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Chapter Wins Governor's Environmental Excellence Award

Every member of the IWLA pledges to "strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources." Over 15 years ago, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter implemented an environmental management system (EMS) to ensure our range operations are not having deleterious impacts on local water and land resources. Generally, an EMS

is a set of formalized processes and practices that enable an organization to reduce its environmental impacts. Chiefly, our EMS outlines lead-management activities at the Skeet & Trap range to prevent the leaching of lead and other pollutants from the Chapter into offsite waters.

Additionally, our Chapter is accredited as an Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E3) under the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. This cooperative agreement with the Commonwealth ensures our Chapter is operating with the highest levels of environmental stewardship, and we are protecting natural resources above and beyond the legal requirements.

Specifically, our Chapter's EMS calls for the application of lime and rock phosphate to the soil within the shot-fall area at Skeet & Trap. These two chemicals have been shown to bind to lead and prevent its movement into surface and groundwater systems. However, given that phosphate has been shown to lead to downstream pollution within the Chesapeake Bay, the Chapter is currently evaluating whether the application of this chemical is still necessary to meet our goals for reducing lead transport.

Since the implementation of our EMS, Skeet & Trap Director Bob Brino has facilitated two lead reclamation projects within the shot-fall area. These lead-reclamation projects have been successful for both ecological and financial reasons; not only do companies remove our lead for free, but they also pay us because it can be recycled and sold. The EMS also called for a transition to biodegradable targets at the Skeet & Trap range, furthering our environmental stewardship practices. Finally, water quality samples are collected regularly at the Chapter to ensure lead levels in our surface waters are below regulatory



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Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting

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

Attend Your Chapter Meetings

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

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Chapter's Facebook Page

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.
Saturdays9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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President's Column

We are all members of the largest chapter in the oldest conservation organization in America, the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA). Founded in 1922 by hunters and anglers in Chicago, and named after the author of the *Compleat Angler* — Sir Izaak Walton. In the 100 years since it was founded, the IWLA has participated in some of the most impactful conservation projects in America. The establishment of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, the Pittman-Robertson Act, Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and purchasing thousands of acres of land to expand the National Elk Refuge in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to name a few.

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter is 86 years old and was initially chartered as the Falls Church Chapter in 1936. In 1938, the Chapter changed its name to the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter. In 1952, the 110 acres the Chapter owns was acquired with field house construction occurring in 1965. The League chapters began adding shooting facilities to their properties, recognizing improved shooting skills meant less lost game in the field. The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter joined this effort, constructing rifle, pistol, and shotgun ranges. Later archery and the air range were added to the shooting sports available on our property.

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter acquired a rustic 50-acre property owned by the Annandale-Springfield Chapter when that chapter shut down. Today this property (referred to as the "Shenandoah County Property") is used for hiking, camping, and hunting.

We have a great Education & Training program in firearms and archery. Several conservation projects are supported by the Chapter each year. Through our Environmental Management System (EMS) program we have performed soil treatments, water monitoring, along with the reclamation and recycling of lead from the shotgun range. Our Chapter property is a wildlife conservation sanctuary. We host bee condos, food plots for the bees and other wildlife, stream and road clean ups, and habitats for bees, birds, bats, and amphibians. The Chapter also awards a scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior studying a conservation-related major and has done so for 29 years, starting in 1993.

The Chapter is run by volunteers who put in thousands of hours each year to help keep the Chapter moving forward. There are so many ways you can get involved. Opportunities can be found on the Chapter Web site and through the Chapter's SignUpGenius. Don't forget to look for your monthly Chapter E-Blast for up-to-date information and reminders.

—*Pamela 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 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.

Attention!

Chapter Pond — Fishing policy — Operating with Catch & Release Policy in effect. We follow all Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) regulations. See <https://dwr.virginia.gov/>.

Shooting is prohibited anywhere on Chapter grounds except at the designated shooting ranges.

2022 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 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th of July 2022. 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.

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limits. With all of these and other practices, the Chapter's EMS ensures we are going "above and beyond" the call of duty for environmental stewardship.

