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John Charles Green May 10, 1936–April 30, 2022



On April 30th, the Chapter lost longtime member and friend to everyone, "Chuck" Green. In the various places he frequented on the Chapter grounds, he always projected his own brand of upbeat, energetic friendliness. No one had a larger repertoire of jokes and funny stories, and his list of limericks was endless. No conversation lagged when Chuck was involved.

Coming to the Chapter over twenty years ago, Chuck arrived with advanced fishing skills, and was equally adept with both fly rod and the heavier saltwater tackle. His contributions of fresh fillets and the latest stories made him more than welcome at a number of Chapter dinners.

In March 2002, Chuck was a charter member of the fledgling, five-member, Fat Tuesday Fellowship Farm Feed, which met for dinner every Tuesday evening, at the Rifle-Pistol range house. At the time of his passing, he had become a pillar of this fellowship gathering, which was a perfect fit for his sociable, gregarious personality. Over its twenty-year history, Chuck was an indispensable team player and a dependable regular, in providing this weekly dinner for the growing group of diners. No one ever had to ask him to help. He looked for what needed to be done, and took care of it.

Early in his time at the Chapter, Chuck became active at the Rifle-Pistol range, and soon volunteered to serve his fellow shooters with regular duty as a range safety officer.

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Jeff Miller May 5, 1959–September 14, 2022



Our good friend Jeff Miller passed away at the age of 63 on September 14, 2022, at his home in Centreville, Virginia, surrounded by his family. He was born on May 5, 1959, and is survived by his beloved wife, Laura Fitzgerald Miller, and children, Jefferson Cash Miller and Suzanne Miller Hitt, his brothers, Garrett Richard Miller and Kevin Claude Miller, and his five grandchildren, Kayla, Mickey, Jack, Briggs, and Finn. Family and friends gathered at a memorial service and celebration on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at the Pierce Funeral Home and following the service was a reception held at our Chapter field house.

Jeff was a regular at the Chapter's Skeet & Trap range and participated in many of the local and out-of-town trap tournaments. His battle with cancer was very difficult for him along with his family, but he always kept positive through it all. His presence will forever be missed by everyone who knew him.

—Pamela Meara

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

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All other Tuesdays.....1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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President's Column

Recently Elected Chapter Officers and Directors Sworn In

Ernie Padgette, IWLA Virginia Division president, conducted the swearing in of officers and directors of the Chapter at the August 16, 2022, general membership meeting. The election results had been presented to the membership at the July 19th general membership meeting.



Back Row: Chris Rose, Jonathan Bukva, Don Early.

Front Row: Bob Crisman, Ernie Padgette (President VA Division), Todd Skipper, Oscar Starz, John Seaberg.



Pictured at left (l-r) are Pamela Meara, Editor-in-Chief; Tim Terrell, Copy Editor; and Ellen MacBrayne, Design & Production.

2021 Chapter Awards

At the 2022 IWLA national convention, the Chapter newsletter won the national award for Best Chapter Newsletter for chapters with 500 or more members.

The Chapter received the Chapter Defenders Award at the national convention for overall chapter activities in the five critical areas of conservation, memberships, newsletter, scholarships, and youth activities.

The Chapter started our Chapter VIP award in 2021 to nominate and select three to five Chapter members yearly who have been with the Chapter for 15+ years as a thank

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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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Chapter Annual Picnic

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter held its annual picnic on Saturday, September 10th, at the large pavilion. Over 100 Chapter members and guests enjoyed meeting both old and new friends in the midday event's warm and pleasant weather, which replaced the scorching July heat and humidity of recent Chapter picnics. Children enjoyed riding flying Unicorns, playing in the moon bounce, and eating sno-cones. Okay, there weren't any Unicorns, but the moon bounce was a big hit with the children and kids of all ages enjoyed cooling off with the sno-cones.

Picnic chairman Bob Brino made sure everyone had plenty of their favorite foods to eat. The day's menu

included barbequed chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs with sides of coleslaw, potato salad, and corn-on-the-cob. Guests also enjoyed bags of various chips and a selection of cookies while quenching their thirst with water, iced teas, and lemonade.

As tradition dictated, lunch was served by the Chapter's directors and officers.

A special "thank you!" goes out to the many Chapter volunteers who moved tables, shucked corn, chopped, cooked, served, cleaned, and worked to ensure the day was fun and enjoyable for everyone.



Photography by John Dwyer

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you for their outstanding volunteer service. The members selected for 2021 are Dick Riemer and Mark Gauntner.

