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NEWSLETTER

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NRA Three-Gun Match -

Saturday, July 13th 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Rifle-Pistol Range

With the chapter's permission, the NRA will sponsor and run a .22 caliber rimfire/ 12 gauge shotgun three-gun match at the chapter's Rifle-Pistol Range the morning of the chapter picnic, Saturday, July 13th from 10 AM to 12 Noon. The match will be open (no fees) only to chapter members and their guests. The NRA will provide the firearms and ammunition, reactive steel targets, safety officials, and judges. Each participant will shoot five rounds of 12 gauge shotgun number 8 pellets at five reactive steel targets at 15 yards, five rounds of .22 caliber rimfire from an AR-15 style rifle at steel targets at 25 yards, and up to ten rounds of .22 caliber rimfire from a semi-automatic pistol at 10 yards. The order of shooting will be rifle, shotgun, and then pistol. The participants will move from one firing station to another. They will not shoot while moving and the firearms will stay at their respective stations. There will be no drawing of firearms from holsters.

Scoring will be based on hitting (and moving) the steel reactive targets and the elapsed time used by each shooter. With limited ammunition and the need to hit the targets to score, accuracy is more important than speed.

This match will close the Rifle-Pistol Range on Saturday morning, July 13th. Only match participants can shoot at the range between 10 AM and 12 Noon. The Rifle-Pistol Range will remain closed after 12 Noon for the chapter picnic. (Before 10 AM the NRA personnel will be setting up the match and the range will be closed to members for shooting.)

Dr Ed, CRO

Archery 101 Class

On Sunday, June 6th starting at 1:00pm, in the indoor archery range, Cub Run Archers will be hosting 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 ladies, children and men attending this archery training workshop. We have the bows and the arrows all you need to do is show up. To register for this class please email Chris Rose at chris-tianmrose@verizon.net For childrens registration please include their age

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Speed Limit on Chapter Property
10 MPH

Chapter Field house Office hours

1st and 3rd Tues.....1:00PM to 9:00PM

All other Tues.....1:00PM to 4:30PM

Other times, Call 703-631-4495

Attend your chapter meetings

Regular Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month

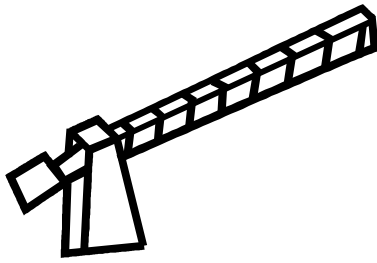
7:30 pm @ Field house

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field House

All members welcome



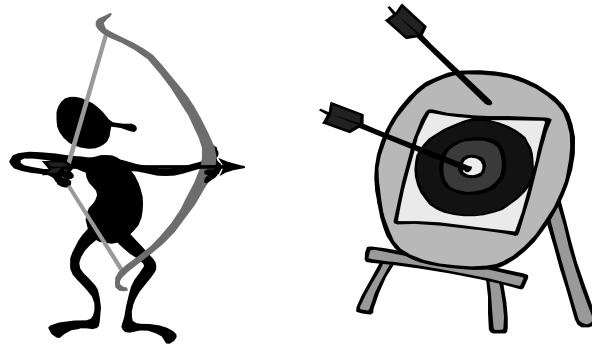
How to work the front gate



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 off the power. Well 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 and has done extensive damage to the system that can get very costly in repairs. There is a very simple way of opening the gate in this situation as I will outline below. On the post on the right side of the gate 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 open the gate 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 several times. This has to be done to both gates and this will release the cylinders allowing the gates to swing free. Please replace the key and lock the lockbox. 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

Remember if you want to schedule 6 or 8 hour work you need to contact Rick
@ 571-334-5125



ARCHERY UPDATE

Cub Run Archers would like to extend a warm welcome and an invitation to all members of the IWLA to take advantage of the many facilities, training opportunities, archery equipment, events and great camaraderie that our club has to offer. Our state of the art indoor range is available for your use anytime a qualified Range Officer is on site. It is common knowledge that a good many regulars in the club are at the range house every morning from approximately 9:30 am until noon. This is a great time to come down and introduce yourself and find out what Cub Run Archers is all about. If you are new to archery and need advice on anything from bow setup, arrow tuning to shooting technique, not only will you find literally, several hundred years of collective experience, but the equipment to perform those tasks. We especially would like to encourage youth participation and have a great many youth bows that young shooters may practice with to develop their skills. The cost to join Cub Run Archers is only \$15 per year, 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 rob-byrayd@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 into. **Remember**, crossbows are allowed **ONLY** at the special crossbow station and not at any of the other targets or ranges. A 28 point field archery course is also available for use to all IWLA members. Daytime use only as there is no lighting on the field course.

