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NEWSLETTER

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Recently Elected Chapter Officers & Directors Sworn In

Ernie Padgette, IWLA Virginia Division president, conducted the swearing in of officers and directors of the Chapter at the August 19, 2025, general membership meeting. The election results had been presented to the membership at the July 15th general membership meeting.

For more information about elections, please see Chapter Election Web page at <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/chapter-election-information/>.



Pictured: Joe Turner, Oscar Starz, Chip Chidester, Fred Bailey, Dick Riemer, Keith Kuck, Pamela Meara, Bruce Candlemire, Tom Pike, and Mark Gauntner.

Cancellation of the 2025 Annual Chapter Picnic

The September Annual Chapter Picnic was cancelled this year due to a complication with our food supplier and the time constraints in not being able to find another vendor, as a decision was needed to be made in order to get the notice out to the membership in the September 1st Chapter E-Blast.

We apologize for the short notice, as we are also sad about the circumstance beyond the picnic committee's control.

We hope to see you all next year.

—*Bob Briuo*, Chair, Annual Chapter Picnic

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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

Membership Office Hours

1st and 3rd Tuesday	1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
All other Tuesdays	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Other times, call	703-631-4495

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Chapter Awards in 2024

At the 2025 IWLA national convention, the Chapter newsletter won the national award for Best Chapter Newsletter for chapters with 500 or more members. Pictured at left (r-l) are Pamela Meara, Editor-in-Chief; Tim Terrell, Copy Editor; and Ellen MacBrayne, Design & Production.

The Chapter also received the Chapter Defenders Award at the national convention for overall chapter activities in the five critical areas of conservation, membership, newsletter, scholarships, and youth activities.



Volunteers Needed for Financial Review Committee

We need members, particularly those with financial management or accounting experience, to conduct the annual review of the Chapter's financial records. The bylaws call for a review to be conducted annually by a committee selected by the Chapter president and to present its report to both the board of directors and the members. Anyone interested in participating should contact the treasurer, Bob Crisman, by e-mail to Bob.Crisman@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org. Please include any financial management, accounting, or related experience you may have. By the way, you'll receive credit for eight hours of volunteer work worth \$50 off your next membership renewal.

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 mankind's sharing in it.

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

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>.

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.

Range Badge

Chapter members are required to display their range badge when they access/use the Chapter's ranges. Access will be denied if you do not display your 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.



Bringing Guests to the ARL-FX Chapter

Everyone has gone through the new member orientation, but you probably do not remember everything that was presented to you. We want to highlight some important information about **classes of membership, displaying of range badge, and bringing guests to the Chapter.**

Per the Chapter Bylaws:

Classes of Membership:

1. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

- b. **Regular Membership.** This is an individual membership with one membership card issued. ... (However, an additional adult living in the same residence and all dependents under eighteen (18) years of age may use the Chapter facilities when accompanied by the Regular Member.)
- c. **Family Membership.** This is a membership for two adults living in the same residence with two

membership cards issued. ... (All dependents under 18 years of age may use the Chapter facilities when accompanied by either Family Member.)

All range-qualified members are issued range badges and are allowed to bring guests to use the Chapter ranges. We are finding there are times when the Chapter rules are being broken and this is becoming a Chapter issue. Each year when a member renews their membership, they are issued a new badge insert with the current year's credentials. The old range badge inserts must be replaced by the newly issued one to ensure you are allowed access to the Chapter ranges.

- Members are not allowed to give their range badge or membership card or membership number to anyone.
- Copies of a membership card are NOT and will not be accepted as a range badge.

Per the Chapter Bylaws:

Grounds Rules

GENERAL

Any person using any facility or any portion of any part of the Chapter property shall do so at their own risk and by so doing hold the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of IWLA, its Officers, Directors, Range Safety Officers, agents, and assigns indemnified from any personal injury or other claim.

