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2012 Election Results

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Conservation - John Seaberg
Trap & skeet - Bob Brino
Youth Programs – Tom Pike
Target Archery - Leroy Anderson
Education & Training – Charles “Bucky” Sills
Directors at Large:
Art Twichell
Dave Cunningham
Oscar Starz



Chapter volunteers successfully complete another election.

Thank you to the volunteers who made this election a success. Just a simple reminder that volunteers is what makes this Chapter **"the Best!!"**

Thanks to: Scotty (our volunteer office mgr) Molly Wilkinson Helga Murray Billy Cochran Dr. Ed Franzosa Randy Hancock Bob Hamilton Tom Tobey Cheryl Tobey Dianne Crandall Marie Sepe Don Sepe And a special thanks to Ernie, and Molly. (you know who you are) who volunteered a whopping 8 straight hours each to help run the polls.
Thanks to all who participated and anyone I may have missed.

Benn Crandall Election chairman 2012

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Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field House

All members welcome

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Attend your chapter meetings

Regular Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field house



President's Column

July, 2012

We do good. No, I don't mean "We do well"; I mean "We do good". As in we do good things. At our recent Handicapped Children's Fishing Derby and Picnic, I was truly amazed and delighted at how nice a day we provided for the children; and how much our members enjoyed doing it. Pam Meara and Jill Padgette (Yeah; the cute one in the family) ran things and did a great job. We were down several of our key people for one reason or another; but people stepped up and got things done and all went well. I know they went well because all day long there was a line of people telling me what a great time they were having.

For those of you who don't already know, we do a fishing derby and picnic every year for handicapped children. It's something we have done for a number of years, and something we will continue. We also do a Christmas Party for underprivileged children every December. These two events are the cornerstones of our community service efforts for local children. In addition, we assist in and host any number of events for scout groups of all ages; and sponsor several scout groups. And, of course, we host and help train several local high school air rifles teams and provide training for young shooters. Again; things we have done for a number of years.

In a recent four week period, we hosted the Handicapped Children's Picnic, an NRA Women On Target event, and our annual Crushin' Clay's for Kids event to aid St Jude's Children's Hospital. Each of these events involved more than 100 of our volunteers, who did everything from escorting wheelchair bound children to cooking for more than 200 people. And we raised around \$25,000.00 for St Jude's. These events are only a small portion of the many good works we do for our members and our local community. As I said; we do good. And you should be very, very proud of the work your chapter does.

One of our volunteers recently spent some time telling me why he loves this chapter so much. A lot of things play into his thoughts, but one thing in particular stuck in my memory. He said "When our members come through the front gate, they take off their ties and they take off their attitudes". I think there's a lot of truth to his statement. Again and again I see people who, in their business lives, are highly placed people of considerable influence. And yet they happily volunteer to help out with our chapter activities in whatever capacity is needed. They pick up trash, cut grass, cook food, help children bait hooks and work behind the scenes where their efforts are rarely noticed. They contribute. They give back. And they make the world a bit nicer. Thanks to all of you for letting me be a part of it.

Some time back, I mentioned how impressed I was

with the new Thompson Center Venture rifles. Well, the problem with offering advice is that, very occasionally, someone actually listens and decides to follow said advice. A friend by the name of Bret bought a Venture .308 rifle (The one I recommended to best suit his need) from a gun shop I recommended, a Leupold 2 x 8 scope (Again, the one I recommended) and had the scope mounted by the gunsmith I recommended. He then bought the ammunition I recommended. At this point, he asked my help him to get the rifle sighted in. Needless to say, I was more than a little interested in exactly how this was all going to work out.

We met on a Saturday morning at the Rifle & Pistol Range. To make things even more interesting, several knowledgeable friends had, by chance, happened along and, recognizing the rifle as one I had recommended, gathered to watch the proceedings. Bret had learned to shoot in the military, but hadn't fired a gun in more than a decade. No pressure, right?

It turned out Bret had never fired off a bench. And, had never used a rifle rest. Oh boy; better and better. I mean, it's not as though the crowd was snickering and making disparaging noises, right? We were using my rest so I gave him a few words of advice on bench rest shooting. We set the target at 50 yards to start and the first shot down range was about six inches out at eight o'clock. Bret had called it a good shot; so I twisted the knobs, but played it a bit conservatively. He called the second shot good; still out at eight, around three inches. Hmmm.... Maybe he *can* shoot.

