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ARL-FX Chapter Closure (Coronavirus/COVID-19)

As the government response to COVID-19 changed over time, the Chapter's response also changed. With the first round of government recommended restrictions, the Chapter reduced, postponed, and canceled activities. Directors of specific ranges and areas could decide what activities were allowed and if their area was open for use. As the virus response from the government progressed to closing all nonessential businesses, the Chapter closed all buildings/field houses. With these being closed, this meant there is no restroom access should you have visited the property. As the response continued to change, on March 30th the Chapter's president moved to close the entire Chapter, which included all activities and ranges on the property. This decision was made in the best interest of the Chapter and its members. ***Currently the decision to close is in effect until June 10, 2020, or until the governor rescinds his order.*** Please continue to check the Chapter Web site for any updates or changes to the closures date or any additional chapter information. (<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/>).

Chapter's New Parking Lot Addition/Dry Swale

The new Chapter parking lot addition was completed at the end of February 2020 and added approximately 80 parking spaces. In addition to the new parking, the Chapter was required by Fairfax County to include a storm water protection feature called a dry swale. A dry swale catches, contains, and improves the quality of

the water runoff from the parking lot before it flows back into a stream. They are especially useful to contain nitrates and metals present in the runoff. A dry swale is not supposed to remain wet over time as it allows the water to drain after slowing it and allowing contaminants to settle out. A wet swale is designed to hold water most of the time, allowing the water to seep out slowly.

These new parking spaces will greatly help with events and meetings being held at the Chapter field house, to include the Chapter picnic and disabled picnic that are held yearly and help to keep the fire lane clear for emergencies. The parking spaces will also be used for overflow from the Shotgun, Air, and Rifle-Pistol Ranges.

We want to thank the five who put so much time and effort into this project.



Pictured: Jimmy Dellinger (in the road grader), Paul Hartman, Keith Pearson, John Seaberg, and Bucky Sills.



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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 Web Site www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

Chapter's Facebook Page

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Chapter Field House Office Hours

1st and 3rd Tues.....1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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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You should be well aware by now of what went on in Richmond and how it could affect us. We dodged some of the worst pieces of legislation for now. **SB 353** would have closed the Rifle-Pistol and Skeet & Trap ranges. **HB 961** would have outlawed any magazine over 12 rounds. They are not gone, they were “Continued to 2021” and 2021 is not a Presidential-election year so we have to be even more vigilant.

SB 353 “prohibits the operation of an outdoor shooting range, defined in the bill, within 500 yards of any property zoned for residential use unless the Range Design Criteria developed by the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Health, Safety and Security have been met.” Interesting that they picked a DOE range criteria specification and not NRA, HSSF, or even DoD. You can read the entire criteria at https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/05/f1/Range_Design_Criteria.pdf. I believed they picked that spec because it is a “Cadillac” of a specification and I don’t believe any outdoor range in Virginia meets all the criteria, we don’t.

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter is an IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit and we are limited in what we can do politically. If you don’t like what is happening, join the organizations that can take more direct action. NRA, GOA, and 2nd Amendment Foundation at the national level. Virginia Shooting Sports Association and Virginia Citizen’s Defense League at the state level.

If you don’t like what is happening (or do) another important thing is to get registered and vote. Volunteering for your party is another easy thing you can do and is very valuable. Decide what you would like to do as a volunteer. There are many options starting with working directly for your party. This includes making phone calls, going door-to-door, volunteering on election days, helping at a campaign headquarters, helping register people to vote, volunteering at events, and much more. Contact your state or local offices about how to volunteer. You can find contact information on party state offices on the party Web site and you can find contact information for local offices of your state’s party.

The next step up is to become an election officer and later an election chief. I have been one in Fairfax County for seven years and the primary on March 3 was my 12th election. These are the people that actually run the polling place. It is a long day, but you get paid for your time. Policy is that the election officers are supposed to be equally divided between the parties, but at the Lake Braddock precinct (where I have been assigned) there are nowhere near enough Republicans. Going back to the paragraph above, as an assistant chief, part of my job is to assist the chief. I would regularly check on the party people that are giving out sample ballots in front of the polling place to ensure they stay more than 40 feet from the door. At Lake Braddock there are usually a dozen or so Democrats and one or no Republicans.

