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Proposed Bylaws Change

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II INITIATION FEES and DUES, PARAGRAPH 4. NON-PAYMENT, SUB PARAGRAPHS a. & b. changed to read as follows:

a. Time Limit. Any member other than a new applicant who does not pay the annual membership dues by March 1st January 1st of each year shall be dropped from the Chapter rolls; except that any member may petition the Board of Directors for an alternate payment schedule. However, any member accepted for an alternate pay payment schedule shall make each payment no later than 15 days following the date due or the member shall be dropped from the chapter rolls.

b. Reinstatement. Any previous year member who does not pay the annual membership dues by December 31 January 1st or does not have an approved payment schedule by March 1st January 1st and who desires to continue membership in the Chapter may pay the full annual dues amount, plus a processing fee of \$25.00. at any time during the membership year. Any renewal after March 1st January 1st shall be subject to the Chapter membership limitation.

This proposed amendment was voted on and passed at the Board of Directors meeting January 7, 2014. This proposed amendment will be presented for vote to the general membership at the February 18th general membership meeting.

This proposed change will better serve our current membership, volunteers, membership staff, and prospective new members by providing timely turnaround of both current membership renewals and planning for the Proposed Member Orientation Classes.

Tom Tobey

Membership Chairman

Arlington-Fairfax IWLA

All Members IMPORTANT
Please READ the above

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

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

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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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Chapters Web-site

www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

Attend your chapter meetings

Regular Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field house



ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX IWLA MEMBERSHIP

Please be aware that chapter dues for 2014 were due December 31, 2013. For future reference, the late renewal deadline of March 1st. of the following year will be proposed to the Board to be shortened by at least 30 days. This change will better serve our current members, volunteers, part time Membership Staff, and prospective new members. Currently we're working as fast as we can. Don't call or email. Answering just puts the staff further behind -- unless there is a problem.

Tom Tobey
Membership Chairman

National Capital Chapter of Safari Club International makes donation to Air Rifle Range Project at The Arlington Fairfax Chapter of Izaak Walton League.

Santa came early on December 3rd with a donation to the Air Rifle Range project of AFC IWLA.

National Capital Chapter of SCI (NCC SCI) Vice President Don Toenshoff, Jr. was joined by NCC Director Howard Isenberg in presenting a check for \$1,000 to AFC-IWLA Director-Education Bucky Sills for purposes of the air rifle range expansion.

"One of NCC SCI's goals is to educate youth, sportsmen and the public in conservation of our wildlife and our forests --- a core guiding principle of both organizations. This modest donation is in line with our goals as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, consistent with our charitable purposes, in driving this objective." noted Don Toenshoff while presenting the check.

AFC Bucky Sills thanked NCC SCI for their recognition of this important youth training facility.

In closing, AFC President Ernie Padgett noted, "There are many common objectives of both organizations in conservation and protection of natural resources. We thank NCC SCI for this contribution".

For more information of NCC SCI: www.scicapitalchapter.org

The Chapter and Rick lend a hand where needed



Through our friends at VFW Post 8469 we found out about a Wounded Warrior in Manassas Park that needed some help. Jonny D lost a leg in combat and recently had to have the other leg removed. He needed to add a wheelchair ramp to his house. He had a design, the materials were donated and he had friends to do the actual construction, but the effort to dig 20 holes, 24 inches deep for the support posts was daunting. A quick trip for our tractor with post hole digger and nice smooth holes that are plumb was the result.

Thomas Ciarula

Chapter Christmas Party, One more great event

I was not intimately involved with the Christmas party so I don't know all of the folks to recognize and thank for their efforts. However, several people have asked that special recognition be given to the ladies staffing the kitchen.

CRA's Social Director Terry Perry supported by Debbie Henningsen and Linda Riemer prepared meals for forty children, their families and the volunteers (an approximate total of 250 meals). These ladies were thrown a curve when initially only a few families showed and it appeared that the party was going to be a bust. Re-signing themselves to the bust, the ladies began the cleanup and were almost done when the remainder of the children and families showed up. In a panicky response, the ladies began re-heating food, supplementing sides and serving the meals. In the end all meals were served without anyone being aware of the frantic efforts of the kitchen staff.

All is well that ends well. The ladies literally beam with pride and satisfaction when they talk about serving the children again this Christmas.

For well over ten years, Carl Armstrong has chaired the Christmas party and over that time a number of individuals have contributed far more than just a day or two. They start planning, buying, and organizing in late September and work up to and after the party.

In addition to the ladies of the kitchen, Brian Talbot works with Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue, organizes and handles transportation of families to and from the party, and arranges for the fire truck to bring Santa. Danny Whitacre plays with and organizes singing group and band, from Fairfax Circle Baptist Church.

