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Chapter Election Results



The annual Chapter elections were conducted in accordance with Chapter bylaws during the month of July 2023 with the polls being open on the 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th of the month. Nominations were solicited from the Chapter membership in the preceding months and the nominees were presented, finalized, and approved at the monthly member meeting in June.

Don Early and Jonathan Bukva cochaired the nominations and election committees.

The Chapter officer positions open for election in 2023 were president, secretary, and membership chairman. In addition, named directors for field archery, rifle-pistol, youth activities, and air range and three director-at-large positions were on the ballot. Provisions for write-in candidates were also included on the official ballots.

All valid ballots cast were counted and the votes for each candidate tabulated by members of the election committee following the close of the polls on July 16th. The number of valid ballots cast were 152. Additional vote-count statistics are available to Chapter members from the election committee chair. In accordance with the Chapter bylaws, the election committee report will be presented and the winners put forward for installation at the August monthly general membership meeting. By majority vote, the following officers and directors were determined to be the winners for their respective positions:

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| • President: Pamela Meara | • Air Range: Keith Kuck |
| • Secretary: Todd Skipper | • Youth Activities: Joseph Turner |
| • Membership Chairman:
Bennett Crandall | • Directors-at-Large:
Fred Ansick |
| • Field Archery: Richard Riemer | Robert Hamilton |
| • Rifle-Pistol: Bruce Crandlemire | Evan Phelps |

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all the Chapter members who came out to vote.

—*Don Early and Jonathan Bukva*, Nomination/Election chairman
<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/chapter-election-information/>

Chapter Gun Show and Swap Meet

On June 3rd, many members of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter enjoyed spending part of their day—and their money—at the first gun show and swap meet held at the Chapter since 2018. Sponsored by the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter and hosted by the Chapter's Cub Run Archers, the indoor Field Archery range was quickly filled with attendees from the moment the doors opened at 9 a.m.

While the event was open to the sale or trade of firearms and archery, fishing, hunting, and camping equipment, firearms dominated the sellers' tables. While long gun sales outpaced pistol sales at the gun show, there was an impressive supply of both on display.

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Chapter Directors

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<i>Conservation</i>	Jonathan Bukva	703-582-7594
<i>Education & Training</i>	John Seaberg	703-830-9365
<i>Field Archery</i>	Dick Riemer	703-543-8585
<i>Rifle-Pistol</i>	Bruce Crandlemire	703-743-1332
<i>Skeet & Trap</i>	Bob Brino	703-368-4934
<i>Target Archery</i>	Jeffrey Del Vecchio	757-813-7545
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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

<i>Pamela Meara</i>	Editor-in-Chief
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<i>Ellen MacBrayne</i>	Design & Production

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<i>Field Archery field house</i>	703-631-4498
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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 3)

Welcome to the third installment of "Getting to Know the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter." In this installment I am going to bring to you information regarding the Chapter's facilities, what they have to offer, and ways you can utilize them.

The facilities at the Chapter are available for all the Chapter members to use. You can reserve parts of the Chapter property (buildings, pavilions, and camping areas) to hold an event or to camp overnight with your family. Members can reserve Chapter facilities for events like receptions, family/work picnics, reunions, meetings, and even weddings. All information and procedures on how to make a reservation request can be found on the [Facility-Use Request](#) page on the Web site.

When using any of the Chapter's property, campgrounds, pavilions, or facilities, all trash must be removed by the member(s), guest(s), or visiting groups and deposited in one of the Chapter trash dumpsters. Do not put trash in the recycling receptacle or burn bottles or cans in fires. The goal is to leave the property cleaner than when you arrived. Please do not bring trash from outside Chapter grounds and deposit it into the dumpsters. The dumpsters are only for Chapter generated trash, not for personal use. You must clean up after every use of the Chapter grounds/facilities or a cleaning fee may be assessed.

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.

Chapter Field House

The Chapter field house is a 2,817 sq. ft. building that was built in the 1960s. This facility is regularly used for Chapter and Scouting meetings, education and training classes, and other gatherings. The building has heating and air conditioning and a 99-person capacity. The main room is approximately 45 feet by 30 feet and has two restrooms and a small kitchen containing a stove and refrigerator. The field house also has a smaller room off the main room that is 33 feet by 13 feet and it can be closed off and used for smaller meetings, additional training activities, etc. The Chapter office is adjacent to the smaller meeting room and has an outdoor access door that members can use when the main room is in use.

Chapter Grounds

Thoughtful use and care of the Chapter grounds provides a better environment for everyone who uses or visits our Chapter. Members must clean up after every use of the Chapter grounds/facilities. This includes collecting and depositing all trash into the appropriate Chapter dumpster or recycling receptacle. No one may destroy or remove any vegetation from the property without explicit written permission from the board of directors.

Gilbert's Pond

The Chapter has a 3-acre pond, Gilbert's Pond, with a catch and release policy in effect. This pond is stocked with trout every spring and trout may be restocked during the fall. Members are informed whenever the pond is stocked via our communication methods. There is a nature walking trail with bat boxes encircling the pond and a turtle platform in the pond. Swimming in or skating on the pond is prohibited at all times. Chapter members and their guests must follow all [Department of Wildlife Resources \(DWR\)](#) regulations when fishing at the pond. For more information on the pond's do's and don'ts, see Ground Rules/Pond in the Chapter bylaws.

Camping

There are 10 rustic campsites located on the property. Three are adjacent to the pond with the remaining seven campsites up the hill in the wooded area beyond the small pavilion.