In recognition of the Chapter's ongoing commitment to the highest level of environment leadership, the Chapter was awarded a Governor's Environmental Excellence Award – Bronze Medal at the annual Environment Virginia Symposium on March 29, 2022. These awards are granted annually by the governor to businesses, industrial facilities, not-for-profit organizations, and government agencies identified as being environmental and conservation leaders and serve as a "who's who" for the most impactful environmental projects in the Commonwealth. Chapter President Pamela Meara accepted the award for the Chapter.

This honor would not have been possible without the vision and hard work of former Rifle-Pistol Director Dr. Ed Franzosa, Skeet & Trap Director Bob Brino, former Chapter President Ernie Padgett, and all the volunteers who have helped with the implementation of our EMS over the years. Thank you and congratulations.

— Sean Gagnon



For more information about the Chapter's EMS program visit the following Web page: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/ems/>.

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/>



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 has expire. Don't be denied access because of an expired range badge.

Membership Notes

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.

Membership Office Hours:

Don't Forget ... The Membership Office is 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.

Be a Volunteer ... Help Out ... Get Involved ...

Our Chapter runs on volunteers. Our dues remain reasonable, and our facilities are constantly evolving due to the efforts of members who volunteer. It doesn't take long and the payoff can be anything from a better trail to walk to a smile on a child's face catching their first fish in our pond.

The membership office is looking for help. Our Chapter has evolved past our capabilities with an Excel spreadsheet. We are looking to the membership to assist us in guiding us to the next level. We are looking for a member with a database background to help us research, design, and implement a searchable database that allows a member secure access to change their personal info, check their dues status, check their volunteer hours, etc.

If you can help ... Send a simple e-mail to: **Benn. Crandall** @ arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org.

I will contact all that wish to help, and we will meet to discuss the next step.

—*Benn Crandall*, Membership Director



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



SIGN UP!



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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 **\$338.59** was received from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 thru December 31, 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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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.



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.*

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.



Growing Conservation on Virginia Farms

Nearly 8 million acres of Virginia is farmland — almost one-third of the state's 25 million acres. That includes 3.1 million acres of cropland, 2.2 million acres of pasture, 1.8 million acres of woodlands, and another 0.4 million acres of pastured woodland. The remaining farmland includes livestock facilities, homesteads, and related buildings.

Federal farm conservation programs provide over \$50 million per year to help Virginia farmers adopt better conservation practices on their farmland. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is the largest, providing over \$35 million per year that helps farmers design and implement nutrient management plans, plant cover crops to protect the soil and provide needed nutrients, and plant a wider variety of crops. The program also helps farmers restore woodlands on marginal farmland, and improve habitat for ducks, quail, trout, and other wildlife. Typically the program provides a share of the cost of implementing a conservation project, and farmers pay the remaining cost.

The second largest Farm Bill conservation program in Virginia is the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), which helps farmers adopt better conservation systems that solve natural resource problems on their whole farm. In Virginia that includes improved grazing management systems, Integrated Pest Management strategies that reduce pesticide use, and installation of wildlife-friendly farming practices.

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program helps restore wetlands and fund permanent easements to protect wetlands, grasslands, and other farmland from development. Over 16,800 acres of vital wetlands and other farmland in Virginia is now permanently protected from development thanks to this program.

The Conservation Reserve Program pays farmers to plant grass and forested buffer strips along streams to prevent farm runoff from reaching rivers. Over 19,000 acres of land along Virginia streams has been taken out of crop production and planted to grass or tree buffer strips thanks to this program. The Voluntary Public Access & Habitat Incentive Program helps landowners restore wildlife habitat and in return they allow the public to use that land for hunting, fishing, hiking, and bird-watching.



Photo by Bob Nichols, USDA.

Farm Bill conservation programs help restore wildlife habitat on farms.

These programs put conservation on farms all over Virginia, but they could do much more. Last year less than one in three farmers who applied for an EQIP or CSP contract nationwide got the help they asked for.

The lost opportunity is huge: tens of thousands of acres in Virginia, and tens of millions of acres around the country could have new conservation systems installed on them if Farm Bill conservation programs were expanded.