The biggest election I have seen to date was the 2016 Presidential and the 2020 is expected to be larger. Fairfax County is the largest jurisdiction in Virginia with 243 precincts countywide. It takes thousands of enthusiastic and trained election officers to help ensure we have a fair, efficient, and well-run election. For more information go to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/officers/new-officers>.

Then get out and vote. In person, early, or absentee, there is no excuse not to vote!

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

IWLA Mission

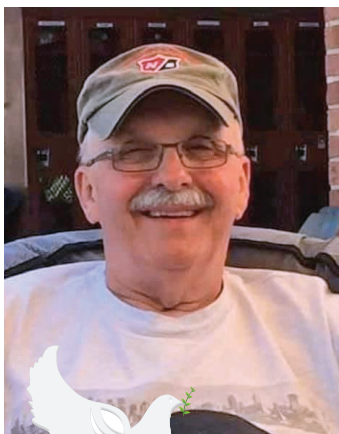
To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

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.

In Memory of Gilbert Ramey, a genuine IKE



The Chapter has recently lost one of our most loved and active members, **Gilbert Ramey**. A long-time member, Gilbert was involved in many aspects of Chapter operations; from being on the cooking crew for major Chapter events, to constructing the air range, to serving as a Cub Run Archers board member, and much more. No task was too small or too large for him to become involved and his contributions were always significant.

Gilbert was a fixture at virtually every Chapter special event including the handicapped persons and annual Chapter picnics, the *Women on Target* shooting clinic, the *St. Jude's Crush'n Clays* charity trap shoot, and the disadvantaged children's Christmas party. He was there to help from set-up to tear down, doing everything from running the fishing derby to cooking burgers. An avid fisherman and archer, he could often be found in the field archery clubhouse cooking lunch for his fellow outdoorsmen, telling stories, and sharing his expertise.

In true IKE fashion, Gilbert walked the talk of leaving things better than he found them and serving others. He had a positive attitude toward life that he brought to everyone he met and everything he did. Gilbert's infectious smile and friendship will be greatly missed.

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.

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.



SIGN UP!



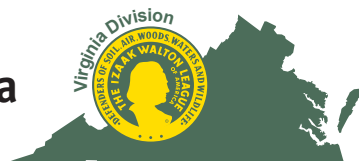
SignUpGenius®

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

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

May, June, July 2020

CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR LATEST SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Important Information About Your Membership:

- Your 2019 green Range badge inserts have now expired.
- The gate code for 2019 has expired.
- If you need the new gate code or have not renewed, contact the membership office at: arl_ffx_iwla_mbr_sec@yahoo.com or 703-631-4495.

Membership Reminders:

- IF YOU MOVE AND CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS ... PLEASE let us know!
- IF YOU CHANGE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS ... PLEASE let us know!

What's New in the Office:

- We are installing a new phone system that allows us to get phone messages more often.
- We will be adding Saturdays to the office hours starting in September.

Membership History Numbers:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
Membership	2138	2136	2090	2039	2037
Members Receiving Dues Discount for Volunteer Work	220	222	294	262	273
Members Who Renewed Online			658	695	924

*As of March 20, 2020

Volunteer Notes:

It's that time of year again ... SPRING! At this time of year, we start our major projects that improve our Chapter and help the community. Take a minute to visit our home page and click on our SignUpGenius button to learn where you can volunteer to help your Chapter be the best it can be for our members and the community.

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

—Beau Crandall
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 commonsense 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/>.





2020 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 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th of July 2020.

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/installed at the August membership meeting. Chapter officer and board member positions on the ballot this year are:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Conservation Director
- Education & Training Director
- Skeet & Trap Director
- Target Archery Director
- Directors-at-Large (3)

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 in June. If you would like to self-nominate or nominate another Chapter member for any of the open positions, contact Steve Landry, nominating committee chairman, via e-mail at slandry111@verizon.net or in person.