More twisting on the knobs and the third shot clipped the X-ring. Once more on the knobs and Bret put three rounds in a cloverleaf inside the X-ring. To be honest, I was pretty impressed with Bret's shooting. An eight power scope, even at 50 yards, isn't really intended for target shooting. We let the barrel cool and he dropped three more shots in the X-ring. I had noticed a slight zero shift on the second and third shots, so we adjusted the scope for the cold barrel shot and Bret clipped the X on his next shot. Not the two inch X-ring; the actual X in the center. Enough playing around; we let the barrel cool and waited to move the target out to 100 yards.

First three shot group at 100 yards were all inside the X-ring and we confirmed a very slight zero shift after the barrel heated. Cooled the barrel and repeated the process. First shot clipped the top two legs of the X, with the next two less than 1/2 inch out at ten o'clock. Bret dropped three more cold barrel shots into the X-ring and I suggested he save his ammo and the target; 'cause life just wasn't going to get a lot better. At least not with an off the shelf rifle, commercial ammo, an eight power scope and me coaching.

Bret folded his tent and headed home. The peanut gallery was impressed and I was happy. Some days, things just seem to work the way they should. Thanks; Ernie P.



- **ATTENTION EVERYONE WHO WILL USE THE SKEET & TRAP RANGE!!**
- **WE WILL BE RECYCLING SPENT HULLS and THE SMALL BOXES THAT THE SHELLS COME IN!! (SEE PICTURES)**
- **THERE WILL BE BLUE RECYCLING CANS ON EACH FIELD AND IN FRONT OF THE CLUB HOUSE SPECIFICALLY FOR HULLS AND THE SMALL SHELL BOXES ONLY.**
- **THIS WILL START IMMEDIATELY!!!!**
- **PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN THE REGULAR TRASH CANS!**
- **PLEASE CHECK WITH RANGE OFFICERS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS INVOLVING THIS CHANGE.**
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU USE THESE NEW RECYCLING CANS.**

THANK YOU BOB BRINO, CHAIRMAN SKEET & TRAP

Junior Shooting

The NOVA Sharp Shooters continue to practice through the summer. But, we will occasionally close based on the availability of coaches. We like to take vacations too; we also have a busy summer schedule of matches and training camps. Be sure to sign up for our Yahoo group to get the latest information on range closings.

novasharpsshooters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

National Championship news:

NRA and USA Shooting held their national junior 3 position air rifle championships back to back in Anniston, Alabama this year at the CMP South shooting range. This range has 80 firing points with electronic target scoring systems. Several NOVA Sharp Shooters members who are also members of the Arlington Optimist Acorns Combined Junior Rifle Club traveled to Anniston. Unfortunately they didn't come back with any national titles this year. But they did post some outstanding individual achievements. In the NRA Matches Daniel Cliff came in 8th place overall earning a slot on the NRA international postal team. Rachael White shot a perfect 200 in the prone portion of both the NRA and USA Shooting matches. 13 year old Meg Pike shot 3 personal best scores in the 4 matches. The Acorns Gold team consisting of NOVA-SS members Daniel Cliff, Olivia Cliff, and Rachel White with the addition of Chrissy Thomas from Arlington placed 6th overall in the USA Shooting portion of the competitions. The Acorns Green team consisting of NOVA-SS members Andrew Miller, Jared Ohashi, Derya Pekari and Elizabeth Telford placed 15th overall out of 24 teams. Meg Pike shot as an Alternate.

For More information on our Junior Rifle Program contact Tom Pike 703-802-0740 or

Tom.Pike@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

Another Membership Season (Finally) Ends

We had significantly more people than usual not renew this year ("cannot afford it with a job loss" frequently cited) so the last class of this year will be the evening of 9 August, at 7:30 PM in the clubhouse. I mentioned this to ensure that anyone needing their class for their family member to get their range badge will want to ensure they make this one. We can allow up to forty or so family members to attend that class, so don't be shy.

Remember to renew before the end of the year. Your membership actually runs out on 31 December each year, and we are considering a change to start charging the late fee for everything received after 1 January. That makes the penalties gradually increase for being late. First you get charged a late fee, then you get dropped. It also means we do not have a flurry of new members in March along with a flurry of people who waited until the last instant of time to renew.

Given current interest rates, it is not like the money is earning any interest for you in those three months

anyway.

Renewing on time (or early) also makes it easy for you to change your status. Some people shuffle family members as children become old enough for mom to drop off. Others split into two memberships when the children leave home and move out on their own. It is best to address these things when the membership admins are not being slammed with other stuff.