Congress will be writing a new Farm Bill in 2023, and the League is asking Congress to double up the funds that help farmers and ranchers install better conservation practices. The benefits for all of us could be huge: cleaner streams, improved fish and wildlife habitat, wetlands and prairies restored, a cleaner Chesapeake Bay, healthier soil, and access to more private land for hunters and anglers.

Learn more and get involved in the League's efforts to boost conservation on farms and ranches at www.iwla.org/agriculture.

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



SIGN UP!



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

New Lectern for Chapter Field House

Jeff Spugnardi is a new member who builds furniture such as rocking chairs, dining chairs, and dining tables. He recently won a Best of Virginia award for furniture making from Virginia Living magazine, and he has always wanted to build a podium, until other woodworking nerds corrected him with the adage of "one stands on a podium and behind a lectern." He now knows the difference. During his orientation he saw the fine cherry wood in the clubhouse, and noticed a lack of a lectern, so he donated his time to build one for the club out of native northern Virginia cherry. He used a laser engraver to create our Chapter's logo in the front, and hopes this can be used for decades. Jeff was a former Force Recon Marine who is still searching for his first perfect skeet score.

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>.

REMEMBER

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

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



Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children & Adults with Disabilities

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

Contact: Mr. Labarca at 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.



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 for more information.

Trap-Shoot Dates

Registered Trap Shoot	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 for more information.

Chapter Cosponsorship Recognized in Crush'n Clays Events

Back around the dawn of the new century, an idea was born to hold a trap shoot to benefit St Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event was to be held at the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's Skeet & Trap range and cosponsored by the Chapter and the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA). The Chapter is a VSSA affiliate club and there is a long history of close cooperation between the two organizations. Crush'n Clays, as the event came to be known, was a rousing success and is now an annual event that has raised nearly \$400,000 since its inception. It is not only the longest running shooting charity that supports St. Jude, but also the longest running charity shooting event in the country! Although Covid-19 protocols forced cancellation of the 2020 event, the string resumed in 2021 and planning is well underway for our 23rd annual shoot on June 11th.

In tribute to the outstanding contribution and cooperation between the two organizations, VSSA presented the Chapter with a plaque recognizing the 20+ year partnership in co-sponsoring Crush'n Clays. On behalf



of the Chapter, Pamela Meara, Chapter president, and Bob Brino, director for Skeet & Trap accepted the award presented by VSSA representative Joe Turner at the January general membership meeting. The plaque is now on display in the Skeet & Trap field house.

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/>





Arlington-Fairfax Chapter IWLA Charles "Bucky" Sills Winter Skeet and Trap League



2022 AWARD WINNERS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Award	Name	Average	Targets Hit
High Overall Average	Tim Tynan	23.042	553 of 600
High Skeet Average	Jim Hickerson	24.250	291 of 300
High Skeet Runner-Up	Simon Williams	24.083	289 of 300
High Trap Average	Cash Miller	22.667	272 of 300
High Trap Runner-Up	Travis Rockwood	22.583	271 of 300
Most Improved Average	Gregg Hanson	19.125	+ 2.250



TEAM AWARDS

Cumulative Team Score Category

Place	Team #	Team Captain	Team Score	Place	Team #	Team Captain	Team Score
1	23	Mike Whitmore	2,371.531	6	3	Ashly Palles	2,351.267
2	9	James Hsu	2,361.930	7	5	Brian Ransom	2,347.181
3	2	Brian Hickerson	2,356.571	8	19	Randolph Williams	2,340.445
4	17	Jeff Miller	2,355.767	9	12	Bill Leonard	2,334.394
5	15	Gregg Hanson	2,354.369	10	10	Jacob Hueskes	2,334.008

Bender Skeet Clinic

After nearly a decade, Todd Bender, the 20+ World Champion skeet master, returned to our Chapter to pass his knowledge on to our Chapter members at the end of March 2022. The participants in the three days of the skeet-shooting clinic ranged from people who are completely new to the sport to those who are trying to master the skills that can put them in the top three percent where they can be competitive in serious competitions.

