



# NEWSLETTER

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## 2024 Chapter Elections



The annual Chapter elections were conducted in accordance with Chapter bylaws during the month of July 2024 with the polls being open on the 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th of the month. Nominations were solicited from the Chapter membership in the preceding months and the nominees were presented, finalized, and approved at the monthly general member meeting in June. Bob Hamilton and Fred Ansick chaired the nominations and election committees.

The Chapter officer positions open for election in 2024 were vice president and treasurer. In addition, named directors for Conservation, Education, Skeet & Trap, and Target Archery and three director-at-large positions were on the ballot. Provisions for write-in candidates were also included on the official ballots.

All valid ballots cast were counted and the votes for each candidate tabulated by members of the election committee following the close of the polls on July 14th. Vote-count statistics are available to Chapter members from the election committee chair. In accordance with the Chapter bylaws, the election committee report will be presented and the winners put forward for installation at the August monthly general membership meeting. By majority vote, the following officers and directors were determined to be the winners for their respective positions:

*Vice President*, Evan Phelps

*Treasurer*, Bob Crisman

*Conservation*, Fred Bailey

*Education & Training*, John Seaburg

*Skeet & Trap*, Bob Brino

*Target Archery*, Ryan Johnson

*Directors-at-Large (3)*,

Bill Clayton

Brian Hickerson

John Hsu

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all the Chapter members who came out to vote. (<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/chapter-election-information/>)

—*Bob Hamilton & Fred Ansick*, Nomination/Election chairmen

## 2024 Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with Disabilities

A disturbance in the Force was felt in our Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children and Adults with Disabilities on this May the fourth, RAIN! A much later than normal start was a gloomy beginning to our event. Volunteers arrived early for preparation of the grill and cleaning and decorating the pavilion. Fishing rods had been prepared in advance by the fishing team and lined up ready for casting. Our Air Range and indoor Archery Range was prepped with balloons ready for our Jedi to try their new skill in popping them. Once our eager Jedi arrived, some immediately choose to be escorted to Gilbert's Pond

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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

*Pamela Meara* ..... Editor-in-Chief  
*Tim Terrell* ..... Copy Editor  
*Ellen MacBrayne* ..... Design & Production

### Field House Phone Numbers

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*Skeet & Trap field house* ..... 703-631-4497  
*Field Archery field house* ..... 703-631-4498  
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**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

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## President's Column

# Getting to Know the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter (Part 7)

## Getting Involved — Activities/Events

Welcome to our seventh and final edition of “Getting to know the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter.” Our Chapter is a volunteer run organization for the benefit of our members and our mission, so we are focusing this edition on our mission-related activities. Members getting involved and staying involved are very important to the health and growth of our Chapter. There are different ways and activities to accomplish this as there are different ranges, activities, and groups that may interest you. By volunteering at the Chapter for at least 8 hours per year you will receive a discount on your membership dues for the following year.

The Chapter has posted hours of operation (per Fairfax County Special Exception) at the different ranges and field houses. Those hours are:

- 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 the Chapter designated range Web pages for specific days and times of operation.*

Below are some of the basics about the numerous activities the Chapter has to offer:

## ACTIVITIES

### Conservation

The primary mission of the Izaak Walton League of America is to provide leadership in the conservation of woodlands, wildlife, water, and related natural resources. The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, conservation program has established activities to work toward our mission. We perform road-side cleanups in our Adopt-A-Highway area and hosted training for Save Our Streams. We also support IWLA programs on Nitrate and Salt Watch programs. The Chapter hosts bee hives maintained by professional beekeepers along with food plots that serve the bees, deer, and other wildlife. For more information about conservation activities, including upcoming projects and volunteer opportunities at the Chapter, please contact the director of conservation, Jonathon Bukva, at [Jonathan.Bukva@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:Jonathan.Bukva@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org). Visit <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/conservationinaction/>

[wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/conservationinaction/](https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/conservationinaction/) for more information on the Chapter’s conservation efforts.

### Environmental Management System

Over 15 years ago, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter implemented an Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure our range operations are not having negative impacts on local water and land resources. 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. To meet this goal, the Chapter applies lime and rock phosphate to the soils within the shot-fall area at Skeet & Trap. This stabilizes lead shot in the soil and prevents its movement into surface and groundwater systems.

The Chapter has also conducted two lead-reclamation projects within the shot-fall area recovering tons of lead shot. The Skeet & Trap Range has transitioned to biodegradable targets furthering our EMS practices. Water quality samples are collected regularly at the Chapter to ensure lead levels in our surface waters are below regulatory limits. The Chapter’s EMS ensures we are going “above and beyond” the call of duty for environmental stewardship.

The Chapter was the first nonprofit organization recognized by the Virginia Environmental Program in

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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 mankind’s sharing in it.

I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.

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2006. In March 2020, the Chapter received the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award for outstanding sustainability activities.

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

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

The Chapter hosts an annual day designed for children and adults with physical and life challenges along with their families. The Chapter coordinates with Fairfax County and other local organizations and groups to invite participants to this event. Hayrides, picnic lunch, air rifle shooting, archery (supervised), and the annual Fishing Derby. Volunteers are needed to chaperone the families from activity to activity and assist with setup, equipment, and cleanup. No prior experience necessary. This is a great opportunity for members to be involved in one of our signature programs that benefits the community.

