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## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **Attention Please**

#### **Volunteers Needed for Financial Audit Committee**

We need people, particular those financial management experience, to conduct the annual audit of the Chapter's financial records. The by-laws call for an audit to be conducted annually by a committee selected by the Chapter President and to present it's report to both the Board of Directors and the members. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Treasurer, Bob Crisman, by e-mail to <mailto:rcrisman@verizon.net> [Bob.Crisman@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:Bob.Crisman@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org) or call 540-338-7316. Oh, by the way, you'll receive credit for 8 hours of volunteer work worth \$50 off your next membership renewal

**The Arlington Fairfax Chapter of the IWLA would like to thank all of the volunteers who pitched in and helped with Christmas party. There were many of you. We could not have a Christmas Party with out all your help. We had 32 kids and parents. It was a grand party. Carl and Oscar.**



This very important party would not be possible without the leadership of  
**CARL ARMSTRONG**  
&  
**OSCAR STARZ**  
Next time you run into them, give them a  
**BIG THANKS**



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### **Attend your chapter meetings**

#### **Regular Membership Meeting**

3rd Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field house

### **Chapter Board of Directors Meeting**

1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field House

All members welcome

### **Chapter Field house Hours**

1st & 3rd Tuesday 1pm to 4:30pm

2nd & 4th Tuesday 1pm to 9pm

## Viewpoints

By Ernie Padgett

It's interesting how very differently two people can sometimes view the same event. I'm not talking about differences of opinion involving lawyers and divorce court; the difference between your neighbor losing his job and you losing yours; or even the difference between watching a flooded town on the news and spending the night in the top of a tree hoping someone shows up with a boat. Or the difference between my view of fair tax rates and the view of someone who votes for a living and whose total federal tax bill for the last twenty years amounts to a negative number. Or even the differences between the way I view the world and the way someone with long stringy hair, wire rim glasses and no job might view the same world. Some things just aren't all that hard to figure out. As the young people say, it all depends on where you're coming from. If I'm coming home from work and just hoping to get a few hours of good sleep before repeating the process; and the other man is coming from his third protest demonstration of the week and hoping his welfare check hits his account a day early so he can buy a dime bag; well, we might not be in total agreement. No, the differences of which I speak are far more subtle; and they run even deeper.

My lovely bride and I enjoy introducing people to the shooting sports. Recently, we were working with a young couple. He had very little experience and she had none, but they were both anxious to learn. So, Jill and I loaded up a generic bag of guns and enough ammo to bother my back for a week and met them at the Rifle and Pistol Range. We had figured on shooting for a couple of hours; maybe three. But they were having a great time and were such a joy to work with that the time kind of got away from us. Six hours later, we had a lot less ammo; I had three rifles and a dozen pistols to clean; and a good time was had by all.

A few weeks later Jill told me the young couple had received some very good news. They were going to be parents. At this point I should mention the couple in question had been trying to get into this state of being for some time. They had tried the traditional routine for years; consulted various levels of medical professionals and finally resorted to a pretty sophisticated level of medical intervention. After all the years of trying, they were understandably delighted and happily making plans. God bless them both and all the best. Jill is already looking for the perfect blue or pink frilly little wear once maybe, newborn and outgrow in three weeks, cutesy outfit as a gift. I personally would buy the kid an NRA Membership and know he or she would have something they could use ten or twenty years downstream, but women don't always agree with my point of view. Another example of viewing the same event from different perspectives, I guess.

And at this time I started wondering exactly how such a very common thing (Let's face it; with six billion of us on this planet, getting pregnant isn't exactly a rare or difficult feat.) can still be, after all these countless centuries of human evolution, viewed as a very special blessing from God. And trust me; this

young couple is absolutely convinced that this pregnancy is something very, very special. They are almost literally walking on air.

Let's take children themselves. Face it... not all of the little darlings stay cute and adorable for their whole lives. And just how much vomit and how many dirty diapers does it take to knock the shine off the event? Don't forget: Jeffrey Dahmer, Genghis Khan and Adolf Hitler once cooed and gurgled at their mother's breast. Yeah, I know; there is nothing on this Earth to warm your heart like a baby's smile. And on a really, really good day they are almost worth the expense, general hassle and impact on your preferred lifestyle. Last time I looked, the world is still backside deep in children. And nothing, absolutely nothing, is so easily, and may I say pleasurably, replaced. Francis Bacon said (para) "He who has children gives hostages to fortune". That's as true today as in his time. And yet, despite all that, we humans still persist in making more of them. Strange, isn't it?

