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Improving Your Chapter in 2018

In 2018 there were numerous projects happening to improve the Chapter for the members. Some were small, some weren't really seen, and others were large. Very early in the year the shotgun parking area was expanded to allow for more parking for the Winter League and other well-attended events at the shotgun range. A conservation shed was added for storage of tools and kits that are used for the numerous Chapter conservation activities. WiFi access was extended to the property for the members use. A couple awnings were added to the property to help protect equipment and supplies used by the Chapter.

In the Chapter field house, the Education & Training Committee purchased the large flat screen monitor to use for classes, meetings, and other events. Thanks to Ms. Parker, ThinkGeek contributed office furniture to replace some of the aging furniture. The "back porch" is now fully enclosed with new windows and carpeting. Your membership can now be renewed online and electronic dues payment can be accepted through PayPal. We started using SignUp Genius to assist with coordinating volunteers and Chapter activities.

Looking Forward to 2019

In 2019 the Chapter has starting using 'MailChimp EBlast' to e-mail upcoming events and information to all the members. An updated Chapter Web site has been rolled out that is easier to view and update.

A few things we are looking forward to in 2019 are:

- New parking lot area between the field house and the air range;
- An initiative to electronically receive the Chapter newsletter (only for those members who sign up);
- We will also be sending out future Chapter surveys through e-mail to ask for your ideas for improvements.

The Chapter expresses their thanks to everyone involved in these efforts. —*Paula Meara*

2019 Chapter Elections

In accordance with the Chapter bylaws, elections are held annually for half of the board of director's positions with members serving a two-year term. Polls will be open on the 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th of July 2019. 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 on August 20, 2019. Chapter officer and board member positions on the ballot this year are:

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| • President | • Field Archery Director | • Youth Activities Director |
| • Secretary | • Rifle & Pistol Director | • (3) Directors-at-Large |
| • Membership Director | • Air Range Director | |



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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

Newsletter Committee

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Chapter's Facebook Page

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The Izaak Walton League of America



Web Links

Check out the IWLA Web site: <https://www.iwla.org>

Check out the Virginia Division Web site:
<http://va-iwla.org/>

IWLA Mission

To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

Izaak Walton League Member Pledge

To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it.

I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.

Donate to Arlington-Fairfax Chapter by Using AmazonSmile

Chapter members are reminded they can donate to the Chapter by registering and using AmazonSmile at www.smile.amazon.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.

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Nominations for these positions are currently being accepted from the Chapter membership. Nominations will be closed and the ballot finalized at the monthly general membership meeting on June 18th. If you would like to self-nominate or nominate another Chapter member for any of the open positions, contact Steve Landry, 2019 nominating committee chairman, via e-mail at slandry111@verizon.net or in person.



A Little Bit of History

Several years ago, a gentleman came by one Saturday and said he had been the vice president of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter years before and gave me this badge with a story.

When we purchased our property, there were almost no other houses in the area. The Fairfax County Game Warden (Fairfax County had one back then) deputized the officers of the Chapter to be park rangers, gave them badges, and had them keep an eye on the area for poaching. The president was the chief and the vice president was the assistant chief. I would love to hear more details on that and indeed if it actually is true. Great badge though.



Several months ago, I got a call from Paul Fanning, who said he was an Izaak Walton League member from Oregon and also a badge collector. In a box of badges he bought was this badge. He knew nothing about the badge except that it said IWLA and Arl-Fairfax. Interesting that the two badges were obviously made at different times. The font and lettering are different and the layout has changed.



Does anyone have any more information on these badges? Are there more out there? I am guessing from the original story there are at least two or three more, but at least two are home now.

Thanks, *Tom Ciarula*

Tom Ciarula, President
Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc.,
of the Izaak Walton League of America

Conservation Updates from National IWLA

Ikes traveling to Iowa in July for the IWLA Convention will find a state at the center of American agriculture. Iowa ranks #1 in the production of corn, soybeans, eggs, and pork, and farmland covers about 90% of the Hawkeye state.

Iowa farms are also a leading contributor of nutrient pollution in the Mississippi River that ends up in the Gulf of Mexico, where the hypoxia “dead zone” was smaller in 2018 than in 2017, but still about the size of Delaware. Iowa is one of many states trying to reduce polluted runoff from farms and livestock operations into its rivers and lakes.

The new Farm Bill, signed into law in December, can help farmers in Iowa, Virginia, and other states be better stewards of their land and water. The new law provides about \$6 billion per year over the next five years for Farm Bill conservation programs, including funds that can help farmers plant buffer strips along streams, adopt nutrient management plans, and rebuild healthy soils.

Congress increased funding for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, which protects wetlands, native prairie, and other farmland by funding the purchase of conservation easements. The new law will also increase the Conservation Reserve Program to 27 million acres, which should allow more farmers to install buffer strips to protect streams and wetlands.

The new law will put a new emphasis on restoring healthy soils, which soak up rainfall like a sponge, reducing runoff of pesticides, fertilizer, and manure. The Farm Bill includes a soil health demonstration program to show farmers how to restore healthy soils, and it includes provisions to support soil health planning on farms and ranches.

The new Farm Bill also shifts funds to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, which is designed to focus conservation dollars in high-priority regions, including the efforts to reduce nutrient runoff that ends up in the Chesapeake Bay and Gulf of Mexico. These many new opportunities to better use existing conservation funds are a key reason the Izaak Walton League supported passage of the new Farm Bill. Reps. Tom Garrett and Dave Brat were the only two members of the Virginia Congressional delegation to vote against the final Farm Bill.