1. **MEMBERS.** Members, their spouses, dependent children/grandchildren under twenty-two (22) years of age, living in the same domicile, may enjoy the privileges of the property, while escorted by the member, but will be expected to properly identify themselves at any time if requested to do so by Chapter Officers, Directors, Range Safety Officers, or any member.
2. **DISPLAYING RANGE BADGES.** Adult Chapter range-qualified members **MUST DISPLAY** the current Range Qualification Badge in **PLAIN SIGHT** whenever they are shooting at any of the Chapter ranges.
3. **GUESTS.** Guests will be permitted use of the property only when accompanied by a member in good standing of the Chapter except as hereinafter provided for:
 - a. An individual may be a guest of a range-qualified member on the Chapter ranges five (5) times in

one calendar year, except for special events or with prior permission of the Board of Directors.

- b. The number of guests each member may bring on to the Chapter property shall not exceed three (3) persons on any one day except with approval of the Program Director.
- c. **GUEST FEES:** Annually, in December, the Program Directors, with approval of the Board of Directors at a Board of Directors' meeting and recorded in the meeting minutes, are to define the guest fee for their program. Any changes will be implemented on January 1st.

For every visit to each range, the guest must complete a Chapter guest liability release form and pay any required fee.

- If the guest is a youth the adult member with that guest will be responsible for completing the release form.

It is very important you print clearly on the form. If we cannot read the form, you will be asked to complete a new one.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to ARLFXIWL@ gmail.com.

ARL-FX IWLA Membership Notes

ARL-FX Chapter Membership Notice Important! Membership Renewal Process Has Changed

Beginning October 1, 2025, the Chapter is launching a new Membership Database System with enhanced features to better serve you.

What does this mean for you:

- Your membership information will now be **more secure**.
 - » You will have access to a secure **online member portal**,
 - » You can view and update your personal membership information.
- **Online renewals** will be faster, easier, and more secure than ever.

If You Are Renewing by Check

- Submit the 2026 membership renewal form.
- Forms will be available to download from the Chapter Web site and in paper format at each range.
- **Important:** If you renew using an older renewal form version, it will be returned to you.

- **Remember to sign your renewal form before submitting.**

Key Membership Renewal Information for 2026

- The **2026 renewal season** begins on **October 1, 2025**.
- Your **2025 Range Badge insert** will expire on **December 31, 2025**.
- Save time—renew online!
- Avoid the **\$40 late fee** by submitting your renewal before January 1, 2026.

Membership Reminders

- If you move or change your mailing address, please update your information.
- If you change your e-mail address, please let the Chapter know so you don't miss important updates.
- If you are not receiving the monthly E-Blast or quarterly newsletter, contact ARLFXIWLA@gmail.com right away.

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Gun Show 2026

Field Archery Indoor Range

Coming in March 2026

Chapter members can reserve a seller table, beginning in late January 2026. Additional information will be posted on the Web site in December.

To reserve a table 2026 Chapter membership is required.
Firearm Transfers available during gun show hours.

Open to the Public—Free Admittance

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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 (see page 12).

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:

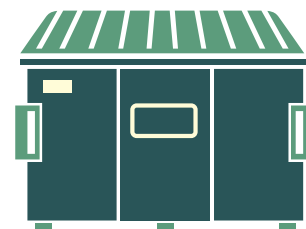
- Gather important data in our local area;
- Work with other engaged volunteers;
- Get first-hand knowledge of water quality in the streams monitored.

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



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.



SIGN UP!



SignUpGenius®

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

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.

