## **NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS**

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John McKenzie and Matt Bortniker get the 60 yard bunny from lane 22 at NORVA

Welcome to the NORVA July newsletter. We are well into the heat of summer and many of our members are thinking and preparing for the fall season. NORVA is preparing its ranges for the VBA State 3-D Fall Classic (unmarked) for the August 20 and August 21. Speaking of the getting things ready, come and join our work parties to help get the ranges in proper condition.

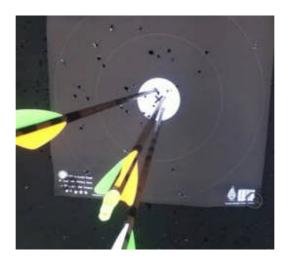
#### **Work Parties Scheduled**



Please show your support by helping us maintain our ranges and to ensure NORVA remains the best archery club around. We have two work parties scheduled: Saturday, July 30, 2016 beginning at 8am Saturday, August 13, 2016 beginning at 8am

This is also a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours. Members who volunteer 10 hours during the calendar year are eligible for a 50% reduction off primary dues the following year.

## Do not forget, all ranges at NORVA except for the Archery Academy are closed during work party days.



#### Archery Academy is "On Target"

You may have noticed a lot of activity around the Archery Academy range. These are the Archery Academy classes! The academy's 90 minute Introduction to Archery class and the four week Beginning Archery classes are filling up fast. For more details, visit: <u>http://www.norvaachers.org/academy.html</u>.

If you see a class in session, be sure to give the participants a big smile as you walk by. But please, do not disrupt a class by stopping and asking to borrow a bow or jump in to help the instructors. The equipment belongs to the academy and the instructors are fully qualified and have a specific curriculum to follow.

#### July 05, Club Meeting Recap

John McKenzie hosted the July 05 club meeting. Here are the highlights:

It is time to start thinking about nominations for club officers for next year. Anyone who is interested, let Joe Wolf know. Nominations will be announced during our August club meeting.

John initiated a discussion about replacing the metal stakes on the 3-D range with marking whiskers. The current stakes need to be maintained regularly, repainted each year, and they are easy to trip over. Whiskers, on the other hand, are inexpensive (approx. \$5 for a pack of 25), come in the colors we need, no tripping hazards, and are mostly maintenance free.

Club members voted unanimously in favor of purchasing whiskers to replace the metal stakes on the 3-D range.

Members discussed mandatory work hours as a requirement for NORVA membership. Further discussion will occur during the August meeting.

#### **Secretary / Treasurer Report**

Kevin reported that membership applications are up to date and the club now has approximately 450 members. He did not yet process the download from the bank for July but we have approximately \$20,600.00.

#### **VBA Report**

Frank reported that there is no news to report but there is talk about "air bows" that use compressed air. At this time, air bows are not legal for hunting in Virginia.

#### **Purchase New 3-D Targets**

The club voted to purchase 10 new 3-D North American animal (no dinosaurs!) targets with a limitation of \$3,000.00 that will replace some of the older targets. NORVA often donates old targets. Recently NORVA donated 6 targets to the <u>Green Bow Foundation</u> to build a children's 3-D range.

#### **Guest Speakers**

Kevin Rose, VA Wildlife Biologist and Rich Landers, VA Game Warden spoke to the club about various Virginia archery laws, antlered and antlerless deer, and using tags. Both did a great job explaining topics to club members and we look forward to having them come back again in the near future.

#### Webmaster Adds Interactive Map

If you have not visited the NORVA website recently, you are missing out. Aside from keeping our website updated with current events, scheduled events, and photographs, Uwe Jacobs (NORVA webmaster) added two interactive maps of our ranges. Be sure to check them out.

#### **Younger NORVA Archers**



Kevin Jacobs hits the apple at Hoffman's 3-D Shoot

Next month, we would like to spotlight some of our younger (under 18 years of age) NORVA members in the newsletter. Please have your youngster tell us about themselves. How they got into archery, type of bow are they using. Do they shoot 3-D, field, hunt? And anything else they would like to share with our members. Photographs are a plus. Send biographies to: <u>NORVA</u> <u>News Editor</u>.

The next NORVA club meeting will be held August 2nd, beginning at 7pm. See you then!