For more information about awards, please visit the Chapter Web page: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/awards-grants/>



Mark Gauntner



Dick Riemer

ARL-FX IWLA Membership Minutes

November & December 2022 thru January 2023

IMPORTANT

Your 2023 Membership DUES are due ... Our Chapter is thrilled you are one of us and look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Renewing is easy ... You can use any of the following three methods:

1. USE THE ONLINE RENEWAL and pay by credit card (through PayPal).
 - » Simply enter this address into your home computer: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/online-membership-renewal/>
 - » It will take you directly to the renewal page.
 - » Follow directions to complete your renewal.
2. STOP IN THE OFFICE: We are in the membership office every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (with extended hours to 8 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month). AND every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can pay with cash, check, or credit card.
3. SEND US A CHECK: Simply fill out the renewal form you found in this edition of the newsletter, enclose a check for the appropriate amount, (make the check

out to: ARL-FX IWLA), AND ... be sure to check the all the following areas:

- » Be sure to sign your renewal form (it's on the back of the form).
- » Be sure to sign your check.
- » If you are not sure of the amount you owe, please do NOT guess. Call us during office hours and we will help. (703-631-4495)

If you need a renewal form, they are available at ALL ranges, the office, AND online at our Web page.

NO MATTER HOW YOU RENEW ... PLEASE RENEW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Thank you ... and ... as always ... get out to your Chapter and have some fun.

If you have any questions about membership, CALL 703-631-4495 or E-MAIL us at memberships@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

—Beau Crandall, Membership Director



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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 **\$382.43** was received from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between March 1 thru June 30, 2022.

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

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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.

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/>

New Funding for Farm Conservation

In August, Congress passed and the president signed legislation that will provide \$19.5 billion over the next few years to expand conservation, reduce water pollution, and combat climate change across tens of millions of acres of farms and ranches nationwide.

The new funds are part of the Inflation Reduction Act, sweeping legislation designed to deliver nearly \$370 billion for solar, wind and biofuel energy, energy conservation, and other strategies to address climate change.

Virginia Rep. Abigail Spanberger, who chairs the House Agriculture Committee's Conservation & Forestry Subcommittee, said "I'm proud to see this legislation include provisions I championed on behalf of Virginia's crop and livestock producers that will allow them to better integrate climate-smart practices into their operations — meaning long-term benefits for both their wallets and our natural resources," said Spanberger. "Smart and responsible investments in voluntary conservation initiatives will help bring them to the table and demonstrate how America's farmers can be a part of the solution."

For Virginia, the bill could translate into \$150 million or more in the next several years from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help meet the growing demand from farmers for information and financial assistance to put in place soil health practices on cropland and pastures.

In 2019 and 2020, more than 70 percent of farmers and ranchers who applied for help nationwide through USDA conservation programs like the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) were turned down.

The new funding is earmarked for on-farm practices that greenhouse gas pollution or store carbon in the soil, but most of the farm practices that will accomplish that also provide a host of other benefits for soil conservation, fish and wildlife habitat, and water quality.

Most of the USDA conservation funds coming to Virginia annually—over \$50 million per year—are for the EQIP or CSP programs. EQIP (\$34 million in 2021) provides

help for farmers to adopt specific practices, like planting a winter cover crop to feed the soil and prevent erosion, soil testing to allow farmers to apply less fertilizer, or installing fencing and water in pastures to allow livestock to be moved to fresh grass every day.

The CSP (\$13 million in 2021) helps farmers adopt whole-farm conservation plans that use systems like Integrated Pest Management, or bundles of soil health practices, to address conservation needs throughout their farm.

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program typically gets less than \$3 million per year in Virginia, but it helps landowners restore wetlands and put permanent easements on wetlands, grasslands, and cropland, especially areas threatened by urban development.

The new legislation provides substantial new funding for all three programs, and for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program which leverages USDA conservation funds with state and local partners to put conservation practices in place in a specific watershed or area.

USDA has used the program to help Franklin County dairy farmers implement conservation practices that improve soil health and reduce polluted runoff into the Roanoke River, help increase oyster habitat in the Chesapeake Bay, and help farmers throughout the Chesapeake Bay area adopt better soil health and nutrient management practices.

The legislation is a one-time infusion of cash over several years that can do a lot to put conservation measures in place on Virginia farmland. The new legislation will help address the long-term problem of USDA conservation programs that are perennially underfunded.

Congress can take the next step forward to lock in future funding for farm and ranch conservation programs when it writes a new five-year Farm Bill next year.

Learn more about soil health, USDA conservation programs, and the 2023 Farm Bill at iwla.org/agriculture.

