



# **Northern Virginia Archers**

## **July 2023**

**The next Club activity:  
Member Meeting on August 3**

# **Meeting Minutes**

## **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 July 2023 meeting.

Date of Meeting: July 6th, 2023

In-person Attendance: Joe Wolfe, Uwe Jacobs, Ken Wilkinson

Dial-in Attendance: John Shea, Gerry Petraitis, Susan Erdos

## **General Items**

The July 2023 meeting was led by President Joe Wolfe.

### **Club Officer Nominations**

In accordance with NORVA by-laws Article 4, Section 8 (a-c), nomination of candidates for elected officers for the coming year will be held at the August meeting. Members may self-nominate, or nominate another member in good standing, either in person or by submitting nominations in writing to the designated elections officer/committee if unable to attend the meeting (send nominations to [events@norva.club](mailto:events@norva.club)).

During the July meeting, club President Joe Wolfe announced that he would not seek reelection. We would all like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Joe for the eight years of leadership he has provided to NORVA.

### **Pavilion Construction Update**

Treasurer John Shea provided an update on the status of permitting through Fairfax County. According to our contractor the County stated that the permit should be approved imminently. Contractors are ready to begin as soon as permits are issued. Work is expected to last two weeks; during which time expect range closures for the practice range (20-40 yards) as well as the Academy range. The 60 yard practice range as well as the Field and 3-D courses will

remain open. Club leadership will issue a detailed announcement via e-mail and Facebook once the timeline becomes firm.

### Work Shed Expansion

Ken Wilkinson plans to issue a call for a work party in the fall, when temperatures are cooler.

### Broadhead Range Relocation:

A work party will be held 16 July to relocate the broadhead range to a new location adjacent to the upper parking area. The new range will expand shooting to 40 yards, add an additional target foam so that four shooters can use the range at the same time, and allow the club to sequester broadhead possession and usage to a single area. This will benefit users of the broadhead range and extend the life of the targets on field lanes 27 and 28, which are often accidentally shot with broadheads.

Upon completion of the range relocation, possession of broadheads on club property outside of the broadhead range and the parking lot will result in sanctions. NORVA Range Rules updated.

### Clubhouse Air-conditioning:

At the June meeting it was discussed that the window unit currently installed in the clubhouse has reached the end of its serviceable life. The board voted to enter into a contract with Comfort Solutions Inc. for the installation of a new split system that will more efficiently heat and cool the clubhouse.

### **Field Range** (Ken Wilkinson)

The waterproof, tear-resistant targets recently installed on the field course have proven to be extremely durable. Targets are lasting two months or more. The course is still being inspected monthly; however targets will need replacing much less often.

### **3-D Range** (Blake Hodge)

Rinehart targets notified Hoffman Archery that our order of 3-D targets will arrive in early August.

### **Events** (Susan Erdos)

The Georgetown Day event scheduled for 10 July was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances at the school.

On 5 August, Belvoir Bowhunters will host the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Hunters for the Hungry 3D Benefit Shoot at NORVA. Registration runs from 7:00-9:00 a.m. with a 9:30 shotgun start. Adults are \$10 and children \$5 with a cap of \$20 per family. This event always has a big raffle to include a compound bow, crossbow, tree stands and assorted archery and hunting gear.

### **Membership** (Gerry Petraitis)

NORVA added 35 members through the June orientation bringing total membership to 763.

### **Tournaments** (Jordan Faircloth)

The next club shoot is scheduled for 26 August with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. The format is Field/Hunter and 3-D.

Maryland State Field Championship is 26-27 August at Tuscarora Archers in Frederick, MD.

### **Media** (Uwe Jacobs)

After eight years of attempting to secure the domain "northernvirginiaarchers.org" Uwe was able to obtain it and redirect it at our current domain.