—*Duane Hovorka*

IWLA, Agriculture Program Director



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Volunteer
Opportunities—
located on the
Chapter Home
Web page.

IWLA's Save Our Streams (SOS) Program



Virginia Save Our Streams is a program of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA). Founded in 1922, the Izaak Walton League is one of the nation's oldest and most respected conservation organizations. With a powerful grassroots network of nearly 270 local chapters nationwide, the League takes a common-sense approach toward protecting our country's natural heritage and improving outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. For more information about our Virginia chapters, please visit the Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League.

SOS Web Links

Check out the IWLA *Save Our Streams* Web site:

<https://www.iwla.org/conservation/water/save-our-streams>.

Check out the IWLA Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/iwla.org/>.

Check out the VA SOS Web site for more information, forms and gear:

<http://www.vasos.org/>.



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter IWLA Colonel Birt Kidwell Winter Skeet and Trap League

2019 AWARD WINNERS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS—2019 Top Guns

High Overall Average	Mike Campbell	23.875
High Skeet Average	Alan Gale	23.833
High Skeet Runner-Up	Jim Hickerson	23.583
High Trap Average	Marcelo Labarca	23.000
High Trap Runner-Up	Travis Rockwood	23.000
Most Improved Average	Suzanne Miller	+3.833

TEAM AWARDS

Team Point Category			Cumulative Team Score Category		
Place	Team Number	Points Won	Place	Team Number	Team Points
1	8	24.0	1	11	2375.005
2	21	22.0	2	23	2369.378
3	25	22.0	3	2	2363.879
4	13	21.5	4	15	2363.382
5	26	21.0	5	22	2362.093



Photography by John Dwyier

Isaac Walton League of America Skeet and Trap Range

Presents

JOHN SHIMA SKEET SHOOTING CLASSES

May 20 and 21, 2019

Half Day—\$250.00 + Targets

Full Day—\$500.00 + Targets

May 20, 2019: Squad of Five (5) Morning
Squad of Five (5) Afternoon

May 21, 2019: Squad of Five (5) Morning ONLY

To Sign-Up:

Talk to Bill Hobson at the Range,
or Call Him at 703-850-8484



Got Grants? Yes, We Do!

The Chapter extends our thanks to the NRA Foundation known as the Friends of the NRA for funding two grants at the Chapter in 2018. The Shotgun Range and Air Range were the recipients of the grants. Your support of local Friends of the NRA dinners helps raise funds for this program.

<https://www.friendsofnra.org/>



The Chapter extends our thanks to the IWLA Endowment for funding a grant for the youth shotgun team. The Endowment funds selected projects at IWLA chapters and divisions each year. It only uses the proceeds from investments. The investment principle is never used and grows through donations made to support the endowment. <http://iwla-endowment.org/>



Requested—Revisions to Range Rules for Air Range

Purpose & Rationale: To update and clarify existing Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Air Range Rules. This will be voted on by the membership at the May 2019, general membership meeting. (Approved by the BOD at the March 6, 2019, meeting.) Revisions are in ***Bold Italic***.

Revisions to Air Range Rules

May 2019

Air Range Rules

Section I

Access to the Air Range

1. **CONDUCT.** Each person entering the Air Range is obligated to act in a safe and responsible manner. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their *minor* children. The Air Range is defined as the Air Range building and the surrounding walkways and patios. The firing area is defined as the *26-lane* room inside the internal double doors where active firing takes place.
 2. **RANGE USAGE.** The Air Range is open to *Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America (ARL-FX IWLA)* members and *Youth* members as outlined in the by-laws. All members using the Air Range will sign in *on the log book* and comply with any instructions on lane *assignments or lane time limits*.
 3. **GUESTS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.** *ARL-FX IWLA* Chapter members may bring guests to the range during any open session. In order to provide outreach and promote the shooting sports, members of the general public may also use the range during announced open sessions (typically Monday and Friday evenings). The first five visits are complimentary. All individuals using the Air Range will sign in *on the log book* and comply with any instructions on lane *assignments or lane time limits*. First-time visitors must complete the Air Range Safety and Introduction Briefing and sign *the release form located in the log book*. Shooting athletes currently on NCAA teams, college club teams, or the USA Shooting National Team are welcome to occasionally shoot at the Air Range (on a complimentary basis).
 4. **RANGE SAFE PERSONS.** *Unless directly escorted by an Air Range volunteer, all ARL-FX IWLA members, guests, and visitors must complete the Air Range Safety and*
- Introduction Briefing before entering the firing area. At that point individuals are considered to be range safe subject to restrictions in the range safety rules.
5. **SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.** Supplies include compressed air, pellets, and targets. Equipment includes air guns, prone mats, stands, jackets, and other shooting gear. As an outreach program, the *ARL-FX IWLA* will provide complimentary supplies and equipment (as available) to *ARL-FX IWLA* members and shooters from the general public during *the Monday/Friday* open sessions for up to five visits. *Anyone wishing to continue to shoot after five visits is expected to pay the air range consumable fee, which defrays the cost of target cards, paper rolls, pellets, compressed air, etc.* This is equivalent to paying for targets, ammunition, or sporting clays at other ranges.
 6. **YOUTH SHOOTING.** A primary aim of the Air Range is to promote local youth shooting and youth shooting sports. This includes acting as one of the main ranges for *the* Potomac High School Rifle League (PHSRL) both in-season and out-of-season. PHSRL athletes *on teams who have practice or home match slots at the air range* must pay the yearly *consumables fee*.
 - ~~7. **MEMBERSHIP CARDS OR FEES PAYMENT TOKENS.** Chapter members must present their membership cards and/or air range fees payment token upon request. Non-members must show their fees payment token upon request (after the five complimentary visits).~~
 7. **RANGE SCHEDULE.** All Air Range use must be scheduled with the Air Range Director. *No unsanctioned individual practices or unscheduled shooting is allowed. The complete air range schedule is posted on a dynamic internet calendar available on the Air Range Website. Select events will be published in the ARL-FX IWLA newsletter and in the online ARL-FX IWLA calendar.* The range may be reserved

