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NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to IWLA's own Ginny Thrasher

Our IWLA chapter would like to extend a hearty congratulations to our own Virginia "Ginny" Thrasher who has secured a spot on the 2016 US Olympic Team in this summer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil! You may have seen this hotshot around the club as she learned the sport at our chapter, shooting air rifle in the old air gun range and she shot small bore rifle across the parking lot at the outdoor rifle range. She was coached by our own Oscar Starz (he is running for a director at large position, see article inside) and by Bucky Sills for whom our new airgun range is named. Seems Mr. Sills can both build structures and super athletes.

Ginny finished first in the women's 50m 3-position competition at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Smallbore in Fort Benning, Georgia, and secured a roster spot for the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics. She became the first freshman in NCAA history to sweep both individual rifle titles in helping lead the Mountaineers to an 18th national championship. Now, she becomes just the third WVU female rifle athlete to represent the United States at the Olympics. Way to go Ginny! We are all very proud of you!



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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

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Presidents Column

As we have a group of new members, I thought it would be a good idea to explain just what is the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter ("ARL-FX"), and how we fit in with the Virginia Division, and the National Organization, of the Izaak Walton League of America ("IWLA"). And, because a member of long standing stopped me not so very long ago and asked "Just what is the Izaak Walton League?"

Well, the best way to explain is to go back to the beginning. In 1653, a gentleman named Izaak Walton wrote a book, "The Complete Angler". Actually, he continued to rewrite and add to, his book for at least a quarter of a century. Only the Bible and the Complete Works of William Shakespeare have sold more copies than The Complete Angler. Essentially, Walton espoused the benefits to be gained through the sport of fishing; and the peace of mind to be attained from this "return to nature". Even in those long ago days, there were calls to abandon, at least temporarily, the rush and crush of the city for the quiet and tranquility of the woods and streams.

The year was 1922. The rivers, lakes and woods of this country were dying. Rivers and lakes were used as a dumping ground for chemicals and waste of all kinds. Untreated human sewage was routinely dumped into rivers, with no thought of those downstream, who depended upon those same rivers for their drinking water. At times, the rivers and lakes were literally aflame from the petroleum waste and chemicals dumped into them. The forests were being devastated; clear-cut, with no thought of the environmental effects, or the future. Fish, birds and game animals of all kinds, were well on their way to extinction. In that year, a small group of forward thinking American fishermen and hunters formed a non-profit group to work and advocate for the preservation of the environment; to influence public policy and ensure the future of the American wilderness. This organization was named the Izaak Walton League of America, named after Sir Izaak Walton, the man who had first wrote of

the benefits of maintaining streams and woods for man's use.

This new organization was to be composed of chapters all across the country, and was to advocate and work for the protection of American water, air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources. This was the beginning of the movement to protect the American environment, and the genesis of all of today's environmental advocacy groups. Today, the Izaak Walton League of America still exists; still working to protect America's natural resources, and to advocate the wise use of those resources for man's enjoyment. And today, America's hunters, fisherman, campers, hikers and boaters enjoy the benefits of the work of those pioneers of the environmental movement.

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter is one of over 200 chapters, spread across the country, who work to protect the environment, and to ensure the legacy of "man's sharing in it". With around 2,500 members, we are also, by far, the largest chapter in the IWLA. We are one of 17 chapters that comprise the Virginia Division; itself the largest State Division of the National IWLA, with nearly 10,000 members. Seventeen State Divisions comprise the National IWLA, with around 40,000 members.

We are shooters, hunters, fishermen, archers and outdoorsmen, dedicated to preserving the natural environment for our use and enjoyment; and the use and enjoyment of our children and generations yet unborn. That is our past, and our future.

As a member of ARL-FX, you are part of this nation-wide movement. As you go about your activities around the chapter, you can be proud of what we have done in the past; what we are doing today; and what we will do tomorrow. This is our, and your, history; our and your legacy to the future. The work of preserving our American wilderness, our air, woods and waters is ongoing, as it must always be. It is our work, your's and mine; and your help is needed, as it will always be.