Air Range

Suman Sanghera Shatters Records at Junior Pan American Games

At the 2025 Junior Pan American Games in Asuncion, Paraguay, Suman Sanghera of Great Falls, Virginia, made a stunning mark on the shooting range, claiming Team USA's first gold in the shooting events and smashing multiple records in the process. In the Women's 10-meter Air Pistol qualification round, Sanghera set a new Junior Pan Am Games record with a commanding score of 57218x, surpassing the previous mark by five points. She continued her dominance in the final, achieving a record-breaking 237.2 points to secure the gold medal, outperforming silver medalist Sofia Ibarra of Mexico and bronze medalist Josefina Mella of Argentina. "It is an honor to raise the flag, and I am very proud to have represented my country well," Sanghera declared. Sanghera didn't stop there. She paired with Marcus Klemp in the Mixed Team Air Pistol event, and together they delivered a top-tier performance. Their efforts included setting a new qualification record in the mixed team category before clinching the gold medal in the finals.

Sanghera's South American success followed a string of triumphs in 2025.

- In January, she won the Camp Perry Open Senior and Junior titles.
- In March, Suman won the Collegiate Pistol Championship edging out her Pan Am teammate Klemp in the finals.
- In April, she finished second in the National Junior Olympics, barely missing the top spot by 0.1 points.
- In June at the USA Shooting National Championships, she finished second by 0.5 points in the Open Competition but bounced back to win the Junior title.
- In July at the Civilian Marksmanship Program Air Nationals, she took both the Open and Junior titles, setting a new Junior national record in the process. She also teamed with fellow NoVA Sharpshooters Elie Arkin, Will Regala, and Caroline Tso to win the Open, Club, and Junior team titles. Arkin and Tso also set new age-group records at the competition.

A BS-MD student at Case Western Reserve University, Sanghera has to balance training for elite-level competition with a demanding academic workload. Up next for her is the International Shooting Sport Federation World Championships in Cairo, Egypt, in November.

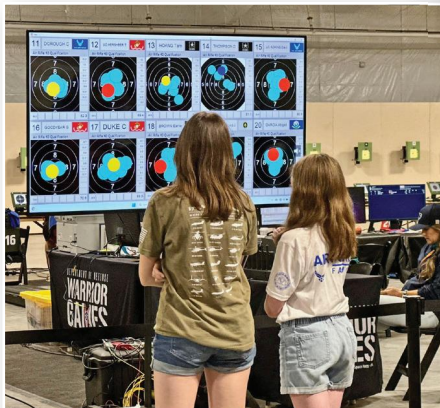


Air Force Wounded Warrior

Lt. Col. Christopher Dorough, one of several military wounded warriors who practice regularly at the Sills Air Range, won gold in Standing Rifle and Prone Rifle at the 2025 Department of Defense Warrior Games in Colorado Springs last month. Cheered on by his wife and daughters, Chris overcame a severe injury. The day before the qualifying match, he suffered a dislocated left elbow during the cycling race. The Air Force medical staff put him back together, just enough to compete in the qualifying round. Despite the pain and swelling, hundreds of hours of training kicked in, and Chris managed top scores in both Standing and Prone Rifle, though the pain and discomfort certainly took its toll. By the second day of rifle competition, the swelling had subsided just enough to enable him to get into position for finals. The result, two gold medals for Team Air Force—while wearing borrowed Chapter gear! The competitions and post-shoot interviews can still be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0j5pCROLrM> (5:51) [watch?v=p-s_WU8Mnjc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-s_WU8Mnjc) (2:47).



Chris Dorough



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)

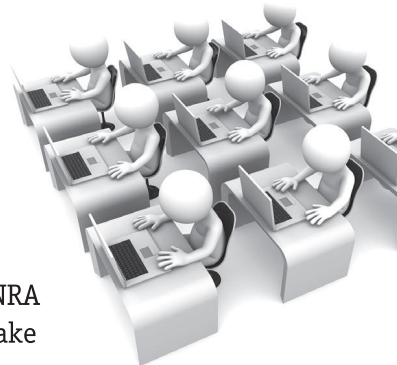
With extended hours reserved for staff and special scheduled events, such as camping activities, as needed.

