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NEWSLETTER

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Crush'n Clays®

Heroes Like You Can Help Heroes Like These
Steve Canale

Everyday heroes don't always make headlines. Most aren't strong, brave or well-known, but these men and women step up to help those less fortunate. You meet them at work, in the grocery store, on the busy street . . . everywhere.

I meet them the 2nd Saturday each June, at Crush'n Clays. These heroes give their time and treasure to benefit the kids of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Crush'n Clays is the longest running shooting charity event that benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It is also the longest continuously running shooting charity event in the country. It's success has been chronicled in the IWLA national magazine, *Outdoor America*, *NRA Club Connection*, as well as numerous websites.

To date, we've raised over \$230,000. The event wouldn't be possible without the support of Arlington-Fairfax IWLA, the Virginia Shooting Sports Association and our sponsors such as the National Rifle Association, and Dominick Casciano of Atlantic Healthcare.

Let me introduce you to one of the patients this event benefits.

Nathan is just a year old and is an energetic boy who loves running after his brothers and playing outside.

Nathan's mom couldn't seem to get a picture of her baby without capturing a glint of white in his left eye, she thought her camera was malfunctioning. Her pictures kept coming out the same, and she started to wonder if something was wrong with little Nathan's eye. At Nathan's 6-month checkup, she decided to show one of the photographs to his pediatrician. The doctor took one look at the photograph, and his face turned serious. He recommended she take Nathan to specialists right away.

At the family's local hospital, the diagnosis was made: Nathan had bilateral retinoblastoma, a form of eye cancer. Tumors were present in both of Nathan's eyes, and he would need further care. Crushed, Nathan's parents asked the doctor where they should turn for their son's treatment. The doctor was quick to recommend St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "We can treat it here, but at St. Jude, they're doing research. They have new treatments," she said. "If it was my child, I would go to St. Jude."

The doctor provided a referral, and within a few days, Nathan and his parents were on their way to St. Jude.

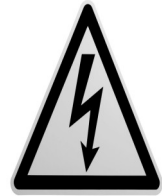


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Effective immediately, whenever hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions exist on Chapter property, the property will be closed to the general membership. Only those members directly involved in clearing the hazard(s) will be allowed to enter the property.

As it may not be possible to physically block entry, and since emergency crews must be allowed to enter, a sign board will be placed at the main entrance. The sign board will state the property is closed due to hazardous conditions.

No Chapter member will enter the property when the sign is present, unless they are personally and directly involved in clearing the hazardous condition(s).

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At St. Jude, Nathan received a total of 11 rounds of chemotherapy over the course of eight months. He also had laser treatments when, during treatment, his tumors started to grow back. In spring 2009, Nathan completed treatment and was able to have his no-more chemo party. He returns to St. Jude for regular checkups.

Regardless of whether you can attend this year's "Crush'n Clays" event, please consider making a contribution.

You make a living from what you get, but you make a life from what you give.

Heroes like you can help heroes like these.

Contributions can be made to "Crush'n Clays" and sent to:
Virginia Shooting Sports Association, P.O. Box 1258, Orange, VA 22960

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Contribution:

☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$Other

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Attend your chapter meetings

Regular Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field house

To schedule 6 and 8 hour work please
contact **Rick Kohne @ 571-334-5125**

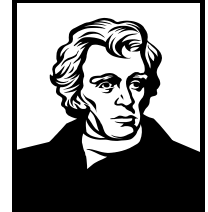
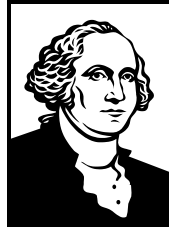
Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field House

All members welcome

President's Column



There is an old saying which is probably as true today as ever it was; one that talks about a particular road and how it is paved. Here at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, we very nearly had a demonstration of the truth of the old adage. In late January, on a Wednesday, we had a heavy snow. The storm resulted in a number of trees down across roads, and electrical power lines down in several places. If downed power lines are involved, the power company has the responsibility of clearing the trees and restoring electric power. In this case, the electric company had their hands full for a few days and it took a while for us to percolate to the top of the priority list.

