



# NEWSLETTER

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## 2026 Chapter Elections



In accordance with the Chapter bylaws, elections are held annually for half of the board of directors' positions with members serving a two-year term. Polls will be open on the 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th of July 2026. Election results will be presented to the membership by the election committee chair at the July 21st membership meeting and the newly elected board members are officially sworn in/installed at the August 18th membership meeting. Chapter officer and board member positions on the ballot this year are:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Conservation Director
- Education & Training Director
- Skeet & Trap Director
- Target Archery Director
- Directors-at-Large (3)

Nominations for these positions are currently being accepted from the Chapter membership. Nominations will be closed and the ballot finalized at the monthly general membership meeting on June 16th. If you would like to self-nominate or nominate another Chapter member for any of the open positions, contact Tom Pike, nominating committee chairman, via e-mail at [Tom.Pike@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:Tom.Pike@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org).

## Scott Petitto Inducted into Virginia Trapshooting 2026 Hall of Fame



Scott Petitto

Scott Petitto was the 2026 inductee into the Virginia Trapshooting Hall of Fame. Scott began his clay target shooting journey in 1990 while attending George Mason University (GMU), where he took the Trap & Skeet class taught by Virginia Trapshooting Hall of Fame (VTHoF) member and Collegiate National Championship coach John R. Linn. The sport quickly became a passion, and through dedication—practicing four to five days a week, working the scorer's chair, and spending countless hours on the line—Scott earned a spot on GMU's first team trap squad and contributed to three Association of College Unions International Collegiate National Championships.

Since registering his first Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) targets in 1991, Scott has shot more than 110,000 registered targets and built an exceptional competitive record. His major titles include the 1993 Virginia State Handicap Championship and the 2005 Virginia State Singles Championship, where he posted the event's lone perfect 200×200. He has also been State Runnerup in Singles and Doubles and

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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

*Pamela Meara* ..... Editor-in-Chief  
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**Chapter President's E-mail** [pmearaiwla@gmail.com](mailto:pmearaiwla@gmail.com)

**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

### Property Physical Address

14708 Mount Olive Road, Centreville, VA 20121-2517

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## 2026 Education and Training Program Update

The Chapter Education and Training Program has a comprehensive list of over 30 training events scheduled for 2026. The course offerings include basic firearms training, shooting coach schools, instructor level courses, and special events. The program kicked off with an NRA Refuse to be a Victim seminar in January where an energetic group of women learned how to develop their own personal safety strategies. The training event schedule continued through the winter months with a Home Firearm Safety Course, Pistol Coach School, Basics of Pistol Shooting Course, Rifle Coach School, and Shotgun Camp Shooting Clinic. In addition to the publicly available training, the Chapter also hosted a special Paralyzed Veterans of America Rifle Coach School led by Tom Ciarula. Looking forward, Personal Protection courses, Rifle and Shotgun instructor courses, Shotgun and Rifle coach schools, and Range Safety Officer courses are among the scheduled training events.

The ever-popular NRA Women on Target Instructional Shooting Clinic is scheduled for May 16th. This is Chapter-wide special event that provides an opportunity for women of all ages to learn about the shooting sports in a safe, friendly environment. Participants can try their hand at pistol, rifle, shotgun, and archery shooting. Classroom

sessions are also conducted in the related topics of Refuse to be a Victim, Home Firearm Safety, gun ownership, and the legal aspects of owning and using firearms.

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 training events are open to the public and provide an excellent foundation for the safe ownership and use of firearms. NRA courses are taught by volunteer 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](mailto:John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org).



E-Newsletter and Action Alert Sign-up

### IWLA Digital Newsletter

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

### 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)

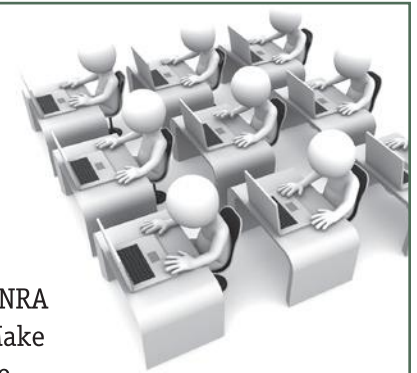
With extended hours reserved for staff and special scheduled events, such as camping activities, as needed.

*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/>



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has accumulated more than 80 class and yardage trophies across State, Zone, Satellite Grand, and Grand American events. At the Grand American's Champion of Champions event, Scott maintains a remarkable 99/100 average.

