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# NEWSLETTER

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## 2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE DECEMBER 31, 2015

The 2016 Chapter membership renewal deadline is not that far away. As in past years, members have had until December 31 to renew without penalty. Any renewals postmarked after Jan. 1, 2016, will be considered late and subject to a \$40 late fee penalty.

In addition to the \$40 late fee penalty, a renewal received after the deadline is subject to the new rates approved in August at the monthly membership meeting. Late renewal applications will be returned if you have not submitted the correct amount. So, don't delay. Remember that late renewals will not guarantee you a membership slot for 2016.

For your convenience the 2016 Renewal Form, Member Release and Instructions are included as an insert in this issue of the newsletter. Last issue also included the insert.

You can also print the forms off our website at:

www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/membership/2016% 20Renewal%20Statement%20Form.pdf

if you are a new member who joined in 2015 and have not completed your six hours of volunteer work, you will NOT receive your range qualification badge until your volunteer hours are complete. Once you've completed your volunteer work, bring in the completed, signed form to the office to receive your range qualified badge. As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, Chapter Field House Office Hours are 1-9 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday, and all other Tuesdays the hours are 1-4 p.m.

**Steve Landry** Membership Director

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

# TREASURER NEEDS ASSISTANCE

The Treasurer needs assistance to complete conversion of the Chapter's accounting system from Quicken to If you have a working QuickBooks. knowledge QuickBooks. please of contact Bob Crisman Bob.Crisman@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org You will receive eight hours of volunteer \$50 work worth off vour next membership renewal.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

We need people, particularly those with financial management experience, to conduct the annual review of the Chapter's financial records. The by-laws call for a review to be conducted annually by a committee selected by the Chapter President and to present it's report to both the Board of Directors and the members. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Treasurer, Bob Crisman, by e-mail to <a href="mailto-Bob.Crisman@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org">Bob.Crisman@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org</a> or call 540-338-7316. Oh, by the way, you'll receive credit for eight hours of volunteer work worth \$50 off your next membership renewal.

## Important contact information

#### **Chapter Officers**

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#### **Chapter Directors**

| Chapter Directors               |               |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Target Archery                  |               |  |  |  |  |
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| Cub Run Archers                 |               |  |  |  |  |
| your name here                  | your phone #. |  |  |  |  |

## Field house phone numbers

| Chapter Field house        | 703-631-4495  |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Rifle & Pistol Field house | .703-631-4496 |
| Skeet & Trap Field house   | 703-631-4497  |
| Field Archery Field house  | .703-631-4498 |
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| Skeet & Trap Range / Bob Brino       |              |
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| Scouting Activities / Tom Pike       |              |
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Chapter field house Office hours

1st and 3rd Tues.......1:00pm to 9:00pm
All other Tues......1:00pm to 4:00pm
Other times, call
Linda Armstrong.......703-909-2708
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#### **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



#### **Presidents Column**

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Well, another fall season is quickly approaching, and that means that it won't be long before we reach that time of year given over to indoor pursuits; perhaps resting from the labors of the spring and summer; perhaps simply pursuing other interests and activities. But first, there will be hunting season! And if you don't think hunting season can be pretty strenuous, you aren't paying attention. This year, I have several novice hunters who will be hunting with me; both youths and adults. I'm looking forward to it.

I want to make all of you aware of some things underway at the ARL-FX Chapter. First of all, if you haven't taken the opportunity to take a look at our new Air Rifle/Pistol Range, please do so. It is, indeed, a world class facility. I have heard some references made to the new Air Rifle/Pistol Range being a "Taj Mahal". Perhaps so; but I remember similar comments being made when the then new Field Archery Indoor Range and Field House was finished. And I'm sure comments were made when the R&P Field House, and the S&T Field House were new. The simple fact is that our newest facility is always going to be the latest, best appointed, and most up to date facility on the Chapter. I think it's supposed to be that way. I just hope we can get started on the plans for a new and larger Field House pretty soon. Speaking of the Chapter Field House: I hope every one notices the rehab work done in the past few weeks. Bob and Michele Bell spearheaded the still not quite finished project, with the able assistance of Field House Manager Ed Forsberg and a steady stream of volunteer help. Great job, folks!

Secondly; I have just appointed a Building & Grounds (B&G) Committee. The Committee is composed of Board Members and representatives from all the major groups (R&P, S&T, Archery, etc.) within the Chapter. The B&G Committee will receive requests for major repairs, maintenance and improvement projects from the various groups, and prioritize them. Obviously, safety issues will take priority; followed by necessary major maintenance items and then improvements. A major task of the B&G Committee will be to come up with an itemized budget for presentation to the BOD and inclusion in the next year's budget. Obviously, our wants and desires will outstrip our budget for a few years, but in the end we will get done the things we have to do. Under the capable leadership of Chairman Bucky Sills and Co-Chair Bob Barrett, we will at last have a better and more transparent system of maintaining and improving our Chapter.

