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2023 Chapter Elections



In accordance with the Chapter bylaws, elections are held annually for half of the board of directors' positions with members serving a two-year term. Polls will be open on the 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th of July 2023. Election results will be presented to the membership by the election committee chair at the July 18th membership meeting and the newly elected board members are officially sworn in at the August membership meeting on August 15th. Chapter officer and board member positions on the ballot this year are:

- President
- Secretary
- Membership Director
- Field Archery Director
- Rifle-Pistol Director
- Air Range Director
- Youth Activities Director
- (3) Directors-at-Large

Nominations for these positions are currently being accepted from the Chapter membership. Nominations will be closed and the ballot finalized at the monthly general membership meeting on June 20th. If you would like to self-nominate or nominate another Chapter member for any of the open positions, contact nominating committee Cochairmen Jonathan Bukva and Don Early at: Jonathan.Bukva@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org and Don.Early@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

Did you know the chief funding source for conservation efforts in the United States is primarily the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program (WSFR)? Established in 1937 as the Pittman-Robertson Act, this program imposes a federal excise tax on the sale of sporting goods, which includes firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, fishing tackle, and motorboat fuel. Taxes collected by the federal government are distributed back to states to fund various conservation initiatives, such as habitat restoration, wildlife management, research and monitoring, and public education and outreach.

Over the years, the WSFR program has played a crucial role in the recovery of many species, conserving millions of acres of habitat and promoting sustainable hunting and fishing practices. In addition to the WSFR program, other public funds also support conservation efforts in the United States, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).

The Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA), a conservation organization founded in 1922 by a group of outdoor enthusiasts, has been a vocal advocate for the WSFR program and other federal programs that support conservation efforts in the United States. In addition, the IWLA has worked to educate the public about the importance of the WSFR program and has helped secure funding for various conservation initiatives across the country.

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Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month
7:30 p.m. @ Chapter field house
All members welcome

Attend Your Chapter Meetings

General Membership Meeting
3rd Tuesday of each month
7:30 p.m. @ Chapter field house

Newsletter Committee

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Chapter's Web Site <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>

Chapter's Facebook Page

Arlington-Fairfax-Chapter-Inc-Izaak-Walton-League-of-America

Chapter Field House Office Hours

1st and 3rd Tuesday.....1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
All other Tuesdays.....1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Other times, call the field house office number..... 703-631-4495

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President's Column

Getting to Know the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter (Part 2)

Welcome to the second installment of "Getting to Know the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter." In this edition I am going to bring to you information regarding the Chapter's communication with members along with some of the ways members can join other members to actively support the Chapter. I hope this information is helpful to new and longtime members alike, because no matter when you joined, the Chapter serves your needs and the Chapter needs your service.

Have you ever wondered what time a range opened or if Chapter activities were impacted by inclement weather or a special event? The Chapter has several methods to easily communicate with the members and provide timely updates: the calendar, newsletter, E-Blast, and Web site. While the Chapter calendar (<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/chapter-calendars/>) contains the most current information and is constantly updated to provide members with timely information about Chapter activities and anything that unexpectedly impacts Chapter activities, the Chapter's award-winning newsletter has been the main source of information on activities for almost 60 years. The newsletter is produced and mailed to all members quarterly and it is also available to read on the Chapter's Web site. The newsletter reports on upcoming and recent events to keep everyone updated and informed.

The Chapter E-Blast is the most recent addition to our Chapter's system of information distribution. This timely notice is distributed by e-mail around the beginning of each month and provides current and important reminders for members, such as upcoming events, scheduling changes or cancellations, and membership renewals. Bulletin boards containing current and updated information are also located at all the facilities and the front gate. Chapter-event flyers and other membership information is posted on these boards for easy viewing.

The Chapter's Web site and calendar are also updated when a new issue of the newsletter or E-Blast is sent out to members. You won't want to miss this valuable information so if you are not receiving the Chapter newsletter or E-Blast, please contact the membership office to update your mailing and e-mail addresses.

Always check the calendar on the Chapter Web site before coming out to participate in a scheduled activity or to use the property. The calendar provides the most up-to-date information concerning the status of the Chapter's activities and ranges and any impact from bad weather, power outages, special events, etc. The Web site also has contact information for all of the directors of the facilities on the Chapter property and contacts for every other activity at the Chapter. <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/chapter-calendars/>.

Your personal involvement in the Chapter's operation is crucial as the Chapter depends on you, the volunteers. There are many different volunteer opportunities available to members that involve various levels of physical activity and time commitments. Among the many volunteer activities available throughout the year, members can assist with cleaning and maintaining the different field houses and ranges, cutting firewood, joining a newsletter mailing party, becoming a Range Safety Officer (RSO) at one of our facilities, helping with administrative work in the membership office and during new member orientations, and assisting with shoots held at the various ranges. The Chapter uses SignUpGenius for members to volunteer and to sign up for special activities. To locate SignUpGenius, visit the Chapter homepage (<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/>), and scroll down to the SignUpGenius link at the bottom of the page. Be sure to check the SignUpGenius

IWLA Mission

To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

Izaak Walton League Member Pledge

To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it.

I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.

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Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America

Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children & Adults with Disabilities

May 6, 2023

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Lunch is served at Noon
Come out and enjoy a day of fishing and outdoor fun!**

**14708 Mount Olive Road, Centreville, VA 20121-2517
For directions visit our Web site: www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org**

Contact: Mr. Labarca at mlabarca99@gmail.com to register. Please include number planning to attend.
To volunteer to assist at this event, please go to Chapter's SignUpGenius.