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 9:30 am until noon. This is a great time to come down and introduce yourself and find out what Cub Run Archers is all about. If you are new to archery and need advice on anything from bow setup, arrow tuning to shooting technique, not only will you find literally, several hundred years of collective experience, but the equipment to perform those tasks. We especially would like to encourage youth participation and have a great many youth bows that young shooters may practice with to develop their skills. The cost to join Cub Run Archers is only \$15 per year, per family. Though you don't need to be a member of Cub Run Archers to use the facilities, we have a monthly newsletter and several dinners and picnics throughout the year and attendance at even one of these would easily be worth the annual membership. If you are interested, please contact Robert D'Imperio, Secretary, Cub Run Archers, 13490 Edge Rock Ct. Chantilly, VA 20151. You may email Bob at robbyrayd@yahoo.com as well.

Up Coming Cub Run Shoot

AFRICAN SAFARI SHOOT: Sunday JUNE 26th Twenty eight 2-D safari animal targets throughout our wooded archery range. Come on out and have some fun, bring the whole family. This is a BVA shoot open to the public. Sandwiches and snacks will be sold from our snack bar throughout the event. Registration 9:00am till 1:00pm. It takes about two hours to shoot the course.

The outdoor facilities are available to any member in good standing of the IWLA. We

have practice range with target butts at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 yards. These are lighted as well if you would like to shoot in the evenings. There is also a crossbow station with a movable bag target for field point shooting and a broadhead targets for shooting broadheads into. **Remember**, crossbows are allowed **ONLY** at the special crossbow station and not at any of the other targets or ranges. A 28 point field archery course is also available for use to all IWLA members. Daytime use only as there is no lighting on the field course.

Archery 101 Class

On Sunday, May 22nd Cub Run Archers will be hosting a beginner's 101 archery class. The class 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. The class will cover the different types of archery equipment, safety, purchasing of bows and equipment, and shooting. We have the bows and 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 the class is \$25.00 per adult and \$15.00 for children with a family max of \$40.00. Children must be nine years old for this class. Registration fees will be collected before the start of the class beginning at 12:45pm. To register for the class please email Dick Riemer, rriemer@cox.net or by phone 703-543-8585.

Fairfax County Park Archery Qualifying

Qualifying for the Fairfax County Park Archery Program will take place in July and August at the outdoor Field Archery Range. Weekly qualifying will take place Thursday evenings 6:30pm till dark and Sunday mornings 9:00am till noon threw out the qualifying period set be the county. To qualify you must shoot three arrows in a row with your hunting broadheads into a seven inch target at twenty five yards. You are allowed up to three attempts. Each attempt is \$5.00. Compound and crossbows only are allowed in the park program and crossbow shooters must qualify shooting free hand.

ATTENTION**Arlington/Fairfax IWLA MEMBERSHIP**

Form Election Committee	April 15, 2016
Nominations and Resume's accepted	May 1, 2016 to June Membership meeting
Nominations Close	June Membership meeting
Ballots available	July 8
ELECTIONS	July 9, 10, 16, 17 9am to 4pm
Final report to the Membership	July membership meeting
Final report to the Board	August Board meeting

Positions available include:

Vice President
Treasurer
Conservation
Education & Training
Skeet & Trap
Target Archery
3 Director-at-large positions

If you currently hold a position that is up for re-election for the 2016 election, you may submit your intention to run again by advising the Election Committee Chair (verbally, email or written notice) no later than the close of nominations at the June Membership meeting.

If you desire to run for office, and have not held a position previously, simply submit your intention and a brief resume' of your qualifications (for committee review) through e-mail (or in writing) to the Election Chair at the email listed below.

You can volunteer to help out with manning the polls OR serving on the Election committee by registering at SignUpGenius.com and look up Arlington/Fairfax IWLA OR my email address as listed below.

Benn Crandall
Email: benn0825@aol.com
2016 Election Chair

IWLA Annual Youth Picnic

Date: Saturday, May 14th

Time: 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: Large Pavilion

Cost \$8.00

Includes Bucky's hamburgers, hot-dogs, chips, drinks and cookies

Visit with friends and celebrate your successes.