Next up; The Board and Officers are doing a rethink of the long standing requirement for new members to do six hours of work for the chapter before they receive their permanent range badge. In theory, this is a great practice. The Chapter receives the benefit of the free labor, and the new members get an introduction to the Chapter and how a volunteer organization must work. In practice, it isn't working out that way. Sure, some volunteers show up, do the work, and all is right with the world; or at least our small piece of it. But some of our new members are simply unable to do any real manual labor. Some have health problems, some don't have the time; some can only be at the Chapter after 8:00 PM on alternate Wednesdays; some simply won't or can't do anything more strenuous that leaning on a shovel, and that for limited periods of time with extended breaks every half hour. For every young, healthy, energetic and enthusiastic new member worker, we get many more that simply don't fit that mold. So, we're considering increasing the membership initiation fee by a set sum, which would be forgiven when and if the new member completes six hours of volunteer work. If the new member never completes the six hours of work, they never get the refund and their money will go to pay someone else to do the work that needs to be done. More on this as we proceed to work out the details.

On the subject of volunteer work: This \*IS\* a volunteer organization. The Chapter is run by volunteers; people who willingly give of their time and energy to make Arlington-Fairfax a better place to belong. The last time I looked, every living person, and every one of our members, have 24 hours in a day; seven days in a week and 52 weeks in a year. Every one of us has a limited amount of time. Every one is busy. Every one has things to do. But somehow, some of us take time to do the right thing. None of us can make time; but all of us can take time. Maybe you can't do much right now. But can't you do just a little bit? Just a few hours now and then? One last thing about volunteers, volunteer organizations, and how they work: Just because someone volunteers to take a position within the Chapter; a position which is often difficult and, too often, thankless; does not mean that person has also volunteered to deal gracefully with those (thankfully, very) few members who demand special treatment, instant action to compensate for their own carelessness or inaction, or those who simply like to see people jump when they yell. You have not paid for that level of service. That level of service can be had at local high end restaurants, exclusive golf clubs, country clubs, private shooting clubs and the like. It is not the level of service we provide. Abusing, or more likely in most cases, simply attempting to abuse, our volunteers and staff does not work well. But it does get noticed and noted.

Thanks; Ernie P.

#### **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. or <a href="mailto:robbyrayd@yahoo.com">robbyrayd@yahoo.com</a> as well.

The outdoor archery 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. The range is lighted for shooting after dark. There is crossbow station with a bag target for field point shooting and a broadhead targets for shooting broadheads. Remember, crossbows are allowed, Only To Be Shot From The 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 Butts! 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. The target butts cost IWLA members \$250 each. Help us get the most life out of each target butt as possible.

No Core Drilling Broad heads Are Permitted To Be Shot At The Field Archery Range. These are the TOXIC AND THE CYCLONE and any new core drilling broad heads that comes on the market.

#### **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 Field Archery 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. During cold weather when finished be sure to drain the hose of water to keep it from freezing.

#### **Winter Handicap Archery League**

Don't know anything about participating in a League or Tournament .... Come join in and learn from experience archers and coaches. Individual scoring – 30 arrows at 18 meters. Handy capped scoring, archers may use any equipment (except crossbows) – any age – any sex. Will take place in the indoor archery range every Thursday evenings 7:00pm till 9:00pm beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>, thru March 24, 2016. Cost \$5.00 per week per person. IWLA Members, Junior Members and Guests welcome, come out and have some fun.

#### **Indoor Archery Open For Evening Shooting**

The indoor archery rang is open for evening shooting Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings 6:30 till 9:00 threw the end of March. Come out and enjoy some evening shooting this fall and winter.

### **Queen Ann Archers**

# Growing through Instruction & Parent Support

#### Club Background

Founded in 1982 as a Junior Olympic Archery Development club Queen Ann Archers (QAA) continues to teach aspiring archers the foundations of the sport.

#### Summer Outdoor Program

As in years past, QAA closed out our successful indoor season with a strong showing at the JOAD Indoor National Competition at James Madison University where several of our members posted strong scores. Building on this momentum our archers prepared to tackle the challenges of the outdoor season starting in May and running until mid-September. At the beginning of the outdoor season, QAA had approximately six active members but by the end we had exceeded thirty archers.

#### Partnership

QAA attributes its record growth to the excellent working relationship it has with Cub Run Archers who continue to provide mentoring support and referrals which represents a large percentage of our new member growth. Another attraction for aspiring archers is the structured QAA provides each of its members regardless of age or skill level.