Please distribute: The participants do not have to be members of the Chapter.

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page regularly as new volunteer opportunities and special events are frequently added and updated.

Also, if you volunteer for 8+ hours in the calendar year, you will earn a \$50 membership dues credit on your following year's dues. Volunteering at the Chapter is an excellent way to meet other members and to contribute to activities that directly benefit the entire Chapter. In 2022, Chapter members collectively contributed over 4,000 volunteer hours.

While the Chapter's successful operation depends on its members for volunteer help, the Chapter exists solely for its

members' use and enjoyment. My future columns will explore more of the activities the Chapter offers to all its member, including its facilities, ranges, special interest groups, clubs, annual and special events, and much more. Thank you for taking the time to read this installment and I hope you will look for the next installments in the future newsletter columns. This is your Chapter, get out and enjoy all it offers.

If you have any questions, please refer to the Web site or you can send an e-mail to the Chapter at ARLFXIWLA@gmail.com.

—Paula Meara, President



SIGN UP!



SignUpGenius®

**Please use to sign
up for **Volunteer
Opportunities**,
located on the
Chapter Home
Web page.**

AmazonSmile Update

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After almost a decade Amazon has decided to end the **AmazonSmile** program as of February 20, 2023. In 2013, **AmazonSmile** was launched to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. For those individuals who chose the Chapter as their charity, Amazon has been donating 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible **AmazonSmile** purchases to the Chapter.

The Chapter thanks all its members who have supported the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, using **AmazonSmile**.

A donation in the amount of **\$413.98** has been received from the **AmazonSmile** Foundation as a result of **AmazonSmile** program activity between **October 1, 2022**, and **December 31, 2022**.

ARL-FX IWLA Membership Notes

May, June, July 2023

Important Information About Your Membership

- If you need the new gate code or have not renewed, contact the membership office at:
E-mail: arl_ffx_iwla_mbr_sec@yahoo.com
Phone: 703-631-4495

What's Happening in the Membership Office

- We are still working on instituting a database system instead of the Excel spreadsheet we have used for the past 12 years. This will speed up the renewal process so we can get the new range inserts and membership cards out faster.
- We are also working on a two-level reward program for member volunteers who contribute more than 50 hours of service (but less than 100) and a second tier for members who contribute 100 or more hours

to the Chapter in a calendar year. We will have more information on this later this spring.

Volunteer Notes

- It's that time of year again ... SPRING! At this time of year, we start our major projects to improve our Chapter and help the community. This is an important aspect of the Chapter and requires volunteers to make it successful.
- Take a minute to visit our home page and click on our SignUpGenius button to learn where you can volunteer to help your Chapter be the best it can be for our members and the community.

Membership office is open every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and every Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"As always... get out to our Chapter and have some fun."

—Beau Craudall, Membership Director

Some interesting numbers about membership as of March each year:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Membership	2,138	2,136	2,090	2,039	2,086	1,988	2,203
Members Receiving Dues Discount for Volunteer Work	220	222	294	262	273	243	275

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One success story of the WSFR program is the restoration of the brook trout population in Virginia. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (VDWR) used funds from the WSFR program to launch a program focused on habitat restoration, pollution reduction, and the elimination of nonnative fish species. The VDWR also implemented regulations to protect the brook trout population. Thanks to these efforts, the brook trout population in Virginia has significantly recovered.

Other notable success stories of the WSFR program include the restoration of wild turkeys, the recovery of bald

eagles, the conservation of wetlands, the restoration of elk populations, and the improvement of fisheries management.

We are the good guys protecting the natural resources of this country. Yes, we are advocates of clean air and water. Our mission statement clearly states ... "To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife." We encourage you to support the WSFR program and other federal programs that promote conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources in the United States.



IWLA Digital Newsletter

Want the latest conservation news from the Izaak Walton League and Action Alerts on key advocacy issues? Sign up today at <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#SignIn>.

E-Newsletter and Action Alert Sign-up

Virginians Poised to Impact IWLA Congressional Agenda

Virginia members of Congress are poised to have a big impact on Izaak Walton League priorities in 2023. The new congressional district maps mean new territory for some members, and committee assignments are now complete for the new Congress.

Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-7) represents north-central Virginia, including Dale City, Stafford, and Fredericksburg. She serves on the House Agriculture Committee and is the highest-ranking Democrat on the Conservation Subcommittee, which has responsibility for conservation programs that help farmers adopt better conservation systems.

As Congress writes a new Farm Bill in 2023, Representative Spanberger will be in an important position to help the League put soil health at the center of agricultural policy, protect the \$19.5 billion Congress earmarked for climate-smart farming practices last summer, and increase long-term funding for conservation programs. Today a shortfall of funds means three-quarters of farmers who apply for help through farm conservation programs are turned away.

Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine both serve on the Senate Budget Committee. They represent the whole Commonwealth and their position on Budget means they could play an important role in ensuring that adequate funding is available for the Agriculture Committees as they write a new Farm Bill. Their work will also determine how much federal funding is available for other federal programs, like the Chesapeake Bay Program that funds

solutions to the pollutants harming the bay, and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act that helps protect and manage vital wetlands.

