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

# NEWSLETTER

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## Cub Run Stream Valley Park Clean-Up Efforts

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, has been a participant in the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Adopt a Highway (AAH) program since 2008. In the agreement with VDOT the Chapter "adopted" Compton Road and Mount Olive Road. During AAH clean-up events work on Mount Olive Road provides a safe opportunity for children 10 -18 to participate in Chapter volunteer activities.

Beginning in 2018, the Chapter added coordinating with the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Cub Run Stream Valley Park Volunteer Team to participate in clean-up efforts within Cub Run Stream Valley Park to our conservation efforts. The most recent Cub Run Stream Valley Park clean-up event occurred on November 6, 2021. During that event 11 Chapter members and six of their children spent a total 51 hours collecting 15 bags of trash, two small plastic swimming pools, two tires, and one shopping cart. It was a beautiful day, so they also enjoyed their time in the park. Cub Run Stream Valley Park clean-up efforts also provide an opportunity for children to participate in Chapter volunteer activities, as there is no vehicle traffic.

—*Steve Ruuble*, Conservation Director



Photo shows most of the volunteers and the trash collected.

## Shenandoah County Property

The ARL-FX Chapter's Shenandoah County property is available to Chapter members to hunt, hike, and camp. It would also be a good location for Scouts to use for events. If you are interested, please take a look at the Chapter's Shenandoah County property Web page at <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/shenandoah-county-property/>. See page 17 for more details on the property.

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### Chapter Officers

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### Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting

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

### Attend Your Chapter Meetings

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

### Newsletter Committee

<i>Pamela Meara</i> .....	Editor-in-Chief
<i>Tim Terrell</i> .....	Copy Editor
<i>Ellen MacBrayne</i> .....	Design & Production

### Field House Phone Numbers

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<i>Skeet &amp; Trap field house</i> .....	703-631-4497
<i>Field Archery field house</i> .....	703-631-4498
<i>Sills Air Range</i> .....	703-631-4818

**Chapter President's E-mail** [pmearaiwla@gmail.com](mailto:pmearaiwla@gmail.com)

**Chapter's Web Site** <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>

### Chapter's Facebook Page

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

### Chapter Field House Office Hours

1st and 3rd Tuesday.....1 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
All other Tuesdays.....1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturdays ..... 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. || Other times, call the field house office number..... 703-631-4495 | |

### Property Physical Address

14708 Mount Olive Road, Centreville, VA 20121-2517

### Mailing Address

Post Office Box 366, Centreville, VA 20122-0366

## President's Column

The Chapter went through some changes in 2021. The year started with the Chapter operating under executive orders from the governor of Virginia due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of our annual events were held and were very successful. Sadly, we lost some members in 2021, who are always in our hearts.

Keith Pearson, the Chapter caretaker, will not be renewing his contract for 2022. As the caretaker and a Chapter member, Keith put in a lot of hard work to keep the Chapter running the past few years. I want to thank him and wish him all the best in the future. If you see Keith, please thank him for all his hard work.

The volunteers at the Chapter have been working to get some much-needed improvements completed.

You may have noticed there were some closures of facilities in December 2021 while this important work was being completed. There were new vehicle sensors installed at the Chapter's front gate to improve gate operation. The floors at the Field Archery field house were replaced along with repairs to the conservation shed, Chapter's small pavilion, and the pavilion at Target Archery in December 2021. We are finally getting some much-needed work completed at the Rifle-Pistol field house. We have refurbished the restroom, relocated the water heater, added new cabinets and a new utility cabinet, along with painting in January. The field house and range roof replacement has also been completed. Additional projects are being planned for 2022. The Skeet & Trap field house is going to be getting some repairs to the ceiling and floors. The Chapter is still in the planning stage for replacing the baffles at the Rifle-Pistol range. There is also the possibility of adding short-range lane backstops and adding action pistol bays to the Rifle-Pistol range.

In 2022, the Izaak Walton League of America celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The IWLA is the oldest conservation group in the United States. Our Chapter is 86 years old in 2022, being chartered in 1936. As we look forward to the second century, we must remain vigilant on many fronts. I hope you can find a way to be involved in any way you choose. There are opportunities to be involved at the Chapter, state, or national levels.

The ARL-FX Chapter is the largest chapter in the Izaak Walton League of America and is run mostly by volunteers. Those volunteers give their time at the events and in work parties to contribute to making this Chapter successful. I hope more of you will come out and volunteer in 2022.

We have a great group of volunteers, and it's a great way to get involved. We will keep you all updated on a regular basis with things going on around the Chapter with our main communication methods, the quarterly publication of the Chapter's newsletter along with the Web site and the monthly E-Blast.

