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How the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Works (And YOUR Place in Making It Work)

By now, if you've been reading your monthly newsletter, you know how the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) is organized. Individual chapters, like the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter (ARL-FX), are organized into State Divisions. The State Divisions make up the National IWLA. So that's how we are organized. But how do things actually work? How do things happen, and what makes them happen?

We're fortunate to have a very experienced Chapter president, Tom Ciarula, who served as vice president of the Chapter for many years. Now, working with the other Chapter officers and the Board of Directors (BoD), he runs the Chapter. We have a very experienced set of officers and BoD members. Most of these people have been heavily involved with ARL-FX and the IWLA for many years. Day in and day out, they run the affairs of the Chapter. They are the ones who decide the direction and timing of those affairs. Without them, nothing would happen. Recently, you have probably noticed a lot of activity near the Air Range, as a new parking area is being created. That involves cutting trees and moving dirt. The officers and BoD created the plan some years ago. The necessary coordination and permitting process has been followed and approved. And now it's time to start actually doing the hard work of creating something great from what was simply earth and woods.

The problem is, that very experienced set of officers and BoD members are just that: very experienced. Another word for "very experienced" is "old." When the plan calls for dirt

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From left: Joe Turner, youth activities director; Alex Morris, treasurer; Thomas Mikolashek, secretary; Eric Patterson, vice president; Anya Arseneau, president.

Youth Chapter Elects New Officers for 2020

At the ARL-FX IWLA Youth Chapter elections, held November 11-17, 2019, the membership elected a new slate of officers and directors. Newly elected are: Anya Arseneau, president; Eric Patterson, vice president; Thomas Mikolashek, secretary; Alex Morris, treasurer; and Victor

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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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Chapter's Facebook Page

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Chapter Field House Office Hours

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All other Tues.....1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Other times, call the field house office number..... 703-631-4495

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New Activities

Our youth programs are doing outstanding. The high school rifle teams that have called the Chapter's Sills Air Range home for the last 17 years have been a powerhouse in Olympic and NCAA competition and produced two of the seven rifle shooters on the USA team at the 2016 Olympics in Rio. Plus, a Gold medal. We regularly send around 30 juniors to the Men's and Women's Junior Olympics. In the last two years we have something new. Our juniors have come up rapidly in both Olympic Pistol and Olympic Archery. These things do not happen on their own. This is the result of an incredible amount of hard work from the two people that are running these programs and the people they have recruited to help. What Dan Roberts in Target Archery and Mark Budgeon in Air Pistol have done is amazing and superb. Well done guys. Juniors are the future of any program and we are doing great because of the efforts of these two guys.

There are more different events going on at our Chapter now than ever in the past. This is great (but sometimes parking is a problem). We need to do more of this. I am sure that we have many more shared interests between our 2,000+ members. If you want to start up a program like this, just put together a short announcement, come to the board for approval, and we can get it out to the membership either through the Web site or the newsletter.

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



SIGN UP!



SignUpGenius®

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

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*.

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

Use of Outhouses



IMPORTANT: Septic tanks are used for the outhouses on the property. Trash (plastic bottles, bags, etc.) should never be disposed of in an outhouse for any reason. Trash clogs the septic tank and the Chapter has to pay to get it cleared. Groups may be charged these costs if the septic tank becomes clogged while they use the property.

Conservation News From IWLA National

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) opened a sign up for the Conservation Reserve Program in December, giving rural landowners opportunities to take highly erodible and other cropland out of production and plant buffer strips along streams, restore wetlands, plant windbreaks, or restore longleaf pine habitat. If you own farmland in Virginia or have relatives or friends who farm or own farmland, this is a great opportunity to earn money while providing wildlife habitat and protecting our rivers.

There are several kinds of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts and most are available for 10 to 15 years. They offer annual rental payments for the land and pay for a share of the costs of planting the grass, forbs, trees, or shrubs.

General CRP contracts are typically whole fields, planted to grass or trees. Landowners must apply before February 28 for a contract and their applications will be scored against other landowners and the best applications receive contracts. Applicants can boost their odds of winning a contract by offering to plant a diverse mix of native species (including longleaf pine plantings) and by focusing on their most erodible land to enroll. New program rules provide opportunities for landowners to occasionally graze or hay the land as part of a management plan. See www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/index.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) contracts are available to rural landowners willing to restore wetlands or plant buffer strips along streams. They pay higher rent, a larger share of the planting costs, and incentive payments are also available for CREP contracts thanks in part to support from Virginia. Virginia's CREP is available on cropland and some pasture. Cost-share payments are even available for landowners who need to install fences and watering troughs to keep livestock out of the stream.

Virginia CREP enrollment is open and there is currently no deadline for applications. Any eligible landowner can enroll in the program and approval is automatic if you meet the qualifications. See www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/va_crep_infosheet.pdf for more information.

Grassland CRP contracts will also be available in the spring for rural landowners with pasture. They pay less than other CRP contracts, but they allow regular grazing and 14- to 15-year contracts. Grassland CRP contracts are also done through a competitive bidding process. Sign up will be held March 16 to May 15. Visit www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/crp-grasslands/index.

