

# **Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc.**

Izaak Walton League of America

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## NEWSLETTER

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### New look for our old Flag Pole

AFC member Bob Warhurst, just got tired of seeing the old cracking concrete base of the old flag pole, and donated a new custom built stone one to the chapter. It looks great, when you see him around tell him THANKS



### Chapter Election Results

The following were elected for the next 2 years:

President.....Erine Padgett

Secretary.....Pam Meara

Membership.....Tom Tobey

Director Rifle/Pistol.....Dr. Ed Franzosa

Youth Programs.....Thomas Pike

Directors At Large



Randy Handcock

Carl Armstrong

Benn Crandell

Chuck Green

Our Chapter has over 2200 members. 184 cast their vote, did you ????

Please remember speed limit on chapter property is

# 10 MPH



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### 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

### Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field House

All members welcome

### Attend your chapter meetings

#### Regular Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field house



## Crush'n Clays **Scores Again!**

A sell out crowd of 120 shooters participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Crush'n Clays on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the IWLA in Centreville, Virginia. Over the last 14 years Crush'n Clays has raised \$265,000 and after this event we expect to add \$16,000 - \$18,000 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 Fishnet Security, Source Fire and Suburban Electric. Jim Hickerson, owner of Suburban Electric, is an Arlington-Fairfax IWLA member, shoots in the winter shotgun league, and is an accomplished skeet shooter. A big shout out to Jim, one of our own, for his support of Crush'n Clays.

As always, the Annie Oakley drew a huge number of participants. Many participants entered the event multiple times resulting in with well 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. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Bucky Sills, 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, once again, being the 2013 Crush'n Clays Champion. J.R.'s has won this event several times with a perfect score. If he keeps this up, we may have to retire the plaque!

The remaining individual class winners were:

Class A – Don Sipes  
Class B – David Pearson  
Class C – Frank Bullard  
Class D – Tim Walthall

Tim Tynan

3rd Place – NRA – 126  
Bill Poole  
Don Sipes  
Samantha Olsen  
Anna Poff

In the team competition the results were,

1st Place -Piedmont- Score 137  
J.R. Wingfield  
Lu Charette  
Mark Charette  
Andrea Smith  
2nd place – Suburban Electric – 133  
Ashly Palles  
Mark Scott  
Brian Hickerson  
Jim Hickerson

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, Fishnet Security, Source Fire, Suburban Electric Corporation, Dominick Casciano, Everfresh, Vienna Septic Services and all the volunteers whose tireless efforts made the event a great success.

## 2013 Crush-in Clays



Many thanks to Steve Canale and all others who help organize and run this event



## **CUB RUN BUCKBUSTERS 3-D SHOOT: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

With the start of the Fall deer archery hunting season you will not want to miss this VBA 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 during this time of year. Come on out and have some fun, bring the whole family and friends. 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](mailto: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.

### **Shooting Reminder**

**Only shoot broadheads into a broadhead target!** If you shoot a broadhead into a field point target you may find yourself purchasing that target. If you do not know the difference between the two kinds of target butts on the range please ask someone at the range before you start shooting. These target butts cost IWLA members \$300 - \$350 each. Help us get the most life out of each target butt as possible.

## Deer Processing Station

For all the IWLA deer hunters who would like to process their own deer, the deer processing station is twenty yards off the Cub Run Deck. The area is lighted with running water from a garden hose located by the deck entrance. You will need to bring trash bags with you for proper disposal of all parts of the carcass. **When finished be sure to wash the area down completely putting all remains in plastic bags before going into any dumpster.**

## Archery 101 Session

On Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> a group of 58 IWLA members with an interest in archery came out and participated in our introduction archery class that took place in the indoor archery range. With the current tight supply and high cost of firearm ammunition many members are trying archery. If you missed our last class, the next introduction to archery class will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the indoor archery range. We have the bows and arrows..... All you need to do is show up. For registration please email: Hank DiToro at [hdi-toro7@yahoo.com](mailto:hdi-toro7@yahoo.com) or phone 703-667-0073. For children's registration please include their age.