And men and women sometimes view the event differently. I can still remember my instantaneous gut reaction to the "Honey, guess what?" conversation my ex and I had so many years ago; "But... but... a Corvette only has two seats, dear". Somehow that didn't change anything. And, it is truly amazing how many apparently intelligent and seemingly sane men will react to the news with a stunned deer in the headlights look and ask "But how did that happen?"

Even among women themselves, the news can invoke diametrically opposite reactions; from rage, fear, and worry to happiness, delight and fulfillment. It depends on the point of view. An unwanted pregnancy must produce an unwanted child. Fear and joy can rarely coexist in the same heart. Worry and delight seldom share space. A mother of a starving child is unlikely to welcome another. And a mother of six children can probably be forgiven if she doesn't view the probability of a seventh with the same joy she experienced with the first.

Yes; there are a lot of different viewpoints out there. And, a very common event; one repeated countless times since the beginning of time. But this time it is happening to them; and that makes it different. These two parents to be are still delighted; still consider themselves blessed. In a world of unwanted and unloved children, this child is wanted with a passion that can be observed but not completely understood. This time, it is them. And this child will be loved. Perhaps the birth of a child really is a miracle. Not because of its conception and birth; but because of the changes wrought within our own hearts. Perhaps the miracle lies there.

## Rifle and Pistol Range news

### Bull Run Muzzleloaders Match Times

Starting in January 2012 the Bull Run Muzzleloaders blackpowder match will start at 8 AM and will end promptly at 12 Noon on the third Sunday morning of each month.

### 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. The range recycles spent brass and aluminum soda cans to make some money to help out with range operation finances. Do your part by putting the brass in the recycling boxes and the aluminum cans in the plastic bin after you have crushed the can. Both recycling containers are located at the entrance to the firing line.

Another trash problem is broken clay pigeons left on the range floor. The clay pigeons and spent fragments on the back berm can be left in place BUT if you are shooting at clay pigeons that were mounted on the target frames at 25, 50, or 75 yards, you must pick up the busted clay pigeon remains. Do not leave broken clay pigeons where we are mowing the grass. It should also be obvious that you can **NOT** throw clay pigeons out onto the range floor and then shoot at them. This practice is totally forbidden as it can lead to ricocheting projectile that could leave the range. **THE RANGE FLOOR IS NOT A TARGET AREA!**

We are finding way too many candy wrappers, plastic sandwich bags, shotgun hulls, 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 please pick up everything you are leaving behind before you leave the range.

### 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

## AFC members all ways hit what they are aiming at

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Target Repair Team for suffering through the cold, heat, cut fingers and splinters resulting from fixing target frames this past year. The Target Repair Team consists of:

Joe Duncan  
Chuck Green  
Stephen Elliott  
John Chornyak  
Randy Hancock

### For those that appreciate statistics.....:

Total frames repaired in 2011 was 880 vs 861 last year. This is an average of 2.5 repairs for every day the range is open.

A total of 191 2x2's were used to repair damaged frames. 100% of all scrap wood was recycled for use in the wood stove.

All cardboard is now being recycled.

The total estimated cost for materials in 2011 is \$1,340.

The Target Team appreciates all the efforts by members to minimize target frame damage.

President's Column  
January, 2012

Some years ago, a good friend of mine was enthusiastically extolling the virtues of a book he had read recently. For starters, I should explain that my friend reads perhaps two books per year and, as a norm, both of them have scantily clad ladies in varying degrees of distress on the cover. So, for him to be recommending anything from the current best seller list was somewhat of a surprise. The book was titled "Everything I need to know I learned in Kindergarten", or a close approximation thereof. He was convinced the book, even at a conservative estimate, belonged in the top two books of all time. I remember thinking "So what? I learned most of what I need to know long before I hit Kindergarten. It happened when I was around four...."

There was (despite what you may have heard) television in those days. I had seen one in a local movie theater once; and it was only a few years later that one of our neighbors actually bought one for their home. They invited all the local kids over every Wednesday evening to see "I love Lucy" and "The Cisco Kid". I knew some people read newspapers (no one in my family, of course), but most people got the news from a radio. As for books, most of my relatives improved their minds on two types. One was called "paperback" and featured the works of people named Louie L 'amour, or perhaps Mickey Spillane. The other type was called "Comic" books. Mama preferred the comic books, as well as an assortment of magazines dedicated to "Lose ten pounds, tighten your backside and find true love in ten days or less". Many of the comic books had interesting ads on the back cover. One of those ads was for Vicks Cloverine Salve.