As usual, please watch out for the new members with their temporary badges. They will be less familiar with our procedures so work with them to acquaint them with our ways. Expect they will make some mistakes and need some corrections. It happens. Keep in mind they cannot bring guests to any of the ranges until they have gotten their regular (round green) badge. This is to give them time to familiarize with the local processes before bringing several friends along who of course have no training at all. Have fun with it and make them feel welcome.

Jim Showalter
Membership Chairman

2012 CUB RUN BUCKBUSTERS 3-D SHOOT: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd

If you own a bow you will not want to miss this shoot. Twenty eight 3-D animal targets throughout our wooded archery range. This is the right place to be, the right thing to be participating in at this time of year with the archery deer hunting season fast approaching. Come on out and have some fun, bring the whole family. Cub Run will be serving sandwiches and snacks from our snack bar throughout this event. Registration 9:00am till 1:00pm.

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 9:30am 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 \$15.00 per year, per family. 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 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 bag target for field point shooting and a broadhead target for shooting broadheads. **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 course.



Archery 101 Session

On Sunday, September 16th starting at 1:00pm, in the indoor archery range, Cub Run Archers will be putting on a class for chapter members who have never shot archery before but would like to give our sport a try. We would like to see a few ladies, children and men in this group for the archery training workshop. We have the bows and the arrows . . . all you need to do is show up. To participate in this class please email Dick Riemer, Director of Archery at riemer@cox.net For children registration please include their age.

Tannerite Banned at Rifle-Pistol Range

Tannerite is a binary explosive mixture based on mixing ammonium nitrate with aluminum powder plus other chemical sensitizing agents. It explodes strongly when hit by a high velocity rifle projectile. It is supposed to be insensitive to hammer blows and other less violent detonation methods. Tannerite is shipped (from places like Amazon.com) as two separate powder components. The buyer then mixes the two components as per instructions and the result is a high powered explosive that can do a lot of damage to target frames and other equipment at the range.

The two Tannerite components and the explosive mixture of the Tannerite components are **NOT ALLOWED under any circumstances at the chapter's Rifle-Pistol Range!** No exceptions. If you want to play with Tannerite do it somewhere else besides the Arlington-Fairfax chapter property.

Paper Targets are NOW 25¢ each

For the first time in more than fifteen years we have raised the price of paper targets from 20¢ each to 25¢ each. Inflation over that time has raised the prices of everything else. This new price is still a good deal.

Guests at the Rifle-Pistol Range

There is some confusion about bringing guests to the Rifle-Pistol Range. From the Rifle-Pistol Range Rules.

Range Qualified Chapter members are authorized to bring guests to the Rifle-Pistol Range. This does not mean that your son who is NOT a chapter member can bring his buddies to the range for an afternoon of shooting fun.

However, no guest will be allowed on the range unless accompanied and supervised by a Range Qualified Chapter member. This means that if you (the chapter member) bring two guests with you, you are NOT getting two or three shooting positions. Since you have to supervise your guests you CANNOT shoot when they are shooting. You get one shooting position. You put only one firearm down on the position table at the firing line. You put only ammunition for that firearm on the table at the firing line. One person (you or a guest) shoots the firearm at a time. **YOU MUST MAINTAIN COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF YOU AND YOUR GUESTS AT ALL TIMES.**

Members are responsible for the conduct and actions of their guests. If your guest is shooting in an unsafe manner the duty Range Officer will tell you to correct the unsafe action(s). If you ignore this or if the unsafe shooting action(s) continue you and your guests will be required to leave the range. We cannot and will not accept unsafe shooting practices by members or their guests.

The number of times that any one guest may be allowed to use the range is subject to the Chapter rule (three times in one year.) So you cannot bring your neighbor or co-worker to the range every weekend. This rule was created when some members would split a membership fee between themselves and a friend or two. And the member brought the other guys out as many times as they wanted.

Members may bring dependents and spouses to the range without regard to this limit on the number of uses, but the member must remain in close proximity and immediate supervision of such family members at all times and members are responsible for the conduct and actions of their family members. The chapter member must have immediate supervision over family members at all times. You cannot supervise your child if you are shooting at another bench. We have seen instances where the adult parks the kid and a firearm on a firing line table along with a box of ammunition. Then the adult goes to another table to get some shooting done. (Now occasionally the kid shoots better than the adult and the kid should be supervising daddy's shooting!) To keep the range safe for all participants and to prevent accidents that could lead to the county shutting down the range we must make the chapter member supervise his/her family members.