Looking forward to a great 2022!

—*Paumela Meara*  
President, ARL-FX IWLA

### 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](http://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.



## Wayne Owens (1947-2022)



I'm sad to announce one of our longest serving members, Wayne Owens, passed away at his home on Sunday, January 9, 2022. His longevity as a Chapter member made him one of our most valued historians. Wayne was a consummate storyteller and

could always be counted on to share the wisdom earned from his diverse life experiences as an Army veteran, tradesman, sportsman, and conservationist.

Although Wayne was born in Kentucky, he always considered himself a Virginian. Wayne's southern drawl and wry sense of humor always brought a smile to the many Chapter activities he supported. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and all of the shooting sports and shared his expertise with all. He was a fixture on the cooking team for the Chapter picnic, handicapped picnic, and other Chapter events. As a master electrician, Wayne was instrumental in the construction of many of the Chapter facilities, including the Field Archery field house and indoor range, the Rifle-Pistol range, and the Sills Air Range. Wayne's friendship and contributions are a great loss to the Chapter and all who knew him and will be greatly missed. —*Pamela Meara*

## 2022 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 2022 schedule of events consists of 25 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. 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 the content of the NRA courses can be found at <http://firearmstraining.nra.org>.

All Chapter-sponsored training events are taught by a volunteer team of over 40 NRA-certified instructors, training counselors, and shooting coaches. These men and women possess a wealth of knowledge across all the shooting-sport disciplines and have a passion to share their expertise with shooters of all skill levels.

Please contact John Seaberg, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, Education and Training Program director, at [John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org) for more information or answers to any of your questions.



### IWLA Digital Newsletter

Want the latest conservation news from the Izaak Walton League and Action Alerts on key advocacy issues? Sign up today at <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#SignIn>.

**E-Newsletter and Action Alert Sign-up**

## 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 2020. The Youth Shotgun Team 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/>



## 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 IWLA 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 Web site.

### SOS Web Links

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

<https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring>.

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/>.



## Save Our Streams Volunteer Opportunities



The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, is looking for a few volunteers to help with the Chapter's conservation efforts dealing with Save our Streams (SOS) events.

The SOS method is recognized by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to determine potential impairments to the waters of Virginia. The method collects samples of "bugs" from the water that provide indicators of stream health.

By volunteering for this program, you can:

- Gather important data in our local area;
- Work with other engaged volunteers;
- Get first-hand knowledge of water quality in the streams monitored.

For more information, please e-mail [arlfxiwla@gmail.com](mailto:arlfxiwla@gmail.com).



## Junior Chapter Elects New Officers for 2022

At the Junior Chapter elections, held November 29–December 5, the membership elected a new slate of officers and directors. Newly elected are: Clara Tranchemontagne, president; Diana Leppert, vice president; Sylvia McCauley, secretary; Tess Hines, treasurer; and Samuel Nickless, director at large. All will be duly installed and begin their term of office in January. The group is already discussing chapter activities for the upcoming year, so watch the newsletter for further information.

The membership also approved a change to the bylaws that modifies the process for electing Junior Chapter officers that will take effect with elections for the 2023 term.

—Joe Turner, Youth Director



## Range Badge

Chapter members are required to display their range badge when they access/use the

Chapter's ranges. Access will be denied if they do not display their range badge. If you have lost your range badge, please contact the membership office to purchase a replacement badge at <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/membership-general-information/>. There is a \$25 fee for all replacement badges.

## ARL-FX IWLA Membership Minutes

### Important

#### 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 2021 range badge will expire soon. Don't be denied access because of an expired range badge.

#### Membership Notes

- Renewal update:
  - » As of December 22, 2021, the office staff had received and processed just over 1,150 renewal forms. That leaves more than 1,200 yet to be received. Don't forget ... Any renewals postmarked after December 31, 2021, are late and then in order for you to renew, you will have to pay the “admin” fee of \$40.
  - » 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 waiting 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.

#### Hang onto those range badges!

They are REQUIRED to access all our ranges. Without a current range badge, you will not be able to use the ranges. If you lose your badge, you can get a replacement for \$25 at the office during office hours.

Don't Forget ... The Membership Office is now open every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and every Saturday (except holiday weekends) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..

If you have any questions about membership, contact the membership office: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/membership-general-information/>

—Beau Craudall, Membership Director

## Volunteers Needed for Financial Review Committee

The Chapter is looking for members, particularly those with financial management experience, to conduct the annual review of the Chapter's financial records. The bylaws call for a review to be conducted annually by a committee selected by the Chapter president and to present its report to both

the board of directors and the members. Anyone interested in participating should contact the treasurer, Bob Crisman, by e-mail at [Bob.Crisman@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:Bob.Crisman@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org). Oh, by the way, you'll receive credit for 8 hours of volunteer work worth \$50 off your next membership renewal.