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

Education & Training NRA Course Updates

The 2025 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/>



NRA Woman on Target® Clinic

If you were anywhere near the ARL-FX Chapter on Saturday, September 20, you probably heard it—women shooting everything from pistols to AR-15s, from compound bows to a wall gun. It was the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's annual Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinic, and once again, the event was packed, with a record-setting 100% attendance rate with all 45 course slots filled.

This wasn't just a range day or a ladies' shoot. It was a full-on experience. New and returning participants took part in hands-on, one-on-one instruction in pistol, rifle, shotgun, AR-15, and archery, while also selecting among a series of seminars that brought context to their time on the range.

Retired Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Richard Gardiner led two popular seminars—"Firearms and the Law" and "Legal Aspects of Self-Defense"—while two instructors presented curated sections of the NRA's Refuse To Be A Victim program, and still another led a seminar on how to select and care for your first firearm. Even lunch was educational, thanks to a guest speaker from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, who connected the dots between shooting, conservation, and the Virginia Outdoor Women program.



Everyone's favorite part of every Women On Target® clinic is, of course, watching women grow in confidence as they receive individualized coaching on the line. Some were brand new shooters. Others were experienced members of groups like Armed Women of America, who came to try something new. Many found it invaluable to try out a new discipline or to check out firearms they were considering purchasing.

Highlights included busting first clays on the shotgun range, testing traditional rifles, including a historic wall gun, learning the flexibility of the AR-15 platform, and discovering a love of archery. Everyone left with a better understanding of what disciplines speak to them and in some cases, a new favorite.

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Photos by John Dwyer

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This event doesn't just help women become better shooters — it can inspire good shooters to become great ones, and great ones to become instructors. This year marked a change in leadership as Sarah Smith took the reins from longtime Clinic Director (and current ARL-FX Chapter President) Pamela Meara.

Sarah's journey started just a few years ago helping out behind the scenes. "One of the first things I noticed was we needed more female instructors," Sarah noted. "I'm a lifelong shooter with a passion for training but I'd never married the two ideas. My father, an NRA Instructor himself, had encouraged me to do it for years — but it was Women On Target® that was the final nudge I needed. I jumped into training and certified in basic pistol and by the following year's Women On Target® I was on the line."

Clinic Coordinator Lois Kellett has a similar story. She attended her first Women On Target® clinic at Arlington-Fairfax in 2023 and left determined to get more involved. "I went home and said — I am buying a pistol. A month later I had my Ruger Mark IV — the first of several pistols." Today, Lois is certified to teach several NRA disciplines and has been instrumental in forging a strong relationship between the clinic and her local chapter of Armed Women of America.

At its core, Women On Target® is about welcoming women into the shooting sports and into the organizations that host



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Photos by John Dwyer



Skeet & Trap Range

2026 Season of the Chapter's Winter Skeet & Trap League

A reminder the 2026 season of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, Winter Skeet and Trap League will begin on Sunday, January 4th, and run for 13 weeks.

League competition consists of six-person squads shooting six two-round matches each of trap and skeet. All winter league matches are shot on Sundays when the shotgun ranges are closed for open shooting. Awards are presented to the top-scoring teams and to the individual

shooters with high raw averages in Skeet, Trap, and Overall, plus a Most Improved prize. The league roster is limited to 28 teams (168 shooters).

Chapter members interested in shooting in the 2026 league can contact John Seaberg, League Chairman, at jseaberg@cox.net.

For more information visit <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/winter-league/>.



Virginia State Trapshooting Championship

The 2025 Virginia State Trapshooting Championship was held July 2-6 at the Winchester Gun Club and was well represented by the Chapter, where approximately 20 Chapter members shot at least one event, representing about one-fifth of all Virginia resident shooters.

Chapter members Virginia American Trapshooting Association Delegate George Hafkemeyer and 2nd Alternate Delegate Scott Petitto oversaw daily shoot-offs, trophy determination, and shooter classifications.

