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Recent Accident at Rifle-Pistol Range

All persons on the firing line (at the rifle-pistol range) must have and wear EAR and EYE PROTECTION at all times while they are on the firing line. Recently a shooter at the range was involved in an accident where a bolt-action rifle was substantially damaged. While the shooter received superficial injuries to his skin, he had **NO DAMAGE** to his eyes **BECAUSE HE WAS WEARING EYE PROTECTION.**

The wearing of ear and eye protection on the firing line at the rifle-pistol range is **NOT OPTIONAL.** All persons on the firing line (shooting, watching, gossiping, etc.) must have sufficient ear and eye protection. This does not mean wearing glasses on top of your hair. This does not mean wearing ear muffs on your belt. This rule is in effect at all times when the range is live/hot and shooting is allowed or in progress. Eye protection that is approved at other chapter ranges may not be sufficient for use at the rifle-pistol range. The rifle-pistol range requires eye protection that provides protection from flying fragments of brass, bullets, steel, plastic, or wood. The lenses of the eye protection must cover most of the angles that are in line with the eye's front surface and be of a strong enough material to stop or deflect the flying particles. For example: eyeglasses frames without lenses and only having a pinhole or aperture stop hanging from the frame are not sufficient to deflect flying particles and not sufficient at the rifle-pistol range.

Among the common causes of firearm's damage, an obstruction inside the barrel is frequently seen. The obstruction inside the barrel stops or slows the projectile (bullet) from traveling normally down the barrel under the pressure of the rapidly burning powder charge. If the bullet is stopped or substantially slowed, the propellant continues to burn and the pressure inside the barrel rises rapidly until the weakest of the receiver-barrel assembly fails. A cleaning (cloth) patch left in the barrel is sufficient to "blow up" a firearm. Often the receiver/action/frame fails and pieces fly about like shrapnel. The barrel, which is usually threaded into the receiver, may disconnect if the threads are the weakest part of the assembly.

Another type of obstruction is the squib round. If for any reason the powder charge does not completely burn the bullet may be left inside the barrel. The firearm may still cycle—the bolt can be operated by hand or in a semiautomatic firearm the action operates. A new round can be fed into the chamber because the obstruction is in the barrel. When the new round is fired, the obstruction stops the second bullet and the pressure rises rapidly until (again) the weakest part fails. This type of failure can occur when surplus military ammunition has been stored under excessively hot or cold conditions.

Another common obstruction in a gun barrel is when dirt gets inside the barrel. If the dirt has particles large enough to stop the fired bullet, then again, the pressure rises until something fails. Enough snow or ice packed into a barrel can also obstruct a bullet and the firearm fails.

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Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month
7:30 p.m. @ chapter field house
All members welcome

Attend Your Chapter Meetings

General Membership Meeting
3rd Tuesday of each month
7:30 p.m. @ chapter field house

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March 2017

Things are going pretty well, all things considered. The new electronic targeting system is being installed at the air range and we're getting more and more participation by adult members. The archery program is growing steadily and spring will bring even more participation at skeet & trap and the rifle & pistol range. The roads and parking areas are being repaired, thanks to the efforts of Bucky Sills and our volunteers. Our sign-up program for volunteers is working well, with steady improvements in the system. And we'll have the office open on designated Saturdays soon so members will be able to visit the office at their convenience. The only consistent problem seems to be with getting people to pay attention to the 10 MPH speed limit and getting them to stop at the "STOP" sign next to the air range. The "STOP" sign is to protect the young folks and children around the air range.

The other day, I watched as a car passed by the "STOP" sign next to the air range. The car didn't slow down appreciably. It certainly didn't stop. So, being a curious sort of person (taken either way you like), I walked along behind the car until it reached its destination and the driver parked. The driver was still in the process of getting out of his car when I walked up. The driver already seemed a bit upset as I walked up. Maybe he was having a bad day or something; I don't know. Still, being a friendly sort, I started by asking him how his day was going. He said his day was going fine, but somehow his face didn't look like he was enjoying his day all that well. I asked the gentleman if he would mind helping me with a problem and he asked "What problem?" I explained I was trying to figure out how to make the "STOP" sign by the air range more visible, since so many people don't seem to be able to see it. He asked "What stop sign?" and I asked him to walk back to the sign with me, so I could show it to him. At that point, he seemed to recall the sign, and said "Oh yeah; I know which one you mean. But nobody stops for that thing." I responded "Well, if I see you run that stop sign again, you're going to have to

explain that to the board of directors at a hearing on your membership and if you ever hit someone, I'll remember you said that." Why are simple things so difficult?