Beyond competition, Scott has devoted over three decades to supporting and growing trapshooting in Virginia. His service includes roles as Virginia's ATA Second Alternate Delegate, Virginia Trapshooting Association Trustee, Director of the VTHoF scholarship program, longtime volunteer at Crush'n Clays, and coach or mentor to more than 50 GMU team members and AIM (Academics, Integrity, and Marksmanship) youth shooters. He has also

supported Chapter registered shoots for over 30 years in roles ranging from scorer and loader to shoot management and Range Safety Officer.

Scott's career reflects excellence, commitment, and a lasting dedication to the sport he loves.

## REMEMBER

Speed Limit is 10 MPH on the ARL-FX IWLA Property.

**SPEED  
LIMIT  
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### 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.

### 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 Badges

Due to the rising cost of stamps and processing, the Membership office will no longer mail any badges. All badges can be picked up in person at the Membership office during office hours: Tuesdays 1–4 p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Otherwise, attend the General Membership meeting to pick up member badges. Members can make arrangements with the Membership chairman to pick them up at a different time.

- » Chapter facilities
- » Directions to the facility
- » Membership status
- » How to become a member
- » Guest policies
- » Facility availability (e.g., range status)
- » SignUpGenius questions
- » Chapter events (times, attendance, cost)

### Assistance Needed in Membership Office

#### General Member and Public Support

- Answer phone calls and e-mails to respond to inquiries regarding:

Please contact Membership Chairman Jeff Tackett at 703-628-2178.

#### Assist Walk-in Visitors

- Provide answers to common questions (see above)
- Process membership renewals (in person or by mail)

## Fire and Rescue Department Practice Ice Rescue Drills

On February 14, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department practiced ice rescue drills at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter pond. These drills are important to establish good tactics and strategies in order to effect rescues of people or animals that may accidentally fall through ice.

The pond provided a great environment for crews to work on breaching ice, making entries, and trying out different rescue techniques. Comfort in the dry suits and with the equipment is essential for safe and effective operations and we sincerely thank the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter for allowing us the opportunity to train all members of Fire Stations 17 and 38-C.

As we wrapped up training, we paid a visit to Troop 1137's bake sale for the Seabase Scout Camp located at the main building and loaded up with goodies!

Thank you once again!

*Bryan Seleit*, Captain, EMT–P  
Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department  
Firehouse 38, C Shift



## 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:

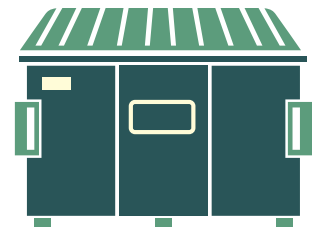
- Gather important data in our local area;
- Work with other engaged volunteers;
- Get first-hand knowledge of water quality in the streams monitored.

For more information, please e-mail [ARLFXSOS@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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.

# Rifle-Pistol Range

## Range Operational Adjustments

The Chapter baffle system is basically wooden boxes with individual chambers filled with gravel that provide a ballistic-grade safety structure. It is designed to capture bullets, preventing them from traveling downrange uncontrollably, thus enhancing range safety.

Regrettably, these wooden structures are approximately 20 years old and leaking gravel. To ensure our safe operation, the rifle-pistol range operations must make some adjustments.

Positions with insufficient ballistic-grade safety structure (e.g. chambers that have lost gravel) are being identified and either being designated as out-of-service or rimfire only (reduced exposure level).

The following countermeasures have been Implemented:

### Shooting Positions

- Shooting positions for Lanes 6, 7, & 8 are out-of-service
- Shooting positions for Lanes 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, and 17 are now RIMFIRE only
- The following lanes are available for CENTERFIRE use: 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14

If you have any questions, please contact the Chapter's Rifle-Pistol Director, Mr. Chip Chidester

In an effort to extend the life of our rifle-pistol range the membership is requested to: *If gravel is falling from the bottom of the baffle, STOP SHOOTING IMMEDIATELY!*

*RSOs and Members Must Evaluate the Situation:*

- If the firearm used is resulting in gravel loss, suggest using a suppressor, and/or shooting a different firearm.
- Gravel loss that may result in additional lanes being placed out of service or designated rimfire only.