Interested in Competing in Virginia Bowhunters Association Archery Events

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 Brad Edgington, Cub Run Archers secretary, by e-mail at bebgington71@gmail.com.

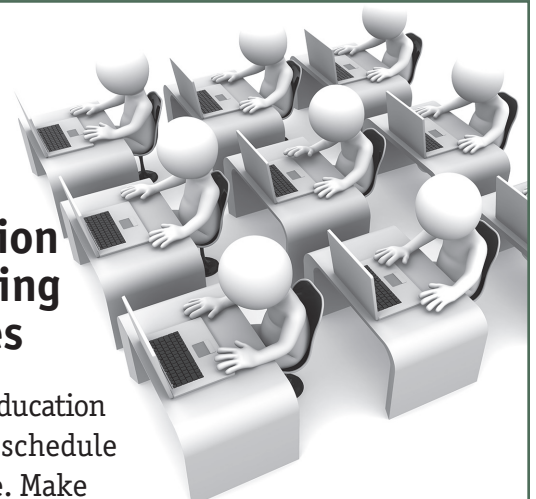


The Maryland Division of the Izaak Walton League of America is hosting the 2020 National Convention from Sunday, July 19 through Wednesday, July 22, 2020. The event will be located at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, Maryland. If you are interested in more information and/or would like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

Education & Training Updates

The 2020 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/>



FoNRA Grants

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter has been awarded two grants in 2020 by the Friends of the NRA (FoNRA). One for the youth shotgun league and the other for the youth air pistol team. "We are very excited about this grant and pleased that the NRA is making an investment in our growing youth pistol program," said Mark Budgeon, head coach of the NoVA Sharpshooters pistol team. Several youth high school shooting teams that call the Chapter range home are also recipients of FoNRA grants for 2020.

FoNRA is a grassroots fund-raising program under the NRA Foundation, that fosters community involvement to organize and, with help from NRA field staff, plan community events for firearms enthusiasts. All net proceeds from Friends of NRA events are allocated to the NRA Foundation, the leading charitable organization in support of the shooting sports. Through NRA Foundation grants many organizations at the local, state, and national level received funds for equipment,

training materials and more, that aid in inspiring a new generation of competitive shooters. This organization



is fueled by a united front to secure the Second Amendment and raise money for the future of shooting sports. The local FoNRA committee volunteers are from the Chapter and host a fundraising dinner the last Friday evening in September near Fair Oaks Mall. Learn more about Friends of NRA at www.friendsofnra.org.

Got Grants? Yes, We Do!

The Chapter extends our thanks to the NRA Foundation program known as the Friends of the NRA for funding two grants at the Chapter in 2019. The Youth Shotgun League and the Youth Air Pistol Team 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>,

REMEMBER

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



High School Rifle Season Ends

The Potomac High School Rifle League (PHSRL) held their precision air rifle regional championship on February 15th at the ARL-FX Chapter's Sills Air Range. The league consists of nine 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 exactly 200 youth shooters participated in the league, with each team shooting a ten-match schedule. The PHSRL season is capped off by a day-long championship match for the top teams and athletes.

For the team title, Robinson Secondary School edged out Woodson High School by a score of 2340 to 2332. Both teams broke the previous regional championship record. Robinson was represented by team members **Scott Patterson**, **Jack Kersey**, **Sally Reeke**, and **Andrew Morris**. Woodson was represented by **Stephanie Ricigliano**, **Meredith Ivey**, **Nate Wehrle**, and **Victoria Kopelen**. Lake Braddock took third place and West Springfield fourth place. Full results are available at <https://www.orionresults.com/afciwla>.

The overall individual winner of this year's championship was **Stephanie Ricigliano**, a senior from Woodson, who shot a 591/600 to take home the gold

medal. Silver went to **Scott Patterson** (Robinson) and bronze went to **Jack Kersey** (Robinson).

Woodson High School won the PHSRL regular season with a perfect 10-0 record and set the record for a 30-shot match at 1178. Robinson Secondary School also got into the record book when they claimed the regular season scoring record with a 1164.89 average (**Jack Kersey**, **Andrew Morris**, **Scott Patterson**, **Payton Peppard**, **Sally Reeke**). Robinson finished second in the regular season with a 9-1 record, with Lake Braddock third at 8-2, and West Springfield fourth at 7-3. Scott Patterson also tied the individual ten-shot record with an outstanding 299 out of 300.