USDA has been slow to enroll rural landowners in CRP contracts in recent years. As a result, the number of Virginia farms with CRP contracts has dropped from 4,156 in 2015 to less than 2,800 today and the number of acres has dropped by 38 percent to less than 34,000 acres as past CRP contracts have expired. If all of those acres went back into cropland, the state lost as much as 33 square miles of habitat in just four years, including many buffer strips that protect streams and wetlands from runoff from farms and livestock operations.

The USDA expects to open enrollment for its other conservation programs in the coming months. Programs like the Conservation Stewardship Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program help landowners plan and carry out conservation systems that improve water quality, reduce polluted runoff, restore wildlife habitat, and preserve and restore wetlands and native grasslands on farms and ranches. See www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/va/programs.

—*Duane Hovorka*
IWLA National Office,
Agriculture Program Director

Attention Members: Chapter Picnic Change Notice

The Chapter picnic has been moved to September 12, 2020. Please stay tuned as more information will be provided in future newsletters and on the Chapter Web site.

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/>



ARL-FX IWLA Membership Minutes

February, March, April 2020

Membership Numbers Update

2,029 Chapter memberships filled ... 2020 RENEWAL FORM is available online at <http://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS "PROBABLY" STILL AVAILABLE!

IF ... you have not renewed yet, chances are your membership slot is still available. BUT ... renew right away or you may lose your membership. Your 2019 range badge will expire soon. Don't be denied access because of an expired range badge.

Membership Notes

Renewal Update:

- As of 12/22/19, the office staff has processed just over 1,350 renewal forms. That leaves more than 1,100 yet to be received. Don't forget ... any renewals postmarked after January 2, 2017, are late. In order to renew, you will have to pay the "late" fee of \$40.00.
- Do NOT forget to sign the back of your renewal form. Otherwise ... you will have to come into the office to sign it.

- BE PATIENT for your credentials. We mail in bulk. That means we wait until we can bundle 400+ envelopes together before we take a trip to the post office.
- Membership renewal forms have been available online and on campus since October. As a courtesy, we are also including one in this newsletter. (If you are using the enclosed form ... don't forget to send the late fee along with your renewal.)



Hang onto those range badges! They provide access to all our ranges. Without a current range badge, you will not be able to use the ranges. The replacement fee is \$25. If you lose your badge, call the office at 703-631-4495 or e-mail

memberships@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org.

"As always ... get out to our Chapter and have some fun."

—Beau Craudall
Membership Director

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/>.



Requested Proposed Revisions to Bylaws

Purpose & Rationale: To update and clarify existing Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA bylaws. These will be voted on by the membership at the February 2020 general membership meeting. (Approved by the board of directors at their December 3, 2019, meeting.) Revisions are denoted by **Strikethrough**, *Italic* and **Bold Italic**.

Skeet & Trap Range Rules

Section III Range and Operation (Page 39)

Reworded:

4. **ROUND = 25 TARGETS.** When shooting for practice, ~~or when~~ under instruction, ~~or~~ when it's not desirable to shoot a standard skeet or trap course, members (and guests) will keep track of the number of targets thrown, and will pay for them on the basis of 25 targets thrown equaling a round of skeet or trap.

Air Range Rules

Section I Access to the Air Range (Page 42)

Added:

9. **SPONSORED TEAMS.** In order to promote youth shooting sports, the ARL-FX Chapter currently sponsors the following ***Potomac High School Rifle League*** (PHSRL) teams: Centreville HS, Fairfax HS, Lake Braddock SS, Mavericks, Robinson SS, West Springfield HS, and Woodson HS. The Chapter also sponsors the NoVA Sharpshooters and the Arlington-Optimist Acorns. Sponsored teams are typically provided one practice slot per week, although standard practice slots are subject to modification for special events. In exchange, sponsored teams help staff the Monday and Friday open practices. The ARL-FX **board of directors** can approve additional sponsored teams.

Bylaws—Article II

2. Classes of Membership and Annual Dues.

h. Youth Membership (Page 10)

Reworded:

- h. **Youth Membership.** The Arlington-Fairfax Junior Chapter is a chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (Arlington-Fairfax Youths). While a separately chartered chapter of the IWLA, it is not a separate corporation but part of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, ***Inc.***, of the IWLA-~~Inc. corporation~~. They are governed by their own **bylaws**, rules, and procedures separate and different from these **bylaws**, but the **youth members** can use some of the Chapter facilities when accompanied by an adult member.

Article III—Meetings

Changed: (page 11)

ARTICLE III Meetings

1. **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP.** Regular membership meetings of the Chapter shall be held at the Chapter fieldhouse on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
 - a. **Quorum.** Twelve members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at regular membership meetings, special membership meetings, and the annual membership meeting.
23. **ANNUAL ELECTION.** Officers and directors shall be elected by written ballot in the month of July each year and announced at the regular membership meeting in July of each year.
34. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.** The ~~annual membership meeting~~, including the installation of officers and directors, shall be held in August of each year.
2. ~~BOARD OF DIRECTORS.~~ Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Chapter fieldhouse on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
 - a. **Quorum.** A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

45. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. Special membership meetings of the Chapter may be called at any time by the **p**resident and shall be called by the **p**resident at the written request of any three **d**irectors or of no less than thirty (30) Chapter members, mailing a written notice stating the time, place, and purpose of such special meeting, not less than ten (10) days and not more than fifty (50) days prior thereto; except for any special meeting to amend the **c**ertificate of **i**ncorporation, of which the notice shall be mailed not less than twenty-five (25) days and not more than forty (40) days before such meeting.

5. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. Special membership meetings of the Chapter may be called at any time by the President and shall be called by the President at the written request of any three Directors or of no less than thirty (30) Chapter members, mailing a written notice stating the time, place, and purpose of such special meeting, not less than ten (10) days and not more than fifty (50) days prior thereto; except for any special meeting to amend the Certificate of Incorporation, of which the notice shall be mailed not less than twenty-five (25) days and not more than forty (40) days before such meeting.

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Regular meetings of the board of directors shall **be normally be held at the Chapter fieldhouse on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.** With the president's advance permission, a director may participate in a regular board of directors meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of any means of remote communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, or by which directors may read or hear the proceedings of the meeting, substantially concurrently with the proceedings. A director participating in a meeting by such means shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

a. Quorum. A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS. Special board of directors' meetings of the Chapter may be called at any time by the president and shall be called by the president at the written request of any three directors. Notice of a special board of directors' meeting shall be given not less than twenty-four (24) hours and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Directors who have consented to electronic notifications may be notified by e-mail. All others may be notified by a phone call.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING. *In special circumstances it may be necessary for the directors to take action without a meeting. As allowed in the Code of Virginia for non-stock corporations, the directors are allowed to vote via electronic means. The secretary or other appointed director shall e-mail the motion to all directors with a specified deadline to respond. The same shall tabulate all email responses on the motion. If fewer responses are received than would constitute a quorum at a regularly scheduled meeting of the directors, then the motion fails. The director shall respond with a "Yes" or "No" vote on the motion. Only one motion may be voted on and approval must be unanimous. Any comments are for later discussion purposes only. Directors must have a consent on file with the secretary listing the e-mail address they use for board of directors' communications. Directors may opt out by notifying the secretary in writing.*

AmazonSmile Donations

The Chapter wants to thank everyone who has supported the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, (ARL-FX) by choosing the Chapter as your charity when purchasing items on AmazonSmile. For the price of each eligible dollar you spend, the Chapter receives .5% as a donation. As of November 2019, the Chapter has received \$234.50 in donations.

If you would like to donate to the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., through AmazonSmile, simply use the following instructions:

- Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> when you make purchases through AmazonSmile, 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.



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc. Izaak Walton League of America

Announcing the 2020

Annual Fishing Derby and Picnic for Children & Adults with Disabilities May 2, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. • Lunch is served at Noon
Come out and enjoy a day of fishing and outdoor fun!

14708 Mount Olive Road, Centreville, VA 20121-2517

For directions visit our Web site: www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

Contact: ucky.sills@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org or Pam.Meara@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org
to register. Please include number planning to attend.

The participants do not have to be members of the Chapter.

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/>



Izaak Walton League of America Store

Are you interested in getting an IWLA apparel/items?
Did you know that IWLA National has on line store?
Visit <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#Store>,

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Speed Limit is 10 MPH on the
ARL-FX IWLA Property



Air Range

NoVA Sharpshooters Junior Pistol Program News

The NoVA Sharpshooters were quite busy during the last several months producing more great accomplishments and firsts.

During the month of October, the NoVA Sharpshooters hosted two matches sanctioned by the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA). The first was the VSSA Air Pistol State Championship and the second was the VSSA Sport Pistol State Championship.

Seventeen junior pistol athletes competed in the VSSA Air Pistol State Championship at the Sills Air Range on Sunday, October 20, 2019. The competition consisted of a 60-shot qualification match and a 24-shot finals elimination match. Mr. Joe Turner, president of the VSSA, presented wooden plaques to the top three competitors: Overall Champion Bhavjeet Sanghera, 2nd place Suman Sanghera, and 3rd place Josephine Mou. The top two athletes, Bhavjeet and Suman Sanghera, also received the "Commonwealth 20 Award." Team Cocaptain Josephine Mou presented medals to the winners in three age categories: J1

(Paine Gronemeyer—Gold), J2 (Victor Mou—Gold, Connor Shea—Silver, and Christina Alvarez—Bronze) and J3 (Lori Anne Madison—Gold, Lauren Creese—Silver, and Landon Cerrone—Bronze).

One week later, the Blues Brothers Coaches supervised the VSSA Sport Pistol State Championship held at the ARL-FX IWLA Rifle-Pistol Range. Ten athletes competed in the match which consisted of a 30-shot precision target stage and a 30-shot rapid fire stage for a total of 60 competition shots. Mr. Joe Turner, VSSA president, presented wooden plaques to the top three competitors: Overall Champion Suman Sanghera, 2nd place Victor Mou, and 3rd place Josephine Mou. The top athlete, Suman Sanghera, also received the "Commonwealth 20 Award." Team Cocaptain, Josephine Mou, presented medals to the winners in the three age categories: J1 (Paine Gronemeyer—Gold), J2



Left to right—Suman, Josephine, Victor, and Joe Turner.