### **Disadvantaged Christmas Party**

This annual event is held on the second Saturday in December. The Chapter hosts approximately 50 underprivileged children, between the ages of newborn and 14 years and their families. They are treated to a Christmas party with a traditional Christmas dinner and gifts for the children delivered by Santa Claus. This party is another one of the events our Chapter performs for the community. We need members to help with the many aspects of this event, from buying and wrapping gifts, party set up/take down, food servers, and more.

### **Shenandoah Property**

The Chapter owns 50+ acres in Shenandoah County available to Chapter members. The property was acquired in 1997, when the Annandale-Springfield Chapter closed. Members can request a permit to hike, camp, or hunt on this property. For more information and the process to

obtain a permit to hunt, go to the Chapter Facility-Use Request Web page, <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/shenandoah-county-property/>.

### **Education & Training**

The Education & Training Committee at the Chapter provides firearm and non-firearm training to members and the public at competitive rates. The Chapter Education & 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. Non-shooting courses include metallic and shotshell reloading courses and the Refuse To Be A Victim course. Courses are offered throughout the year and the training team supports other activities such as the annual shotgun camp, NRA Women on Target Clinic, and Scout groups. For any additional questions, please contact the ARL-FX director of education & training, John Seaberg, at [John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org). <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education-and-training-2/>

### **Archery**

The Archery team teaches beginning and intermediate archery lessons in "Archery 101" and "Archery 201." Archery 101 will take someone with no or very little archery experience and get them shooting recurve or compound bows. This also covers a new shooter looking for basic coaching and equipment recommendations. Archery 201 takes someone who has familiarity with archery shooting and provides them with coaching, equipment checks/recommendations based on type of shooting they want to engage in.

### **Crush'n Clays Charity Event**

The Chapter cohosts the annual Crush'n Clays charity event in support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA). This event draws over 100 shooters participating in this fundraising event. This event is held on the second Saturday in June

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



E-Newsletter and Action Alert Sign-up

### **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>.

# ARL-FX IWLA Membership Notes

## August, September & October 2024

### Important Information About Your 2024 Membership

- Your 2024 BLUE Range badge insert will expire on December 31, 2024.
- RENEWAL season for 2025 will begin on October 1, 2024.
- SAVE TIME, Renew online!
- AVOID the additional \$40 late fee — renew on time.

### Membership Reminders

- IF YOU MOVE AND CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS ... PLEASE let us know!
- IF YOU CHANGE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS ... PLEASE let us know!
- IF you are NOT getting your monthly E-BLAST through your e-mail account please let us know!
- \$50 work credit ... Do not ASSUME you are eligible. HOURS either have to be documented on SignUpGenius OR ... documented through your Designated RANGE Director. If you have a question, please call the membership office. We will return your call and let you know whether or not you are eligible for the \$50 credit.

**SAVE TIME, Renew online.** (renewals start October 1, 2024) (<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/online-membership-renewal/>)

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at the Chapter Skeet & Trap Range. It has run continuously since 2000, missing only one year due to COVID. In addition to being the longest running charitable shooting event in the United States, Crush'n Clays is also the longest running shooting event supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This event has raised close to \$450,000 for St. Jude's. Participants are provided with ammunition, t-shirts, and lunch with their paid registration in the event. Sponsorships and team entries are available. For more information about this charity, visit: <https://www.myvssa.org/crushn-clays>.

### Education & Training Facility Trust Committee

In 2003, the Chapter board of directors established a charitable trust under Internal Revenue Code section 170(b)(1)(a) called *The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA, Education and Training Facility Trust (ETFT)*. The purpose of the trust is to secure donations sufficient to design, build,

IF YOU ARE RENEWING BY CHECK, BE SURE you send in the paper renewal form. You can get a renewal form at any range or you can print one from the Web site. **SIGN THE BACK** ... Last year's number 1 reason the form had to be rejected.

### Membership Notes

- We (members) quickly forget this Chapter has incredible facilities, well-kept grounds, multiple community events, successful conservation projects, AND still has an incredibly inexpensive dues structure.
- Never forget this Chapter runs on VOLUNTEER service. THIS YEAR ... we have had record attendance for our events (Challenged Fishing Derby, Women on Target, Crushin' Clays, etc.). ALL were very successful thanks to the record number of VOLUNTEERS who gave their personal time to make the events successful.

### Membership Office Hours

Membership Office is open every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and every Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **If you have any questions about Membership ... CALL 703-631-4495 and/or E-MAIL: [memberships@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:memberships@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org)**

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

*—Beau Craudall, Membership Director*

and equip an education and training facility. This project, which will consist of an indoor pistol and smallbore range with classrooms for training and clinics, is separate from the Chapter's general budget and capital improvement funds. The site for this facility is planned across the main road from the Chapter field house. <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/education-training-facility-trust/>

Thank you for taking the time to read the series of "Getting to know the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter" articles. It is our intention to provide valuable information to allow everyone to understand our Chapter. We covered the major areas of the Chapter, but there are more areas to explore. Use the Chapter Web site to investigate the Chapter further. If you have any questions, please reach out to the program director listed for the activity area, or a Chapter officer/director listed on the Web site. <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/>.