The deal with Cloverine Salve was pretty simple. You ordered a number of tubes (ten tins of salve in a tube) of salve from the company. You sold each tin of salve for \$1.00; sent \$0.65 to the company, and kept \$0.35 for yourself. It was easy, everyone wins, everyone has fun and you could be on your way to fun and fortune just by filling out and sending in the simple application form and telling them how much money you wanted to make and how many tubes they should send you. Simple, huh? How could you lose? And the salve was easy to sell, because it cured dry skin, healed burns, prevented premature aging and did many other wonderful things (according to what Mama told us, and Mama never lied). Well, Mama decided to get in on the action. And so my first lesson in practical democracy began.

One bright summer morning, Mama called all the kids together. In our family, "all the kids" included the extended family; some uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and, I think, a couple of children who just happened to be walking past the house. Around ten or twelve of us in all, ranging from 16 years old down to me, the youngest at a few months past the celebration of my fourth year of life. Mama explained the deal; sell a tube of salve for \$1.00, bring her \$0.75, and keep a whole quarter for yourself. Needless to say, this caused quite a stir among the kids. I hadn't had more than a nickel in my pocket in my whole life, and that

only once. You could eat candy all day long for a nickel. Bubble gum was two for a penny, and the biggest candy bar going was only a nickel. A quarter was five nickels, and I could treat the whole neighborhood and have a bag of candy to stash away, for a quarter. Wow!!

Needless to say, this promise of newly found lucre got all of us kids stirred up. We were all going to be rich! We were going to run around the neighborhood, knocking on doors, collecting dollars from every housewife, and life would be good. And all due to Vicks wonderful Cloverine salve. Five minutes later, I was headed down the street with two tubes of ten tins each of salve under my arm, trying to mentally calculate just how much money I was going to have at the end of the day. Even at the young age of four, I was starting to get the basics of math figured out. For one thing, a working knowledge of math was necessary to keep track of money; to keep the various, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends from swindling you out of any loose change you might have. It also helped in making sure you were getting the correct change when you bought something on those rare visits to the local store; which makes current trips to McDonald's all the more puzzling to me these days.

Let's see... Twenty-five cents a tin.... \$2.50 for ten tins; \$5.00 for twenty tins. Man; I'm not sure I had even seen a five dollar bill at that point in my life. So there I am, trudging along toward the nearest house, full of hope and looking forward to life as a wealthy entrepreneur. First house... "No Thanks". Second, third, fourth, fifth house, the same routine. Then it happens. The sixth house, the lady says "Sure, I'll buy one little boy". And she takes a tin of salve and hands me a dollar bill. She pats me on the head, wishes me good luck and away I go. By the time I got to the end of her walkway, I have it figured out. If one house in six buys a tin of salve, all I have to do is knock on 120 doors and I'll have five bucks in my pocket, and I'll be on my way to fame and fortune, right after a quick stop at the store for a Three Musketeers candy bar, some bubble gum, some of those candy dots on a strip of paper that they sell for a penny a foot, maybe some of those wax coke bottles full of cool aid, some Now & Laters, some.....

Around the twelfth house, lightning strikes; the lady buys two tins. She pinches my cheek. Man it sure helped to be young, cute, kind of helpless and cuddly looking, with a nice smile and a good line of gab. I start to figure out what works and what doesn't. How to start the pitch, break the ice, engage the ladies personally. From that day to this, I have always been pure hell on any woman more than 20 years older than me. Of course, that started to lose its attraction when I hit 30 or so. Up until then, it worked pretty well. But on that particular day, I started figuring out how to make things happen. How to stay with it, working hard, refusing to quit. Three hours later, I'm on my way home with twenty dollars in my pocket; and five of it is mine all mine.

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When I get home, all the other kids are already there; lying around the yard in the shade of the trees. Wow! They must all have walked faster than me; sold all their salve and beat me back home. I must be slow! Yeah, right. Between them they had sold maybe two tins of salve, and the only reason they're waiting around is to see if they have to organize a search party to go find my young self. Somebody asks "How many did you sell"? And then the lesson in practical democracy begins.

It seems everyone is all through with the selling salve thing. People are nasty; the houses are too far apart; some houses have dogs; no one wants to buy salve; it's hot; their feet hurt; it's too much work; and they are all going swimming. The only thing is, they need some money to buy soda pop and candy. Can't go swimming without soda pop and candy, right? And none of them has any money. But I do. And so it begins. In about two minutes I go from my normally friendly, laid back, easy to get along with self to totally ticked off and ready to fight. For some crazy reason, every one of those sorry pieces of excrement seemed to feel that if \*I\* had money, \*they\* should have money as well.

Well, Mama gets involved. She doesn't want a fight, which is pretty much what I have decided I do want. I'm ready to take on the whole bunch of them. As it turns out, I'm the only unreasonable one in the crowd. Everyone else is perfectly willing to sit down and talk things over peacefully; compromise; talk it out and work out a solution upon which all can agree. Me? I'm still looking for a stick. I want my five dollars and ever one else can go suck eggs. If they want money, they can get up, go sell some salve and make their own blamed money. And I won't want any part of *their* money.