Left to right—Josephine, Suman, Victor, and Joe Turner.

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

(Jack Bright—Gold, Ethan Jardines—Silver, Connor Yates—Bronze) and J3 (Lauren Creese—Gold).

During the first weekend of November, Alex Chichkov from Pardini USA was the guest speaker for a pistol clinic hosted by the NoVA Sharpshooters. Alex is a world champion in several international pistol disciplines and he provided valuable information on training and preparing for matches. He also worked with each of the 14 athletes to improve their shooting techniques.

NoVA Sharpshooters hosted the 2019-2020 USA Shooting Virginia Sport Pistol Junior Olympic State Championship at the National Rifle Association Range, Sunday, November 24, 2019. This was the first indoor sport pistol match for the junior athletes shooting as a group. They used 50- foot targets for both stages with the rapid-fire stage targets edging seven seconds and facing three seconds for each competition shot. Despite a few minor glitches with range equipment, the event went very well. Twelve northern Virginia junior athletes participated—four represented Team LoCo Motion from Purcellville and eight represented the NoVA Sharpshooters from Centreville. Two athletes achieved auto-invite scores for the 2020 Junior Olympics and we are confident more will receive invitations after USA Shooting calculates cutoff scores.

Congratulations to Victor Mou for having the top sport pistol score and being awarded State Champion. Victor is a junior attending Langley High School. He's been shooting

air pistol and sport pistol for two years. When the air pistol program started in 2017, he was the Virginia State Champion for air pistol and since then has been a regular top performer in air pistol and sport pistol competitions. Here are the results: Junior Women—Suman Sanghera (Gold, J2 Auto-Invite Score), Lori Anne Madison (Silver), Josephine Mou (Bronze); Junior Men—Victor Mou (Gold, VA State Champ, Auto-Invite Score), Bhavjeet Sanghera (Silver), Paine Gronemeyer (Bronze).

Four NoVA Sharpshooters attended Winter Air Gun at the Olympic Training Center located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The seasoned air pistol veterans, Bhavjeet



Sanghera, Josephine Mou, Suman Sanghera, and Victor Mou, had a great time meeting and competing with the top air pistol athletes in the USA. Suman Sanghera excelled once again, winning the bronze medal in the junior women category.

Next major event will be the Virginia Air Pistol Junior Olympics State Championship (JOSC), Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Twenty-two competitors from across Virginia will meet at the Sills Air Range to compete in a 60-shot air pistol match that will determine who will qualify to attend the 2020 USA Shooting Junior Olympics. During the month of February, USA Shooting should announce invitations and we are confident the NoVA Sharpshooters will be well represented.



NoVA Sharpshooters Host 2020 USA Shooting Air Pistol Junior Olympics State Championship

Twenty young athletes from Virginia gathered at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Sills Air Range on Sunday, January 5th, for the 2020 USA Shooting Air Pistol Junior Olympics State Championship. Three were from Harrisonburg's Rockingham County 4-H Rockin' Shots, two were from Purcellville's Team LoCo Motion, one independent was from Hampton, and the remaining 14 represented the NoVA Sharpshooters.



This was the second air pistol USA Shooting championship hosted at the air range.

Chapter President Tom Ciarula presented medals to the top three athletes in the Junior Men and Junior Women categories. Bhavjeet Sanghera from the NoVA Sharpshooters was the Virginia State Champion and won Gold, Ethan Jardines from Team LoCo Motion won Silver, and Derek Liddle from the Rockin' Shots won Bronze.

For the Junior Women, Suman Sanghera from the NoVA Sharpshooters was the Virginia State Champion and

won Gold, Christina Alvarez from the NoVa Sharpshooters won Silver, and Lauren Creese from Team LoCo Motion won Bronze.

Thanks to all who worked to make this a great competition. USA Shooting will collect scores from matches held across the United States and determine who will receive invitations to the 2020 Junior Olympics. Because of their scores, Bhavjeet and Suman Sanghera have already attained automatic invitations.



Outdoor/Indoor Archery

Archery Update

The indoor archery range is available to all Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, 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 contact Rylee Butler, Secretary, Cub Run Archers, by e-mail rab15@pct.edu.



Archery 101 Classes

On Sundays, February 23, March 29 and April 26, 2020, the Chapter's indoor archery range will be hosting a beginner's archery class. These classes take place in the indoor archery range starting at 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The classes are 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. These classes cover the different types of archery equipment, safety, purchasing of equipment, and shooting. We have the bows and arrows and all you need to do is show up. For IWLA members the class is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children with a family max of \$30 per IWLA family. For non-IWLA members 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.

Indoor Archery Range Open for Evening Shooting

Come on out and do some evening shooting. The indoor archery range will be open Monday through Friday evenings 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., through March 2020.

Archery Qualifying for the Fairfax County Park Program

As of this printing, the dates have not been released by Fairfax County for qualifying for the 2020/2021 park archery program. Expect the dates to be similar to last year starting in late March and ending in early June. Information on the archery program can be found on the county Web page as it is updated. Qualifying will be held at the field archery range on Tuesday evenings 6 p.m. until dark and Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. until 12 noon. 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>.

