that we do have in the sheds. This task was completed at the March 7 work party.

Field Targets Captain (Elise Walker)

Most of the tasks for the March 7 work party were dedicated to fixing field targets. The photo below is of one of the improved targets.



Academy Update (Dave Grant)

- Dave's USA Archery Level 1 and Level 2 archery instructor certification class on February 22 – 23 was, by all accounts, well-received. There were 14 students for Level 1 and 8 students for Level 2.
- The Academy will be starting up classes soon. They will do their own work party.

VBA Matters (Bakari Dale)

REMINDER:

- The 25th 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 Hoffman's well-deserved Silver Arrow** award) will start at 6:30 p.m.
- Meal will be buffet style. RSVP to Marie Bell vbabowhunters@cox.net or 540.330.6701 by 21 March.
- Tickets: \$25 per Adult. Kids 12 and under are free.

Hunting Information

Fairfax County Park Hunts --

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/>