Up Coming Cub Run Shoots

AFRICAN SAFARI SHOOT: JUNE 16th Twenty eight 2-D safari animal targets throughout our wooded archery range. Come on out, have some fun, bring the whole family. Sandwiches and snacks will be sold from our snack bar throughout the event. Registration 9:00am till 1:00pm.

BUCKBUSTER 3-D SHOOT: SEPTEMBER 29th

Reminder,
crossbows are to be shot at the new crossbow station only



Wounded Warrior Shooting Team Update.

We have received all the equipment from the Olympic Opportunity Grant our Chapter was awarded. We have two right hand and two left hand rifles and two right hand and left hand pistols. All are packaged in cases so the Wounded Warriors can take them to matches around the country.



We started twice a week practices in January and they are continuing (weather permitting). We have had a total of 5 different people from Walter Reed at one of more of the practices. The US Army has changed their policy and now any Army shooter who wants to go to the Wounded Warrior games in Colorado Springs has to go to a qualification match. One of our shooters went to the qualifications at Fort Bliss but didn't make the cut.



We also had a USMC major Bethesda Hospital practicing from, but he has been transferred back to Camp Lejeune. We have two new shooters, one is from the VA Hospital in Richmond and he has made the cut, so he will be going to the Games in Colorado Springs in May the other is from the hospital at Fort Belvoir.

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.

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 operations. We expect each shooter to pick up all their brass after shooting. **This includes all rimfire brass!** And we expect you to pick up the steel cased cartridges too. We do not want the lawn mower throwing spent cases everywhere. **So it is not sufficient for you to sweep the fired cases onto the gravel strip or the grass.** 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 police 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.

To shoot you must have a Range Qualification Badge that shows you are a current (2013) member!

Dr Ed, CRO

Chapter Elections

Chapter elections will be held on the weekends of July 6 & 7 and 13 & 14 in the chapter field house from 09:00 to 5:00 PM.

Nominations are open now and if you are interested in running for any position, you can contact the head of the nomination committee, Tom Ciarula (TomC@cox.net or 703-250-0947) plus nominations will be open from the floor at the General Membership meeting on June 18

Volunteers are needed to staff the balloting, please contact Tom Ciarula if you are interested. An easy way to get 6 and 8 hour work credit

Family day at the Range

Margaret Minin shoots a 10-22 with custom stock and her sister, Teresa is shooting an AR-15 with a muzzle brake, both under the eye of mom and dad (Don and Ann Monin) Arl-fx members for 20 years, have 10 kids ranging from 4 years old to 22years old and all of them learning how to shoot on this range. They know how to enjoy the chapter.



Colonel Birt Kidwell Winter Skeet and Trap League 2013 Season Award Winners

The 2013 season of the Winter Skeet and Trap League concluded on Sunday 7 April with the final standings once again being determined during the very last matches for both team and individual competition. The season started early this year the 6th of January with no weather cancellations due to the unseasonably warm temperatures and very little snowfall. We were able to get all 13 weeks of shooting in, so it was a complete six skeet and six trap match season.

In the Individual Competition, our High Overall Average winner was Jim Hickerson, who broke 567 of 600 targets equating to a combined average of 23.675. Jim also shot the best average in Skeet finishing with a 22.250 average, but since each shooter is only eligible for one individual award, the prize goes to the next highest shooter. Andrew Poloni was took the honors for High Skeet average with an impressive 24.00 hitting 288 of 300 targets. Right behind him for Skeet runner-up was Doug Minnig, who broke 282 targets. In Trap, the high average winner was Ron Gazda, ending the season with an average of 23.167 hitting 278 of 300 targets. The runner-up for high trap was Jeff Miller, coming in with a 23.083 average. In the Most Improved Category, Steve Geraci beat out several other contenders to capture the award with a combined average improvement from last season of 2.958 targets. Congratulations to all of our individual awardees for their consistent performance and excellent marksmanship.

The team competition this year included two categories: one based on team points won in head to head matches each week against another team and the second based on cumulative team scores over the entire season. The top five teams in each category earned an award for all the team members, with no team permitted to receive an award in both. The competition was fierce with the winners being decided by tenths in the team scores and a match point spread of only 7.5 points.