#### **Certified Instructors**

Queen Ann is able to provide their unparalleled youth archery program through one of the East Coast's largest concentration of cerinstructors who are committed to assisting each archer develop sound fundamental skills. QAA is separated from many other JOAD clubs by having a certified level 4 coach. Many know Dave Gilbert as the Cub Run Director of indoor shooting but the QAA archers know Dave as a patient and knowledgeable instructor who is able to instill an appreciation for the sport of archery. Jennifer Sheldon is one of our two certified level 3 coaches who recently joined IWLA after she moved from Michigan to Northern Virginia. Jennifer competed collegiately at Michigan State and also ran a very successful JOAD club. Keith Werner, who took over QAA three years ago and relocated it from Bull Run to IWLA has been a level three 3 coach and member of Cub Run for many years. Dean Villanueva is a well-respected local level 2 coach who joined the QAA coaching staff in May and brings an extensive knowledge of delivering instruction to a wide-range of young archers. We also have several level 1 certified coaches rounding out of staff.

#### Parent Involvement

In addition to the influx of new archers to Queen Ann we have benefitted from an active group of enthusiastic parents who are involved in supporting all aspects of the club. QAA now has its own Facebook page filled with pictures chronicling our archer's activities. Many of our parents have completed their level 2 coach's certification which enables the club not only to grow but to continue delivering the structured program.

#### Indoor Season

QAA transitioned to indoor shooting in mid-September to prepare for many of the early tournaments that have already been scheduled.

#### NFAA Archer in the Schools Program

Queen Ann's senior archer, Reilly McCain, was recruited to serve as an instructor for Prince William County's Ronald Reagan Middle School's archery summer camp. As a certified level one archery instructor and experience as a competitive archer, Reilly was excited to help these aspiring archers develop a love for the sport. This summer RRMS participated in the in National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) World Tournament held in Nashville, Tenn. on July 24, 2015. They competed against teams from Canada, the United Kingdom, Namibia, South Africa, and the United States to win the 3D Archery Challenge. QAA and RRMS are scheduled to compete during the indoor season.

### NOT JUST FOR KIDS: AIR GUN SPORTS

by Roger Thrasher, Air Range Manager



# Open to Adults and Youth: 25-Lane Air Gun Range

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter has long been a supporter of youth shooting for archery, shotgun, pistol and rifle. Introducing the joys and satisfaction of the shooting sports, along with the discipline and safety skills you learn along the way, has been a prime focus of the Chapter's outreach to youth and young adults. One of the most successful of these outreach programs has been the youth air rifle program, which over the years has supported the Potomac High School Rifle League (where over a hundred young athletes compete yearly), produced national championships in team and individual categories, sent many youth to shoot on college teams, and produced several shooting athletes who are members of the USA Shooting National Team. All this occurred in a small converted tractor shed with only seven firing lanes. As the air rifle program grew in popularity, the demand for practice time increased, especially before key events such as the USA Shooting Junior Olympic qualifiers (see photo). And with the small number of available firing points, almost all the range time was reserved for the youth shooters. Recognizing this limiting factor, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, along with youth fundraising activities and generous donations from organizations such as the NRA, paid for construction of a new and larger facility called the Bucky Sills Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range. This new Chapter facility greatly expands the opportunities for youth shooting they athletes exercise their Second Amendment rights, as well as brings in new and young blood into the shooting sports since many of the youth shooters also become IWLA Junior Chapter members. With this larger 25-lane facility, we can also move away from the "youth only" use of the air gun range.

The Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range is a full-fledged Chapter facility, open to Adult Members similar to the Archery, Shotgun and Rifle/Pistol Ranges. There are posted open practices where Adult Members can use the range and we already see Adult Members on the line shooting air pistol. The range is also available for Member-hosted events, such as a planned winter Air Pistol league. Given the increased opportunities for air gun shooting, "I encourage all Chapter Members to stop by and see your Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range".

You'll be amazed by the skill of the next generation of shooters and you may even feel the desire to try your hand at air gun shooting sports. I would also appreciate your review and thoughts on the draft Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range Rules published for Member comment in this newsletter. These rules will be voted on for amendment and approval at the next Membership meeting.

Open Practices: Monday 4:00 - 8:00pm Friday 5:30 - 9:00pm

Open practices are available to AFC-IWLA Members, their guests, and members of the public. For more information on the Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range, please visit the Chapter website or email the Air Range Manager at rogerthrasher@me.com.



Waiting for Lanes on the Previous Range

Members-Only Open House: 24 January
Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range

Since air gun shooting may not be familiar to everyone, there will be a Member Open House at the Bucky Sills Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range on 24 January from 1400-1700. All Chapter Members are welcome to come try their hand at the air gun sports. Air rifles, air pistols, targets and pellets will be provided during the open house. NRA-certified Coaches and Junior Coaches will be on hand to introduce air gun shooting.

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED KIDS - DECEMBER 12, 2015

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's annual "Christmas Party for Underprivileged Kids" is scheduled for December 12, 2015, from 12:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M., and once again will take place in the Indoor Archery Range.

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services will provide us with the names of about 50 underprivileged children, between the ages of newborn and 14 years. These kids, and their families, will be treated to a traditional Christmas Dinner, with a party atmosphere, and gifts for the kids delivered by Santa Claus.

