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CUB RUN ARCHER'S RECORD SETTING INDOOR TOURNAMENT

The weekend of November 14-15th saw Cub Run Archer's first World Archery sanctioned indoor tournament set records both for attendance and scoring. The tournament was a major success with over 100 archers registered to attend the 2-day event, including a former Olympic competitor and the archery team from Wake Forest University, as well as a lot of fine local talent. Ranging in age from 10 to 70+, with about half in the "youth" categories, the participation was also split about 60/40 in the male/female class.

Participants had a choice from five shooting-line times to select one which would best accommodate their schedule. And, as would be expected, the early registrants quickly filled up the two lines offered at noon each day. In fact, the first registration was received in August, 3 months before the event!

The results of the tournament included many fine scores achieved by both young and old. The event also saw Geoffrey Allen (from Efland, NC) set a new national record score for his category (male, Cadet, Barebow). Dong Won Kang, senior male recurve archer, shot a fantastic 575 out of 600 score to take first place in his division while Anne Abernathy, representing the Virgin Islands, shot a first place score of 522 for female senior recurve.

In the compound division, Jerry Coon captured first place with a 575 for male senior compound and Sarah Ingram placed first with a 529 for female senior compound. For senior male barebow, Jeff Del Vecchio took first place with a 243.

Survey forms collected from the participants were uniformly favorable and many expressed interest in attending our next tournament in February 2016.

2016 IWLA Youth Trapshooting Program

As many of you may know, IWLA has had a youth trapshooting team for the past two years. Each spring youth from ages 12-18 have participated in a semi-competitive program held at the IWLA trap range on Saturday afternoons. In 2015 we partnered with other clubs throughout Virginia to form the Virginia Youth Trapshooting League ("VYTL"). A high school trap shooting league for any youth up to 22 years of age, the VYTL provides Virginia shooters with the ability to compete at their local clubs and have their scores compiled with their peers from throughout the state. This new format is very exciting and gives each participant a way to test their skills against a larger than normal pool of competitors each week.

The IWLA Arlington-Fairfax team will participate again in the VYTL, beginning with the first competition on Saturday April 2, 2016 at the IWLA trap fields. The regular season will run for 8 weeks this year, ending on

May 21st, followed by a state tournament held the weekend of June 4th. Each week will consist of 50 competition targets and 25-50 practice targets, as time and attendance permits. An informational meeting as well as 1-2 practices will take place in March, prior to the season start.

If you have any questions, or your son/daughter would like to participate, please email Dean at Spiridondean@trapshootingonline.com. We will be emailing all those interested shooters with more specifics as we get closer to the season, so please make sure to contact Dean and have your email placed on the distribution list. Prior trapshooting experience is not required to participate in the VYTL – all are welcome!

Dean Spiridon

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1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field House

All members welcome

Attend your chapter meetings

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3rd Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field house

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Presidents Column

I managed to do a bit more deer hunting this season. I have, for nearly 30 years, belonged to a hunting club in Williamsburg. Some years, I've managed to spend weeks at a time hunting with them; sometimes only a day or two and in a couple of years, even only a single day. This year, I was determined to find, or maybe make, more time to spend hunting with the club.

It's a great club, founded in 1947, the year I was born, and I've enjoyed my association with the club through the years. One of the best features of the club is, obviously, the membership. There are still a few of the "good old boys" left; and the club definitely has a strong contingent in that department. When I say good old boys, I mean exactly that; in the best meaning of the words. These are the guys who will go out of their way to help almost anyone with almost anything. These are the kind of guys I grew up with; and even to this day, the guys around whom I am most comfortable. This year, a number of the guys brought their sons and daughters to hunt with them; to start or continue the process of teaching their young about the real benefits of spending time in the woods. I watch the youngsters; remembering the days when their fathers were no older than they are now.

This is a dog hunting club. If you're one of the people who think hunting deer with dogs is somehow wrong, well, that's fine. Don't do it. But don't think I have any more obligation to follow your opinions and beliefs than you have to follow mine. I try hard not to tell other people how to live their lives and I don't spend a lot of time listening to those whose somehow seem to feel God put them here on Earth specifically to ride herd on me. As long as you don't bother me, or interfere in my life, I'll leave you alone; and all I ask in return is that you extend me the same courtesy. Maybe one day I'll somehow become so good, so pure, so perfect, I feel I have to go around telling everyone else how to live their lives. Maybe... but probably not.