and/or rented for approved **ARL-FX IWLA** matches, **Youth** shooting activities, or externally sponsored matches. **Reservations for sponsored teams and for ARL-FX IWLA sponsored or co-sponsored matches** are scheduled through the Air Range Director. External **range** usage is first tentatively scheduled with the Air Range Director, then the sponsoring group must accomplish the Facilities Use Request process outlined on the **ARL-FX IWLA Website** (<http://www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>).

8. **RANGE ACCESS.** Approved **range officers** and **coaches** will receive time-coded access to the **air range** using an electronic lock system. Codes will be reset periodically. Approved **range officers** and **coaches** will also be given combo access to the gun safe and statistics office.

Section II

Range Safety

1. **RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS.** The Air Range Director will develop procedures to appoint and **certify** Range Safety Officers (RSOs) to operate the range **during open practices and public events**. RSOs must be over the age of 21 and must **be an ARL-FX IWLA** member. RSOs are responsible for safe and efficient operation of the Air Range and have wide discretion to ensure such operation. **Decisions of the RSO must be complied with immediately. RSO's must be familiar with all air range rules and procedures.**
2. **RANGE ASSISTANTS.** To assist the **RSO** in ensuring safe and efficient range operations, non-shooting adults **at least** 18 years of age may **serve** as a Range Assistant (RA) following a short training session given by **an RSO**. The RA is a non-coaching individual who assists the RSO in ensuring safe and efficient range operations. **RA's must be familiar with all Air Range rules and procedures.**
3. **COACHES.** **The Air Range Director will develop procedures to appoint and orient coaches, to include USA Shooting certified training center (CTC) coaches and other coaches.** Individuals 18 years of age who are **registered NRA Level 1 (L1) or above** Coaches may coach **range**. **NRA registered junior trainers** less than 18 years of age may coach **under the supervision of an approved adult CTC coach**. Coaches must be familiar with all Air Range rules and procedures.
4. **GENERAL SAFETY.** **Unless directly escorted by an air range volunteer, all members, guests, and visitors must complete the Air Range Safety and Introduction Briefing before entering the firing area.** This includes shooters and non-shooters. **Use of eye protection is mandatory unless modified by the Air Range Director under the Special Events rules below. Use of Clear Barrel Indicators (CBIs) is mandatory when the range is cold or anytime a shooter steps away from their air gun.** All individuals must obey instructions from the **RSO, coaches, and RA's**. Depending on the number and skill level of the shooters, the RSO will determine the proper ratio of **coaches** or RAs to shooters. If the RSO determines there is an unsafe ratio, they have complete discretion to limit the number of shooters on the line until more **coaches** or RAs arrive.
5. **YOUNG AND/OR INEXPERIENCED SHOOTERS.** Prospective shooters under the age of 8 must have **an NRA certified coach** direct supervision while shooting, along with a sponsoring adult present on the range. Direct supervision may also be required for inexperienced or immature shooters over the age of 8 based on RSO or **coach** discretion. If no **coach** is available to provide sufficient direct supervision, prospective shooters must wait until a Coach is available. Coaches may refuse to coach any prospective shooter who they feel is not capable of safe shooting. The RSO may **ask an unsafe patron to leave the firing area or deny entry** to the firing area for any prospective **patron** who they feel is not capable of safe shooting **or observing**.
6. **YOUTH PROTECTION AND SAFE SPORT.** Two-deep adult coverage is required at all times. This means that two adults, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required any time **youth** are in the range. One-on-one contact between adults and non-family **youth under the age of 18** is prohibited. Junior shooters are not permitted in the range if a **RSO** is not on duty.
7. **ALLOWABLE AIR GUNS.** The range is designed to support target shooting for standard .177 caliber air guns. As such, higher caliber air guns and BB guns are not permitted. Only diabolo (wasp-waisted) lead pellets with a wadcutter (flat) front are to be used. Pellets must be less than 10 grains in weight. In addition, air **guns** must shoot at a velocity less than **650 ft/sec**. Standard competition air guns complying with International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF)

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rules meet this velocity requirement. If questioned by the **RSO**, the responsibility lies with the shooter to demonstrate that the equipment in question complies with the requirements.