On the following Saturday, Rick Kohne was still hard at work cleaning up the mess from the storm. While working to get the main road clear, he came across a couple of members looking at the downed trees across the road leading to the Skeet and Trap Range. The members offered to help clear the trees away; but Rick told them he didn't think that was a very good idea, since the power company had yet to confirm the power had been cut to the downed lines. He thanked them for their offer, and suggested they leave this job to the professionals. Rick then went back to what he was doing, and forgot about the incident.

A few hours later, Bucky Sills showed up to assist Rick with clearing away debris. As he was driving into the property, Bucky noticed a couple of trucks parked on the road leading to the Skeet and Trap Range. The two members had returned with some friends and a couple of chainsaws; and were just finishing up clearing away the trees. Bucky noticed one of the trucks was parked on top of a telephone line, lying in the road. The volunteers finished their work and went on their way.

A few hours later, a power company crew showed up to get power restored. When the crew approached the power lines, they backed away and stated "Those power lines are still hot". They went back to the main road, cut the power and finished up the job in short order. The point is... the power lines were still energized while our member volunteers were clearing away the downed trees. Had one or more of them come into contact with the downed power lines, the result might well have been... fatal. I have seen the effect of very high voltage on the human body. It isn't pretty, and it isn't usually survivable.

I am always amazed at how many volunteers we have here at Arlington-Fairfax. We really do have an abundance of good hearted people willing to pitch in and do whatever is necessary to fix whatever needs fixing. For that I am, and always will be, truly humbled and grateful. But we don't have so many good people that we can afford to lose even one.

In this particular case, I am sure our well meaning members were confident enough time had passed for the power company to get the power cut off. But, they were wrong. I'm equally sure the members involved were well intentioned. But in this case, the road to Hell (or Heaven) might well have been paved with those good intentions. Thanks; Ernie P.

“When Did You Stop Reading Your Newsletter?”

A lot of the current (and now some former) members of our Chapter were greeted with this question when they called or sent us emails to complain they had not received their personalized renewal information. We would get a call with the complaint. We then would ask if they had been receiving their newsletter. After they said yes, we would ask if they had read the most recent one, or the one before that? Then, like the title of this article, we would ask them “WHEN DID YOU STOP READING IT”?

We have been telling people for more than one year we would provide their renewal via the newsletter. It is our official method of letting people know what is happening in the Chapter. That is where you find out when things are closed for maintenance, or there will be a class, or we have a change in our rates. If you are too busy to read the newsletter, you are too busy to keep up with any changes we make in range procedures or renewal procedures.

I expect to have to turn away nearly one hundred people this year who requested reservations for membership classes, not just requested information about the Chapter. If you are too busy to bother reading communications from the Chapter, don't worry, there are at least one hundred people ready and willing to take over your membership slot at the slightest opportunity. If you do not renew in a timely fashion, you will give them that opportunity. Your renewal next year will also come in the newsletter. Renew on time. Realistically, we could have run two classes for one weekend in March and filled the Chapter. I have 329 emails from people asking for membership information, and many of those are group requests (“my two friends and I would like...”). I have people who have been trying to get into the Chapter for three years. When you decide that renewing in November or December is not necessary because just before March is good enough, you risk your position being taken by one of that crowd.

For all the people who renew late then wonder why their card does not magically appear in the next day's mail delivery; I suggest coming in to volunteer with the Administrative

Assistants for a few days during peak renewal processing. The wise member renews no later than early December and gets their new card a few weeks later in bulk mail. We do a lot of things to keep down our costs, including bulk mail. That means getting no less than 250 envelopes together in zip code order to mail out to save about \$1000 a year in postage. That also means waiting for the numbers to build up in the queue. We saved a few thousand more not mailing out the individual renewals.

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In 2011, you will see reminder signs at the sign-in desks for the major ranges reminding you that your renewals will come in your newsletter. Keep in mind that the “real waiting list” people can join on 1 March, and many will. That means on 1 March 2012 you may have about 100 people joining, in turn meaning your late renewal received after the first class might get rejected since we could be full. If you look up in April when you show up at the range and forgot to renew, you may be asking your friends to bring you as a guest for the rest of the year. Range Officers, you can count on the Chief Range Officers reminding you a few times to get your renewals in on time.

On another topic, we will have a class on 21 May primarily intended for family member training. There will be new member candidates there, but I sadly expect to have very few new membership slots to offer them by that point. I had hoped we would still have significant numbers of openings for a class shortly after our annual Women On Target (WOT) event, but alas demand has again been too great. These people attending our PMOC who cannot join will be the waiting list of candidates ready for your slot if you falter in renewing in a timely fashion for 2012. As a side note, if for some reason anyone wants to resign and get a partial refund, feel free to come by the Chapter House, it can be arranged.