In the Cumulative Team Score Category, Captain Brian Hickerson led his squad to a season score of 2369.205 to lock down the 1st place award. Joining Brian were Team 21 members Alan Hickerson, Ben Hickerson, Jim Hickerson, Glenn Hickerson, and Marcelo LaBarca. Team 19 landed in the 2nd place slot with a score of 2356.768 led by Captain Doug Minnig and members Buddy Bake, Andrew Poloni, Ron Gazda, Robert Melikian, Steve Schlesinger.

Third place was won by Team 15 with a score of 2350.319 and members KC Haile, Dave Hargrave, Jim Johnston, Bill Leonard, Henry Lucas, and Jeff Powell. Team 24 captured 4th Place coming in with a score of 2,347.595 and members Mark Brill, Joe Graziano, Sooho Ham, James Hsu, George Mong and Derek Slusher. The 5th place finisher was Team 9 with a 2346.919 and members James Hendrickson, Karl Higgins, Storm Rhode, Travis Rockwood, Steve Sarigianis, and Stu Wood.

In the Team Points Category, Team Number 16, Captained by Mike Logwood, topped the list in 1st place with 28.0 points. Joining Mike were Dave Carlson, John Green, John Hunter, John Seaberg, and John Skuchko. Chuck Reynold's Team 22 took the 2nd place honors with 27.0 points consisting of Chuck Henegar, Robert Hughes, Mike Sawyers, Leo Titus and Garnett Williams. We ended the season with a tie for 3rd place with the final standings being determined by their cumulative team scores. The 3rd place winner was Scott Stannard's team 20 with 22.5 points and members John Bumgarner, Evan Feldman, Steve Geraci, David Lowry, and Bob Ponier. Team 14, also with 22.5 points, captured 4th place with members Captain Steve Canale, Doug Downer, Carl Josefson, Ashly Palles, Mel Stahl and Tim Tynan. Taking Fifth Place award was Team 5 also with 20.5 points and members Captain Martin Bongers, Vinnie Bugge, Frank Bullard, Ted Callaway, Raymond Paul and Terry Theodore.

The awards for all the winners will be presented at the Chapter Picnic on Saturday, July 13th. Make plans to come out, congratulate all the shooters, and eat some great food prepared by the Bucky Sills BBQ Team and served up by your Board of Directors.

Thanks to all of the league members for their participation and help in keeping the ranges operating smoothly throughout the season. Special thanks to Pete Bills and Ford Moseley for organizing the work parties and to Hank Waters for his web site work. Bob Brino, Director of Trap and Skeet, also deserves a thank you for all the league members for his gracious hospitality, but especially for keeping the hamburgers flowing every Sunday! Although we are just concluding the 2013 season, the summer will go by quickly and it will once again be time to get ready for the 2014 season – first shoot is already scheduled for 5 January. See the chapter calendar for registered Trap and Skeet tournaments throughout the remainder of this year and don't forget the Crushin' Clays charity trap shoot for St Jude's Children's Research Hospital coming up on Saturday, June 8th.



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June 27, 2012

Mr. Ernie Padgette
President
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Dear Mr. Padgette:

Congratulations! The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Incorporated, Izaak Walton League of America, has been approved as an Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E3) participant in the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP). As an E3 participant, your facility is entitled to the following benefits: public recognition and a single point-of-contact within the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

As in the past, you will be required to report annually to DEQ on progress towards implementation of your environmental management system and pollution prevention program. Your next annual report will be due by April 1, 2013, for calendar year 2012. If you are interested in having a recognition ceremony or requesting a single point-of-contact, please contact me at (804) 698-4344 or sharon.baxter@deq.virginia.gov.

Thanks for your continued participation in the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program!

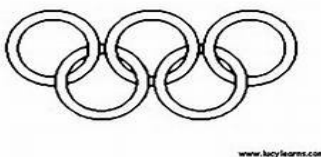
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon K. Baxter".

Sharon K. Baxter, Manager
Office of Pollution Prevention

Enclosure

cc: Thomas A. Faha, Regional Director, Northern Regional Office
NRO Permit Files: N/A



NOVA Sharpshooters –

As I am writing this we have 4 kids, Derya Pekari, Ginny Thrasher, Takek Kosmal, and Daniel Cliff, shooting in the Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs. Three of the four are going to Colorado Springs for the first time. Ginny and Derya are shooting air rifle as I type this, but newsletter deadlines prevent me from getting the final results in this edition. I will give the final results in the next newsletter.