**SIGN UP!**



**SignUpGenius®**

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

## AmazonSmile Donations

The Chapter wants to thank everyone who has supported the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, by choosing the Chapter as your charity when purchasing items on AmazonSmile. The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Chapter. A donation in the amount of **\$254.69** was received from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 thru September 30, 2021.

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

- Please see <http://smile.amazon.com/about> for program details.
- Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and use AmazonSmile to make your purchases 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.

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## Requested Proposed Revisions to Bylaws

**Purpose & Rationale:** Purpose & Rationale: To update and clarify existing Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, bylaws. Motion made and approved at the Board of Directors (BoD) meeting on December 7, 2021, to modify the bylaws to:

**Article VI (Committees).** To clarify when a Chapter member cannot be a member of the election committee.

**Grounds Rules.** Added Range Badge requirements for entire Chapter.

**Rifle-Pistol Range Rules.** Section I, Conditions for Access to the Rifle-Pistol Range. Strike paragraph 9, Wearing

**Range Badges.** It is no longer needed as it's now included in the Chapter Ground Rules. Renumber paragraph 10 as 9.

These will be voted on by the membership at the February 2022 general membership meeting. Revisions are denoted by **Strikethrough** and **Bold Italic**.

### ARTICLE VI

#### Committees (Page 16)

The President, with the consent and approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint such standing and special committees as the Board of Directors shall direct. The President shall be an *ex-officio* member of all committees, ***except the election committee if they are a candidate standing for election. No Chapter member can be a member of the election committee if they are standing for election.***

### GROUND RULES

#### General (Page 20)

Any person using any facility or any portion of any part of the Chapter property shall do so at their own risk and by so doing hold the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of IWLA, its officers, directors, range officers, agents, and assigns indemnified from any personal injury or other claim.

1. **MEMBERS.** Members, their spouses, and dependent children under eighteen (18) years of age may enjoy the privileges of the property, but will be expected to properly identify themselves at any time if requested to do so by Chapter officers, directors, range officers, or any member.
2. **WEARING RANGE BADGE.** *Adult Chapter qualified members **MUST WEAR the current Range Qualification Badge in PLAIN SIGHT whenever they are shooting at any of the Chapter ranges.***
3. **GUESTS.** Guests will be permitted use of the property only when accompanied by a member in good standing of the Chapter except as hereinafter provided for:
  - a. An individual may be a guest on the Chapter property three (3) times in one calendar year, except for special events or with prior permission of the Board of Directors.

- b. The number of guests that each member may bring on to the Chapter property shall not exceed three (3) persons on any one day except with approval of the Board of Directors.

4. **FAILURE TO OBEY GROUNDS RULES.** Chapter officers, directors, and range officers have the authority to expel anyone acting in any way contrary to the Chapter Bylaws, Grounds Rules, ~~and~~ **or** Range Rules.

#### Rifle-Pistol Range Rules (Page 27)

9. ~~**WEARING RANGE BADGES.** Range Qualified Chapter members and all other Range Qualified personnel **MUST WEAR the current Range Qualification Badge on their outer clothing in PLAIN SIGHT whenever they are inside the Rifle-Pistol Range fence. Range Qualified Chapter members must carry their Chapter membership card with them and present it to a Range Officer when requested to do so.**~~



### Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Chapter Hours of Operation

8 a.m. – 9 p.m. for outdoor recreational use  
(including outdoor range operation)

8 a.m. – 12 midnight for indoor uses  
(including indoor range operation)

With extended hours reserved for staff and special scheduled events, such as camping activities, as needed.

*See designated range Web pages for specific days and times of range operations.*

## Wildlife Act Gets Senate Hearing

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act received its first U.S. Senate hearing December 8, when the Committee on Environmental & Public Works took testimony on the bill, S. 2372. The bill would provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century funding model for conserving the fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need, with funds funneled through state and tribal fish and wildlife agencies.

The bill would redirect \$1.3 billion per year for state wildlife conservation efforts, and another \$98 million per year to tribal wildlife managers. The money would be redirected from existing federal revenue, and the program would provide matching money to state and tribal wildlife agencies and their partners to help implement state wildlife action plans.

In the House, the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing in July on a similar bill, H.R. 2773. The House legislation is cosponsored by Rep. Robert Wittman, a Republican, who represents Virginia's 1st Congressional District (Fredericksburg/east-central VA) and Rep. Donald McEachin, a Democrat, who represents the 4th District (southeast VA). Neither Sen. Mark Warner nor Sen. Tim Caine has yet cosponsored the Senate bill.