—*Duane Hovorka*,

Agriculture Program Director
Izaak Walton League of America



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E-Newsletter and Action Alert Sign-up

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/>

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.



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>.

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 2022 Education & Training schedule for NRA courses is 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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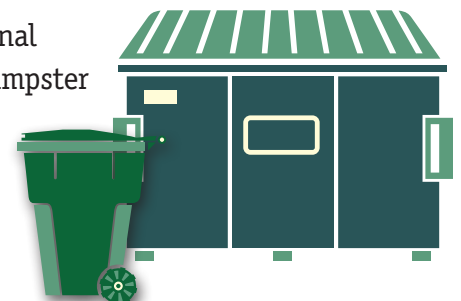
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Dumpsters

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.



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 walls (4' x 4'

black target butts). There are also 2' x 4' 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

Broadhead Rules

The Big Shot 41" Ironman target on the 60-yard target butt was destroyed sometime between August 28 and 31, 2022. We are unable to determine the broadhead type, but it totally destroyed the burlap cover. This \$500 target will now need to be replaced.

Just as a reminder, no core-drilling broadheads are allowed to be used on the Chapter archery ranges. This includes the Flying Arrows Archery Toxic and Cyclone broadheads.

If anyone has any information regarding this damage to the targets or knowledge of who is shooting core-drilling broadheads, please contact any Chapter officer.

When caught, this perpetrator will be brought before the Chapter board of directors and will face disciplinary action to include replacing the target.



Toxic



Cyclone

NOT Allowed on IWLA Archery Range



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 (Members/Non-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	November 20, 2022	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	December 18, 2022	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	January 22, 2023	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	February 19, 2023	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 19, 2023	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.

Suburban Whitetail Management

Suburban Whitetail Management (SWM), a deer management group, uses our Chapter for holding their monthly board meetings, membership meetings, and yearly qualifications. Many in the group are members of our Chapter. In the past year, SWM has made donations totaling \$1,000.00 for being able to use the Chapter facilities. Thanks, SWM, for your help in supporting the Chapter's archery program.

—*Dick Riemer*, Director, Field Archery

Deer Processing Station

For Chapter deer hunters who would like to process their deer, the deer processing station is 20 yards off the Field Archery deck. The area is lighted and has running water from a garden hose located by the deck entrance. You will need to bring trash bags with you for proper disposal of all parts of the carcass.

When finished be sure to wash the area down completely, putting all remains in plastic bags before placing them into any dumpster. During cold weather, when finished be sure to drain the hose of water to keep it from freezing. Please leave the area cleaner than you found the area.

It is illegal to bring any deer taken from a Virginia Disease Management Area (DMA) to the Chapter for skinning and/or processing. Deer harvested in Fairfax, Prince William, or Stafford Counties are okay to process at the deer processing station.



Archery 201 Classes

Classes: 5-week sessions (Mondays)
 Session Start: January 30, 2023
 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.

Hit the Bullseye at the Junior Olympic Archery Program

Fred Bear, a forefather of American bow hunting once said, "The history of the bow and arrow is the history of mankind." Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWL A (ARL-FX IWL A) Junior Olympic Archery Program (JOAD) is the place to go to become part of a sport that has been around for thousands of years. We are a hidden gem in the middle of suburbia. We know there are people out there who shoot or would like to learn how and they have no idea we even exist.

The JOAD program utilizes four of ARL-FX IWL A's archery ranges. The indoor archery range has 11 shooting lanes at 20 yards. The main outdoor range is lighted and has targets from 5 yards through 60 yards. There are also two 14-point walk-through ranges with 3-D targets and field targets out to 80 yards, a total of 28 targets. Archery is an activity that can be done year-round. It is beneficial physically, increasing strength and coordination, and also beneficial mentally, increasing focus and building character and confidence.

Beside having access to all the archery ranges, JOAD members also participate in several archery events throughout the year. During the fall JOAD session, the participants are planning on competing in the Cub Run Archers' indoor World Archery Federation shoot in November. The 12-week session fees are \$110. The fees go toward range maintenance, new targets, and JOAD equipment. Members are also required to become USA Archery members.

The JOAD program is run by volunteers who are certified as Level 2 or higher USA Archery instructors dedicated to the sport of archery. Future plans for the JOAD program include establishing a session focusing on field and 3-D archery for the youth. This past Summer, the JOAD program hosted one adult class and two youth classes, and will do the same for the fall session.



Top photo: Volunteer archery coaches (L to R: Robert Stallings, Richard Manser, Jonathon Fisher, Jeff Del Vecchio, Kevin Flynn, Bjorn Sunder, Dave Grant not pictured) with the JOAD team.