*—Pawela Meara, President*

## Scholarship News

In 1993, the board of directors of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America established its environmental sciences scholarship as a means of demonstrating the Chapter's concern for the environment and for the young people of the tri-county (Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William Counties) area. The scholarship is for a total of 4 years at a value of \$5,000 per year paid directly to the applicant's institution of higher learning in support of their degree in environmental sciences or a related field. The scholarship committee of the Chapter reviews the applications submitted each April and makes its recommendation to the board of directors on the basis of the applicant's academic achievement, financial need, environmental activities and achievements, and the individual character of the applicant.



The 2024 Environmental Sciences Scholarship has been awarded to Samantha Seagle who recently graduated from Charles J. Colgan High School in Manassas, VA. Samantha will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Sustainability. She will be attending NOVA's transfer program for the first year and then moving on to

the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Scholarship Committee Chairman David Dobbins said that Samantha's academic credentials, maturity, and impressive activities in diverse local and regional environmental and community programs makes her a most deserving recipient of the scholarship.

**The following are updates on the progress of our current four ARL-FX IWLA Environmental Scholarship winners:**

### **Daniel Clay, 2023 Scholarship Winner**

I am the recipient of the 2023 Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, IWLA scholarship. I had a lot of fun and learned a great deal in my first year of college at Virginia Tech. There were many highs and lows of adulting in my first time living away from home. I met new people and made many new friends. My major of environmental resource management has provided me with numerous insights about the importance of our environment. I look forward to learning more about conservation methods. Although my first year of college was very fun, there were some hardships such as learning

how to live with roommates, something I had never done before. The Chapter scholarship has helped me continue my education, have fun, meet new people, and expand my knowledge about the environment.

### **Grant Miller, 2022 Scholarship Winner**

Now that my sophomore year at Virginia Tech has concluded I can confidently say I have had some of my favorite classroom experiences during these two semesters. Two classes stood out this year, oceanography and ichthyology. In oceanography, I learned about the geologic, biologic, and physical properties of the ocean and participated in a class "field trip" to a local aquarium where we were tasked to make observations and answer questions about the fish in the various tanks. Ichthyology was an especially intriguing class this year. In this class I learned all about fish physiology, morphology, anatomy, and many other defining characteristics. My ichthyology class also included a lab section where we learned about the anatomy of different fishes through dissections and learned to identify a variety of fresh and saltwater fishes by viewing preserved specimens. In addition to my classes I continued as a member of the Orion living-learning science community by becoming a peer mentor where I mentored a group of first-year science students on acclimating to college life and navigating classes.

This summer I am participating in a VT sponsored study-abroad trip to Tasmania and Queensland in Australia which focuses on investigating the relationships between humans and the environment through guest speaker lectures, participating in wildlife studies, and snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef. I am especially excited to meet with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority where we will learn about the reef's diverse communities as well as how the reef is monitored and managed. I would once again like to thank the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America for providing me with the scholarship that allows me to pursue these enriching college experiences that help me chase my passions and shape my future. Thank you so much.

### **Will Beer, 2021 Scholarship Winner**

This school year has been an excellent dive into the grit of forestry and its surrounding fields. I just wrapped up classes in urban forestry, forest roads, and forest valuations (or biometrics). Two of my classes this semester worked intensively in urban forests especially, and I spent a few class periods where we traveled to Northwest Roanoke, which

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is a sector of the city known for having a high portion of disadvantaged groups than the rest of the city. We completed tree canopy analysis in these areas using ground mapping as well as GIS technologies, to compare and contrast Northwest Roanoke to the rest of the city. We found that in tandem with being socioeconomically disadvantaged, they also had a statistically significant gap in the amount of tree canopy, on average having fewer trees per neighborhood. This project was involved and interesting on a lot of levels outside of forestry, and I got to meet with a large group of peers to discuss and learn from each other about this disparity. Our class was also featured in the *Roanoke Times*, doing an exercise with this tree canopy in Roanoke. At the end of the semester, we presented a solution-based idea we felt could help alleviate the tree canopy disparity in Northwest Roanoke, which was also leading to more issues such as the urban heat island effect.

Another project I spent a lot of time on this semester was analyzing tree canopy cover in Fairfax, Virginia. The first part of this project was to analyze a wide variety of construction site plans and locate their proposed tree canopy cover for new constructions. This was my part of the project, and another student I worked with then took this data and compared it to the current canopy cover, to decide if site developers met the goals they said they would meet. Work from this project will be sent to Fairfax County public officials to improve the tree canopy around this area. With the school year over, I am headed out west once more to work at Yellowstone National Park, which I am very excited about.

On another note, this year concludes my studies at Virginia Tech. I was able to wrap up my studies in 3 years with the help of some online courses and the help of scholarship money to help me cover the course load. Thank you all so much for the support these past few years, it has been much appreciated.

### **Christina Pelliccio, 2020 Scholarship Winner**

Christina Pelliccio, the 2020 recipient of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America Environmental Scholarship, finished her final year at UC Berkeley, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in society and environment with minors in public policy and energy and resources. Throughout the year on campus, Christina completed her remaining course load in environmental policy and economics, as well as served as an undergraduate research assistant for a long-term study on solar energy deployment. She continued her years of work as both an administrative assistant for the university's College of Natural Resources and a policy assistant at the Center for Environmental Health. Now, Christina has started a full-time position in San Francisco working for the state of California. As a regulatory analyst at the California Public Utilities Commission, Christina is working on long-term renewable energy planning to contribute to California's economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals. Christina is thrilled to be taking on this opportunity post-graduation and is incredibly grateful for these milestones that the Chapter has helped her to achieve.