This Party is one of many, really great events, our chapter does for the community. If you would like to volunteer to help, we'll need members who can help with the following:

**Gift Buyer**. Purchase gifts, off of a wish list, for one family. You'll be provided with the children's name(s), age(s), gender(s), and a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice toy. You go to the store, buy the gift(s), and bring it, gift wrapped, to the Main Club House on December 9th @ 7:00 P.M. Save your receipts, and you'll be reimbursed for your purchases. Arrangements can be made to get funds, to cover the purchases, in advance, if you wish.

<u>Gift Sorting & Stocking Stuffing</u>: Wednesday, December 9th @ 7:00 P.M.; Match up gifts with wish lists, make sure we have all the kids covered. Personalize and fill stockings for each child. Maybe some wrapping or re-wrapping. At the Main Club House.

**Party Set-up**: Friday, December 11th @10:00 A.M.; Set up tables, chairs, and decorations. Pick- Up Truck owners needed to move things from Main Club House to Indoor Archery Range.

**Party Set-up/Food Servers**: Saturday, December 12th @10:00 A.M.; Finish setting the room for the party, serve the meal, and generally help keep things running smoothly during the Party.

<u>Transportation</u>: Saturday, December 12th @11:00 A.M.; Members with large vehicles. Pick up invited families (who don't own vehicles) and transport them to the Party, and take them home, at the conclusion of the party.

**Cookies and Pies**: Saturday, December 12th; Donations of Cookies and Pies, to be served at the party. These can be dropped off early.

<u>Party Break-Down</u>: Saturday, December 12th @ 3:00 P.M.; Take it all down, and put it away. The more the merrier. Pick-Up trucks are helpful.

### Want to help?

Please contact chairmen, Carl Armstrong at by email at: <a href="mailto:Carl.Armstrong@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org">Carl.Armstrong@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org</a>,

Phone: 703-932-2347

If you don't have the time to help, or would prefer, you can make a tax deductable donation to the Chapter, to help cover the cost of this worthwhile cause.



### Rifle-Pistol Range

Winter Weather Policy

Our winter weather policy: If the weather is bad enough that Fairfax County closes their school system, then the Rifle-Pistol Range is automatically closed.

The second part of our winter weather policy is common sense. First, all of the range officers are volunteers. Some of them live a far distance away from the chapter. One comes from southern Pennsylvania, another from Charlotte, and a third lives closer to Richmond than the chapter property. In bad weather they may have more snow than we do or worse road conditions than we do. I do not expect them to endanger themselves just to get to the range and open it. Second, there may be conditions that prohibit them from making their duty time. They may be sick, or a spouse or child may be ill and they have to stay home.

In the last big storm we had two feet of snow on the ground at the range. One could not even find the target lines to place the target frames. Yet a member came out and complained rather vocally that he wanted to shoot and where in #\$ %&\* was the range officer and why wasn't the range open! I think under these circumstances common sense would tell the irate member that the range was not open BEFORE he even left his driveway! I am reminded that common sense is not commonly available.

#### Members Shooting the Baffles!

At the Rifle-Pistol Range the first set of baffles lasted nearly 20 years before we had to replace them. The second set of baffles are **only eight years old** and they need some repairs. The damage to the current baffles is due to members shooting into the baffles. And the rate of damage is increasing ... **increasing very rapidly!** 

Yes, the baffles are there to stop bullets from leaving the range and possibly injuring or killing someone outside the range! So we expect over time to see a few holes here and there from normal shooting mistakes. Now a days we see many holes in the baffles that are due to shooters who cannot aim their firearms or shooters who do not care where their rounds impact. But the **only** source of bullets in the baffles is from people shooting on the range.

While some bullets may leave only a small hole, repeated impacts destroy the structural integrity of the baffle. If we lose a section of a baffle, we will have to take shooting positions out of service until that damaged baffle can be repaired. This happened in August 2012 when we lost shooting positions 16 and 17 for a number of weeks. Major baffle failure may result in a range closure.

We expect **all chapter members** who are shooting at the Rifle-Pistol range to control their aim sufficiently well to hit the target and **NOT THE BAFFLES**. Repairs to the baffles have and will cost us thousands of dollars and the work will take many months. Closing down firing positions while repairs the baffles are being repaired will inconvenience members when the range is crowded.

Time to perform the repairs and thousands of dollars of chapter funds are the penalties we all must pay for the few members who cannot aim their firearms properly and control their shot placement. People who miss the whole target frames and perforate the baffles are destroying your chapter assets. They are wasting your chapter dues because they don't care whether they hit the target or not!

We expect each shooter at the Rifle-Pistol Range to take the time to:

- 1. Learn how to operate your firearm safely
- 2. Learn how to ACCURATELY AIM your firearm and hit the target
- 3. Fire slow enough so that every shot hits the target
- 4. After every 5 or 10 shots STOP AND CHECK your target carefully to see that your shots ARE ON TARGET

We expect each shooter who cannot consistently hit a target firing off-hand to sit down and practice their aim and trigger control until they can hit the target every time.