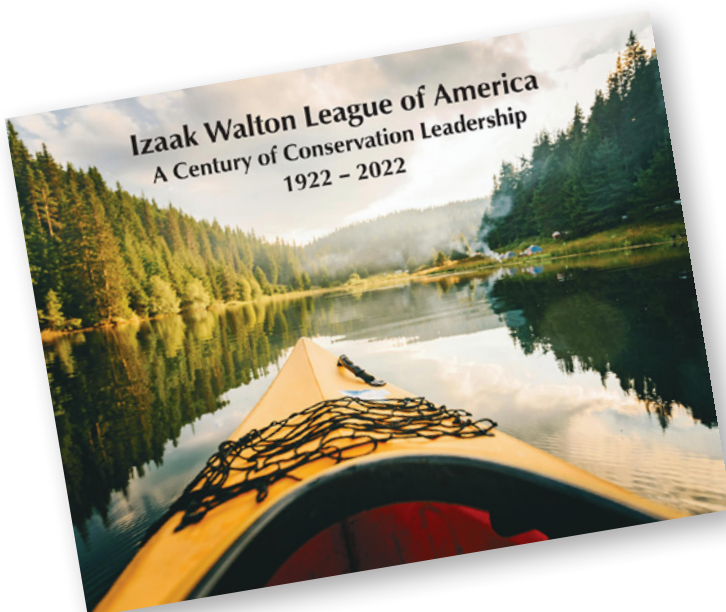
Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-11) represents suburban northern Virginia communities like Fairfax, Reston, and the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter property. Representative Connolly serves on the Oversight Committee, which can review and investigate any federal program the committee deems appropriate.

Rep. Rob Wittman (R-1) represents east-central Virginia, his district wraps around Richmond. Representative Wittman serves on the Natural Resources Committee which will be considering the Grasslands Act, a proposal supported by the League. The bill would create a national strategy to protect and restore our disappearing grasslands and would educate and provide help to landowners to protect and restore prairie, savannas, and other grasslands.

Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-10) and Rep. Ben Cline (R-6) both serve on the House Appropriations Committee, which debates funding for federal agencies. Representative Wexton serves northern Virginia, from Leesburg southeast to Manassas and west to Sperryville. Rep. Ben Cline (R-6) represents the Shenandoah Valley, from Winchester to Roanoke.

Both can have an impact on a variety of priorities like the Chesapeake Bay Program, the National Park Service budget, clean energy, and Fish & Wildlife Service refuges. Representative Cline will serve on the Agriculture

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Still Time to Get the Izaak Walton League's 100th Anniversary Book

Order this truly unique photo-history book! This 200-plus-page softcover book traces the League's history and accomplishments over 100 years and includes extensive coverage of chapter and division activities.

Go to: <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#Store>

Did You Know ... An Occasional Column Highlighting Something Interesting About the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA.

Did you know the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, is involved with Fairfax County's Deer Management Program?

First, a brief history. After Fairfax County recorded its first deer-vehicle collision with a fatality in 1997, the county's supervisors mandated the initiation of the county's Deer Management Program, which is overseen by the county's police department and its partners, the county's park authority and NoVAParks. These agencies develop and implement a safe and humane deer culling program at selected parks in Fairfax County.

As local deer hunters and conservationists know, the county's White Tail deer population is thriving without natural large predators and significant hunting. While a healthy ecosystem can support 15-20 deer/sq. mile without damage to the environment, many sites in Fairfax County are estimated to contain 40-100 deer/sq. mile. That results in: risks to drivers colliding with deer (Virginia ranks 13th in the nation for the likelihood of such collisions); a higher risk to human health from the primary vector of Lyme disease—black-legged ticks—that feed and mate primarily on deer; irreversible damage to native plant life and woodland habitat (a single adult deer can eat over one ton of vegetation every year); loss of biodiversity and fewer species supported in the ecosystem; a decrease in overall herd health as more deer compete for fewer resources; along with other negative impacts to the ecosystem, humans, and the deer herds themselves. High deer density also contributes to the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which is highly transmissible among deer and always fatal to the deer it infects.

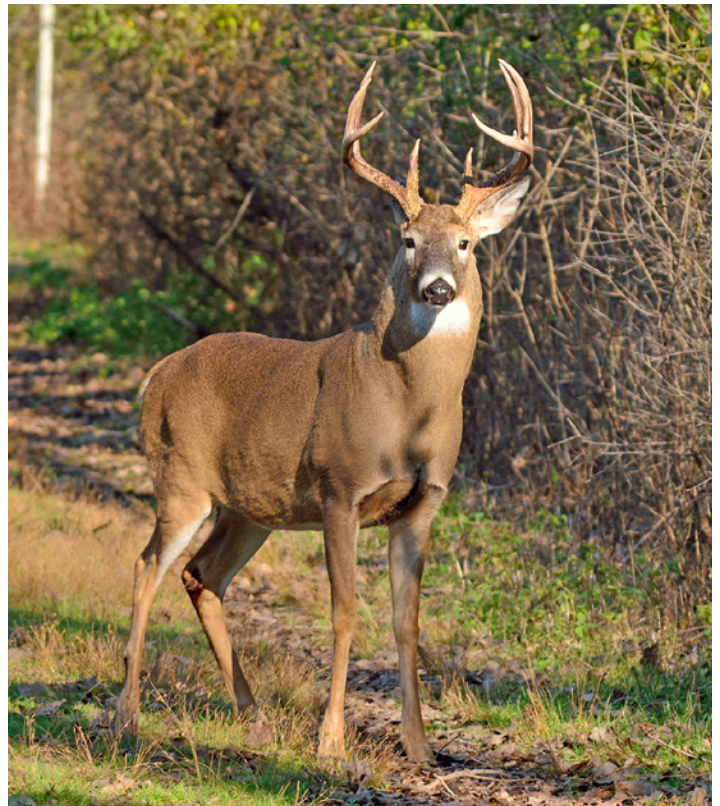
An approved method to humanely reduce deer herds includes archery, a pillar activity of this IWLA Chapter. As approved by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, harvesting of deer using qualified bow hunters has proven to be a safe, efficient, and cost-effective method of culling herds size in urban counties, like Fairfax. This Chapter plays a key role in qualifying the prospective bow hunters and many Chapter members also participate as hunters in the county program.

