



Northern Virginia Archers May 2021 On-line Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 6, 2021

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe	Chris Foster	John Shea	Reggie Atkins
Rodney Roberts	Dave Grant	Ken Wilkinson	Uwe Jacobs
Celeste Otsuka (call-in)		Gerry Petraitis (call-in)	
Jeremy Herring	Anton Radenic	John McKenzie	Jeff Tyree
Robert Hoy	Joe Gangi	Lucas Libovicz	Rich Danyliw

New logo design contest!

Next NORVA shoot is June 12

See inside for details.

Signing in at NORVA

We have a new sign-in procedure. You must do so on-line. Please use the electronic sign-in form (<https://www.novaarchers.org/signin.html>). Should you not have a smartphone available, you can sign-in and out from your home computer even after the fact. Also, guests need to sign the liability waiver at (https://www.novaarchers.org/guest_waiver.html) once per calendar year. Do not use the paper form. For detailed information, see the Electronic Range Book Instructions at (<https://www.novaarchers.org/docs/NORVA%20electronic%20range%20book.pdf>).

Message from the Board

As required in NORVA's by-laws, this Newsletter is a report to the membership of the Board's actions. It also constitutes the minutes from the May 2021 meeting.

General

The May 2021 meeting was a "hybrid": it was held in person, but members could also call in. The meeting was conducted by President Joe Wolfe. For the near future, the club will be holding meetings in this hybrid fashion.

Lifetime Membership.

Joe also announced that the club has awarded Lifetime Memberships to Willie, Russell, and Paul Whitlock. They have put in countless hours of work on this club. For years, they have been the heart and soul of this club. Thank you!

Parking lot upgrade

The club needs to upgrade the gravel in the driveway and to add gravel to the grass part of the parking lot. Treasurer Shea has obtained an estimate for 233 tons of ¾" gravel. He has an estimate for \$6,612 for these materials. Gravel will be placed in the parking lot, around the club house, and on the path to the Academy. There are one or two members who may be able to use their tractors to spread the gravel. He recommended that the club try to take care of this needed repair sooner rather than later.

Discount for Belvoir members

President Wolfe announced that NORVA would offer Belvoir Bowhunter members a 50 percent discount for new NORVA membership. This is in recognition of the challenges that that club is facing. Membership is dwindling and access to club facilities is a challenge, as it is located on a military base.

Order of the Golden Deer

The Board awarded the prestigious Order of the Golden Deer to the following members for their countless hours of service and dedication to NORVA:

Willie Whitlock
Russell Whitlock
Paul Whitlock
Rodney Roberts
Jeff Van de Vaarst

After honoring these five worthy recipients, the club is retiring this award.



Club President Joe Wolfe presents Tournament Chair extraordinaire Rodney Roberts with his well-deserved Order of the Golden Deer certificate at the May meeting.

New logo design contest!

The club would like to redesign its logo. The prize for the winning design (and for second and third place designs) will be addressed at the next meeting.

The contest has three elements:

1. Current Logo Update: For the first component, we are looking for an update to the current logo. That logo appears on the first page of this newsletter.
2. Logo Redesign: We also will award a prize to a complete redesign of the logo.
3. Abbreviated Logo Design: Just as Nike has the swoosh – we would like to have a simplified/abbreviated version of whatever logo you come up.

Some possible design elements include elements in our current logo:

- Name of the Club: Northern Virginia Archers
- Location: Fairfax, Virginia
- Cardinal (Virginia state bird)
- Dogwood branch (Virginia state tree)
- Arrows
- Bullseye
- Outline of the State of Virginia
- Basic color palette: red, black, grey, white

For the new logo, we would welcome the use of the name of the club, its founding year (1956), and some Virginia elements, but the rest is up to you!

Submission information:

Submit your proposed design by May 30, 2021

Submit to Event Chair Celeste Otsuka (events@novaarchers.org)

Hunting Chair

President Joe Wolfe announced a new club position: Hunting Chair. Duties will include coordinating any hunting-related practices or activities at the Club. Eric Bethune has agreed to assume the duties.

The club is working on allowing a tree stand for practice at the broad head range. This will be included in the insurance policy. The range rules will need to be modified. Eric will work on this with Membership Chair Gerry Petraitis.

Membership Chair (Gerry Petraitis)

Gerry reported that the club has 485 total members. He has started to mail the membership cards (for NORVA and the VBA).

Events Chair (Celeste Otsuka)

The club would like to do a women's shoot and a children's shoot this year. Tentative dates are June 20 for the women's shoot, and August 28 for the children's shoot.

She is also preparing an order for the club for new stickers, hats, and t-shirts. Details to follow on how to place an order.