Well, traitorous <nasty word deleted> that she is, Mama makes me fork over the twenty bucks to her and agrees we should all have a nice, courteous discussion and a fair and open vote as to what to do. My end of the discussion is simple: It's my money and there ain't gonna be a discussion or a vote. Well, as it turns out, my input really isn't needed. Everyone else agrees there will be a vote; I've already said I won't vote; so that's that. In short order the discussion ends. The only two parts of the discussion I can remember clearly concerned two issues; (1) Why am I being so selfish? That seems to puzzle everyone. And (2) Since I earned the money, I should get a larger share than anyone else, but exactly how much should that be? I do remember that each "share" had to be enough for each person to buy a soft drink and a candy bar. I even heard one suggestion that Mama just take all the money and keep it. More than one person thought that would be fair and would solve all the problems. And I do remember everyone was really appreciative of my efforts and were going to forgive me for being so selfish. Oh yeah; I kinda remember I slugged my uncle David (who was only two years older than me, and thus the next smallest kid next to me) a couple of times, so I lost any right to having a bigger share than anyone else. After all, being nasty and hitting people shouldn't be tolerated.

In less time than it takes to tell the tale, all the other kids were headed off to the store and an afternoon's swimming in Seeley Creek; each with forty cents in their pocket. I also had forty cents, a really bad attitude about this whole voting thing and some things to mull over. And, as I recall, Mama had helped herself to a share of the proceeds, "just to make things come out even". I sat there crying for a while (Hey; cut me some slack. I was only four.), but eventually that got kind of old and no one was there to pay any attention anyhow. And then it hit me. Mama still had a whole bunch of Cloverine Salve and I had all afternoon with nothing to do.

Five minutes later, I'm headed off again; this time with two tubes of salve and a plan. A couple of hours later, I'm back home again; and crying all over again. Guess what? It seems that somewhere along the line, what with all kinds of bills and change in my pocket, I lost a five dollar bill. By the time I gave Mama her share, after all that work, I was left with only my original forty cents. So, I'm off to the store with my forty cents. And guess what I found in my sock on my way to the store? A five dollar bill! For months afterward, I had candy all the time; and all from that forty cents. Or so I told everyone. As far as I was concerned, I was under no obligation to tell the truth to thieves; even if they were family.

I came out of that incident with an understanding of life, practical democracy, work, finances, obligations and family and friends that has, I think, served me well to this day. What I learned was:

- This work stuff was the neatest thing they ever invented. You work, you make money. You work harder and longer, you make even more money. Money is pretty neat stuff as well. Money can be exchanged for almost anything you want.
- The world is plumb full of lazy people, who have a lot of excuses as to why they can't, shouldn't, or won't work. And as soon as you get more than two coins to rub together, those lazy good for nothings are going to be scheming as to how they can get a share of whatever you have.
- Those without are always willing to have a vote on how much of your money they get. And, because everyone gets to vote, that somehow makes it fair. And they will always try to be very polite, very reasonable and very courteous while they steal from you; even if you get nasty.
- Whoever is in charge of whatever mob you play with, under whatever name it goes, will always be in favor of letting the majority rule.
- When the game is crooked, and you have to play, the only reasonable thing to do is to cheat.

Thanks; Ernie P.

## Watershed Conservation Activities

### The Year in Review

By Colin Riley

As another year begins, It seems only appropriate now to look back on what has been accomplished in the past year and to consider what remains to be done.

In 2011, there we had twelve scheduled stream cleanups and four adopt A Highway cleanups during which we removed over 2 1/2 tons of trash from the Potomac Watershed.

For the most part we had excellent weather on these occasions but they were not as well attended by the general public as they had been in 2010. Fortunately there were many Chapter Members, who did contribute a great deal of their time to these efforts.



**Volunteers - Bull Run Adopt A Stream May 7th**



**Rich and Faye Vigue hauling trash in their boat at Mason Neck June 4th**



**Paul Miller carrying out trash bags Bull Run - August 6th**

## Stewardship Projects

At the beginning of each meeting we pledge to be "Stewards of woodlands and wildlife" but over the years, the effort to manage this aspect of the Chapter property has waxed and waned. Until recently it seems to have waned somewhat. Last year however we started a number of projects designed to improve the wildlife habitat and recreational value of the property. In the spring, several members were engaged in removing fallen and dead leaning trees from the campground and nature trail. A fair amount of time was also spent removing invasive plants such as garlic mustard and muliflora rose from around the pond.