Bring a football, Frisbee, softball to hang-out and play with Friends!

Opportunity to donate to the Arlington Fairfax Chapter through Amazon Smile.

Simply use the following URL <http://smile.amazon.com> when you make purchases through Amazon Smile, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to our chapter. There is NO cost to you!

Our Chapter is listed as: Izaak Walton League of America Arlington-Fairfax Chapter.

Please see

<http://smile.amazon.com/about> for program details.



Candidate for Director at Large

Oscar C. Starz

(From Oscar Starz):

I am a Life Member of the Izaak Walton League of America and an Arlington-Fairfax Chapter member since 1991. I retired from the Army in 1996. I am a veteran of the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, and Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf. I serve as a volunteer air rifle coach on Mondays; I am the coach of the West Springfield air rifle team and help coach the Lake Braddock air rifle team. I also serve as a Range Safety Officer every 2nd Wednesday of the month. I am part of the chapter's NRA Training Team, and I run the 50/50 drawings at the General Membership Meetings for the Disadvantaged Kids Christmas party. I have worked with the wounded warriors here at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter to prepare them for the Paralympic Games.

I am running for the office of Director at Large, and appreciate your vote.

SPEEDING: Chapter Speed Limit is 10 MPH

We have noticed that many drivers are driving faster than 10 mph on the chapter roads. Pedestrian safety is the principal reason for the 10 mph speed limit. Adults and children walk on the chapter roads and they have the right-of-way at all times. Driving faster than 10 mph raises dust clouds that can hurt people with dust allergies and the dust floats over the firing line and can damage some firearms.

There is no excuse for members and their guests driving fast enough to raise dust clouds that coat firearms and fill our range-houses and other facilities with a layer of dust everywhere.

Slow down, you will still get there!



Rifle and Pistol News

No Eyes, No Ears, No Range Qualification Badge, No 2016 Brown Sticker, No Ammunition: All Equal NO SHOOTING!

If you do not have eye protection you cannot shoot at the Rifle-Pistol Range. If you do not have ear protection you cannot shoot at the Rifle-Pistol Range. In fact, you need proper eye and ear protection to be on the paved firing line at the Rifle-Pistol Range.

You must display the white Range Qualification Badge on your outer clothing to shoot at the Rifle-Pistol Range. You also need to display the brown-colored 2016 current member insert in your white Range Qualification Badge to get access to the Rifle-Pistol Range.

You must have the correct ammunition for your firearm to shoot at the Rifle-Pistol Range. It is not the job of the Range Officer to check/inspect your ammunition to see that you have brought the correct ammunition. That is strictly your responsibility. The wrong ammunition can result in a dangerous accident. For example: one time a person with a .270 caliber bolt-action rifle brought that firearm and .280 caliber ammunition to the range. The person loaded a round of .280 ammunition into the rifle. He noticed that the bolt was difficult to close but he was able to cam the bolt shut with some extra effort. The .280 round is slightly longer than the .270 rifle chamber. Camming the bolt shut increased the crimp on the bullet in the .280 case. The bolt fired the round but the extra crimping caused the pressure to go very high and the receiver broke into several pieces. The shooter was only slightly injured and the rifle was destroyed.

FOR SAFETY: Ear and Eye Protection Required at ALL Times on Firing Line at the Rifle-Pistol Range When the Range is Live.

We have noticed that members and guests are frequently NOT wearing eye protection when the firing line is live. Our range officers will warn people to wear their glasses or other eye protection, but if people persist in not wearing eye protection **we will force them to leave the range!** The range officer on duty announces that ear and eye protection is required for all persons on the firing line every half hour. That is more than 6500 times every year. This safety measure must be followed. Your eyes can be easily damaged if a spark of burning powder or a flying piece of brass or bullet fragment hits your eye. No exceptions to the rule!

Steel Jacketed Projectiles: Which ammunition is suitable for use at the Rifle-Pistol Range?