The Virginia Wildlife Action Plan identified 883 species that are in decline, along with strategies to reverse their decline. It takes a local approach, dividing the state into 21 regions and developing plans to address local wildlife priorities by conserving the most important habitat in that region. Learn more and take action at: [www.iwla.org/congressweb#](http://www.iwla.org/congressweb#/)/.

### Virginians Cosponsor Ag Resilience Act

Virginia Representatives Donald Beyer (D-VA-8 in Arlington and Fairfax Counties), Gerald Connolly (D-VA-11 in Fairfax and most of Prince William Counties), and Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-7 in central Virginia) have cosponsored the Agriculture Resilience Act, H.R. 2803. The legislation takes a comprehensive approach to helping make farms more resilient to changing weather patterns, and to reduce the impact of farming on climate change.

The bill includes the League's proposal for a State and Tribal Soil Health Grant Program to help states take the



Photo by Jeff Vanuga, USDA.

Rotating cattle to a new pasture every day helps build healthy soil.

lead on soil health by developing and implementing state-level soil health plans. It also includes authority for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide a discount on federally subsidized crop insurance for farmers who adopt soil-health practices, which are known to make cropland and grazing land more resilient to heavier rains and longer droughts.

Soil health practices like planting cover crops, conservation tillage, and rotational grazing that increase resilience to droughts and heavier rains should reduce bad crop years for farmers, and thus reduce the cost of taxpayer subsidies for crop insurance that covers their losses. Farmers who use those practices should be eligible for a kind of "good-driver discount" on crop insurance.

Some of the proposals in the legislation to increase funding for USDA conservation programs are addressed in the Build Back Better legislation pending in Congress. That bill includes \$27 billion over five years that would let USDA help more farmers adopt soil health practices like planting cover crops and using more diverse crop rotations. Learn more about the Agriculture Resilience Act and take action at [www.iwla.org/congressweb#](http://www.iwla.org/congressweb#/)/.

—*Duane Hovorka*,  
Agriculture Program Director  
Izaak Walton League of America





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

Announces the 2022

# Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children & Adults with Disabilities

taking place on

## May 7, 2022

10 a.m. to 2 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](http://www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org)

Contact: Mr. Labarca at [mlabarca99@gmail.com](mailto:mlabarca99@gmail.com) to register.

Please include number planning to attend.

To volunteer to assist at this event, please go to Chapter's SignUpGenius.

*Please distribute: The participants do not have to be members of the Chapter.*

## Facility-Use Requests

Looking for a place to hold an event or overnight camp with your family. Our Chapter has nine rustic campsites with fire pits along with pavilions that can be used for family picnics and don't forget Gilbert's fishing pond. See the *Facility-Use Request Page* on our Web site for information/procedures on how to make a request.

[https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/  
facilities-use-request/](https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/facilities-use-request/)





## Skeet & Trap Range

### 2022 ARL-FX Chapter Skeet & Trap Shoot Dates

#### Skeet-Shoot Dates

Memorial Day Open	May 27-29
Mid-Summer Blast	June 24-26
500 Open	August 6
Stonewall Open, Doubles Marathon	August 5-7
Pre-State & Club Championship	August 26-28

E-mail [IWLASkeet@yahoo.com](mailto:IWLASkeet@yahoo.com) for more information.

#### Trap-Shoot Dates

George Mason Trap Open	May 1
John Lynn Memorial	May 22
Chris Cuyler Corn Shoot	September 4
DuCharm/Igou Memorial	
Registered Trap Shoot	October 2

Contact Bob Brino at (703) 368-4934 or by e-mail at [Bob.Brino@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:Bob.Brino@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org) for more information.



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA  
is sponsoring a Brownell's/NRA Day

## Shotgun Camp



This course encompasses teaching the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for safely using a shotgun and shooting trap. Students will learn about shotgun parts and operations, ammunition, *gun safety*, and shotgun shooting fundamentals.

**Monday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Registration Fee: \$200.00**

**Registration includes:** Instructional materials, Loaner shotguns, Ammunition, Targets, NRA Day T-shirt and Attendance Certificate, and Lunch both days supplied.

Register through the SignUpGenius link on the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Web site: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org>



You will be sent a separate e-mail once your registration is received with additional instructions and information.

**For more information, contact Pamela Meara:**  
[Pmearaiwla@gmail.com](mailto:Pmearaiwla@gmail.com) or (703) 362-7293

**ATTENTION:** Minor children (under the age of 18) must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian at all times.



