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

NEWSLETTER

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Foster Children Holiday Party a Success

On Saturday, December 13, 2025, the Foster Children's Holiday Party took place at the indoor archery range. Thanks to all the volunteers it was a huge success! The children played games, built their own snowmen, colored their own ornaments, and made sticker scenes. The volunteers made sure the children and their foster parents were checked in and had a good time.

They enjoyed a buffet of chicken fingers, mac and cheese, hotdogs, fries, fruit cups, coleslaw, ice cream, and Italian ice. Linda even had the gluten and allergy free equivalent to everything served. It was a hit!

Santa came riding in on his Harley Davidson with "Here Comes Santa Clause" playing over the radio. The children and the foster parents were excited to see him. Cheering and happy voices echoed through the archery fields.

Once Santa made it inside, gifts and hugs were passed out. The children all had smiles on their faces that were even bigger

when they opened their presents. After they played with their new toys from Santa the volunteers all pitched in to make quick cleanup of the area.

This was an exciting event that not only made some very special children have a great Christmas but also spread knowledge about how wonderful a nonprofit like our Chapter is.

A very special THANK YOU to all the volunteers that made this event possible.

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The Nation's Gun Show

How did you find out about the Chapter? Perhaps you stopped at our booth at The Nation's Gun Show at the Dulles Expo Center and talked with one of our member volunteers. Believe it or not, at every show we talk to almost a hundred people about what the Chapter has to offer.

Well, times have changed and so has the location of The Nation's Gun Show! Now the show can be found at the Manassas Mall on route 234. If you have been a member for at least three months and are familiar with all we offer as a Chapter, you can earn four volunteer hours—as well as get free access to the gun show—by volunteering to work this event. Look for the orange "Sign-up Genius" link at the bottom of the Chapter home page for the timing of the next event. Spots go fast so stop by the site today.

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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

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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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Requested Proposed Revisions to Bylaws: Chapter Dues

Purpose & Rationale: The board of directors of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, are proposing a dues increase starting in calendar year 2027.

Motion made and approved at the board of directors' meeting on September 2, 2025, to approve the proposed 2027 dues increase.

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA

Dues Payment Breakdown as of September 2, 2025

Proposed Chapter Dues Increase for 2027: Increase by \$145 Individual / \$212 Family

Type	National	Division	Current Chapter	Proposed Chapter	Current Total Dues	Proposed Total Dues
Individual	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 299.00	\$ 211.00	\$ 356.00
Individual (Senior, Remote, Disabled)	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 259.00	\$ 171.00	\$ 316.00
National Life	\$ —	\$ 7.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 299.00	\$ 161.00	\$ 306.00
National Life (Senior, Remote, Disabled)	\$ —	\$ 7.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 259.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 266.00
Life Benefactor	\$ —	\$ 7.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 299.00	\$ 161.00	\$ 306.00
Family	\$ 75.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 437.00	\$ 311.00	\$ 523.00
Family (Senior, Remote, Disabled)	\$ 75.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 236.00	\$ 448.00
Family National Life Regular	\$ —	\$ 11.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 437.00	\$ 236.00	\$ 448.00
Family National Life (Senior, Remote, Disabled)	\$ —	\$ 11.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 161.00	\$ 373.00
Life Family Benefactor	\$ —	\$ 11.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 437.00	\$ 236.00	\$ 448.00
National Life Family Benefactor (Senior, Remote, Disabled)	\$ —	\$ 11.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 161.00	\$ 373.00

Remote – Residence is over 50 miles from the Chapter.

Senior – Age 60 or over as of 12/31/26

Proposed Bylaw Change: Dues Increase

The proposed Chapter dues increase is due to operational expenses that have risen significantly over the years, while specialized volunteerism has declined, and the dues themselves have remained unchanged since 2011.