The Megalink 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. Last year, the top 60 athletes averaged over 567. This year, the top 60 averaged over 569. This closely tracks the increase in regular season averages, also an increase of two points over last year.



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

Skeet & Trap Range

Colonel Birt Kidwell Winter Skeet and Trap League 2020 Season Winners

The 2020 season of the Winter Skeet and Trap League concluded two weeks early on Sunday, March 16th, due to health concerns of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. The season began January 5th with our normal 13-week schedule. Given the unusually warm winter, we were projected to make it through the entire season with no weather-related cancellations. All 28 teams were able to complete 10 of the scheduled 12 matches, so this year's award winners were based on the individual and team standings as of the season close.

In the individual competition, our high overall average winner was **John Spicer**, who broke 475 of 500 targets equating to a combined average of 23.750. **Jim Hickerson** took the honors for high-skeet average with an impressive 24.300 hitting 243 of 250 targets. Right behind him in a three-way tie for skeet runner-up were **John Murphy**, **Tim Tynan**, and **Simon Williams**, all breaking 237 targets. The skeet runner-up winner will be determined through a future shoot-off. In trap, the high average winner was **Mike Campbell**, ending the season with an average of 23.900 hitting 239 of 250 targets. The runner-up for high trap was **Travis Rockwood**, coming in with a 23.700 average. In the most improved category, **John Dwyier** beat out several other contenders to capture the award with a combined average improvement from last season of 4.342 targets.

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

In the Cumulative Team Score Category, team captain **Brian Hickerson** led his squad to a season score of 1,991.953 to lock down the 1st place award. Joining Brian were Team 15 members **Alan Hickerson**, **Ben Hickerson**, **Glenn Hickerson**, **Jim Hickerson**, and **Marcelo LaBarca**. Team 10 landed in the 2nd place slot with a score of 1,981.077 led by team captain **Rick Diana** and members **Dan Diana**, **Bill Hobson**, **Mark Koury**, **Bill McCloud**, and **Charlie Schulz**. Third place was won by Team 3 with a score of 1,975.516 led by team captain **Gary Weiss** and members **Mike Campbell**, **Andy Egeland**, **Jeff Egeland**, **John Frazee**, and **Danny Weiss**. Team 20 captured

4th Place coming in with a score of 1,972.627 led by team captain **Steve Canale** with members **Tom Delewski**, **Imran Hussain**, **Ashly Palles**, **John Seals**, **Tim Tynan**. The 5th place finisher was Team 27 with a score of 1,966.770 led by team captain **Bill Leonard** and members **KC Haile**, **Dave Hargrave**, **Henry Lucas**, **Jeff Powell**, and **Rachel Rittler**.

First place in the Team Points competition went to Team Number 14, captained by **James Hsu**, with 25.0 points. Joining James were **Mark Brill**, **Joe Graziano**, **John Hsu**, **George Mong**, and **Derek Slusher**. **Jeff Miller's** Team 4 took the 2nd place honors with 23.0 points consisting of **Benn Crandall**, **Warren Guillett**, **Kevin Miller**, **Suzanne Miller**, and **Dave Wabeke**. Team 24 with 20.0 points captured 3rd place with team captain **Bill Ridenour** and members **Ken Lyons**, **Devin Ridenour**, **Patrick Ridenour**, **Thomas Ridenour**, and **John Spicer**. Fourth place went to Team 7 with 19.0 points and members **Ed Janik**, **Mindy Knowlton**, **Pat Leedom**, **Alex Marshall**, **Dan Perret**, and team captain **Travis Rockwood**. Taking Fifth Place award was Team 28 with 17.5 points led by team captain **Jacob Hueskes** and members **Bob Burnett**, **Modi El-Zoghbi**, **David Holden**, **Cash Miller**, and **Anthony Palumbo**.