Range Repairs Completed

The Rifle-Pistol Range was closed for repairs from May 29th through to June 1st. We removed the silt in silt collection pit/pond. We repaired the wooden baffles, cleaned them, and painted the baffles and support poles. A bulldozer pushed the rear berm dirt back up the slope and then added 40 truckloads of brickyard clay to the rear berm. We installed new straw bales to slow erosion of the berm and to stop some of the clay from filling the silt pit. We replaced or repaired all the target frame holes on the 75 and 100 yard lines. We installed new position markers on the baffles, the shooting line roof, and on the range floor. We repaired the range floor after damage by the clay hauling trucks and the bulldozer. Some activities were delayed by two severe rainfalls during the week.

Randy Hancock did a lot of this work and supervised all the rest of it. He is to be congratulated for his dedication and efforts to keep our Rifle-Pistol Range in such great shape.

The Joker and His Phone Call

Friday morning, June 1st, while the bulldozer was pushing clay up the rear berm face, some chapter member called the Rifle-Pistol Range phone. This unknown person then claimed to be the Chief Range Officer and ordered the Range Officer who answered the phone to immediately open the range for shooting (as in "right now"). The RO who answered the phone asked the fake Chief Range Officer if he would like to discuss his totally blatant, stupid command with the real Chief Range Officer who was standing in the range parking lot. The man who answered the phone offered to get the real CRO and have him talk on the phone with the imposter. The only reply was the "click" of hanging up the phone by the fake CRO.

If we can find out who made this unsafe, improper demand of the duty range officer, I guarantee I will bring him before the Board of Directors for expulsion from the chapter. We cannot tolerate such behavior just because some person wants to shoot no matter how unsafe and stupid it might be.

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 and the parking lot. The range recycles spent brass and aluminum soda cans to make some money to help out with range operation finances. Please 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 as some people have tried. 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!

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 costs time and money to repair. Rounds leaving the range can lead to an accident that could close the range forever.

Green Sticker on Your Range Qualification Badge

When you renewed your chapter membership for 2012 you received a small green sticker stuck to your 2012 membership card. This sticker is to be applied to your Range Qualification Badge. If you don't bring and wear your 2012 validated Range Qualification Badge when you come to the range you will not be allowed to use the range. That is why we have a different colored sticker each year.

To shoot you must have a Range Qualification Badge that shows you are a current (2012) member!

Dr Ed, CRO

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

As part of the Chapter's ongoing Environmental Studies Scholarship program, which was begun in 1993, the Chapter, under the direction of the Board of Directors, recently awarded its 2012 scholarship. This year's winner is Madeline Faye Ryan, a recent graduate of Mount Vernon High School. Madeline will be attending Virginia Tech this fall, majoring in Environmental Sciences. Madeline was chosen from a pool of fourteen applicants from the surrounding tri-county area (Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William) who applied for the scholarship through their school Career Guidance offices. Madeline was selected on the basis of her academic accomplishments, numerous activities of an environmental nature and her maturity and focus in pursuit of a career in the field of Environmental Sciences. The Chapter will be soliciting applicants for next year's scholarship, applications will be available on the Chapter web site, shortly after the first of the year. Membership in the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of I.W.L.A. is neither required nor does it constitute a conflict of interest. Members are strongly encouraged to promote applications for the 2013 scholarship from all seniors who will be graduating from one of the tri-county High Schools in 2013 and who intend to pursue a career in Environmental Studies or a related field. The receipt deadline will be April 1, 2013.

From Megan Gottfried, 2011 Scholarship

During my first year at Virginia Tech, I found that I learned just as much about the world around me as I did myself. My appreciation for the environment shaped many of the classes I chose to take, and with so many ways to approach the subject I chose to finalize my double major in both Urban Forestry and Geography. The push for a sustainable, healthy and aesthetically pleasing future is what I am passionate about and I have found that these majors challenge yet interest me. Though I am mixed in with such a large student body, I have found the professors to be knowledgeable and accessible. I hope that with their help I can further my research experience in the Geographic Information System (GIS) field over the years to come.

From Carlyn Scott, 2009 Scholarship Recipient

Mr. Dobbins:

I hope you are well! This has been a very eventful year for me. Unfortunately, my Father passed away in September due to cancer, and my studies became extremely difficult for me. My Fall semester at Eckerd College was filled with rigorous science courses - Marine Invertebrate and Principles of Ecology - but I sincerely enjoyed them both. Though time consuming, the courses were interesting and I took a great liking to the study of invertebrates. My Winter Term (a month long required course at Eckerd) I was fortunate enough to travel to Rajahstahn, India for a service learning trip. On this trip, we spent a month in the small village of Akodia building a school for the community. It was the most rewarding experience of my life, and I am so grateful I was given the opportunity. Straight from Mumbai I travelled to the French island La Reunion, where I stayed for 4 months studying French. I also found an internship with a visiting professor from the Natural History Museum in Paris sorting Indo-Pacific corals for the museum's collection - it was incredible to receive such a great education from such a talented instructor. The island was beautiful, and I greatly improved my French and coral identification skills at the same time! I am taking Physics this summer at a local community college, and am very excited to return for my final year at Eckerd College. Thank you for your continued support of my college education - I truly appreciate all of your aid in my endeavors.