Amanda and Bryan Miller are in charge of gift buying. Amanda organizes the volunteer gift buyers and wrappers, and does the shopping herself, for more than 20 kids. Bryan helps her with all of it, and has been helping at the party for several years, even before he was a member.

These are just a few of the stories of our volunteers' contributions. Similar stories could be related for each of the following volunteers

Jamie Armstrong
Wade Bailey
Alex Beiro
John Benton
Frank Boyko
Harold Chadsey
Michael Coyne
Octavio Fiallo
Angie Green
Henry Gregory
Linda Lavery
Bill Martin
Mark Matusiak
Wayne Owens
Ellen Pashiardis

Jim Pont
Gilbert Ramey
Krystle Rose
Jim Smith (Smitty)
Oscar Starz (and Oscar's neighbor, who helps ever year, but is not a member)
Dean Storm
Don Toenshoff (Santa)
Amber Tomasch
Brooke Vanentine
Barb Vanich
Gerhard Voegler
Monica Voegler
David Wilson
Matt Wilson

My sincere apology to anyone that I may have missed and on behalf of the children thank you all.

Don't forget to check out the Chapters Web site:

Arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

FROM FIELD ARCHERY

Cub Run Archers would like to extend a warm welcome and 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 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 equipment to perform those tasks. We especially would like to encourage youth participation and have a great many youth bows that young shooters may practice with to develop their skills. The cost to join Cub Run Archers is only \$15 per year. Though you don't need to be a member of Cub Run Archers to use the facilities, we have a monthly newsletter and several dinners and picnics throughout the year and attendance at even one of these would easily be worth the annual membership. If you are interested, please contact Robert D'Imperio, Secretary, Cub Run Archers, 13490 Edge Rock Ct. Chantilly, Va. 20151. You may email Bob at robbyrayd@yahoo.com as well. The outdoor facilities are available to any members in good standing of the IWLA. We have a practice range with target butts at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 yards. These are lighted as well if you would like to shoot in the evenings. There is also crossbow station with a movable bag target for field points only and a broadhead target for broadhead shooting. 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.

Indoor Archery Range Open for Evening Shooting

The indoor archery range is open for evening and Sunday afternoon shooting thru the end of March, 2014. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings 6:30pm till 9:30pm and Sunday afternoons 1:00pm till 4:00pm. All IWLA members are welcome to use the range. This is an excellent opportunity for all you Fairfax County bow hunters to keep your shooting at peak performance throughout

Cub Run Winter Classic

If you shoot a bow, you will not want to miss this event. On Sunday March 30th our yearly 3D winter classic shoot will take place on our 28 target outdoor range. This is a scheduled VBA shoot. Registration is between 9am and 1pm for all shooters. This shoot is open to all, make it a family day. Our snack bar will be open to serve hot sandwiches, chili, and snacks for a small fee.

Cub Run Pin Shoot

On Sunday April 27th is our Pin Shoot. A 28 target scheduled VBA shoot. Registration is between 9am and 1pm for all shooters. Our snack bar will be open, make it another great family day at the archery range.

Archery 101 Class

On Sunday, April 13th starting at 1:00pm, in the indoor archery range, Cub Run Archers will be hosting a class for those 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 arows..... all you need to do is show up. To register for this class please email Dick Riemer, rriemer@cox.net or by phone 703-543-8585. For children's registration please include their age. The class will be limited to 35 so do not wait too long to register.



Santa arriving to the chapter Christmas party

2014 Winter Skeet and Trap League Kicks Off January 5th

The highly popular Winter Skeet and Trap League began the 2014 season on Sunday, 5 January with an enthusiastic day of shooting despite a persistent cold drizzle that fell for most of the day. The league is dedicated to the memory of Colonel Birt Kidwell who was an institution within our chapter and a perpetual league shooter. Most of the teams from last year returned for another try at fame and glory, with a several new shooters joining as well. As for the past several years, we again fielded a full complement of 28 teams and 168 shooters. The league format includes match, team and individual competition over six skeet and six trap shoots for each team running every Sunday through March. Awards are presented in conjunction with the annual Chapter Picnic.

In preparation for the start of the season, league members volunteered their time to on the Saturday preceding the first shoot to perform a myriad of chores around the range. These range from moving boxes of targets into the trap houses to grounds maintenance to general housekeeping in the clubhouse. Keeping the trap houses supplied with targets is a constant challenge. Last season, the winter league members shot at over 100,000 targets, equating to approximately 750 boxes weighing over 9 tons. Pete Bills has again stepped up to organize weekly clean up details, and The success of the league is dependent on all the members contributing their time, so thanks go out to these individuals and many more who routinely pitch in.