Field Course (Ken Wilkinson)

Ken thanked Jeff Tyree for his help in hauling the new target blocks.

On May 22, the Field Course was inspected by Jim Little on behalf of the National Field Archery Association (NFAA). The course passed with a 3-star rating. Appropriate paperwork was forwarded to the NFAA. A certified course entitles our club to bid on hosting future State Field Championship tournaments. While the yardage markers were repainted in anticipation of this inspection, we are by no means finished improving the course. Future course improvements will include replacing all of the dense, solid foam target faces with layered-foam Block targets.

Academy Representative (Dave Grant)

Dave reports that the Academy will begin regular classes in June. He is working on a list of recommended equipment that we can provide to new members.

Tournament Chair (Rodney Roberts)

NORVA will host a Field, Hunter, and 3-D Pin shoot on June 12.

Backcountry Hunters and Anglers acting on June 12

Tournament Chair Rodney Roberts and club member Anton Redic discussed a jointly sponsored shoot with the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. It is scheduled for June 12. It will run alongside the NORVA shoot scheduled for that same day. The BHA is a non-profit organization of hunters and anglers dedicated to the outdoors and the conservation of public lands. The shoot will seek to increase membership in both organizations. For more information on the BHA and on the June 12 shoot, please see

https://www.backcountryhunters.org/bha_capital_region_s_inaugural_3d_shoot?fbclid=IwAR1P4soHqBapM0nDVdHdLHgto-ZstPstkQNctjJwzbdjZynOMFe_Vrk86Y4

Upcoming shoots

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| May 29 at 8 am | 3-D shoot sponsored by the Walton Park Bowhunters |
| May 29 at 8 am | IBO Qualified 3-D shoot sponsored by the Belvoir Bowhunters |
| May 30 at 8 am | 3-D and Field shoot sponsored by the Prince Williams Archers |
| June 5-6 at 8 am | Traditional Rendezvous 3-D shoot sponsored by Sherwood Archers |
| June 6 at 8 am | Kobini Klassic Field/Hunter/3-D shoot sponsored by Massanutten Archery |
| June 12 at 8 am | 3-D shoot sponsored by Manahoac Bowmen |
| June 12 at 8 am | 3-D and Field Shoot sponsored by NORVA |
| June 12-13 at 8 am | Club Shoot sponsored by Two Rivers Archers |
| June 13 at 8 am | 3-D shoot sponsored by Bowhunters of Rockingham |
| June 13 at 8 am | 3-D shoot sponsored by Walton Park Bowhunters |
| June 19 at 7:30 am | 3-D Money Shoot sponsored by Club Run |
| June 26 at 8 am | Field/Hunter shoot sponsored by Sherwood Archers |
| June 26-27 at 8 am | 3-D shoot sponsored by Staunton River Archery Club |
| June 27 at 8 am | Field shoot sponsored by Belvoir Bowhunters |
| June 27 at 8 am | Field, Hunter, & 3-D shoot sponsored by Shenandoah Archery Club |

Rodney is leaving the area in a few months. Interested in succeeding him as Tournament Chair and carrying on the great work that he has done? Contact President Joe Wolfe.

Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

John reported that the club took in approximately \$3,600 in April as a result of memberships. Below is his report for the month.

NORVA Checking Account 2021 Monthly Report

For April (prepared on 5/1 by John Shea)			
Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
Membership renewals	547.42		via Square
New members	3,105.06		4/18 orientation via Square
4/17 shoot income	388.89		\$265 cash including food; rest via Square
4/17 shoot food		150.58	Safeway including \$30 gift card for Susan
4/17 shoot food		125.77	Anitas volunteer breakfast burritos
Shirt & sticker	20.00		
Printer ink & paper		82.54	Office Depot Shea debit card
Social distance reminder signs		48.68	Amazon Wolfe debit 4/21
Utilities:			
Dominion Energy		33.06	Auto debit (~50% less with drink vending off)
Waste Management		175.83	Auto debit Wolfe's card
USS Dons Johns		156.01	Shea's debit card
Verizon		57.54	Auto debit
Totals	4,061.37	830.01	
Ending balance on 4/30	43,006.00		
Projected year-end balance	15,010		Maintain \$5,000 minimum cash reserve.

Currently the club's cash reserve is \$5,000. John stated that he would like to increase this amount to \$10,000. The Board approved this increase.

NORVA Patches

Treasurer Shea proposed that the club stop using the NORVA patch, and instead use stickers or car magnets to show the club's logo. The current supply of patches is about to run out. Instead of ordering more patches, NORVA will use a new item (sticker or magnet) with a new logo. A motion to cease buying patches was approved.