## A.F. - I.W.L.A. 2013 SCHOLARSHIP

In 1993, the Board of Directors of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America established its Environmental Sciences scholarship as a means of demonstrating the Chapter's concern for the environment and for the young people of the tri-county (Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William) area. The scholarship is for a total of 4 years at a value of \$3,000 per year paid directly to the applicant's institution of higher learning in support of their degree in Environmental Sciences or a related field. The scholarship committee of the Chapter reviews the applications submitted each April and makes its recommendation to the Board of Directors on the basis of the applicant's academic achievement, financial need, environmental activities and achievements and the individual character of the applicant. The 2013 Environmental Sciences scholarship has been awarded to Alycia Bouchard, who recently graduated from Washington-Lee High School. Alycia will be majoring in Environmental Studies and will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall. Scholarship committee chairman David Dobbins said that Alycia's academic credentials, maturity and commitment to Environmental Studies makes her a most deserving recipient of the scholarship.

### NEWS FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

From Carlyn Scott our 2009 winner:

Mr. Dobbins,

As you are aware, I have just graduated from Eckerd College with a double major in Marine Science and French. I am newly employed at the Florida Aquarium as an education instructor and will be moving to St Petersburg, FL for a year until I decide on which graduate school I will attend as I wish to pursue restoration ecology. I am grateful for all of the support your organization has awarded me over my 4 years in college, and I would like to thank you sincerely.

Thank you,  
Carlyn Scott

From Liana Epstein our 2010 winner:

I cannot believe that I sit here at the end of my third year at Yale University. I sat in this position last year in wonder at how my sophomore year could have topped my initial year at Yale. I am delighted to say that this year has bested the past two as well. New enriching opportunities arise daily, and as I develop relationships and contacts within Yale, I am able to take full advantage of these and develop as a student and holistically as a person.

I had a more substantial course load this year as I continue to focus in on my environmental studies major. I learned about the fundamental processes in the atmosphere and oceans that affect the climate and environmental change. It is important to realize how all of these cycles and mechanisms work in order to prevent and understand the human impact on our earth. I took two seminars, both closely related to my major. In Biological Oceanography, I glimpsed into how the oceans have changed over time from both the biological perspective, as well as current issues such as fishery management and coral reef bleaching. I took a small seminar called Political Ecology in which we discussed how to use multiple disciplines including science, anthropology, culture, and many more to make decisions on how to manage the environment. Additionally, I took a course on how infectious diseases can affect an entire ecosystem and change population dynamics.

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Another passion I have is food. I enjoy cooking, improvising with new recipes, and delight in melding flavors together to create something new. I was fortunate to take two classes this year that allowed me to incorporate this interest and progress as a student. In an English class entitled "Writing about Food," I learned how to craft an essay, and was able to communicate my personal connection to food; for example, I wrote an essay about the significance of my father and I always baking strawberry rhubarb together and how it has been a consistent part of my life, despite many other inconsistencies. The other course was the Psychology, Biology, and Politics of Food which used many disciplines to understand society's relationship and perceptions of food. These both taught me a great deal and advanced me as a communicator and critical thinker.

I am pleased to say that I am happier here than I have ever been. I am learning more than I could have ever imagined, engaging on a regular basis with brilliant students and faculty, and still finding to truly enjoy life and being young. The continued financial support of this organization makes this possible. So I thank you again for making an investment in me!

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time

From Megan Gottfried our 2011 winner:

After another year at Virginia Tech, I have become even more confident that the studies I have chosen to pursue are right for me. My major in Geography has expanded my curriculum to include classes also in political science and writing. I have also officially added Urban Forestry as a minor, and am extremely interested in combining these two subjects to work with urban parks or nature centers. Included in my forestry studies are a lot of hands on, outdoor classes, such as Dendrology, which I found extremely interesting. My appreciation for the surrounding environment has only grown and I am loving that my studies are taking place outdoors because it applies the material to real life surroundings and never gets boring. I have been incredibly successful this past school year, and made above a 3.35 GPA both for the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 semester. I hope that this success continues as I really start to get into field intensive classes, and I appreciate the continued support to do so.

From Madeline Ryan our 2012 winner:

I want to say first and foremost that I would like to extend my gratitude for the scholarship that this organization has awarded me. With the scholarship, I was able to study and work hard through my first year at Virginia Tech without having to worry about financial burdens. Adjusting to college was difficult at first because I did not know

what the classes or my peers would be like. After the first few tests, I learned valuable study skills and learned that it was beneficial to establish relationships with the professors so that I could go to them for help if needed. I was initially worried about social life too, but luckily I made many good friends through my living-learning community, Da Vinci. In Da Vinci, I lived with and took classes with other life science students. This proved to be very helpful because we formed study groups and we could help tutor each other. I also had the chance to experience the Blacksburg area, where Virginia Tech is located. Blacksburg is located between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains, and provided many opportunities for me to go hiking in the area. I loved my first year of college, and I already consider Virginia Tech my second home. Thank you so much for your support and I look forward to going back to Tech in the fall!