The recent ammunition shortage has many shooters scrambling to find ammunition to shoot at the Rifle-Pistol Range. A number of members have asked whether ammunition with steel jacketed projectiles is suitable or safe for use at the chapter's Rifle-Pistol Range. The answer is a bit complicated. Most steel jacketed ammunition is actually military surplus ammunition. In the US and western European countries most military small arms ammunition must conform to the Geneva Conventions. Regular pistol and rifle ammunition must be lead cores with a gilding metal (an alloy of copper and zinc) jacket fully covering the core. This is called "Full Metal Jacket" (FMJ) ammunition. In many Eastern European and some Asian countries gilding metal is too expensive for ordinary FMJ or "Ball" ammunition (ball is an old military term from the 1700s when smooth bore black powder muskets fired a round ball of lead as the standard ammunition of the day). A cheaper way to make FMJ or ball ammunition is to use soft steel in place of the gilding metal and coat the steel jacket with a "wash" or a very thin layer of copper to lubricate the projectile (bullet) as it passes down the barrel. Soft steel is very cheap compared to copper.

Rifle and Pistol News Continued

This brings us to the second complication of steel jacketed projectiles. The military has a need for armor piercing (AP) or metal piercing ammunition. Traditional western military procedures call for a hardened steel core or tungsten alloy core inside a moderate amount of lead inside a full metal jacket of gilding metal. This traditional method was used from WW II to the present day. The hardened steel core or tungsten alloy core would give excellent metal piercing qualities but making this type of ammunition was and is an expensive process. There are several cheaper ways to make AP ammunition. One way is to make a thicker and harder steel jacket around the all-lead core. A number of countries prefer this method as the process can use some of the materials and machinery used to make steel jacketed ball (FMJ) ammunition. Both kinds of steel jacketed ammunition are often sold as surplus ammunition. Often the seller does not know the specific degree of hardness of the ammunition (the extent to which it is armor piercing). Armor piercing ammo will do a lot of damage to the baffles and the target frames on the Rifle-Pistol Range.

The first problem for a chapter member or a guest shooting at the range is to identify the type of ammunition they are planning to fire. Visual inspection is not sufficient to identify gilding metal jackets from copper washed steel jackets. The simple solution is to test the projectile with a magnet. **NOTE: this refers to the PROJECTILE not the case!** Quite a bit of military ammunition and **some commercial** ammunition is made with steel cases instead of brass cases. Since the case does not fly down range at 2000 or more feet-per-second, steel cased ammunition is not the problem.

To repeat: **test the projectile with a magnet!** If a magnet sticks to the projectile then **DO NOT FIRE** that ammunition at the chapter's Rifle-Pistol Range. Steel jacketed projectiles are not allowed on the Rifle-Pistol Range. Steel cased ammunition is allowed.

So, what do you need to do? There is a magnet hanging next to the entrance of the covered firing line at the range. Use that magnet to test your ammunition. **If your projectiles ("bullets") stick to the magnet do not shoot that ammunition at our range.** When in doubt, do not use the ammo at the Rifle-Pistol Range.

If you shoot steel jacketed ammunition at the range we will require you to leave the range and I (the Chief Range Officer) may bring your case to the Board of Directors for further action. Steel jacketed projectiles will greatly damage the baffles on the Rifle-Pistol Range. We spend large amounts of money and a great deal of time to keep the baffles in good order. There is no reason, nor any excuse, for anyone to shoot steel jacketed ammunition at the range. The ammunition shortages are not sufficient justification for shooting ammunition that is so destructive of the range facilities.

Guests at the Rifle-Pistol Range

There is some unnecessary confusion about bringing guests to the Rifle-Pistol Range. This is covered in detail at the new member orientation. **Remember, members with Temporary Range Badges are not allowed to bring guests to the Rifle-Pistol Range.** We also strongly suggest that you visit the range several times prior to bringing guests. You need to know, and understand, how the range functions so that you can properly supervise your guests.

You may want to think twice before bringing a first-time handgun shooter to our range. Asking the first-time handgun shooter to shoot at a target 25 yards away is a good way to make that first shooting experience much less than a good memory.