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## Outdoor/Indoor Archery

### ARL-FX IWLA Cub Run Archers



For those Chapter members who are interested in competing in Virginia Bowhunters Association (VBA) archery events, the Chapter established a VBA group called Cub Run Archers so field archery tournaments could be held at the Chapter. VBA is the representative

for bowhunters throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Applications to join Cub Run Archers are available at the field archery range house. For more information, please contact *Justice Percell*, secretary, Cub Run Archers, by e-mail at [justicepercell01@gmail.com](mailto:justicepercell01@gmail.com).

### Limited Broadhead Use on Outdoor Archery Range

The indoor and 3-D archery ranges are for **field tip use ONLY**, no broadheads are allowed on these ranges. The outdoor archery range does provide broadhead targets, but only on the target butts marked in bright **RED** stating **"BROADHEADS OK."**

These target butts are located at the crossbow station and include 20-, 30-, and 40-yard Rienehart (4' x 4' black

target butts). There are also 2' x 2' target butts with **RED dots** that may be used for broadheads, and the **RED** cube dice at 50 yards. In other words, if there is a **RED "BROADHEADS OK"** sign or **RED dots** on the block target butts, these may be used for broadheads. *All other targets are for field tips only.* This includes any 3-D targets that may be placed on the range.

**All core-drilling broadheads are strictly prohibited** on the Chapter archery ranges. Damage to the target blocks and 3-D animals on the outdoor range has occurred in the recent weeks. There is evidence someone is shooting core-drilling broadheads. Anyone witnessing broadhead usage on these targets, please notify the Archery Range officer or any Cub Run officer.

As stated on the ARL-FX IWLA/Cub Run Archers *Web site range rules (Section 11 PROHIBITIONS—<https://www.cubrunarchers.org/range-rules.html>)*:

"Anyone observed ... shooting broadhead-tipped arrows at other than targets expressly designed for that purpose will be referred to the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, board of directors for disciplinary action."

—*Fred Ausick*, Range Captain, Cub Run Archers

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### 2022 "Bucky" Sills Winter League



The ever-popular Winter Skeet and Trap League started on January 9, 2022, with enthusiastic participation by both long-time league shooters, as well as new Chapter members. The league shoots are conducted on Sundays through April 10th. We have renamed the league this year in memory of Charles "Bucky"

Sills, who passed away unexpectedly last year. Bucky was a perpetual winter league team captain, avid trap shooter, and Chapter leader, serving both as the Education and Training Program director and chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The league shooters are looking forward to a season of spirited competition and hoping for good weather.

For more information about the winter league go to <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/winter-league/>.

### Bender Is Back!

**Save the Date:** Todd Bender has announced he will be bringing his skeet clinic back to ARL-FX IWLA on March 29 and 30. Todd has earned over 20 World Championship titles and as the NSSA's first Master Instructor, he is recognized as the leading authority in shooting instruction. Todd works with every level of shooter from first-day beginners to seasoned tournament shooters; all of whom realize immediate improvement based on a better understanding of the sport and their specific needs. Space is limited so be sure to sign up early.

For more information or to secure a place in the clinic, contact Evan Phelps at [SkeetClinic@protonmail.com](mailto:SkeetClinic@protonmail.com).



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## Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Archery 101 Classes



The Archery 101 classes will take place in the indoor archery range. These classes are designed for anyone who has never shot archery before or has very little knowledge of the sport and would like to see

what our sport is all about. The minimum age for children is 9 years old.

The class will cover the different types of archery equipment, archery safety, purchasing of equipment, and live shooting. All equipment needed is available through the Chapter (bows and arrows). All you need to do is register and show up.

### Fee Schedule

#### Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Members:

- \$20 for adults
- \$10 for ages 9 through 17  
(Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- \$30 max for family

Class fees will be collected before the start of each class beginning at 12:45 p.m.



Sunday	January 23, 2022	1-3 p.m.
Sunday	February 20, 2022	1-3 p.m.
Sunday	March 20, 2022	1-3 p.m.
Sunday	April 24, 2022	1-3 p.m.
Sunday	May 22, 2022	1-3 p.m.

To register for the class e-mail Dick Riemer at [rriemer@cox.net](mailto:rriemer@cox.net) or by phone at 703-543-8585.

### 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 2022/2023 park archery program. Expect the dates to be similar to last year starting in late March and ending in July. 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>.

### Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Archery 1 Classes for Beginners

- Classes:** 5-week sessions (Mondays)
- 1st Session Start: March 14, 2022
  - 2nd Session Start: May 2, 2022
- Youth:** (Ages 9-12) 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Adult:** (Ages 13 and up) 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Class fee:** \$80.00.
- Contact:** Mark Gauntner for registration at [gaunt2011@gmail.com](mailto:gaunt2011@gmail.com).