**Treasurer's Report** (John Shea)

**NORVA Treasurer Monthly Report for June 2023**

Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
Membership renewal dues	310.12		via Square
New members	4,101.88		via Square
Merchandise sales	375.23		\$45 cash, rest via Square
Fridge snacks/drinks income	89.98		\$66 cash, rest via Square
6/3 shoot fees, food & drinks	301.82		\$239 cash, rest via Square
Clubhouse improve misc. HW		498.61	Reconfigure/augment benches, cabinets & electrical.
Pizza		51.80	For leadership meeting
3 sets of LED string lights		158.90	
Misc. hand-tools		185.74	In clubhouse for member use — if they disappear they won't be replaced.
Pegboard organizer material		138.13	For clubhouse.
Chronograph light, bow levels & scale		140.55	for clubhouse
Bow square, (2) nock pliers & digital bow scale		114.32	for clubhouse
northernvirginiaarchers.org		15.99	Reclaimed domain name (annual payment)
Dunkin donuts & coffee		84.76	for 6/3 new member orientation
Breakfast burritos		26.51	for 6/3 new member orientation volunteers
iFastnet web & email service		19.99	
Dominion Energy		43.30	
Waste Management		274.55	6 yd every two weeks
USS Dons Johns		242.69	Weekly service
Verizon		71.95	
Totals	5,179.03	2,067.79	
Month-end bank balance	80,515.66		
Projected year-end balance	14,497		Based on recurring expenses and budgeted work.
Desired minimum reserve	-10,000		
Available	4,497		For additional work this year.

The Semi-Annual Financial Report is included at the end of this newsletter. Where additional sheets are referenced, these are available from the Treasurer upon request.

## Club Trip – R100 to Staunton



As a new member, I wasn't sure what to expect with this trip with club members, so I thought I would share my experiences. I think there were a few like minded members heading to some earlier states earlier in the year, but there was a good drive towards the Staunton Rienhart 100 & Joe (or President) offered to take lead in booking some hotel rooms for the trip, and I think we even needed a few more than the initial twenty.

The R100 shoot itself was hosted by the Augusta Archers, which was a little south of Staunton, VA. The range was open from I think midday or two o'clock, and camping sites were available for free there (but with just some club picnic tables & the event portaloos), but the Norva Hotel was well priced & social. The ice machine was also great to keep drinks cool for the days on the range & rehydrating afterwards.

I was hoping to get there in time for Friday's door prize, but I was a little late after needing to cut some arrows at the course (which was fortunate, as my child was sick at

school, & I needed to take them home), but I didn't miss much as you get three door prize tickets and can decide the disbursement to each day's prizepool There was still daylight though, and I took the chance to check my sights, and have a go at the rangefinder and array of deer for an unscored bit of fun.



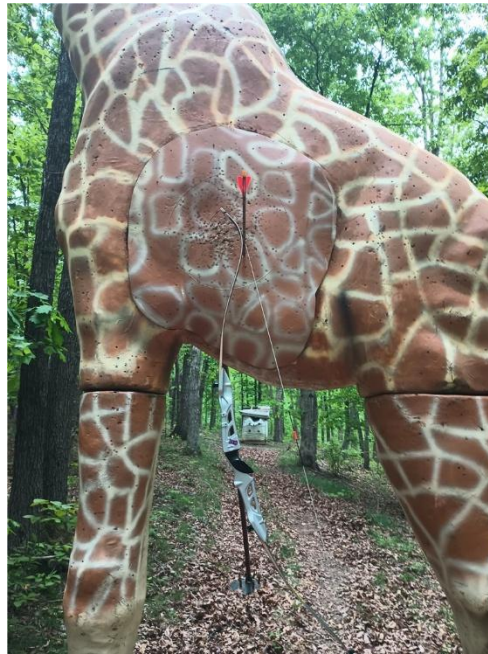
Back at the hotel, those that had arrived early were set up. The hotel had in part been selected with a grassy field beyond the carpark, allowing some practice, although there was a treasure hunt going on in the long grass for some arrows.

The hotel was good for the price point – I think another is intended next year. There was a bit of a tailgate grilling going on, but with my first trip to Staunton, I decided for a quick trip to get some refreshments and some dinner. There was an old independent 1950s curbside diner which had some great food, and I headed back for the social at the hotel.



Group breakfast was at 6:30 for those interested, and those aiming for the hundred targets in one day for 1000 points (R100 has 12 points for the central zone), everyone was on the range by 7 or 7:30. Take plenty of water, bug repellent etc with you in the car, although there was a great food area run by the archery club – I can recommend the pulled pork burger combo, and water bottles were \$1, hydrating drinks \$2 I think. I think they also had a Square for cards.