After instruction, all of the participants were eager to say how much they learned from the one-on-one instruction, how much they enjoyed the experience, and their desire to apply their new-found skills by shooting more. In fact, more than one participant was spotted on the Sheet & Trap range, the day after their clinic, breaking birds with a big smile on their face. While the clinic was open to anyone, Chapter members were the only ones who registered and attended.

We are hopeful Todd will return in the fall to give others the same chance and opportunities for improvement. If he does, we will certainly let you know as the 2023 Arlington-

Fairfax Chapter, IWLA, Charles "Bucky" Sills Winter Skeet and Trap League will be right around the corner and we cannot let the Bender Clinic alumni in the "Dream Team" dominate the league again without challenge from the rest of us.

—Evan Phelps



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.

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

Archery 3-D Shoot



The first 3-D shoot (buck buster) of the year was held on Sunday, March 20, 2022. There were 17 shooters registered for the 28-target course. This was a free "fun" shoot with no admission fee, only bragging rights. Lunch was provided free of charge by Cub Run Archers. This was one of three fun shoots to be held this year. We welcome everyone to come shoot at our next one. The date will be announced in an E-Blast soon. Come out and have fun and a free lunch.

Left to right: Steve Bolinski, Darell Hunt, Ted Bradford, Mark Gauntner, and Tom Miller. Tom Miller took second in the Hunter category at the Great American Outdoor Show in February and shot a first-place score of 9 under at the Buck Buster.

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



The Archery 101 classes will take place in the indoor archery range. These one-day 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 nine 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

- \$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	May 22, 2022	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	June 19, 2022	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	July 24, 2022	1-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	August 21, 2022	1-3:30 p.m.

To register for the class e-mail Dick Riemer at rriemer@cox.net or by phone at 703-543-8585.

New Archery 201 Class

The new Archery 201 class started March 14, 2022. We have 12 adults and five youths shooting this five-week course. There are a few openings for the May session still available. This is the next step after the Archery 101 class and we teach shooting form, range safety, and how to properly purchase your archery equipment.

For more information or to register, contact Mark Gauntner at gaunt2011@gmail.com.



Julia Greenwood lines up for a shot at the Monday night Archery 201 class.



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA Archery 201 Classes

Classes: 5-week sessions (Mondays)

Session Start: May 2, 2022

Session Start: July 11, 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.

Air Range

High School Air Rifle Regional Championship

In a sign of easing post-COVID restrictions, the Potomac High School Rifle League (PHSRL) was able to finish a full successful regular season and hold a normal 3x20 precision air rifle regional championship on February 12th at the Sills Air Range. The league consists of nine local high school teams, plus the Mavericks team (for athletes whose school does not have a rifle program). This year 176 youth shooters participated in the league, up from a low last year of 108 athletes. Each team shot a seven-match regular season capped off by a day-long championship match for the top teams and athletes.

For the team title, Lake Braddock Secondary School won their very first regional championship with a recording-setting score of 2356, breaking the previous record by 16 points! Lake Braddock was represented by Lyann Hernandez, Victoria Leppert, Clara

Tranchemontagne, and Ryan Kim. The winning regionals team has their name engraved on the Bob Hardy Cup trophy, named for the long-time Robinson coach and PHSRL supporter who passed away in 2021.

Woodson High School took second place and was represented by Victoria Cross, Ben Hays, Emma Orthman, and Rushil Punukollu. West Springfield took third place and Robinson took fourth place. Full results are available at <https://www.orionresults.com/afciwla>.



The overall individual winner of this year's championship was Lyann Hernandez, a senior from Lake Braddock. Lyann shot a record-tying score of 595 of 600 to take home the gold medal. Silver went to senior Victoria Leppert (Lake Braddock) and bronze went to junior Tess Hines (West Springfield).

Also of note, this match marked the last official duties for Wanlace Yates, who has served as the PHSRL president for many years. His dedication and hard work are the main reasons for the continued success of the PHSRL and all athletes and coaches thank him for his impact on local high school shooting sports. Wanlace is passing the reins to David Hone, who is a familiar face around the league.