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Judge Tobin Award

Chapter members Ellen MacBrayne and Reece Duncan each received a 2022 Judge John W. Tobin Award. This award is presented by the Izaak Walton League of America to a Chapter member or members in recognition of their outstanding service to the Chapter. Congratulations to Ellen and Reece.

For more information about the Judge Tobin Award and other IWLA awards, visit the National IWLA Web site at <https://www.iwla.org/chapter-resources/awards>.



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The camping area is used by members and the Scouting groups the Chapter charts/sponsors. Requests for camping reservations may be made using the instructions located on the Chapter's Web site Facility-Use Request page.

Pavilions/Outhouses

There are two open pavilions on the property. The large pavilion is located past the Sills Air Range and Rifle-Pistol ranges and is adjacent to the pond. There is also a play area for children at this site. This pavilion can hold approximately 50 to 70 individuals (depending on seating configuration), and parking is available at the pavilion and at nearby parking areas. Across from the pavilion is an open athletic field that can also be reserved. The small pavilion is located near campsites 1 to 3 on the other side of the pond and this pavilion can hold approximately 10 to 20 individuals. Both pavilions have picnic tables/benches and access to a nearby outhouse serviced by septic tank/fields.

Do not throw trash or other nonbiodegradable items into the outhouse toilets.

Remember, 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. All pets brought to the property by members or guests must be kept on a leash at all times. **Shooting is prohibited everywhere on Chapter grounds except at the designated**

Raffle



Springfield Armory XD-M Elite 9mm

Tickets \$20 Each

Tickets Available at Ranges

**Benefits Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc.
Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Team**

Drawing held when 200 tickets sold!

For more information, email: arlfxiwla@gmail.com.

This is a private sale (raffle). Winner must be able to legally purchase and/or own firearms; FFL transfer required with requisite background check(s). If winner cannot legally take possession or cannot be reached via the provided contact information, another winner will be drawn three (3) months after original drawing.

shooting ranges. The speed limit is 10 mph on Chapter property (per the Chapter ground rules) and must always be observed when driving on the Chapter roads or in parking lots.

Don't forget to always check the calendar on the Chapter Web site before coming to the Chapter for up-to-date information on the status of the Chapter's activities and ranges and any impact from bad weather, power outages, special events, etc. <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/chapter-calendars/>.

The Chapter's facilities are here for the members and their guests to utilize. Come out and go fishing, enjoy a picnic with family and friends, or just have some quiet time and enjoy the Chapter. Don't forget to review the Chapter's Facility-Use Request Web page for procedures on requesting access for group events at the facilities.

In my future newsletter columns, we will explore the many different ranges, the Junior Chapter, scholarship opportunities, Chapter events, and different groups and activities that are important components of our Chapter. So come out and visit with those who have the same interests as you and don't forget to volunteer. You are what makes this great Chapter what it is today.

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.

—Pawela Meara, President

ARL-FX IWLA Membership Notes

August, September, October 2023

Important Information About Your Membership

- Your 2023 GOLD Range badge insert will expire on December 31, 2023.
- RENEWAL season for 2023 will begin on October 1st.
- SAVE TIME, Renew online.

Membership Reminders

- IF YOU MOVE and CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS ... PLEASE let us know!
- IF YOU CHANGE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS ... PLEASE let us know!
- IF you are NOT getting your monthly E-BLAST through your e-mail account, please let us know!

Save Time, Renew Online

Information will be provided online and in the Chapter E-Blasts.

Renewal Reminders

- IF YOU SEND A CHECK ... With a PAPER renewal form for 2023:
- SIGN THE BACK ... Last year's number 1 reason the form had to be rejected.
- \$50 work credit ... Do not ASSUME you are eligible. HOURS either have to be documented on SignUpGenius OR ... documented through your designated RANGE

Director. If you have a question, please call the office. We will return your call and let you know whether or not you are eligible for the \$50 credit.

Membership Notes

- We (members) quickly forget this Chapter has incredible facilities, well-kept grounds, multiple community events, successful conservation projects, AND still has an incredibly inexpensive dues structure.
- Never forget this Chapter runs on VOLUNTEER service. THIS YEAR ... we have had record attendance for our events (Challenged Fishing Derby, Women on Target, Crush'n Clays). ALL were very successful thanks to the record number of VOLUNTEERS who gave their personal time to make the events successful.

Membership Office Hours

- Every Tuesday (except holidays) from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- First and Third Tuesdays (except Holidays) from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- AND ... Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have any questions about Membership ... CALL 703-631-4495 and/or E-MAIL: memberships@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

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

—Beau Craudall, Membership Director

Notice of Suspension Vote

In accordance with Article I.4 of the Chapter's bylaws, the following motion was made, properly seconded, and approved unanimously by the directors and officers present at the July 11, 2023, board of directors' meeting. In accordance with Chapter bylaws, this suspension is effective immediately and is subject to further approval by the Chapter membership at the August 15, 2023, general membership meeting.

- "That Yunqiu W Zhang be suspended through the rest of the calendar year, from now until December 31,

2023. If she renews her membership, she will be allowed back on the Chapter on January 1, 2024."

- The reasons for the suspension are as follows:
 - » **Violation of Chapter Ground Rules 2 (Wearing Range Badge), 3 (Guests), 5 (Minors), 7 (Misuse), and Target Archery Range Rule 3 (Age).**

Details of the violations will be provided to the membership at the meeting prior to the vote.



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

Chapter Annual Family Picnic

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Lunch is served at **noon**

Bring your family & friends to this great event. Come out early and enjoy your Chapter, take a walk, do some fishing, or JUST RELAX.