Near the Chapter Field house we planted some perennial wildflowers to augment the existing butterfly garden.

For the first time in many years, fields within the gas pipeline right of way were planted with buckwheat and sunflowers. This was done to provide forage for wildlife and to reduce the deer browse pressure on the under story plants in the woods.

This brings up one of the more contentious issues of 2011, whether or not an effort should be made to control the deer population on the Chapter's property. There seems to be strong feelings on both sides of the issue. Here are a few of my observations.

Last fall, as we were working around the "Pine Plantation" by the campground, I observed as in years previous, dozens of little spiky tufts of green growing out of the pine needles. They were the pine seedlings that came up during the summer. What I did not find are any pine seedlings from previous years. Why is this? Well, during the winter months, deer feed on twigs and these first year seedlings when they have used up all other sources of food. This has been going on for years and the end result has been the elimination of the next generation of trees. Another thing that I have observed is that in many places on the property, the large population of deer in the area have consumed so much of the native plant life that invasive species such as Japanese honeysuckle and multiflora rose have become the predominant plants in the forest under story. These non-native plants have little value to wildlife and what is essentially happening is that many birds and mammals are being deprived of shelter and food sources as a result of the absence of these native plants.

If something is not done to control the deer population then we are basically choosing deer over wildlife diversity.

On December 2nd the Chapter received 200 tree seedlings from the Arbor Day Foundation, a mixture of pin oak, white pine and hazelnut.

Over the next three weekends, a few volunteers and I planted them around the property. Most of the hazelnut seedlings were planted near heavily trafficked areas such as along the gas pipeline right of way and near the rifle range which will hopefully discourage grazing. Some of the pines were planted among piles of fallen debris in order to limit browse damage by the deer.

In the coming year, I would like to see us rework the nature trail and to produce a pamphlet that explains some of the unique natural features of the property. Another project that I have in mind will involve water quality monitoring of nearby streams including Cub Run.

For more information or future project dates and times please go to <http://waterquality.awardspace.com/chapterinfo/onsiteprojects.htm> or give me a call at 703-200-3994

### ***Fall Stream Cleanup Activities***

At our last Adopt A Stream Clean of the year at Bull Run on November 5th, five volunteers from the Chapter picked up 12 bags of flood borne trash weighing 178 pounds.

On November 12th, Michael Fox and I hiked along the Chapter's property on the other side of 66 to remove plastic and styrofoam along Cub Run left there by the October rains.

Five Chapter members participated in the December 3rd an Adopt A Highway Cleanup of Mount Olive and Compton Roads, picking up more than 150 pounds of trash.

If you would like more information on the following events or any unscheduled volunteer opportunities, please give me a call at 703-200-3994 or send an email to [fairfaxwatershed@yahoo.com](mailto:fairfaxwatershed@yahoo.com)

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



**Bucky Sills rototilling ground to be planted with perennial wildflowers**



**Nov. 5th Bull Run Adopt A Stream Ned Foster, Chuck Overpeck, Vinnie Caporale and Michael Fox.**



## Upcoming Events

### **February 4, 2012 Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Cub Run**

Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Participants will meet in the Chapter Field House parking lot.

### **February 19, 2012 Adopt A Highway Cleanup - Mount Olive Road**

Sunday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Participants will meet in the Chapter Field House parking lot.

### **March 10, 2012 - 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

### **April 14, 2012 - Potomac Watershed Cleanup Mason Neck State Park**

Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

As part of the Alice Ferguson Foundation's annual 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,

### **The Rifle and Pistol Range now has a recycling box located next to the trash dumpster in the parking lot.**

This recycling box is a "Slotted" box to only allow flattened materials and to prevent dumping of trash cans. Our initial goal is to recycle all of our used target cardboard and any cardboard boxes we have from other activities.

**Note:** There is a yellow sticker on the recycling box which lists many other materials that are allowed. For example, you can add cans, bottles or flattened, clean paper goods but you will have to hand insert them through the slot. Again, the slot is meant to prevent dumping of trash cans and contamination of the recycled materials.

Please try to recycle as much "Chapter" material as possible in the recycling box to give us additional capacity in the Chapter trash dumpsters. These trash and recycling containers are meant for the use of IWLA activities and not for private use. Contact your local municipality for recycling options in your neighborhood

## Chapter elections

**It is my hope that each member will make an effort to cast their vote in the Chapter elections this year**

The only reason that this Organization and it's unique facility is here today is because there have been Chapter members who have been willing to contribute their time and effort to maintain it and to participate in its governance. Each year, in July, the Chapter holds an election of officers and directors. Unfortunately voter turnout in the past decade has been considerably less than 10 percent and many members are ignorant of the fact that we even have elections.

