



Northern Virginia Archers

June 2023



Date of Meeting: June 1, 2023

NORVA members in attendance:

Ken Wilkinson	John Shea	Gerry Petraitis	Uwe Jacobs
Susan Erdos	Jim Libovicz	Josh Shaf	Dave Grant
Jason Middleton			

Apologies:

Joe Wolfe	Jordan Faircloth
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The next Club shoot: “Field, Animal & 3D Pin” on July 8

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 2023 meeting.

General Items

The June 2023 meeting was led by Vice President Ken Wilkinson.

Clubhouse Improvements

On the back of a recent visit, the club has been offered furnishings that were being removed from a local mall. Ken had an inspection of the mall and identified a number of cabinets and lighting fixtures that can be used to improve the clubhouse. These will be collected and replacement of the clubhouse furnishings will commence shortly (postscript – see some photos below from 10 June).

Shed Construction

It has been noted that increasing the extension from 8 feet to 12 feet will have minimal increase to the construction costs, and give some futureproofing of our requirements. The proposal was supported by the meeting.

Update – Covering for practice targets

The response from the County was still pending against the 11 May submission. To date, no response has been provided to the Club, and the consultation period for the proposal is nearing its completion. An update from Fairfax County is expected by the July Meeting.

Maintenance

A good turnout of volunteers was noted for the repair of the targets and tree removal. The new waterproof targets are holding up well.

Fairfax County hunting program

The Fairfax County qualifying program closes on June 25th. The season opens the second week of September. Specific numbers of Members who have qualified to date were not known.

Ken provided a reminder for users of all ranges, but especially the Broadhead Range, to endeavor to remove any lost tips. Improper installation of inserts and target points often results in arrow points (and broadheads) coming free of the arrow shaft and being left in targets. These “lost” points can lead to damage of other archers’ arrows and are extremely dangerous if broadheads are left embedded in the broadhead target. General guidance on proper adhesives for point/insert installation as well as links to industry-approved installation methods are included at the end of the newsletter.

Academy (Dave Grant)

Dave discussed starting limited Academy courses that would take students on the 3D and Field courses. The aim of these courses would be to familiarize new members and potential new members with the courses themselves, while teaching rules, etiquette, and scoring with the hope this might increase participation in the shoots. This had been approved by the club and was planned to start in 2020, but naturally was shelved with COVID.

Those in attendance at the meeting were supportive of resurrecting the plans for such courses and no objections were raised.

Membership (Gerry Petraitis)

The June orientation was fully booked. At the time of the meeting, there were 125 new members and 707 total members. (as of 10 June, this is now 743)

Tournaments (Susan Erdos for Jordan)

The Club held a shoot in May. Jordan has stepped up to the Tournaments role, and has done a great job at learning the ropes to take over. May included some field archers.

As at the meeting, the next shoot was the June 10 Field, Hunter, and 3-D Pin shoot.

Although there has been a good turnout to the recent tournaments, it was noted that lack of a set presentation (& tournament end) time prevented presenting pins as the ranking were not known until most shooters had departed. This would also allow food serving to be complete at a reasonable time. A hard stop was planned for re-invigoration in the June shoot.

Web Update (Uwe Jacobs)

Uwe noted the transition to the new web provider is now complete, and should now be seen as Business As Usual, with no specific future reporting in the near term. The club has now been through at least one full cycle of the new system, with emails and newsletters now functioning, as well as the new QR Code.

For Memberships, Gerry noted that the automatic reply to new membership queries is now functioning, with the first month very successful. This allows a pre-formatted introductory letter as confirmation of requesting an orientation and membership, rather than waiting for the Membership Officer to manually read, process and respond each week or two.

Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

The Treasurer's Report for the end of May was presented by the Treasurer. The acquisition of the Ryobi tools was noted and the Committee noted the value this had provided for maintaining the range.

The extant decision to procure a side-by-side ATV was noted, and earlier meeting discussion on potential methods was discussed. It was noted that a decision would probably need to be made in the next 2-3 months in order to be ready for the work later this year.