If you see someone shooting into the baffles, or whose rounds are impacting the range floor short of the berm or shooting into the trees, please notify the duty Range Officer immediately!

What are potential solutions if the damage to the baffles gets worse? We may consider banning off-hand shooting with any firearm! Or if we can prove that most of the damage is being done by handguns we may consider banning handgun shooting. These are very serious and restrictive considerations but something has to be done about

#### the "spray-and-pray" wild and unsafe shooting that is destroying the baffles.

The bullet holes in the baffles come from the shooters who cannot and will not aim and control their firearms safely. Accidental discharges and misaligned sights should be the unusual exception and not the general rule. Rapid fire that results in errant shots missing the back berm and leaving the range cannot be allowed at an outdoor urban shooting range. The holes are from members who do not care about the chapter property. The bullet holes in the baffles are by people who do not give a damn!

Plan Ahead and Avoid the Fall Rush: Remember that weekends during October and November can be very crowded at the Rifle-Pistol Range. This is the season during which many members make their once a year visit to IWLA to sight in their hunting rifles. They are there along with all the regular shooters. As a result, shooting positions go fast and waiting lists become necessary. Members should consider a weekday visit to the range and enjoy a more relaxed outing.

Sighting in a New HANDGUN: Well now you have just gotten your Model 501 Super Blaster in the latest 555 Magnum caliber! How are you going to get this new lovely beast shooting right where you want it to?

You should realize that the manufacturer does NOT set the sights on your Super Blaster right where they need to be. There are two models of the Super Blaster: one with fixed sights and one with adjustable sights.

Let's consider the fixed sight version first. At the IWLA Rifle-Pistol Range the closest distance you can place a target is at 25 yards. Twenty-five yards is not a good starting distance for a novice shooter or anyone with a new gun. You might want to save time and ammo by first going to a commercial indoor range where you can place your target as close as five yards. Once you have a good group relative to your sights at five yards, you can increase the range. If you find that you cannot get a good group at five yards or that the group is substantially off from the proper sight picture at five yards it is time to see a gunsmith for repairs and/or adjustment of the sights.

So buy the biggest target we sell and put it on your target frame with the paper target backwards so the BLANK side of the paper is showing towards you at the firing line. Put a colored sticker at the center of the blank target. Post your target. Come back to the firing line and **SITTING DOWN** fire three shots slowly with your new handgun firmly resting on one of our nifty carpet covered blocks. For each shot carefully aim for the colored sticker. Take your time to get a good sight picture.

Do **NOT** STAND UP! Do **NOT** blast a whole magazine of rounds at the target as fast as you can! Three shots slow and easy under control. At this point you should have a group of three holes somewhere on the target.

#### READY, AIM, PAINT!

Visitors to the Alexandria-Fairfax Chapter Izaak Walton league of America Field House may wonder where they are, as some beautification efforts have recently taken place. In preparation for Virginia State meeting, which was hosted on Saturday, October 3, 2015, some improvements have been made. The field house received a thorough cleaning, from ceiling light fixtures to baseboards and everything in-between. In addition to cleaning, the color palette for the main room has been updated to reflect a more modern theme, while still in keeping with a conservation theme of green, brown and tan. Walls and trim received a fresh coat of paint in October. Window treatments have been replaced as well. We bid a fond farewell to the early familiar ducks and installed custom-made birch cornice boards in their place. While there is certainly more to be done, this is a great start on a long-overdue update. While the group was small, the tasks were completed in record time. Thanks to those who contributed of their time and talents to the updating efforts Gilbert Ramey, Lanty McClutchen, Keith Person, Bob Walla, Wayne Owens, Jeff Dillon and Michele and Bob Bell. Thank you everyone that helped me accomplished this.

Edward Forsberg Field House manager

## Sills Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range Rules

### Section I

## Access to the Air Range

- 1. **Conduct**. Each person entering the Air Range is obligated to act in a safe and responsible manner. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their minor children. The Air Range is defined as the Air Range building and the surrounding walkways and patios. The firing area is defined as the 25 lane room inside the internal double doors where active firing takes place.
- 2. **Range Usage.** The Air Range is open to Arlington-Fairfax Chapter–Izaak Walton League of America (AFC-IWLA) members and junior members as outlined in the Bylaws. All members using the Air Range will sign-in on the Log Book and comply with any instructions on lane assignment or lane time limits.
- 3. **Guests and General Public.** AFC-IWLA members may bring guests to the range during any open session. In order to provide outreach and promote the shooting sports, members of the general public may also use the range during announced open sessions (typically Monday and Friday evenings). The first five visits are complimentary. All individuals using the Air Range will sign-in on the Log Book and comply with any instructions on lane assignment or lane time limits. First-time visitors must complete the Air Range Safety and Introduction Briefing and sign a Waiver Form (once a year).
- 4. **Range Safe Persons.** Members, guests and visitors must complete the Air Range Safety and Introduction Briefing and sign a Waiver Form (once a year) before entering the firing area. At that point, individuals are considered to be range safe subject to restrictions in the range safety rules.
- 5. **Supplies and Equipment.** Supplies include compressed air, pellets, and targets. Equipment includes rifles, prone mats, stands, jackets and other shooting gear. As an outreach program, AFC-IWLA will provide complimentary supplies and equipment (as available) to AFC-IWLA members and shooters from the general public during the Monday/Friday open sessions for up to five visits. After five visits, AFC-IWLA members are expected to either personally provide <u>all</u> their own equipment and supplies (<u>including compressed air</u>) or to pay range fees. After five visits, members of the general public must pay range fees. The AFC-IWLA Board of Directors will set and publish range fees.
- 6. **Youth Shooting.** A primary aim of the Sills Air Range is to promote local youth shooting and youth shooting sports. This includes acting as one of the main ranges for the Potomac High School Rifle League (PHSRL) both in-season and out-of-season. PHSRL athletes must pay the yearly range fee, which includes AFC-IWLA junior chapter membership as well as access to supplies and equipment as needed.