I wanted to double check my bow, and chased to catch up. WithnR100, it's all self paced and you can enter halfway along either of the 50 target courses. There was the American course, and the Safari (boutique animals, including dinosaurs and giant spiders) course. Phone range was generally available, so I watched a bit of the King's Coronation whilst catching up through the targets. One of the advantages of starting early was that there weren't too many groups on the course. It turned out though I entered at the wrong spot, but the great thing with NORVA is that I stumbled on a couple of other members who were happy to let me join in (thanks Paul & Jeff!).

We did the second half, paused for lunch and to see meet the others, and worked on to the rest of the targets. I think I finished off the other targets I'd missed in my slight detour, I turned up for the raffle draw and then joined in for one of the novelty shoots (Steel Trees in front of deer targets) before it closed around 5PM. Others headed back to the hotel earlier and freshened up, I went straight to the dinner (after 11 hours at the range).

We had a group dinner at the Fish'n Pig. The food was good, and the discussion was great, even after a wait outside for our tables. We followed it up with a trip to the Go Karts, and got back about 9:30pm to the hotel for some carpark socials, as we watched a herd of deer stroll into the field beyond the carpark under the full moon and the air

cooled off. We made plans for breakfast and checkout, and headed off to a fresh shower and bed.

After a quick check to make sure everything was accounted for in the morning, we were back to the range. News came that with an afternoon storm on the way, the final scoring, prizes and door prize draw were brought forward. Having finished my 100 3D targets (& had a go at the course with my recurve, I moved back for the final novelty shot before the presentations (& got another discount coupon for the cost of an arrow).

Overall, NORVA did pretty well at the Sunday shoots. For those interested, the R100 van was also selling shirts, bandanas, and some used 3D targets, in addition to what was on offer for the door prizes.

The club generally dispersed on Sunday. Those of us who stuck around for the draw then headed off in the rain. With a train expo on nearby, and a Wildlife Management Area I wanted to re-visit, I took the scenic route, saw many deer, gobblers, and probably a bear before driving back home in the inversion layer of fog. It was a fun weekend, and a great way to get to know other club members, including those now in their stats.

For a video clip and some other club photos, check out our Facebook page.



Apologies if anyone has sent some things in for the Newsletter – our Secretary is away, so this guest editor hasn't checked the email account.

## **Workshop area**

As per the posts and updates, our team of volunteers have done a lot to get the interior of the Clubhouse upgraded, complete with some instructional cards and tips/rules for use. Unfortunately my photos are on my other computer (a slight distance away), but an occupied photo is coming up in the next section....

## Broadhead Range Relocation



As per the minutes above, a working party was held in mid July to relocate the broadhead range. It was great to see a number of volunteers of all ages turning up and helping out.









With the team there, it was also decided after some re-energizing pizza, to assemble the club's circus tent to prepare for the upcoming Hunters for the Hungry (see you there!)





*Most of the workers (unfortunately on the sweaty day, the focus didn't work so well)*



What does it look like? Well, here's the entrance – you might just need to head to the club and see for yourself. There's a couple more minor tweaks to be completed but it seemed to work fine & an improvement over the old location.



## Northern Virginia Archers (NORVA) 2023 Financial Statement – as of June 30

Start of year assets:	Value	Notes
Checking account	34,373	Wells Fargo
Petty Cash	300	Clubhouse safe cashbox (\$300 desired max)
Property	_____	? See "Property" sheet
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,673</b>	

Estimated column is for year — Actual is year to date. Some estimates are adjusted over the course of the year to more accurately project year-end balance.

Income:	Estimated	Actual	Notes
<b>Membership Dues:</b>			
318 Primary \$120 by	38,160		2022 762 (444 primary, 108 partner, 181 youth, 29 Est. 2022 minus 25% minus 15 (officers & life)
162 New primary \$150	24,300		Est. 9 orientation sessions, 18 new primary each
108 Partner \$10 ea	1,080		Est. same as 2022
181 Youth \$5 ea	905		Est. same as 2022
29 Adult \$20 ea	580		Est. same as 2022 (in same household)
Total	65,025		747 members (441 primary, 106 partner, 167 youth, 33
Minus Square fee	1,951		~3% for processing card payments
<b>Net dues income</b>	<b>63,074</b>	<b>56,055</b>	See linked sheet "Income: Dues"
<b>Tournaments/shoots:</b>			
Incl. fridge drinks/snack	2,000	1,760	See linked sheet "Shoots" for event details.
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,760</b>	Gross income – club costs under expenses.
<b>Other:</b>			
Merchandise	1,800	1,692	See linked sheet "Income: Misc"
Donations	0	0	Ditto
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,692</b>	Gross income – club costs under expenses.
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>66,874</b>	<b>59,507</b>	