Rifle and Pistol News Continued

From the Rifle-Pistol Range Rules:

Range Qualified Chapter members are authorized to bring guests to the Rifle-Pistol Range. This does not mean that your son who is NOT a chapter member can bring his buddies to the range for an afternoon of shooting fun. This also means that your son should not take your range badge and bring his buddies to the range. Yes, it happens!

However, no guest will be allowed on the range unless accompanied and supervised by a Range Qualified Chapter member. This means that if you (the chapter member) bring two guests with you, you are NOT getting two or three shooting positions. **Since you have to supervise your guests you CANNOT shoot when they are shooting.** You get one shooting position. You put only one firearm down on the position table at the firing line. You put only ammunition for that firearm on the table at the firing line. One person (you or a guest) shoots the firearm at a time. **YOU MUST MAINTAIN COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF YOU AND YOUR GUESTS AT ALL TIMES.**

Remember: One Badge, One Bench, One Gun.

Members are responsible for the conduct and actions of their guests. If your guest is shooting in an unsafe manner the duty Range Officer will tell you to correct the unsafe action(s). If you ignore this or if the unsafe shooting action(s) continue you and your guests will be required to leave the range. We cannot and will not accept unsafe shooting practices by members or their guests.

The number of times that any one guest may be allowed to use the range is subject to the Chapter rule (three times in one year.) So you cannot bring your neighbor or co-worker to the range every weekend. This rule was created when some members would split a membership fee between themselves and a friend or two. And the member brought the other guys out as many times as they wanted. If the guest likes our chapter he needs to join the chapter and pay for his fair share of the costs of running our chapter!

Members may bring dependents and spouses to the range without regard to this limit on the number of uses, but the member must remain in close proximity and immediate supervision of such family members at all times and members are responsible for the conduct and actions of their family members. The chapter member must have immediate supervision over family members at all times. You cannot supervise your child if you are shooting at another bench. We have seen instances where the adult parks the kid and a firearm on a firing line table along with a box of ammunition. Then the adult goes to another table to get some "real" shooting done. (Now occasionally the kid shoots better than the adult and the kid should be supervising daddy's shooting!) To keep the range safe for all participants and to prevent accidents that could lead to the county shutting down the range we must make the chapter member supervise his/her family members.

Rifle and Pistol News Continued

Help Keep the Range Safe and Clean Up After You Shoot

While most shooters at the Rifle-Pistol Range are getting better at picking up their brass after shooting, we still have a trash and other problems on the firing line. The range recycles spent brass cartridge cases and aluminum soda cans to make some money to help out with range operations. We must remove steel and aluminum cases from the recycling bucket to keep our metal "load" from rejected at the metal recycling company. We expect each shooter to pick up all their cases after shooting. **This includes all rimfire brass!** And we expect you to pick up the steel and aluminum cased cartridges and place them in the trash barrels too. We do not want the lawn mower throwing spent cases at someone or through the glass doors. **It is not sufficient for you to sweep the fired cases onto the gravel strip or the grass.** Do your part by putting the brass in the recycling boxes and the aluminum cans in the aluminum can bin after you have crushed the can. Both recycling containers are located at the entrance to the firing line.

Another trash problem is broken clay pigeons left on the range floor. The clay pigeons and spent fragments on the back berm can be left in place BUT if you are shooting at clay pigeons that were mounted on the target frames at 25, 50, or 75 yards, you must pick up the busted clay pigeon remains. Do not leave broken clay pigeons where we are mowing the grass. In the past, other shooters have come along and seen the orange remains on the range floor and used them as targets! It should also be obvious that you can **NOT** throw clay pigeons out onto the range floor and then shoot at them. This practice is totally forbidden as it can lead to ricocheting projectile that could leave the range. **THE RANGE FLOOR IS NOT A TARGET AREA!**

We are finding way too many candy wrappers, plastic sandwich bags, shotgun hulls, cloth cleaning patches, and other trash under the shooting benches, behind the firing line, and in the parking lot. **If you throw the stuff on the ground it is up to YOU to pick up the mess and put it in the trash barrels on the firing line.** The firing line should not be used as a trash bucket. Please respect others and place cigarette and cigar butts in the smoking urns provided.