8. **LANE USAGE.** Shooters arriving on the line will ask the **RSO** for a lane assignment. The RSO may group types of shooters as required, such as putting experienced shooters in one area and new shooters in another area. **Each individual** firing position is reserved for the shooter, their actively used equipment, and a folding chair (optional). The yellow-lined walkway is for use of the **RSO**, transiting **patrons, coaches**, and RAs, so it must be kept clear of equipment. Shooting bags and cases may be placed behind the yellow-lined walkway in the gray area. Spectators must stay in the gray area.
9. **FOOD AND DRINK.** *Generally, most* food and drink should be consumed in the lounge area. **Drinks in the firing area should be covered to avoid spills. Individuals who have been handling lead pellets should take care to wash their hands before consuming food. During matches, competing athletes may consume food at their firing points if direct contact between food and hands is avoided.**
10. **SPECIAL EVENTS.** During special events or when the use of the Air Range is approved for outside groups, these rules may be modified **by the Air Range Director**

as necessary to permit the conduct of such events provided that basic operating and safety rules are not compromised. This specifically includes adopting procedures from National Rifle Association (NRA), Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), USA Shooting (USAS) and International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) rules as needed. Any rules modifications will be published in the match bulletin or equivalent.

11. **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.** The Air Range Director may supplement these range rules with additional Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Section III

Changes and Approval

1. **REQUIRED.** These rules for the Air Range access and safety are subject to change **ONLY** with the approval of the Air Range Director. Any change of the Air Range Rules must be approved by a simple majority vote of a quorum of the Chapter Board of Directors, published in the next issue of the Chapter newsletter, and confirmed by a simple majority vote of a quorum of the Chapter membership at a regularly scheduled membership meeting. Air Range Rules relating to emergency safety issues may be changed by the Air Range Director with subsequent approval by the Chapter Board of Directors.

REMEMBER

Speed limit is
10 mph on the
ARL-FX IWLA
property



Chapter Air Range

Open Practice Nights

Mondays 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Fridays 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

NEW TIME! NEW TIME!

Sunday Adult Chapter Member Hours at the Sills Air Range

Now 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on most Sundays
(except when there is a clinic or match)

Check the online Air Range Calendar for specifics —
<http://afc-iwla-sillsairrange.org/calendar/>

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

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

Air Range

PHSRL Championship Tops Off High School Rifle Season

The Potomac High School Rifle League (PHSRL) held their precision air rifle regional championship on February 16 at the Sills Air Range. The league consists of 11 local high school teams from Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, plus the Mavericks team (for athletes whose school does not have a rifle program). This year, 196 youth shooters participated in the league, with each team shooting at least seven matches. The PHSRL season is capped off by a day-long championship match for the top teams and athletes.

For the team title, West Springfield repeated as regional champion this year (team members Amity Ermarth, Hallie Willis, Momo Gagliano and Julia Perschbacher), breaking their previous championship score from last year with a 2329 out of 2400. Robinson Secondary School (Grace Cason, Scott Patterson, Sally Reeke and Jack Kersey) took the runner-up slot. Full results are available at <https://www.orionresults.com/afciwla>.

The overall individual winner of this year's championship was Amity Ermarth, a senior from West

Springfield High School, who shot a 593/600 to take home the gold medal. Note that over her high school career, Amity won the individual championship three times. Great job, Amity! Silver went to Niya Burney (Woodson) and bronze went to Hallie Willis (West Springfield).

Woodson High School took the regular season PHSRL Western Conference championship with a perfect 7-0 record. They also set the regular season scoring record with 1163.71 average (Niya Burney, Anna Frazier, Joshua Hilbert, Meredith Ivey, Stephanie Ricigliano). West Potomac High School took the regular season PHSRL Eastern Conference championship with a 5-1 record.

Of interest, the electronic targets and expanded range size have continued to lead directly to significantly higher average scores for the regional championships. Before the air range physical expansion, the average of the top 60 shooters was a very consistent at 540 out of 600. In the first year of the new expanded range (2015-2016), the average rose to 555. This year, the top 60 athletes averaged over 567.



CONSERVATION CURRENTS



IWLA Digital Newsletter

The League's monthly electronic newsletter keeps you up to date on important conservation and outdoor recreation news and League happenings. If you are not yet receiving "Conservation Currents," we encourage you to sign up today at <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#QuickSub>.

NoVA Sharpshooters Compete in 2019 Orion National Air Pistol League

Eighteen junior air pistol athletes from the NoVA Sharpshooters are competing in the 2019 Orion National Air Pistol League. The league consists of 15 teams from shooting clubs across the United States as well as one club from Saint Benedict's College in Johannesburg, South Africa. The league started in the month of February and

will conclude in the month of April. Eight matches are scheduled to be completed across the ten-week period.

With one match remaining in the series of eight games, the NoVA Sharpshooters are current ranked #3 of the 15 teams.



First FCPS Sporter Championship at Sills Air Range



For the first time ever, on February 9 the Sills Air Range hosted the Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) Sporter air-rifle championship. The Sporter discipline uses air rifles that are more affordable and also prohibits the use of target-shooting clothing or other equipment. This makes the discipline much cheaper and perfect for Junior ROTC programs. In fact, all the competing teams were from FCPS JROTC programs. For most of the athletes, it was their first time shooting on electronic targets. Five teams (Edison, Hayfield, Mt. Vernon, South Lakes, and West Potomac) and 31 total athletes competed, with South Lake JROTC taking home the team title, West Potomac JROTC taking the runner-up spot, and Edison JROTC coming in third. The individual winner was Hanna Nelson, with an outstanding 244 out of 300. Noah Davidson and Ryan Sullivan took second and third place respectively. Full results available at: <https://www.orionresults.com/afciwla>.

2017 Scholarship Winner Update

I have incredible news. I have been selected to be part of a team conducting research in Greenland this summer. We will be collecting raw data on narwhals and their tusk and living among the indigenous Inuit people. I am thrilled to be a part of this team and hope to learn much about field biology and data collection in extreme conditions.