- 7. **Range Badges or Fees Payment Proof.** AFC-IWLA members must display their membership badges. Non-members and PHSRL members must show proof of fees payment (after the five complimentary visits).
- 8. **Range Schedule.** All Air Range use must be scheduled with the Range Manager. The range schedule will be posted on the AFC-IWLA website, a dynamic internet calendar site (currently <a href="https://goo.gl/BqsrTY">https://goo.gl/BqsrTY</a>), and published in the AFC-IWLA newsletter. The range may be reserved and/or rented for approved AFC-IWLA matches, junior shooting activities, or externally sponsored matches. PHSRL and AFC-IWLA matches are scheduled through the Range Manager. Standard PHSRL practice times are subject to modification for range special events. External matches are first tentatively scheduled with the Range Manager, then the sponsoring agency must accomplish the Facilities Use Request process outlined on the AFC-IWLA website (<a href="http://www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/">http://www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/</a>).
- 9. **Range Access.** Approved range officers and coaches will receive time-coded access to the air range using an electronic lock system. Codes will be reset periodically. Approved range officers and coaches will also be given combo access to the gun safe.

## **Section II**

## **Range Safety**

- 1. **Range Officers.** The Range Manager will develop procedures to appoint and orient Range Officers (ROs) to operate the range and enforce range rules. ROs must be over the age of 21. ROs are responsible for safe and efficient operation of the Air Range, and have wide discretion to ensure such operation. **Decisions of the RO must be complied with immediately**.
- 2. **Range Assistants.** To assist the RO in ensuring safe and efficient range operations, non-shooting adults over 18 years of age may be approved as a Range Assistant (RA) following a short training session given by an RO. The RA is a non-coaching individual who assists the RO in ensuring safe and efficient range operations.
- 3. **Coaches.** Individuals over 18 years of age who are certified NRA Coaches may coach on the range. NRA-certified junior coaches less than 18 years of age may also coach with the permission of the RO. Individuals will provide the RO with proof of NRA training if requested. Coaches must be familiar with the all Air Range rules and procedures.
- 4. **General Safety.** All individuals must have completed the Safety and Range Introduction Briefing prior to entering the shooting area. This includes shooters and non-shooters. **Use of eye protection and Empty Chamber Indicators (ECIs) is mandatory.** All individuals must obey instructions from the RO, coaches and RAs. Depending on the number and skill level of the shooters, the RO will determine the proper ratio of coaches or RAs to shooters. If the RO determines there is an unsafe ratio, they have complete discretion to limit the number of shooters on the line until more coaches or RAs arrive.