The duty range officers are not there to pick up and clean up after you or your guests. Contrary to urban myth, the range does not employ anyone to clean up your mess or repair your damage. The range officers are chapter members who pay their dues like you and volunteer their time and labor to keep the range operating. **Without the Range Officers giving their time and work there would be NO RANGE for you to shoot at! You should thank the duty range officer for the EXTRA effort he makes to keep the chapter range running.** So police up everything you are leaving behind before you leave the range and make the range a better place than you found it!.

To shoot you must have a white Range Qualification Badge that shows you are a current (2016) member! 2015 range badge stickers are no long valid!

Dr Ed, CRO

Colonel Birt Kidwell Winter Skeet and Trap League 2016 Season Award Winners

The 2016 season of the Winter Skeet and Trap League concluded on Sunday 10 April with the final standings once again being determined during the very last matches for both team and individual competition. The season began the 3rd of January with a 13 week schedule, but was extended one week due to a cancellation for the one significant snow storm of last winter.

In the Individual Competition, our High Overall Average winner was Bob Nolan, who broke 552 of 600 targets equating to a combined average of 23.000. Bill Johnson took the honors for High Skeet average with an impressive 23.417 hitting 281 of 300 targets. Right behind him for Skeet Runner-up was Brown Cribbs, with a 23.750 average. In Trap, the High average winner was Warren Guilett, ending the season with an average of 23.583 hitting 283 of 300 targets. The runner-up for high trap was James Hsu, coming in with a 23.417 average. In the Most Improved Category, Jennifer Dietzen beat out several other contenders to capture the award with a combined average improvement from last season of 5.208 targets.

The team competition take place in two categories: one based on team points won in head to head matches each week against another team and the second based on cumulative team scores over the entire season. The top five teams in each category earned an award for all the team members, with no team permitted to receive an award in both. The competition was fierce with the winners being decided by tenths in the team scores and a three way tie for first place in team points.

In the Cumulative Team Score Category, Captain Brian Hickerson led his squad to a season score of 2,380.555 to lock down the 1st place award. Joining Brian were Team 25 members Alan Hickerson, Ben Hickerson, Glenn Hickerson, Jim Hickerson, Dale Hickerson, and Marcelo LaBarca. Team 8 landed in the 2nd place slot with a score of 2,359.169 led by Captain Bill Leonard and members KC Haile, Dave Hargrave, Jim Johnston, Henry Lucas, and Jeff Powell. Third place was won by Team 10 with a score of 2356.281 and members Captain Gregg Hanson, Doug Culkin, Alan Gale, John Murphy, Brad Olson and Dan Piszker. Team 7 captured 4th Place coming in with a score of 2,354.119 and members Captain Steve Canale, Tom Delewski, Carl Josefson, Ashly Palles, Mel Stahl and Tim Tynan. The 5th place finisher was Team 24 with a 2,351.243 and members Captain James Hsu, Mark Brill, Joe Graziano, John Hsu, George Mong and Derek Slusher.

In the Team Points competition Team Number 6, Captained by Jeff Miller, topped the list in 1st place with 26.0 points. Joining Jeff were Benn Crandall, Warren Guilett, Kevin Miller, Suzanne Miller, and Dave Wabeke. Scott Stannard's Team 23 took the 2nd place honors with 26.0 points consisting of Jennifer Dietzen, Steve Geraci, David Herring, Bob Ponier, and Mike Whitmore. Team 3 with 24.5 points captured 3rd place with members Captain Bill Ridenour, Ken Lyons, Bill Reeder, Kevin Reynolds, Devin Ridenour, and John Spicer. Forth place went to Team 16 with 24.0 points and members Justin Collins, Vance Cowper, Andy Egeland, Jim Marino, Gordon Wilder, and Captain Joe Marino. Taking Fifth Place award was Team 20 with 22.5 points and members Captain Rick Diana, Brown Cribbs, Mark Koury, Bill McCloud, Charlie Schultz, and Sam Stewart.