Key reasons for the increase include:

- **Inflation and Rising Costs:** The cost of essential services such as power, insurance, water, and trash has increased substantially over the past 16 years, much like personal household bills.
- **Decline in Specialized Volunteerism:** The Chapter has lost many members who previously volunteered their time, skills, and equipment for maintenance tasks (e.g., cutting grass, repairing plumbing, painting buildings). The Chapter is now forced to hire outside contractors for these jobs, which increases cash expenses.
- **Income vs. Expenses Discrepancy:** Since 2019, Chapter expenses have grown at a much faster rate (15% increase by 2026) than revenue (3.8% increase by 2026), creating a budget shortfall that the dues increase aims to address.

- **Major Upcoming Expenses:** The cost of installation and upkeep of the new access and security system. The Chapter also faces a significant expense for replacing the baffles and upgrading the Rifle-Pistol range.

Despite the financial pressures, the Chapter has invested in several improvements over the last few years to enhance member value, including remodeling clubhouses, rebuilding the archery shed, adding a parking lot to lift membership limitations, and keeping the ranges open.

Board Oversight: The board acknowledges its role in delaying the dues increase, hoping that specialized volunteer rates would improve, but they have not. The board is now addressing the problem as a necessity to cover costs and maintain operations.

NOTE: The proposed bylaw changes to increase the Chapter dues will be voted on by the membership at the March 17, 2026, general membership meeting.

Please review the information on the proposed bylaw changes.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

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ARTICLE II

Initiation Fees and Dues

2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL DUES

- a. Regular Membership.** This is an individual membership with one membership card issued. The annual dues for a Regular Membership shall be ~~\$154.00~~ **\$299.00** per year, plus assessed National and State Division dues. (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.)
- b. Family Membership.** This is a membership for two adults living in the same residence with two membership cards issued. The annual dues for a

Family Membership shall be ~~\$225.00~~ **\$437.00** per year, plus assessed National and State Division dues. (All dependents under 18 years of age may use the Chapter facilities when accompanied by either Family Member.)

- d. Exceptions.** Members who are sixty (60) years of age or older on January 1st of the current year, or members who are disabled, or members whose immediate residence is greater than fifty (50) miles from the Centreville, Virginia, Chapter property shall pay the following annual dues:

Regular Membership: ~~\$114.00~~ **\$259.00** per year, plus assessed National and State Division dues.

Family Membership: ~~\$150.00~~ **\$362.00** per year, plus assessed National and State Division dues.

Junior Chapter Elects New Officers for 2026

At the Junior Chapter elections held November 16-22, the membership elected a new slate of officers and directors. Newly elected officers are: Audrey Mooney, president; Liam Rogers, vice president; Serena Sidhu, secretary; Grace Connelly, treasurer. Directors at large are Caroline Chan, Claire Cvik, Brian Leppert, Miyabi Nuwere, and Tara Sundararaman. All were duly installed at the general membership meeting on December 16 and began their terms of office January 1. The group is already discussing chapter activities for the upcoming year, so watch the newsletter for further information.



Newly installed Junior Chapter officers (front l-r) Audrey Mooney, Serena Sidhu, Caroline Chan, Claire Cvik, Miyabi Nuwere, (rear) Liam Rogers, Grace Connelly, (not shown) Brian Leppert and Tara Sundararaman.

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.



Check the Chapter Calendar

Just a quick reminder to all of our new members as well as those of us who have been enjoying our great Chapter for years. Before you head out to any of our ranges, take a moment to check the Chapter online calendar to make sure the range is open. The Rifle-Pistol range as well as the Trap and Skeet range are manned by volunteers. Although rare, sometimes an emergency pops up and a volunteer won't be able to cover their duty and for safety reasons, the range will be closed. When we know about it in advance, we will post it on the Chapter calendar saving you a trip. By the way, you can access the Chapter calendar by using the search engine on the homepage of the Chapter Web site.