We had another great high school season with 6 teams calling the Arlington Fairfax IWLA air rifle range their home. But one thing has become very apparent; our little 7 point range is too small for our growing program. So we are adding a 100' x 50' addition to the back of the range that will give us 25 official size firing points. This also will allow us to convert the existing range area into storage rooms, classroom, bathrooms, and a waiting area for parents.

Bucky Sills is our general contractor; we have some discount or free work from our architect, and civil engineers. The drawings are about done and we are soon headed to the county for permits. The parents and shooters are ready to start swinging hammers as soon as the permits are approved. The chapter board has approved giving us the capital improvements budget for 2013 and 2014. But, that leaves us short about \$40,000 to finish the project. We have been approved for a \$7,000 grant from the NRA, we have applied for a grant from Safari Club International, and if you hadn't noticed Coach Bucky has been bringing out his BBQ trailer to sell some BBQ sandwiches at new member orientations and our swap meet which has raised about \$2,500 for the project so far. We also have 2 other fund raisers going on right now. First we are selling naming rights to each of the 25 firing points on the range. For \$500 you can have the name of your choice on a plaque behind a firing point. Almost half of them have been sold already. If you would like to buy one contact Tom Pike or Bucky Sills. Our other fundraiser is we are raffling off a Remington 541X .22LR target rifle from the CMP. The retail cost of this rifle is about \$700. Tickets are \$10 each. Contact Tom Pike to buy a ticket.

We will continue to practice on the 7 point range until the new addition is built. Practices are on Mondays from 4:30-8:30PM with Coaches Oscar, Bucky and John or Fridays from 5-9 PM with Coaches Tom and Chuck. Our general rule is kids ages 8 and up, but we will let younger kids shoot as long as they can act safely. For more information contact Tom Pike 703-802-0740 or email Tom.Pike@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

ATTENTION LADIES!!

Calling all wives, girlfriends, daughters, and *pistol packing mamas!*

SOARR (*Sisterhood Of the Air Rifle Range*), a women's auxiliary dedicated to raising funds to build our improved air rifle facility, needs **your** help organizing and staffing fundraising events. This is a great opportunity for us women to have fun while benefitting the Arlington Fairfax Chapter

Izaak Walton League of America!

FUN – FRIENDS – FELLOWSHIP – FUNDRAISING

If interested, please contact Kara von Dresner at (757) 285-7235 or vondresner@hotmail.com

Education and Training hits the road for a week long road trip

The training team from the our Chapter went to the USMC Base at Quantico at the request of the Marksmanship Training Unit to run an NRA instructor certification class from 1 April to 5 April. Participants in the calls went from a LTCOL to a Corporal, but all were already USMC instructors. All were also combat vets and high level competitors. The class was great.



The Chapter takes on new members

The Chapter has had 2 new member orientation so far this year signing about 130 new members so we are seeing new faces, below are a few, getting their 6 hours the hard way, splitting fire wood for next year at rifle and pistol, keep them busy Rick



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Announcing The 2013
Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with
Disabilities

May 11, 2013

Come on out and enjoy a day of fishing and outdoor fun,

Fishing derby in our stocked pond
Awards will be given for most fish caught, biggest fish and smallest.
Prizes awarded to ages 11 and under also 12 and older.

Hay Ride

A good old fashion hay ride

Air Rifle Shooting

Shoot an air rifle under the close supervision of an NRA Certified
Instructor

Archery Shooting

Try your hand at shooting a bow and arrow

NRA 3 Gun Event

NRA staff will debut their new Airsoft 3 Gun Event at our picnic. Be first in line to try this new Airsoft event, which features an Airsoft Rifle, pistol and shotgun, reactive targets and a whole barrel of fun for adults and children alike.

LUNCH will be served at 12:30, hamburgers, hot dogs, potatoes salad, coleslaw, chips, sodas and several desserts.

14708 Mount Olive RD, Centerville VA 20122

Contact: Pam.Meara@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org to register please include # to attend

Oh by the way the cost is \$0.00

Starts at 10:00am to 2:00pm

At 14708 Mount Olive Road, Centerville, VA. 20122

For directions visit our website “arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org”

President's Column

April, 2013

I sometimes wonder how many of our members realize just how special this chapter is. Oh, I suppose dirt is dirt and it wouldn't be all that hard to find 100 or so acres that would fulfill our needs just as well as what we have. But it isn't the actual land that makes this such a very special place. It is, of course, the people who give life to the chapter and turn it into something more than the sum of its parts. And I'd like to tell you a little bit about some of the people who make the chapter what it is.