*If the shooter is failing to impact the black box within the Target Frame, STOP SHOOTING IMMEDIATELY!*

*RSOs and Members evaluate the situation:*

- Failure to maintain the impact point of the firearm has resulted in:
  - » Damaged Baffles
  - » Significant damage to the target frames
- All firearms must be equipped with a properly installed optic and/or front and rear sights.
- Suggest bore sighting and/or shooting a different firearm.

## Women On Target is Coming May 16, 2026!

Women On Target (WOT) will soon be coming back to Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA. Ladies 14 years old and older, have you ever wondered which of the shooting sports might appeal to you? Or are you already a shooter in one discipline, but would like to try branching out? Come join us on May 16 for Women on Target and start

that exploration in a warm and welcoming group of other women.

We have an excellent cadre of friendly National Rifle Association certified instructors to assist you on your journey. You will have the opportunity to sign up for hands-

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on, live fire events in rifle/pistol, shotgun, air rifle and pistol, or archery.

If you need a break from the range or just want to immerse yourself in a more educational session, you can choose from sessions on Firearms and the Law, Legal Aspects of Self Defense, Home Firearms Safety, Refuse to Be a Victim, or Buying and Caring for a Handgun.

Our WOT director, Sarah Smith, has been shooting for most of her life. On the other hand, I did not start shooting until well into my 60s. No experience is required, and it is never too late to start. We provide all the guns, ammunition, bows, arrows, eye protection, ear protection, morning coffee and snacks, sub sandwich lunch, and a souvenir WOT 2026 t-shirt all for \$100. During lunch we will have a guest speaker from Virginia Outdoor Women. A great bargain for a fun day. Sign up at:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=896484>

We look forward to seeing you on May 16.



**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!**

14708 Mount Olive Road, Centreville, VA 20121-2517

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

Contact John Hsu at [John.Hsu@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto: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.*

# NRA WOMEN ON TARGET

*Instructional Shooting Clinic*

**Saturday, May 16, 2026 • 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



*Sponsored by*  
The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc.  
Izaak Walton League of America

**NRA Women On Target®**—Instructional Shooting Clinics provide you with a safe, friendly environment for learning about shooting sports.

## **Only \$100! Clinic Includes:**

- Pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee in the morning
- Lunch
- Eye and hearing protection
- T-shirt
- Loaner equipment and ammunition
- Personal instruction by nationally recognized volunteers

***For ladies only, ages 14 and over.***

**ATTENTION:** Minor children, under the age of 18, taking part in the clinic must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian at all times.



Registration for this clinic is **ONLINE** at  
<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/women-on-target/>

Once registration is received an e-mail with additional instructions on how to choose session assignments and payment options will be forwarded.

For more information, contact Clinic Director Sarah Smith:  
[Instructor.sarah.smith@gmail.com](mailto:Instructor.sarah.smith@gmail.com)

***No refunds for cancellations within 14 days of the event.***

## **Clinic Sessions to Choose From—**

### **Live Fire:**

- *Air Rifle/Pistol*
- *Rifle/Pistol*
- *Field Archery*
- *Shotgun*

### **Classroom:**

**Refuse to be a Victim®** is a personal safety seminar that does **not** involve firearms training.

**Home Firearm Safety** is a brief introduction to how to properly handle a variety of firearms and “make them safe” by unloading them and properly storing them.

**Buying & Caring** for a handgun gives you the information you need to know before you go shopping.

**Firearms and the Law** is a legal seminar that discusses the key provisions of the law pertaining to purchase, sale, and possession.

**Legal Aspects of Self-Defense** is a legal seminar that discusses your rights and restrictions on carrying and using a handgun for self-defense.

# 27th Annual **Crush'n Clays**<sup>®</sup>

**to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**  
**Saturday, June 13, 2026**

**Events**

**Trapshooting Awards:** Hi-Gun & Hi-Team

**50 Target Event/Person:** 25—16-Yard Targets (Morning)  
25—Handicap Targets (Afternoon)

**Annie Oakley Side Event:** \$10 per ticket —Ammunition for side event available for purchase at the range. One-half of entry fees paid to winner & half donated to Event.

**Entry Includes:** Main Event Ammunition, Loaner Shotguns, Targets, Clinic, Lunch, and T-Shirts to first 100 entrants

**Schedule**

**Check In** . . . . . Begins 8 a.m.

**Shooting Clinic** . . . . . 8:30 – 9 a.m.

**16-Yard Event** . . . . . 1st Flight – 9 a.m.  
 . . . . . 2nd Flight – 10 a.m.  
 . . . . . 3rd Flight – 11 a.m.  
 . . . . . 4th Flight – 12 p.m.

