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AFC hosts another successful Christmas party

Many thanks to all the volunteers and a special thanks to
Carl Armstrong and Oscar Starz
For co-chairing this program, great job

The AFC-IWLA Christmas Party for Underprivileged Kids went very well. All had fun and left with gifts and full stomachs. There were 15 families that required transportation this year. We wish to thank all the drivers that helped transport these families. We also wish to thank all those who wrapped gifts, served food, baked or brought cookies and pies, or cooked and prepared the meal. Members of the Fairfax County Fire Department, who have been supporters of the Christmas Party for many years, deserve a special thank you for all their time and equipment; for their transportation of Mr. and Mrs. Claus; and for their special expertise – putting out a fire in the kitchen. As you can see, it takes many volunteers to make the Christmas Party a success.

Oscar Starz

The newsletter committee Hopes you had a happy holiday and have a wonderful 2010

Pam Meara & Bucky Sills

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter IWLA. Inc. 2010 Schedule of NRA Classes

Class	Dates	Costs
Basic Pistol	March 20	75
Shotgun Coach	April 24-25	200
Women on Target	May 8	
Basic Pistol	July 5	75
PPIH course (must have Basic Pistol)	June 26	75
Basic Shotgun	July 24	75
RSO	Aug 7	75
Metallic Cartridge Reloading	Aug 21	75
PPOH Basic (must have taken PPOH course)	Sept 10-12	125
Basic Rifle	Sept 18	75
Basic Shotgun	Oct 16	75
Rifle Coach	Nov 6-7	200
Shotgun Shell Reloading	Nov 13	75

Basic courses times: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

RSO, Coach and Reloading courses are 8:00 AM to 5:30PM

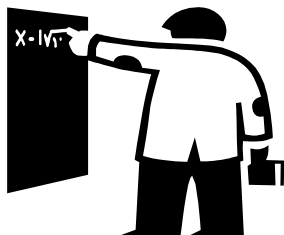
Questions concerning listed courses, please contact Pamela Meara at **Pam.Meara@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org**

New NRA course registration Policy

To register for a NRA course, please visit the following chapter Education & Training website

(<http://arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education.html>).

There you will find a link to the NRA website to locate the course and register online.



In 2009 the Education and Training taught
over 300 hundred students

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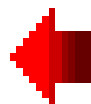
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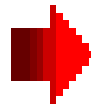
*It's all green
And we need to all
work to make it
better*

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month
7:30 pm @ Field House



*So important that you
attend*



Attend your chapter meetings

Regular Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month
7:30 pm @ Field house

President's Column

January, 2010

Here at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, we have a system to ensure everything gets done. The system isn't perfect; but it normally works pretty well. And, it is a system that doesn't, in the main, rely upon the use of hired outside people and agencies to do the majority of the work. That means we spend very little money on simply keeping things running; and, consequently, your membership dues stay somewhere on the right side of affordable. We have a large cadre of volunteers, who do yeoman work to ensure our chapter is properly attended and cared for; and, in fact, functions at all. Occasionally, it becomes necessary to remind people how the system works. This is one such occasion.

We recently had a rather significant snowfall. Significant as in "The largest December snow event in recorded history". Over most of the local area, the recorded snowfall measured somewhere between 18 – 24 inches. At my house, the snow began in the early evening of Friday; eventually reached a measured depth of 2-1/2 feet; trapped one dinner guest overnight; and made for an interesting drive home for several others. The snowfall continued all of Saturday; and finally started to taper off some time in the early morning hours on Sunday; although it was still snowing sporadically when the phone rang.

I was taking advantage of the all too rare opportunity to sleep in; and had fond visions of sleeping until as late as maybe 8:00 AM or so before starting the shovel routine. I'm not sure exactly what time the phone rang. I hadn't had my coffee; so I wasn't yet operating on all eight cylinders. I fumbled around for a while; found the phone; and kept trying different buttons until it started talking to me. "Hello, Ernie? I'm a member; and I want to know why the skeet and trap range wasn't open yesterday". By this time I had wandered around until I reached a vantage point that allowed me to peek out through the bedroom curtains. Just as I suspected, the snow was still there; just as it had been when I went to bed; maybe a little deeper but still there. And no; the snowplow hadn't been down our street. Neither had anything else, since mid-day Saturday. "Well", I answered; "I'm just guessing here; but maybe it had something to do with Fairfax County advising everyone to stay off the roads because of the snow". That seemed to give my caller pause to think for a moment; but he came back with "Well, why wasn't that announced on the Chapter website? And what time will the range be open today"?