Voting will take place at the Chapter Field House on July 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th from 9 to 5 pm.

This year the following positions are coming up for election; Vice President, Treasurer, Director of Conservation, Director of Education and Training, Director of Skeet and Trap, Director of Target Archery, Director of Youth Programs, and 3 Director at Large positions.

Any Chapter member in good standing may run for office and all positions serve for a two year term.

If you are interesting running for one of these positions, the deadline for all nominations is the June membership meeting when the ballot is finalized.

If you would like to learn more about the responsibilities of board of directors, I would suggest that you attend one of the Chapter board meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of every month and are open to all Chapter members.

## BULL RUN MUZZLE LOADERS

Happy New Year to all.

**Interested? Curious? Get a new muzzle loader for Christmas? Miss that big buck and can't figure out why?**

Come on out and join the Bull Run Muzzle Loaders on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of any month. We have club guns available for use, qualified instructors and lots of advice – ALL FREE!!

In 2011 the Rifle/Pistol Range spent over \$1,300 in materials repairing target frames. About mid-year there was an article in the AF-IWL Newsletter that the budget for materials had been exceeded. BRML members voted to make a contribution to the Rifle/Pistol range to help reduce this budget shortfall.

Smoke Poles were again a big attraction during the Women on Target program. BRML members also assisted with the Wounded Warrior program teaching the use of muzzle loaders. It was nice to see participants from both events show up at the next monthly BRML competition.

BRML was asked to attend the Scout National Capital Area Council Centennial Camporee at Goshen, VA. Lead by Squire Magill, accompanied by Lady Barbara a company of half-a-dozen Buckskinners joined hundreds of Scouts celebrating 100 years of Scouting in America. An entire day was devoted to providing shooting demonstrations, instructions and the opportunity to load and fire muzzle loaders.

Concentration and awareness are important factors in safe shooting. When shooting or sighting-in everyone is urged to be aware of where your bullet is striking. If you can't tell, bring your target frame closer. The time and materials to repair frames are expensive. We can all do our part to help reduce costs.

The 2012 Shooting Schedule will be as follows:

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

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.**

Competitions begin at 8 AM after a short meeting and safety instructions.

Competition fee \$20.00

Any safe muzzleloader, no optical sights.

Competitions end at 1 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.

Till next time, keep yer powder dry

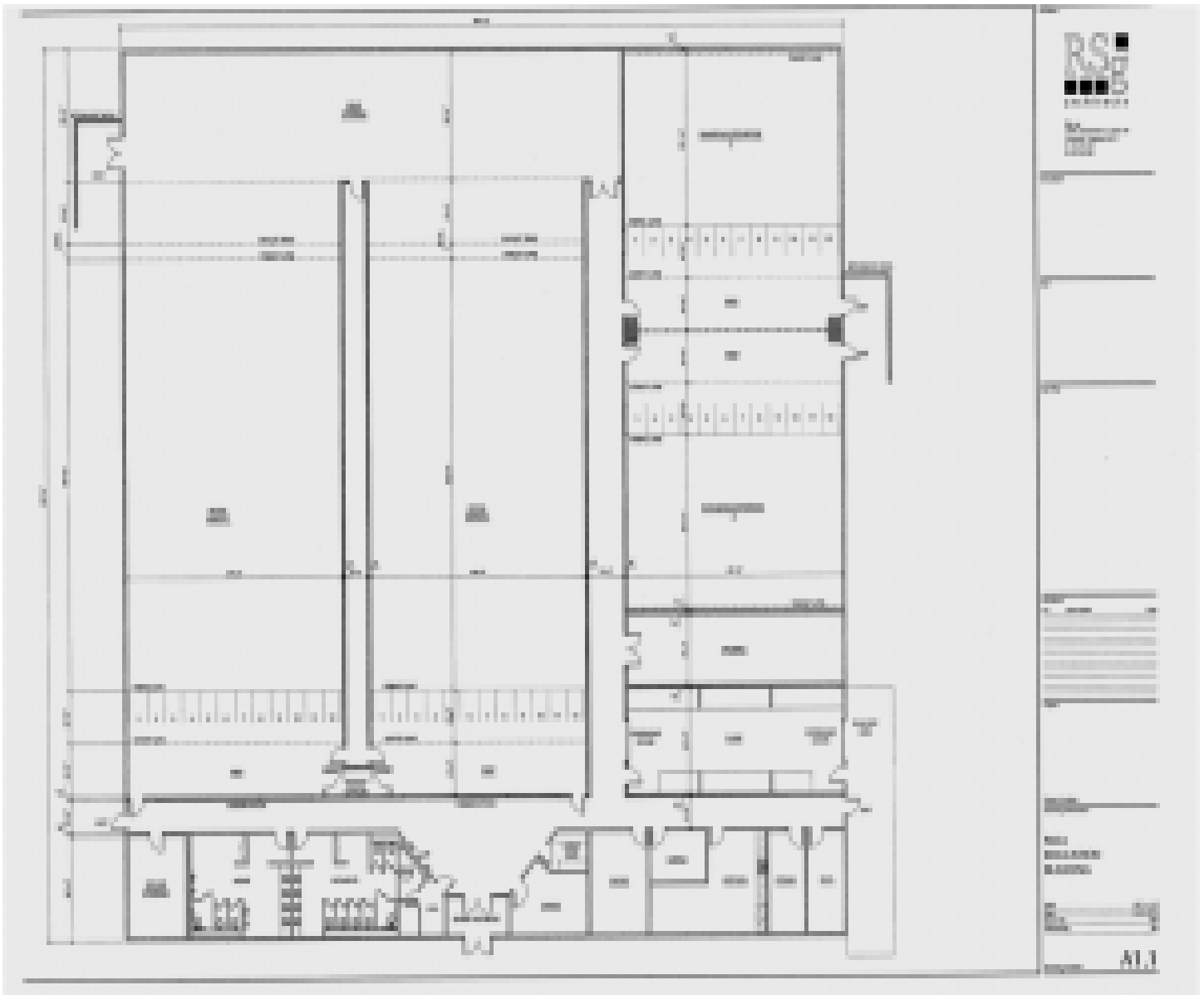
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## Indoor Range and Training Facility Campaign