None of this would have been possible without Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's investment in me and I will be eternally grateful for the belief that your Chapter has shown in my life as a future leader in conservation.

Thank you so much for making my career dreams and goals opportunities.
—Zach Miller

Junior Athletes Selected for 2019 USA Shooting Junior Olympics

Congratulations to the 28 junior athletes who have been invited to attend the 2019 National Junior Olympics Championship at the Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Junior Olympics are held annually during the month of April. Athletes are invited based on the results of qualification matches held at the state level. Some athletes achieved "auto-invite" scores and some scored above the "cutoff" score.

These athletes practice at the Sills Air Range and participate in the Chapter's adaptive shooting program, local high school rifle clubs, the NoVA Sharpshooters, and the Acorns. Some will be competing in multiple events.

- **Paralympic Air Rifle (ARL-FX IWLA Adaptive Program):** Moira Antal (Acorns), Ben Hays, and Ella Murray.
- **Women's/Men's Smallbore:** Rebecca Lamb (Acorns), Jack Kersey (Robinson).
- **Men's Air Rifle:** Grant Benson (Robinson), Jacob Bzdafka (Robinson), Shaw-Leon Chen (Woodson), Ryan Clark (Robinson), Daniel Griffin (Lake Braddock), Joshua Hilbert (Acorns/Woodson), Jack Kersey (Robinson), Scott Patterson (Robinson), Isaac Vanderhorst (Robinson), and Benjamin Wolin (Acorns/Lake Braddock).
- **Women's Air Rifle:** Zillia Dollinger (Yorktown), Rebecca Lamb (Acorns), and Stephanie Ricigliano (Acorns/Woodson).
- **Men's Air Pistol (NoVA Sharpshooters):** Victor Mou, Bhavjeet Sanghera, Connor Shea, and Connor Yates.

- **Women's Air Pistol (NoVA Sharpshooters):** Christina Alvarez, Lori Anne Madison, Josephine Mou, and Suman Sanghera.
- **Men's Sport Pistol (NoVA Sharpshooters):** Victor Mou, Bhavjeet Sanghera.
- **Men's Sport Pistol (Team LoCo Motion):** Jack Bright.
- **Women's Sport Pistol (NoVA Sharpshooters):** Lori Anne Madison, Josephine Mou, and Suman Sanghera.

Five recent veterans of the Sills Air Range also received invites: Bryce Sturtz (USCGA), Aron Tinter (North Carolina State University), Mary Kate Brox (Hillsdale College), Emily Fisher (North Carolina State University), and Arielle Kimm (University of Memphis).



Photos Needed!

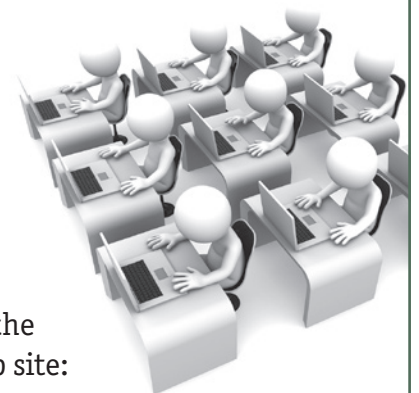
Doing volunteer work on the Chapter grounds or helping to make the picture perfect?

We would love for you to take a picture of work done or in process and e-mail it to Pam Meara (pmearaiwla@gmail.com) and/or Ellen MacBrayne (emb4art@verizon.net) to publish in the Newsletter. Send the largest photo possible and include a caption identifying faces, place, event, and date.

Education & Training Updates

The 2019 Education & Training schedule is available. Make sure you check out the schedule on the Web site:

<http://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education-and-training-2/>



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America

Annual Family Picnic

Saturday, July 13, 2019

Gates open at 10 a.m. • Lunch at 12 noon

We will do the cooking, all you have to do is load up your plate.

Menu of the Day: Pulled Pork BBQ, Beef BBQ, BBQ Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, and Ice Cold Beverages.

**Food & fun for all. Bring your family & friends to this great event.
We are going to make this picnic the best ever. We will have:**

- **Moon Bounce**
- **Field Activities**
- **Hay Rides**
- **Fishing**—we have poles or bring your own
- **Snow Cone Machine**—to cool off
- **Music**—DJ starting at Noon

Come out early and enjoy ***your*** Chapter, take a walk,
do some fishing, play games, or JUST RELAX .

Purchase Tickets At:	Ticket Info	
• All Ranges • Field House Office • Any Board Member • Purchase Day of Picnic	Members and Family	\$12.00
	Guest	\$14.00
	Children 6 to 13	\$5.00
	Under 6	FREE

For more information please contact: Bob Brino at 703-368-4934

Each Chapter membership that qualified to receive the 2019 membership dues credit is eligible to receive ONE free ticket for this year's picnic. Tickets will ONLY be available at the entrance to the Annual Picnic. All other attendees must purchase a ticket.