Miscellaneous ramblings: The other day I was checking the news on my computer. Apparently, the big news of the day concerned a new action movie heroine and how the Internet was ablaze with hordes of people upset she obviously shaved her armpits. Really? That's the big news of the day? Not war, plague, pestilence, famine, or taxes; but why she "had to" shave her armpits? And why women "have to" shave their armpits at all? Now maybe I'm a skeptic, but I have to wonder exactly who is really upset about women shaving their armpits. And how many upset people there really are? Now, in a country of over 300 million people, you can probably find a fair number of people who believe in almost anything; but I have some doubts as to whether the number of people who are truly determined to stop armpit shaving even approaches one-tenth of one percent. More importantly, is this really news? Or an attempt to shape the news to advance someone's agenda? As far as I'm concerned, every single one of us gets to make their own choice as to whether they shave or don't shave and exactly what they shave or don't shave, and how often. Just as every one of us gets to decide whether they bathe regularly, use deodorant, foot powder, perfume or cologne, etc. We all get to make those choices for ourselves. And no one gets to tell us we "have to" do anything on that subject. Of course, the rest of us do get to decide whether we will stay in close proximity with those who do or don't do certain things. None of us has a "right" not to be offended. But we all have the right to avoid things, and people, that offend us.

I remember it pretty well. It was the fall of 1964, maybe September or October. Goldwater and Johnson were running for president and for the first time I was actively following politics and a national election. I read the papers, watched the news, and talked to my fellow high school students. And for the first time, I realized that not everyone in the media was telling the truth. I mean, I already knew the "media" was made up of people and people have certain biases and opinions of their own. But this wasn't just about opinions. This was about people actively trying to twist facts and subvert the truth. And that shocked me. Remember now, I was raised in an era when people trusted both the government and the media. I remember Granny insisting some bit of advertising had to be true, because "The government wouldn't let them lie in the papers." So, I went to a trusted teacher; a man I thought was both wise and well informed. I showed him

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the newspaper article and asked him how they could be printing something that was so very obviously false.

Mr. Baxley read the article and then asked me "Ernie; what is the purpose of a newspaper?" I thought about it a moment and answered something along the lines of "To inform the people of what is happening in the world; what is going on and who is doing it." Mr. Baxley shook his head slowly and answered, "No, Ernie. The purpose of a newspaper is to make money. They make money by selling newspapers. Actually informing people is strictly a secondary function and it's a function that is not allowed to interfere with the main function, which is making money." I responded with, "But it isn't supposed to be that way. Newspapers are supposed to tell the truth. They can have opinions, but they shouldn't lie." Mr. Baxley smiled in that funny way he had and said, "Ernie, if you believe that, you should start your own newspaper. It's the only way you will ever see only the strict truth printed. But I won't invest in your paper because you'll be out of business pretty quickly." Mr. Baxley was a wise man and I haven't ever forgotten what he taught me.

Sometimes, a word or phrase can be used and repeated, misused and repeated, so many times as to become trite. Even worse, some oft repeated phrases can become accepted as being obviously truth and wisdom, a creed or motto to live by, even though even a casual examination should demonstrate the phrase is, to put it gently, a stinking, sticky, and slimy pile of horse manure tracked across the carpet of human society. A particularly annoying phrase, and one which I personally find offensive, is, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." This phrase is often ascribed to the book *A Tale of Two Cities*; but I haven't been able to find it in the book. And apparently, neither has anyone else. And while a great many people have, over the ages, said many similar things, that exact quote is apparently pretty recent. No, the phrase apparently had its beginning when it was "quoted" by Mr. Spock, the character from Star Trek. In the movie *The Wrath of Khan* (a great movie, BTW; one of my favorites), Mr. Spock enters the warp core of the *Enterprise* to prevent an explosion which would have blown the *Enterprise* and its crew into atoms. In doing so, Mr. Spock is exposed to lethal radiation and so has sacrificed his life to save his companions. Certainly this was "just a movie" but let's play along and pretend for just a little bit. The problem is the phrase has been repeated ad nauseum, and today is widely accepted as "something to live by." Bull manure!