NORVA Treasurer Monthly Report for May 2023

Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
Membership renewal dues	736.46		via Square
New members	1,761.05		\$150 cash, \$300 checks, rest via Square
Merchandise sales	286.35		\$120 cash rest via Square
Fridge snacks/drinks income	81.77		\$51 cash, rest via Square
5/20 shoot fees, food & drinks	330		\$240 cash, rest via Square
5/20 shoot food & misc. supplies		141.43	
GoToMeeting renewal		144.00	for year
novaarchers.org renew		17.54	for year
AC filter material		7.37	
Mouse traps		15.23	
Post digger handle & traps		30.06	
3D bridge repair material		63.79	
600 waterproof target faces		370.08	
target 14 frame repair		75.98	
Ryobi cordless tools		435.98	drill, driver, recip & circ saws & (4) batteries
Target 22 frame repair		137.82	
Auger bit & hex key set		61.70	
Dunkin donuts & coffee		67.57	for 5/6 new member orientation
Breakfast burritos		13.27	for 5/6 new member orientation volunteers
iFastnet web & email service		19.99	
Dominion Energy		60.12	
Waste Management		277.00	Every two weeks
USS Dons Johns		242.69	Weekly service
Verizon		71.96	
Totals	3,195.63	2,253.58	
Month-end bank balance	77,111.22		
Projected year-end balance	13,369		Based on recurring expenses and budgeted work.
Desired minimum reserve	-10,000		
Available	3,369		For additional work this year.

With no further business, the June meeting was then closed.

Instructional Tidbit: Proper Adhesives Used in Arrow Constructions

By Ken

There are three main adhesives used in arrow construction: cyanoacrylate (aka Superglue, two-party epoxy, and cool-melt/hot-melt.

- A. Cyanoacrylate, also known as CA glue, comes in many forms with popular brands such as Super Glue, etc. Some archery companies contract to have specialty formulations made to their specifications. This glue is excellent for attaching vanes to an arrow shaft. As the glue is very brittle when cured, if used to glue in arrow inserts or target points the bond is weakened over time as the arrow impacts the target. Eventually the bond fails and the point or insert is lost.
- B. Two-part epoxy is permanent adhesive and is excellent for installing inserts into arrow shafts. Pay close attention to the working time and cure time listed on the package.
- C. Cool-melt/hot-melt glues are the preferred adhesive for installation of target points. This adhesive can be loosened by placing the shaft in hot (not boiling) water, facilitating replacement of damaged points without damaging the shaft. It can be used as a temporary adhesive for inserts while experimenting with arrow length; however it is recommended to reattach inserts with epoxy once a final length is found. When using hot-melt with carbon arrow shafts a common rule of thumb is that if the point is too hot to hold in your fingers it may damage the resin in your carbon shaft.

Here are some links demonstrating proper installation of inserts and target points:

- HOW TO INSTALL ARROW INSERTS - EASTON ARCHERY, [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/M-C2KV50-I8](https://youtu.be/M-C2KV50-I8)
- MID-SEASON TARGET ARROW MAINTENANCE FOR THE COMPETITIVE SHOOTER, <https://eastonarchery.com/2018/08/arrow-maintenance/>

June's Shoot

By Jason

Here's a few photos from the recent June pin shoot. It was a great turnout, of Members and Visitors, and a few of the Committee stalwarts opted to lend a hand getting the secondhand cabinets into the Clubhouse while the rest of us shot. (PS thanks to Joe & Ken's help with my bow, and advice on how to properly use the bow vice, like keeping the bow fingers aligned on the vice). A few beginners also got to learn the different stakes' meaning and how to use their pins with the estimated ranges.





Can you spot the differences between the photos?





Whilst at time there were backlogs, it was a good time to witness others' techniques, and discuss our own approaches and generally be social.





And then it was time for some tasty lunch and Presentations. Scores can be found at <https://norva.club/home/shoot-scores?date=2023-06-10>





I think there's at least one adult in the picture....



First and Second place for the CUBs



A very happy First Bow Hunter



A fast presentation for Gerry....



And a grateful recipient Randy, as Jordan wraps up another pin shoot

Meanwhile, some interior remodeling was underway....





..whilst the clubhouse was still in full swing around the remodeling once it was cleared.

If you want to add some photos, tidbits, or other news (or are just sick of my photos and want to replace them with something different), don't forget to send it into the Secretary @norva.club (minus the space) for the next Newsletter.

**Last flights:
From our President**

The clubhouse is currently undergoing some modifications and upgrades.

In an effort to provide the best possible place for you to maintain and test your archery equipment, we are upgrading and adding some new and improved work spaces and equipment.

During this time we would like to ask that you be patient while these upgrades are being installed. During this time the arrow cutting tool, arrow spinner, bow press and draw board equipment will be out of order.

The paper tuner and poundage indicator are still available for use.

Thank you for your understanding and we will do our best to get these areas back up as quickly as possible.

**Joe Wolfe
Club President**

Next Members Meeting is

6 July, 7pm.

Meet at the Clubhouse

(don't forget you can Sign In for the Membership Meeting purpose),

or

call in via telephone using the number and code on the webpage