Would you like to be able to shoot indoors year round and at short range? Would you like to see a new home for our award winning Junior Shooting program? Are you interested in having an indoor rifle/pistol/pellet shooting and classroom training facility? For 2012, the chapter board is kicking off a fundraising campaign for the new indoor training facility. The proposed facility will have two 12-position pistol/smallbore ranges, two 12-position air rifle ranges which double as multipurpose training classrooms, offices, bathrooms and storage areas. It will be located across from the existing clubhouse and feature additional parking. The estimated cost of the facility is \$1.5 to \$2 million, and our short term goal is to raise approximately \$1 million to build the building within the next two years.

Brad Smith has started a web site at **IWLARange.org** where you can make donations to a fund dedicated exclusively to building the new training center. You can make a one-time donation or set up monthly donations from your credit card or checking account. The AFC-IWLA is a 501 (c)-3 charitable organization, so your contributions are tax deductible for most contributors. We will have recognition programs for contributors and also track donations on the web site. If you are interested in making a substantial donation towards construction or a commercial/business donation please contact Brad directly at his **iwla@iwlorange.org** email address.

Finally, Brad needs help filling positions on the fundraising committee, so please drop him an email if you are interested in helping us reach our goal. Additional details about the facility and fundraising committee are available at the **IWLARange.org** website.



**IWLA-Monthly Centerfire Bullseye Match: November 2011 – April 2012**

The Centerfire Bullseye season is underway with a full slate of participants.

We will continue the matches through April 2012. The range has 17 shooting positions. The match will have one relay and start at 9:30 am with practice at 9:00 am.

The match is held on the first Sunday of each month. Beginners and experienced pistol shooters are invited to compete in the Bullseye Pistol Match at 9:00 am at the IWLA rifle/pistol range. All ages and talent levels are invited to compete in the matches. They are 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 basics of pistol shooting, you are also welcome. The shooting competition consists of a total of 90 shots at slow, timed and rapid fire. During the months of November through April, the participants use center fire pistols or revolvers. All new shooter are invited and we will help educate and encourage you to participate in the competition. Targets are provided for all matches. You bring your pistol, ammunition and lots of enthusiasm. See you on the first Sunday of each month.

If you do not have a centerfire pistol, you are permitted to shoot with your 22 rimfire pistol or revolver.

If you are interested or have additional question contact Jack Machev at [reddotbull@yahoo.com](mailto:reddotbull@yahoo.com). Please join us for an enjoyable Sunday morning event! The weather is cold , however the members are warm and friendly.

The competition for an innovative component carrier is better than expected. These are two of the latest improvements to hold scoring materials and a stapler.