Left photo: Salvatore Del Vecchio (10-year JOAD member) and Jeff Del Vecchio (JOAD project manager).

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Beyond this work, he took on the considerable, weekly task of repairing and building target frames for general range use. This went on for many years, and a plaque at the Rifle-Pistol range expresses the appreciation of the shooting membership for his faithful service to the range.

Even with his advancing years, Chuck continued to be one of our most active and fit members. When he was not excelling as a bowler and golfer, he was on regular fishing trips to both fresh and saltwater destinations. As the colder weather arrived, he was off to annual deer and turkey

hunting trips in Bath County, Virginia, with a number of close friends. On many occasions, he shared the bounty of his efforts with his fellow Ikes.

Wherever you would meet him at the Chapter, Chuck would always provide an energetic hello, and a smiling, positive attitude. He was a man who turned his back on darkness, and always seemed to be walking toward the light. When we lose a member with such traits, we know the void will be hard to fill.

Rest easy, our friend. You are remembered.

—Reece Duncan

Air Range

NoVA Sharpshooters Win at Competitions



National Junior Champion Suman Sanghera and U-15 gold medalist Will Regala.

The NoVA Sharpshooters Junior Pistol Team participated in several major pistol competitions this summer and won a haul of podium finishes and medals. Several members competed at the Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) Nationals, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) National Air Gun Matches, and the USA Shooting 2022 National Junior Olympics Championships.

At the SASP Nationals in Marengo, Ohio, Suman Sanghera won first place overall in air pistol. Will Regala, Christina Alvarez, Nate Carbaugh, Caroline Tso, and Rebecca Stetter

placed fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and twelfth overall. Suman, Will, Christina, and Caroline teamed up to win the overall first-place air pistol team. Suman, Will, and Caroline also won their respective age categories. On the sports pistol side, Suman, Will, and Christina placed second,

third, and fifth respectively. The team also won an overall first-place team trophy in sports pistol.

The Sharpshooters continued their success a week later at the CMP National Air Gun Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. In the open category (adults and juniors), Suman earned second, winning first place overall in the junior category. Will placed second in the junior competition. In his first competitive match, Max Cai scored a fourth place in the junior competition. Will and Suman teamed up to win the open two-person team competition in a very close finish against two top adult competitors. Suman and Will then teamed up with Chapter members Aditya Kanadi and Marshall Mutamanje to finish in second place in the open four-person event.

A strong contingent traveled to Colorado Springs for the National Junior Olympics at the Olympic Training Center. Suman, Will, and Nate joined Connor Shea, Ethan Greenhaw, and Bhavjeet Sanghera in competition. Suman capped a spectacular year by winning the women's air-pistol title and is now our National Junior Champion. Suman also made the finals in sports pistol, garnering a bronze medal in the under 18 (U18) category. Her brother Bhavjeet also made the men's final in air pistol. Will earned a gold medal in air pistol and a silver in sports pistol, both in the under 15 (U15) category. Connor and Nate competed in the men's air pistol. Ethan competed in air and sports pistol.

As a result of her successes in 2022, Suman was selected to shoot for Team USA at the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Championships



NoVA Sharpshooters at SASP Nationals. (L-R), Caroline Tso, Rebecca Stetter, Will Regala, Nate Carbaugh, Suman Sanghera, and Christina Alvarez.



2022 CMP National Air Gun Championship: Overall Air Pistol Team Champions Suman Sanghera and William Regala (Center).

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in Egypt October 12-25, 2022, and at the Shooting Confederation of Americas Championships in Peru November 4-14, 2022. The team is proud of her accomplishments and wish the best for her and Team USA.

If you would like to learn more about the junior pistol program, send an e-mail to novasharpshootersiwa@gmail.com.



2022 CMP National Air Gun Championship: Suman Sanghera (Left) won Silver in Air Pistol Open.



Junior Olympics Women's Air Pistol Champion Suman Sanghera with fellow medalists Katherine Ahn (Left) and Annabell Yi (Right).



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Skeet & Trap Range

2023 Charles "Bucky" Sills Winter Skeet and Trap League

The 2023 season of the Charles "Bucky" Sills Winter Skeet and Trap League will begin on Sunday, January 8th, and run for 13 weeks. The competitive format provides a demanding challenge for shooters of all ability levels and is also a great way to get to know many of your fellow Chapter members. The league size is limited to 28 teams (168 shooters) and we anticipate another large turnout with most of the teams returning from last season.