Lately, some folks have decided that hunting deer with dogs is somehow cruel to both the deer and the dogs. Newsflash: We're trying to kill the deer. What's more, we plan to cut them into small pieces and eat them as well. I suspect being chased through the woods by a couple of beagles isn't really the main complaint the deer

have. If they were really upset, they'd hire lawyers; right? As to being cruel to the dogs; I suggest you do a bit of research and try to figure out why wolves were domesticated and selectively bred in the first place. Hint: They weren't bred to sit on your lap and watch television with you. That's a relatively modern thing. If that's what you want, then go for it. I personally think it's pretty terrible to keep a dog locked up in the house hoping for you to get home before their bladder explodes after 14 hours, but that's just me. My opinion. But if you haven't watched and listened to dogs on the trail, heard them baying and doing what they were born and bred to do, you've missed something. Now, you don't have to follow my path, or do things my way. And you darned sure don't have to do anything I tell you to do. That's called freedom. And the nice thing about freedom is that you have to extend it to others in order to enjoy it yourself.

In the evenings at the club, we often times sit around and talk; enjoying the fruits of the labors of Mr.'s Beam, Daniels, Budweiser, Busch and O'Halloran. (O'Halloran, it seems, operates a small micro distillery which is located in the sylvan splendor of rural West Virginia, which has the unique capability of being relocated within three hours or less.) And, engaging in the intellectual pursuits created by Mr. Hoyle. And on those quiet evenings, it is possible to learn a thing or two. One of the gentlemen in our company is a retired pharmacist; as nice and as mild a gentleman as you could wish to meet. For many years, he and his business partner owned and operated a pharmacy in the southeastern part of the Commonwealth. Now, you might not at first expect someone engaged in the pharmacological trade to have a lot of interesting stories to tell... but you'd be wrong.

It seems not all those people interested in the contents of the average pharmacy are suffering from colds, constipation or colic. Some of the people wanting to partake of the benefits of modern science are suffering from nothing more than what has been defined as "the ABC's"; addiction, boredom and criminal intent. And not all of these varied customers seek succor during normal business hours. Quite the contrary. In fact, they seem to be most in need of urgent care and medication during the wee hours of the morning, when the premises are unoccupied. My pharmacist friend was visited by these nocturnal care seekers six times in a single month; not counting a couple of miscreants who appeared, bearing arms, during normal business hours. Needless to say, my friend and his then partner decided to avail themselves of the finely crafted products of Mr. Colt and Mr.'s Smith and Wesson.

Presidents Column, Continued

On one snowy evening, my friend, since business was a bit slow, decided to clear out all his out of date, or rapidly becoming such, medications. As was the practice at the time, such medications were disposed of by the simple expedient of flushing them down the toilet. Not wishing to make multiple trips to the men's room with a couple of hundred small pill containers, he simply dumped all the pills and capsules into a large plastic tub. The job proved to be larger than anticipated, so he left the tub on the counter when he closed for the evening.

Now, on this particular winter's eve, one such social outcast as previously described decided to visit their pharmacy after they had closed for the evening. Being at least mildly creative, this incipient evil-doer brought along a concrete block; and gained entrance to the store by the simple expedient of tossing said concrete block through the glass of the front door. Unfortunately for him, this particular trespasser had not thought to bring along sturdy gloves or perhaps a hammer, to remove the remnant shards of glass from the window frame; and managed to cut his left hand rather severely. He also, of course, set off the alarm system.

My friend was alerted by the local constabulary, and met a certain law enforcement official at his place of business. The miscreant had parked his car just outside the main entrance; and the deputy informed my friend he could hear someone inside, moving around.

There was a fair amount of blood on the floor, and a fresh blood trail led off into the aisles and out of sight. My friend and his partner, who had also been called, unlocked the doors, made ready with their side arms and entered with the deputy; who was carrying a short 12 gauge pump shotgun. They could all hear something moving around in the rear of the store. The deputy hailed the intruder and gave very clear instructions as to how the events of the morning were to be conducted. There were more scrambling noises, but no response. Finally, the deputy pumped a round into the chamber of his 12 gauge; which immediately gained the attention, and the full cooperation, of the intruder.