**Sincerely,
Carlyn Scott
Eckerd College**

From Liana Epstein, 2010 Scholarship Winner

To Whom It May Concern:

My second year at Yale has flown by. I thought nothing could top my freshman year, when I still had big-eyes for this new place. But I have found that it hasn't gotten old here. In fact, the opposite has happened. As I have progressed and specialized in my studies, I have been able to more fully take advantage of everything offered to me here and pursue what I am really interested in.

We are offered a tremendous amount of classes here -- over 2,000. I somehow managed to choose only eight, after much deliberating. This decision was also made easier because I applied and was accepted to my major as a sophomore. I am proud to say I am majoring in Environmental Studies with a concentration in marine science. In the fall, I continued with my third Spanish class at Yale. I particularly enjoyed this class because we were exposed to Spanish literature and analyzed these themes in much the same way we look at English literature. I balanced my schedule in the fall with three other classes: Media and Medicine in Modern America, Intro to Microeconomics, and General Ecology. Though my interests are predominately science-based, I enjoyed gaining exposure and background in economics because I think it's knowledge everyone should have to some extent, and Media and Medicine discussed how the medical field and the media interact to influence public and individual decisions.

My year focused far more heavily on science classes as I became more involved with my major. In Ecology, we learned about the different interactions of organisms with their environments and I wrote a term paper on the impacts of increasing carbon dioxide levels on coral reefs -- particularly the effects of increased ocean acidification, coral bleaching, and mortality and how the destruction of these ecosystems as a result of anthropogenic factors can alter the organisms which depend on them for habitats.

In the Spring I took three science classes for my major. Two were strictly science, and the other related science to history. The two seminars were Earth Systems Science, which analyzed the dynamics of the

Earth around us and all the processes involved in making the planet what it is today; the other was the Science of Water, which discussed every aspect of water from the atomic level to the impacts of global warming on ocean circulation patterns. I was particularly interested in the marine aspects of these courses, and was grateful to have the small classroom environment to discuss my questions and ideas. Each of these classes was only 10-15 people. Environmental History, as the title suggests, looks at the interaction of humans and the environment throughout history. We covered everything from Native American burial grounds to the modern alternative energy sources like wind farms that can destroy beautiful fields. This class mainly focused on balancing our human needs with preserving and sustaining our environment.

I had great professors this year, and found it easy to engage with them and develop relationships on a personal level. The other students in my classes were interesting and stimulating, creating discussions that I came to look forward to. I met even more people than last year and feel at home here at Yale. I continued my time as part of the varsity cross country and track teams, setting new personal records and traveling to fun meets. I also participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program on campus. I constantly find new things to love about Yale and feel that I am making the most of my time here -- most importantly doing what I enjoy and love. Without the continued financial support from the league, none of these experiences would be possible. I am very grateful, so thank you again to the league for your generosity!

14th Annual Crush'n Clays

A sell out crowd 124 shooters participated in the 14th Annual Crush'n Clays on June 9th 2012 at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the IWLA in Centreville, Virginia. Over the last 13 years Crush'n Clays has raised \$245,000 and after this event we expect to add \$15,000 - \$17,000 to that total. Crush'n Clays is not only, the longest running shooting charity that supports the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, but also, it is the longest consecutive running shooting charity event in the country.

Participants were provided with ammunition, event t-shirts and lunch. The trap shooting event consisted of 25 targets from the 16 yard line and 25 targets from the 22 yard-line. Both individuals and four person teams competed in the event. In the team competition the best three on the squad were recorded for record. All participants were eligible for individual awards using a "Lewis" class system.

The festivities began with Bob Brino, Skeet/Trap Director of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the IWLA, providing a shotgun clinic for novice competitors. Once again, Bob donated the targets for the event. We all owe Bob a big thanks.

This year we also welcomed a new event sponsor ManTech International Corporation. ManTech is a global provider of technical, IT, and cyber services. Vince Lively, a ManTech Executive Director and Arlington-Fairfax IWLA member, captained their two teams.