Ticket Info

Member and family..... \$5.00 each
 Guest..... \$5.00 each
 Children under 18 FREE

Purchase Tickets At:

- All Ranges
- Any Board Member
- Field House Office
- Purchase Day of Picnic

Food & Fun for ALL

We will do the cooking,
 all you have to do is load your plate:

Menu of the Day

- Chicken, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
- Potato Salad/Cole Slaw
- Baked Beans
- Ice-Cold Beverages

For more information please contact: Bob Brino at 703-368-4934

Each Chapter member that qualified to receive the 2023 membership dues credit is eligible to receive ONE free ticket for this year's picnic. These tickets will ONLY be available at the entrance to the Annual Picnic. All other attendees must purchase a ticket.

Chapter Newsletter Delivery Changes

The Chapter newsletter will be delivered via e-mail, beginning with the February/March/April 2024 newsletter edition. Printed newsletters will be available at the Chapter field house for those who would like a printed copy. We understand not everyone wants an electronic copy. If you would like to continue receiving the printed Chapter newsletter by mail, please complete the form below and mail to the address on the form. Your address is being

requested to ensure the Chapter has the most current and accurate information. Please include your phone number in case we need to contact you about this request.



Please continue to send a printed copy of the newsletter to my address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail to: ARL-FX Chapter, Inc., IWLA • C/O Newsletter Committee • P.O. Box 366 • Centreville, VA 20122-0366

Empowering Women through Firearms Education: The 18th Annual Women on Target Clinic

With mid-summer temperatures Saturday, May 20, 2023, the Education & Training team of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, hosted the 18th annual Women on Target (WOT) Clinic. Despite the 90+ degree heat, approximately 50 women from across the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia metro area assembled for this annual event, illustrating the increasing interest in shooting sports among women.

The WOT Clinics, sponsored by the National Rifle Association (NRA), are designed to foster women's involvement in shooting sports in a safe and welcoming environment. Safety was paramount throughout the event, ensuring a conducive atmosphere for the participants to learn and enjoy the various shooting disciplines.

The clinic offered a variety of experiences, from field archery to rifle-pistol and shotgun sessions. A significant highlight was the demonstration by the Chapter's black powder muzzleloader shooters, allowing attendees to experience the unique thrill of operating these historical firearms.

This year marked a significant milestone for the NRA WOT Clinic by introducing the ArmaLite Rifle (AR) component into the rifle-pistol clinic; a development met with resounding enthusiasm from the participants. The inclusion of the AR platform—a versatile and adaptable firearm recognized for its ease of use and customization—highlights the clinic's dedication to expanding the skills and experiences of its attendees. Recognizing the diverse interests of its participants, the incorporation of the AR component underscores the event's responsive evolution and commitment to empowering women through broadened knowledge and experience in shooting sports.

While the hands-on shooting experiences remained a cornerstone of the event, it was equally underscored by the essentiality of cultivating a comprehensive understanding of firearms beyond their mere operation. Participants were afforded the opportunity to delve into an array of



Photography by John Dwyer

educational courses that went beyond the trigger, tackling topics like "Firearms and the Law," "Legal Aspects of Self-Defense," "Buying & Caring for a Firearm," and "Refuse to be a Victim." This focus on education underlines the importance of a holistic approach to firearm ownership and use, underscoring that knowledge and understanding are just as crucial as practical shooting skills.

The Sills Air Range was also open to participants for an introduction to air pistols/rifles and hands-on experience with air-gun shooting. Interestingly, these classroom sessions and nonshooting activities garnered more interest than in previous years, reflecting a growing desire among

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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

Stonewall Open August 4–6

Pre-State & Club Championship August 25–27

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

Trap-Shoot Dates

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.

Bringing Hope to Children: Crush'n Clays Charity Event—June 2023

We are delighted to bring you the latest updates from the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA (ARL-FX). This year has been marked by an exceptional event showcasing our community's generosity and spirit. Let's dive into the details of the Crush'n Clays charity event supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



24th Annual Charity Event

On June 10th, ARL-FX cohosted the Crush'n Clays charity event with the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA) at our Chapter Skeet & Trap range. The turnout was fantastic with 104 enthusiastic shooters participating. As if to endorse the event, the weather gods provided a perfect day, the sky was blue, winds were light, and the temperature was in the 80s.

This event holds a special place in our hearts, as over the past 24 years here at IWLA, we have raised over \$400,000 in support of St. Jude. Crush'n Clays is the longest-running shooting charity event supporting the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A Day of Camaraderie and Giving

Participants were treated to a memorable experience with ammunition, event t-shirts, and a delicious lunch from Tony's New York Pizza in Manassas, Virginia. We want to extend our gratitude to Tony's for their fantastic catering and for helping make the day a resounding success.

Making a Difference with St. Jude

Entertainer Danny Thomas founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to treat children with cancer and other catastrophic illnesses. Their tireless efforts have significantly improved survival rates for childhood cancers

over the years. Since its establishment, the survival rate for the most common type of childhood cancer, leukemia, has increased from 4 percent in 1962 to an impressive 94 percent today. Moreover, the overall survival rate for childhood cancers has risen from 20 percent to 80 percent. We are proud to support such an incredible institution.

Trap Shooting and Annie Oakley Event

The Crush'n Clays charity event featured trap shooting competitions with individual and four-person team categories. Participants demonstrated their skills with 25 targets from the 16-yard line and 25 from the 23-yard line. The team scores were determined by the best three scores on each squad. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Chapter's team, consisting of Scott Petitto, Sean Moore, Simon Williams, Steve Welch, and Pamela Meara, for winning the prestigious "High Team" award. Tom Muddiman emerged as the deserving recipient of the "High Over All" award.