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for fishing while others preferred to get something to eat first. As the food line moved, burgers, hotdogs, salad, and snacks were served by the enthusiastic volunteers. After our stomachs were full, some Jedi continued to fish while others decided to try popping balloons at the Archery and Air Rifle Ranges. Master Keith Kuck and Master Richard Reimer stood ready to pass their skills onto the Jedis. Fishing continued after lunch until everyone was called back to the pavilion for the Fishing Derby awards. Prizes were given based on largest and smallest and most caught fishes. At the end of the event with all the smiling faces, the elements could not dampen the enthusiasm and spirits of our Jedi as our Force remained



strong. Thanks to all of the enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers for their time and efforts in bringing some sunshine to this day for our guests.

—John Hsu

## 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).



### 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 one grant at the Chapter in 2022. Past recipients of these grants were the Youth Shotgun Team, Air Range, and the Rifle-Pistol Range. 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/>



## A New Updated Knife Throwing Range

Sean Salas of Scout Troop 158 has completed his Eagle Scout Project and we now have another range to test our martial arts skills. Sean's project was to create an axe and knife throwing range in compliance with the International Axe Throwing Federation (IATF) rules and recommendations. He did a fantastic job. The range is located in the activities field adjacent to Field Archery. It consists of three targets mounted on tripods with designated throwing lanes and a spectator's line. Sean did most of the work and target assembly off site and used nine cedar logs salvaged from an archery range cleanup work party.

We invite any member interested in throwing knives, axes, hatchets, or tomahawks in competition or just to relieve frustration to come down and try out your new range. Unfortunately the only knives we can offer are our kitchen knives and we're not about to tell our cooks how they were used so you probably want to bring your own. And just in case you don't arrive with your knife handling or throwing skills honed to a knife's edge, we have a metal detector and band aids in the clubhouse. Please come and try your throwing or doctoring skills.

Regarding knife and axe throwing rules, the Chapter suggests following the outdoor field archery range rules (**Common Sense**) until someone familiar with the IATF



can prepare and post a formal set of rules. Until that time: **Never prepare to throw while someone is down range. If more than one person is throwing call the range hot or cold. Never throw at anything but the target. If you are searching for an axe that missed, place something on the target to indicate you are behind it searching.**

On behalf of Sean Salas, **ENJOY.**

### ATTENTION!

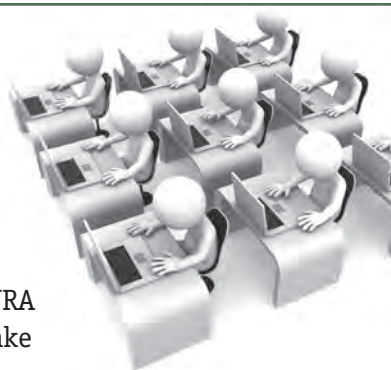
**Chapter Pond** — Fishing policy — Operating with Catch & Release Policy in effect. We follow all Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) regulations. See <https://dwr.virginia.gov/>.

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

### Education & Training NRA Course Updates

The 2024 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/>



### Range Badge

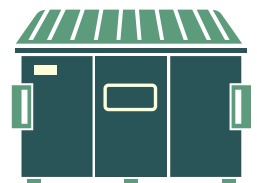
Chapter members are required to display their range badge when they access/use the Chapter's ranges. Access will be denied if you do not display your range badge. If you have lost your range badge, please contact the membership office to purchase a replacement badge at <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/membership-general-information/>. There is a \$10 fee for all replacement badges.



### 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.



## NRA Women on Target Clinic—May 18, 2024

Overcast skies and scattered showers in the forecast did not deter any of the sellout crowd of women from attending the Chapter's 2024 Women on Target (WOT) instructional shooting clinic. The clinic is designed to get women involved in the shooting sports.

Participants and volunteer instructors were welcomed upon arrival with pastries and beverages and all provided an event t-shirt. Each participant selected three different 90-minute sessions they were interested in attending one after the other. After a safety briefing by Education & Training Director John Seaberg, the participants were off to their chosen first event. A variety of sessions were available for participants to choose from. This included classroom presentations/seminar sessions and live-fire sessions at our ranges. The classroom seminars related to unarmed personal safety, handgun purchasing and care, laws related to firearm purchase, sale and possession, and laws related to handgun carrying and use for self-defense.



The live fire sessions included instruction at the rifle-pistol range, the shotgun range, and the field archery range where enthusiastic volunteer certified instructors welcomed and instructed

participants. A few participants liked a particular live-fire session so much they stayed and did not go to their next session. Some participants had attended our WOT clinic before. After the second event, lunch was provided to all participants and instructors at the large pavilion. During lunch participants enjoyed eating and conversing with other participants as well as instructors. After the participants attended their third session of the day, all participants headed back to the field house for concluding statements and printed proof of their completion of the WOT clinic.

It was clear from all the smiling and happy faces all participants had a great time. Thanks to all of the volunteers for bringing to the participants some knowledge, fun, and sunshine on this gloomy day and helping to make WOT another successful event.