Archery Qualifying for the Fairfax County Park Program

Archery qualifying is under way, Tuesday evenings 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings 9 a.m. until 12 noon. 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. Qualifying will end on Sunday, June 26th. Each attempt to qualify is \$10, with up to three attempts allowed. Information on the Fairfax County archery program can be found on the county Web page at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>.



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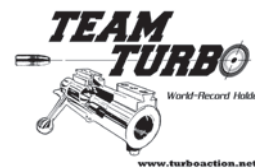
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Custom Turbo 3P Rifle Build Certificate Compliments of DiOrio Manufacturing Company, Harrisonburg, VA USA



Raffle Ticket Price: \$20

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

PayPal (Friends & Family option) to rogeriwla@gmail.com

Or mail check to ARL-FX IWLA,

8923 Renshaw Ct, Springfield, VA 22153

Proceeds benefit the
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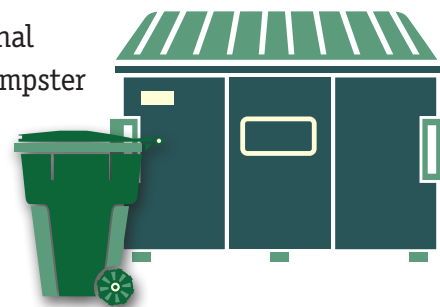
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Dumpsters

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.



Rifle-Pistol Range

ARL-FX IWLA 2022 Bullseye Pistol League—RIMFIRE



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

1st Sunday—March thru August 2022—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
Or visit the Chapter Web site at: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/bullseye-pistol/>

Conservation Update: Pond Work

On Saturday, March 19, a crew of nine IWLA members assembled and placed 12- by 24-foot mats in front of three of the fishing platforms on Gilbert's Pond. The mats are expected to inhibit growth of water lilies in the areas they cover. If they work as expected mats may be placed in front of the remaining three fishing platforms.

The pond mat installation was originally scheduled for March 12, but due to the weather was rescheduled to the 19th and it was a beautiful day to be working on and around the pond. The participants were very enthusiastic,

efficient, and creative regarding assembly and placement of the mats, which weighed 60 pounds each. Moving the mats around the trees was somewhat of a challenge.

The photos show the work crew and document some of the efforts required to complete the task.

—*Steve Rumble*, Conservation Director



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/>



Fat Tuesday Fellowship and Farm Feed — 20 Years Young



Founded at the Chapter in March 2002, this welcoming and inclusive dinner group of Chapter members and their guests, has been gathering every Tuesday evening for 20 years.

To celebrate this important anniversary, the Fat Tuesday diners convened on March 22nd at their regular meeting place, the Archery field house. The group of 27 celebrants feasted on a ribeye-steak dinner prepared by Grillmasters Joe Kieler and Don Early, with able assistance from Dianna Kieler, Jay Forman, Linda Riemer, and Joan Walla.

Included in the event were five of the original charter members, going all the way back to the first meeting place in 2002, the Rifle-Pistol range house: Jim and Barbara Magill, Jay Forman, Chuck Green, and Reece Duncan.

Upon moving the dinner to the new Archery field house in 2008, many other loyal weekly diners, from all parts of the Chapter, were added to the group and these folks have become new pillars of the gathering.

After two decades of durable and steady growth, the Fat Tuesday theme of fellowship still thrives at our Chapter. It has proven to be a healthy and beneficial activity for the members who bring their goodwill to the group each Tuesday evening, and for the Chapter at large. By acclamation, the members have decided to embark on the next 20 years.

—Reece Duncan

Cub Run Cleanup

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of IWLA began a partnership with the Cub Run Park Volunteer Team and the Fairfax County Park Authority in spring 2018 to clean up a portion of Cub Run Park bordering IWLA property on the south side of I-66. We have participated in clean-up events spring and fall each year since then, except 2020 when Covid restrictions resulted in cancellation of the events.