Sometimes, it's probably best if you don't say the first thing that comes to your mind. I simply told my caller I had no idea when the ranges would be open; and that it would depend on nothing more than how long it took a group of volunteers, all of whom had matters of their own, including snow clogging their sidewalks and driveways, to attend prior to doing any volunteer work for the chapter. Not to mention actually getting the ranges cleared and open and Range Safety personnel on site. In short; it probably wasn't going to happen today. That news didn't seem to upset my caller all that much. Nor did it really upset any of the other five people that called over the next couple of hours; although it was obvious some of them were more than a little disappointed.

Then I started getting calls from various of our officers and board members; concerning some of the more... shall we say... interesting telephone calls they had received. Apparently, a small number of our members were upset because the ranges were closed and the roads hadn't yet been cleared. And, after a few of such calls, some of the officers and board members were themselves becoming upset. A few of the conversations in which they had been engaged involved recriminations at the failure of our volunteers to have the roads cleared and the ranges operating by the normal appointed hour; with a not too light sprinkling of profanity mixed in. It was becoming obvious to me by then, that not all of our members really understand

how things work around the chapter. So; to prevent any future disappointments or misunderstandings, this is how the snow removal process is handled. And, how it isn't handled.

1. Snow doesn't occur on any schedule of which I am aware. If we can figure it out, we'll start scheduling the days the range will be closed because of snow, well ahead of time. If we can't, stay loose and roll with it. Personally, I'm betting on the latter scenario.
2. All snow removal is handled by either our own Rick Kohne or member volunteer help. We don't hire an outside snow removal service because we can't afford it. If you don't know how much it would cost to plow our roads and parking lots; and remove the snow from the pathways; check with our own Director Bucky Sills. Bucky has, for many years, run a sizeable snow removal service. I'm sure he would be happy to provide you with a quote. Think in thousands; not hundreds.
3. We own a small tractor with a snow plow attachment. It can handle a couple of inches of snow; working nice and steady... and slowly. When we work fast, it breaks.
4. Rick Kohne and Clayton Miller handle small snowfalls, using our equipment. Our equipment can't handle anything near the kind of snowfall we experienced. Anything deeper than a few inches is handled by Bucky Sills, using his professional (spell that "very expensive and costly to operate and repair") company's equipment. What does that cost us? Nothing! "Nothing" as in "zero, zip, nada". Do we compensate Mr. Sills for his time? No. Do we compensate him for gasoline and oil? No. Do we compensate him for the wear and tear on his equipment? No. Do we reimburse him, should his equipment break or be damaged? No.
5. When it snows, and particularly when it snows a lot, Mr. Sills makes money moving snow around. That's how he pays for all that very expensive professional equipment. And that's how he makes money to pay for his home; his cars; and his family's needs. When we get a big snowfall, Bucky comes around and plows the roads for us.
6. (Prepare for a newsflash, here.) We aren't the first ones on Bucky's list! If he can possibly spare a piece of equipment, he takes care of us sooner rather than later. But, when we have a big snowfall, Bucky gets pretty busy. And sometimes, equipment breaks, people need rest, and a myriad of other factors intervene.
7. (Newsflash Number 2) When Bucky is very, very, busy; he doesn't have time to field questions like "So why don't you have the roads plowed, yet?" and "So; exactly when are you going to get the roads clear?"

As I said, we have a system to get things done. It maybe isn't the best system, or the most efficient. But, it's the system that has been developed over a lot of years. And, it's probably the absolute best system to get the job done without paying a lot of your hard earned membership dollars into someone else's pocket. Alternately, you are always welcome to show up at the gate with your snow shovel. And, the next time you see Bucky, Clayton or Rick; you might want to say "Thank You" for all the work they do. Thanks; Ernie P.

Addendum: This matter was discussed at length at the BOD Meeting on January 5th, 2010. An official chapter policy was established in regard to range closures during inclement weather. By unanimous vote, the official Arlington-Fairfax Policy is: "Common sense applies".

