



# Northern Virginia Archers

## March 2024

Date of Meeting: March 7, 2024

NORVA members in attendance:

Ken Wilkinson  
Susan Erdos

Pat King  
Jordan Faircloth

John Shea  
Jim Libovicz

Dave Grant

**April 13 – First Club shoot of 2024  
Field, Hunter, & 3-D Pin**

## **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 March 2024 meeting.

## **General Items**

The March 2024 meeting was led by President Ken Wilkinson.

### **Phone service at the clubhouse**

There was a discussion on whether to get a phone plan that would allow the clubhouse to have internet service. Ken indicated that he would check with the Fountainhead Park office to see what service they are using.

### **March Work Party**

The Club's first work party of 2024 was held March 3. We had approximately 20 volunteers show up to help. Thanks to everyone who pitched in, we were able to get the 3-D course prepared for the upcoming club season. Our 3-D Course Captain has laid out a number of challenging targets. Everything is scorable, but you will be challenged to make a "10" on many of them.

### **Hunters for the Hungry Shoot**

The Belvoir Bowhunters asked to move the date for the Hunters for the Hungry Shoot that they host at NORVA. It is currently scheduled for August 24. This presents a conflict with another shoot in Virginia. Belvoir would like to move the shoot to August 10.

### **New Handwashing station**

The Club recently installed a hand-washing station.

PLEASE NOTE: It is for handwashing only. The water is NOT potable.

### **Equipment Maintenance Bench Drawboard Accident**

Recently, a member experienced an equipment failure when utilizing the Last Chance Archery drawboard (located on the left side of the maintenance bench). The cord that connects the drawing mechanism to the bowstring broke, resulting in the aluminum pulley launching through the arrow rest. Fortunately, no one was injured, and the only damage was to the equipment. The drawboard has been replaced with an identical model as the one on the right side of the maintenance bench. It is imperative that members utilizing the maintenance equipment inspect for serviceability before use.

### **Academy** (Dave Grant)

Academy Classes started on March 16. This year the Academy will try to include in the classes a session where the students walk the 3-D and Field Courses.

The Academy would like to hold classes on days that the Club is also holding a shoot. This will expose the students to the atmosphere of the shoot experience.

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

The March orientation yielded 28 new members. As of the end of March we have 711 members. The next orientation will be April 6. If you know of someone who is interested in joining, have them sign up on the club's website at <https://norva.club/home/join-norva/>

### **3-D Captain** (Jordan Faircloth)

Jordan is working on a spread sheet to track all the inventory for the 3-D range. He is also preparing a request for targets and inserts. This year the Club will purchase 3-D materials directly from the manufacturer (Reinhardt). In the past we have purchased through an archery store. Buying through a store can be slightly cheaper, but it results in delayed delivery, as the store waits until it gets orders from a large number of local clubs before making its purchase. By buying directly, NORVA will have more control over when we get delivery.

# Volunteers Needed for Tournaments and Field Course

The Club needs a Tournament Chair and a Field Course Captain. Please contact a club officer if you are interested in helping out the Club while having fun. Ex-President Joe Wolfe has agreed to fill in as Tournament Chair on a temporary basis, until we find a permanent Chair.

## Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

John is waiting for prices on big-ticket items such as 3-D targets and lights for the practice range. Once he has those, he will be able to prepare a budget for 2024.

Waste Management tried to raise its fee for the portable restroom by over 20 percent. John called to complain, and he was able to adroitly negotiate the fee down to what it was in 2021.

### **NORVA Treasurer Monthly Report For February 2024**

Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
Member renewal dues	2,630.87		via Square
New member dues	3,027.27		via Square
Merchandise	296.29		\$20 cash, rest via Square
Fridge snacks/drinks income	6.00		
Microsoft 365		99.99	Annual subscription
Bitdefender Antivirus		39.99	Annual subscription
Dunkin Donuts		27.54	For new member orientation
Coffee & volunteer burritos		49.56	For new member orientation
(120) orientation handout copies		89.04	
(2) combo padlocks		54.02	
iFastnet web & email service		19.99	
Dominion Energy		0.00	
Waste Management		332.61	Trash pickup every two weeks (Shea complained about price increase & haggled it down to \$200/mo)
USS Dons Johns		242.69	Weekly potty service
Verizon		75.04	Clubhouse phone
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,960.43</b>	<b>1,030.47</b>	
Month-end bank balance	63,509.45		
Projected year-end balance	TBD		\$10,000 desired minimum reserve