Congratulations to all of our individual awardees for their consistent performance and excellent marksmanship. The awards for all the winners will be presented at the annual Chapter Picnic in July, so plan to come out, congratulate all the shooters, and eat some great food prepared by our own Bucky Sills, and his BBQ cooking crew. Special thanks to Pete Bills for keeping facilities in good order and the hamburgers stocked each weekend, and to Hank Waters for his web site work. Bob Brino, Director of Trap and Skeet, also deserves a thank you from all the league members for his gracious hospitality, wiliness to let us use the range all winter, and working in the cold to keep the equipment operating. The 2017 season will be here before we know it on 8 January.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Dear Izaak Walton League of America Fairfax-Arlington Chapter:

Thank you for your support during my 2016 Girl Scout cookie season! Because of generous donations from the Chapter, Education & Training, Archery and several members. I was able to donate 294 boxes of cookies to the brave men and women serving our great nation. Cookies were delivered to the USO-Washington at Fort Belvoir on Sunday, April 17, 2016.

The generous support and donations from wonderful organizations like the IWLA have made it possible for me to make a difference in the life of our American heroes. By being able to support our military it is evident that I am able to change the world one cookie at a time. Over the course of my Girl Scout career I have sent more than 5,000 boxes of cookies overseas. Being able to send cookies is just a small token of my appreciation for their service.

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Thank you very much

Sincerely,

Mary Subia





Arlington/Fairfax IWLA
TRAP & SKEET

2016 RENOVATION

Arlington/Fairfax IWLA Trap & Skeet is raising funds to renovate the concrete on Fields 1,2,and 3. These fields are over 30 years old and are in desperate need of renovation. Your donation will help us build fields that we will be proud of for years to come. The project is expected to take 3 months to complete as soon as the funds are secured.

We need to raise just over \$24,000 in order to complete the concrete project.

We will create a permanent plaque in the Trap & Skeet house to honor those individuals who have contributed to the Silver, Gold and Platinum levels of contribution.

<i>Bronze level</i>	<i>\$100 to \$499</i>
<i>Silver level</i>	<i>\$500 to \$999</i>
<i>Gold level</i>	<i>\$1000 to \$4999</i>
<i>Platinum level</i>	<i>\$5000 and up</i>

Use the Red donation envelopes located on the information table to make your donation. Please tear off the receipt at the top of the envelope for your records. If you need the receipt signed, see Bob Brino.

Thank you for your Donation.

News

A New Flag on Display

A United States flag that was flown over the National Reconnaissance Office Headquarters in Chantilly, Virginia will now reside in the Chapter Field House.

At the March 8, 2016 board meeting, Chapter President Ernie Padgette accepted the flag and certificate that was presented to the Chapter by Senior Master Sergeant John Larson and Lt. Colonel Paul Webster.



The flag was presented to the Chapter as a thank you for the support and use of our facilities for annual picnics and Christmas parties.

I think it goes without say that we thank you gentleman for your service and we very much appreciate your thoughtful gift to the Chapter.

Air Range Open House Rescheduled

With the big snowstorm postponing the air range open house, the event will now be held in conjunction with the AFC-IWLA Chapter Picnic on 9 July. So please come attend the picnic, eat your burger, then stop by the Sills Air Range to try your hand at air rifle or air pistol!

Summer Shooting Camps: Rifle and Pistol

Looking for a shooting summer camp for your kids?

The NRA in conjunction with the CMP is hosting a small bore rifle camp at Camp Perry, OH this summer from August 7th through the 12th.

All smallbore & air rifle camp students will receive expert coaching in the fundamental principles and techniques of 3-position and 4-position smallbore and International air rifle shooting. Students will be provided a safe, enjoyable learning experience that will significantly contribute to improving their shooting skills.