President - Ernie Padgette



Washington



Kennedy



Lincoln

Bender-Shima Shooting Clinic

April 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2007

at Arlington-Fairfax IWLA

Great gift for Birthday, Anniversary, Christmas, etc.
This is a unique opportunity for all skill levels to learn from two of the finest instructors teaching clay target shooting. Topics that will be covered include: individually tailored gun fit, personalized one-on-one shooting fundamentals, foot position, hold points, and body mechanics.

For more information and to sign up please call or e-mail:

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Tell your wife, husband, or significant other that you want to attend the Bender Shima Clinic.



Last time I told my significant other something, it
was several months before she would let me buy
another shotgun
I would try “you would like to attend”

This is a great clinic for beginner to the seasoned shooter.
A good way to add a few birds to your score



Renewals

Everyone who got this newsletter should already have gotten their renewal notice for 2010. We use the same mailing list for both purposes. The new rates are in effect, and people should have gotten their work credit slips from the various authorized people. If you lost your work credit slip, please get another from the person who issued the previous one to you. For example, if you gained your work credit slip doing lots of work at Field Archery, the Field Archery Designated Director (Jim Smith) would have signed and provided the original and the replacement work credit slip. Please get your work slip to us with your renewal; it costs us a lot to back it out if you send them to use separately.

Regardless of the number of hours you have put in, you cannot get more than one work credit for a given year, and they don't carry over from year to year. Several of the people around the club put one or more orders of magnitude greater than eight hours of volunteer time across the year. Do any of you wonder how much time our Treasurer spends each year helping to run the place? He spends more than eight hours a week through the year, and a lot more during the renewal and new member period. Everyone, regardless of how much time they have helped out, can only get one work credit per year. Make sure you sign your renewal form before returning it. If it is a family membership, you both sign the same form, or you can send in two forms. We need both members to have a signature on file each year. If your payment is in any way disassociated with your renewal, you are the one responsible to provide us with the association. Some dozens of our members are fortunate enough to have sponsored memberships (their company or another organization pays their fees). This segment has been a reminder that you need to let us know that this check issued by a bank to us applies to you and perhaps other members of your company.

Your 2009 memberships expire on 1 March 2010. Do not count on being able to do a late renewal. If I have 1949 people who have renewed as of 1 March 2010, I will be ready to fill 251 vacancies the next day. We currently expect to have new member orientation classes on 6 March at 9 AM and 1 April at 7:30 PM with each class limited to one hundred participants. To control the number of participants, we are using a reservation based system. Only people who are on the reservation list can attend the class. Family members can attend a special class we are setting up for them later in the year.

So using the 251 example for vacancies, how are these filled? First, we allow people who have taken the PMOC class in 2009 but could not join due to the membership cap to join. We then allow the returning deployed government personnel to renew as normal members. These are the first group. The second group will be the people who were members in 2008 but tried to renew too late in 2009, again being caught by the membership cap. The first group will be less than 40 people, so using the earlier example we would have say 211 openings on 1 March 2010 available for the second group. Let's figure that perhaps 30 people will renew in group two prior to the 6 March class. That leaves 181 openings when the class begins that morning. So that leaves about 80 openings after the class if all of them join. Does this mean you are "safe" to renew late? Not really, since we expect another 100 applicants from the class on 1 April.

I expect we will be turning people away from the reservations lists very early in February 2010. If you want to be a member of the Chapter in 2010, absolutely renew before March 1 2010.

Some people in renewing are changing between Family and Individual memberships. Just annotate your form correctly, send in the correct fee, and we can change the membership type. In the cases where you are going from Individual to Family, keep in mind the new family member will need to attend a PMOC before they get their range badge. This is for everybody, even the kids who grew up coming to the facility a few times a week since they were old enough to walk and have helped standing range safety officer duty twelve times a year for the last four years.

Be cautious about going from Family to Individual, thinking you will just split it into two Individual Memberships, since that means the previous Family Member now needs to get one of those coveted slots discussed previously. Despite our recent very modest dues increase, we are still a huge bargain for what we offer, and close and convenient for most people. Lots of people are very interested in joining us. So think carefully before you downgrade if that is one of your considerations.

When the new members join us again this year, we are again several months for each new member to do their six volunteer slave labor hours to earn their range badge. The Designated Directors and other authorized users for that labor will be planning out their requirements, and working with the Membership Team to coordinate their access to that labor pool. This process worked out pretty well last year, allowing us to get more value from the time our volunteers provided.