As always, the Annie Oakley drew a huge number of participants. Many participants entered the event multiple times resulting in with over 200 entries during the day. The Annie Oakley event also had tremendous spectator appeal, pitting the skills of one shooter against another. Half of the entry fees of the event we awarded to the eventual winner of each squad and the other half went to St. Judes Children's Research Hospital.

Rick Kohne, Wayne Owens and Gilbert Ramey of Arlington-Fairfax IWLA provided a popular barbeque lunch of pork, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and assorted side dishes.

J.R Wingfield, of Piedmont Sportsmans Club, bested all competitors in the main event, running all targets straight with a high score of 50. Congratulation to J.R. for being the 2012 Crush'n Clays Champion. J.R.'s has won this event several times. If he keeps this up, we may have to retire the plaque!

The remaining individual class winners were:

Class A – Alan Hemer
Class B – Lantz Simons
Class C – Joe Kolos
Class D – Morey Alexander

In the team competition the results were,

1st Place -Palles Team - Score 135

Ashly Palles

Mark Scott

Tim Tynan

Mel Stahl

Jim Hickerson

2nd place - Piedmont Sportsman Club – 132

JR Wingfield

Lu Charette

Mark Charette

B. Richie

3rd Place – AHC (George Mason) – 129

Austin Hall

Dominick Casciano III

R. Alexander

M. Campbell



Thanks go to our sponsors the Virginia Shooting Sports Association, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, the National Rifle Association, ManTech International Corporation, Dominick Casciano, Everfresh, Vienna Septic Services and all the volunteers whose tireless efforts made the event a great success.

Queen Ann Archers Update

Queen Ann archers is an archery club for beginning and experienced archers. The club was founded over 15 years ago by Ralph Miles for Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD). Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) is a program of USA Archery that is designed to teach archery to young people, over a series of classes taught by a certified archery instructor or coach. JOAD offers both recurve and compound archers the opportunity to learn range safety and proper shooting technique in an environment that also fosters focus, increased self-confidence, and team building skills. JOAD is open to any youth archer aged 8 to 20 and is designed to grow with the youth archer.

Queen Ann Archers is a competition club, offering individual incentives for improving performance. We strongly encourage members to participate in local and regional tournaments throughout the year. The cost to join is \$30 per individual and \$50 per family. For more information, go to <http://www.queenannarchers.org/>

We would like to extend a warm welcome and invitation to all the members of IWLA to take advantage of the facilities, archery equipment, and available instruction the club offers. We meet at the Field archery range Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. When it turns cold in the fall, we will move to the indoor range at Cub Run. If you are new to archery and want to give it a try, please stop by and get some instruction from one of our USA Archery certified instructors.

Congratulations to Michelle Gilbert, who recently came in 2nd place at the Nor'easter tournament in Massachusetts in early June. She was competing against some of the best in the world. Michelle has been shooting as a recurve tournament archer at a high level for several years...She is only 17!!! Great job Michelle!! Michelle is pictured on the far right in the photo below.



We also had a couple Queen Ann archers take 1st place in their respective divisions in a recent local tournament. Congrats to Lexi Root for taking 1st place in the Female Compound Cadet division and to Samantha Brown for coming in 1st place in the female Compound Cub division.

BSSC Shotgun Shooting Clinic

Personalized one-on-one instruction for you

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- Doubles insight & shooting

Instructors: Todd Bender and John Shima

- 30 years each of teaching experience
- more than 20 World Championship titles,
- conduct skeet clinics worldwide.
- Master Instructors for the National Skeet Shooting Association
- National Skeet Shooting Association Hall of Fame.
- Focusing on all aspects of the sport of skeet shooting, along with an extensive exposure to wing shooting and sporting clays

This clinic is for skeet enthusiasts, league and club shooters, waterfowl and upland game hunters, and everyone else that likes to have fun with a shotgun.

Clinic dates: 1, 2, 3, and 4 November 2012.

Reservations are required.

Contact Doug Minnig, (703) 371-1018, (703) 318-0214, or minnigd@verizon.net

A Bender Shima Clinic makes a great birthday or Christmas present. Ask your spouse or significant other
This a great learning experience and lots of fun.

Ironman Doubles Open

August 4 – 5, 2012

Four separate 50 pair (100 target) events

Reservations recommended.

Contact Doug Minnig

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Autumn Leaves Open

September 15 - 16, 2012

Four 100 target events

12 ga., 20 ga., 28 ga., and 410 Bore

Reservations recommended.