ARL-FX IWLA Membership Notes

Membership Update

The Membership Team has been extremely busy over the last few months. We have been processing current and new members' memberships, receiving and responding to dozens of member e-mails and phone calls, preparing for and conducting new member orientation meetings, responding to the concerns of members who visit the membership office, and providing support to Chapter officers, all while dealing with unexpected difficulties and delays with the IWLA national database, addressing issues with and learning how to use our newly adopted Association Sphere database, and going through our year-end membership renewal period. This has caused some delays in processing memberships and sending out new 2026 member badge inserts and membership cards. We thank the members for having patience with us. We also thank former Membership Chairman Benn Crandall for providing guidance and instruction to us for understanding and using the new database and guidance and instruction for handling a variety of other membership office activities.

The new database has an abundance



of capabilities and features that will not only make the Membership Team's work much easier, but also allow members to more actively make changes to their own profile and information within the database. Further details on this will be provided later. Please contact the Membership Team with any questions or concerns you have.

—Fred Bailey, Membership Chairman



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.

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.

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:

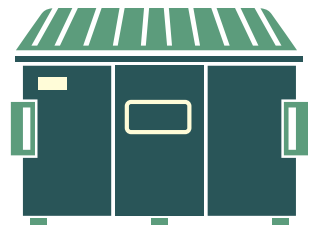
- Gather important data in our local area;
- Work with other engaged volunteers;
- Get first-hand knowledge of water quality in the streams monitored.

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.

Chapter Cub Run Stream Monitoring

The Izaak Walton League's Save Our Streams (SOS) program trains volunteers to protect waterways from pollution and bring information about water quality to their communities. SOS is the only nationwide training of its kind.

SOS includes stream monitoring, nitrate watch, and salt watch activities. Stream monitoring involves volunteers placing a net in a stream to collect macroinvertebrates from the water, identifying the type and total of each macroinvertebrate type, and then determining the water quality of the stream based on applying analytics to this data.

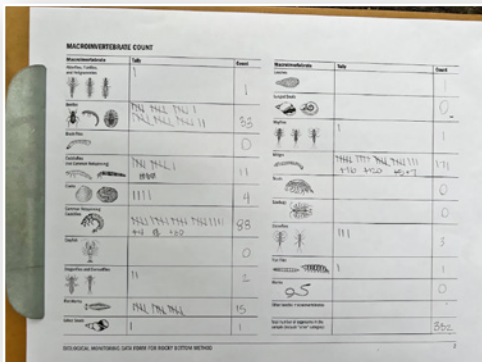
This data is also entered into a national database where it can be compared with previously collected data, creating a critical record of water quality over time. This makes it possible to quickly identify potential pollution problems that may develop in the future. Anyone can get trained as a certified stream monitor, or simply volunteer to help collect valuable data about the health of their local streams with no training at all.

Nitrate watch involves taking a sample of water from a stream to test for nitrate. Excess nitrate in water can pose serious problems for the health of humans and the

environment. Salt watch involves taking a sample of water from a stream to test for sodium levels. Extra salty water makes it difficult for some fish and insects to survive, can end up in your tap water, and can corrode pipes.

Chapter members volunteered at a Chapter stream monitoring event on October 11, 2025. A portion of Cub Run stream registered to the Chapter was monitored. Boots were provided to volunteers if needed, along with tables, nets, gloves, trays, tweezers, magnifiers and other items for volunteers to use to catch and identify the macroinvertebrates. Volunteers were split into small groups for separate stream monitoring and each group gathered macroinvertebrates, identified and counted each, and completed forms used to tally the macroinvertebrate data for calculation of the stream quality. The stream was also tested for nitrate and salt at the end. All data was entered into the Clean Water Hub database. If any Chapter members are interested in SOS activities please send an e-mail to Arlfxsos@gmail.com.

—*Fred Bailey*, Certified Stream Monitor,
Chapter SOS Coordinator



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We look forward to next year and what it will bring.

—*Shawana Wood and Linda Riewer*
Committee
Cochairs

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2026 Education and Training Program

The 2026 training events for our Chapter Education and Training Program are now available for student registration. In addition to basic shooting courses, we also have NRA Level 1 Coach Schools scheduled for all three disciplines of rifle, pistol, and shotgun. NRA Instructor level courses for Personal Protection Inside the Home and Personal Protection Outside the Home will be conducted in June and Shotgun Shooting conducted in August. Several non-shooting courses are also being offered for Refuse to be Victim, Home Firearms Safety, Range Safety Officer, Metallic Cartridge Reloading, and Shotgun Shell Reloading. All of our NRA training events are open to the public and provide an excellent foundation for the safe ownership and use of firearms.