**Lunch** . . . . . 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Handicap Event** . . . . . 1st Flight – 1 p.m.  
 . . . . . 2nd Flight – 2 p.m.  
 . . . . . 3rd Flight – 3 p.m.  
 . . . . . 4th Flight – 4 p.m.

**Annie Oakley Side Event**.. Continuous throughout the day.

**Location:** Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Chapter Field House (703) 631-4495, Skeet and Trap Range (703) 631-4497.  
**Directions:** From I-495 (Capital Beltway), I-66 West to Exit 53A Route 28 South, turn right on Compton Road, turn right on Mount Olive Road. First left into Arlington-Fairfax Chapter IWLA gate entrance.

Entry Levels		
Option	Fee	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gold:</b> –Two 4-Person Teams –Display Sponsor Sign –Appreciation Plaque	\$2,500	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Silver:</b> –One 4-Person Team –Display Sponsor Sign –Appreciation Plaque	\$1,250	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Patron:</b> –One 4-Person Team –Display Sponsor Sign	\$750	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Team:</b> –One 4-Person Team	\$250	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Individual</b>	\$75	
<b>TOTAL</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed		
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card —To pay by credit card go online to: <a href="https://www.myvssa.org/crushn-clays">https://www.myvssa.org/crushn-clays</a>		

**Register Today • Space is Limited**

*Shooters who want to shoot together must send in entries together.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  Work  Cell  Home

**To register online go to:**  
<https://www.myvssa.org/crushn-clays>



Flight Sequence	Order	Flight Sequence	Order
9 a.m. & 1 p.m.		11 a.m. & 3 p.m.	
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.		12 p.m. & 4 p.m.	

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

**SILENT AUCTION**

Will conclude prior to any shoot offs. Must be present to win.  
**PLEASE DONATE:** Looking for donations of items for the silent auction.  
 E-mail ARL-FX Chapter at [arlfxiwla@gmail.com](mailto:arlfxiwla@gmail.com) with donation details.

**Mail to:** St Jude **Crush'n Clays**<sup>®</sup>, VSSA, P.O. Box 34247, North Chesterfield, VA 23234

Hosted by the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA) and the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the IWLA.  
 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is nonsectarian and open to children without regard to race, religion, creed, or financial status.

## Skeet & Trap Range

### The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, Winter Skeet and Trap League

The 2026 season of the Winter Skeet and Trap League kicked off on Sunday, January 4th, with a full complement of 28 teams. The league matches are shot on Sundays and was scheduled to run for 13 consecutive weeks. However, the matches on three weeks were canceled due to the severe winter weather we experienced this year. Consequently, the season was extended with the last matches scheduled for April 26th. Thanks go out to all of the Chapter volunteers and caretaker for helping to clear the snow from the shotgun fields and making them operational as soon as possible.

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 will be presented to the top-scoring teams and to the individuals with high raw averages in Skeet, Trap, and Overall, plus a Most Improved prize. Both the team and individual standings by mid-season remained very competitive. As in past years, the final standings will be determined on the last day of the season.

A reminder the shotgun ranges are closed for open shooting on Sundays during the Winter Skeet and Trap League season. Any questions about the winter league should be addressed to John Seaberg via e-mail at [jseaberg@cox.net](mailto:jseaberg@cox.net).



## 2026 ARL-FX Chapter Skeet & Trap Shoot Dates

### Skeet-Shoot Dates

Memorial Day Open                      May 22–25, 2026  
 Stonewall Open                              Aug 7–9, 2026  
 Tater Salad Open                          Aug 28–30, 2026

E-mail [IWLASkeet@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:Bob.Brino@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org) for more information.