Now, don't get me wrong. What Mr. Spock did was courageous and in the highest tradition of human altruism, compassion, and self-sacrifice. But there seems to be a

lot of confusion on a couple of points. First of all, let's ask ourselves what would have happened had Mr. Spock NOT entered the warp core and sacrificed his life? Wouldn't the *Enterprise* have exploded and killed everyone aboard? Including Mr. Spock? So, either way, Spock was a dead man. His choice was to die a hero and save his friends or die along with everyone else. He chose to save his friends.

Secondly, Spock made a choice. HE decided what he would do. No one ordered him into the warp core. No government committee or group of do-gooders got together and decided he should be forced to make the sacrifice. Spock got to make his choice by himself and no one forced him to make that choice and that's a lot different than what many of us are facing today.

Today, we are being told, with ever increasing frequency, and at ever increasing cost, that we should sacrifice a portion, an ever increasing portion, of the fruit of our labors to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Maybe that's true. And just maybe it isn't. From where I sit, a lot of people seem to be making a pretty good living by deciding who gets to pay and who gets that pay. How about I get to make the choice of what happens with what I've managed to earn? If I decide to give a portion of what I have to someone else, that's fine. But just because I have it, and they want or need it, doesn't mean I have to give it to them.

PS: Yes, I know who Jeremy Bentham was. I just don't agree that "It is the greatest good to the greatest number of people which is the measure of right and wrong." If that logic were followed, we would enslave a relatively few individuals and put them to work to allow the rest of us to live a life of unearned luxury. We tried that, remember? It wasn't right and it didn't end well. Rather, I believe in the rights of the individual. We are all free to live as we please as long as we don't actively harm another person. Pretty simple, isn't it?

Thanks, *Ernie P.*

Chapter Air Range

Open practice nights

Mondays 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fridays 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Equipment is available to borrow
and coaches are ready to help.

Air Range questions—contact
range@afc-iwla-sillsairrange.org

AFC-IWLA Membership Minutes

We still have memberships available for a few new members. If you know someone who would like to be a member of our chapter, have them send an e-mail to MembershipScy@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

Membership update:

- 2,094 memberships filled ... 106 available
- 166 new members need to complete 6 hours of volunteer work
- Next New Member Orientation is May 20, 2017

What's New

Reorganizing the office

- We are currently moving files, cleaning out cabinets, and changing our filing systems. Our goal is to drastically improve the way we create, organize, and store the membership records.

SignUpGenius available on the chapter Web site homepage

- THIS IS HUGE! We have worked with SignUpGenius to create a "button" on our homepage that will take you to ALL the volunteer opportunities available to the membership at the chapter. It's a good way to see what's going on at the chapter without looking at a calendar.
- Reminder: Individual volunteer signature slips are no longer accepted by the membership office. Directors must submit hours through our SignUpGenius program.

Forming a membership committee

- Our area is changing ... our membership priorities are changing. We need fresh ideas to attract and fill our membership roles. We need fresh ideas to help "mold" our facilities to better serve membership.
- This is the first call for a 6-person committee that meets once per month. This is a working committee. When we decide to change something, this committee will implement it. All hours will be counted as volunteer hours, counting toward your 6-hour new member commitment or toward your 8-hour discount on next year's dues.

Starting Saturday hours

- Beginning sometime in April, the membership office will open on Saturdays. Hours have not been set yet. Part of the membership office reorganization is dealing with consolidating and simplifying systems that volunteers can work with. This is taking time, but the end product will be worth it.

Future Initiatives

- Online renewal
- Our goal is to allow online membership renewals using credit cards ... yes, credit cards.

"More next issue ... until then, get out to our chapter and have some fun."

—Beau Crandall
Membership Director

2017 Chapter Elections

In accordance with the chapter bylaws, elections are held annually for half of the board of directors positions with members serving a two-year term. Polls will be open on the 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th of July 2017. Election results will be presented to the membership by the election committee chair at the July membership meeting and the newly elected board members are officially sworn in at the August membership meeting. Chapter officer and board member positions on the ballot this year are: president; secretary; membership; field archery director; rifle-pistol director; air range director; youth activities director; and three (3) directors-at-large.

