



Northern Virginia Archers June 2021 On-line Meeting

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2021

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe	John Shea	Reggie Atkins	Rodney Roberts
Ken Wilkinson	Uwe Jacobs	Celeste Otsuka	Gerry Petraitis
Jim Libovicz	John McKenzie	Greg Brill	Simon Mauer

Voting on the club's logo design is on!

Next NORVA shoot is July 10

See inside for details.

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 June 2021 meeting.

General Items

The June 2021 meeting was held on-line and conducted by President Joe Wolfe.

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. There will be a work party on June 8 to start this job.

The Fountainhead Park Authority only approved putting gravel on that part of the parking lot that already has gravel. The Park objected to putting gravel in the grass part of the parking lot. They indicated that a permit was needed, but they did not specify what kind of a permit.

President Wolfe inquired with the Fairfax County Department of Land Services. They did not think that a permit was needed. Joe also consulted with members of the construction community. They were also unaware of a requirement to get a permit for such a job. The club will continue to investigate this matter. For now, we will be putting gravel only on the part of the lot that already has it.

Membership Chair (Gerry Petraitis)

Gerry reported that the club has 524 members. Last month we gained 16 primary and 16 family members. He held an orientation on June 13.

3-D Range Captain (Reggie Atkins)

The club still has a number of 3-D targets on back order. The order has been pending for a while. The shop estimates that the order will come in sometime in August. For now, though, the club's supply of targets is in good shape.

VBA News (Bakari Dale)

A number of VBA issues were addressed at the club meeting in anticipation of the quarterly VBA meeting held on June 5.

NORVA considered the following items that were on the VBA agenda:

1) Whether to split the VBA Executive State Secretary/Treasurer into two positions (Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary), and make them volunteer positions.

The majority of NORVA members in attendance voted YES.

2) Whether to reduce state tournament awards.

The majority of NORVA members in attendance voted YES.

3) Whether to reduce in-person VBA officer meetings from four a year to two, and replace them with two virtual meetings.

The majority of NORVA members in attendance voted YES.

4) Whether to change the state Fall 3D to no longer require shooting two days (give choice of either one or two days and take best score) and require 30 targets (to be IAW IBO) effective Jan. 2022.

The majority of NORVA members in attendance voted YES.

5) Whether to change the state Spring 3D to require 30 targets (to be IAW IBO) effective Jan. 2022.

The majority of NORVA members in attendance voted YES.

6) Miscellaneous rule changes. The majority of NORVA members in attendance voted YES **only** for adding rule #22 regarding state champion pins and for requiring 30 target for state 3D tournaments. NORVA requested that VBA votes on the other changes proposed under agenda item 6 be deferred until the club is briefed on the rationale and given adequate time to consider.

Lastly, Bakari requested that NORVA membership vote on a motion before the VBA to award the Order of the Golden Feather to Tony Hall of the New River Bowhunters.

The majority of NORVA members in attendance voted NO.

Events Chair (Celeste Otsuka)

The logo re-design contest is in full swing. The winner will be selected by membership vote. The submitted designs (plus our current logo) are posted on Facebook. Please go to our Facebook page to vote for your three favorite designs. You can also vote on-line at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmBIVzzzonoz5NmcoPBDZ8YTyN_nd2byKakZIEb-VFi2zQcQ/viewform



Tournament Chair (Rodney Roberts)

NORVA held a Field, Hunter, and 3-D Pin shoot on June 12. The Backcountry Hunters and Anglers club also held a shoot on the same date.

Our next shoot will be July 10.

Upcoming area shoots

July 3 -4 at 8 am “Big Apple” Field/Hunter shoot sponsored by Buggs Island Fish & Wildlife Club

July 10 at 8 am 3-D and Field Shoot sponsored by NORVA

Our phenomenal Tournament Chair Rodney Roberts is leaving the area soon. If you would like to carry on the great work that he has done (and earn a Volunteer Discount), contact President Joe Wolfe.

Field Course (Ken Wilkinson)

Ken has submitted the necessary paper work with the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) for certification. A certified course entitles our club to bid on hosting future State Field Championship tournaments.

Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

John reported that the club took in approximately \$3,500 in May as a result of membership fees and income from NORVA's May 8 shoot. Below is his report for the month.

NORVA Checking Account 2021 Monthly Report

For May (prepared on June 2 by John Shea)			
Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
Membership renewals	775.30		via Square
New members	2,587.57		5/16 orientation via Square
5/8 shoot income	212.64		\$175 cash, rest via Square
5/8 shoot food		132.76	Safeway & Anitas
(3) arrow holders		14.15	For practice range for folks with no quivers
Award certificates & frames		63.88	Walmart
11 safety cones & phone cord		187.11	Home Depot to mark keep-clear lane to grass lot
Printer ink		111.26	Micro Center
Phone jack splitter		7.41	Office Depot
Additional parking sign		17.86	Amazon for grass lot
Bank checks		37.00	Harland Clarke
GoToMeeting		122.40	Teleconference service for one year
Burritos & coffee for volunteers		71.87	Anitas for new member orientation
40' ethernet cable		21.79	Amazon for outdoor telecons
URL domain renewal		14.99	Hostek for one year
2 cans of Trufuel		42.34	Home Depot
Grill gas tank gauge		19.07	Target
Website & email services		71.95	Hostek for one year
18 48" Blocks for field		8,910.00	Hoffman Archery
Utilities:			
Dominion Energy		25.75	
Waste Management		175.08	
USS Dons Johns		173.21	
Verizon		62.89	
Totals	3,575.51	10,282.77	
Ending balance on 5/31	36,644.29		
Projected year-end balance	16,500		
Reserve	-10,000		
Uncommitted	6,500		

The projected end-of-year balance is \$16,500. With an emergency reserve of \$10,000, that leaves approximately \$6,500 for uncommitted expenses.

Signing in at NORVA

When visiting NORVA, you must sign in via the electronic sign-in form (<https://www.novaarchers.org/signin.html>). Guests need to sign the liability waiver at (https://www.novaarchers.org/guest_waiver.html) once per calendar year. For detailed information, see the Electronic Range Book Instructions at (<https://www.novaarchers.org/docs/NORVA%20electronic%20range%20book.pdf>).

Hunting Information

Fairfax County Park Hunts (see <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>): Qualifications for the next season will run from April 1 – July 2 and must be done on an annual basis. Qualification sessions will be held at NORVA. Check the webpage as well as the Facebook page for the schedule.

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 <https://register-ed.com/programs/virginia/66-virginia-bowhunter-education-course-ibep/agency> to find a class in your area. In case there are no more seats available, contact Sgt. Earit Powell at Earit.Powell@fairfaxcounty.gov to get into one of his classes. You only need to take this class once (good for life) as long as you can produce the IBEP card.

Virginia Department 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://ftbelvoir.isportsman.net/Bowhunting.aspx>

Marine Corps Base Quantico: <https://www.quantico.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/G-F-Installation-and-Environment/Natural-Resources-Environmental-Affairs/Quantico-Sportsman/Hunting/>