Photography by John Dwyer

# 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 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.

As stated on the ARL-FX IWLA Chapter/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" with a recommendation they purchase the damaged target.

—Fred Ausick,

Range Captain, Cub Run Archers



Toxic



Cyclone

**NOT Allowed on IWLA Archery Range**

## Field Archery—Guest Liability Release Statement Form

At the outdoor archery sign-in station and at the indoor archery range sign-in desk, there are *Guest Liability Release Statement Forms* that need to be completed. Members are responsible for completing a *Guest Release Statement Form* before starting to shoot on any of the Field Archery ranges, when bringing a guest. There is a daily \$10 Guest Fee. Fill out the form, placing money or check inside the folded release form, and place it into the drop box.

Make check out to ARL-FX IWLA—Field Archery.

—Dick Riewer, Director, Field Archery

## Deer Processing Station

For Chapter deer hunters who would like to process their deer, the deer processing station is twenty 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 it.**

## Restricted Transporting of Deer Carcass

Whole deer carcasses and any parts containing brain and/or spinal cord tissues originating from Fairfax, Prince William, or Arlington Counties may only be transported to locations within Disease Management Area (DMA) 2 and DMA 1 which includes Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Orange, Clark, Page, Madison, Frederick, and Warren Counties.



**SIGN UP!**



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

## 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.

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

### Fee Schedule (Members/Non-Members)

- \$25 for adults
- \$15 for ages 9 through 17  
(Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- \$40 max for family

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

Sunday	August 18, 2024	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	September 22, 2024	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	October 20, 2024	1–3:30 p.m.
Sunday	November 17, 2024	1–3:30 p.m.

## Archery 201 Classes

The Archery 201 classes are held at the indoor archery range. These sessions are held on five consecutive Sunday nights. There are two age groups, Youth ages 9-12 years old (5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.) and Adult 13 years old and up (7 p.m.–8 p.m.) with a maximum of 11 students in each group. All archery equipment is provided so there is not any initial expense to participate. We also encourage the use of personal equipment if the student has already purchased it. *The fee for the five-night class is \$100.*

The class is taught using the USA Archery 11-step instruction model. We first concentrate on shooting form. Then we build upon this foundation with each lesson, so the student has the total archery shooting package by the end of the session. Safety and range rules are taught the first night and reviewed before each class along with warm-ups and stretching. The class will cover the different types of archery equipment used, archery safety, purchasing of equipment, and live shooting. We try to have a 1:3 coach to student ratio so the student gets the best coaching we can provide.



Coach Mark Gauntner demonstrates proper shooting form.

### Archery 201 Schedule

Classes: 5-week sessions (Sundays)  
 Session Starts: Sunday, October 6, 2024  
 Youth: Ages 9–12; 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Adult: Ages 13 & up; 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Class Fee: \$100.00

**Contact:** Mark Gauntner for registration at [gauntneriwla201@gmail.com](mailto:gauntneriwla201@gmail.com).

## 2024 Fall Indoor Archery Tournament

We are pleased to announce the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter will be hosting their 2024 Fall Indoor Archery Tournament, sanctioned as a World Archery STAR event, on November 9th–10th.

The tournament will offer a 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. shooting line on each day. Further information and details on registration will be available after June 6th at the *Find an Event — USA Archery* ([usarchery.org](http://usarchery.org)) calendar listed under “Cub Run Archers of Arlington-Fairfax IWLA.”

## Rifle-Pistol Range

### Open Firearm League Match—David Park

I'm an RSO for the Chapter's rifle-pistol range. Last year to celebrate the 4th of July, Chris Park (U.S. Practical Shooting Association chief RO) and I started a new "Open Firearm League Match" on July 17th. It is my honor to write an article during our anniversary month. We started this match for fellow shooters to be able to shoot safely, accurately, and enjoy while improving proper shooting skills with different firearms. We utilize different calibers (.22 to .308), actions, handguns to rifles, targets (paper, steel, and even a small advil), and shoot 15 to 100 yards using different positions (freehand, prone, kneeling, and bench).

In most of our matches the shooters are allowed to shoot different calibers as long as it's the same type of firearm. The matches take place on the 3rd Monday of every month at 5 p.m. during the summer and 4 p.m. during the winter.

Every month we shoot different firearms, targets, and distances in different shooting positions so at the end of the month I upload a non-monetized YouTube video with a sign-up link for the next month's match showing the rules and firearms (also in the Chapter calendar). As a U.S. Concealed Carry Association and NRA instructor I understand the value of watching yourself and others shoot. So, with the shooter's approval, I also upload the actual match and this really helps all the shooters (only the approved participants will be on YouTube). This is a lot of work, but we enjoy doing it and all the participants really enjoy it as well. Also, to encourage the shooters we give bronze, silver, and gold medals for every match.

The cost of participation is only \$5. All guests (non-members) are required to pay an additional \$10 and



complete the guest release form. More information on the matches can be found on our Chapter calendar, or

by going to the following Chapter Web page: <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/wp-content/uploads/iwla/Documents/ARLFXIWLAOpenMatch.pdf>

## Chapter Gun Show and Swap

**They walked into the room and discovered dozens of tables ... filled with guns!**

But that's exactly what was expected by over 150 members and guests who attended the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter's Annual Gun Show and Swap Meet. The event was hosted by the Field Archery Program at the indoor archery range on March 30, 2024. Over 30 tables displayed a wide variety of firearms, archery equipment, fishing gear, and other sports and hunting accessories, clothing and related items.