Nominations for these positions are currently being accepted from the chapter membership. Nominations will be closed and the ballot finalized at the monthly member meeting on June 20th. If you would like to self-nominate or nominate another chapter member for any of the open positions, contact John Seaberg, 2017 nominating committee chairman, via e-mail at John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org or in person.

Outdoor Archery

Up Coming Cub Run Shoots

Marked 3D shoot; Sunday, May 21st: Twenty-eight 3D animal targets throughout our wooded archery range. Come 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 is 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. It will take around two hours to shoot the course.

African Safari Shoot; Sunday, June 11th: Twenty-eight 2D safari animal targets throughout our wooded archery range. Another VBA shoot open to the public for the whole family to enjoy. Sandwiches and snacks will be sold from our snack bar throughout the event. Registration is 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. It takes about two hours to shoot the course.

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 our club has to offer. The indoor range is available for your use anytime a qualified range officer is on site. It is common knowledge a good many regulars in the club are at the range house every morning from approximately 9:30 a.m. until noon. This is a great time to come down and introduce yourself and find out what the Cub Run Archery Club 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. You do not need to be a member of Cub Run Archers to use the facilities. As a Cub Run member you will receive a monthly e-mail newsletter and several dinners are held in the indoor archery range throughout the year. You will also receive a discount on purchases from a local archery pro shop on your purchases. An application may be picked up at the club house or contact Robert D'Imperio, secretary, Cub Run Archers, 13490 Edge Rock Ct., Chantilly, VA 20151-4101. You may e-mail Bob at robbyrayd@yahoo.com as well.

The outdoor facilities are available to any IWLA member. We have a practice range with target butts at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 yards. The targets are lighted as well, if you would like to shoot in the evenings. There is also a crossbow station with a movable bag target for field point shooting and a broadhead target for shooting broadheads 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. **NO core drilling broadheads are permitted to be shot at the field archery range.** These are the **Toxic** and the **Cyclone** and any new core-drilling broadheads that come on the market.

Air Bows: The latest thing to hit the market. Air bows are not allowed to be shot at the field archery range. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VADGIF) does not permit hunting with air bows in Virginia.

Fairfax County Archery Park Qualifying

Qualifying for the 2017/18 park archery program starts March 31st and ends June 4th. Qualifying will be held at the field archery range Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. until dark and Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m. until noon during the qualifying period. No qualifying will be held on Easter Sunday. Three out of three shots at 20 yards at a seven-inch circle target and two out of three shots at 30 yards at a seven-inch circle target. In crossbow qualifying, you must shoot standing free hand only. You must qualify with the equipment you will be hunting with in the park program. You are allowed up to three attempts to qualify, \$5.00 per attempt. The county application process will begin on June 5th.

Archery 101 Class



On Sunday, May 28th, Cub Run Archers will be hosting a beginner's 101 archery class. The class will take place in the indoor archery range starting at 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The class is for those who have never shot archery before or have very little knowledge of 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

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Pulled from NRA's *Shooting Sports USA* website:



Married to your Sport?

by SSUSA Staff—Wednesday, March 1, 2017

A reader submitted this letter to SSUSA, and it was too great not to share with the rest of our audience. Some background:

I am 18 and I've been shooting for over a year now. I absolutely love it, and it has become a key part of my life and who I am. My friends often joke that I seem to be dating my rifle and married to my sport. I have always laughed at this.

Recently, my family and I went to the range to help me get over a breakup. Afterwards, I decided to take the joke that my friends make about me dating my rifle one step further by writing a letter to my ex.

Read the letter below.

Dear X,

I've found someone new. We go on dates every Monday and Friday. They love going to the range, where we have all our dates. I couldn't be happier with them. Mom and Dad love them and actually accompanied me on my first date with them.

They fit perfectly in my shoulder and I love to rest my cheek on them. They help me to see things clearly and help me achieve my goals.

My friends from the range already know them, and there are many pictures of the two of us. Since everyone I know approves of them, no one was surprised by my decision to begin dating them.

When I'm with them, everything seems to fade away. I remember life before them, but I can't imagine life without them. They were born in Germany, but I hear them loud and clear. Their voice is the most beautiful sound I've ever heard—it always makes me smile.