Contact Doug Minnig

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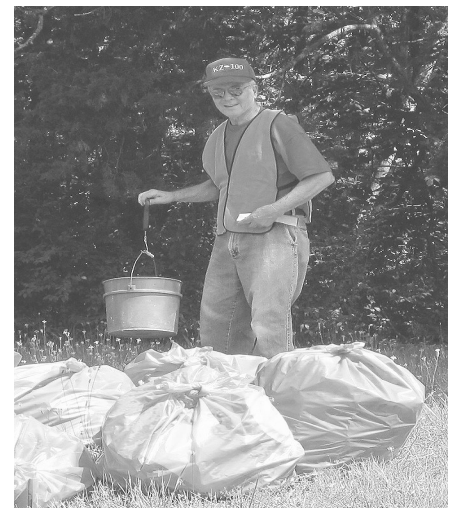
Watershed Conservation Activities

By Colin Riley

I probably don't need to tell you that it has been a dry year, with much lower than normal precipitation and higher than normal temperatures. In the spring, the good weather brought us higher than normal attendance at our cleanups but now that we are in the dog days of summer, the high heat and humidity will likely deter many volunteers until the cooler weather of the fall. The hot dry conditions may also have negatively impacted waterquality in local streams. The water depth in Bull Run and Cub Run are much lower than you see at this time of year. Current conditions are more typical of late August rather than June. Water temperatures are also high. This year, I started a program of waterquality monitoring on Cub Run. On March 31st, we did our first sample and count of aquatic macroinvertebrates on Cub Run using the Virginia Save Our Streams protocol and found that Cub Run's waterquality scored 5 out 12, with 12 being the best possible score. We went back on June 24th and the average result of our two samples that day was a score of 3.5 out of 12, which indicates a very significant decline in the water quality of the stream.

Adopt A Stream Cleanups

On Saturday April 14th, 26 volunteers participated in the Potomac Watershed Cleanup of Mason State Park removing over 900 pounds of trash from the park. The next day we picked up 14 bags of trash and 4 car tires from Cub Run Stream Valley Park.



Participants on both days included a number of Arlington Fairfax Chapter members as well as Boy Scouts from Centreville Troop 1137 and Venture crew 10.

On June 10th, Jim Pont and 9 other Arlington Fairfax Chapter members filled 10 bags with trash from Compton and Mount Olive Roads. I would like to mention that Jim will be leading the Adopt A Highway cleanups going forward. I will still be the point of contact for information on upcoming cleanups but he will be scheduling and running the events.

On May 5th was had a dozen volunteers on hand for the Bull Run Adopt A Stream Cleanup. As it happens, the lack of heavy rain since March has meant that our Adopted section of Bull Run has remained fairly free of any new debris. We finished in just 2 hours, picking up 74 pounds of trash, about a third of what we usually pull out of there.

On Saturday June 2nd, we had 62 people at the shoreline cleanup of Mason Neck State Park as part the 24th annual Clean the Bay Day sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Several groups participated including employees from Price Waterhouse Cooper, Dell Computers and Jorge Scientific.

Here again the shoreline of the Park was surprisingly clean due to the lack of rainfall washing trash from roadway storm drains.

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

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

Upcoming Events

August 11, 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

September 9, 2012 Adopt A Highway Cleanup - Mount Olive Road

Sunday from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Participants will meet in the Chapter Field House parking lot

October 13, 2012 - Shoreline Cleanup of 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

November 3, 2012 Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Cub Run

Saturday from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Participants will meet in the Chapter Field House parking lot.

2012 Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with Disabilities

On Saturday, June 2nd we hosted our Chapter's Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with Disabilities. The weather was beautiful with sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-70s with a slight breeze and low humidity. We had over 100 guests who fished, tried their hand at archery and used the air rifle range. Even though the fish were not cooperative all had a great time under the watchful care of the 100 Chapter volunteers who devoted their time to ensure our guests were treated royally and had an enjoyable and safe day. The day ended with a gourmet bar-b-que grilled by our own Chapter 'chefs.' We wish to thank all those Chapter members who volunteered to make our guests feel welcomed and gave them an opportunity to get out in the fresh air and try their hand at something different. We look forward to next year's event. Again thanks to all who contributed their Saturday to this great endeavor.

Pam and Gunny



Annual Picnic vs BBQ

On July 14th we will have our annual chapter picnic and barbeque. By the time you get this newsletter the picnic will have passed. If you made it out to the picnic you already know what a great time it is. If you didn't make it out, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year. Below is an excerpt from a Washington Post article written in 1884 about a Virginia barbeque. I found it on Joe Haynes' Obsessive Compulsive BBQ Blog. <http://ocbarbecue.blogspot.com> and is reprinted with his permission. I find quite a few similarities between the 1884 Virginia Barbeque and our own chapter picnic.