Congratulations to all of our awardees for their consistent performance and excellent marksmanship. Special thanks go out to **Pete Bills** for keeping facilities in good order and the hamburgers stocked each weekend and to **Gregg Hanson** for his IT support. **Bob Brino**, director of Trap and Skeet, also deserves a thank you from all the league members for his gracious hospitality, willingness to



Photography by John Dwyier

Winter League cont'd on page 10

Skeet & Trap Field House Spring Cleaning



Well, it's done. Thanks to a group of seven geezers who braved mouse poo, potential viruses, and most certainly near-toxic levels of Pine-Sol fumes, the Chapter Skeet & Trap field house has been scrubbed down. **Bill Hobson, Jim Nix, Jeff Hafkemeyer, Allen Hemer, Phil Spector, Charlie Snodgrass, and yours truly, Warren Guillet**, came together on Thursday, March 19th, and swabbed not only the deck, but every other surface in the field house we could get to with a sponge, rag, or mop.

The crew cast off lines at 10 a.m. and the last mate locked the doors at 6:30 p.m. Cupboards, tables, counters, dishes, appliances, rugs, vending machines, couches, desks, even the machine control boxes in the trap houses, were bombarded with disinfectants. It was a yeoman's job for sure. So please join me in thanking this intrepid microbial raiding party for their work to help keep us shooting and free of things like mouse droppings and what the bathroom sink was harboring.



"Are these on the right hands?"



"Work ... work you lackeys!!!!!"



"What is that? Did it just move?"

Now It's Your Turn!

Let's all PLEASE strive to keep the field house clean and, subsequently, each other healthy!

Good health and good shooting.

Arrrrrrrr!

Warren Guillet

Ol' Cap'n Skrappy



"Hmmm, July 1992. Should we keep this?"

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let us use the range all winter, and working in the cold to keep the equipment operating.

Thanks to all of the league members for your support, cooperation, and understanding as the nation fights our current crisis. Not to worry though, the 2021 season will be here before we know it on January 3, 2021.



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

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—CANCELLED

On Sunday, May 31, 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.

3-D Archery \$Money\$ Shoot—CANCELLED

Come on out for an awesome day of 3-D archery at the field archery range on June 6, 2020, for the **Cub Run \$Money\$ Shoot**. This is the 4th annual shoot of its kind and continues to get bigger and better. Whether you're 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., Shotgun Start
- Shootdown Approx. 1 p.m.

Before and during the shoot all archery ranges are closed to shooting.

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

3-D — 2 Man \$Money\$ Shoot

Saturday, June 27, 2020, shooting starts 9/9:30 a.m., Shotgun Start

Archery Qualifying for the Fairfax County Park Program

Archery qualifying is under way. Tuesday evenings 6 p.m. until dark and Sunday mornings 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

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Field Archery March 21st Work Party

Have you looked around the archery range lately? There have been some major improvements. We had a number of ideas and suggestions from our Chapter member, but the projects were piling up. **Dave Burke** came up with the idea of having a major work party, so the planning started. We compiled a list of 30-plus projects, laid out project plans, determined the required materials, made a couple of trips to Home Depot, and opened up a request on SignUpGenius. Now we just needed decent weather on March 21. But then the coronavirus hit the nation and many discussions took place about whether to continue as planned or try for another date. Since all this work would take place outdoors and in very small work parties, we decided to move forward but did post that anyone planning on participating should take into consideration the risks. We want everyone to stay healthy so it was understandable if our volunteers did not show.

In the wee hours of Saturday, March 21, we had a major rainstorm pass through. The remainder of the precipitation didn't stop until after 7 a.m., so that eliminated the two painting projects. At 8 a.m. our first volunteers started

showing up—so off to work we went. We had all kind of activity going on by 9 a.m. with 20 volunteers spread out on the outdoor range and the 3-D course. We rebuilt the parking lot fence, installed Rinehart walls for the crossbow station at 20, 30, and 40 yards, connected the lights at 30- and 40-yard targets, raked out new gravel pathways, installed an Ironman target at 40 yards, turned around all the Pacific Bow Butts, installed new signs, built a fence behind target #26, flipped target butts at #7 and #10, rebuilt the backstop at #24, installed Field and Hunter targets, and a few other activities.