First of all, we have at least ten to twenty key people who put in an honest 40 hours or more every week, just to keep things running the way they do. People like Doctor Edward Franzosa (Designated Director of Rifle & Pistol), Bob Brino (Designated Director of Skeet and Trap), Randy Hancock (Randy is the guy that actually makes the Rifle and Pistol Range run smoothly, but don't tell Dr. Franzosa), Bucky Sills (Director of Education and Training), Pam Meara (our Secretary and my right arm) and Vice President Tom Ciarula, who has filled that position for more years than I can remember and is always running hard and raising a cloud of dust.

Perhaps not quite so visible are people like Bob Crisman (our Treasurer), Roy Anderson (Target Archery), Dick Riemer (Field Archery), Tom Pike (Youth Activities) and John Seaberg (Conservation); but these people are hard at work most days doing the things that have to be done just to keep things rolling along. But even beyond people like these, there are a lot of very special people running around this chapter.

Rick Kohne is our groundskeeper; but he also organizes the 6 and 8 hour volunteers and keeps an eye on the chapter for us. Wayne Owens and Gilbert Ramey hold no official position within the chapter that I know of, but they're always to be found down near the Field Archery House, helping out with whatever needs doing. Even when he's not doing something with Conservation, John Seaberg backs up Bob Brino at Skeet and Trap, filling in when Bob is traveling. And Bucky Sills fills in his spare hours as Buildings and Grounds Director or producing some of the best BBQ going at all our chapter events. Oh... Bucky also organizes our annual Handicapped Children's Picnic. And how about Director Oscar Starz; who puts in enough time at the Air Rifle Range that I sometimes wonder if he sleeps there? Great people all.

No matter where you look, there are volunteers who make things work. Not all of them serve on the Board of Directors, or play a major part in the chapter's activities. Some of them show up whenever we put the newsletter together, or have a PMOC meeting. Some of them take the trash out, set up the field house for meetings or put chairs away after meetings. They do whatever they have time to do. But the chapter wouldn't work, if they didn't work. And we should all make sure we say "thanks" a bit more often than we do. If they didn't do what they do, we couldn't do what we do.

A few months ago, I told you the story of the rooster and how I came to really, really know the value of a good stick. Well, there was a sequel to that story. It was like this:

A few months after the rooster and I came to our understanding, I was at school and it was time for recess. Now understand, this was the 1950's in rural Georgia. Recess wasn't run quite the same way it is today. A group of us boys were maybe a quarter mile from the school, playing tag in the edge of a group of pine trees. I was pretty quick and agile. That comes with being smaller than most of the other kids, but hey; I was only six years old. Anyhow, I apparently managed to upset one of the other boys. He was a few years older than me, but he wasn't nearly as quick. In fact, the boy was just a bit slow on his feet. And maybe in some other ways. Well, he didn't want to be "it", because he couldn't catch anyone; so he'd be "it" for the rest of the game. He told me not to tag him, so of course I did. I've never really figured out that diplomatic stuff.

Well, that seemed to make the young man angry. And until then, I hadn't ever noticed just how big and healthy looking this young fellow was. He was build like a typical farm lad of the time; which made him just about twice my weight and size. And I had no doubt he was as strong as a horse and nearly as smart. I wasn't too worried about the situation, because there was just no way he could catch me. Unless, of course, he told the other kids to form a circle so I couldn't get away. Which he did. And which they did. We didn't have a lot of entertainment and distractions back then, and a good fight was probably about the most exciting thing going. Only problem was, I didn't much care for fighting; good or otherwise. You see, I've never seen any benefit to be gained from practicing being hurt. And then he started talking about exactly how much he was going to hurt me. And I started getting a little bit scared. I explained, using short words, I would really prefer to forego the whole fight thing; but he seemed adamant the choice wasn't mine.

You may have discerned by now that I figured I had a couple of dozen IQ points in hand when dealing with this young man. And then he did something that proved it beyond all doubt. There was a large stick lying on the ground and he didn't pick it up. I did. The other boys seemed to think this was simply not good form on my part. In fact, one of them tried to take the stick away from me; but after I hit him with it a few times, he lost interest in that little exercise.