Of the 650 bow hunters seeking to be drawn in a lottery for 500 park hunting permits, about 100-150 qualify at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's archery range. To qualify for the lottery, a prospective hunter must shoot three arrows at a 6¼ inch surface from 20 yards away, hitting the target with all three arrows. If successful, the bow hunter must then shoot three more arrows at the same target from

30 yards away and hit the target with a minimum of two arrows. Failing to hit the target with the required number of arrows eliminates the shooter. While the bow hunter may attempt to hit the target a total of three separate times, failure to do so disqualifies the bow hunter from that year's lottery.

The Chapter also has a deer cleaning station for Chapter members to use and the Chapter hosts a freezer for hunters to store their deer heads which are later collected and tested by wildlife agency personnel for CWD, which is very difficult to detect in living deer. CWD cannot be detected solely based on visible signs and requires laboratory testing of harvested deer. While there are no known cases of CWD having been transmitted to humans, the disease is easily transmitted among overabundant deer herds. The popularity of deer hunting by Chapter members is evidenced by the number of deer heads left in the freezer during the 2022 hunting season: approximately 70 heads, making it one of the top three deer-head collection sites for CWD surveillance in Fairfax County.

For more information on the Deer Management Program, visit the Fairfax County Web site. To practice one's archery skills in preparation for the 2023 hunting season, visit the Chapter's Field Archery Ranges.



IWLA's Save Our Streams (SOS) Program



Virginia Save Our Streams is a program of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA). Founded in 1922, the IWLA is one of the nation's oldest and most respected conservation organizations. With a powerful grassroots network of nearly 270 local chapters nationwide, the League takes a commonsense approach toward protecting our country's natural heritage and improving outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. For more information about our Virginia chapters, please visit the Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League Web site.

SOS Web Links

Check out the IWLA *Save Our Streams* Web site:

<https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring>.

Check out the IWLA Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/iwla.org/>.

Check out the VA SOS Web site for more information, forms, and gear:

<http://www.vasos.org/>.



Save Our Streams Volunteer Opportunities



The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, is looking for a few volunteers to help with the Chapter's conservation efforts dealing with Save our Streams (SOS) events.

The SOS method is recognized by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to determine potential impairments to the waters of Virginia. The method collects samples of "bugs" from the water that provide indicators of stream health.

By volunteering for this program, you can:

- Gather important data in our local area;
- Work with other engaged volunteers;
- Get first-hand knowledge of water quality in the streams monitored.

For more information, please e-mail arlfxiwla@gmail.com.



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Chapter Hours of Operation

8 a.m. – 9 p.m. for outdoor recreational use
(including outdoor range operation)

8 a.m. – 12 midnight for indoor uses
(including indoor range operation)

With extended hours reserved for staff and special scheduled events, such as camping activities, as needed.

*See designated range Web pages for
specific days and times of range operations.*

Got Grants? Yes, We Do!

The Chapter extends our thanks to the NRA Foundation known as the Friends of the NRA for funding one grant at the Chapter in 2022. Past recipients of these grants were the Youth Shotgun Team, Air Range, and the Rifle-Pistol Range. Your support of local Friends of the NRA dinners helps raise funds for this program. <https://www.friendsofnra.org/>



The Chapter extends our thanks to the IWLA Endowment for funding a grant for the youth shotgun team. The Endowment funds selected projects at IWLA chapters and divisions each year. It only uses the proceeds from investments. The investment principle is never used and grows through donations made to support the endowment. <http://iwla-endowment.org/>

Facility-Use Requests



Looking for a place to hold an event or overnight camp with your family. Our Chapter has nine rustic campsites with fire pits along with pavilions that can be used for family picnics and don't forget Gilbert's fishing pond. See the *Facility-Use Request Page* on our Web site for information/procedures on how to make a request.

<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/facilities-use-request/>

Range Badge

Chapter members are required to display their range badge when they access/use the Chapter's ranges. Access will be denied if they do not display their range badge. If you have lost your range badge, please contact the membership office to purchase a replacement badge at <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/membership-general-information/>. There is a \$10 fee for all replacement badges.



Izaak Walton League of America Store

Are you interested in getting IWLA apparel/items? Did you know that IWLA National has an online store? Visit <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#Store>.

Animal Protection

The Chapter grounds are considered a wildlife sanctuary and hunting is strictly prohibited. All animals are protected and are not to be harmed in any way. Anyone found to be harming wildlife on the Chapter grounds will be brought before the board of directors for disciplinary action.

Education & Training NRA Course Updates

The 2023 Education & Training schedule for NRA courses is available. Make sure you check out the schedule on the Web site:

<http://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education-and-training-2/>



Photos Needed!

Doing volunteer work on the Chapter grounds or helping to make the picture perfect?