Please welcome our new crop of members. Be aware that new members have “partial privileges” in that they can do anything the rest of us can do except bring guests to the shooting ranges. They can bring guests with them anywhere except for ranges that use range officers/range captains. When they have completed their voluntary service hours, they get their green badges and can bring guests to our shooting ranges like any other member. The new members do not have to sign any guest forms, nor pay guest fees, nor be escorted. The rationale for this approach, as requested by the Chief Range Officers, was to ensure the new members got some experience on the shooting ranges before bringing their several closest friends for an initial introduction to firearms or archery practice. Aside from this limitation, they are full and complete members. Please welcome them into our little community and encourage them to try out all of our superb facilities. Thanks.

Jim Showalter
Membership Chairman

Service Rifle Matches

Second Thursday of every month April through October

First relay starts at 4:00PM

Second relay starts at 5:30



For info contact Forrest Fleming at 703-425-9819 or forhfilm@aol.com



2011 Cub Run Shoots

PIN SHOOT: SUNDAY MAY 22

AFRICAN SAFARI SHOOT: SUNDAY JUNE 19

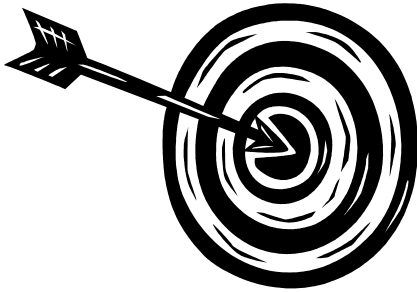
BUCKBUSTER 3-D SHOOT: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11



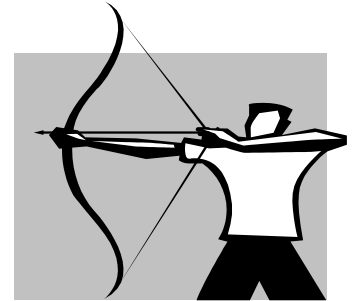
Indoor Archery Range Spring and Summer Schedule

Submitted by Dick Riemer

The indoor archery range evening and morning shooting activity has come to a close for the spring and summer months. This will reopen in the fall and winter months starting in November. Enjoy shooting in the great outdoors.



If you or someone in your family wants to learn how to shoot archery. Visit the field archery range, they will be more than happy to help you.



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 9:30 am until noon. This is a great time to come down and introduce yourself and find out what Cub Run Archers is all about. 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 a monthly newsletter and 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.



Arlington Fairfax Chapter IWLA Bullseye Pistol League

IWLA-Monthly Rimfire Bullseye Match: May – October 2011

The Rimfire Bullseye Match begins on May 1st and will continue through October. The range has 17 shooting positions and thirty four shooters can be accommodated in two relays. We have a number of open lane positions for all new or experienced shooters.

The match is held on the first Sunday of each month. Beginners and experts are invited to compete in the Bullseye Pistol Match in either the first relay at 8:00 am or the second at 10:00 am. Please arrive 15 minutes before the relay to prepare your target. The match is held at the IWLA rifle/pistol range. All ages and talent levels are invited to compete in the matches. Because we shoot in a relaxed atmosphere, the matches are both fun and educational. If you are a beginner and are interested, please join us. If you are the parent of a young adult and would like them to learn the correct basics of pistol shooting and competition, you are also welcome. The shooting match consists of a total of 90 shots at slow, timed and rapid fire. During the months of May through October, the participants use rimfire pistols or revolvers. If you need advice on the type of pistol or revolver needed, contact Jack at the email listed below. Targets are provided for all matches. Bring your pistol/revolver, ammunition and lots of enthusiasm. See you on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to learn the basics and improve your skills. If you are not on the email list and are interested in the event or have additional question contact Jack Machey by email: redbull@yahoo.com. Please join us for an enjoyable Sunday morning event! If you are searching for information about Bullseye shooting, visit this great website www.bullseyepistol.com.