21th Annual

CRUSH'N CLAYS®**Clay Target Charity Classic to benefit
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital****Saturday, June 8, 2019****Sponsorship Options**

Gold	\$2,500	► Complete package for two—4-person teams	All Sponsors Also Receive ► Sponsor reception Friday evening ► Logo on banner displayed in a prominent location ► Presentation of an appreciation plaque ► Mention in all event media releases
Silver	\$1,250	► Complete package for one—4-person team	
Patron	\$750	► One 4-person team	

Sponsorship Commitment

Option	Fee	Total	Pay By
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$2,500		<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$1,250		<input type="checkbox"/> Send invoice
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$750		<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card —To pay by credit card go to: www.myvssa.org/crushn-clays or
Total			Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ Name on Card _____

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ ☐ Work ☐ Cell ☐ HomeMail to: St Jude **Crush'n Clays®** VSSA, P.O. Box 1258, Orange, VA 22960-0741

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Clay Target Charity Classic to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Saturday, June 8, 2019

Events

- Trapshooting:** Individual Awards, Lewis Class
- 50 Target Event/Person:** 25—16-yard targets
25—handicap targets
- Annie Oakley Side Event:** Ammunition for side event available for purchase at the range
- Event Includes:** Main Event Ammunition, Loaner Shotguns, Targets, Clinic, Lunch, and Awards

Event T-Shirts to First 100 Entrants

Schedule

- Check In** Begins 8:00 AM
- Shooting Clinic** 8:30 – 9:15 AM
- 16-Yard Event** 1st Flight – 9:30 AM
2nd Flight – 10:30 AM
3rd Flight – 11:30 AM
- Lunch** 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM
- Handicap Event** 1st Flight – 1:00 PM
2nd Flight – 2:00 PM
3rd Flight – 3:00 PM
- Annie Oakley Side Event...Continuous throughout the day**

Location: Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Chapter Field House (703) 631-4495, Skeet and Trap Range (703) 631-4497.

Directions: From I-495 (Capital Beltway), I-66 West to Exit 53A Route 28 South, Turn Right on Compton Road, Turn Right on Mount Olive Road. Approximately 1/10th of a mile turn left into Arlington-Fairfax Chapter IWLA entrance.

Entry Levels

Option	Fee	Total	Pay By
<input type="checkbox"/> Partron—One 4-Person Team Sponsor Sign at Clubhouse Appreciation Plaque	\$750		<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> Team—One 4-Person Team	\$250		<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card —To pay by credit card go to: www.myvssa.org/crushn-clays or
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$70		Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual—After May 20th	\$75		Name on Card _____
Total			

Register Today • Space is Limited

Shooters who wish to shoot together must send in entries together.

Name: _____

Team/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ ☐ Work ☐ Cell ☐ Home

Flight Sequence	Preference
9:30 AM & 1:00 PM	
10:30 AM & 2:00 PM	
11:30 AM & 3:00 PM	
Flight sequence: State preference, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. You will be notified only if your first preference is not available. First come, first served. Example: Squad shooting 16-yard targets at 9:30 AM will shoot handicap targets at 1:00 PM and so forth.	

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IWLA Bullseye RIMFIRE Pistol League



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter—Izaak Walton League • Centreville, Virginia

1st Sunday—April to August 2019

Three Relays: 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.

(5 Sessions—April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4)

**Most .22 caliber rimfire pistols or revolvers allowed.
Pistols similar to Ruger Single 10 NOT permitted due to excessive time
required to load and unload during timed & rapid-fire course.**

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 \$20; nonmembers \$40.

Cost per Match: nonmembers \$10.

ARL-FX IWLA members with 8 hours 2018 work credit, 50% discount.

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

Rifle-Pistol Range

Bull Run Muzzle Loaders



Bull Run Muzzle Loaders (BRML) is a National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) charter club and a proud member of their 1 in 1,000 Endowment programs. The club began in 1987 as an informal group of ten enthusiasts meeting on Sunday mornings to shoot,

socialize, and share experiences. The club grew steadily and in June 1988, BRML became an NMLRA Charter Club. Our shoots are held at the rifle-pistol range of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., of the Izaak Walton League of America (ARL-FX IWLA) in Centreville, Virginia, on the third Sunday of each month. ARL-FX IWLA is located only minutes from the site of the First Battle of Bull Run, giving the club its name.

Buckskinners, target shooters, novices, experienced shooters, pilgrims, observers, and the curious are all welcome at our shoots. Cap-locks, flint locks, under hammers, right handed or left, in-lines, rifled or

smoothbores (even matchlocks and wheel locks have made appearances) are all allowed in competition as well as noncompetition shooting. The monthly shoots also offer a pistol competition. Only iron sights are permitted in competition.

Membership in BRML isn't required to shoot; everyone is welcome. If you do not have a muzzleloader, we have club rifles and all the makings ready to loan and get you started. Instruction, load development, troubleshooting, and sighting-in assistance are also available. During our shoots, we have exclusive use of the range for muzzle-loading firearms, but anyone who shows up to use the range is given an opportunity to learn how to load and shoot a muzzleloader. It never fails to make them smile. And if a youngin' is with them, with parental permission, they get special instruction and leave with big smiles.

The events held by BRML are listed in the ARL-FX IWLA Chapter calendar. For more information, see the following Web site: <http://bullrunmuzzleloaders.com/>, or contact Tony Sucher at ajsucher@cox.net.

Youth Shotgun Team

As many of you may know, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, has had a youth trapshooting team for the past five years. Each spring, youth, ages 12–22, have participated in a semi competitive program held at the Chapter 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 Arlington-Fairfax Chapter team will participate again in the VYTL, beginning with the first competition on Saturday, March 23, at the Chapter trap fields. Each week will consist of 50 competition targets and 25–50 practice targets, as time and attendance permit. The regular season

will run for eight weeks this year, ending on May 18, followed by a state tournament held in Winchester on the weekend of June 2.

