



Northern Virginia Archers

April 2024

Date of Meeting: April 4, 2024

NORVA members in attendance:

Ken Wilkinson
Jason Milton

Gerry Petraitis
Mark Finkenstaedt

Jordan Faircloth
John McKenzie

Susan Erdos
Jim Libovicz

May 11 – Next Club shoot

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Fairfax Deer Management Program***

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 April 2024 meeting.

General Items

The April 2024 meeting was led by President Ken Wilkinson.

Internet service for the clubhouse

There was a discussion on how to obtain internet service for the clubhouse. The Board will continue to explore possibilities, including the company that provides internet to the Fountainhead Park office.

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 has been rescheduled to August 10.

Termites at the clubhouse

The clubhouse has been invaded by another pest – this time it is termites. A pest-control company came out to spray and treat the clubhouse the week of April 8.

Membership (Gerry Petraitis)

There were 21 people at the April new member orientation. That brings the club's total membership to 738.

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/>

Hunting Chair (Mark Finkenstaedt)

Our urban landscape offers several upcoming opportunities for both experienced and novice hunters, and it is time to act. Whitetail deer are one of the pinnacle game animals, and Fairfax County is asking bowhunters for help in managing the County's deer population.

The **Fairfax County Deer Management Program** is the County's primary tool to manage deer population. This program enlists the aid of local bowhunters at county and regional parks. In order to participate in this program, you must first be qualified. The qualification period this year runs from April 19 to June 23, 2024.

The program's requirements are extensive and should be read carefully and dates noted: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>

NORVA has always fielded an energetic core of highly proficient archers volunteering hundreds of hours to the program. We encourage anyone interested to take part and we offer expert advice for novice and lifelong hunters new-to-the-area about the program's nuance.

You can be qualified to participate in the program at NORVA. Club qualifiers include Uwe Jacobs, John McKenzie, Joe Wolfe, and Mark Finkenstaedt. Typically we post "qual" dates/times on the Facebook page. The qualification period ends quickly (only two months), so practice the "qual" jitters away.

Crossbows are permitted at the Broadhead range only during these sessions. For crossbow users without suitable places to sight/test we can hold special sessions. These will not be the same day as your qualifications.

You will also need to attend an IBEP (International Bowhunters Education Program) class in person if you don't have this qualification. Online versions are not recognized by the program. Classes are held by DWR, FCDMAP and soon at NORVA, so get signed up as seats can be limited.

Additionally, several private hunt groups exist:
Suburban Whitetail Deer Management <https://suburbanwhitetail.org/>
GreenFire: <http://greenfireweb.com/>

Here are several helpful tips for qualifying:

- Check your gear and practice with broadheads. (Added precautions please!)
- Practice daily before qualifying.

- Donuts and coffee are welcome at the qualification session, but we will still fail you . . . without practice.
- 20 and 30 yards is easy...with practice.
- Do not practice one hour before qualifying - that's the rule.
- Practice cooking sides.

Scenes from NORVA's first shoot of 2024



Tournament organizer Joe Wolfe gives the orientation



Participants getting their game face on



Colleen Teverini takes aim



Club member Gene Lung demonstrates his form, as the Bennett brothers Grant and Andy look on in admiration

For a full report on all the scores, go to
<https://norva.club/home/shoot-scores/?date=2024-04-13>

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.

NORVA Treasurer Monthly Report For March 2024

Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
Member renewal dues	940.07		via Square
New member dues	2,428.53		via Square
Merchandise	259.00		\$65 cash, rest via Square
Fridge snacks/drinks income	24.20		\$5 cash, rest via Square
150 caps (50 of each style)		1,601.66	
Draw board replacement		244.17	
Dunkin Donuts & coffee		55.09	For new member orientation
Volunteer burritos		27.52	For new member orientation
Volunteer burritos		26.59	For work party
Printer ink		57.23	
Duplicator Pro renewal		99.00	Annual for website migration & backup
Fence repair material		79.67	
Buns for shoot (canceled)		11.80	
iFastnet web & email service		19.99	
Dominion Energy		155.85	
Waste Management		335.44	Pickup every two weeks (will get a credit)
United Site Services		307.26	Service for potty weekly; sink every two weeks
Verizon		75.04	Clubhouse phone
Totals	3,651.80	3,096.31	
Month-end bank balance	63,830.79		
Projected year-end balance	52,342*		\$10,000 desired minimum reserve
* will be less once additional maintenance & improvement work is estimated and approved.			

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.