### Izaak Walton League of America Store

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

### Education & Training Updates

The 2022 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/>

## Air Range

### Springfield Armory Range Package Raffle Winner



Big congrats to Ron M. from Ashburn, VA, for having the winning ticket for the very nice Springfield Armory Range Package raffle prize.

This was one of the fastest raffles we've held — opened

September 28 and closed November 5 — raising \$4,000 for our air range program.

The Springfield Combo was generously provided by the MidwayUSA Foundation to support youth shooting organization fundraising efforts.

**SNEAK PEAK:** Next raffle may be for a certificate for a Turbo smallbore rifle from a *local manufacturer* — custom made to the winner's specifications. Details to follow when that raffle opens.

### VA Hospital/Wounded Warrior Fun Match

On November 30, 2021, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, hosted our first air rifle fun match for 14 service members from the VA Hospital at Walter Reed/Bethesda and other wounded warriors.

The top three shooters received the Chapter's *Sills Air Range* medals:

Gold: Rosario Belinda, U.S. Army

Silver: KC Higer, U.S. Marine Corps

Bronze: Jarrett Cooper, U.S. Navy

Thank you to the Adaptive Target Shooting Foundation which provided lunch at the conclusion of the fun match.



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**REMEMBER**  
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**SPEED  
LIMIT  
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## Rifle-Pistol Range

### Rifle-Pistol Range Short-Range Days (Weather Permitting)

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 Safety Officer (RSO) on duty.

#### 2022 Short-range dates: 2023 Short-range dates:

May 29th  
July 31st  
October 30th

January 29th  
April 30th  
July 30th  
October 29th  
December 31st

### Bodie Completes Natural Ability Test with a Prize I

On Sunday, October 3rd, ARL-FX IWLA member Dave Burke and his German Shorthair Pointer "Bodie" completed their first hunt test through the North American



Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA). A portion of the test, including the pheasant track, was held at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (B-CC IWLA). In NAVHDA tests, all dogs are measured against set standards and not against



one another. Each dog that meets or exceeds minimum standards in all areas of work is placed in one of three categories based on their scores: Prizes I, II, or III, Prize I being the highest classification. Bodie finished the day with a Prize I in his Natural Ability test. Congrats to Bodie and a thank you to the B-CC IWLA for hosting.

### Donate to Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Using AmazonSmile

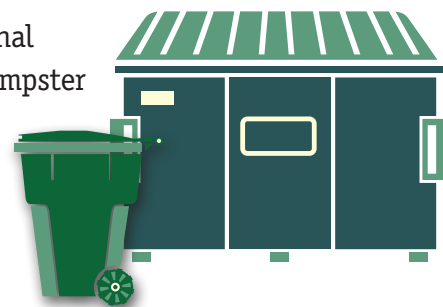
Chapter members are reminded they can donate to the chapter by registering and using AmazonSmile at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) when they shop on Amazon. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the chapter. Our chapter is listed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



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

### Dumpsters

Please remember the dumpsters located on the Chapter property are for Chapter use only, not your personal use. Anyone caught dumping their personal trash in a Chapter dumpster will be brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.





## ARL-FX IWLA 2022 Bullseye Pistol League—RIMFIRE



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

1st Sunday—March thru August 2022

March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7

Three Relays: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., & 11 a.m.

### Rimfire pistols or revolvers, .22 caliber

#### 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 per string.
- 4 Rapid-Fire courses: 4 strings of 5 shots in 10 seconds per string.

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

#### General Information

- 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: 8:45 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 10:45 a.m.
- Late arrivals will shoot in later relay if space available.

**Cost:** \$10 per season. \$5 per match if not paying for season.

**Cash Payment First Match**

For further information and reservations, contact Mike Kirchner at [mikek6@cox.net](mailto:mikek6@cox.net)  
Or visit the Chapter Web site at: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/bullseye-pistol/>



From the Women of the NRA®

*Instructional Shooting Clinic*

**Saturday, May 21, 2022 • 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



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**NRA Women On Target®**—Instructional  
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- Pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee in the morning
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- Personal instruction by nationally recognized volunteers

***For ladies only, ages 14 and over.***

**ATTENTION:** Minor children (under the age of 18) must be accompanied  
by a parent or adult guardian at all times during the clinic.

**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 received an e-mail with additional instructions on how to  
choose session assignments & payment options will be forwarded.

***No refunds for cancellations within 14 days of the event.***

### **Clinic Sessions to Choose From—**

#### **Live Fire:**

- Rifle/Pistol
- Field Archery
- Shotgun

#### **Classroom:**

**Refuse to be a Victim®** is  
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seminar for ladies interested  
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**Buying & Caring** for a  
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**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.

## Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Shenandoah County Property Status

In September, the ARL-FX Chapter board of directors sanctioned the Shenandoah County Property Committee (SCPC) to establish a process where members could access and utilize the property. The property is located approximately eight miles northwest of Strasburg, Virginia.

The property consists of 50 acres that includes a main hollow that runs north to south with an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trail down the middle. The ATV trail continues beyond the back property line. The left side has four small valleys that run easterly. The rise and fall of these valleys/hills are roughly 50 yards up and down. On the right side of the main hollow is a very steep hill that climbs 80 to 100 yards. The west side of the property is a sloping grade to the neighboring property which is clearly marked with "No Trespassing" signs. There are no streams or running water on the property. There is a seasonal creek in the middle of the property that follows the main hollow. The property is roughly 300 yards wide by 900 yards long. This is all rough terrain of pines and hardwoods. The only level area on the property is at the front just right of the access gate.

The ARL-FX Chapter Web site was updated and the "request process" went live in late October 2021 and within days we received the first request to use the property. Of course, new processes rarely work as expected right out of the gate, but in this case the process had only a minor glitch which was quickly corrected with an update to the Web site. Turns out hunting seasons in Shenandoah differ slightly from northern Virginia so the seasons were added to the Web site for clarity.

A request can be made by any ARL-FX Chapter member to use the property with up to two additional members or guests. We limit the number of folks on the property to three individuals as to not cause interference with their activities. We also limit a request up to three consecutive days to allow the maximum use of the property among the membership.

To date, there have been twenty-four requests, half being in the month of November. More than half of these requests have been only one or two days. All the requests have been for hunting or scouting the property with a majority for deer hunting. Surprisingly, archery and black powder have each constituted roughly 25 percent of the requests. No harvests have yet to be reported.

The sample size is of course small since this process has just started, but there is interest by the membership

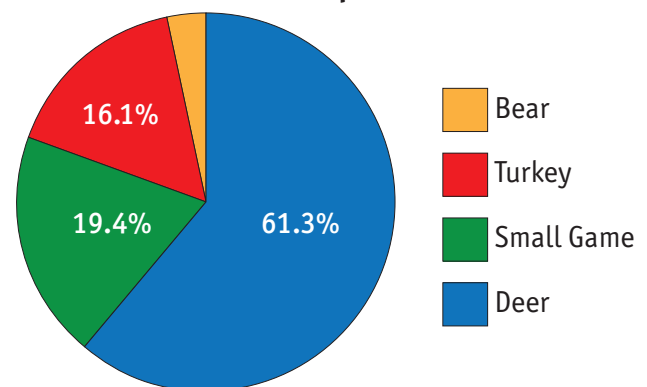
in using the property. The Chapter will continue with this process and reassess the utilization of the property on a periodical basis.

For more information on the property, visit the Web site at: ***Shenandoah County Property—The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Inc.*** If you have any comments or suggestions, please send an e-mail to [shenandoahproperty@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:shenandoahproperty@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org).

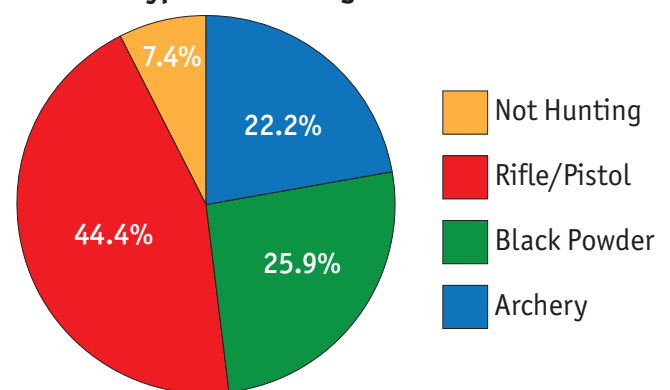
And a special thanks to the SCPC members—Jorge Gonzales, Fred Ansick, Chris Rose, Pam Meara—who made this happen.

—Ken Bruunback, Chair

**Game Species**



**Types of Hunting & Recreation**



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## Ax/Tomahawk Fire Safety Workshop



The Knife Club met on December 12, 2021, for an Ax/Tomahawk Fire Safety workshop at the Chapter. In attendance were six Boy Scouts and their parents, and several couples of Chapter members. Highlights included:

We discussed fire prep fuel gathering (tinder, “penci” twigs, kindling, and rounds), matched up proper tools with each (folders, belt knives, saws, small tomahawks, woodsman axes, and a large splitter), did some guided feather-sticking, and got into safe kindling prep.