Chapter trophy winners included Gregory Ricketts, Barton Bennett, Travis Rockwood, Frederick Wood, Dean Spiridon Jr., Alan Hemer, James Hickerson, Robert Nolan, Bennett Crandall, and Scott Petitto, several of whom won multiple trophies.

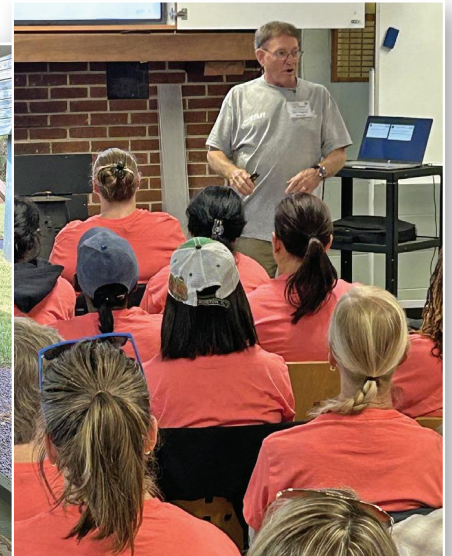
There were numerous other Chapter trophy losses by carry-over, shoot-off, or coin flip.

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them. Whether they are brand new or looking to broaden their skills, this event gives them the space, support, and instruction to grow. It is also a wonderful entry point into the kind of community an organization can provide.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers, instructors, and sponsors who made the 2025 event a huge success.



Photos by John Dwyer

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NOTE: James Hickerson won Resident Champion in preliminary handicap event 8 "Winchester Handicap," in his first career registered handicap event with a score of 94/100 and earned a half yard from his penalty yardage. Welcome to the world of handicap trap, Jim.

Thanks to all the Chapter members who participated and congratulation to those who brought home the "hardware."

—Scott Petitto

IWLA Digital Newsletter



E-Newsletter and Action Alert Sign-up

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>.

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/>



Outdoor/Indoor Archery

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



The Archery 101 classes will take place in the indoor archery range. This one-day class is 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 (bows and arrows) is available through the Chapter. All you need to do is register and show up.

Fee Schedule (Members/Nonmembers)

- \$25 for adults
- \$15 for ages 9 through 17
(Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- \$50 max for family

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

Sunday	November 23, 2025	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	December 21, 2025	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	January 18, 2026	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	February 15, 2026	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

The Archery 201 classes are held at the indoor archery range. These sessions are held on five consecutive Sunday nights. There are two age groups, Youth ages 9–12 years old (5:30–6:30 p.m.) and Adult 13 years old and up, (7–8 p.m.) with a maximum of 11 students in each group. All archery equipment is provided so there is not any initial expense to participate. We also encourage the use of personal equipment if the student has already purchased it. The fee for the five-night class is \$150.

The class is taught using the USA Archery 11-step instruction model. We first concentrate on shooting form. Then we build upon this foundation with each lesson, so the student has the total archery shooting package by the end of the session.

Safety and range rules are taught the first night and reviewed before each class along with warm-ups and stretching. The class will cover the different types of archery equipment used, archery safety, purchasing of equipment, and live shooting. We try to have a 1:3 coach to student ratio so the student gets the best coaching we can provide.



Coach Mark Gauntner demonstrates proper shooting form.

Archery 201 Schedule

Classes: 5-week sessions (Sundays)
 Session Starts: Sunday, January 11, 2026
 Youth: Ages 9–12; 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Adult: Ages 13 & up; 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Class Fee: \$150.00

NOTE: All under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

Contact: Mark Gauntner for registration at gauntneriwla201@gmail.com.