The spring 2022 event, on March 26, had 12 adult volunteers, three teenage volunteers, and 1 four-year-old who managed to gather a plastic grocery bag full of trash. Each year the amount of trash collected has declined from the original event in spring 2018. Three of the attached photos, those with orange trash bags, were taken at the initial Cub Run Park clean-up event in April 2018. The other two photos were taken at the most recent event in March 2022. The difference in the amount of trash collected is quite obvious and demonstrates the effectiveness of our efforts as the Chapter has cleaned the same area during each clean-up event.

—Steve Rumble, Chapter Conservation Director



New Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Angler's Club?

Are you an angler? Do you have a fishing pole or a rod? Do you prefer to use a bait or a fly? Do you rig with a bobber or a strike indicator? In any case, if you enjoy fishing/fly-fishing then we may have a new club for you. Joe Arevalo, a member of Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc, would like to gauge interest from other Chapter members in starting a fishing/fly-fishing club.

Izaak Walton wrote the book, *The Compleat Angler*, which has been considered as a fishing manual. In that spirit and our pledge as members, the ARL-FX Angler's Club could have the following objectives:

- Promote the excitement and joys of fishing for everyone from novices learning to fish to experienced anglers wishing to further knowledge and skills.
- Provide support in fishing pond maintenance to ensure a healthy fish population.

As members, we could have periodic meetings which would have specific topics such as:

- Fishing/Fly-Fishing basics or in general, perhaps clinics on casting, fly-tying, etc.
 - » Depending on interest from other Chapter members, perhaps hold lessons for true beginners: fishing vs. fly-fishing, spincast vs. baitcast, gear, tackle, etc.
- How to maintain the pond for fish to thrive so we can enjoy the "contemplative man's recreation."
 - » Discuss stocking fish, what type (i.e. trout, bass), and how to get funding.
 - » Organize and hold fishing derbies, for Chapter members or for other organizations.
- Regular meet and greet to share fishing tips and stories (pictures not required).

If you are interested in forming a Chapter Angler's Club, please contact Joe Arevalo at joseph.arevalo@gmail.com.

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/>

Photos Needed!

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

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

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The Izaak Walton League of America

Web Links

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Check out the Virginia Division Web site:

<http://va-iwla.org/>

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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>.

MAY, JUNE & JULY

Event	Time	Facility
Cub Run Archers Meeting	1st Sunday of each month	AC
Board of Directors' Meeting	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
General Membership Meeting	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
Bullseye Pistol League—Rimfire Matches	1st Sunday (March - August)	RP
George Mason Trap Open	Sunday, May 1	ST
New Member Orientation	Saturday, May 7	FH
Annual Picnic & Fishing Derby for Children & Adults with Disabilities	Saturday, May 7	LP
NRA Women On Target Clinic	Saturday, May 21	Chapter Wide
101 Archery Class	Sunday, May 22	FA
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, May 29	RP
New Member Orientation	Saturday, June 4	FH
23rd Annual St. Jude Crush'n Clays Event	Saturday, June 11	ST
IWLA VA Division Meeting—Host: Claytor Lake Chapter	Saturday, June 18	Hiwassee, VA
ARL-FX Chapter Elections	July 9-10 & July 16-17	FH
IWLA National Convention	July 19-22	East Peoria, IL
101 Archery Class	Sunday, July 24	FA
Newsletter Mailing Party	Tuesday, July 26	FH
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, July 31	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



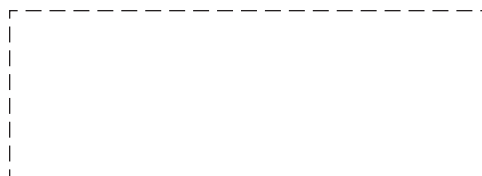
Use of Outhouses

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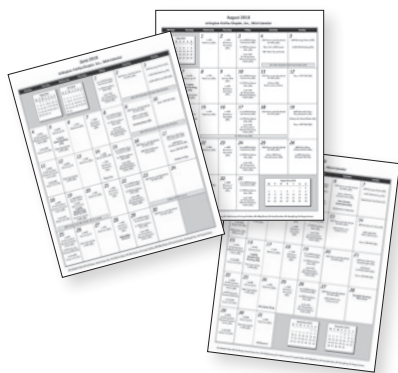
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