Competitors scoring targets between relays



International Bowhunter



Education Course IBEP

LOCATION: Arlington Fairfax chapter IWLA Cub Run Archers
At the Indoor Archery Range

ADDRESS: 14708 Mount Olive Rd. Centreville, VA 20122-0366

DATE: Saturday July 16, 2011

TIMES: 8:00am – 6:00pm

COST: Free!

INFO: 30 student slots available, so sign up early
Bring your own lunch
Chapter Website: www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

Additional information about Hunter Education in Virginia can be found at: www.dgif.virginia.org

CONTACT: Mark Gauntner gaunt2011@gmail.com or
703-946-4151

Please leave your *Name, address, email and Phone number*

TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE

Safety Ethics Responsibility ♦ Treestand Safety ♦ Archery Equipment
Game Trailing & Sign ♦ Shooting Technique
Virginia Specific Information ♦ Distance Judging

Bring your Bow, arrows, a sharp pencil and lunch.



Virginia Hunter Education Classes At the Chapter

- 1. August 10,12 and 13, 2011*
- 2. August 30, & Sept 2 & 3, 2011*
- 3. October 5, 7 & 8, 2011*

Each class consists of 3 sessions: 2 weeknights, plus all day Saturday

Times are week night= 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm

Saturday= 8:00 am until 4:00 pm

To register you must

Call Carl Hampton at 703 323-8671

Attend all 3 sessions to become certified

Submit a deposit check of \$25.00 per student.

Make checks out to "Hunters for the Hungry" Deposit checks will be given back to you on the last day of the class.



Arlington Fairfax Chapter, Education and Training News

Up coming class schedule

May 21 & 22, 2011

June 4, 2011

July 16, 2011

July 30, 2011

August 6, 2011

August 20, 2011

Sept. 6, & 9-11

Sept. 24, 2011

Oct. 22 & 23, 2011

Nov. 19, 2011

NRA Shotgun Coach School

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course

NRA Basics of Personal Protection In The Home Course

NRA Basic Shotgun Shooting Course

NRA Range Safety Officer Course

NRA Basics of Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course

NRA Basics of Personal Protection Outside the Home Course

NRA Basic Shotgun Shooting Course

NRA Basic Rifle Shooting Course

NRA Basics of Shotgun Shell Reloading Course

To register or find out more information on any of the above classes, visit the chapter's website

"arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org"

Watershed Conservation Activities

By Colin Riley

At our first Adopt A Highway Cleanup of the year on February 20th, Jim Pont and I picked up trash along Compton Road while Craig Osteen, Bill Rouck and his son worked on Mount Olive Road. We collected a total of 13 bags of litter in about an hour and a half.

On our adopted section of Cub Run, a sewerline replacement along the stream limited access to much of the park however we were able to remove almost 500 pounds of plastic bags, beverage containers and styrofoam from there during the months of February and March.

Turn out at the March 6th Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Bull Run was somewhat disappointing with only 4 people participating, still 10 bags of trash were collected that day. Unfortunately, flooding from rains events on March 7th and 11th have since deposited a large quantity of trash on the areas that we cleaned that day.

Our best result so far this year has been at the Potomac Watershed Cleanup of Mason Neck State Park on April 2nd. Despite the threat of rain, 31 people participated, removing 1200 pounds of refuse from the shoreline and wetland areas of the park. Volunteers included members of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association, employees of Fairfax County's Stormwater Management Division as well as Chapter members Jim Pont, Bill Rouck, Paul Miller, Vinnie Caporale and David Honey.

Upcoming Events

May 7, 2011 – Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Bull Run

Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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

June 4, 2011 – Clean the Bay Day at Mason Neck State Park

Saturday from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

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 22079.Rd, Lorton, VA

July 3, 2011 Adopt A Highway Cleanup – Mount Olive Road

Sunday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Participants will meet in the Chapter Field House parking lot.

July 9, 2011 Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Cub Run

Saturday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am

Participants will meet in the Chapter Field House parking lot.

If you would like more information on these or any unscheduled volunteer opportunities, please give me a call at 703-200-3994 or send an email to fairfaxwatershed@yahoo.com

Website <http://waterquality.awardspace.com>

NOVA Sharpshooters Junior Shooting Club

2011 Practice Schedules

Practices are scheduled sessions for the junior shooting program. Use of the range during these periods for other activities or organizations must be approved by the Director of Youth Activities.

Open practices are for anyone interested in learning basic marksmanship skills and firearms safety.