It turned out said intruder had availed himself of several handfuls of the contents of the plastic tub; which included everything from narcotics and painkillers to sleep remedies and commercial laxatives. And, he had managed to cover an incredible area, and a huge number of varied products, with his own bodily fluids. My friend said he was incredulous that anyone dumb enough to consume literally a couple of pounds of unknown and obviously mixed medications was still savvy enough to recognize the sound of a 12 gauge shotgun being racked, and the attendant consequences of ignoring said sound. Apparently, it is possible to be, at the very same time, dumber than a box of rocks, higher than most kites, and yet still retain the instinct of self-preservation.

Unfortunately, my friend's business partner had a habit of leaving his car unlocked; reasoning that the price of anything within the car was less than the cost of replacing even the smallest window. But he failed to consider his own being in the equation. And on one late night, he failed to check the back seat of his car before entering. A very bad character, hiding in the back seat, used a short length of pipe to cave in his skull; then removed his keys and entered and looted the store. The total loss to my friend was around \$100.00 worth of product and the life of his long-time business partner.

There are savage animals among us; who lack anything approaching human kindness, empathy and consideration. They fool us into thinking they are much like us, by walking on their hind legs and talking. But they are not like us; and that is why we must always be prepared, at any time, to defend ourselves, our friends and those we love.

Stay safe.
Thanks
Ernie P.

ARCHERY UPDATE

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. 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 throughout the year and attendance at even one of these would easily be worth the annual membership. An archery pro shop in the area gives a discount to Cub Run members. If you are interested, please contact Robert D'Imperio, Secretary, Cub Run Archers, 13490 Edge Rock Ct. Chantilly, Va. 20151. You may email Bob at rob-byrayd@yahoo.com as well.

The outdoor facilities are available to any members in good standing of the IWLA chapter. 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 a crossbow station with a movable bag target for field points only and a broadhead targets 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 shooting Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings 6:30pm till 9:30pm thru March. All IWLA members are welcome to use the indoor range.

Feb. 20 – 21, 2016

**Cub Run Archers Indoor Winter Star FITA
World Archery Indoor Tournament**

8am, Noon, or 4pm on Sat / 10am or 2pm on Sun

Field Archery Indoor Archery Range

60 arrows / 18 meters / 40 cm FITA target

Recurve / Compound / Barebow

Information: Dan Roberts 703-835-1101 wdan-roberts@outlook.com

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Cub Run Winter Classic

Come and shoot in our 3D winter classic. On Sunday March 29th this yearly event will take place on our 28 target outdoor range. This is a scheduled VBA shoot open to the public, make it a family event and invite your friends. Registration is between 9:00am and 1:00 pm. Our snack bar will be open to serve hot sandwiches, chili, and snacks for a small fee.

Cub Run Pin Shoot

Our second shoot of the year is on Sunday April 26th our yearly Pin Shoot. This shoot is a scheduled VBA shoot, open to the public another great day to spend on the range with family and friends. Registration is between 9am and 1pm. Our snack bar will be open, make it another great family day at the archery range.

Archery 101 Classes

The popularity of archery keeps on growing. Cub Run Archers will be hosting a beginner's 101 archery class on the following dates. Sunday, February 28nd, Sunday March 13th, and Sunday April 17th. The classes will take place in the indoor archery range starting at 1:00pm till 4:00pm. The class is for those who have never shot archery before or have very little knowledge in the sport of archery and would like to see what our sport is all about. We would like to see ladies, children and men attending the archery training workshops. We have the bows and the arrows...all you need to do is show up. For IWLA members the class is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children with a max of \$30.00 per IWLA family. Non IWLA members, \$25.00 per adult, \$15.00 for children with a family max of \$40.00. Class fees will be collected before the start of each class starting at 12:30pm. To register for a class please email Dick Riemer, riemer@cox.net or by phone 703-543-8585. For children's registration please include their age. Each class will be limited to 35, do not wait too long to register, these classes do fill up.