Now in its second year since being temporarily discontinued during the Covid-19 pandemic, this popular event continues to see its attendance grow, with sellers, members, and Chapter guests already looking forward to the next gun show. This year Field Archery introduced a 50-50 raffle, giving one lucky winner additional money to spend at the show. The hosting range also provided volunteers to fill drink and food orders for sellers so the sellers did not have to

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## Crush'n Clays: Pulling for a Good Cause—June 2024

On June 8, the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA (ARL-FX) co-hosted one of its premier annual events, Crush'n Clays, with the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA) at the Chapter Skeet & Trap Range.

The charity trapshooting event, supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, drew nearly 100 participants bonded by giving and generosity. Mother Nature rewarded the goodwill with a beautiful, sun-soaked day under clear blue skies with low humidity and temperatures in the low 80s.

Crush'n Clays is the longest-running shooting event supporting St. Jude and the longest-running charity shooting event in the country. This year's shoot was particularly meaningful, as it marked the 25th year of the event. Over the years, Crush'n Clays has raised more than \$400,000 in support of this worthy cause.

Participants received ammunition, event T-shirts, and lunch provided by Tony's New York Pizza in Manassas, Virginia, with their paid registration.

The event began with a shotgun clinic for novice shooters run by Scott Petitto.

After a beautiful rendition of the national anthem by Mary Bergman, shooters took to the fields for 25 targets from the 16-yard-line followed by a round of handicap from the 22-yard line after lunch. Individuals and teams competed in the shoot. The top three scores on each squad in each event determined the team totals.

Congratulations go out to the Whiting-Turner team, composed of Rachel Rittler, Frank Plummer, John Hsu, Mike Whitmore, and John Spicer, for winning the Team Award. Spicer also was awarded the High Overall winner, breaking 49 of 50 targets.

As usual, the Annie Oakley side event was popular with participants all day. There were more than 100 entries, with many shooters competing multiple times. Half of the entry fees from each group participating in the long-distance shoot-off went to St. Jude, with the other half of the pot going to the last shooter standing in the single-elimination competition. Most winners donated their half as well in the true spirit of the day.

Special thanks must be given to the event sponsors: Whiting-Turner; D&F Construction; Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., IWLA; Mid-Atlantic Bowhunters; Suburban Electric; NOVEC; Virginia Shooting Sports Association; The Gilbert Family; Eastern Bullet; Equipment Works; Jeff Hafkemeyer; Tony's NY Pizza; ARL-FX Education & Training; and Clark Brothers. All of them played a crucial role in promoting a successful event. We would also like to thank our longtime St. Jude field representative, Martha Pheeny, and our new representative, Jean Almonte, who were in attendance and helped to hand out awards to sponsors and competitors.

Multitalented entertainer Danny Thomas founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in 1962 to treat children with cancer and other catastrophic illnesses. Their tireless efforts, for which families never receive a bill, have significantly improved survival rates for childhood cancers in the past 62 years. Since the hospital opened, the survival rate of the most common childhood cancer, leukemia, has risen from 4 percent to 94 percent. The overall childhood cancer survival rate has risen from 20 percent to 80 percent. We are honored to help support such a worthy institution.



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## Skeet & Trap Range

### 2023 ARL-FX Chapter Skeet & Trap Shoot Dates

#### Skeet-Shoot Dates

Stonewall Open Skeet Shoot August 2–4  
Tater Salad Open Skeet Shoot August 23–25

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

#### Trap-Shoot Dates

Jeff Miller Memorial Corn Shoot September 1  
DuCharm/Igou Memorial Trap Shoot October 6

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.

### Nora Ross Trap Shooting Clinic

On June 22nd the Chapter welcomed 34-time Amateur Trap Shooting Association (ATA) All-American and 1999 ATA Hall of Fame inductee trap shooter Nora Martin Ross as she held a two-day trap clinic for the limited number of individuals that signed up. Shooters listened as she provided pointers and guidance to each individual based on their own style of shooting. Although a one-eye shooter herself, she provided specific instruction for both one-eye shooters and two-eye shooters regarding foot positions, posture, gun grip, cheek on gun position as well as hold points and look points for shooting trap singles, handicap trap, and trap doubles. She also provided many stories related to her and her personal shooting experiences as well as shooting traits and preferences of other well-known trap shooters.

On-field instruction began with everyone shooting a round of trap and her taking closeup videos of each individual's foot position, posture, gun grip, and cheek position before, during, and after a shot is fired. Her high-energy teachings came in a variety of forms. This included classroom lectures, presentation and specific analysis of the videos taken of each individual shooter, trap field drills, individual instruction and pointers while each shooter was shooting, and final specific pointers to each individual at the end of the clinic. All shooters shot rounds



of trap singles, handicap trap, and trap doubles.

Skeet & Trap Director Bob Brino insured an ice-filled cooler with plenty of water was available to help keep all shooters hydrated on these very hot days, as well as provided delicious food in the form of pastries and a variety of lunch selections both days. After the two days of shooting hundreds of rounds at clay targets, all shooters had fun and left this clinic with individual pointers and instruction to help them improve their trap-shooting skills.