We would love for you to take a picture of work done or in process and e-mail it to Pam Meara (arlfxnewsletter@gmail.com) and/or Ellen MacBrayne (emb4art@verizon.net) to publish in the Newsletter. Send the largest photo possible and include a caption identifying faces, place, event, and date.

Dumpsters

Please remember the dumpsters located on the Chapter property are for Chapter use only, not your personal use. Anyone caught dumping their personal trash in a Chapter dumpster will be brought before the board of directors for disciplinary action.





Skeet & Trap Range

2023 ARL-FX Chapter Skeet & Trap Shoot Dates

Skeet-Shoot Dates

Memorial Day Open	May 26-28
Stonewall Open	August 4-6
Pre-State & Club Championship	August 25-27

E-mail IWLASkeet@yahoo.com for more information.

Trap-Shoot Dates

Chapter Registered Trap Open	May 7
John Linn Memorial Trap Shoot	May 21
Jeff Miller Corn Shoot	September 3
DuCharm/Igou Memorial Registered Trap Shoot	October 1

Contact Bob Brino at (703) 368-4934 or by e-mail at Bob.Brino@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org for more information.

ARL-FX IWLA CAP'N SKRAPPY'S MASTERS OF SKRAP

You are cordially invited to join your fellow shooters to the spirited ARL-FX IWLA Cap'n Skrappy's Masters of Skrap shoots held throughout the year.

What is skrap you ask?

It's skeet and trap combined with a few little kicks. The kicks include shooting wobble trap from the skeet stations with the machine cranked up to an ungodly speed.

Shooters can take up to three rounds at each skeet station. Once you hit a bird at a station, count coup and you move on. After three missed birds at any one station, you are done for that station, and you have an "O fer." When you've used up all your 25-round box of shells, you get to watch everyone else shoot and suffer the indignity of being a less than accurate shot and are in contention for one of the participation trophies—LOW GUN NO GUN Fish Award or LOW GUN NET Rubber Chicken award.

After participating in three events, shooters will establish their individual handicaps which is 90 percent of the difference between 25 and the last 3-5 scores. **Note:** Handicaps are set to weed out ringers.

You have opportunities to win money, trophies, and unending abuse and ridicule from your fellow shooters. Trophies are awarded for High Gun Gross, Champion Net, Runner Up Net, and Third Place net. Even the worst two shooters get participation trophies!

There is also an option for shooters to participate in the Money Bird pot which can be as much as \$100. The pot is set by the number of shooters who participate by tossing \$1 into the pot. The Money Bird is a uniquely painted clay that when broken showers the fall area with purple dust. See an example of a Money Bird below.

Join us for our almost monthly events on selected Wednesdays. Breakfast and registration start at 8:30 a.m. and shooting starts on Trap Field 3 as close to 9:30 as possible, considering it's like herding cats to get shooters off their laurels.

Contact any of the following if you are interested in coming out. You'll not regret it—or maybe you will!

Bruce Grandlemire bcrandlemire@comcast.net

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Group picture from our February CUPID COUPLES SHOOT.



Example of a Money Bird

24th Annual

CRUSH'N CLAYS®**Clay Target Charity Classic to Benefit
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital****Saturday, June 10, 2023****SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS**

Gold	\$2,500	► Complete package for two 4-person teams	Complete package includes: ► Sponsor reception Friday evening ► Logo on banner displayed in a prominent location ► Presentation of an appreciation plaque ► Mention in all event media releases
Silver	\$1,250	► Complete package for one 4-person team	
Patron	\$750	► One 4-person team	

SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT

Option	Fee	Total	Pay By
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$2,500	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$1,250	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card — To pay by credit card go to: www.myvssa.org/crushn-clays
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$750	\$	
Total		\$	

Company Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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24th Annual **CRUSH'N CLAYS®** to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital **Saturday, June 10, 2023**

Events

- Trapshooting:** Individual Awards, Lewis Class
- 50 Target Event/Person:** 25—16-yard targets
25—handicap targets
- Annie Oakley Side Event:** Ammunition for side event available for purchase at the range
- Event Includes:** Main Event Ammunition, Loaner Shotguns, Targets, Clinic, Lunch, and Awards

Event T-Shirts to First 100 Entrants

Schedule

- Check In**..... Begins 8 a.m.
- Shooting Clinic**..... 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.
- 16-Yard Event**..... 1st Flight – 9 a.m.
..... 2nd Flight – 10 a.m.
..... 3rd Flight – 11 a.m.
..... 4th Flight – 12 p.m.
- Lunch**..... 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Handicap Event**..... 1st Flight – 1 p.m.
..... 2nd Flight – 2 p.m.
..... 3rd Flight – 3 p.m.
..... 4th Flight – 4 p.m.
- Annie Oakley Side Event**...Continuous throughout the day

Location: Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Chapter Field House (703) 631-4495, Skeet and Trap Range (703) 631-4497.

Directions: From I-495 (Capital Beltway), I-66 West to Exit 53A Route 28 South, turn right on Compton Road, turn right on Mount Olive Road. Approximately 1/10th of a mile turn left into Arlington-Fairfax Chapter IWLA entrance.

Entry Levels

Option	Fee	Total	Pay By
<input type="checkbox"/> Partron	\$750		<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> Team—One 4-Person Team	\$250		<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card —To pay by credit card go online to: www.myvssa.org/crushn-clays or
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$70		Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual—After May 20th	\$75		Name on Card _____
Total			

Register Today • Space is Limited

Shooters who wish to shoot together must send in entries together.