Field Archery Sign-In Stations

Before starting to shoot outdoors, members must sign in at the outdoor range sign-in station. For the indoor archery range, sign in at the desk. For any family member wanting to shoot, who lives in the same household, a **GUEST LIABILITY RELEASE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT TO SHOOT ARCHERY**. Members with a guest who lives outside the household, a \$10 guest fee is in place. Place the \$10 in the liability release form, fold, and place in drop box. **Signing in and filling out the Guest Liability Release Form for your family member or outside guest before starting to shoot is a IWLA CHAPTER REQUIREMENT AT ALL RANGES.**

—Dick Riemer, Field Archery Director

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.

BuckBuster 2025

Field Archery hosted three Cub Run Archers Virginia Bowhunters Association 3-D archery shoots this summer. On August 10th the last shoot of the summer was held with 27 shooters participating. Many are now looking forward to next year's 3-D shoots.

Hope to see some new archers competing in 2026.



The 2025 Christmas Party for Foster Children

For the first time since 2019, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the IWLA will host a holiday party for foster children on December 13, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the indoor archery range. The Fairfax County Department of Family Services, Foster Care and Adoption Services will be inviting 50 foster children between the ages of 4 and 14 with their caretakers to enjoy a day of crafts, games, friendship, and smiles. Everyone will be treated to a kid-style lunch with Santa arriving shortly after to hand out gifts to all the children.

Our Chapter does so much for the community, and this is one of those fantastic acts of kindness! We will need volunteers to make the party a success. The timeline below is an approximate schedule of the events.

- Gift wrapping: Wednesday, 12/10/25, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
- Set up and decorating: Friday, 12/12/25, 6 p.m.–7 p.m.
- PARTY DAY: Saturday, 12/13/25, 8 a.m.: Kitchen help; 10 a.m. or earlier: volunteers and desserts arrive; 11 a.m.: children arrive; 12 noon: lunch served; 1:30 p.m.: Santa arrives; 3 p.m.: breakdown.

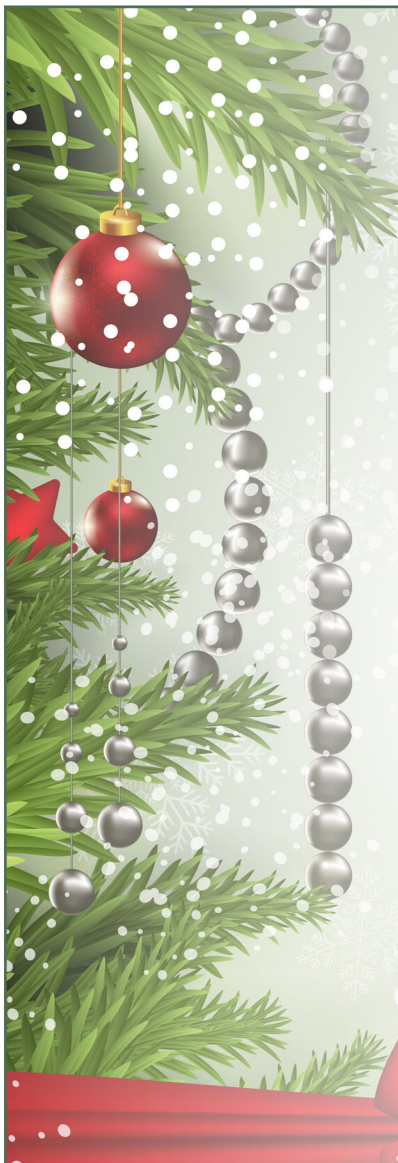
Craft tables and games will go on throughout the party. Lunch will be available until Santa arrives. Desserts will be available throughout the party.

Pick-up trucks for set up and breakdown would be greatly appreciated to move the tables and chairs from the main field house to the indoor archery range.

The sign-up list for volunteers will be posted on SignUpGenius in October. It will have a detailed list of needed positions and numbers to fill those positions.

If you would like to help but don't have the time, tax deductible donations can be made to the Chapter to offset the cost of the party.

Please contact me, Shawna Wood, at stwood1966@gmail.com with any questions. I hope everyone is looking forward to this event and the smiles on the children's faces as much as I am!