Queen Ann Archers

The arrival of several young archers helped Queen Ann Archers finish the year strong as we reached a new membership record of nearly 50 archers. We express our appreciation for our valued partners at Cub Run who referred several young archers which directly contributed to our growth and success. Our current group of QAA archers range in age from 6 to 21 years old and are equally distributed between boys and girls. In 2016 the club will continue to develop our archers by instilling solid shooting skills by teaching the fundamentals. QAA has an unmatched coaching staff in terms of numbers and experience allowing a good coach-archer ratio which is critical for delivering personalized instruction. We also have several certified range officers to insure the safety of participants. In 2015 our coaching staff expanded as several parents completed their USA Archery Coaching Certification Level Two course. All interested archers are welcome to visit QAA. The club shoots every Saturday morning from 9:00 - 11:00 at Cub Run.



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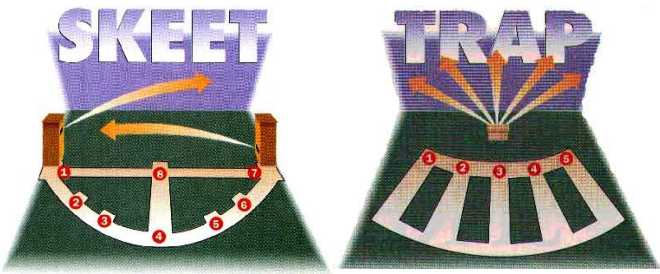
Skeet & Trap Courtesy Message

I know all of you realize, besides being a shooting range, AFC/IWLA is a conservation club. We are an animal friendly facility and love for you to bring your pets out to range. My only criticism to you is when you don't pay attention to the rules with animals. **YOU WILL CLEAN UP THE MESS THAT IS LEFT BY YOUR PET**, just like you were walking FIDO on the street. Please don't think because we are in some kind of a woodsy place that it is OK for your pet to leave a present for the next person who happens to step in it. I love animals (we have 3 cats and a dog) and want to make sure that everyone is happy. **I ask you to be considerate of your fellow members.** Come on by and see me with your pet and I will give your pet a treat. And you as well if you like dog biscuits

Best regards

Bob Brino
Skeet & Trap





2016 Colonel Birt Kidwell Winter Skeet and Trap League Kicks Off

The 2016 season for our Winter Skeet and Trap league commenced on Sunday 3 January and we again fielded a full complement of 28 teams and 168 shooters. The schedule includes six skeet and six trap matches for each team running every Sunday for thirteen weeks, followed by an awards presentation at the annual chapter picnic. Many of the teams from last year returned to prove their marksmanship skills, but there are also a sizeable number of new shooters anxious to demonstrate that they are crack shots as well. Competition for top honors in both the team and individual events promises to be as fierce as ever and many of the league members practiced diligently in the off season.

Bob Brino, the Chapter Shotgun Director, hosted an organizational meeting of the team captains in December during which the league rules and procedures were reviewed. Thanks go out to Pete Bills for organizing the weekly clean up details, and Hank Waters is serving as web master for the site on which the league statistics are posted.

League members also volunteered their time to perform the myriad of chores around the range necessary for smooth operations. These range from moving boxes of targets into the trap houses to grounds maintenance to general housekeeping in the clubhouse. 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.

The first three weeks of shooting went smoothly with some closely decided

matches. Despite being the dead winter, the weather cooperated for the most part, although some teams were shooting with snow falling on occasion. The fourth week was another matter as Winter Storm Jonas came to town and caused cancellation of shooting and rescheduling of these matches. With over two feet of snow to clear, our volunteer crews worked diligently to prepare the property for quickly resuming operations.

Welcome to the shooters new to the league this season and welcome back to all the old hands. Keep your head down and your eye on the target!

Air Rifle / Air Pistol OPEN practice
Mondays 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Fridays 5:30pm-9:00pm

Coach Starz is looking into starting a High School Air Pistol team. If interested please contact him at 703-321-8626.



Virginia Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses - Almost Perfect for Seniors

Many IWLA members are avid hunters and fishermen, but if we want to play we have to pay - a variety of hunting and fishing license fees. The good news is that Virginia offers lifetime licenses for some of these, and the savings, especially for seniors, can be dramatic. Table 1 shows the annual and lifetime license fees for the four types of lifetime licenses and the computed break even points in years. For an individual age 65 or over this really is a "no-brainer", the lifetime license costs less than a single annual license!