In addition, to trap shooting, the ever-popular Annie Oakley event drew a tremendous number of participants. With over 70 entries throughout the day, the event showcased our members' competitive spirit and camaraderie. Half of the entry fees were awarded to the winners of each squad, with the remaining half going to St. Jude. We commend the winners who generously donated their winnings to the event, embodying the true spirit of giving.

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Virginia State Trap Shoot

A large contingent of Arlington-Fairfax Chapter members gathered for camaraderie and competition July 5th thru 9th when the Winchester Gun Club hosted the Virginia State Trapshooting Tournament in Stephenson, Virginia.

Chapter shooters took home a fair amount of hardware from the typically hot and humid state shoot. The haul included five state championships and one class championship, along with several victories in preliminary events.

Recent Hall of Fame inductee **Dean Spiridon** won the resident Class AA Doubles Championship to go along with the AA Singles Class Championship. He also took AA Singles on the first day of the tournament and was the runner-up in the first doubles competition of the week.

Chapter president **Pamela Meara** had a particularly productive week. She started with a personal-best 95 to win the Lady 1 title in a preliminary singles event July 5th. She went on to win the Virginia Lady 1 titles in Singles, Doubles, and High All-Around. Pam's Singles Championship netted her an invitation to the Champion of Champions event

during the Grand American Championships this August in Sparta, Illinois.

Bart Bennett (top right) also won multiple events, taking Open C in a preliminary single as well as winning a preliminary handicap.

In addition to finishing third (Open) in the Handicap Championship, **Alex Ayers** won the Virginia Trapshooting Hall of Fame Side-by-Side Championship—with a borrowed gun.

Other winners from the Chapter included **George Hafkemeyer** (Senior Veteran in preliminary handicap), **Scott Petitto** (Open A in preliminary doubles), and **Bob Nolan** (Resident D Champion in Doubles).

Congratulations and good shooting to all of our Chapter participants.



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Gratitude to Sponsors and Volunteers

We express our deepest gratitude to the sponsors who supported this event who were: The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Virginia Shooting Sports Association, Suburban Electric, Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, D & F Construction, Mid-Atlantic Bowhunters, Tony's New York Pizza, Eastern Bullet, Equipment Works, Jeff

Hafkemeyer, The Gilbert Family, and NOVEC. All played a crucial role in ensuring the success of Crush'n Clays. We also would like to give a special thank you to our St. Jude field representative, Ms. Martha Phenny, who was in attendance at the event.

A round of applause for our hosts of this event and all the hours they donated of their time to see it happen: Bob Brino, Pamela Meara, Joe Turner, Lu Charette, and Andrea Smith.



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VA Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame: Dean Spiridon

Dean Spiridon, was inducted into the Virginia Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame on June 4, 2023. Dean is known throughout Virginia for his shooting ability and his work in furthering trapshooting for generations to come. He is a four-time Amateur Trapshooting Association All-American and has been selected to state teams in Pennsylvania and Virginia 11 times. Some of Dean's major wins include 4 Grand American trophies, 13 wins in the Eastern Zone, over 45 wins at state shoots, and many other wins. He has shot over 112,000 targets and continues to add to that total every year.

Not only are Dean's skill and personal shooting accomplishments fantastic, but he has also taken an active role in giving back to the sport that he loves. In 2014, he started a youth shooting team at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, and then grew that into a state-wide youth trapshooting league, the Virginia Youth Trapshooting League, the following year. Throughout his time of helping with the Chapter, the program has managed to grow tremendously. Dean also serves on the board of directors of the Virginia Trapshooting Hall of Fame, whose mission is to further youth trapshooting in Virginia.



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women to engage in shooting sports and be well-informed and responsible firearms owners and users.

Attendees' feedback is vital in planning and improving future events, ensuring the WOT Clinic remains relevant and continues to meet the evolving needs of its participants.

One does not need to be a member of the ARL-FX Chapter to attend this NRA-sponsored clinic. The announcement for the 2024 clinic will be made in early January 2024, promising another enriching and empowering event for women interested in shooting sports.

For more detailed information about NRA WOT programs, please visit the WOT Web site at: <https://wot.nra.org>

As the NRA WOT Clinic continues to grow and evolve, it remains steadfast in its core mission: to provide women with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to engage in shooting sports, fostering a community of well-informed and capable women shooters.

—*Paulea Meara*, 2023 ARL-FX WOT Clinic Director



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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 range 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

Once again, someone used a broadhead on one of the NO BROADHEAD targets.

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

SAVE THE DATE

**Cub Run Archers
& USA Archery**

**3-D Tournament
& Fun Shoot**

**Saturday,
September 23, 2023**

**Food, Prizes,
Games, & More!**

**Details & Registration
Coming Soon**

Contact:

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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	August 20, 2023	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	September 17, 2023	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	October 22, 2023	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	November 19, 2023	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	December 17, 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, October 16, 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.

ARL-FX Chapter's Field Archery—3-D Walking Range

Have you been through the 3-D course lately? You may have noticed 10 brand new targets. Thanks to the USA Archery grant award, the ARL-FX Chapter's Cub Run Archers hosted their first-ever USA Archery-sanctioned 3-D "Into The Woods" tournament Sunday, June 11th, to unveil the beautiful new equipment to support future growth opportunities of the club's offerings. Participants had the unique experience of shooting brand new targets. The beautiful tree canopy added to the ambiance of the event, making it memorable for all.