 **SIGN UP!**


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

WANTED

OLD ISSUES of the Chapter newsletters prior to 2003.

Send paper copies or scanned copies.

Contact:

ARLFXIWLA@gmail.com



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>.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025, JANUARY 2026

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	ST
Service Rifle Matches	2nd Thursday of each month	RP
Open Firearm League Matches	3rd Monday of each month	RP
General Membership Meeting	3rd Tuesday of each month	FH
Bullseye Pistol League—Rimfire Matches	1st Sunday	RP
Bull Run Muzzle Loaders	3rd Sunday of each month	RP
Open Air Range (Member Practice)	Sundays	AR
Regular Open Air Range	Mondays & Fridays	AR
Fellowship Dinner	Every Tuesday	AC
New Member Orientation	Saturday, November 1	FH
DC KSF Skeet/Trap Shoot	Saturday, November 8	ST
Cub Run Fall Cleanup	Saturday, November 8	FA
Fall USA Indoor Archery Tournament	November 8-9	FA
Wendell Thompson Match	Saturday, November 15	AR
101 Archery Class	Sunday, November 23	FA
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, November 23 & 30	RP
New Member Orientation	Saturday, December 6	FH
2025 Christmas Party for Foster Children	Saturday, December 13	FA
101 Archery Class	Sunday, Decembet 21	FA
Winter Classic Match 3P Rifle & 60 Shot	December 22-23	AR
Newsletter Article Submission Deadline	Tuesday, December 23	
ALL Chapter Firearm Ranges CLOSED	Thursday, December 25	
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, December 28	RP
Winter League Skeet & Trap Starts	Sunday, January 4, 2026	ST
Archery 201 Class (5 Weeks)—Start	Sunday, January 11, 2026	FA
101 Archery Class	Sunday, January 18, 2026	FA
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, January 25, 2026	RP
101 Archery Class	Sunday, February 15, 2026	FA
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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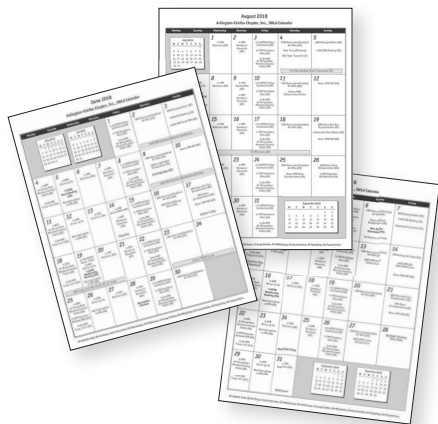
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The Chapter Newsletter is your link to all Chapter activities and information. Keep it handy.
It is also available on our new Web site in color.

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



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your current membership expires December 31, 2025.

Renewals postmarked on or after January 1, 2026—Add \$40 late processing fee!
NO EXCEPTIONS!

☐ I believe I qualify for the \$50 dues credit. My volunteer hours were completed on: _____

Primary Member

Family Member (must reside at same address as Primary Member)

Membership ID #: _____

Name(s): _____

Signature(s): _____

Preferred Phone: _____
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E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address—Street: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