Advanced Archery Group Completes the Fall Semester

The Advanced Archery Group training program completed its fall semester training on December 4, 2019. This program is a small group of dedicated archers who spent 12 weeks of intensive archery training during two weekly classes and daily shooting practice and exercise. The group is part of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter (ARL-FX) Competition Archery Team and is part of the U.S. Archery Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program.

Archers in the program are Lea Oseran, Marlen Lima-Lima, Salvatore Del Vecchio, and Adam Raffle. All archers have earned their 5-star or higher archery achievement pins.

The ARL-FX IWLA Competition Archery Program, for both new and returning archers, is completing its fall semester. The winter semester begins on January 12, 2020. For more information, contact Coach Dan Roberts at 703-835-1101.



Cub Run Archers' Second Annual Swap Meet and Sale Planned for Saturday, March 7, 2020

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA's Cub Run Archers (CRA) will host our second annual outdoor equipment Swap Meet and Sale for Chapter members and the general public on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the field archery indoor range.

The event benefits Cub Run Archers by raising needed funds, allow sellers to rent tables to dispose of unwanted equipment, and provide buyers with an opportunity to uncover hard-to-find items and discover some incredible bargains.

Last year we rented 19 of 28 available sales tables in spite of a late start and had a steady stream of buyers.

CRA is requesting voluntary donations in lieu of an admission fee. The club is also soliciting equipment donations for sale at the club table.

Only table buyers will be allowed to sell at the swap meet. All private firearm and ammunition sales will be in strict accordance with federal and Virginia law.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Prospective sellers should contact Steve Johnson at stephenjohnsonsr@gmail.com (preferred method) or (703) 887-3145 for a table sales package. Information will also be available on-line at www.cubrunarchers.org.

Doors will open to the public at 9 a.m.

Weather Related Closures

Always check the chapter Web site home page for possible chapter weather related closures.



SIGN UP!

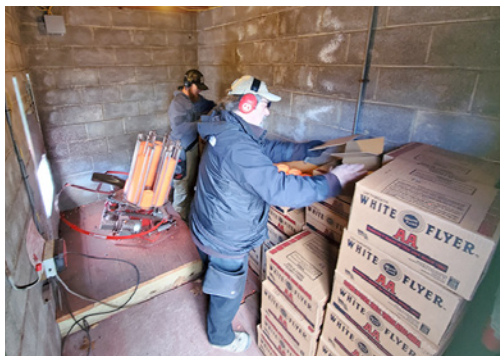


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Please use to sign up for Volunteer Opportunities—located on the Chapter Home Web page.

Skeet & Trap Range

2020 Winter League Opening Day—January 5



Photography by John Dwyer

Knife/Ax Users' Club

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's Knife/Ax Users' Club held another super event on December 7th. Billed as a "Woodworking and Fire-making Workshop," the club had several Scouts in attendance to learn about safe wood processing, tomahawk/ax use, kindling selection, etc., and a host of fire-making skills. The Scouts were introduced to numerous fire-making tools and techniques, which included nesting material selection, duct tape/magnesium

shaving, ferrocium rod usage, "light anywhere" matches, and other techniques. As always, all demonstrations and practice took place under the watchful eye of club leadership and the Scouts and everyone had a terrific time while honing their skills. Thanks so much to all who attended, and cheers for more awesome outings in 2020.

—Matt Michaelson

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Skeet and Trap Range

Presents

JOHN SHIMA SKEET SHOOTING CLINIC

Clinic will be scheduled on a
Friday and Saturday
in April 2020

Dates will be set in January,
just after the Holidays.

To Sign Up:
Talk to Bill Hobson at the
Skeet & Trap Range,
or Call Bill at 703-850-8484



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.

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Use of Outhouses



IMPORTANT: Septic tanks are used for the outhouses on the property. Trash (plastic bottles, bags, etc.) should never be disposed of in an outhouse for any reason. Trash clogs the septic tank and the Chapter has to pay to get it cleared. Groups may be charged these costs if the septic tank becomes clogged while they use the property.

Rifle-Pistol Range

Bull Run Muzzle Loaders

The Bull Run Muzzle Loaders (BRML) as a charter club of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) exists to promote, support, nurture, and preserve our nation's rich historical heritage in the sport of muzzleloading through recreational, educational, historical, and cultural venues such as match competition, hunting, gun making and safety, historical reenactments, exhibits, museums, libraries, and other related programs.

As an association founded upon our heritage of early American guns, we declare our support of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

We are dedicated to: The understanding of, and the ability in, marksmanship with early American muzzleloading guns. Match promotion for the purpose of advancing fine accuracy with these arms and the establishment of standard practices for competition. The recognition and support for the continuing and growing interest in the added challenge of hunting with a muzzleloading gun. Greater safety with all guns, especially with muzzleloading rifles, pistols, and shotguns. The collecting, preservation, and recreation of antique guns and related accoutrements, and the recognition of the value of living history reenactments. The promotion, support, preservation, and education about our nation's rich historical heritage in the use and sport of muzzleloading.