"It made me very proud that my mom [Hillary LaMay] organized the event and that I was able to shoot alongside both my dad [George LaMay, Jr.] AND my JOAD coach [Dave Grant]. Getting to shoot the new targets we won makes me feel like we were a part of history and this milestone for our club." —Olivia LaMay

"The weather cooperated, and the shoot was a lot of fun for everyone. It was great to see Olympic recurves out on a 3-D course for a change." —Dave Grant

The event was a huge success, with participants ranging from 10 years old to 70+ years old, who traveled from all over the region. While friendly competition was

evident, the event was organized to be inclusive of all levels of experience facilitating new friendships and expanding the shooting portfolio of all who participated.

"This is my third year in archery. I simply enjoy shooting in the woods. But it is even MORE fun doing it with others. Thanks to the ARL-FX Cub Run Archers for such a GREAT event." —Y. Morris Chen

Shooters were awarded shiny bronze, silver, and gold medals for each category, and everyone enjoyed a delicious Jimmy John's boxed lunch, refreshments, and music under the shade at the pavilion. The full results of the tournament can be viewed on the ARL-FX Chapter's Cub Run Archers Web site.

"You put on an awesome show. I have shot many 3-D events. The lanes were super clear, even the used targets were in phenomenal shape. The staff was extremely professional and very welcoming to nonmembers like myself. How would I go about joining? The environment and people were awesome." —William Nicholson

The success and FUN of the event has already led to requests for another similar event, so stay tuned for more opportunities to connect and celebrate the sport of archery together.

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Competition Archery Team

The Competition Archery Team of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, competed in both the Into the Woods 3-D shoot on June 11th and the Virginia State JOAD Outdoor Championship on June 17th of this year.

Following several months of training and practice, the Competition Archery Team archers competed well during the two archery tournaments. What amazed the coaches when the team got there to shoot, the kids weren't nervous at all. They had done so much training and practicing at mock tournaments, when they showed up to compete, they were very calm—it was all smiles.

Divided into age and bow classes, it was the Competition Archery Team that represented the Chapter well at the two archery tournaments. Going toe-to-toe with some of the best young archers in the region, the Competition Archery Team archers maintained a sense of calmness and refused to let the pressure of competition

get in their heads. One after another, Competition Archery Team members, ranging from 13 to 17 years old, made their way to the shooting line hoping for a clean shot. As the competition played out, it was clear early on the Competition Archery Team was applying all they had been taught by their USA Archery certified coaches.

The Competition Archery Team earned six medals. Both Olivia LaMay and Liam Flynn shot very well at the 3-D shoot, both earning gold. And thanks to Coach Kevin Flynn, who supported the Competition Archery Team, Madeline Plasecki won the Bronze, Hana Stack won the Silver, and Liam Flynn and Tanish Kapadia won Gold. As the summer session just started, the team will continue to prepare for other 2023 archery tournaments. But before they start focusing on their next goal of competing at the state level, the team will blow off some steam during team building archery activities throughout the summer.

Below from Left to Right: Tanish Kapadia, Coach Kevin Flynn, Liam Flynn, Hana Stack, Madeline Plasecki



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"You guys ran a model event. Absolutely 5 stars. I hope to come to more events in the future." —Keith Mathis

Special thanks to Fred Ansick, Linda Reimer, and Todd Skipper for their support making this event possible.

2023 Fall Indoor Archery Tournament

We are pleased to announce the Arlington Fairfax Chapter will be hosting the 2023 Fall Indoor Archery Tournament, sanctioned as a World Archery STAR event, on November 11–12, 2023.

The tournament will offer a 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. shooting line on each day. Further information and details on registration will be available by July 26th at the *Find an Event—USA Archery* (usarchery.org) calendar listed under “Cub Run Archers of Arlington-Fairfax IWLA.”



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Deer Processing Station

For Chapter deer hunters who would like to process their deer, the deer processing station is twenty yards off the Field Archery deck. The area is lighted and has running water from a garden hose located by the deck entrance. You will need to bring trash bags with you for proper disposal of all parts of the carcass. **When finished be sure to wash the area down completely, putting all remains in plastic bags before placing them into any dumpster. During cold weather, when finished be sure to drain the hose of water to keep it from freezing. Please leave the area cleaner than you found it.**

Restricted Transporting of Deer Carcass

Whole deer carcasses and any parts containing brain and/or spinal cord tissues originating from Fairfax, Prince William, or Arlington Counties may only be transported to locations within DMA2 and DMA1 which includes Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Orange, Clark, Page, Madison, Frederick, and Warren Counties.

Rifle-Pistol Range



ARL-FX IWLA 2023 Bullseye Pistol League Centerfire



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1st Sunday—September thru December, 2023 — Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3
Three Relays 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m.

Centerfire Pistol or Revolver—.32 Caliber and Up—60-Shot Course

- 25 yards per **NRA Sanctioned Tournament Rules**
- **1 Slow-Fire course:** 20 shots in 20 minutes
- **4 Timed-Fire courses:** 4 strings of 5 shots, 20 seconds per string
- **4 Rapid-Fire courses:** 4 strings of 5 shots, 10 seconds per string
- No awards—Shooters score their own targets
- Score cards and targets provided

For further information please contact Rich Sirois at rich.sirois@gmail.com or 401-365-8950.

Or visit the Chapter Web site at: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/bullseye-pistol/>

If you have never done this before, come out and we will show you how. Just about everyone who shoots in the league will be glad to tell you how it's done and how to improve your scores. Practice is an important part of improving your scores. You will have fun shooting in this league.