The boys learned the acronym C.S.T.S. before chopping (“Chopping Stuff Takes Smarts”) which means to Check (around you), get in a good Stance, recheck your Target (before striking), and go Slow (for safety). Several of the boys and some of the parents practiced their wood chopping skills with small, medium, and large axes. A first-aid kit was available if needed, but not used.

We moved to the fire-prep area and shared numerous fire-starting means —magnesium/flint bars, fire cord, magnifying lens, fire steel with strikers, cotton balls coated with Vaseline, dryer lint, and lighters. Each Scout tried their hand at different fire-starting means, with some parents practicing as well. A fire extinguisher was available just in case, but not used.

Lastly, we moved to ax- and knife-sharpening techniques, which were demonstrated and practiced.



For more information, please visit the Knife Club’s Chapter Web page at: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/knife-club/>

—Matt Michaelson

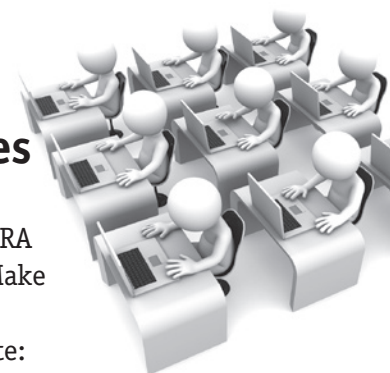
## Animal Protection

The Chapter grounds are considered a wildlife sanctuary and hunting is strictly prohibited. All animals are protected and are not to be harmed in any way. Anyone found to be harming wildlife on the Chapter grounds will be brought before the board of directors for disciplinary action.

## Education & Training NRA Course Updates

The 2021 Education & Training schedule for NRA courses are available. Make sure you check out the schedule on the Web site:

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



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## The Izaak Walton League of America

### Web Links

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

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



## REMEMBER

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

## Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Calendar

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

### FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL & MAY

Event	Time	Facility
Cub Run Archers Meeting	1st Sunday of each month	AC
<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b>	1st Tuesday of each month	FH
Junior Chapter BoD Meeting	2nd Tuesday of each month	FH
Service Rifle Matches	2nd Thursday of each month	RP
<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	3rd Tuesday of each month	FH
Bull Run Muzzle Loaders	3rd Sunday of each month	RP
Air Pistol League	3rd Sunday of each month	AR
Regular Open Air Range	Mondays & Fridays	AR
Open Air Range (Members Practice)	Sundays	AR
Chapter Fellowship Dinner	Every Tuesday	AC
New Member Orientation	Saturday, February 5	FH
101 Archery Class	Sunday, February 27	FA
Bullseye Pistol League—Rimfire Matches	1st Sunday (March - August)	RP
New Member Orientation	Saturday, March 5	FH
101 Archery Class	Sunday, March 20	FA
Bender Skeet Clinic	March 29 & 30	AR
New Member Orientation	Saturday, April 2	FH
Shotgun Camp	April 4 & 5	ST
EASTER—All Firearm Ranges CLOSED	Sunday, April 17	Firearm Ranges
101 Archery Class	Sunday, April 24	FA
Newsletter Mailing Party	Tuesday, April 26	FH
George Mason Trap Open	Sunday, May 1	ST
Annual Picnic & Fishing Derby for Children & Adults with Disabilities	Saturday, May 7	LP
NRA Women On Target Clinic	Saturday, May 21	Chapter Wide
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, May 29	RP
Ed. & Trng. NRA Courses	Various Dates	<i>See Web site</i>

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



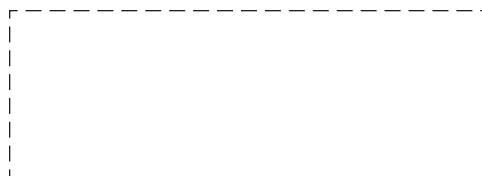
## Use of Outhouses

**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.



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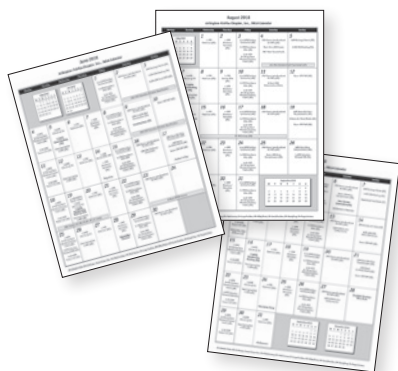
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For current Chapter calenders, go to the Chapter Web site under *Calender*. Also, look out for the Chapter Monthly E-Blast on Chapter Updates!

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