Thank you, Nora!

### 2025 Charles "Bucky" Sills Winter Skeet and Trap League

The 2025 season of the Charles "Bucky" Sills Winter Skeet and Trap League will begin on Sunday, January 5th, 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 shooter prize.

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

## Youth Shotgun ATA AIM Team

We are thrilled to share the exciting news of our Chapter's youth shotgun ATA AIM team's remarkable performance at the Virginia State Championship Tournament held in Winchester, Virginia, on June 2, 2024. Against formidable competition, our team coached by James Hsu, demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, securing a remarkable 3rd place finish in the Junior Golden category. Team members included William Kennedy, Logan Saplan, Thomas Batton, Irene Hu, and Sena Ham.

Additionally, William Kennedy won a thrilling shoot-off, earning him a coveted Negroni gun case. Thomas Button's commendable performance resulted in securing placement in the sub-junior category with a second-place finish (runner up). These achievements reflect the dedication and talent of our team members. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all who contributed to this success.



A special thank you to the volunteers at Arlington-Fairfax Chapter who dedicate their Saturdays to supporting the youth shotgun AIM program.

Not present in the team photo is Irene Hu and Sena Ham.



## Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus

On May 14, the Chapter was invited to send representatives to the Congressional Clays Competition to compete and interact with members of the U.S. Congress. Our Chapter was represented by our president, Pamela Meara, and a director-at-large, Evan Phelps. The event was hosted by the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and was held at the Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center. The event featured multiple disciplines to include sporting clays, trap, and skeet shooting events as well as the opportunity to network with members of Congress interested in advancing the interests of America's 55 million sports men and women with efforts like the America Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act.

At the end of the day, Pamela Meara was honored by the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus with the award for top gun female shooter. For more information about the event: <https://congressionalsportsmen.org/press/csf-celebrates-the-effectiveness-of-the-csc-with-some-healthy-competition-at-annual-congressional-clays-event-2/>

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leave their tables and possibly miss making a sale. Breakfast and lunch food, as well as snacks, coffee, sodas, and water were provided by hard-working volunteers in the range's kitchen.

Like last year, the seller tables sold-out weeks before the show and the sellers consisted solely of Chapter members. The gun tables displayed new and used firearms, many from personal collections, allowing attendees an opportunity to get a great firearm at a fair price and to also look for a rare or special firearm that might not still be manufactured or otherwise available in the marketplace.

Discount FFL transfers were available onsite, and the presence of State Police personnel at the gun show ensured the background checks were conducted expeditiously, thereby minimizing the delays buyers often experience.

Dozens of firearms were sold at the event and while they consisted mostly of shotguns and handguns, a number of target and hunting rifles were happily taken home by their new owners. Field Archery Program Director Dick Riemer said based on the positive reviews he received from sellers and attendees, he expects attendance at future gun shows to substantially increase. Riemer noted since the event is open to the public, it also offers an opportunity for nonmembers to visit the Chapter and see its excellent facilities, possibly leading them to become members in the future.

Members who wish to be notified when seller tables are available for the next gun show, send an e-mail to: [arlfxgunshow@gmail.com](mailto:arlfxgunshow@gmail.com).



# Air Range

## Rifle Club Members Take Their Shot at the Junior Olympics

Earlier this spring 18 junior members of Centreville’s Izaak Walton League Chapter traveled to Colorado Springs to compete in the USA Shooting National Junior Olympic Championships at the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center. Shooters included representatives from the Acorns Combined Junior Rifle Club (CJRC), NOVA Sharpshooters, Robinson Junior Rifle Club, and members of a number of area public high schools including Robinson Secondary School, Woodson High School, Lake Braddock High School, and West Springfield High School. In addition, several former IWLA junior members and current college shooters competed alongside them.

IWLA junior members competed in eight events: Women’s 10m Precision Air Rifle, Men’s 10m Precision Air Rifle, Women’s 50m 3 Position Small Bore, Women’s Sport Pistol, Women’s 10m Air Pistol, Men’s Sport Pistol, Men’s 10m Air Pistol, and Men’s Rapid-Fire Pistol. Several members competed in multiple categories. These Junior Olympic events which ran April 1-19, 2024, included competitions, Olympic Rifle and Pistol Athlete panel discussions followed by an audience Q&A, and closing ceremonies. IWLA competitors also had



an opportunity to visit the U.S. Olympic Museum and peruse vendor offerings in between competitions.

“The Junior Olympics is an event that our shooters are training for all year long,” said Brian Leppert, head coach of both the Acorns CJRC and the Lake Braddock High School Rifle Club. “It’s important for them to learn how to compete under pressure, and learn how to persevere, especially when things go wrong.”

Several of the IWLA junior members placed in their event finals, including Will Regala (Under 18 Men’s Air Pistol, 2nd Place; Under 18 Men’s Sport Pistol, 1st Place and 2nd Place overall), Elie

Arkin (Under 18 Rapid Fire, 1st Place), and Caroline Tso (Under 15 Women’s Sport Pistol, 1st Place). Suman Sanghera, a NoVA Sharpshooter alumna, took 1st Place in Women’s Air Pistol.