Club practices are for members of the NOVA Sharpshooters JSC at all skill levels.

Advanced/Team Practice is for members of the JSC that have reached the intermediate or advanced shooting skill level or are shooting for the NOVA Sharpshooters rifle team.

Practices are held at the AF-IWLA Air Gun range or the AF-IWLA Rifle/Pistol range in Centreville, VA.

Air Gun Range Times are:

Monday 4:30-8:30 pm, Open Practice, Coach Bucky Sills, Coach Oscar Starz, Coach John Collins

Tuesday 6:00-9:00 pm, Advanced/Team Practice, Coach Chris Holman, Coach Bunny Miller

Thursday 4:00-7:00 pm, Advanced/Team Practice, Coach Bunny Miller

Thursday 7:00-9:00 pm, Air Pistol Practice, Coach Chuck Miller

Friday 5:00-7:00 pm, Club Practice, Coach Tom Pike, Coach Nancy Hahn

Friday 7:00-9:00 pm, Club Practice, Coach Rich Stibrik, Coach Chuck Miller

The Air Gun Range will be closed for all activities on the following dates:

1-2 Jan 2011, 22-24 April 2011, 4 July 2011, 24-27 Nov 2011, 24-25 Dec 2011, 31 Dec 2011

The following recurring team practice times are approved for the period 1 Apr 2011-30 Oct 2011.

Wednesday, 3:00-7:00 pm, Robinson HS Rifle Club

2nd Saturday of the month, 7:30-11:30 am, Lake Braddock HS Rifle Club

Rifle/Pistol Range Times are:

1st & 3rd Fridays 5:00-7:00 pm, Open Smallbore Practice, Coach Tom Pike & Coach Rich Stibrik

To request/change range times contact Rich Stibrik, brik73@hotmail.com, (703) 455-4359.

NOVA SHARPSHOOTERS JUNIOR SHOOTING CLUB

Sponsor: The NOVA Sharpshooters are sponsored by the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, an organization dedicated to outdoor sports and common sense conservation. Membership in the IWLA is not a prerequisite for membership in the NOVA Sharpshooters.

Mission Statement: Instruct junior athletes in the safe handling of firearms and their use in competitive marksmanship. Teach competitive marksmanship skills and instill in each participant the ideals of sportsmanship and teamwork.

Shooting Program: The program is a progressive air rifle program from novice to high intermediate. Coaching and practices lead to competitions at the local, state regional and national level. New members must attend a new shooters orientation before shooting. The orientations are given at the Monday or Friday practice. Practices are Monday 4:30-8:30 pm and Friday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm for new shooters. Prospective new members are encouraged to attend a few practices before joining.

Teams: Competition is part of the program. As shooters advance in skill they may shoot for the NOVA Sharpshooters Rifle Team, a year round club team. Additionally, high school students can shoot for the Mavericks Rifle Team in the Potomac High School Rifle League. Both teams are sponsored by the Junior Rifle Club.

Age Requirement: Eight years old and above. Child must be mature enough to safely handle firearms.

Equipment: Beginning shooters need a sweatshirt, glove, equipment bag and a shooters notebook. The club provides sporter and precision rifles and other equipment for use by new shooters. Talk to a coach before making any equipment purchase.

Parental Involvement: Parents are part of the club too, Parents are expected to help with club operations and to become involved as coaches, instructors or range safety officers. The club will underwrite instructor and coach certification courses for parents.

Expenses: \$40 annual membership fee, \$20 for each additional family member.

Come on out and give it a try



Rifle and Pistol Range



We Got Lucky!

A month or so ago we got real lucky at the Rifle-Pistol Range. Some person bent on doing a good deed nearly burnt down the rangehouse at the range. On cold days we have a fire in the wood stove inside the rangehouse. Someone cleaned out the hot ashes and burning embers from the stove and then took them outside and dumped them into a metal can. Unfortunately this person did not look at the label on the barrel nor what was inside the barrel!

The barrel was labeled “kindling wood” and was half full of broken pieces of wood from damaged target frames. There was a metal barrel just a few feet away that was labeled “ASHES” and guess what it contained? Yes it had ashes in it.

The hot ashes and embers caught the kindling wood on fire and since the barrel was under the eave of the rangehouse the fire in the barrel nearly started the rangehouse on fire! But we were lucky and the rangehouse roof was damp enough or cold enough that it didn’t blaze up. Surely the person hauling the hot ashes **COULD HAVE LOOKED** in the barrel before dumping them! Seems like common sense to me.