## Recycling at Rifle-Pistol Range

The chapter recycles various metals at the Rifle-Pistol Range. The most common recycled material is aluminum cans. Our soda machines dispense beverages in aluminum cans. We expect all people (members and their guests) to recycle the soda cans rather than just dropping the cans in the trash. Raw aluminum is extracted from its ore (bauxite) by an electrochemical process which is inherently polluting. By recycling aluminum metal we can save approximately 90% of the energy required compared to the production of new raw aluminum ingots. Aluminum trash is unsightly and attracts stinging insects. We have a can crusher at the entrance to the firing line at the Rifle-Pistol Range and a white plastic drum to store the crushed cans. When our storage drums are full we take the aluminum cans to a metal cycling plant. The money from this recycling is used to help operate the range. **Do your part in this effort by always crushing your aluminum cans.** If you see that someone else has thrown an aluminum can in trash, go the extra step and crush the can yourself. It is part of our obligation as IWLA members to help protect the environment and this is a very easy part in that process.

We also recycle brass cartridge cases. The cases from fired .22 caliber rimfire rounds and from Berdan primed centerfire rounds are useful sources of brass that can be recycled. The rimfire and Berdan primed brass are often discarded as trash. **Instead that brass should ALWAYS be placed in the green metal boxes that are located at the entrance to the Rifle-Pistol Range firing line.** Every shooter at the

range is RESPONSIBLE for collecting his fired brass and properly disposing of the fired brass. A lot of the shooters at the range seem to think that fired rimfire brass is invisible trash or acceptable ornaments on the range floor. **NOT SO!** As with aluminum cans recycled brass can be reused in metal remanufacturing and saves energy as compared the newly extracted metals. Also recycling fired brass is another obligation that is part of your use of the Rifle-Pistol Range and being a responsible IWLA member.

We are now looking into methods by which we can reclaim the lead from fired rounds that impact the rear berm. Some recent testing indicates that each square of the rear berm surface contains approximately ½ pound of lead mixed with fragmented, torn copper jackets and gilding alloy. The whole rear berm totals approximately 5 tons of mangled lead bullets and copper jackets. The first problem is separating this lead material from the dirt in the rear berm. That is a large exercise in digging and mechanically processing the berm dirt.

The high velocity impact means that the resulting lead material is intimately mixed with dirt and small stone fragments. If we can somehow process the berm dirt in an economical manner, it is our intention to let chapter members recycle the lead mixture into new projectiles for reloading purposes. (We do not intend to smelt the lead material into pure metal ingots—the lead material will be provided free on an as-is basis IF we can figure out how to separate it economically from the berm dirt.)

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## Help build the new Air Rifle Range Addition

The site plan has been submitted to Fairfax County for approval and the architectural plans are ready for submission. We finally have the process moving along. We are continuing with our fundraising efforts.

We now have T-shirts and 20oz cups for sale with all proceeds going to help fund the new addition. So please show your support and purchase one today!!!!

*I Helped Build The*



**Air Rifle Range Addition**

"Arlington Fairfax Chapter"  
Izaak Walton League of America

Contact Bucky Sills 703-830-0458

## 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 CAN-NOT 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 week-end. 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.

Dr Ed, CRO



## From our President



Sometimes, the simplest concepts can be difficult to explain properly. I was trying to explain to my grandson the importance of developing a good set of basic habits. These are habits which simplify and aid your life. For me, the concept is very simple: “If it works, keep doing it until it doesn’t work any more”. For an organization, these habits are codified in a set of rules, procedures or regulations. These become organizational habits of a sort, and assist in keeping every one from straying off the beaten path when they’re rushed, confused or in unfamiliar territory. For me personally, these things can best be summed up pretty simply: “Find things that work, and keep on doing them as long as they work well”. And those things become habits.