Air Range

ARL-FX Chapter Members Win National Shooting Titles

Three ARL-FX Chapter members earned national titles at the 2023 USA Shooting National Championships, held at Fort Moore, Georgia, in June. Richard Gray returned to competitive shooting and competed in Men's 50-meter "Free" Pistol and Men's 10-meter Air Pistol. In the Free Pistol event, Gray took first place with a two-day total of 1046. He receives a spot on Team USA for the World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan, in August. Gray previously won this event in 2018. In Air Pistol he earned first place in the Senior category. His two-day match score was the second highest of all competitors. That earned him a spot in the finals where he finished fifth. Gray's strong performance in Air Pistol also earned him an invitation to a qualification match in Colorado Springs in July. The match results will determine invitations to the Pan-American Games in Santiago, Chile, in October.

Ben Hays, a Junior ARL-FX Chapter member and Woodson High School senior, took home two gold medals in the Paralympic Rifle events. Continuing his success from the National Junior Olympics, Hays took first place in Men's 10-meter Air Rifle Standing (R4, SH2) and Men's 50-meter Rifle Prone (R9, SH2). Hays' performance earned him a spot on the Paralympic National Development Team.

Suman Sanghera, a Junior ARL-FX Chapter member and NoVA Sharpshooter, took home three medals. In Women's 10-meter Air Pistol, Sanghera posted the highest two-day total. This earned her spots in the senior and junior finals. In the senior finals, Sanghera finished second earning a silver medal. One hour later in the junior finals, Sanghera

earned the gold medal. She will compete in the World Championships and the Pan-American games in this event. Sanghera also competed in Women's 25-meter Sport Pistol where she finished seventh overall and first place in the Under 18 category. She earned an invitation to the Pan-American Games qualification match in this discipline.

Congratulations to our Chapter athletes and best wishes in their upcoming competitions. More information on the event can be found at <https://usashooting.org/2023-usa-shooting-rifle-pistol-national-champions-crowned/>



Chapter Juniors Participate in National Rifle and Pistol Junior Olympics

The Arlington-Fairfax Junior Chapter had many participants at the 2023 USA Shooting National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. First up were the rifle athletes. More than 3,500 air and smallbore (.22) rifle athletes from around the United States participated in their various state championships to shoot qualifying scores to go to nationals. Each year, roughly 10% of the rifle athletes qualify to compete at the National Junior Olympic Championships. This year 350 athletes were invited. It is impressive to note that 17 current junior members and 5 alumni from the Chapter earned invitations (6% of the national invites). In order to receive an invite, an athlete must be the Junior Olympic State Champion or score an automatic qualification score. Each year the qualification scores get higher and this year was no different with auto-qualification scores of 580 (out of 600) for air rifle and 575 for three-position smallbore.

The Junior Olympics is divided by discipline and gender. The top male and female athletes gain invitations based on their specialty, some in air, some in smallbore, and some received invitations to both disciplines. A total of 224 women, 116 men, and 10 Paralympic athletes were invited. While all of the athletes represented our Chapter well, we had two athletes who were able to stand above the rest.

Ben Hays (Woodson) was the top Paralympic athlete in his air rifle (R4, R5) and small bore (R9) disciplines, winning back-to-back titles. Victoria Leppert (Lake Braddock alum/Acorn Alum) became the 2023 Women's Air Rifle Champion earning her Olympic Futures Team Jacket in the process. The following Chapter athletes were invited to the 2023 Rifle Junior Olympics:

Gabriel Betancourt (SR) Garfield HS — Smallbore
 Grace Corbett (JR), West Springfield — Smallbore/Air Rifle
 Leo Corbett (FR), West Springfield — Smallbore/Air Rifle
 Ella Derrick (JR), Woodson — Air Rifle
 Ben Hays (JR), Woodson — Smallbore/Air Rifle — Junior Olympic Champion (Paralympic)
 Tess Hines (SR), West Springfield — Smallbore/Air Rifle
 Karis Junker (FR), Home School — Air Rifle
 Diana Leppert (SO), Lake Braddock — Smallbore/Air Rifle
 Samuel Nickless (FR) Robinson — Air Rifle
 Rushil Punukollu (JR), Woodson — Smallbore/Air Rifle
 Jason Raba (SO), Loudoun Valley — Smallbore
 Alyson Snowdall (SO), Lake Braddock — Air Rifle
 Dashiel Stribling (SR), West Potomac — Smallbore
 Clara Tranchemontagne (SR), Lake Braddock — Air Rifle
 Emory Bullis (JR), Robinson — Smallbore/Air Rifle
 Jackson Wedige (SO), Robinson — Smallbore
 Rachel Xu (JR), Woodson — Air Rifle



Victoria Leppert, Women's Air Rifle Champion.



Ben Hays, R4, R5, R9 Champion.



NoVA Sharpshooters in action.