Name: _____

Team/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ ☐ Work ☐ Cell ☐ Home

Flight Sequence	Preference
9 a.m. & 1 p.m.	
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.	
11 a.m. & 3 p.m.	
12 p.m. & 4 p.m.	
Flight sequence: State preference, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th. You will be notified only if your first preference is not available. First come, first served.	
Exa.m.ple: Squad shooting 16-yard targets at 9:30 a.m. will shoot handicap targets at 1 p.m. and so forth.	

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The “Bucky” Sills Winter Skeet and Trap League 2023 Season Award Winners

The 2023 season of the Winter Skeet and Trap League concluded on April 2nd with the final standings once again being determined during the very last matches of the season for both team and individual competition.

In the Individual Competition, our High Overall Average winner was John Allen, who broke 555 of 600 targets equating to a combined average of 23.125. Jim Hickerson took the honors for High Skeet average with an impressive 23.917 hitting 287 of 300 targets. Right behind him for Skeet Runner-up was John Murphy, with a 23.750 average. In Trap, the High average winner was Travis Rockwood, ending the season with an average of 23.500, hitting 282 of 300 targets. The runner-up for High Trap was Mike Gilbert, coming in with a 22.417 average. In the Most Improved category, Zach Butcher beat out several other contenders to capture the award with a combined average improvement from last season of 4.750 targets.

The team competition is based on the cumulative team scores over the entire season. The weekly team score is the sum of the highest four handicapped scores for each squad. Awards are made to the top ten teams. Captain Mike Whitmore led his Team 9 to a season score of 2,382.944 to lock down the 1st place award. Team 5 was close behind in the 2nd place slot with a score of 2,358.843 led by Captain Ashly Palles. Third place was won by Team 18 with a score of 2349.667 with Captain Gregg Hanson at the helm. Captain Brian Hickerson's Team 23 captured 4th place coming in with a score of 2,347.691. The 5th place finisher was Team 27 with a 2,347.483 with Captain Cash Miller. Rounding out the top ten were Team 21 led by Captain Mike Burlein in 6th place, Team 3 lead by Captain James Hsu in 7th place, Team 24 led by Captain Dave Myers in 8th place, Team 7 led by Captain Bill Leonard on 9th place, and Team 8 led by Captain Bruce Crandlemire in 10th place.

Bob Brino, director of Trap & Skeet, deserves a thank you from all the league members for his gracious hospitality, willingness to let us use the range all winter, and working in the cold to keep the equipment operating. Congratulations to all of our 2023 award winners for their consistent performance and excellent marksmanship.

—John Seaberg



SCRAP Bunny Hop Results

It was a beautiful, sunny April Day with a high near 84. Some shooters blinded their opponents with their pasty white legs. It was the biggest SKRAP gathering to date. Most arrived on time.

The High Gun was Leo Roppo who rebounded from his rubber chicken low gun net in the Shamrock Shootout. He held off the field with a hi gun score of 17.

Champion's trophy was claimed by John Dwyier in a 2-bird shoot off with Leo Roppo. They finished with a handicap-adjusted score of 30. Greg Hanson shot for third place with a 29. It should be noted that Greg trashed



the now-retired Stuffed Fish trophy in the last event he participated in —Talk Like a Pirate 2022.

Gary Pentec was insulted himself with the Low Gun, No Gun

Net Rubber Chicken award with a net score of 14.

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA

Gun Show

Field Archery Indoor Range

Saturday, June 3, 2023

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sell firearms, archery and fishing equipment, and more.
To reserve a seller's table (\$25) and for more information:

arlfxgunshow@gmail.com

Private Party Firearm Transfers
available during gun show hours for \$12.

Open to the Public—Free Admittance

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2023 Calendar of Events

Event	2023 Dates
Cupid Couples Classic	Wednesday, February 8
Shamrock Shootout	Wednesday, March 15
Big Bunny Hop	Wednesday, April 5
The Triple Crown	
The Kentucky Derby	Wednesday, May 3
The Preakness Stakes	Wednesday, May 17
The Belmont Stakes	Wednesday, June 7
Firecracker Frenzy	Wednesday, July 5
Legends of Skrap	Wednesday, August 9
Talk Like Cap'n Skrappy	Wednesday, September 13
The Great Pumpkin Roll	Wednesday, October 25
All American Turkey Trot	Wednesday, November 15
Santa Classic	Wednesday, December 20

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Subcommittee, where he can have a more direct impact on programs like the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative that help teach livestock producers grazing strategies that result in better stewardship.

With so many League priorities influenced by the Virginia delegation in Congress, Izaak Walton League members can play an important role in helping promote those priorities. Call or write the people who represent you, get to know them and let them get to know you. Invite your members to visit your Chapter and meet IWLA members, and let them know you care about Virginia's soil, air, woods, water, and wildlife. Check out the League's Web site (www.iwla.org) for current action alerts on critical issues.

—*Duane Hovorka*

IWLA, Agriculture Program Director

Outdoor/Indoor Archery

ARL-FX IWLA Cub Run Archers



For those Chapter members who are interested in competing in Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) archery events, the Chapter established a VBA group called Cub Run Archers so field archery tournaments could be held at

the Chapter. VBA is the representative for bowhunters throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Applications to join Cub Run Archers are available at the Field Archery field house. For more information, please contact Justice Percell, secretary, Cub Run Archers, by e-mail at justicepercell01@gmail.com.