First, our barbeque is also about politics, not local, state, or federal politics but our club politics. You have the opportunity to vote in our chapter elections. While you attend the picnic make sure you stop by the chapter field house and cast your vote for the Board of Directors members that will run this chapter. Voting in your elections is your way to have a voice in how things are run. If you aren't active in the chapter and voting for those who run it, don't complain about the way things are done.

Second, there is a group of men experienced in barbeque preparing the food for the picnic. This group led by Bucky Sills with the help of Wayne Owens, Gilbert Ramey, and Tom Pike work through the night keeping the smoker fires going at just the right temperatures, putting the beef, pork, ribs, and chicken on at just the right time, then they grill up hamburgers and hot dogs, heat up beans, put out coleslaw and salads making sure all the food is safely prepared and done on time for over 300 people. We don't have 100 gallon pots of coffee, but we do have a trailer full of beer that lets you drink your fill.

Third, like the article our chapter picnic and barbeque takes place in a beautiful location in Virginia not far from Washington, DC with a pavilion and a small stream (or a pond). Come out and enjoy your chapter grounds with good food, lots of beer, and friendly people.

Finally, there is still no indication that barbeque is dying out in Virginia. There is barbeque history going back hundreds of years and barbeque is still going strong in Virginia. Make sure you get to the picnic next year and try some of Bucky's barbeque.

A Virginia Barbecue in 1884



The following is excerpted from an article that appeared in The Washington Post, November 2, 1884. The newspaper was damaged and some of the text isn't available. The portions enclosed in brackets [] are portions I added in an attempt to maintain readability.

More on BBQ

The dictionary meaning of the word is, "a large social entertainment, usually in the open air, at which animals are roasted whole, and other provisions of all kinds are consumed."

The place was a Virginia picnic resort in the heart of the woods, not many miles from Washington [D.C.]. It was particularly fitted for a barbecue, being furnished with a pavilion and a bountiful spring, while through the hollow ran a little stream, a tributary of the Potomac. The woods around were clothed in all the gorgeous dress of autumn. Early in the day the farmers began to arrive, bringing their wives and families in commodious farm wagons, and picketing their horses in the grove. To them a barbecue was not a novelty. They had attended these gatherings when they were boys, and now as grown men had come once again to listen to the speeches and eat a barbecue dinner.

The night previous to the barbecue an ox weighing 600 pounds had been slaughtered and dressed. A trench about three feet wide, three feet deep, and six feet long, had been dug in the ground, and an iron grating laid in it a few inches from the bottom. Upon this grating an immense fire of logs had been built and the carcass of the ox had been "spitted" with a long pole, which was supported on tripods at each end of the trench. At one end of the spit was a crank, and this was turned steadily by relays of men during the entire night, the fire being kept as near a uniform height as possible.

From twelve to fifteen hours are required to roast an ox this [big]. The seasoning of pepper [and salt and vinegar mixed] in a bucket and applied [with mops as] the crank is being [turned until the meat] soon assumes a rich [brown color which] is a most savory one. [missing text] be taken not to cook the barbecue. Generally a man who has [much experience] in barbecues is engaged specially for the occasion, and he must give the cooking his entire attention if he wishes to make his work satisfactory. When the roasting is complete the fire is allowed to die out, but the ox remains upon the spit, the admiration of the large crowd, until it is time to cut up the meat for dinner. In the same way three or four sheep are roasted whole.

But simply bread and meat will not do for a barbecue dinner. The immense iron pot... is filled to the brim with sweet potatoes. A barrel and a half of these are consumed at the barbecue which is now being described. The coffee, too, is made on a large scale. Ten or fifteen pounds are wrapped up in a cloth and thrown into a pot holding nearly a hundred gallons of boiling water. By this means there are no loose grounds in the pot, and the coffee in the cloth looks like an immense plum pudding. It is a crowd easily satisfied which does not require the pot to be filled up two or three times.

The dinner is served on wooden plates, each person being given a tin cupfull of coffee, a pickle, a sweet potato, a piece of beef and mutton, bread in abundance, and sometimes cheese. The coffee is taken from the pot to the long tables in buckets, and the bread is sliced and carried in barrels.

There is no indication that the barbecue is dying out. It is a part of the South, and has had considerable to do with making Southern history.



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