League competition consists of six-person squads shooting six two-round matches each of trap and skeet. All winter league matches are shot on Sundays when the shotgun ranges are closed for open shooting. Awards are presented to the top-scoring teams and to the individuals with high raw averages in Skeet, Trap, and Overall, plus a Most Improved prize.

For more information visit <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/winter-league/>, or to sign up, contact John Seaberg, jseaberg@cox.net

Chapter at the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships

The 123rd Amateur Trapshooting Association "Grand American Trapshooting Championships" were held at the World Shooting & Recreation Complex, Sparta, Illinois, August 3 to 13. Included in the almost 30,000 entries were three Arlington-Fairfax Chapter members.

During primary week, Alan Hemer took home the Senior Vet trophy from the "Trapshooting USA Handicap" event with a 99.



Jeff Hafkemeyer took a yardage group second in the Krieghoff 100 Handicap event after two shoot-off rounds.

As part of Championship Week, Bart Bennett gained "big tournament" shoot-off experience after tying seven others in the "Grand American Handicap" event. Though coming up two birds short, he said "shooting with the best was a great experience."

—Alan Hemer

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Memories from Benn Crandall

I met Jeff around 2008 at the Chapter. We hit it off and found we both had a love for shooting and a competitive streak in us, and we both had the same shotgun. Eventually, we talked ourselves into taking the "leap" and compete in a local tournament. Well, that led to shooting in more tournaments etc., etc., etc., and we did okay, but what we noticed was a lot of guns with fancy upgrades. So, to make a long story short, the next thing you know, we found a gunsmith and had him do the same upgrades to both of our guns. Turned out it was a wise investment. We both improved to the point where we both won a Virginia state championship with those guns. Jeff stayed with that same gun, never changed it. The last time we shot together he was still using the same gun.

For those that may not know. Jeff literally rebuilt all of our Trap & Skeet fields a while ago. That may not seem like much

so let me put this in "homeowner" terms. Think of a double-wide sidewalk, one-half mile long. Jeff and his crew dug out the old concrete, hauled it away, brought in and spread dump trucks of gravel. And then they laid new concrete, they did it all in around 30 days. Every time I use those fields I think of my friend and thank him for his efforts. Rest in peace my friend, your fields are being well taken care of.

Memories from Bob Brino

It is with great sadness that we have lost our dear friend, shooter, and of course, fellow Ike at Skeet and Trap, Jeff Miller. He was a very loyal and heroic man. He lived a great family life with his wife, Laura, and his children, Cash and Suzanne, and grandchildren. I remember some years ago I was discussing with Jeff the poor quality of our Skeet and Trap fields. He then mentioned to me he would be able to get his crew to put in new fields and he and his crew did just that. Today, we



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Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Calendar

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NOVEMBER, DECEMBER & JANUARY

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
Fellowship Dinner	Every Tuesday	AC
New Member Orientation	Saturday, November 5	FH
FTTA Archery Tournament	November 12-13	FA
101 Archery Class	Sunday, November 20	AC
New Member Orientation	Saturday, December 3	FH
101 Archery Class	Sunday, December 18	AC
All Firearm Ranges CLOSED	Sunday, December 25	Firearm Ranges
Newsletter Article Submission Deadline	Tuesday, December 27	
Charles "Bucky" Sills Winter Skeet and Trap League	Sundays, January 8–April 2	ST
New Member Orientation	Saturday, January 7	FH
Newsletter Mailing Party	Wednesday, January 25	FH
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	Sunday, January 29	RP
201 Archery Class—Start (5 weeks)	Monday, January 30	AC
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.

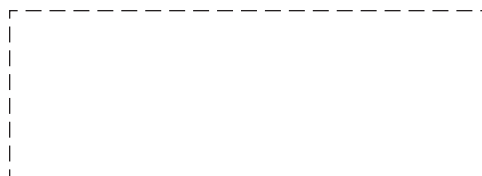
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have a great place to shoot due to Jeff Miller. He is my hero for battling cancer the way he did, he was a fighter, and loved life as well as his family. To the end he would come over to the trap range and shoot. We will all miss him personally and at the range.



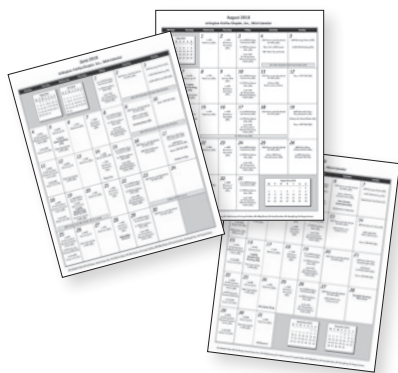
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