When I was sixteen, a pretty long legged blonde told me “I love the smell of Old Spice aftershave. You could take a bath in it as far as I’m concerned”. So, for me, Old Spice worked. Got it. Well, that was fifty years ago. Throughout my life, Old Spice seemed to work just fine; so I still use Old Spice. Had I run into a string of women who didn’t like Old Spice, I would have made a change. Well, actually, there was one lady who didn’t care for Old Spice. So, I made a change. Changed out the lady, that is. But the next young lady liked Old Spice, so I’ve never seen a reason to change aftershaves. And, throughout my life, the time I have spent shopping for aftershave probably amounts to a grand total of five or six minutes. Old Spice; no confusion; no time wasted; no time spent worrying about the subject; it works; keep doing it. Now, there was once this other long legged blonde who liked a particular brand of men’s cologne for evening wear. Okay; got it. Supplement the Old Spice with that cologne and press on. And today that cologne sits in my bathroom cabinet. Fortunately, the blonde who became my lovely bride liked both; so no

need for any significant change to my brand of toiletries.

Now, I’m not so hidebound by tradition that I won’t make a change if something better comes along. For example, a new type of razor came along; one with double blades and a swiveling head. That new technology seemed to make sense to me, so I bought a new razor. It worked; and so I made the change. Admittedly, that was in 1973; and I still use that forty year old Atra razor each morning. It works; and I’ll stick with it until something better comes along. True, they stopped making Atra razors a couple of decades ago; but don’t worry. I still have two new, unused Atra razors and a ten year supply of blades in a drawer. But the point is, I do make changes when the situation calls for it.

Along the way, I kept finding ways of doing things that worked and simplified my life. I figured the less time I had to spend on mundane, every day things, the more time I had to spend on things that really mattered. Like blondes. But these habits helped me save time and avoid the frustration of trying to figure out different ways of solving the same old problems. I used to get frustrated trying to find a matching pair of socks in the morning; when the light is dim and, often-times, I am as well. So, today I buy socks in lots of at least 15 pair, and in black, brown and white only. The black socks go in one drawer, the brown and white socks in another. If a black sock gets a hole in it, no big deal; and no waste either. The bad sock gets tossed and the remaining sock becomes a spare. Since all the black socks are the same, I’ll need the spare eventually. When I get low on black socks, I go buy a batch of new black socks. And I spend zero time looking for a matching pair of the correct color.

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I don't like spending time in a store looking for things; especially if I'm not sure exactly what it is I'm looking for. For many years, I had to wear a suit and tie to work each day. I have a hard time figuring out what tie goes with what shirt and coat; especially when I'm trying to make those decisions early in the morning after a late night. So, I found a way to avoid the problem. I simply walked into Sears and told the lady "Show me some white shirts. Okay; this brand will do. I want five shirts with a standard collar, and five with a button down collar; size 16-1/2, 34-35". Five minutes total, I'm out the door and no more decisions. I went home and tossed out all the dress shirts in the closet. When a shirt became worn, it got tossed and there was another on the rack just like it. When I had less than five shirts left, I spent another five minutes shopping at Sears. Life was simple and easy; and I had more time to concentrate on the things in life that mattered. Like blondes.

Then things changed. One day I noticed that all the blondes in my life had somehow become one blonde. And she seemed to be around all the time. Well, she was really, really cute; and she treated me really, really well. Besides, it worked. Simplify and go with what works, right? Then one day, she came in from shopping with a handful of new dress shirts for me. One was blue, one was striped, one was checked and I don't even know how to describe some of them. None of them looked anything like the others. But she said "These will look really good on you". Now I have trouble even finding two shirts that look anything like each other; and I have at least three dozen ties and no foggy idea which tie goes with what shirt. Fortunately, the process is still pretty simple. I put on a shirt and tie and she says "You are NOT going to wear that out in public". And then she picks out a different shirt and a different tie and a different suit and a different pair of shoes for me. Then one day she was shopping for a new pair of shoes for her, and she said "These shoes will look really nice on you". Life is still simple and I still don't have to spend a lot of time making decisions; but I sometimes have this nagging feeling that something isn't quite the same as it was. But it is really, really nice.