Team awards are again being determined in two distinct categories: weekly match point competition between two teams; and cumulative team score over the entire season. The first category rewards the ability to prevail in head to head match ups each week, while the second category rewards consistent performance over long haul. Individual awards include High Skeet, High Trap and High Overall raw averages over the entire season.

Unlike last year, the weather so far this winter has included some early snow falls, but we are optimistic that we can make it through the season without having cancel any scheduled matches. Shooting in snow is OK, driving in the snow is not! Welcome to the shooters new to the league this year and welcome back to all the old hands. Keep your head down, your eye on the target and be safe!



President's Column

You may have noticed the speed bumps are back. I'm already getting a few questions about why the speed bumps were reinstalled; so I want to take a few minutes to answer some of the more common questions.

Question: Why do we need speed bumps on a stretch of privately owned gravel road, less than a mile in length?

Answer: Because the several installed 10 MPH speed limit signs, which we had intended to double as a combined reading and IQ test, obviously aren't large enough and bright enough to draw sufficient attention.

Question: Why are the speed bumps as high as they are?

Answer: Actually, they are what we had on hand. And anything higher would have been a special order item and therefore rather expensive.

Question: Do you realize how annoying they are?

Answer: There's an obvious answer, but... Yes; but they are actually somewhat less annoying than having cars pass by less than two feet away, doing 20 – 30 MPH, as you walk along the road.

Question: Do you know the speed bumps can cause damage to your vehicle?

Answer: Not until you get above two or three times the posted speed limit.

Question: Couldn't you have found a better solution to the problem?

Answer: Actually, I have to say yes. My personal favorite was to place small piles of throwing size rocks along the road; but the Board of Directors disagreed. And the automatic gyro-stabilized aiming system, megawatt lazer was just way too expensive.

The simple fact is that we have had a number of close calls, lately; close calls between vehicles going well above the posted speed limit and pedestrians going about their proper business working or simply walking along the road. And those among us who have spoken to the offending drivers are tired of getting the arguments and outright bad attitude displayed by some of those drivers. The very worst area for speeding is directly across the street from the Rifle and Pistol Range; right in front of the Air Rifle Range, where children and young people can be found most days. We really are sorry for the inconvenience; but until all our members and guests can be counted on to obey the rules, we all have to suffer the consequences.

A member who gave back

On a brighter note, last summer one of our members presented me with a complete muzzle loading rifle and all the equipment needed to equip and maintain it. He had no use for the rifle, since he doesn't hunt; and he didn't want to see it go to waste. He knew I am often involved in teaching young people to hunt; so he asked me to use the rifle to teach a new hunter the right way to go about things.

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Last year (2012/2013 hunting season), I had spent some time working with a young man named Sawyer. His father had asked me to teach Sawyer about hunting and shooting. I tried to pass along what little I know about hunting; how to move slowly in the woods; how and when to stay still; what the wind means when you're hunting; how to tell the difference in noises; what hunting ethically really means; and all the myriad little things we old hunters do almost automatically.

This past hunting season, we spent a lot of time together; learning how to use a muzzleloader; what to do and not to do. And, I'm happy to report Sawyer did well. He harvested two nice deer; and both are now in the family freezer. Less that amount already consumed, of course. So thanks to our unnamed member and his desire to pass along what he could to future generations, we now have another hunter. Sawyer is now at the point I feel comfortable having him alongside me in the woods. He's always been a good kid; and now he's a good hunter. And next year, I'll hunt alongside his younger brother; who will use the same rifle. Thanks, buddy; you did well.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse in any land

Ignorantia juris non excusat or ignorantia legis neminem excusat (Latin for "ignorance of the law does not excuse" or "ignorance of the law excuses no one") is a legal principle holding that a person who is unaware of a law may not escape liability for violating that law merely because he or she was unaware of its content. (Wikipedia)

Thought for the day: The Constitution of the United States names only three Federal Offenses: Treason, Piracy and Counterfeiting. Today, the Federal Criminal Code is somewhere over twenty-seven thousand pages and increasing regularly. If you are capable of reading and understanding the code at a rate of five minutes per page, it will only take you a little over three months (assuming you read for twenty-four hours a day) to do a first reading. If you read for only six hours a day, it will take you just over a year. Better get started.



WINNER

Winner of the Rifle Raffle we were holding as a fundraiser for the addition to the air rifle range was Patrick Glynn, IWLA member, very active shooter, very active with the Education and Training team at the Chapter, and just a all around good guy. You are so lucky.....

We want to thank every one for their support in our efforts and just to let everyone one know we have more rifle to raffle so look for us..

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