***2012 Education and Training Schedule***

For more info on classes or to register go to  
**“[arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](http://arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org)”**

February	11 and 12	NRA Pistol Coach School
February	12	NRA PPITH Instructor Pre-Course Assessment
February	25 and 26	NRA PPITH Instructor Course
March	10 and 11	NRA Rifle Coach School
March	17	NRA Basic Shotgun Instructor Pre-Course Assessment
March	21, 22 and 23	Basic Instructor Training (BIT)
March	24 and 25	Basic Shotgun Instructor Course
April	2 and 3	NRA Shotgun Camp
April	10	NRA PPOTH Course Equipment Check
April	11, 13 and 14	Virginia Hunter Safety Course
April	20, 21 and 22	NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOTH) Course
April	27, 28 and 29	NRA PPOTH Instructor Course
May	12	NRA Women on Target (WOT)
June	9	Crush'in Clays for Kids
June	23	NRA Basic Pistol Course
July	14	NRA Personal Protection Inside the Home (PPITH) Course
July	28	NRA Basic Shotgun Course
August	4	Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course

Don't forget, if you are joining or renewing your membership with the NRA, please do it through the Chapter. The chapter picks up \$6.00 for renewal and \$12.00 for a new membership.

Contact Bucky Sills 703-830-0458 or  
Stop by and see Scott or Linda in the field house

### **THE NEW CUB RUN WEBSITE**

**Charles Johnston, Webmaster Check it out at:**  
**<https://sites.google.com/site/cubrunarchersorg/home>**  
**ARCHERY UPDATE**

#### **From the**

**Conservation Currents January 2012**

## **Izaak Walton League of America Turns 90!**

On January 14, 1922, fifty-four visionary sportsmen met in Chicago to discuss an issue of common concern: the deterioration of America's top fishing streams. Uncontrolled industrial discharge, raw sewage, and soil erosion threatened many of the nation's most productive waterways. At the same time, critical wildlife habitat was being destroyed across the country and the nation's forests and wilderness areas were quickly disappearing.

Aware that action – not just talk – would be necessary to solve these problems, the group formed an organization to combat water pollution and protect the country's woods and wildlife. Ninety years and many victories later, the 39,000 members of the Izaak Walton League of America are responding to today's conservation challenges and building on the accomplishments of those who preceded them.

Over the course of this year, we will celebrate the League's many achievements at the local, state, and national levels and look forward to the next decade ... and beyond. We will provide updates in *Conservation Currents* e-newsletters and in *Outdoor America* magazine. And you can visit us on the Web for updates and resources at [www.iwla.org/90](http://www.iwla.org/90).



## NoVA Sharp Shooters News

We are having a busy season on the air rifle range.

The High School season started in December and matches are being shot every week. Lake Braddock, Robinson, West Potomac, West Springfield, Woodson, High Schools and the Mavericks pick up team all use our little tractor garage as a home range. This year the competition is as close as I have seen it in 9 years. There are some very good shooters at all the schools this year.

The NoVa Sharp Shooters have been hosting air rifle matches each month. The next one is February 5<sup>th</sup>.

About a dozen shooters traveled to the US Naval Academy on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January to shoot in the Junior Olympic Qualification match. Now we have to wait and see how many invitations we will receive this year.

On January 15<sup>th</sup> another 12 shooters will travel to Palmyra Pennsylvania to compete in the Palmyra Invitational. This is a large east coast match held over 3 weekends in January. Several collegiate teams usually participate in the match.

We are also gearing up to send another crew of kids to the NRA National matches at Camp Perry Ohio this summer.

On top of all that activity we have also had a change of management. Long time director of youth activities Rich Stibrik resigned in December. We thank Rich for his years of service to the club and wish him well in his new job in Pennsylvania. Tom Pike was chosen by the board to replace him.

For more information on the junior shooting programs contact Tom Pike 703-802-740 or [Tom.Pike@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:Tom.Pike@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org)

## Car Donations!!!!



Help your chapter and get rid of that old vehicle.

The Arlington Fairfax IWLA has partnered with the Fairfax Lions Club in their car donation program. You can get a great tax deduction and help your chapter out. For more information contact Tom Pike 703-802-0740 [Tom.Pike@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:Tom.Pike@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org) Or see the Lions Club web site <http://www.lionscars.org/> Just be sure to tell them the car is for the IWLA.





### **Potential Problem:**

This is information that I feel every member should have in the event that you are on the chapter property and Mother Nature plays one of her nasty little tricks like turning the power off. No big deal, until you attempt to leave the property and the main gate will not open. Any attempt to force the gate open will damage the system and that can get very costly in repairs. There is a very simply way of opening the gate in this situation as I will outline below. On the post on the right side of the gate there is a small box with a combination pad lock on it. The combination to this lock is the same as the entry code you use to enter the property. Simply open the lock and remove the key inside. On top of the cylinder that opens the gate you will see a black plastic slide, simply slide the door back insert the key and rotate it. This has to be done to both gates and this will release the gates so they will swing free. Please replace the key and lock the box. Do not attempt to reset the cylinders as this has to be done by myself or someone with the proper knowledge of the operating system. Thanks Rick Kohne







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