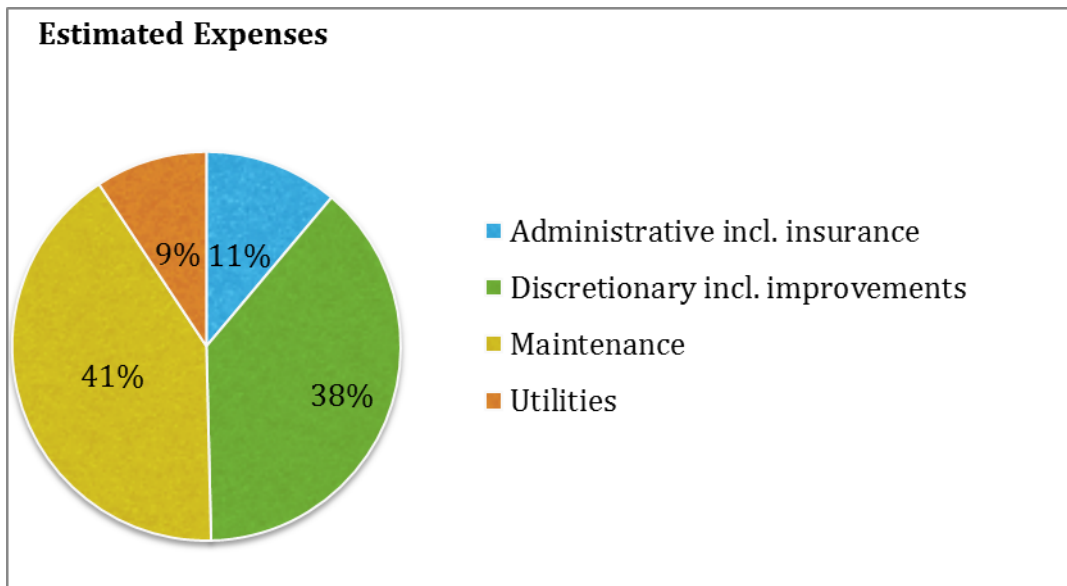
Expenses:	Estimated	Actual	Notes
<b>Administrative:</b>			
Insurance	6,700	0	Liability and property
Misc.	1,800	516	
Printing & supplies	1,000	275	
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>792</b>	See linked sheet "Expense: Misc"
<b>Discretionary:</b>			
Donations	0	0	
Improvements	31,300	1,293	See linked sheet "Maint & Improve" for estimate
Merchandise	0	0	
Misc.	1,500	884	
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>32,800</b>	<b>2,177</b>	See linked sheet "Expense: Misc"

Expenses (cont.):	Estimated	Actual	Notes
<b>Maintenance:</b>			
Ranges & clubhouse	35,000	5,592	See linked sheet "Maint & Improve" for estimate
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>5,592</b>	See linked sheet "Expense: Misc"
<b>Tournaments/Shoots:</b>			
	1,800	886	
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>886</b>	See linked sheet "Shoots" for details of each
<b>Utilities:</b>			
Electric	700	286	Dominion
Phone	850	430	Verizon
Porta-potty	2,900	1,456	USS Don's Johns weekly service
Web & email servic	200	80	iFastnet
Trash (6 yd dumps)	3,300	1,631	Waste Management every other week
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>7,950</b>	<b>3,883</b>	See linked sheet "Expense: Utilities"
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>87,050</b>	<b>13,329</b>	

<b>Liabilities:</b>		
None known	0	0

End of year assets:	Estimated*	Actual	Notes
Cash	14,497		Checking account Petty cash
Property	?	?	See "Property" sheet
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,497</b>		\$10,000 desired minimum reserve.

\*Formula starts year using estimated income, then must be changed when actual exceeds estimated.



Prepared by John Shea, NORVA Treasurer