Now, at Arlington-Fairfax, we have a speed limit on chapter property of ten miles per hour. We have the speed limit because it keeps the dust down and we have a lot of people walking around the chapter property. Cars and pedestrians don't mix well when the cars are going fast; and we often observe cars running at 30 MPH and higher. We have signs posted telling people to slow down, but they don't seem to be doing the job. And when we talk to the people doing the speeding, the answer usually seems to be "But I'm in a hurry", or something similar. And, on occasion, members have acted aggressively when some one has reminded them of the speed limit and asked them to please slow down. So, time for a change. I'm not sure exactly what we're going to do; but if the problem continues there will be repercussions. This has been a subject for discussion among the Board of Directors numerous times; and we've discussed it at Membership Meetings.

**BE AWARE: THE SPEED LIMIT ANYWHERE ON CHAPTER PROPERTY IS 10 MPH. PLEASE SLOW DOWN.**

## **2013 Handicapped Children's Fishing Derby:**

Sometimes it is hard to avoid the conclusion that some one in a very high place is watching out for us. We have our Handicapped Children's Fishing Derby each spring, usually in May; and in my memory we have had an almost unbroken string of excellent weather for the event. This year I was a little worried. When we were setting up, we had a drizzling rain and things weren't looking very good at all. The event was scheduled to start at 10:00, and promptly at 10:00, the rain stopped. The weather was great for the event; and, as always, every one had a great time. We finished up around 2:00; cleaned up; and as I was driving away, the clouds opened up. As I said; some one in a very high place.... Thanks to Bucky Sills, Pam Meara and a host of volunteers, including my lovely bride, a good time was had by all.



**PATRIOT'S PATH**  
F O U N D A T I O N

## 5th Annual “Pull For Our Heroes” Trap Shoot

Hosted by the  
Arlington/Fairfax Chapter IWLA, Centreville, VA

**9/21/2013**

Registration – 8:00 am Competition begins – 9:00 am  
**Individual and Team Competition - 100 Targets – Regular and Handicap**  
**Lunch Served following the Shoot**

**Teams Compete for the Patriot's Trophy**



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## Greetings Fellow Arlington Fairfax Chapter Members

This is now the relatively quiet season for Membership issues. We are full and will not be accepting any new members until March 2014. People can still contact us and get on the list of interested prospects, but nobody will be getting any invitations to come to a PMOC until late January for the class on 1 March 2014.

I expect (subject to change) that next year our 2014 PMOC classes will be:

1 March (Saturday morning 9 AM)

3 April (Thursday evening 7:30 PM)

3 May (Saturday morning 9 AM)

7 June (Saturday morning 9 AM)

We are still expecting a Membership Meeting to change the bylaws to include the late fee starting on 1 January each year and being set to \$50. That means you get charged the late fee if your renewal is postmarked 1 January or later each year. You still do not get dropped from rolls until 1 March each year, but it makes the process more gradual. Be smart – renew early – your renewal form is available both through the newsletter and through the web site. For sure, get your renewals in before 2013 becomes 2014, or you get to pay more. We don't object if you want to donate more money to the club, but we really do much prefer that you renew on time each year.

Since we are full with more than two hundred new members as usual, we have a lot of people running around with square temporary badges who will be unfamiliar with the details of our procedures. Many people on our ranges contend we go through our training materials too quickly to familiarize people with everything they need to know about being on THEIR RANGE. They are correct; we focus more than half of our time on gun safety issues, as you know, and still keep things to half a day. So when you see people with square temporary badges, be willing to work with them on familiarizing them with the correct procedures for each range they use.

We specifically want them to try everything out. Think of this as your chance to win more converts to YOUR PREFERRED AREA, not as a chore teaching newbies the right way to be on that particular part of our facility. It may have been more than half a century, but you were new once as well. Be friendly and work with them, so when they finish their hours and have regular round badges, they will be good stewards of our facilities and good emissaries to the other people they will bring as guests and new members when their turns come. Take care and I will look forward to spending more time on the ranges myself for a change. See you there.

Jim Showalter  
Membership Chairman

## Hen House at the Pond

On 26 May 2013, Bear Den 3 of Cub Scout Pack 1859 installed a mallard duck Hen House at Izaak Walton Arlington-Fairfax chapter pond. The Cub Scouts had the requirement to build a bird house. In the past, they have built bird and bat house. This year, they wanted to do something different. The artificial nesting structure met the requirement and helps the duck population expand.



Using directions provided by Delta waterfowl, Cub Scouts Salvatore Del Vecchio and James Matthesen created wire cylinders lined with hay. Then they mounted the cylinders on steel posts. With the help of their dads Jeff and Shep respectively, they erected the Hen House in our pond.













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