When you get your renewal card this year, the good news is you will be able to peel off the sticker for your badge. The bad news is since we will get it right the first time, we don't expect to put replacement stickers at the ranges this year. Range officers will honor the 2009 and 2010 stickers through 1 March 2010.

Linda and Amanda Armstrong, our Administrative Assistants, will be at the clubhouse more often to process membership renewals. This means that they should be available for in person renewals if you want to be real sure they have it. Despite previous plans to the contrary, we will not be posting a copy of the renewal form on the web page, as decided by the Board of Directors. It was felt that since it was searchable, we would be flooded with spurious renewals. This article let's everyone know how we are addressing both the renewal process and letting in replacement members. Good luck here in the New Year!

-Jim Showalter, Membership Chairman

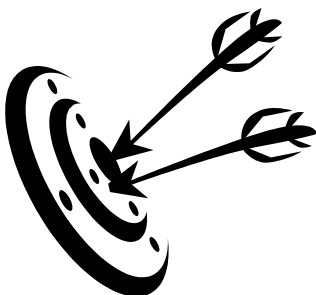
ARCHERY UPDATE

Cub Run Archers would like to extend a warm welcome and an invitation to all members of the IWLA to take advantage of the many facilities, training opportunities, archery equipment, events and great camaraderie that our club has to offer. Our state of the art indoor range is available for your use anytime a qualified Range Officer is on site. It is common knowledge that a good many regulars in the club are at the range house every morning from approximately 9 am until noon. This is a great time to come down and introduce yourself and find out what Cub Run Archers is all about. Also, the indoor range is open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm until March 25th. If you are new to archery and need advice on anything from bow setup, arrow tuning to shooting technique, not only will you find literally, several hundred years of collective experience, but the equipment to perform those tasks. We especially would like to encourage youth participation and have a great many youth bows that young shooters may practice with to develop their skills. The cost to join Cub Run Archers is only \$15 per year. Though you don't need to be a member of Cub Run Archers to use the facilities, we have several dinners and picnics throughout the year and attendance at even one of these would easily be worth the annual membership. If you are interested, please contact Robert D'Imperio, Secretary, Cub Run Archers, 13490 Edge Rock Ct. Chantilly, VA 20151. You may email Bob at robbyrayd@yahoo.com as well.

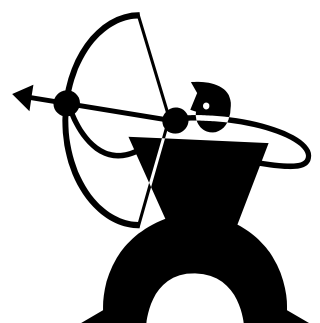
The outdoor facilities are available to any member in good standing of the IWLA. We have a practice range with target butts at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 50, and 60 yards. These are lighted as well if you would like to shoot in the evenings. There is also a Crossbow station with a movable target. Remember, crossbows are allowed ONLY at the special crossbow station and not at any of the other targets or ranges. A 28 point field archery course is also available for use to all IWLA members. Daytime use only as there is no lighting on the field course.

We would like to remind everyone that we have several VBA sanctioned events scheduled for 2010. The events and the scheduled dates can be found in this newsletter. Registration for these events is 9am to 1pm. The cost is \$8 for the first round and \$2 for each additional round. Cubs (young archers) shoot free. Food service is available.

With deer season under way we would like to remind all IWLA members of the outstanding deer butchering facility located in front of the archery field house. This is for all IWLA members to use, but please remember to leave the area as clean as you found it. The water hose is located next to the porch of the archery club house. Just lift the handle and water will be available. Also, there are lights for butchering a deer after dark. The light switch is located above the sign-in-pad by the shed (to the left of the butchering station). Please bring your own plastic bags for carcass removal.



What a shot!!!



2010 Winter Skeet and Trap League Underway

The 2010 edition of the winter skeet and trap league kicked off on 3 January with a full field of 28 teams and 168 shooters. The season runs for 13 weeks, wrapping up just before Easter on the 28th of March. Should a league event be canceled due to weather, a makeup day will be scheduled in April. With the weather guessers forecasting an unusually cold and snowy winter, we are all hoping that shooting can be accomplished without disruption. Shooting in snow is OK, driving in the snow is not!