Donate to Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Using AmazonSmile

Chapter members are reminded they can donate to the chapter by registering and using AmazonSmile at www.smile.amazon.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.



Outdoor/ Indoor Archery

Archery Update

The indoor archery range is available to all Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLAs, members for your use anytime a qualified range officer is on site. The outdoor ranges are open 24/7. Many Chapter members are at the archery range house every morning from approximately 9:30 a.m. until noon. This is a great time to come down, introduce yourself, and find out what archery is all about. If you are new to archery and need advice on anything from bow setup and arrow tuning to shooting technique and equipment, help is available 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 outdoor targets butts are at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 60 yards. The range is lighted if you would like to shoot in the evening. There is a crossbow station for crossbow shooting. Crossbow targets may be shot with field points or broadheads.

One must only shoot from and through the crossbow station. Crossbow shooting is allowed **only** at the crossbow station. **No shooting from outside the crossbow station.** A 28-point field archery course is also available and tree-stand shooting during daylight hours. **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—Air bows are not allowed to be shot at the Field Archery Range.

Cub Run Archers

For those who are interested in competing in Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) archery events, there is a group formed by the Chapter called Cub Run Archers you can join. This group was established so field archery tournaments could be held at the Chapter. Cub Run Archers is a registered VBA club. The VBA is the representative for bowhunters throughout the state of Virginia. To join Cub Run Archers, applications are available at the archery range house. For more information, contact Robert D'Imperio, Secretary, Cub Run Archers, 13490 Edge Rock Ct., Chantilly, VA 20151-4101 or contact him by e-mail at robbyrayd@gmail.com.



Archery 101 Classes

On Sunday, May 19th, the Chapter's indoor archery range will be hosting a beginner's archery class. This class will take place in the indoor archery range starting at 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. 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 equipment, and shooting. We have the bows and arrows all you need to do is show up. For IWLAs the class is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children with a family max of \$30 per IWLAs family. For non-IWLAs the class is \$25 per adult and \$15 for children with a family max of \$40. Class fees will be collected before the start of the class beginning at 12:45 p.m. The minimum age for children is 9 years old. To register for the class e-mail Dick Riemer at rriemer@cox.net or call him at 703-543-8585.

Archery Qualifying for the Fairfax County Park Program

Archery qualifying is under way. Every Tuesday evening 6 p.m. until dark and Sunday mornings 9 a.m. until noon. Qualifying will take place at the outside field-archery range. No practice broadheads may be used for qualifying. Qualifying will end on Tuesday, June 4. Each attempt to qualify is \$10, with up to three attempts allowed. Information on the archery program can be found on the county Web page at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>.

3D Archery Money Shoot

Come on out for an awesome day of 3D archery at the field archery range on June 8, 2019, for the Cub Run **\$Money\$ Shoot**. This is the 3rd annual shoot of its kind and continues to get bigger and better. Whether you are a seasoned pro or a casual archer you are sure to have a blast at this shoot.

- **2 Classes:** Hunter and Open
- All Known Distance
- Early Online Registration \$20 / Late Registration \$30
- Shooting Starts 9/9:30 a.m.
- Shootdown approx. 1 p.m.

For more information, find us on Facebook—Cub Run Archers or at www.cubrunarchers.org.

Cub Run Archers' Swap Meet and Sale Hits the Mark

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA's Cub Run Archers hosted an outdoor equipment swap meet and sale for IWLA members and the general public on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at the Field Archery Indoor Range.

The event was held as a benefit for Cub Run Archers to raise much-needed funds, allow sellers to rent tables to dispose of unwanted equipment, and to provide buyers with an opportunity to uncover hard-to-find items and enjoy some incredible bargains.

The nineteen table vendors displayed a variety of archery and camping equipment, firearms, and ammunition. A relatively small, but steady stream of buyers kept sellers occupied, and most sellers reported being satisfied with their table sales. Many sellers were showing firearms for private sale under Virginia law, and we were very careful to respect all state and federal gun laws. Cub Run Archers members manned several tables for the club and were able to sell many donated and "lost & found" items at fair to bargain prices. Due to a generous donation by Hoffman Archery, we awarded a large number of door prizes.

The club raised over \$800 through table rentals, club table sales, donations in lieu of an admission fee, and food sales. Our success was truly due to a team effort with members (and spouses) planning and marketing the event, moving tables and cleaning up the range, staffing the club



(Photo by Yvonne Johnson)

sales tables and admission table, and serving delicious food service items. IWLA and Cub Run leadership helped us shepherd our "short-fused" event request quickly through the approval wickets.

Would we do this again? Hell yes! We have a couple takeaways: next time we'll enter the planning and approval process earlier and start our advertising and marketing activities further in advance of the event, which should result in larger crowds of buyers.

—Stephen P. (Steve) Johnson

A Member's Experience at the Target Archery 101 Class

Recently, a group of friends and I decided to try the Archery 101 course offered for beginners of all ages at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's indoor archery range. We were a group of six women, ranging in age from 29 to 62. Gathered around us were families with youngsters and a few young adults on their own.

The instructors were all outstanding in the field; it was easy to see their experience from the way they handled the equipment and taught us how to use it all. Their confidence and exuberance was contagious. We each stepped up to the line with images of the television series, *Arrow*, in our minds.

After some understandable wariness in the beginning, all of us were successful as shown by our center shots and good groupings. What speaks even louder is that of my five friends who attended, three have said they want to join the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Inc., IWLA, and one has already signed up for the next New Member Orientation. Friendly, encouraging, supportive instructors were crucial

to their decisions to continue with the sport and to join our Chapter. We all had a great time and we are looking forward to spending time at the archery range and learning a new sport we will enjoy for a lifetime.