The Junior Pistol camp will be held July 12, 13 and 14th at Camp Perry, OH

All pistol camp students will receive expert coaching in the fundamental principles and techniques of precision (bulls-eye) pistol shooting. Students will be provided a safe, enjoyable learning experience that will significantly contribute to improving their shooting skills.

Camp applications can be found at:

<http://coaches.nra.org/national-junior-shooting-camps.aspx>

For more information contact Daniel Subia : coaching@nrahq.org or 703.267.1589

Regional Championship tops off 2015-2016 high school rifle season!

The Potomac High School Rifle League (PHSRL) held their regional championship on 13 February at the AFC-IWLA Sills Air Rifle/Air Pistol Range. The league consists of 10 local high school teams from VA, MD and DC, plus the Mavericks team (for youths whose school does not have a rifle program). This year over 170 youth shooters participated in the league, with each team shooting 10 matches. The PHSRL season is capped off by a day-long Regional Championship for the top shooters. In past years this has been held in a school gymnasium, which required set-up of temporary target frames, use of multiple flood lights due to inadequate lighting conditions, etc. This year, thanks to the new Sills Air Range, we were able to host the entire event at a purpose-built facility, to include being able to accommodate 25% more shooters for this year's championship.

The overall winner of this year's championship was Amity Ermarth, a freshman from West Springfield High School, who shot a 591/600 to take home the gold medal. Silver went to Hayley Carroll and bronze went to Nick Kanellis, both of Robinson High School. Robinson also took home the team gold (team members Carroll, Kanellis, Zach Eisenberg, Keegan Miller), followed by silver for Woodson High School (Elena Kim, Joseph Frazier, Matt Cooper, Anna Frazier) and bronze for West Potomac High School (Grayson Wheeler, Dominic Mancini, Kurt Sullivan, Connor McPherson).



Of interest, the expanded range facilities at AFC-IWLA also allowed much more practice time to more shooters over the course of the season. This led directly to significantly higher average scores for the regional championships. For the previous four years, the average of the top 60 shooters has been very consistent at 540. This year, the top 60 shooters averaged an incredible 555! Similar increases were seen for regular season scores. Finally, in past years, the number of high school athletes able to compete in regular season matches was greatly constrained due to range size. This year, with the larger range, 1089 youth shooters were able to compete in official matches (many multiple times), an increase of over 230 slots from previous years.



While the high school season is over for this year, there are still some big air rifle matches on the horizon. Mark your calendars for Memorial Day Weekend when the NRA will hold their Air Rifle National Championship at AFC-IWLA. This is an invite-only event where the top air rifle shooters from across the country (youth and adults) will converge to shoot shoulder-to-shoulder for the national 3 position air rifle crown. Volunteers and spectators are welcome!

Bronze Medal Winner Nick Kanellis, Silver Medal Winner Hayley Carroll and Gold Medal Winner Amity Ermarth. Each shooter is also an officer in the AFC-IWLA Junior Chapter.

Arlington—Fairfax Chapter IWL Annual *Family* Picnic

Saturday July 9, 2016

Gates open @ 10:00am, Lunch @ 1:00pm, Close ????

Bring your family and friends to this great event. We are going to make this picnic the best ever. We will have.

- ♦ Pony Rides
 - ♦ Moon Bounce
 - ♦ Field Activities
 - ♦ Hay Rides
 - ♦ Fishing
 - ♦ Fishing (we have some poles or bring your own)
 - ♦ Sno Cone Machine (to cool off)
 - ♦ Live Country Band Starting at noon
- Come out early and enjoy your chapter, take a walk, do some fishing, Play Games or JUST RELAX

Ticket Info

Members and family	\$10.00
Guest.....	\$12.00
Children 6 to 13.....	\$5.00
Under 6.....	FREE

Purchase your tickets to a great Day

- ♦ Any of the ranges
- ♦ Field house Office
- ♦ Any Board member
- ♦ Tickets may be purchased on the day of the picnic

Menu Of the Day



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

As for lunch, We will do the cooking for you, all you have to do is load your plate:



Food & Fun for ALL

For more information please call
Bob Brimo @ 703-368-4934.

May 2016

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