Limited Broadhead Use on Outdoor Range

The indoor and 3-D archery ranges are for **field tip use ONLY**, no broadheads are allowed on these ranges. The outdoor archery range does provide broadhead targets, but only on the target butts marked in bright **RED** stating **"BROADHEADS OK."**

These target butts are located at the crossbow station and include 20-, 30-, and 40-yard Rienehart walls (4' x 4'

black target butts). There are also 2' x 4' target butts with **RED dots** that may be used for broadheads, and the **RED** cube dice at 50 yards. In other words, if there is a **RED "BROADHEADS OK"** sign or **RED dots** on the block target butts, these may be used for broadheads. *All other targets are for field tips only.* This includes any 3-D targets that may be placed on the range.

All core-drilling broadheads are strictly prohibited on the Chapter archery ranges.

Damage to the target blocks and 3-D animals on the outdoor range has occurred in the recent weeks. There is evidence someone is shooting core-drilling broadheads. Anyone witnessing broadhead usage on these targets, please notify the Archery Range officer or any Cub Run officer.

As stated on the ARL-FX IWLA/Cub Run Archers *Web site range rules (Section 11 PROHIBITIONS—<https://www.cubrunarchers.org/range-rules.html>):*

"Anyone observed ... shooting broadhead-tipped arrows at other than targets expressly designed for that purpose will be referred to the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, board of directors for disciplinary action" with a recommendation they purchase the damaged target.

—Fred Ausick, Range Captain, Cub Run Archers

Broadhead Rules

The Big Shot 41" Ironman target on the 60-yard target butt was destroyed sometime between August 28 and 31, 2022. We are unable to determine the broadhead type, but it totally destroyed the burlap cover. This \$500 target will now need to be replaced.

Just as a reminder, no core-drilling broadheads are allowed to be used on the Chapter archery ranges. This includes the Flying Arrows Archery Toxic and Cyclone broadheads.

If anyone has any information regarding this damage to the targets or knowledge of who is shooting core-drilling broadheads, please contact any Chapter officer.

When caught, this perpetrator will be brought before the Chapter board of directors and will face disciplinary action to include replacing the target.



NOT Allowed on IWLA Archery Range

Archery Qualifying for the Fairfax County Park Program

Archery qualifying is under way, Tuesday evenings 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Qualifying will take place at the outdoor field archery range. No practice broadheads may be used for qualifying. Archers must have three arrows/bolts with broadheads to attempt to qualify. Qualifying will end on Sunday, June 25th. Each attempt to qualify is \$10, up to three attempts allowed. Information on the archery program can be found on the county Web page at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>.

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Archery 101 Classes



The Archery 101 classes will take place in the indoor archery range. These one-day classes are designed for anyone who has never shot archery before or has very little knowledge of the sport and would like to see what our sport is all

about. The minimum age for children is nine years old.

The class will cover the different types of archery equipment, archery safety, purchasing of equipment, and live shooting. All equipment needed is available through the Chapter (bows and arrows). All you need to do is register and show up.

Fee Schedule (Members/Non-Members)

- \$20 for adults
- \$10 for ages 9 through 17
(Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- \$30 max for family

Class fees will be collected before the start of each class beginning at 12:45 p.m.

Sunday	May 21, 2023	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	June 18, 2023	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	July 23, 2023	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	August 20, 2023	1-3:30 p.m.

To register for the class e-mail Dick Riemer at rriemer@cox.net or by phone at 703-543-8585.

Archery 201 Classes

Classes: 5-week sessions (Mondays)
 Session Start: Monday, July 10, 2023
 Youth: Ages 9-12; 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Adult: Ages 13 & up; 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Class Fee: \$80.00

Contact Mark Gauntner for registration at gaunt2011@gmail.com.

Into the Woods 3-D Tournament



SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

Scan the QR Code
for Event Info
& Reserve Your
Spot Today!



News Release from Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Regarding Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

Fairfax County, Prince William County, and Arlington County are being added to Disease Management Area 2 (DMA2) for the 2023-2024 deer hunting season.

Fawn rehabilitation and deer carcass transport restrictions go into effect May 1st. Whole deer carcasses and any parts containing brain and/or spinal cord tissues originating from Fairfax or Arlington Counties may only be transported to locations within Fairfax, Prince William, Arlington, Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Page, Madison, Orange, Frederick, Warren, and Shenandoah Counties.

Air Range

High School Air Rifle Regional Championship

After a slate of very close regular season matches, the Potomac High School Rifle League (PHSRL) held a 3x20 precision air rifle regional championship on February 18th at the Sills Air Range. The winning regional team has their name engraved on the Bob Hardy Cup trophy, named for the long-time Robinson coach and PHSRL supporter who passed away in 2021. The league consists of ten local high school teams, plus the Mavericks team (for athletes whose school does not have a rifle program). This year 192 youth shooters participated in the league. Each team shot a seven-match regular season capped off by a day-long championship match for the top teams and athletes.

In a tightly contested fight for the team title, where the top three schools were separated by just 3 points out of 2,400 points, Woodson High School edged out West Springfield High School by a single point to take home the match championship. Woodson was represented by Rushil Punukollu, Ben Hays, Rachel Xu, Ella Derrick, and Hannah Lee.

Second place West Springfield was represented by Tess Hines, Olivia Rummmler, Grace Corbett, Alex Sigurdson, and Kai Gagliano. Just two points behind that, Lake Braddock took third place with Robinson taking fourth place. Full results are available at <https://www.orionresults.com/afciwla>.