In addition to formal training courses, we also conduct two special events every year: a two-day Shotgun Shooting Camp in late March and the ever-popular NRA Women on Target Instructional Shooting Clinic in May.

The National Rifle Association is recognized nationally as the gold standard for safe firearm training, developing millions of safe, ethical, responsible shooters and instructors. NRA courses include realistic, performance-oriented exercises that immerse the students in the subject matter. All of the firearms training courses also include live-fire exercises that provide students an opportunity to put into practice the shooting fundamentals learned in the classroom. All of our NRA courses are taught by NRA Certified Instructors, NRA Appointed Training Counselors, and NRA Chief Range Safety Officers.

The 2026 schedule of events is listed on Education and Training Resources page of the Chapter Web site with



links to register and to submit the course tuition: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education-training-course-schedule/> For more information or questions about the Chapter's Education and Training Program, contact John Seaberg at John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

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)

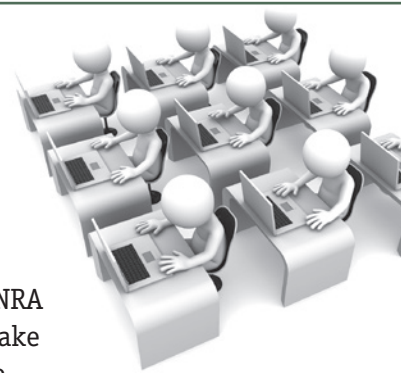
With extended hours reserved for staff and special scheduled events, such as camping activities, as needed.

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

Education & Training NRA Course Updates

The 2026 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/>



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

Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children & Adults with Disabilities

May 2, 2026

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Lunch is served at Noon

Come out and enjoy a day of fishing and outdoor fun!

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For directions visit our Web site: <http://www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>

Contact John Hsu at John.Hsu@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org to register.

Please include number planning to attend.

To volunteer to assist at this event,
please go to Chapter's *SignUpGenius*.

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



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA

Gun Show 2026

Field Archery Indoor Range

March 28, 2026

Must be a Chapter member to reserve a seller table.
Seller table reservations (\$30) begin January 22, 2026.

Firearm Transfers available during gun show hours.

Questions and info, e-mail: arlfxgunshow@gmail.com

Open to the Public—Free Admittance

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David Edward Dobbins 10/14/1947 to 11/11/2025

On November 11, 2025 one of our long time members, Dave Dobbins passed away. Dave's family had invite our members, current and former, to his grave side memorial and a celebration of life on November 20, 2025. Please keep David's family in you thoughts and prayers during this time.

Dave was born October 14, 1947, to a family of seven in Detroit and mostly raised in the northern suburb of Grosse Pointe Woods. Living in Michigan and visiting various locations in the state, he developed a love for the outdoors, cultivating different interests and deciding as a young man fishing and hunting were "pretty ok."

He met his wife, Lynn, his senior year of high school and they both went on to attend and graduate from Michigan State University (MSU). After saving up money during undergrad working as a brakeman for a railroad, he proposed to Lynn in 1969 and they were married August 8, 1970. Lynn worked to put hubby through school as he earned his master's and Ph.D. in physiology. He was then offered a job by the chairman of the MSU department of physiology, Dr. Francis Haddy, to become one of the eight members founding the physiology department of the newly forming military medical school, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md. Dave worked at USUHS for 37.5 years as an assistant professor teaching first year medical students for the Navy, continuing education courses for nurses and dentists, as well as conducting his own research projects on causes of certain vascular and genetic diseases. In 2001 he took a sabbatical at USUHS to work at the National Institutes for Health (NIH) for a year and continued to teach at USUHS for many years before happily retiring in October 2013.