The weather was fitting for the first day of the season with the temperature at a cool 25 degrees and 25+ MPH winds with a frigid -18 wind chill factor. Not be deterred, the entire field of intrepid marksman took to the range, demonstrating their determination to overcome adversity and complete all scheduled matches. Despite the high winds and cold temperatures, Matt Love managed to shoot a 24 in Skeet which was the high score of the day. Brian and Jim Hickerson were close behind with a pair of 23's. Bob Nolan posted the high Trap score also with a 23. Joe Turner and Tim Tynan were right behind him with Trap scores of 22. Given the conditions, these performances were truly remarkable.

Team standings this season are being calculated in two distinct categories: weekly match point competition between two teams; and cumulative team score over the entire season. The first category rewards the ability to prevail in head to head match ups each week, while the second category rewards consistent performance over long haul. The standings with only one week down resulted in a five way tie for First Place in the match competition category between teams 9, 13, 18, 25 and 26. Team 18 topped the list in the team score category, with teams 25, 9, 17, and 13 rounding out the top five places.

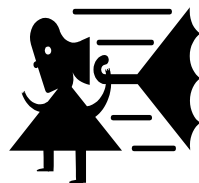
In preparation for the start of the season, many league members volunteered their time over the holiday break to accomplish the myriad of chores around the range that support league activities. These range from moving boxes of targets into the trap houses to grounds maintenance to firewood collection to general housekeeping in the clubhouse. Since the winter league goes through in excess of 100,000 targets over the course of the season, keeping up with the chores requires constant attention. Pete Bills and Ford Moseley have once again taken the initiative to organize and direct the work, so special thanks go to them. Thanks also to everyone who pitched in to help get ready for the start of hostilities.

Welcome to the shooters new to the league this year and welcome back to all the old hands. Keep your head down, your eye on the target and be safe!

John Seaberg, Director at Large



Week 1



Week 2



Week 3

I wonder why
it's called the
winter league

12th Annual Crush'n Clays

Scheduled for June 12th

Crush'n Clays is the longest running shooting charity event that benefits St. Jude Children's Medical Research Hospital. It is also the longest continuously running shooting charity event in the country. It's success was recently chronicled in the IWLA national magazine, *Outdoor America*.

For the 12th consecutive year the Arlington/Fairfax Chapter of the IWLA and the Virginia Shooting Sports Association will host the Annual Crush'n Clays Clay Target Charity Classic on Saturday, June 12th at the Skeet and Trap Range. Over the last eleven years, "Crush'n Clays" has raised more than \$215,000 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

This success would not have been possible without, the loyal support of loyal IWLA and VSSA members and volunteers, as well as, our sponsors, the National Rifle Association, Dominick Casciano of Atlantic Healthcare, Greg Bodoh of Gregory Bodoh & Associates and Vienna Septic Services.

The event, now, sells out every year weeks, in advance. To ensure your slot send your entry in early.

Once again, John Satterwhite, world renown shotgun exhibition shooter, former World Champion and winner of 6 gold medals in international competition, has been invited to demonstrate his shooting skills. It's a demonstration not to be missed.

The popular event draws shooters from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. The event is open to the public, with individuals competing in a trapshooting format. Everyone has a chance to win, regardless of ability.

The format allows novices to compete alongside experienced shooters. Squads of 4 shooters can enter the main event for \$230 and individual shooters can enter for \$60 (\$65 if you register after May 20th). The entry fee includes, loaner shotguns (for novices), main event ammunition, targets, a shooting clinic, event t-shirts, lunch, and awards. Once again there will also be the very popular Annie Oakley side event.

Proceeds from the event will help support the St. Jude Children's Medical Research Hospital, the largest pediatric research facility in America established solely for the study of catastrophic diseases. The Hospital is non-sectarian and open to children without regard to race, religion, creed or financial status.

St. Jude was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas, in 1962, and has over 4,000 patients in active status. Since its inception treatment protocols developed at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital have brought survival rates for childhood cancers from less than 20% to better than 60% overall.

Entry forms are included in this issue of the Chapter newsletter. For information or if you are interested in being an event sponsor contact Steve Canale, slingenlead@yahoo.com, 703-742-8771 (H) or 703-868-3906 (C).

BULL RUN MUZZLELOADERS

Happy New Year to all.

In September 2009 A J Palik and Tony Sucher of BRML traveled to Friendship, IN to participate in the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association National Championships. There weren't any floods or hurricanes as in past years and they brought back a couple of Silver Medals.