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Alumni

Jeffrey Bourassa, UT-Martin — Smallbore/Air Rifle
 Victoria Kopelan, University of Kentucky — Smallbore/Air Rifle
 Kyra Meade, NC State — Smallbore/Air Rifle
 Victoria Leppert, Air Force Academy — Smallbore/Air Rifle — Junior Olympic Champion Women's Air Rifle
 Sally Reeke, Morehead — Air Rifle

After the rifle athletes departed it was time for the pistolers to take the stage. Six members of the NoVA Sharpshooters travelled to Colorado Springs to participate in air pistol, sport pistol (.22 LR), and men's rapid fire pistol. The juniors proved to themselves they can compete nationally and are looking forward to returning to the range and improving their skills. Will Regala received a medal in all three men's disciplines and earned his Futures Team Jacket in sport pistol and rapid-fire pistol. He was also named to the Junior World Cup Team and will get an opportunity to compete internationally. The following Chapter pistol athletes received invites to the 2023 Pistol Junior Olympics:

Max Cai (SR), Quince Orchard — Air Pistol/Sport Pistol/
 Rapid Fire Pistol

Elie Arkin (FR), Charles E. Smith — Air Pistol/Sport Pistol/Rapid Fire Pistol
 Nate Carbaugh (SO), Westfield — Air Pistol
 Erin Reeder (SO), Thomas Johnson — Air Pistol
 Will Regala (FR), Lake Braddock — Air Pistol/Sport Pistol/Rapid Fire Pistol
 Suman Sanghera (SR), Basis Independent — Air Pistol/Sport Pistol
 Rebecca Stetter (SO), Woodgrove — Air Pistol
 Sam Sunde (JR), Woodson — Air Pistol
 Caroline Tso (6th grade), Canterbury Elementary — Air Pistol/Sport Pistol
 Nina Wang (FR), McLean — Air Pistol

Alumni

Christina Alvarez, Ball State — Air Pistol
 Ethan Jardines, James Madison — Air Pistol/Sport Pistol/Rapid Fire Pistol
 Victor Mou, Virginia Tech — Air Pistol/Sport Pistol/Rapid Fire Pistol
 Bhavjeet Sanghera, University of Miami — Air Pistol

Read more about the events and see pictures at <https://usashooting.org/news/category/news-and-press/>



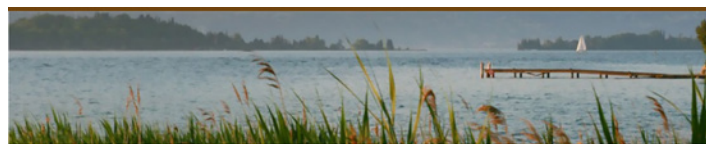
Athlete of the Year

Congratulations to Tess Hines who won the West Springfield High School Athlete of the Year Award for 2023. She is the first female athlete from West Springfield to win this award. In addition to being a 4-year varsity letter award winner in high school, she is a member of the Arlington Optimist Acorns based out of the Chapter's Sills Air Range. She holds the Potomac High School League record for 3x20 air rifle of 596 set in the 2023 Regional Championships. Tess has competed in numerous events from Junior Olympics to CMP Nationals during her shooting career. She served on the IWLA Junior Chapter board in 2021-2022. Tess will be attending Christopher Newport University in the fall of 2023.

Attention!

Chapter Pond — Fishing policy — Operating with Catch & Release Policy in effect. We follow all Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) regulations. See <https://dwr.virginia.gov/>.

Shooting is prohibited anywhere on Chapter grounds except at the designated shooting ranges.



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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

In 1993, the board of directors of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America established its environmental sciences scholarship as a means of demonstrating the Chapter's concern for the environment and for the young people of the tri-county (Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William) area. The scholarship is for a total of 4 years at a value of \$5,000 per year paid directly to the applicant's institution of higher learning in support of their degree in environmental sciences or a related field. The scholarship committee of the Chapter reviews the applications submitted each April and makes its recommendation to the board of directors on the basis of the applicant's academic achievement, financial need, environmental activities and achievements, and



Daniel Clay and Dr. David Dobbins.

the individual character of the applicant. The 2023 environmental sciences scholarship has been awarded to Daniel Clay, who recently graduated from South Lakes High School in Reston, Virginia. Daniel is going to be majoring in environmental resource management. He will be attending Virginia Tech this fall. Scholarship committee chairman Dr. David Dobbins said his strong academic history is indicated by his GPA and SAT scores. He communicates well with the written word and is a mature individual who has shown an admirable willingness to contribute to the financial burden of his college education. His commitment to success in environmental sciences is unshakable and his intelligence and dedication will, I believe, serve him exceedingly well in college and lead to a successful career in environmental science.

News from Current Scholarship Recipients

Lindsay D'Imperio, 2019 Scholarship Winner

My undergraduate journey is now over at Longwood University. I have graduated Magna Cum Laude and will immediately begin graduate studies this summer. My mother passed away in February. It was our hope that she would see me walk, but it wasn't meant to be. I know she was proud of all that I accomplished and I will not let her down as I start the next chapter of my life.

Sincerely, Lindsay D'Imperio

Christina Pelliccio, 2020 Scholarship Winner

Christina Pelliccio, the 2020 recipient of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, environmental scholarship, finished her third year at UC Berkeley, pursuing a degree in society and environment with minors in public policy and energy and resources. Throughout the year, Christina completed a comprehensive course load in environmental management, economics, and energy regulation. On campus, she continued her role as president of UC Berkeley's chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby, as well as starting a new position as an administrative assistant at the university's College of Natural Resources. In addition to her work at Berkeley, Christina continued her work with the Center for Environmental Health, an Oakland-based environmental nonprofit where she assists with various toxics campaigns and manages policy endorsements. At ThinkOcean, an international student-led nonprofit focused on promoting ocean awareness in youth, Christina completed her second year as president of the organization. Christina is incredibly grateful for these opportunities that IWLA has helped open up for her and is looking forward to continuing her studies and taking on new research opportunities in her final year at Berkeley.