License Type	Individual Licenses	Lifetime (Ages 12-44)	Break Even (Years)	Lifetime (Age 45-50)	Break Even (Years)	Lifetime (Age 51-55)	Break Even (Years)	Lifetime (Age 56-60)	Break Even (Years)	Lifetime (Age 61-64)	Break Even (Years)	Lifetime (Age 65)	Break Even (Years)
Hunting License	\$23.00	\$260.00	12	\$210.00	10	\$160.00	7	\$110.00	5	\$60.00	3	\$20.00	1
Freshwater Fishing License	\$23.00	\$260.00	12	\$210.00	10	\$160.00	7	\$110.00	5	\$60.00	3	\$20.00	1
Saltwater Fishing License	\$17.50	\$276.00	16	\$132.00	8	\$99.00	6	\$66.00	4	\$35.00	2	\$5.00	1
Trout Fishing License	\$23.00	\$260.00	12	\$210.00	10	\$160.00	7	\$110.00	5	\$60.00	3	\$20.00	1
Total License Cost	\$86.50	\$1,056.00	13	\$762.00	9	\$579.00	7	\$396.00	5	\$215.00	3	\$65.00	1

As a 61-year-old retiree who enjoys a wide range of hunting and fishing activities, I planned to buy Virginia's lifetime hunting and fishing licenses. I was dismayed to discover that whereas the basic hunting and fishing lifetime license fees are "senior friendly", a number of special licenses have proliferated that are not offered as lifetime licenses, and that these license fees levy a heavy burden upon outdoors-loving seniors. This article outlines the problem and proposes a solution.

The fee structure for the "basic" lifetime hunting and fishing licenses recognizes that seniors have reduced life expectancy compared to their juniors, and often reduced financial resources. Pulling a specific example from the table above, a lifetime (basic) hunting license costs \$260.00 for a resident aged 12-44, but only \$60 for a resident 61-64, and only \$20 for seniors over 65. As shown in Table 1, The Commonwealth currently offers separate lifetime licenses for freshwater, trout, and saltwater fishing with similar fee structures.

In contrast, Virginia has created a number of "special" annual hunting licenses for: 1) deer and turkey, 2) bear, 3) archery, and 4) muzzleloaders. Although these are included in the annual Sportsman's License, which provides a savings of about 10% over purchasing all licenses individually, none of these licenses are offered as lifetime licenses.

Lifetime Hunting License	\$60.00
Lifetime Freshwater Fishing	\$60.00
Lifetime Saltwater Fishing	\$35.00
Lifetime Trout	\$60.00
Sportsman's License	N/A
Basic Hunting License	included
Deer and Turkey License	\$460.00
Bear License	\$420.00
Archery License	\$360.00
Muzzleloader License	\$360.00
Freshwater Fishing License	included
Trout Fishing License	included
Saltwater Fishing License	included
Total License Costs	\$1,815.00

I created a spreadsheet and looked at my personal expected license fees (starting at age 61) for the next 20 years, assuming I will still be healthy enough to fish and hunt at age 81:

The results were more than surprising. So I can hunt with a rifle and shotgun for the next 20 years for only \$60, but if I want to hunt with a bow and a muzzleloader, I have to pay an additional \$720! I can fish for trout for \$60.00, but hunting deer, turkey, and bear will cost me \$880.00. The special hunting licenses represent 88% of the total 20 year license costs. This doesn't seem to make any sense.

There is a simple solution; Virginia currently offers an annual Sportsman's License which includes all of the special licenses (except for saltwater fishing). The state could and should offer a **Lifetime Sportsman's License** with a (scaled) fee structure similar to the existing lifetime licenses.

For seniors age 65 and over, the lifetime fee might be set to be about the same as a one year Sportsman's License - currently \$133.

I've already written my elected representatives in the Virginia House of Delegates and Virginia Senate asking for legislation to create this license. I encourage all IWLA-AFC members to similarly contact their representatives if they support this change.

Stephen P. Johnson, D.Sc.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED KIDS

Christmas came early for more than 50 children on December 12th. The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter hosted their annual Christmas Party for Underprivileged Kids. The annual party provides new toys and clothing to local children who may not have received gifts during the holiday season.