I want to thank the volunteers that came out to support—**Jarrett Rhodes, Jim Orourke, Brian Martinez, Scott Petersen, Frank Fair, Nike Fair, Cynthia Sarah and Megan Peacock, Martin and Leila Gamache, Scott and Michael Raso, Yongge Liu, and Mike Cinnamon** for cooking us lunch.

A special thanks to the team leads: **Dave Burke, Mark Gauntner, Joe Kieler, and Dick Riemer**. Without these guys we would have been in chaos all day. I wish we would

have taken more pictures but everyone was just too busy getting things done. I mentioned we had planned 30-plus projects; we didn't expect to get them all done but we did complete 17 of them. And most importantly, we got all the major safety issues resolved and new targets on the range. If you happen to see any of these volunteers, tell them thanks for their support. And come on out and enjoy the archery ranges.

Fred Ausick,
The Range Captain



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Qualifying will take place at the outdoor field archery range. No practice broadheads may be used for qualifying. Archers must have three arrows/bolts with broadheads to attempt to qualify. New county rule starting this year, shooter may not pull arrow/bolt after each shot. Qualifying

will end on Tuesday June 16th. Each attempt to qualify is \$10.00, 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>.

JOAD Archery State Indoor Results

The ARL-FX Chapter's JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) program is in full swing. Classes are 12 weeks long and offered on Sundays at various times of the year. This session started on Sunday, January 12th and runs until Sunday, April 5th. Due to the increase in enrollment, this required us to offer four classes, two advanced classes and two beginner classes, which use the indoor range from 12 to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Advanced classes are taught by **Jeff del Vecchio** and **Steve Elkins**, with assistance from **Susan Snider** and beginner classes are taught by **Steve Elkins**, with assistance from **Susan Snider** and **Jon Fisher**.

The program focuses on teaching safety, ensuring students have fun, and have the technical skills to be confident entering USA Archery indoor tournaments in the Recurve and compound divisions. Competitors are broken up by age with under 12 years old competing in Bowman, under 14 years old competing in Cub, under 17 years old competing in Cadet, and under 20 years old competing in Junior class.

The archery program at Bull Run Regional Park hosted Virginia State Indoor Championships February 1st and 2nd. The tournament format consists of two 30-arrow rounds

shot in 10 ends of 3 arrows, for a maximum score of 600 points. Fifteen members competed, including eight JOAD competitors. In the Bowman class **Erynn Alvernaz** won and **Clare Ruso** placed 4th. In the Cub class **Michael Raso** placed 2nd and **Sophia Sears** placed 5th. In the Cadet class **Hannah Berger** placed 6th and **Woojin Lee** placed 7th. **Lorne Fowler** placed 2nd and **Salvatore del Vecchio** placed 4th in Cadet Compound. **Coach Jeff del Vecchio** placed 3rd in Master 50 Men's Barebow (while shooting Longbow), **Coach Steve Elkins** won Master 50 Men's Recurve, and **Coach Susan Snider** won Women's Senior Barebow, setting a new state record.

Congratulations to all competitors!

ARL-FX Chapter JOAD 2020 Winter Indoor Tournament Results

We hosted an indoor 18M tournament on February 8 and 9th. The tournament format consisted of two 30-arrow rounds shot in 10 ends of 3 arrows, for a maximum score of 600 points. Ten JOAD competitors participated. In the Female Bowman class **Erynn Alvernaz** won and **Clare Ruso** placed 2nd. **Michael Raso** won the Male Cub class while **Sean Walter** was 2nd and **Sam Sunde** was 3rd. **Sophia Sears** won the Female Cub class. In the Female Cadet class, **Hannah Berger** won and **Emma Grant** was 2nd. **Hannah Blackmore** won the Female Junior class. In Male Cadet Compound, **Salvatore del Vecchio** placed 2nd. **Coach Jeff del Vecchio** won Master 50 Men's Barebow (while shooting Longbow) and **Coach Susan Snider** won Women's Senior Barebow.