Will Beer, 2021 Scholarship Winner

This has been a really exciting school year for me. My classes these past two semesters have really dived into interesting aspects of forestry that I've had a great time learning about. During the fall semester, I took a few classes focusing on fish and wildlife systems, land and field measurements, and forest biology. I found a particular interest in a woody plants and dendrology course I took in the fall, and applied to work as a teaching assistant for the spring semester. I ended up getting the job, and over the spring semester was able to teach, quiz, and

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And based on the number of sales, the buyers found the firearm prices both fair and reasonable, unlike the prices found at other gun shows.

Nearly 30 seller tables filled the indoor archery range and displayed an impressive selection both new and used rifles, shotguns, pistols, modern sporting rifles, revolvers, and collectible firearms. There were food and drinks at the event for purchase.

The crowd at the gun show was estimated at over 100 attendees and because the show was open to the public, it allowed potential new members to see the Chapter's impressive ranges and grounds after entering the front gate. The presence of Virginia State Police personnel and troopers at the event helped to ensure the on-site transfers were processed as quickly as possible and in a safe and secure environment.

Because Chapter members quickly reserved the seller tables after the gun show was announced, a number of members and nonmembers seeking seller tables were placed on a waiting list. The strong demand for seller tables and the robust attendance is an incentive for the Chapter to sponsor a future gun show for its members. While another Chapter gun show and swap meet is not currently scheduled, members who are interested in being notified when the next Arlington-Fairfax Chapter gun show and swap meet is scheduled should submit an e-mail with their name to: arfxgunshow@gmail.com. Please include "Gun Show Notice" in the e-mail's subject line.

The Chapter thanks the members who sold, purchased, or just browsed the tables at the gun show and swap meet. It's always the members' active participation that contributes to the success of events at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter.

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run a lab-based course entirely on my own, which I really enjoyed. I had a class of around 12 students I would guide around campus, teaching them tree species and their corresponding identifying characteristics. While teaching this lab, I was also enrolled in a second dendrology course, which has vastly helped improve my tree ID skills. Aside from that, during the spring semester, I participated in a lab focused on soil studies and took a class on silviculture, a branch of forestry I really hope to learn more about. I spent a lot of time split between silvicultural systems and urban forestry systems. I got the chance to attend a few guest seminars from urban forestry professionals, visit the career fair, and spend some time planting trees around Blacksburg. I have a big summer planned as well. I just finished up a backpacking trip in West Virginia and am now in the process of packing up my things for a big trip out to the Lee Metcalf Wilderness in Montana. I've been hired as a wilderness ranger and will be working with the U.S. Forest Service and Wild Montana to manage the area and learn about wilderness management. I'm incredibly excited for this opportunity, and to see what awaits me out West.

Thanks for the support!

—Will Beer

Grant Miller, 2022 Scholarship Winner

Now that my first year at Virginia Tech is complete, I am grateful for all the positive experiences I have had. One

class that really stood out as my favorite was the fish and wildlife conservation class, I took my first semester. This class covered topics such as population dynamics, fish and shark conservation, habitats, and human interaction in the environment and really gave me insight on how conservation is used to improve the environment around us. Each section of this class was taught by a different professor specializing in that area of study, which made the class material even more interesting. Outside of my classes, I was also able to participate in a shark research lab where I, along with another freshman, were tasked with identifying pictures of sharks that were gathered from the Internet. This data is used to more accurately track and identify sharks with the goal of creating a simple and accessible portal where people with little knowledge of sharks can accurately identify different species when given a picture. In addition, as a member of the Orion living-learning community, I had the opportunity to engage with a group of fellow science and STEM-focused majors to participate in science outreach events and a year-long research project on soil microbiology. I would like to thank the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, for providing me with the scholarship that allows me to participate in these college experiences that are informing and enriching my future.

Thank you so much.

—Grant Miller

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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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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>.

AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 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, August 5	FH
Stonewall Open (Skeet)	August 4-6	ST
101 Archery Class	Sunday, August 20	AC
Pre-State & Club Championship (Skeet)	August 25-27	ST
New Member Orientation	Saturday, September 2	FH
Jeff Miller Corn Shoot (Trap)	Sunday, September 3	ST
Chapter Picnic	Saturday, September 9	LP
Mid-Atlantic Grand Prix	Saturday, September 16	AR
101 Archery Class	Sunday, September 17	AC
3-D Tournament & Fun Shoot	Saturday, September 23	FA
Newsletter Article Submission Deadline	Tuesday, September 26	
DuCharm/Igou Memorial Trap Shoot	Sunday, October 1	ST
New Member Orientation	Saturday, October 7	FH
201 Archery Class—Start (5 weeks)	Monday, October 16	AC
101 Archery Class	Sunday, October 22	AC
Newsletter Mailing Party	Wednesday, October 25	FH
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, October 29	RP
101 Archery Class	Sunday, November 19	AC
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



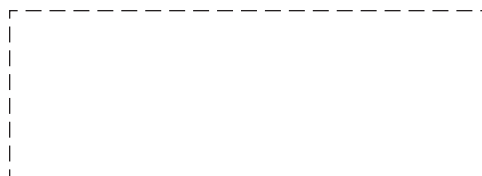
Use of Outhouses

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.



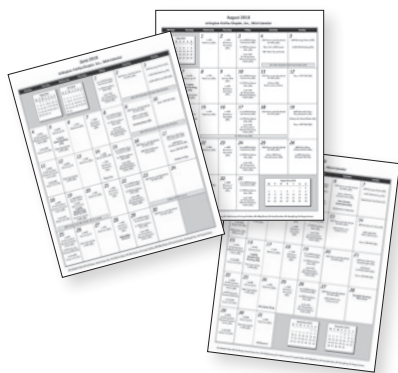
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