The annual Turkey Shoot in November is always a big event and 2009 was no different. The range was full and shooters were doubled up on backers.

The December BRML shoot was cancelled when the area experienced snowfalls ranging from 17-22 inches. That was only the second time in memory that a shoot had been cancelled.

In January BRML elected officers. Jim Magill had retired and moved to the hills surrounding Winchester, VA. While he intends to continue to make the shoots as his retiree schedule permits he asked that he be replaced as President. Jim will continue to be the BRML liaison with the Boy Scouts and other organizations holding events in the western part of the state. Tony Sucher was elected President; Mike Kingsley was elected Vice President; Bud Meyer continues as Secretary; Art Twitchell as Treasurer; and Charlie Lewis as Shoot Master.

The 2010 Shooting Schedule will be as follows:

January 17	July 18
February 21	August 15
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 20	December 19

Bull Run Muzzleloaders meet on the third Sunday of every month. **Anyone is welcome.** *Club guns and individual instruction are available.* **So if you got a new muzzleloader for Christmas, need to learn how to use it, need to sight it in, or just want to fire a few rounds through it, COME ON OUT.** Any safe muzzleloader, no optical sights. Competitions begin at 9 AM after a short meeting and safety instructions. Competitions end at 2 PM with prizes being awarded as soon as the Shoot Masters have tallied the scores. Children under 16, accompanied by an adult, shoot free and participate in the prize winning.

Prizes at BRML shoots are usually groceries, and bragging rights. The competitions are unique in that everyone who enters generally manages to take something home. The basic entry fee is \$15, with a re-entry fee of \$1.00 per target. Alternately there is a fee of \$20 for unlimited re-entries.

Till next time, keep yer powder dry
Tony Sucher

Winter Weather Policy

Following our recent epic snowstorm I see the need to repeat our winter weather policy. If the weather is bad enough that Fairfax County closes their school system, then the Rifle-Pistol Range is automatically closed.

The second part our winter weather policy is common sense. First, all of the range officers are volunteers. Some of them live a far distance away from the chapter. One comes from Pennsylvania, another from Front Royal, and a third lives closer to Richmond than the chapter property. In bad weather they may have more snow than we do or worse road conditions than we do. I do not expect them to endanger themselves just to get to the range and open it. Second, there may be conditions that prohibit them from making their duty time. They may be sick, or a spouse or child may be ill and they have to stay home.

In this last big storm we had two feet of snow on the ground at the range. One could not even find the target lines to place the target frames. Yet some member came out and complained rather vocally that he wanted to shoot and where in #\$%&* was the range officer and why wasn't the range open! I think under these circumstances common sense would tell the irate member that the range was not open BEFORE he even left his driveway! I am reminded that common sense is not commonly available.

Dr Ed Franzosa
CRO, Rifle-Pistol Range

Your newsletter article here

Children at the Range

In the past several months I have observed various situations at the Rifle-Pistol Range concerning dependent children at the range. By children I include all dependents up to and through college age (i.e., under 22 years of age).

Situation 1. At the firing line there was a young man, about 8 to 12 years old. He was alone blazing away with a semi-automatic AK type rifle in a full power centerfire caliber (not a rimfire version). He was shooting offhand so rapidly he could not recover his position adequately. It appeared that his shots hit the rear berm, but not all of them were on the paper target at 25 yards. His parent or guardian was NOT nearby. The range rules **require that a member supervise at all times when a dependent child or a guest is shooting!** Simply put the member (parent) must be immediately present when the child is shooting. That means the parent cannot be shooting or otherwise occupied when the child is shooting.

Situation 2. It was a cold day. The parent or guardian left two young boys, approximately 4 to 6 years old, alone in the range field house. They were eating popcorn and some of it spilled about. One boy got a broom and spread the popcorn around in a vain attempt to conceal the spillage. Why did the member leave two very young kids alone in the range house? They were alone for most of one relay (20-25 minutes).

Situation 3. The member (father) and a boy of 6 to 10 years of age come in. The father buys the son a soda. The father leaves the range house. The son takes two snacks without paying for them. About 10-15 minutes later the father returns, asks the kid if he wants another soda or a snack to eat, and the kid says no. The kid doesn't tell the father about the two snacks he took without paying. Father and son leave shortly afterwards.