BRML competitions are held on the third Sunday of every month from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Odd numbered months are individual target competitions, while even numbered months are aggregate score competitions. Generally, there are five targets, some requiring five shots, some only three. Usually distances are 25 and 50 yards. However, expect the unexpected because the Schutzenmeister delights in selecting challenging targets and conditions. Participants score their own targets and

turn in their best. Relays are approximately 20 minutes each. Any safe muzzle loader (flintlock, caplock, side slapper, under hammer, fire lock, match lock, wheel lock, inline) may be used. Iron sights (open, battle peep, aperture) only, no scopes or optics are permitted. Spotting scopes may be used to check targets.

BRML members have worked with various Scouting groups teaching safety, use, and marksmanship with muzzleloading firearms. They have been, and were in 2019, present at the Women On Target events. In 2019 BRML is investigating a training program for people to become certified or recertified muzzle loader instructors through the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

Through 2019 competitors scores were recorded and at the end of the year the total points for their top four competitions were totaled. The individual with the highest score is designated the Top Rifle Shot for the year. The 2019 Top Rifle Shot was J. P. Sherkus. He was followed by John Marhefka, Pete Salvano, Mike Rodzianko, Rob Capp, Kevin Collins, Dwight Hlustick, Tony Sucher, Doug Crowe, Art Twichell, Mike Kingsley, Al Short, Frank Niccoli, Bob Drake, Matt Shuster, Jim Ellis, and Rich Burkhart. The rest of the shooters participated in less than 4 competitions.

Following the same process, the 2019 Top Pistol Shot was J. P. Sherkus. Second place was John Marhefka followed by Mike Rodzianko and Kevin Collins. The other competitors participated in less than 4 competitions.

If you have a new muzzle loader and want to learn, are just curious, or have an old muzzle loader you want to check out, come on out and join us. If you're checking out a muzzle loader, sighting in, or testing a load, you're welcomed. You don't have to join the competition. There's plenty of advice and help available.

—Tony Sucher



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>.

ARL-FX IWLA Bullseye Pistol League—RIMFIRE



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA • Centreville, Virginia

1st Sunday—March thru July 2020

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

(5 Sessions—March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5)

Rimfire pistols or revolvers, .22 caliber

Pistols similar to Ruger Single 10 NOT permitted due to excessive time required to load and unload during timed and 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. All 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: ARL-FX IWLA members \$20; Nonmembers \$40.

Cost per Match: Nonmembers \$10.

ARL-FX IWLA members with 8 hours 2019 work credit, 50% discount.

Cash Payment First Match

For further information and reservations, contact Jack Machey at reddotbull@zoho.com.

Outdoor Smallbore Match on Electronic Targets? Fingers Crossed!

With the Chapter ordering ten SIUS outdoor electronic targets, an exciting new era of shooting opens up at the Rifle-Pistol Range. If all goes well with delivery and installation, targets should be available for an inaugural Great American Rifle Open smallbore match on May 25 (Memorial Day)—so save the date now!

Two types of relays are planned:

- 50M Prone (Any Sights)—40 shots in a time of 50 minutes
- 50M Three Position Smallbore (Metallic Sights)—3x20 in a time of 105 minutes



This .22 caliber match will be **free**. Sign ups are limited to adult and Junior Chapter **members only**. The prone relays are targeted at adult Chapter members and the 3P relays are targeted at Junior Chapter members. Relay positions can be reserved via SignUpGenius at <https://tinyurl.com/GARSmallbore>.

For more information on the SIUS LS 25/50 targets, see <https://sius.com/en>.

For more information on the match, e-mail rogerthrasher@me.com.

★ ★ ★ 2 Gun Raffle!! ★ ★ ★



1st Prize: Les Bauer Premier II 1911
2nd Prize: Savage 111 Trophy Hunter .30/06

(First name drawn gets choice of prize, second name drawn gets remaining item)



(MSRP: \$1,935)



(MSRP: \$490)

Raffle Ticket Price: \$20

Raffle drawn at 200th ticket—need not be present to win

Buy tickets online at: <http://afc-iwla-sillsairrange.org>

Proceeds benefit Youth Air Gun programs.

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America

This is a private sale (raffle)—winner must be eligible to purchase.





From the Women of the NRA®

Instructional Shooting Clinic

Saturday, May 16, 2020 • 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Sponsored by
The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc.
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NRA Women On Target®—Instructional
Shooting Clinics provide you with a safe, friendly
environment for learning about shooting sports.

Only \$80! Clinic Includes:

- Pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee in the morning
- Lunch
- Eye and ear protection
- T-shirt
- Loaner equipment and ammunition
- Personal instruction by nationally recognized volunteers

For ladies only, ages 14 and over.

Space is limited. Register now!

For more information contact Clinic Director Pamela Meara at:

PmearaIWLA@gmail.com

Registration for this clinic is ONLINE at

<http://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/women-on-target/>

Once registration is completed you will receive an e-mail confirmation with additional instructions on how to choose your session assignments and payment options.

No refunds for cancellations within 5 days of the event.