—Beth Hellmann



George Washington University Upsets GMU at the 5th Annual Winter Indoor Target Archery Tournament Held March 9 and 10, 2019

The 5th annual Winter Indoor Target Archery Tournament was held on the weekend of March 9 and 10, 2019, at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, indoor archery range. This was a U.S. Archery sanctioned tournament with 69 archers from North Carolina to Massachusetts attending the competition. Sanctioned tournaments allow competing archers to set new nationally recognized records for their division.

Two universities, George Washington University (GWU) and George Mason University (GMU), were represented at the tournament. Ze Hyun Tony Moon from GWU took top honors with a score of 546 in the collegiate-male-recurve division. Mr. Moon also set the new high-score record for the range in his division that was previously held by Eduardo Ramirez of GMU.

Other records for the range were also set including: Michael Raso in Bowman-male-recurve with a score of 358, Joonsuh Oh in Senior-male-recurve with a score of 588, Jim Kerrigan in Master 70-male-recurve with a 550, Leslie Whitaker in Master 70-female-recurve with a 441, Ashby Spratley III in Master 60-male-compound with a 561, and Byron Kissane in Master 70-male-compound with a 534.

The barebow division has captured a huge following in recent years with eight archers participating this year. New range records in this division were captured by Grayson Partlowe in Senior-male-barebow with a 568, Jeff Del Vecchio in Master 50-male-barebow with a 360, Abigail Kovats in Cub-female-barebow with a 380, and Susan Snider in Senior-female-barebow with a 497.

The event hosted 38 recurve archers, 23 compound archers, and 8 barebow archers. Maximum score for all divisions is a 600.

Congratulations to all of the archers and a huge thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to make this year's event a huge success: Angella Alvernaz, Maria O'Connell, Tara Vickers, Steve Vickers, Steve Elkins, Jeff Del Vecchio, and Byron Kissane.

OUTDOOR ARCHERY CLASS

Adult and Youth Olympic Archery Outdoor Class
No Prior Experience Needed — Youth Ages 9–18

Sign up during the first class on April 28, 2019

Fee of \$110 for the 12-week session

Archers must have their own equipment by the 3rd class.

When: Sundays, April 28, 2019 through
July 14, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Outdoor Target Archery Field
Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA
14708 Mount Olive Road
Centreville, VA

For questions or more information
Contact Dan Roberts @ 703-835-1101 or e-mail
WDanRoberts@outlook.com



Supporting Pollinators

Erynn and Sara Alvernaz are Junior Girl Scouts from the Girl Scouts Nation's Capital Service Unit 90-4. Sara was a member of the Arlington-Fairfax Youth Chapter and shot with the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Team until December 2018. Erynn is currently a member of the JOAD Team and is also on the Competitive Archery Team (CAT) under the supervision of Dan Roberts. She has also joined the Youth Chapter board of directors under the direction of Joe Turner.

Erynn and Sara began working on their Bronze Award for Girl Scouts in 2018. The Bronze Award is the first major service award Girl Scouts can earn. It must benefit the community in some way and each girl must work on the project for a minimum of 20 hours. They learn to identify a problem and possible solutions and then work through the planning and implementation process. The girls must complete the work on their own; however, because this is the first major project the girls complete, an adult may advise and guide as needed.

Erynn and Sara decided they wanted to focus on an environmental issue and identified the need to support increasing the population of pollinators. Pollinators have been declining in recent years for numerous reasons such as habitat loss, pesticide use, and disease. To support this issue, they decided they would like to plant a pollinator garden to provide additional sources of pollen in an environment that is safe for the pollinators.

After joining the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, they learned the Chapter is passionate about wildlife conservation. They were present at the February membership meeting where they learned the Chapter currently has bee hives on the property and will be installing bee houses. They realized a mutual partnership could be possible and decided to approach the Board of Directors about the possibility.

On March 5, 2019, the girls presented to the Chapter board of directors to explain their project and to request permission to plant a pollinator garden within the Chapter grounds. The project was approved and is scheduled to be planted on April 20, 2019.

The pollinator garden will consist of a variety of pollinator friendly plants which are native to Virginia. It will also have two bee watering stations. It is important for bees to stay hydrated to remain healthy and to produce honey. The pollinator garden will support the bees that currently live on the Chapter property and will hopefully attract additional bees to the area. Butterflies and hummingbirds will also be supported within the garden.

To learn more about the decline in the bee population and to read varying perspectives about this issue, please visit <https://twinmommy2008.wixsite.com/bees>. To see the presentation about the pollinator garden, please visit <https://1drv.ms/p/s!AjmywDLhYMQIghPPL1bBH7U9LKat>.



SIGN UP!



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Please use to sign up for Volunteer Opportunities—located on the Chapter Home Web page.

May 2019

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Calendar

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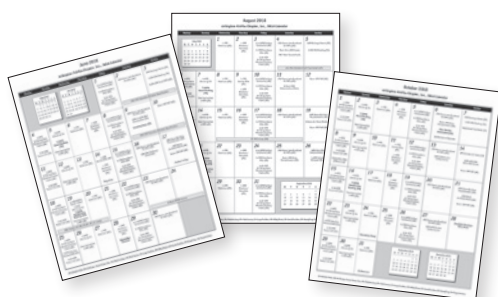
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