- 5. **Young and/or Inexperienced Shooters.** Prospective shooters under the age of 8 must have NRA-certified coach direct supervision while shooting, along with a sponsoring adult present on the range. Direct supervision may also be required for inexperienced or immature shooters over the age of 8 based on RO or coach discretion. If no coach is available to provide sufficient direct supervision, prospective shooters must wait until a coach is available. Coaches may refuse to coach any prospective shooter who they feel is not capable of safe shooting. The RO may deny entry to the firing area for any prospective shooter who they feel is not capable of safe shooting.
- 6. **Youth Protection and Safety.** Two-deep adult coverage is required at all times. This means that two adults, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required any time junior shooters are in the range. One-on-one contact between adults and non-family junior shooters is prohibited. Junior shooters are not permitted in the range if an RO is not on duty.
- 7. **Allowable Air Rifles/Pistols.** The range is designed to support target shooting for standard .177 caliber air guns. As such, higher caliber air guns and BB guns are not permitted. Only diabolo (wasp-waisted) lead pellets with a wadcutter (flat) front are to be used. Pellets must be less than 10 grains in weight. In addition, air rifles/air pistols must shoot at a velocity less than 650 ft/sec. Standard competition air guns complying with International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) rules meet this velocity requirement (see <a href="http://www.issf-sports.org/theissf/rules.ashx">http://www.issf-sports.org/theissf/rules.ashx</a>). If questioned by the RO, the responsibility lies with the shooter to demonstrate that the air gun in question complies with the requirements.
- 8. **Lane Usage.** Shooters arriving on the line will ask the RO for a lane assignment. The RO may group types of shooters as required, such as putting experienced shooters in one area and new shooters in another area. The red part of each firing position is reserved for the shooter, their actively used equipment and a folding chair (optional). The yellow walkway is for use of the RO, transiting shooters, coaches, and RAs, so it must be kept clear of equipment. Shooting bags and cases may be placed behind the yellow walkway in the gray area. Spectators must stay in the gray area.
- 9. **Target Placement.** Based on the design of the target frames, targets will NOT be hung in middle of the target frame area. Instead, targets should be hung just to the left and/or right of the centerline to avoid damaging the wooden bracing strip in the middle of the target frame. No field targets are allowed.
- 10. **Food and Drink.** Only covered drinks are allowed in the firing area. Other food and drink should be consumed in the lounge area.
- 11. **Special Events.** During special events or when the use of the Air Range is approved for outside groups, these rules may be modified as necessary to permit the conduct of such events provided that basic operating and safety rules are not compromised.
- 12. **Standard Operating Procedures.** The Air Range Manager may supplement these range rules with additional Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). In general, the range will follow the <u>NRA Air Gun Shooting Sports Safety Guide</u>, available online at <a href="http://training.nra.org/documents/pdf/education/airgun safetyguide.pdf">http://training.nra.org/documents/pdf/education/airgun safetyguide.pdf</a>.

# November 2015

## Arlington - Fairfax IWLA Calendar

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                 | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday   |
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|  | 1  |   | M     T     W       1     2       7     8     9       14     15     16 | T F S S<br>3 4 5 6<br>10 11 12 13<br>17 18 19 20<br>24 25 26 27<br>31       |   | 8:00 AM Bullseye Match (RP)  11:00 AM CRA Meeting (FA)                       |
| 4-8PM Begining Air Rifle (AR)  7-9PM Troop 1137 (FH)                                     | 3 4-9PM West Springfield (FH) Election Day                                   | 3-7PM Robinson (AR)                       | 4-9PM<br>Woodson<br>(AR)   | 5:30-9 PM<br>Open Air Rifle<br>(AR)   | 6-9PM Chapter Planning<br>Meeting (FH) 7-Noon Lake Braddock Air<br>Rifle (AR) 8-5PM Shotshell Reloading<br>(FH) | 8 8-3PM Crew 10 First Aid (FH)   |
| 9<br>4-8PM<br>Begining Air<br>Rifle (AR)<br>7-9PM Troop<br>1137 (FH)                     | 4-9PM West<br>Springfield<br>(FH)<br>7:30 PM<br>Board<br>Meeting (FH)        | 3-7PM<br>Robinson<br>(AR)<br>Veterans Day | 12<br>4-9PM<br>Woodson<br>(AR)   | 13 5:30-9 PM Open Air Rifle (AR)  9-11AM Wounded Warriors Black Powder (RP) |   | 8AM-Noon Bull Run<br>Muzzleloaders (RP)<br>mp 1, 2 &3, SP) 6PM<br>Coach (FH) |
| 4-8PM Begining Air Rifle (AR)  7-9PM Troop 1137 (FH)                                     | 4-9PM West<br>Springfield<br>(FH)<br>7:30PM<br>Membership<br>Meeting<br>(FH) | 18<br>3-7PM<br>Robinson<br>(AR)           | 4-9PM<br>Woodson<br>(AR)   | 5:30-9 PM<br>Open Air Rifle<br>(AR)   | 21 2-10PM Troop 893 (AR, LP) 7-Noon Lake Braddock Air Rifle (AR) 5 PM Troop 893 (Camp 1-7, S                    | 22<br>2-5PM Crew 10 (AR)<br>3P) 1 PM   |
| 4-8PM Begining Air Rifle (AR) 7-9PM Troop 1137 (FH)                                      | 24 4-9PM West Springfield (FH)   | 25 3-7PM Robinson (AR)                    | 4-9PM<br>Woodson (AR)  Air Rifle Range<br>closed  Thanksgiving         | 5:30-9 PM<br>Open Air Rifle<br>(AR)  Air Rifle<br>Range closed              | 28<br>7-Noon Lake Braddock<br>Air Rifle (AR)  | 29   |
| 4-8PM Begining Air Rifle (AR) 6-10PM Suburban Whitetail Board (FA) 7-9PM Troop 1137 (FH) |  |   |  |   |   |  |