“This was my third year competing at the Junior Olympics,” said Rushil Pudukollu, a member of the Acorns CJRC and Woodson High School teams, who will be joining the Air Force Academy’s rifle team next fall. “I love

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## 4-H Trigger Time Shooting Sports Education Club

Among the leather jackets, stiff shooting boots, and expensive precision rifles at the Chapter's Sills Air Range, you may spot an athlete dressed in a red sweatshirt, jeans, and sneakers practicing three-position air rifle. These athletes in the red sweatshirts are members the 4-H Trigger Time Shooting Sports Education Club out of Prince William County. They compete using a "sporter air rifle" that costs less, weighs less, and has fewer adjustable features than their precision counterparts, but compete on the same targets and at the same distance. The club regularly practices Saturday nights at the Sills Range and the youth members often attend open practices on Monday and Friday nights.

In the last couple of years, Trigger Time has become a strong competitive team in the region's sporter air rifle division. Members of the team have won the Centreville Cup for the last two years, taken first place at the 2024 Yorktown Cup, and advanced to the 2024 American Legion 3P National Air Rifle Championship this July. Most recently, the team stood on the podium at the CMP 3P Air Rifle National Championship at Camp Perry in Port Clinton, Ohio. After several rounds of postal, state, and regional matches, the Trigger Time team earned a coveted spot in the CMP National Championship where they competed against the top 37 sporter air rifle teams from across the country. The two-day competition consisted of two 3x20 matches in the kneeling, prone, and standing positions. Coming in second place behind a Marine Corps Junior ROTC team out of Texas, the Trigger Time Club Team took home silver medals, a team trophy, and a \$1,500 award. They were also presented with a trophy for the highest club team score.

Team member Samantha Seagle took fourth place overall and was awarded a \$1,000 CMP Scholarship for her second place spot among the graduating seniors. Trigger Time athlete Lexi Strand took first place in the U17 age division,

while Rebecca Ahrens took home the bronze medal for third place in the U15. Alternate Ayden Strand scored a personal record in the second match. In addition to match awards, Samantha Erick and Lexi Strand were also presented with their CMP Junior Air Rifle Distinguished Badges at the awards ceremony, joining their teammate Samantha Seagle who received her badge earlier this year.

Following the CMP National Championship, three of the Trigger Time team members traveled directly to the 4-H Nationals in Nebraska where they represented Virginia 4-H in air rifle (Strand), muzzleloader (Seagle), and air pistol (Erick). Samantha Seagle, who was the recipient of the 2024 ARL-FX Chapter Environmental Sciences Scholarship, and Samantha Erick both head to college this fall, but under the coaching of Alan Lerch, Ron Smith, and Jim Strand, many younger club members are honing their shooting sports skills to continue Trigger Time's legacy of dedicated, competitive sporter air rifle athletes.

—*Stephanie Ahrens*, Trigger Time Coach



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challenging myself, but I also like the opportunity to cheer on my friends and teammates. Whether we're members of the Acorns or the Mavericks, Woodson High School or Robinson Secondary, at the end of the day, we're all members of IWLA, and we support each other."

It was a fun, challenging event for all, and we can't wait to cheer on our IWLA junior members again next year.

For more information and event results, you can visit the USA Shooting event page: <https://usashooting.org/get-involved/events/>

 **SIGN UP!**


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



## 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>.

### AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024

Event	Date	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
Open Firearm League Matches	3rd Monday of each month	R P
<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	3rd Tuesday of each month	FH
Bullseye Pistol League—Rimfire Matches	1st Sunday (March-August)	RP
Bull Run Muzzle Loaders	3rd Sunday of each month	RP
Rifle-Pistol Short Range Day	4th & 5th Sunday of each month	RP
Open Air Range (Member Practice)	Sundays	AR
Regular Open Air Range	Mondays & Fridays	AR
Fellowship Dinner	Every Tuesday	AC
Stonewall Open Skeet Shoot	Fri., Sat., & Sun., August 2-4	ST
VBA Archery Shoot	Sunday, August 11	FA
101 Archery Class	Sunday, August 18	AC
New Chapter Officers Swearing In	Tuesday, August 20	FH
Tater Salad Open Skeet Shoot	Fri., Sat., & Sun., August 23-25	ST
Jeff Miller Memorial Corn Shoot	Sunday, September 1	ST
New Member Orientation	Saturday, September 7	FH
Chapter Annual Picnic	Saturday, September 14	Chapter Wide
101 Archery Class	Sunday, September 22	AC
New Member Orientation	Saturday, October 5	FH
IWLA VA Division Meeting	Saturday, October 5	Winchester
DuCharm/Igou Memorial Trap	Sunday, October 6	ST
201 Archery Class—Start (5 weeks)	Sunday, October 6	AC
Bender Skeet Shooting Clinic	October 17-18	ST
<b>Newsletter Article Submission Deadline</b>	Tuesday, October 24	
101 Archery Class	Sunday, October 20	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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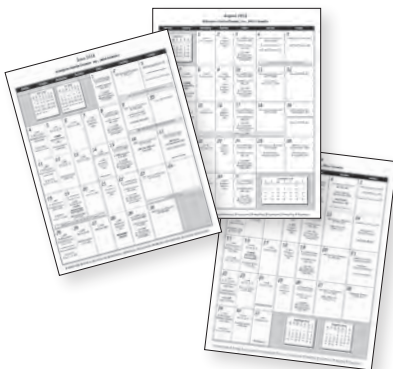
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