The kids and their families were treated to a traditional Christmas dinner and a visit from the jolly man himself, Santa Claus.

Several members volunteered both December, 12th and Wednesday, December 9th to help wrap all of the gifts. Included in those volunteers was a local Girl Scout troop, Troop 4912. These girls came out to wrap gifts, not leaving until every gift was wrapped and acted as Santa's elves on the day of the party.

Thank you to all who made this day wonderful for so many underprivileged youths. Without you this would not have been possible.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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 \$5,000 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 2015 Environmental Sciences scholarship has been awarded to Monica Banghart, who recently graduated from West Springfield High School. Monica will be majoring in Conservation Biology and will be attending the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York in the fall. Scholarship committee chairman David Dobbins said that Monica's academic credentials, maturity and high level of activity in local and regional environmental programs makes her a most deserving recipient of the scholarship.

From Megan Gottfried, 2011 Scholarship Winner

While finishing my final year at Virginia Tech, my studies surrounding Geospatial Information Systems came to a peak. Being able to use the software to run advanced spatial and network analysis is vital for many businesses and initiatives that need to effectively and efficiently use data to navigate the world on every scale. As I approach a full time job at Blue Raster in Arlington, Virginia, I am able to use this software for many international efforts. Working with clients such as the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the World Resources Institute (WRI) allows data to be visualized and represented so that people can work towards minimizing environmental degradation from a variety of sources. For APTA this means promoting and raising funds for increased public transportation and for WRI through monitoring forest fires and air quality using satellite imagery. I am grateful for the opportunity to be recognized by the IZAAK Walton League Arlington-Fairfax Chapter and I plan to continue my education every day as I move forward in the work force for initiatives that promote environmental transparency and change.

From Madeline Ryan, the 2012 Scholarship 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 have been able to study and work hard through my third year at Virginia Tech without having to worry about financial burdens. I have been taking courses more focused on my major, specifically courses that have taught me about water quality. I took a class in Aquatic Entomology, which was out of my major's focus, but was so interesting to see how the smallest of organisms can have a great effect on water quality. This summer I am doing research on the vertical distribution of phytoplankton in drinking water reservoirs. I am planning on hiking as many peaks as I can in the area, and am learning how to bow-hunt for this coming deer season! I cannot believe I am already going into my final year as an undergraduate student, but I am excited to see where my degree will take me and what I can do to help the environment.

From Alycia Bouchard, the 2013 Scholarship Winner

I had a wonderful second year at Vanderbilt. I've declared my major in Human and Organizational Development on the International Leadership and Development track. I've taken some fascinating classes which have tied into my passion towards the environment including Development and Education in Kenya, in which I learned about the culture, economy, and history of Kenya and how education and sustainable social business models can aid them on their path towards development. At

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the end of the semester, I took a trip to Limuru, Kenya with a few of my classmates to work with the organization Uhuru Child, a social business in which profits from a farm go towards funding scholarships for girls at Uhuru Academy. The trip was both informative and inspiring, and culminated with a safari on the beautiful Masai Mara National Reserve. I continue to be extremely appreciative of this scholarship, and I'm excited to see what the next two years have in store.

From James Green, the 2014 Scholarship Winner

As my first year at the University of Virginia has come to a close, I look back in awe at how much I've learned and grown. Over the course of this past year I have met my best friends, broadened my mind to include different perspectives of life, and worked harder in school than I have ever had to in my academic career. I believe that much of my growth has stemmed from the relationships I forged with people who lived on my dorm room hall. Never have I lived with a more diverse group of people in my life that included 8 varsity athletes, 2 international students, 4 ROTC members and students from as far west as California, as south as Florida and as north as Connecticut. All of these people contributed a new view on everything ranging from politics to music preferences. My time at UVA has been marked by ups and downs, but the most important thing the Charlottesville community has taught me is that everyone has accomplished something in order to be there, yet it is how one uses these previous accomplishments to build and forge their own path at the University.

In other news, I plan on pursuing a major in Environmental Science, which I don't officially declare until next year. In addition to the Environmental Science degree, I plan on applying for the Global Development Studies major that emphasizes sustainability in the developing world. The application process for this major begins next year. I took several environmental science related courses this year including "Water Sustainability", "Hydrology" and "You, Me and CO₂".



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