Monthly Matches Starting Soon

Each year we have a number of monthly matches at the Rifle-Pistol Range. On the first Sunday morning at 9 AM of each month we have a Bullseye Match for pistol shooters. In the winter months (October to March) it is .45 caliber ACP pistols (other centerfire calibers allowed) and in the summer months (April to September) it is .22 cal rimfire pistols. For more information call Jack Machey at 703-818-8637.

For the rifle shooters who are not as hearty as the pistol shooters we have two fair weather matches. For the .22 cal rimfire rifle shooters we have a monthly match every first Wednesday afternoon at 3 PM. For further information call Nate Guernsey at 703-994-5440. For the service rifle shooters we have a monthly match every second Thursday afternoon at 3 PM. For further information call Wayne Lee at 703-281-6272.

Clean Up After You Shoot

While most shooters at the Rifle-Pistol Range are getting better at picking up their brass after shooting, we still have a trash problem on the firing line. We are finding way too many candy wrappers, plastic sandwich bags, cloth cleaning patches, and other trash under the shooting benches. If you throw the stuff on the ground it is up to **YOU** to pick up the mess and put it in the trash barrels on the firing line. The duty range officers are not there to pick up after you or your guests. So police up everything you are leaving behind before you leave the range.

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Thanks to all the persons who helped splitting and moving the firewood at the Rifle-Pistol Range.

A friend of Bart Leggett (one of our range officers) supplied the firewood for free and dumped it in the parking lot for us. Various new and current chapter members split the wood and then stacked it along the rangehouse. Now we have firewood for the cold days and a place for my black snake friends to sun themselves this summer.

Ask Questions When in Doubt

If you are new to the Rifle-Pistol Range or have forgotten our procedures **ASK** the duty Range Officer. If you have never shot on our range and don't know where the targets are stored, or don't know how to position the paper targets on the target frames **ASK** the duty Range Officer. If you have a new firearm, especially if you have a handgun that you have never fired before, start your shooting of that firearm by sitting at a bench to find out where the bullets are hitting relative to the sights. Too many people start shooting a new gun while standing before they have adjusted their aim to match the bullet impact. This leads to bullets hitting the target frames, or hitting the baffles, or hitting the range floor and ricocheting out of the range completely. Hitting the frames or the baffles can cost money to repair. Rounds leaving the range can lead to an accident that could close the range forever.

Dr Ed, CRO



This is there so we can use a water pump to keep the sump cleaned out as part of the EMS project.

**SHOOTERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
THIS IS NOT A TARGET
YOU SHOULD NOT BE SHOOTING AT THIS**

Have you noticed, we installed electric plug on the 100 yard line.



Arlington—Fairfax Chapter IWL A

Annual Family Picnic

Saturday July 9, 2011

Gates open @ 10:00am, Lunch @ 1:00pm, Close ????



Food & Fun for ALL

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

Menu Of the Day



- ◆ Pulled Pork BBQ, (slow cooked for 10 hours)
- ◆ BBQ Chicken (cooked open pit style)
- ◆ Hamburgers & Hot dogs (a must for a good picnic)
- ◆ Potato Salad / Cole Slaw (home made)
- ◆ Baked Beans
- ◆ Ice Cold Beverages

Bring your family and friends to this great event. We are going to make this picnic the best ever. We will have.

- ◆ Pony Rides
 - ◆ Moon Bounce
 - ◆ Field Activities
 - ◆ Hay Rides
 - ◆ Fishing
 - ◆ Horseshoes
 - ◆ Fishing (we have some poles or bring your own)
 - ◆ Sno Cone Machine (to cool off)
 - ◆ Disc Jockey playing the Classics
- Come out early and enjoy **your** chapter, take a walk, do some fishing, Play Games or JUST RELAX

Ticket Info

Members and family.....	\$8.00
Guest.....	\$10.00
Children 6 to 13.....	\$5.00
Under 6.....	FREE

Purchase you tickets to a great day

- ◆ Any of the ranges
- ◆ Field house Office
- ◆ Any Board member
- ◆ Tickets may be purchased on the day of the picnic

For more information please call
Bob Brino @ 703-368-4934.

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