Clinic Sessions to Choose From—

Live Fire:

- Rifle/Pistol
- Field Archery
- Shotgun

Classroom:

Refuse to be a Victim® is a personal safety seminar that does ***not*** involve firearms training.

VaDGIF—Women & Hunting seminar for ladies interested in hunting.

Buying & Caring for a handgun gives you the information you need to know before you go shopping.

Firearms and the Law is a legal seminar that discusses the key provisions of the law pertaining to purchase, sale, and possession.

Legal Aspects of Self Defense is a legal seminar that discusses your rights and restrictions on carrying and using a handgun for self-defense.

ARL-FX 1969 Tables

I'm Ron Toth and I've been a member of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, (ARL-FX) for about 25 years. I believe these pictures were taken around 1969 and show me (red/white striped shirt) and several other Scouts from Troop 685 in Alexandria, Virginia, building tables in front of the Chapter fieldhouse. These tables are still being used by the Chapter today in various locations. I had no idea, until a few years ago, this took place at our Chapter. Being 13 years old at the time and growing up inside the beltway, I might as well have been in another state for all I knew. It wasn't until I saw a video converted from 8mm film that I realized where it took place and that it was the ARL-FX facility.



2020 Chapter Education and Training Program

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Education and Training Program provides students with the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for the safe ownership and use of firearms across the shooting disciplines of rifle, pistol, and shotgun. All training events are open to the general public and the tuition is very competitive.

The 2020 schedule of events consists of 17 formal NRA courses and shooting clinics, including basic to intermediate-level firearms training, ammunition reloading, instructor training, and shooting coach schools. Courses are being offered throughout the year beginning with an NRA Range Safety Officer course on January 26th. The list of offerings and registration information are available on the Chapter Web site at <http://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education-and-training-2/>. Detailed information about content of the NRA courses can be found at <http://firearmstraining.nra.org>.

All Chapter-sponsored training events are taught by a team of over 55 volunteer NRA-certified instructors, training counselors, and shooting coaches. These men and women possess a wealth of knowledge across all the shooting sports disciplines and have a passion to share their expertise with shooters of all skill levels.

Please contact Bucky Sills, ARL-FX IWLA education and training director, for more information or answers to any questions at Bucky.Sills@ArlingtonFairfax-IWLA.org.

Elk Antlers Located in the Chapter Field House

Every wonder what's the story behind the impressive elk antlers hanging on the field house back wall? The brass plate records presentation on 20 June 1965 by Ed McNeeley, president of the Cody, Wyoming, chapter to Reynolds T. Harnsberger when he was installed as the IWLA national president. The presidential installation took place during the 1965 IWLA national convention held in Wyoming. The plaque hangs in our field house because Reynolds T. Harnsberger was a member of our Chapter. In fact, he was a charter member of our Chapter. In addition, he served time as our Chapter president in the 1940s and 1950s and was on the IWLA executive board in the early 1960s. Harnsberger served as the national president in 1965 and 1966.

—June Goodenough, Chapter historian



The Maryland Division of the Izaak Walton League of America is hosting the 2020 National Convention from Sunday, July 19 through Wednesday, July 22, 2020. The event will be located at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, Maryland. If you are interested in more information and/or would like to attend visit <https://www.iwla.org/news-events>. For those who use Facebook, please visit "2020 Izaak Walton League of America National Convention."

Virginia Shooting Sports Association



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter members,

Changes in the state legislature following the last election have placed Virginia gun owners and sportspersons on uncertain ground. Bills already pre-filed and statements from the governor and his allies make it clear that they intend an all-out assault on our Second Amendment rights with legislation that will be broad, far-reaching, and indiscriminate. In this climate, it's not unreasonable to expect that their attacks will also extend to the places where we shoot—places like the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter.

The Chapter's nonprofit status limits its engagement in lobbying and political action. For this reason, the Chapter has for many years been an affiliate of the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA). Over the years a number of Chapter members have served as VSSA officers and directors. Working together and with other entities around the commonwealth, this team has championed many of the legislative measures that have allowed our facility and others to continue to operate in the midst of "urban sprawl."

VSSA was founded in 1938 and is the official state affiliate association for the National Rifle Association. Our mission is to provide shooting opportunities for, and to protect the Second Amendment rights of, all law-abiding Virginians. VSSA supports many shooting disciplines including junior air rifle, shotgun, pistol and high-power rifle. We also promote hunting and as part of our legislative efforts work to protect all shooting sports from the antigun and antihunting factions. In partnership with the Chapter, VSSA annually sponsors Crush'n Clays, one of the nation's most successful charity shooting events, with proceeds going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. VSSA is also the only statewide Second Amendment organization with a full-time professional lobbyist in Richmond whenever the legislature is in session.

Right now we need you to join the fight. There is only one thing standing between the antigun agenda and the preservation of our rights—you. We invite you to join with us and become a VSSA member. As a VSSA member not only will you help ensure the shooting sports are being passed to the next generation, you will be on the front lines of the battle to protect and defend our Second Amendment rights. You can join on our Web site www.myvssa.org and there are membership brochures/applications in the field house and at the individual ranges.

Remember, if the antigun agenda is implemented it won't just affect the other guy—it will affect us all.