And then country boy did what had to be the dumbest thing I'd heard lately. He explained that he intended to visit great pain and suffering upon my body; and if I didn't put the stick down, he would hurt me ever worse. As I said, he wasn't the sharpest tool in the woodshed.

There was a common term we used at the time; one that has since fallen into disuse. The term was "wale"; as in "wale the tar out of something". Well, I proceeded to wale all about his head and shoulders with that big stick. In fact, I hit him hard enough the stick finally broke when I laid it across his forehead for the fourth or fifth time. *Note to self: Remember to hit the soft parts.* But by then he was sitting on the ground and had largely lost interest in the fight;

which seemed strange since I was just getting wound up good. I grabbed his right arm with my left hand; his left arm with my right hand; and his right ear with my incisors. Since that seemed to be working for me, I couldn't think of a good reason to let go. At this point he was making a lot of noise and the blood was starting to get all over everything. The other kids jumped in and tried to pull me off him; but I had a good enough grip with my teeth that that wasn't working real well; for him or them.

How that little old lady teacher got there so fast still puzzles me. Heck, I've never had them respond quickly when I was on the bottom; so why were they always so fast when I was on the top? Nevertheless, she was there and seemed to find severe fault with my tactics; although I thought things were working out pretty well. Anyhow, her main complaints seemed to be that I was smarter than him and it was therefore all my fault; and something about chewing. Whatever. All I know was that was the first and only fight I ever had in that school.

Fun Service Rifle Match

On 11 April 2013 the first match of the year took place. These matches have been a successful long running program of the Arlington-Fairfax chapter. The matches are designed to challenge experienced shooters while giving new shooters a chance to experience a rifle match in a casual environment, competing against shooters of similar experience. We use a modified service rifle format but are more relaxed in what kind of rifle we allow. If you want to shoot your favorite deer rifle as long as it has iron sites, no scope, we will allow it.

Participation in the matches will give you an opportunity to see a wide variety of military rifles in action. While most shooters use some variety of AR, M1 Garands, M1 carbines, M1a and 1903 Springfields are quite common. We have also seen various Enfields, Krag, a Johnson, SKS, AK-47 and even a single shot Trapdoor Springfield.

We shoot in 3 classes which accommodates a range of shooter skills and experience. Our many experienced shooters are generous with their time and advice. Come join us, we shoot the second Thursday of every month April through October. We have a catered barbeque following the October match. Cost is \$5 per match. You will need 50 rounds for the match plus practice/sighting in ammo.

This year's remaining match dates are:

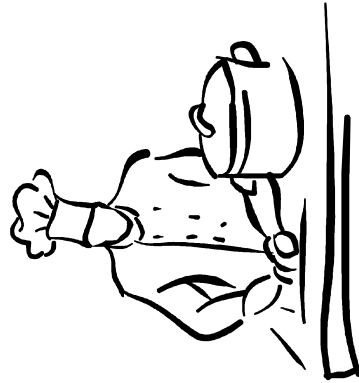
9 May
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11 July
8 August
12 September
10 October

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- ♦ **Pulled Pork BBQ**, (slow cooked for 5 hours)
- ♦ **Beef BBQ**
- ♦ **BBQ Chicken**
- ♦ **Hamburgers & Hot dogs**
- ♦ **Potato Salad / Cole Slaw**
- ♦ **Baked Beans**
- ♦ **Ice Cold Beverages** (including the beer trailer)



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Food & Fun for ALL

Purchase your tickets to a great Day

- ♦ Any of the ranges
- ♦ Field house Office
- ♦ Any Board member

- ♦ Tickets may be purchased on the day of the picnic

NRA 3 Gun Event to debut at ARL
-FX Picnic!!

Ticket Info

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| Members and family..... | \$8.00 |
| Guest..... | \$10.00 |
| Children 6 to 13..... | \$5.00 |
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Bring your family and friends to this great event. We are going to make this picnic the best ever. We will have.

- ♦ Pony Rides
- ♦ Moon Bounce
- ♦ Fields Activities
- ♦ Hay Rides
- ♦ Fishing
- ♦ Horse shoes
- ♦ Fishing (we have some poles or bring your own)
- ♦ Sno Cone Machine (to cool off)
- ♦ Live Country Band Starting at noon

Come out early and enjoy **your** chapter, take a walk, do some fishing, Play Games or JUST RELAX

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Annual Family Picnic

Saturday July 13, 2013

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