The overall individual winner of this year's championship was Tess Hines, a senior from West



PHSRL Individual Winners — Diana Leppert (crops), Tess Hines (fuzzy crops), Rushil Punukollu (no crops)

Springfield. Tess shot a **record-breaking score** of 596 of 600 to take home the gold medal. Silver went to Rushil Punukollu (Woodson) and bronze went to Diana Leppert (Lake Braddock).



PHSRL Team Champion — Woodson High School

Cub Run 2023 Clean Up

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, began a partnership with the Cub Run Park Volunteer Team and the Fairfax County Park Authority in spring 2018 to clean up a portion of Cub Run Park that borders Chapter property on the north side of I-66. We have participated in clean-up events spring and fall each year since then, except 2020 when Covid restrictions resulted in cancellation of the events.

The spring 2023 event, on March 26, had seven adult Chapter volunteers and 14 Fairfax County volunteers, including six teenage volunteers. We had the largest number of volunteers of any of the eight teams that participate in the clean up event. The number of volunteers is somewhat surprising because rain was forecast and for the first couple hours of the event it did rain. Several of the Fairfax County volunteers joined our group after the team they had signed up for cancelled their efforts due to the rain.

Each year the amount of trash collected has declined from the original event in spring 2018. Two of the attached photos, those with orange trash bags were taken at the initial Cub Run Park clean-up event in April 2018. The other photo, including both trash collected and most of the volunteers, was taken at the most recent event in March 2023. The difference in the amount of trash collected is quite obvious and demonstrates the effectiveness of our efforts; as the Chapter has cleaned the same area during each clean up event.

—Steve Rumble



TOMAHAWK WORKSHOP

WHEN: Saturday, May 27th, 11 a.m. –1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Large Pavilion

FOR WHOM: Any Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, members

BY WHOM: LTC Matt Michaelson, USA (Ret.)

ARL-FX Chapter, IWLA, Knife/Ax Club Leader

BRING: Your tomahawk, hatchets, or small ax's

WEAR: Eye and hand protection (gloves)

SKILLS to be PRACTICED: Safe Chopping, kindling prep, limbing, sharpening

**SIGN UP!****SignUpGenius®**

Please use to sign up for **Volunteer Opportunities**, located on the Chapter Home Web page.



The Izaak Walton League of America

Web Links

Check out the IWLA Web site: <https://www.iwla.org>

Check out the Virginia Division Web site: <http://va-iwla.org/>

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REMEMBER

Speed limit is 10 mph on the ARL-FX IWLA property!

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Calendar

For current Chapter calendars and event times, go to the Chapter Web site under the Calendar tab—<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>.

MAY, JUNE & JULY 2023

Event	Date	Facility
Cub Run Archers Meeting	1st Sunday of each month	AC
Board of Directors' Meeting	1st Tuesday of each month	FH
Junior Chapter BoD Meeting	2nd Tuesday of each month	FH
Service Rifle Matches	2nd Thursday of each month	RP
General Membership Meeting	3rd Tuesday of each month	FH
Bullseye Pistol League—Rimfire Matches	1st Sunday (March–August)	RP
Bull Run Muzzle Loaders	3rd Sunday of each month	RP
Regular Open Air Range	Mondays & Fridays	AR
Fellowship Dinner	Every Tuesday	AC
New Member Orientation	Saturday, May 6	FH
Annual Picnic & Fishing Derby (Disabilities)	Saturday, May 6	LP
NRA Women on Target Clinic	Saturday, May 20	Chapter Wide
John Linn Memorial Trap Shoot	Sunday, May 21	ST
101 Archery Class	Sunday, May 21	AC
Knife Club Meeting/Workshop	Saturday, May 27	LP
Skeet Memorial Day Open	May 26–28	ST
New Member Orientation	Saturday, June 3	FH
Gun Show	Saturday, June 3	AC
Crush'n Clays	Saturday, June 10	ST
101 Archery Class	Sunday, June 18	AC
Newsletter Article Submission Deadline	Tuesday, June 27	
Chapter Elections (Saturday & Sunday)	July 8-9	FH
201 Archery Class—Start (5 weeks)	Monday, July 10	AC
Chapter Elections (Saturday & Sunday)	July 15-16	FH
101 Archery Class	Sunday, July 23	AC
Newsletter Mailing Party	Wednesday, July 26	FH
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, July 30	RP
Ed. & Trng. NRA Courses	Various Dates	<i>See Web site</i>

AC=Archery Club House, AF=Athletic Field, AR=Air Range, Camp=Camp Sites, FA=Field Archery, FH=Field House, LP=Large Pavilion, RP=Rifle-Pistol, SP=Small Pavilion, ST=Skeet & Trap, TA=Target Archers



Use of Outhouses

IMPORTANT: Septic tanks are used for the outhouses on the property. Trash (plastic bottles, bags, etc.) should never be disposed of in an outhouse for any reason. Trash clogs the septic tank and the Chapter has to pay to get it cleared. Groups may be charged these costs if the septic tank becomes clogged while they use the property.



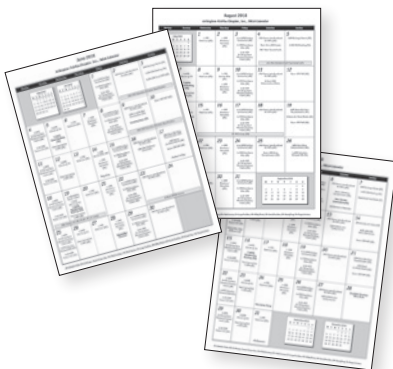
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<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/chapter-calendars/>