Not all parents leave their children unattended and not all children behave poorly.

Situation 4. After shooting for awhile four teenagers and several members come in to warm up from the cold day. The four teenagers (two boys, two girls; all about 14-16) stay inside. They sit quietly, read magazines, talk about the shooting they just completed and from their conversation it is obvious that they shot under close adult supervision. The teens buy soda and snacks and pay for the food themselves.

The chapter members **MUST** understand that the Range Officers are there to supervise the shooting and ceasefire time periods. They are there to maintain as safe an environment as possible. **The Range Safety Officers are NOT there to babysit the dependent children of the members!** Any member who brings a child to the Rifle-Pistol Range must be in **CONSTANT SUPERVISION OF THE CHILD**. The member (parent or guardian) **MUST** supervise, control, direct the child whenever the child has a firearm in his hands. The member (parent or guardian) is responsible for the actions and activities of the child at all times.

Dr Ed Franzosa
CRO, Rifle-Pistol Range

Watershed Conservation Activities

By Colin Riley

What can be said about last fall other than it was cold and wet. At our last Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Bull Run on November 1st, there was a cold steady rain. Other than myself, Ned Foster was the only volunteer who showed up. Still we picked up over 250 pounds of trash including 5 tires and 2 metal chairs.

On December 5th, an unusually early snowfall caused the cancellation of the Adopt A Highway Cleanup scheduled for the next day. In spite of these setbacks I view 2009 as a great success. There were 139 individuals who volunteered their time at the Chapter's Cleanup events in which they removed more than 8 tons of trash from the Potomac Watershed. We expanded our activities to include planting native vegetation to curb soil erosion in Bull Run. Last but not least the Chapter received some positive recognition from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors as well some of the local Park Authorities. Whether we will be as successful this year as we were last year will depend on the weather and volunteer turnout. Right now the weather part is not looking so good. Northern Virginia appears to be in a typical "El Nino" pattern, which means that it is likely that we have not seen the last of the snow and this coming Spring promises to be rather damp.

Upcoming Events

March 6, 2010 - Saturday from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Adopt A Stream Clean up of Bull Run

Participants will meet in the Route 28 Access Point parking lot next to 7122 Centreville Road 20121.

April 10, 2010 Saturday from 9:00 am to 12 noon

As part of the Potomac Watershed Cleanup, the Chapter will be conducting a shoreline cleanup of trash at Mason Neck State Park.

Participants will meet in the Park's Visitor Center Parking lot at 7301 High Point Rd, Lorton, VA 22079.

May 1, 2010 - Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

Adopt A Stream Clean up of Cub Run

Participants will meet in the Chapter Field House Parking lot

All volunteers are welcome at these events but minors, must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Bags, gloves, and tools will be supplied. There will be some drinking water available but you may wish to bring some of your own.

For more information or directions please call 703-200-3994 or send an email to fairfaxwatershed@yahoo.com Also check out our website at <http://waterquality.awardspace.com> for information on other watershed conservation projects or events that may be scheduled.

February 2010

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				IWLA Mid Winter meeting (Las Vegas)		
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≡ Athletic Field, AR= Air rifle, Camp= Camp sites, FA=Field Archery, FH=Field house, LP=Large plinko, RP=Rifle/Pistol, SP=Small plinko, ST=Steel/Trap, TA= Target Arch

2010 Cub Run Shoots

From Dave Dobbins

WINTER CLASSIC: *March 14*

PIN SHOOT: *May 2*

SAFARI SHOOT: *June 20*

BUCKBUSTER 3-D SHOOT: *September 12*



Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Hunter Education classes

Class	Dates
VA Hunter Safety	Aug 11, 13-14
VA Hunter Safety	Sept 22, 24-25
VA Hunter Safety	Oct 6, 8-9

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Trap Camp



This course encompasses teaching the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for safely using a shotgun and shooting trap.

Students will learn about shotgun parts and operations, ammunition, ***gun safety***, and shotgun shooting fundamentals.

Monday, March 29, and Tuesday, March 30, 2010

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Registration Fee: \$125.00

Registration includes:

Instructional materials

Loaner shotguns, Ammunition, Targets

NRA Day T-Shirt and Attendance Certificate

Lunch both days

For more information, contact:

Bucky.Sills@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org, (703) 830-0458, or

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