They help me achieve my goals and are always by my side for big accomplishments.

So I've decided—I'm dating my rifles, and I'm marrying my sport.

Regards,

Me

We love to read your letters! Please email submissions to shootingsportsusa@nrahq.org.

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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. For 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 at least nine years old for this class. Registration fees will be collected before the start of the class, beginning at 12:45 p.m. This will be the last archery class scheduled until September. To register for the class, please e-mail Dick Riemer at rriemer@cox.net or call him at 703-543-8585.

AFC-IWLA Outdoor Summer Siesta Archery Tournament

The first outdoor archery tournament for 2017 will be held on June 3 at the target archery range. It will be a 1/FITA and consist of 72 arrows shot at 70 meters for recurve archers or 50 meters for compound archers. Youth distances will also be available. Get the tournament information package at the indoor range or call Dan Roberts at 703-835-1101.

Indoor Archery

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Hosts 2017 Indoor Archery Tournament

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter hosted the 2017 Winter Indoor STAR FITA Archery Tournament at their indoor range on February 11 and 12. This year we had 81 archers participate in the U.S. Archery officially sanctioned tournament. These included 26 compound archers, 46 recurve archers, and 9 barebow archers.

In addition to the many surrounding archery clubs, Wake Forest University and our Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Competition Archery Team also participated in the event.

The Winter Indoor STAR FITA is one of two major indoor archery tournaments held by the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter each year. It consists of 60 arrows shot at a 40-cm target over 18 meters. Each archer has two minutes to shoot three arrows per "end" and a total of 20 "ends." A STAR FITA is an officially recognized World Archery tournament in which official records can be set and recorded.

AFC-IWLA Competition Archery Team

The AFC-IWLA Competition Archery Team is in full swing at the indoor archery range every Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. The current class of 35 youth archers has just completed their qualification shoot for their first "star" achievement pin. This pin is given to those archers who can shoot a score of 50 points or higher at a 60-cm target over 9 meters. Subsequent pins are awarded for each improvement in score.

The 2017 outdoor program will begin April 9 on the AFC-IWLA target archery field next to the field house. In

addition, a new shooters class will begin the same day. The outdoor program will run from 3 to 5 p.m. each Sunday afternoon and the new shooter program will run from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Contact Dan Roberts at 703-835-1101 for more information on how you can participate.

Winter Archery League

The Winter Archery League meets every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the indoor archery range. Recurve, compound, and barebow target shooters all compete for the best score in the handicap-scored competition. Each evening's shoot consists of 30 arrows, shot 3 at a time, at a 40-cm target at 18 meters. We can even supply equipment if needed. The Summer Outdoor League is now forming ... sign up at the indoor range or call Dan Roberts at 703-835-1101.

Level 2 Archery Instructor Course

A new Level 2 Archery Instructor Course is being planned for the summer. If you would like to earn your Level

1 or 2 Archery Instructor Certification, sign up for the 2-day course at the indoor archery range or call Dan Roberts at 703-835-1101. We will determine a date and time for the class once we have everyone signed up.



Donate to Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Using AmazonSmile

Chapter members are reminded they can donate to the chapter by registering and using AmazonSmile at www.amazon.smile.com when they shop on Amazon. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the chapter. Our chapter is listed with AmazonSmile as ***Izaak Walton League of America Arlington-Fairfax Chapter***.

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



Air Range

Air Pistol League News



The Air Pistol League will conduct an open house at the Sills Air Range on Sunday, May 21, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon. The open house will be right after our monthly match. You're invited to come out and see what precision air pistol shooting is all about. There will

be several different air pistols for you to look at and shoot. Our air-pistol shooters will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding the sport. So, come on out and take a look and bring your family! This is a great way to get young shooters involved in a precision shooting sport.

Right after the open house we will have an adult only shooting session at the Sills Air Range from 12 noon until

Air Range Safety Officers Needed

We hope to open the air range to all members every Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. starting in the summer. This would be a member-only, adult-only session. To do this we need people to sign up to take one range safety officer (RSO) shift a month—staffing is our limiting factor! No experience necessary, we will provide training. Contact rogerthrasher@me.com for more information or to volunteer.

5:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for adult chapter members to learn about air pistol and air rifle shooting. If you want to bring your air gun, remember the air range is limited to .177 caliber pellets at or below 650 fps.