34 Years Chapter/CRA member
37.5 Years Worked at USUHS
55 Years Dedicated Husband

Meanwhile, Dave and Lynn raised three children, Lisa, Kimberly, and Matthew. Dave discovered archery and joined the Chapter and Cub Run Archers (CRA) in 1991. He learned to shoot compound freestyle fingers limited, and over the years taught all of his children and eventually his four grandchildren how to shoot on the Chapter practice range. He also participated in multiple state shoots with some of his children for multiple years. Dave served as a CRA officer for over two decades in both secretary and vice-president roles, writing his dry, comedic take in the newsletter, setting up tournament targets (sometimes with his children's help) and representing CRA at Virginia Bowhunters Association meetings. One role Dave took to heart with a sense of duty, pride, and many hours of dedication was running the scholarship fund for the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter for 27 years. He continually advocated and helped expand the fund to support college students studying in conservation-related fields as a way to "pay it forward."

He was very diligent in his duty to send out applications, review each one carefully, and discretely select a winner to announce at the Chapter board meeting each year. He spent a good portion of his retirement years spending time and making memories with fellow CRA members fishing, hunting, competing in tournaments, and attending multiple CRA dinners, often bringing German chocolate cake in memory of Art Shope.





Skeet & Trap Range

2026 ARL-FX Chapter Skeet & Trap Shoot Dates

Skeet-Shoot Dates

Memorial Day Open	May 22-25, 2026
Stonewall Open	Aug 8-10, 2026
Tater Salad Open	Aug 28-30, 2026
E-mail IWLASkeet@yahoo.com for more information.	

Trap-Shoot Dates

Tunnel to Towers Registered Trap Open	May 17
John Linn Memorial Trap Shoot	May 31
Jeff Miller Memorial Corn Shoot	September 6
IWLA Open Trap Shoot	October 4

Note: Shoot dates subject to change. Check Chapter online calendar.

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



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA
is sponsoring a Brownell's/NRA Day

Shotgun Camp



This course encompasses teaching the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for safely using a shotgun and shooting Trap or Skeet. Students will learn about shotgun parts and operation, ammunition, **gun safety**, and shotgun shooting fundamentals.

Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31, 2026

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$250.00

Registration includes: Instructional materials, Loaner shotguns, Ammunition, Targets, NRA Day T-shirt and Attendance Certificate, and Lunch both days supplied.

To sign up go to the following Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Web site:
<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education-training-course-schedule/>

You will be sent a separate e-mail once your sign-up is received with additional instructions and information to complete your registration.

For more information, contact Pamela Meara:
Pmearaiwla@gmail.com or (703) 362-7293

ATTENTION: Minor children (under the age of 18) must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian at all times.



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Winter Skeet and Trap League

The 2026 season of the Winter Skeet and Trap League kicked off on Sunday, January 4th and will run for 13 weeks through March 29th. All matches are shot on Sundays when the shotgun ranges are closed for open shooting. The league fielded a full complement of 28 teams and 168 regular members this season. There are also over 40 substitute shooters who fill in when needed.

The league competition consists of six-person squads shooting two-round matches of both trap and skeet. Each team shoots six matches of each event for a total of 600 targets per member. Prizes are presented to the top scoring teams and to the individuals with high raw averages in Skeet, Trap, and Overall, plus a Most Improved prize. This competitive format provides a demanding challenge for shooters of all ability levels and is also a great way to get to know many of your fellow IKE's.



If you would like to learn more about the league or sign up as a substitute, contact John Seaberg, jseaberg@cox.net

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/>



Skeet & Trap Range

I wanted to send a REMINDER to all members that the Skeet & Trap ranges are OPEN during the week.

Range — Hours of Operation

Monday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Sunday 12 noon – 5 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	

Hope to see you out there.

—*Bob Briuo*, Director Skeet & Trap

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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.

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

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	February 15, 2026	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 22, 2026	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	April 19, 2026	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	May 17, 2026	1–3:30 p.m.