Joe Turner

Joe Turner

President

Virginia Shooting Sports Association

How Works continued from page 1

being moved, someone has to pick up a shovel. Or maybe climb up on the dozer and start pushing things. Maybe operate the backhoe. The other day, I saw our conservation director, John Seaberg, doing just that. John knows how to operate the equipment. I've seen him with a shovel in his hand and I've seen him cutting up dead trees and pulling them out of the woods. Now John is about my age. Maybe a little younger or maybe a little older; I don't know which. When you get to a certain age, anyone within a decade or so is about the same age. Neither John nor I were around when dirt was first made, but I think we were both on the committee that first named it dirt.

So John has a few years on him, just as I do. And there comes a time when shoveling dirt and climbing up on a bulldozer isn't quite as easy as it used to be when we were still young men in our fifties or sixties. And maybe it isn't even the best use of Chapter resources to have men who remember when President Eisenhower replaced President Truman shoveling dirt. Now John is a lot like me in that he'll probably keep trucking along until he drops. But doing things that younger folks should be doing may hasten the day when it becomes necessary to find replacements for that very experienced set of officers and BoD members.

We talk a lot about "volunteerism"; that word that we all use and so few understand. But there's another word: "participation." Not necessarily running things, but simply taking part in the things the Chapter does. I know you like Arlington-Fairfax and all the opportunities and facilities the Chapter offers. Those things come about when someone, maybe even a lot of someone's, simply picks up a shovel, cuts up a dead tree, maybe pulls the pieces out of the woods, maybe cleans the field house, maybe acts as a Range Safety Officer. That could, and should be YOU! I'm not asking you to volunteer to run things, although that would be great if you did. I'm simply asking you participate in the good things our Chapter is doing; to help make this Chapter what we all want it to be ten or twenty years from now. Like the man said "You don't have to stand tall; but sometimes you do have to stand up." Please do so. Otherwise, those same old horses we've been riding for so long are going to wear out sooner, rather than later. Thanks.

Ernie Padgett

President,
Virginia Division, IWLA

Firewood for Sale

The Chapter is selling firewood at the very competitive price of only \$125 per cord. The wood consists of mixed red oak, white oak, and hickory harvested from the Chapter parking lot expansion and other property improvement projects. The wood is cut to fireplace lengths, split, and stacked in cord quantities. Buyers are responsible for transporting the firewood off the Chapter grounds.

Please contact Bucky Sills at Bucky.Sills@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org for more information and to reserve your firewood.



New Officers continued from page 1

Mou, Josephine Mou, Victoria Leppert, Ryan Kim, and Victoria Kopelen directors at large. The officers were duly installed at the December general membership meeting by the Youth chapter national director, Pamela Meara, and will begin their term of office on January 1, 2020. The group is already discussing chapter activities for the upcoming year, so watch the newsletter for further information.

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/>

 **SIGN UP!**


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

REMEMBER

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



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Calendars

For current Chapter calendars and event times, go to the Chapter Web site under the Calendars tab—<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>

Event	Time	Facility
Field Archery Dinner	Every Tuesday	AC
Cub Run Archers Meeting	1st Sunday of each month	AC
Board of Directors Meeting	1st Tuesday of each month	FH
Youth Chapter BOD Meeting	2nd Tuesday of each month	FH
General Membership Meeting	3rd Tuesday of each month	FH
Adult Air Pistol Clinic	1st Sunday of each month	AR
Bullseye March	1st Sunday (March–July)	RP
Open Air Range (Members practice)	Sundays	AR
New Member Orientation	Thursday, February 6	FH
New Member Orientation	Saturday, March 7	FH
New Member Orientation	Saturday, April 4	FH
Cub Run Archers' Annual Swap Meet & Sale	March 7	AC
Bull Run Muzzloader Match	March 15	RP
101 Archery Class	February 23	AC
101 Archery Class	March 29	AC
101 Archery Class	April 26	AC
Rifle/Pistol Short Range Day	March 29	RP
Shotgun Camp	April 6-7	ST
EASTER—CHAPTER CLOSED	April 12	Chapter
Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with Disabilities	May 2	Large Pavilion
NRA Women on Target	May 16	Chapter

AC=Archery Club House, AF=Athletic Field, AR=Air Range, Camp=Camp Sites, FA=Field Archery, FH=Field house, LP=Large Pavilion, RP=Rifle-Pistol, SP=Small Pavilion, ST=Skeet/Trap, TA=Target Archers

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.

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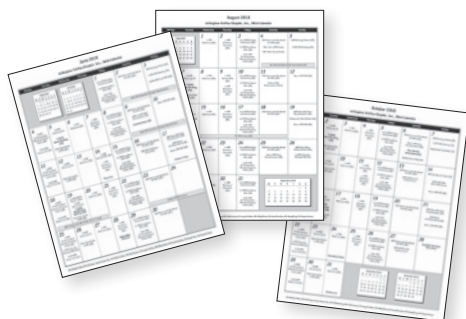
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New Web site launched—Check it out!



For current Chapter calenders, go to the Chapter Web site under *Calenders of Events*. Also, look out for the new Chapter Monthly E-Blast of upcoming Events!

<http://arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/index.php>