ARL-FX Membership Types	2026 Dues	National Life & Benefactor Membership Types	2026 Dues
☐ FM—Family	\$311.00	☐ BF—Benefactor Family	\$236.00
☐ FMD—Family Disabled	\$236.00	☐ BFD—Benefactor Family Disabled	\$161.00
☐ FMR—Family Remote (50 miles + from Chapter)	\$236.00	☐ BFR—Benefactor Family Remote (50 miles + from Chapter)	\$161.00
☐ FMS—Family Senior (born prior to 1966)	\$236.00	☐ BFS—Benefactor Family Senior (born prior to 1966)	\$161.00
☐ IN—Individual	\$211.00	☐ NLB—National Life Benefactor	\$161.00
☐ IND—Individual Disabled	\$171.00	☐ NLI—National Life Individual	\$161.00
☐ INR—Individual Remote (50 miles + from Chapter)	\$171.00	☐ NLD—National Life Individual Disabled	\$161.00
☐ INS—Individual Senior (born prior to 1966)	\$171.00	☐ NLR—National Life Individual Remote (50 miles + from Chapter)	\$161.00
☐ ST—Student (under 22 years old and enrolled in 12 or more undergraduate credit hours)	\$152.00	☐ NLS—National Life Individual Senior (born prior to 1966)	\$161.00
		☐ NFI—National Family Life	\$236.00
		☐ NFD—National Family Life Disabled	\$161.00
		☐ NFR—National Family Life Remote (50 miles + from Chapter)	\$161.00
		☐ NFS—National Family Life Senior (born prior to 1966)	\$161.00

☐ I have read the Member Release Statement on the reverse side.

Member Signature _____ Date _____ Family Member Signature _____ Date _____



Detach here. Submit top section with payment. Retain section below for your records.

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



2026 Membership Dues Paid \$ _____ Date _____ Check No. _____

For tax purposes, Individual (IN) members may claim a \$57 deduction and Family (FM) members may claim a \$93.50 deduction. National Life Individual (NLI) and National Life Benefactor (NLB) members may claim a \$7 deduction. National Family Life (NFL) and Benefactor Family (BF) members may claim a \$8 deduction. Students (ST) may claim a \$42 deduction. The Izaak Walton League of America, a nonprofit conservation organization, is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code. Minimum National dues are \$40 for individuals and \$60 for family memberships, which includes the **Outdoor America** magazine. Magazine is inseparable from dues. Chapter and Division dues may vary.

Range badges, membership cards, and the gate combination will not be furnished unless the signed Member Release Statement is received by the Chapter. If this is a family membership, the renewal form must be signed by both members.

Member Release Statement

In consideration of the permission granted to me to use the pistol, rifle, skeet, trap, and archery ranges and other facilities of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Incorporated, of the Izaak Walton League of America, Centreville, Virginia, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, irrevocably release and forever discharge the Arlington Fairfax Chapter, Incorporated, of the Izaak Walton League of America (hereinafter "ARL-FX IWLA") and all of its officers, directors, agents, and employees, acting in or under color of their official capacity, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action, costs, charges, and liabilities of whatever kind, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me which may occur from any cause during my use of its ranges and/or facilities.

This release is intended to cover all injuries, fatal or nonfatal, and illness of every name, type, kind, or nature, and personal property damage, if any, which may be sustained or suffered from any cause whatsoever connected with or arising out of or by reason of participating in the aforementioned activities. I know the risks and unexpected dangers involved in said activities and assume all risks of injury to my person and property that may be sustained in connection with the stated and associated activities, in and about the Chapter property.

I further agree that I will indemnify and will hold harmless the ARL-FX IWLA and all officers, directors, agents, and employees thereof from any and all costs, charges, claims, demands, and liabilities of any kind arising from the improper or negligent actions of the undersigned while participating in the activities of its property.

I have reviewed the ARL-FX IWLA range safety rules and the Chapter grounds rules and I understand and agree to abide by all the provisions therein. I have read and understand the foregoing release. I certify that my attendance and participation in activities at the ARL-FX IWLA is voluntary.

This release form is in effect as long as I am a member of the ARL-FX IWLA, or for so long as I may use the aforesaid ranges and/or facilities, both now and at any future times, but in no event longer than is permitted by applicable law.

IWLA 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 mankind's sharing it, I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.

Questions/payment arrangements? Call the Chapter office at 703-631-4495. If necessary, leave your name and telephone number with your concern(s). Your inquiry will be answered as quickly as possible. Office hours 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. every Tuesday AND EVERY Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., excluding holidays.