## December 2015

# Arlington - Fairfax IWLA Calendar

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                       | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  | Sunday   |
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|  | 4-9PM West<br>Springfield<br>(FH)<br>7:30PM<br>Board<br>Meeting<br>(FH)      | 2<br>3-7PM<br>Robinson<br>(AR)  | 3 4-9PM Woodson (AR)                                       | 5:30-9 PM<br>Open Air Rifle<br>(AR)<br>8-4PM NRO<br>Party (FA)           | 7-Noon Lake Braddock<br>Air Rifle (AR)  8-3PM Crew 10 First<br>Aid (FH)  noon-5PM PHSRL<br>Match (AR) | 8:00 AM Bullseye Match (RP)  11:00 AM CRA Meeting (FA)  12-6PM Troop 1137 (AR, LP) |
| 7 4-8PM Begining Air Rifle (AR)  7-9PM Troop 1137 (FH)                                     | 8 4-9PM West Springfield (FH)  | 9<br>3-7PM<br>Robinson<br>(AR)  | 4-9PM<br>Woodson<br>(AR)                                   | 5:30-9 PM Open Air Rifle (AR)  9-11AM Wounded Warriors Black Powder (RP) | 7-Noon Lake Braddock Air Rifle (AR)  8AM-5PM IWLA Christmas party (FA)  noon-5PM PHSRL Match (AR)     | 13 8AM-9PM Junior Sectionals (AR)  |
| 4-8PM Begining Air Rifle (AR)  7-9PM Troop 1137 (FH)                                       | 4-9PM West<br>Springfield<br>(FH)<br>7:30PM<br>Membership<br>Meeting<br>(FH) | 3-7PM<br>Robinson<br>(AR)       | 4-9PM<br>Woodson<br>(AR)                                   | 18<br>5:30-9 PM<br>Open Air Rifle<br>(AR)                                | 7-Noon Lake Braddock<br>Air Rifle (AR)<br>noon-5PM PHSRL<br>Match (AR)                                | 20<br>8AM-Noon Bull Run<br>Muzzleloaders (RP)                                      |
| 4-8PM Begining Air Rifle (AR)  6-10PM Suburban Whitetail Board (FA)  7-9PM Troop 1137 (FH) | 22 4-9PM West Springfield (FH)   | 23 3-7PM Robinson (AR)          | 4-9PM<br>Woodson<br>(AR)                                   | 25 Christmas (all ranges closed)   | 26 7-Noon Lake Braddock Air Rifle (AR)  noon-5PM PHSRL Match (AR)                                     | 27   |
| 4-8PM Begining Air Rifle (AR)  7-9PM Troop 1137 (FH)                                       | 4-9PM West<br>Springfield<br>(FH)  | 30<br>3-7PM<br>Robinson<br>(AR) | 4-9PM Woodson (AR)  Air Rifle Range closed  New Year's Eve | M T W  2 3 4 9 10 11 16 17 18  | 12 13 14 15 11 1<br>19 20 21 22 18 1  | 1 2 3<br>5 6 7 8 9 10  |

<sup>=</sup> Athletic Field, AR= Air rifle, Camp= Camp sites, FA=Field Archery, FH=Field house, LP=Large picnic, RP=Rifle/Pistol, SP=Small picnic, ST=Skeet/Trap, TA= Target Arche

# January 2016

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| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                      | Friday                                      | Saturday  | Sunday  |
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| 4-8PM<br>Begining Air<br>Rifle (AR)                       | 7:30PM<br>Board<br>Meeting<br>(FH)<br>News Letter<br>Closeout                                    | 3-7PM<br>Robinson<br>(AR)  | 7<br>4-9PM<br>Woodson<br>(AR) | 5:30-9 PM<br>Open Air Rifle<br>(AR)         | 9 7-Noon Lake Braddock Air Rifle (AR)  noon-5PM PHSRL Match (AR)                                      | 10<br>Winter League (ST)  |
| 4-8PM<br>Begining Air<br>Rifle (AR)                       | 12   | 13 3-7PM Robinson (AR)   | 4-9PM<br>Woodson<br>(AR)      | 5:30-9 PM<br>Open Air Rifle<br>(AR)         | 16 7-Noon Lake Braddock Air Rifle (AR)  noon-5PM PHSRL Match (AR)                                     | 8AM-Noon Bull Run<br>Muzzleloaders (RP)<br>Winter League (ST)   |
| 18 4-8PM Begining Air Rifle (AR)  Martin Luther King, Jr. | 7:30PM Membership Meeting (FH)   | 3-7PM<br>Robinson<br>(AR)  | 4-9PM<br>Woodson<br>(AR)      | 5:30-9 PM<br>Open Air Rifle<br>(AR)         | 23 7-Noon Lake Braddock Air Rifle (AR)  8-12PM New Member Orientation (FH)  noon-5PM PHSRL Match (AR) | 24 Air Range Open House (AR) Winter League (ST)   |
| 4-8PM<br>Begining Air<br>Rifle (AR)                       | 26   | 3-7PM<br>Robinson<br>(AR)  | 28  4-9PM Woodson (AR)        | 5:30-9 PM<br>Open Air Rifle<br>(AR)         | 30 7-Noon Lake Braddock Air Rifle (AR)  noon-5PM PHSRL Match (AR)                                     | 31 Winter League (ST)   |

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