Call Mark Budgeon at 703-490-5817 or e-mail mgbudgeon@verizon.net with any questions you may have.

See you at the range!

Rifle-Pistol Range continued from page 1

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 problem on the firing line. The range recycles spent brass and aluminum soda cans to make some money to help out with range operations. We expect each shooter to pick up all their brass after shooting. ***This includes all rimfire brass.*** And we expect you to pick up the steel cased cartridges, too. We do not want the lawn mower throwing spent cases everywhere. ***So 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 plastic 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. It should also be obvious 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 a 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. **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 duty range officers are not there to pick up after you or your guests. So police up everything you are leaving behind before you leave the range.

To shoot you must have a range qualification badge that shows you are a current (2017) member (the blue insert.)

—Dr. Ed, CRO

Junior Pistol Clinic

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of IWLA and Coach In Kim will be holding a free junior pistol clinic on July 14 and 15, 2017.

Friday, July 14, will be for junior pistol coaches and prospective junior pistol coaches from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the field house (first building on the left).

Saturday, July 15, will be for junior pistol shooters (age 9 and above) at the air range.

Coach In is the top junior pistol coach in the USA (USA Shooting Coach of the Year in 2014). In a typical year, juniors from his club represent:

- 30% of the pistol athletes on the National Junior Team
- 30% of the National Junior/Junior Olympic medals
- 30% of the World Championship Junior Pistol Team

Space is limited and you must have a reservation to attend.

For additional information or to let us know you are coming please contact Thomas Ciarula by calling 703-599-9399 or by e-mail at Tom-c@Cox.net.

Demonstration of a Visually Impaired (VI) Target Shooting System

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of IWLA and the U.S. Biathlon Paralympic coach will be holding a free demonstration of a visually impaired (VI) air rifle target shooting system. VI target shooting is being considered as a Paralympic sport.

Location: 14708 Mount Olive Road, Centreville, Virginia.
The air range is the second building on the left.

Dates: Sunday, April 30 and Monday, May 1, 2017, from noon to 5 p.m. both days.

Rob Rosser is the U.S. Biathlon Paralympic coach and he will be bringing an ecoaims system.

VIASS and ecoaims have been invited. More information on those systems can be found at: <http://www.viass.at/index.html> and <http://www.ecoaims.com/product/82/e00801a-vis500-aiming-device-set>

The Demmer Shooting Sports, Education and Training Center of Michigan State University will also be bringing a system they have developed. Information on their system can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/MSU-Demmer-Shooting-Sports-Education-and-Training-Center/454385207961459>

For additional information or to let us know you are coming contact Thomas Ciarula at 703-599-9399 or by e-mail at Tom-C@Cox.net (Please put "VI Shooting" on the subject line).

Trap & Skeet—Winter League



19th Annual

CRUSH'N CLAYS®**Clay Target Charity Classic to benefit
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IWLA Bullseye RIMFIRE Pistol League



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter—Izaak Walton League
Centreville, Virginia

1st Sunday—April to August 2017
Three Relays: 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
(5 Sessions—April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6)

**Any .22 caliber rimfire pistol or revolver as allowed
by the current edition of the NRA Pistol Rules**

60-Shot Course:

- 25 yards per NRA sanctioned tournament rules.
- 1 slow-fire course: 20 shots in 20 minutes.
- 4 timed-fire courses: 4 strings of 5 shots in 20 seconds.
- 4 rapid-fire courses: 4 strings of 5 shots in 10 seconds.

No awards, score may be recorded and reported to NRA if desired.
Shooters score their own targets. (*Score cards and targets provided.*)

- Three relays of 17 shooters.
- Total 51 positions each Sunday.
- Positions may be reserved in advance via e-mail.
- No practice fire allowed prior to match.
- All shooters required to be at the range 15 minutes prior to relay.
- Preparation time arrival: 8:15 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 10:15 a.m.
- 1st relay will commence at 8:30 a.m., 2nd relay at 9:30 a.m., 3rd relay at 10:30 a.m.

Cost per season: IWLA members \$25; nonmembers \$50.
Cost per match: IWLA members \$5; nonmembers \$10.

For further information, contact Jack Machey at reddotbull@verizon.net.

May 2017

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Calendar

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