



## **NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS**

**DECEMBER 6TH 2018 MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING**  
**ANNUAL RENEWALS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS**  
**TIME!!!!**

Present NORVA members: Joe Wolfe, John McKenzie, Rodney Roberts, Clint Snider, Uwe Jacobs, Willy Whitlock, Russell Whitlock, Gerry Petraitis, John Hoffman (Big Doe), Christina Tremblay, Frank Jones, John Parker, Jeff (new 3D Cadre).

**Time to renew your membership!!!!!!!**

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Monthly Members Meeting Notes

## Renewals:

Members Annual Renewal form, Liability Waiver and Credit Card Authorization can be found at the following link:

<http://www.novaarchers.org/membership.html>

NORVA has been working diligently to bring the renewal & new member processing mechanism into the modern era. President Joe Wolfe, Membership Chair Gerry Petraitis, and Treasurer Clint Snider are now using Square to process credit cards. The Credit Card Authorization form can be filled out and sent in with your renewal, once processed the credit card form will be shredded.

## Members Cost Increase:

The annual membership fee was increased to \$150 per year for primary members. This was discussed and voted on during the October/November members meetings along with the removal of the senior/military/civil service discount. The only discount now offered is 50% off membership fee for individuals who dedicate 10 hours of volunteer time to NORVA. This discount is applied to the following year's dues and only available if a board member validates the volunteer time and signs off on the membership form.

Example: John Doe comes to a 2019 work party at NORVA and works 10 hours with the 3D Captain Willy Whitlock on range clean up. John Doe's 50% discount is signed off by Willy Whitlock and is applied to his 2020 membership dues.

These members meetings are for YOU because it's YOUR club.

Renewals are due no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 – if not received the renewing member will be assessed a \$10 penalty.

## Presidents Chair (Joe Wolfe)

Mr. Bob Foster, the President of the VBA will visit the club during the next members meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019. Mr. Foster will have the opportunity to lay out what the VBA does for NORVA. [There is a growing feeling that perhaps NORVA should remove itself from the VBA.](#)

Safety notes – Fairfax parks patrons have found two wounded deer near NORVA. The animals were hunted in other locations and found by joggers within the park. If you are out on the range and find a wounded or dead deer please contact a board member immediately.

Two homeless people have been found squatting in the woods within Fountain Head Park. If you encounter these individuals, DO NOT approach, take pictures and report the location to the police. Again DO NOT ENGAGE.

Establishment of a new position has been brought to the table. The EVENTS CHAIRMAN will be responsible for organizing and managing events such as: AP Hill – Earth Day, Cabela's Spring Sales Event, as well as NORVA events. Contact Joe Wolfe for details.

NORVA is looking for a new VBA Rep. If you are interested – the VBA meets quarterly and the club will pay lodging cost as well as food. Duties will include keeping the club informed about VBA issues and deliver NORVA's votes on agenda items that pertain to the VBA. Contact Joe Wolfe for details.

Mr. Bard Jackson is the new Fountain Head Park manager, Ms. Chrystal has retired. Mr. Jackson has been asked to attend members meetings when and if he is available.

There are things that the leadership would like to utilize in order bring NORVA more into the modern era. A laminated bar code membership card is one route the club would like to use. This would alleviate the need for a manual sign in roster as well as aid in tracking the clubs peak usage, volunteer time, and in case of an incident the ability to see who was present at the time. These are items that NORVA would like to bring to the table in 2019 and 2020.

Bylaw changes to be voted on during upcoming members meeting – LATE FEE on renewals, current rate is \$10, proposed increase to \$35.

## **VP's house** (John McKenzie)

NORVA won the Spring 3D VBA shoot scheduled for April 19-20, 2019. You can shoot either day or both for the same price. The top score will be logged if you shoot both days.

## **Money money money!!** (Clint Snider)

NORVA is now able to process credit card/debit card payments. I am working with Wells Fargo to establish a more streamlined process for renewals/new members, tournament payments, and the purchase of NORVA gear. The use of Square to process payments is just the beginning of what NORVA would like to do to make your archery experience convenient and enjoyable.

VBA funding will be sent at the end of each month and VBA Cards should follow shortly thereafter.

I will be attending a military school from January 2019 to March 2019 and will only be available on the weekends. Any membership renewals sent during that time will be deposited during the weekend.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>!!!!!!**

Send Renewal form, liability waver, and payment/credit card form to:

Clint Snider  
9695 Barlow Road  
Fort Belvoir VA 22060

## **Membership** (Gerry Petraitis)

NORVA finished 2018 with just under 400 members!

Membership orientation (for new members) is closed until March 2019 unless a need arises and Gerry will hold a February class.

## **Tournament** (Rodney Roberts)

Memorial Day weekend (May 24/25) is the R100 in Staunton VA. Joe has reserved a block of rooms for anyone who would like to participate. The VBA State shoot in Sherwood is the same weekend as the R100.

Rodney is asking all members to voice their thoughts on field and practice targets. He would like to order new targets soon but wants membership input. One suggestion is 35cm targets.

## **3D/Field** (3D Willy Whitlock – Field John Parker)

Willy is looking at possible dates for an early spring work party. The focus will be to finish the double targets on the practice range. The VBA Spring Classic is mid spring so the area of consideration is mid to late February. This would be a good time to log some volunteer hours to reduce the cost of renewal in 2020.

Jeff is the newest 3D Cadre member and has established an Ironman course on the 3D side of NORVA. These shots challenge the individual archer to safely shoot through small openings and in unique positions. This is to help hunters simulate real world shots while hunting. This course is marked by 1-inch rebar located off the normal shooting lanes of the 3D course. Try it out

John Parker is appreciative of everyone helping out on the field course during his absence. There will be some work that will have to be done during the early spring work party to clean up from the winter months.

## **WEBMASTER** (Uwe Jacobs)

The new member application, renewal, liability waiver, and credit card processing forms are now on the website.

### **January members meeting**

NORVA is going to vote on whether we stay in the VBA or not. From the fall 3D shoot the club collected half the proceeds and the other half went to the VBA. The NORVA members did 100% of the work to prepare for this shoot as well as provided all the man power to run the event. There are many pros and cons to the VBA and if you would like to have a better understanding of the VBA plan to attend the January Members Meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

Happy Holidays and have a safe new year.

### **HUNTING Information**

There have been a lot of questions brought to the leadership by numerus members and friends regarding the policies and procedures on archery hunting in the area. Below is some information and links for different requirements for hunting in Virginia and Fairfax County.

International Bowhunter Education Program class is required to archery hunt in Virginia and surrounding states. 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.

<https://register-ed.com/programs/virginia/66-virginia-bowhunter-education-course-ibep/agency:19>

VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries now have an APP for your phone - you can notch your deer tag without the paper tag and without calling the 800-number to report it.

You can have a digital license so you don't need to carry paper anymore - don't have to carry 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/>