## 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 want 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 Brino*, Director Skeet & Trap

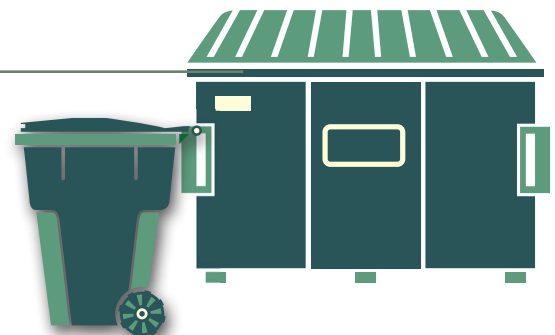
## Stop the Bleed Presented at IWLA



Stop the Bleed was presented by the Fairfax County Police Crime Prevention Department on April 11 at our Arlington-Fairfax Chapter. Over 30 Range Safety Officers from the Rifle-Pistol range, including some board members, attended and were certified in the course. They were instructed in valuable skills, such as how to tie tourniquets and how to pack wounds to stop major bleeding. The seminar was very well received. We hope to offer it again at the Chapter and open it up to more people. We will make an announcement when we will be able to do that later in the year. Local area hospitals also offer free seminars in stopping the bleed, which we encourage our members to take. For more information, see <http://www.stopthebleed.org>.

## 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.



# 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](mailto: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	May 17, 2026	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	June 21, 2026	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	July 19, 2026	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	August 16, 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)
Fall Session Starts:	September 13, 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](mailto:gauntneriwla201@gmail.com).



## Chapter's Indoor Archery Season Reaches Milestone

The Chapter's February Winter Indoor Archery Tournament concluded a season that marked the 10th year we have been hosting these well received and well attended events.

The Winter Tournament had an even distribution of male and female participants, and a 60% adult and 40% youth split. Once again, the Barebow (recurve) class had the largest turnout of participants attesting to its continued growth and popularity.

Eight new event record scores were set (6 female, 2 male). A somewhat surprising repeat of last year's event outcome.

Mark Gauntner provided the essential service of USA Archery certified judging official and did so in his usual capable way ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment. Linda Reimer was on kitchen duty serving sandwiches, donuts, snacks, and beverages for those in need of caloric support.

Coordination and administrative activities were handled by Jim Kerrigan. He was assisted in this by

SignUpGenius members Pedro, Mateo, Elodie, and Austin.

Cub Run Archers of Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, looks forward to hosting the next Chapter tournament in November.



### 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](mailto: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 Rieuer*, Field Archery Director

### Archery Qualifying for the Fairfax County Park Program

Archery qualifying is under way, Tuesday evenings 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Qualifying will take place at the outdoor field archery range. No practice broadheads may be used for qualifying. Archers must have three arrows/bolts with broadheads to attempt to qualify. Qualifying will end on Sunday, June 21st. Each attempt to qualify is \$10.00, with up to three attempts allowed. Information on the archery program can be found on the county Web page at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>.

### Fairfax County Parks Archery Qualifying

Qualifying begins Sunday, May 3 thru  
Sunday, June 21.

Sundays: 9 a.m. – noon

Tuesdays: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Place:** ARL-FX Chapter Field Archery  
outdoor range

 **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**



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## REMEMBER

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

## Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Calendar

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

### MAY, JUNE & JULY 2026

Event	Date	Facility
Cub Run Archers Meeting	1st Sunday of each month	AC
<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b>	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
<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	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, May 2	FH
Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with Disabilities	Saturday, May 2	FA
NRA Women on Target	Saturday, May 16	Chapter
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
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, May 24	RP
John Linn Memorial Trap Shoot	Sunday, May 31	ST
New Member Orientation	Saturday, June 6	FH
Crush'n Clays	Saturday, June 13	ST
101 Archery Class	Sunday, June 21	FA
<b>Newsletter Article Submission Deadline</b>	Tuesday, June 23	
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, June 28	RP
New Member Orientation	Saturday, July 4	FH
<b>ARL-FX Chapter Elections</b>	July 11-12 & July 18-19	FH
101 Archery Class	Sunday, July 19	FA
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, July 26	RP
New Member Orientation	Saturday, August 1	FH
Stonewall Open Skeet Shoot	August 7-9	FA
Archery 201 Class (5 Weeks)—Start	Sunday, September 13	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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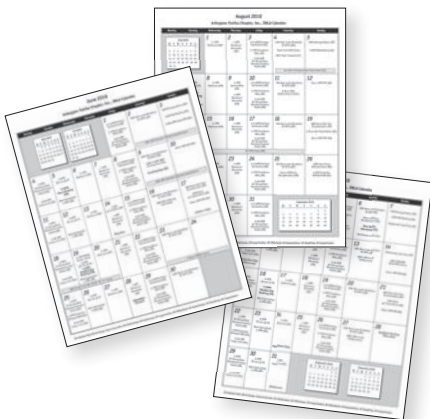
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The Chapter Newsletter is your link to all Chapter activities and information. Keep it handy. It is also available on our new Web site in color.

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