Archery 201 Classes

The Archery 201 classes are taught by members of ARL-FX Chapter's Cub Run Archers. The classes are held in the indoor archery range. These sessions are held on five consecutive Sunday nights, excluding holidays. There are two time slots, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m. with a maximum of 11 students in each time slot. These are mixed age classes so families can learn archery together. All archery equipment is provided so there is not any initial equipment expense to participate. During the last two nights, we 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)
Spring Session Starts:	April 12, 2026
Youth:	Ages 9–12; 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Adult:	Ages 13 & up; 7 – 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.

The 2026 Winter Indoor Archery Tournament

USA Archery event on
February 21-22, 2026

To Register go to:

<https://www.usarchery.org/events/find-an-event>

Cub Run Christmas Banquet

On Sunday, December 4th, Cub Run Archers held their annual Christmas banquet at the indoor archery range. For the second year in a row, Justin Payne catered the occasion. The menu consisted of Caesar salad, prime rib, chicken with sun-dried tomatoes, potatoes au gratin,

asparagus, roasted brussel sprouts, rolls with butter and for dessert, cake and ice cream.

This is one of the many events hosted by Cub Run Archers. If you are asking do I have to be an archer or bowhunter to join Cub Run Archers (CRA), the answer is no. Here at CRA, we pride ourselves on fellowship and community. Whether you are an avid archer/bowhunter or just looking for a place to get to know like-minded people, you are welcome here, but membership has its bonuses.

Our annual dues for 2026 are only \$20, which plugs you into a community of people from all walks of life with a common thread, conservation, fellowship, and members-only events as the Christmas banquet, chili cookoff, crab feast, and the Thanksgiving dinner, just to name a few.

To join, go to the Chapter Web site and search for Cub Run Archers or stop by the Field Archery field house and grab an application off the bulletin board.



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.

Field Archery Sign-In Stations

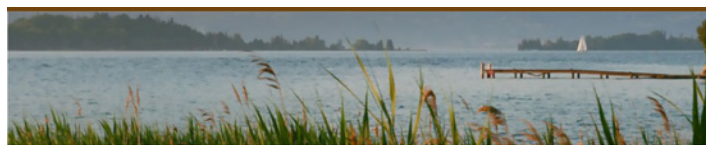
Before starting to shoot outdoors, members must sign in at the outdoor range sign-in station. For the indoor archery range, sign in at the desk. For any family member wanting to shoot, who lives in the same household, a **GUEST LIABILITY RELEASE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT TO SHOOT ARCHERY**. Members with 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 Riewer*, Field Archery Director

Archery Qualifying for the Fairfax County Park Program

As of this newsletter, the dates have not been released by Fairfax County for qualifying for 2026/2027 park archery program. Expect the dates to be similar to last year starting in mid-April and ending in June. Qualifying will be held at the field archery range on Tuesday evenings 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Each attempt to qualify is \$10 with up to three attempts allowed. Updated information on the archery program can be found on the county Web page at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>.

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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>.

FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL 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
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, February 7	FH
101 Archery Class	Sunday, February 15	FA
2026 Winter Indoor Archery Tournament	February, 21-22	FA
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, February 22	RP
New Member Orientation	Saturday, March 7	FH
101 Archery Class	Sunday, March 22	FA
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, March 22 & 29	RP
Newsletter Article Submission Deadline	Tuesday, March 24	
2026 ARL-FX Chapter Gun Show	Saturday, March 28	FA
Shotgun Camp	March 30-31	ST
New Member Orientation	Saturday, April 4	FH
Archery 201 Class (5 Weeks)—Start	Sunday, April 12	FA
101 Archery Class	Sunday, April 19	FA
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, April 26	RP
Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with Disabilities	Saturday, May 2	FA
Tunnel to Towers Registered Trap Shoot	Sunday, May 17	ST
101 Archery Class	Sunday, May 17	FA
Memorial Day Open Skeet Shoot	May 22-25	ST
John Linn Memorial Trap Shoot	Sunday, May 31	ST
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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