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Rifle-Pistol Range

National Junior Rifle Championship at Ft. Benning



Precision Champ Becca Lamb

Fifteen local athletes from Robinson Rifle and the Arlington Optimist Acorns CJRC attended the January 23-25, 2020, Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) National Junior Rifle Championship at Ft. Benning, GA.

During the smallbore competition, Robinson athlete **Jack Kersey** shot a 577 at 50 meters, outdoors in the rain. His performance earned him a spot in the finals, where he finished just out of the individual medals in 4th place. It was an impressive display that combined with his teammates efforts to take 4th place in the team competition.

During the two-day decimal, precision air rifle competition, the Arlington Optimist Acorns' team Oak earned 2nd place in the Precision Team competition, with all four members shooting over 600 both days.

In the Individual Precision category, Acorns athlete **Becca Lamb** shot above 620 during both days of qualification, earning her

two finals appearances. Heading into the finals on the last day of competition, only one other athlete was in a position to catch her. But she stayed in long enough to stave off the challenger and claim the honor of overall Precision Champion.

Well done to all our local competitors who travelled to this competition.

Full results can be found on the CMP Competition Tracker (<https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&tab=results&match=18431>).

Lots of pictures are available on the AMU's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/USAMU1956>), Twitter (<https://www.twitter.com/USAMUSoldiers>), and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/usamu1956>) pages.



Second Place Precision Team Acorns Oak: Becca Lamb, Jacob Bzdafka, Hallie Willis, and Anusha Pakkam.

Rifle-Pistol Short-Range Days

To accommodate handgun shooters who want to practice at distances less than 25 yards, the Chapter offers short-range time on the fifth Sunday of months that have them. On these Sundays, from noon to 5 p.m., the targets are set up downrange near the berm at the range 100-yard line and the firing line is delineated back 10 yards with tables. The shooting area is on gravel/dirt/grass, so plan accordingly

(it is also not covered). All range procedures remain the same for the handling and use of firearms during short-range times. For more information, always check with the Range Officer on duty.

2020 Short Range dates:

May 31st—CANCELLED, August 30th, & November 29th.

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>.

 **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

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Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Calendars

All events at the Chapter are **CANCELLED** until after June 10, 2020.

For current and updated 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
Bullseye Match	1st Sunday (March–July)	RP
Bull Run Muzzle Loaders	3rd Sunday of each month	RP
Regular Open Air Range	Mondays & Fridays	AR
Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with Disabilities	May 2 CANCELLED	Large Pavilion
NRA Women on Target—CANCELLED	Saturday, May 16	Chapter
101 Archery Class—CANCELLED	Sunday, May 31	AC
Rifle/Pistol Short Range Day—CANCELLED	Sunday, May 31	RP
Cub Run \$Money\$ Shoot—CANCELLED	Saturday, June 6	FA
22nd Annual Crush'n Clays—CANCELLED	Saturday, June 13	ST
IWLA VA Division Meeting/Elections	Saturday, June 20	IWLA Claytor Lake Chapter
Cub Run 2-Man Team \$Money\$ Shoot	Saturday, June 27	FA
ARL-FX Chapter Elections	July 4-5 & July 11-12	FH
IWLA National Convention—CANCELLED	July 19-21	MD Division
Ed. & Trng. NRA Course—Shotgun Instructor	July 25-26	FH
Fall Finale Open/Club Championship (Skeet)	August 28-30	ST

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

Education & Training NRA Course Updates

The 2020 Education & Training schedule for NRA courses are available. Make sure you check out the schedule on the Web site:

<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/nra-courses/>



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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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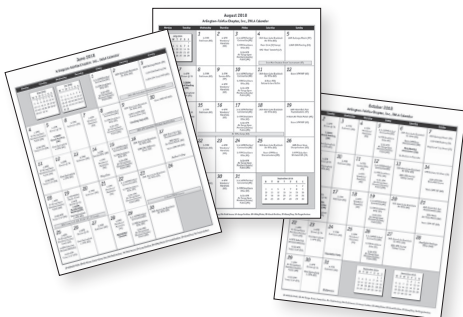
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New Web site launched—Check it out!



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>