

The Busybody



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Upcoming Events:

Next Meeting
May 7th 11:00 AM

Winter Classic 3D Shoot
April 30th
9:00 AM 1:00 PM

President:

We had a successful Girl Scout and Archery 101 Class. Mark Gauntner held both IBEP classes as well. May 7th next meeting.

Tournament Director/Vice President:

Next shoot is Winter Classic on April 30th. 20 ASA targets will be used utilizing the center 11 scoring ring. 8 non ASA targets that have 11 rings will be used to round out the 28 target course. Setup will be at 1pm on Saturday the 29th. Dave needs help as well as for tear down after the shoot. May 21st will be a known distance 3D shoot with ASA rules. We will use 25 targets.

Range Captain:

Posts for target 16 have been set as well as the ground markers. 17 will be done later in the week. Rhinehart wall set up at 20 yards for crossbows.

Old Business:

Ideas on improving attendance at our shoots have been submitted.

New Business:

Resa Combs would like to start a woman's fun shoot on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting May 9th.

Cub Run Winter Classic Our 3D winter classic

takes place on Sunday, April 30th. It is a scheduled VBA shoot with 28 targets open to the public. Make it a family event and invite your friends. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Our snack bar will be open to serve hot sandwiches, chili, and snacks for a small fee.

Cub Run Marked 3D Shoot Our second shoot of the year is on Sunday, May 21st. It is a scheduled VBA shoot, open to the public. Another great day to spend at the range with family and friends. Registration is between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Our snack bar will be open.

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Archery 101 Classes Cub Run Archers will be hosting a beginner's 101 archery classes most months. The classes will take place in the indoor archery range, starting at 1:00 p.m. and lasting until 4:00 p.m. The class is for those who have never shot archery before or have very little knowledge of the sport of archery and would like to see what our sport is all about. We have the bows and the arrows and all you need to do is show up. For chapter members the class is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children, with a max of \$30.00 per chapter family.

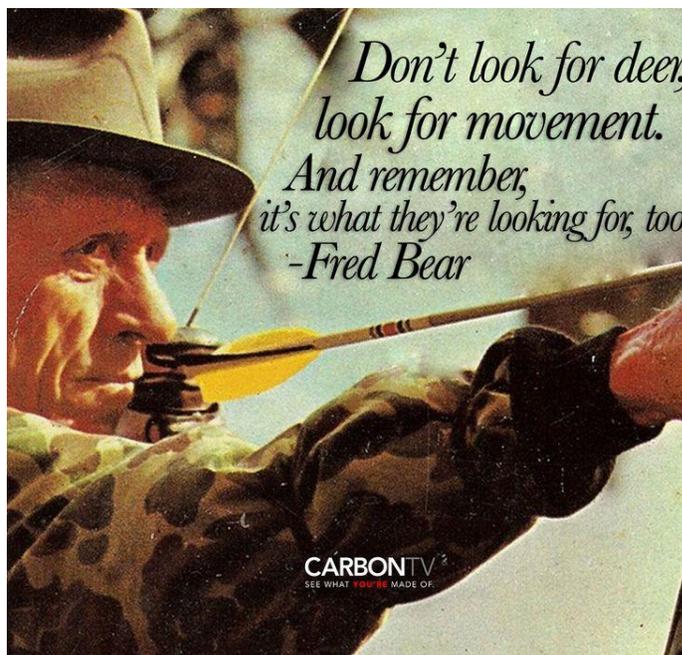
Non-chapter members are \$25.00 per adult, \$15.00 for children, with a family max of \$40.00. Class fees will be collected starting at 12:45 p.m., before the start of each class.

To register for a class, please e-mail Dick Riemer at rriemer@cox.net or phone him at 703-543-8585. For children's registration, please include their age. Children must be at least nine years old to take the class. Each class will be limited to 35, so don't wait too long to register as these classes do fill up.



SPEEDING: Chapter Speed Limit is 10 MPH We have noticed many drivers are driving faster than 10 mph on chapter roads. Pedestrian safety is the principal reason for the 10 mph speed limit. Adults and children walk on the chapter roads and they have the right-of-way at all times.

Driving faster than 10 mph raises dust clouds that can hurt people with dust allergies and the dust floats over the firing line and can damage some firearms. There is no excuse for members and their guests driving fast enough to raise dust clouds that coat firearms and fill our range houses and other facilities with a layer of dust. Slow down, you will still get there!



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Spring Gobbler Harvest Numbers Trending Higher



Turkey hunters are enjoying great hunting so far this spring. Good weather conditions and stable turkey numbers over most of the Commonwealth have certainly contributed to hunter success this year for both the [Youth & Apprentice](#) and the [Spring Gobbler](#) opening weekends. A total of **3,047** gobblers were harvested the opening weekend of the 2017 Spring Gobbler season, compared to **2,291** in 2016.



Opening Weekend 2017

- Saturday, April 8th 2,019
- Sunday, April 9th 1,028
- Weekend Total 3,047

Opening Weekend 2016

- Saturday, April 9th 1,610
- Sunday, April 10th 681
- Weekend Total 2,291

For all Bowhunters VBA Suggested Letter to Your Representative



Dear Mr. Duncan & DGIF

I as a bowhunter in Virginia adamantly oppose the proposal of having a three day bear season! The week before the archery season comes in. I feel that it will hurt the archers in the state that hunt with the handicap of the bow because of having bears being run with dogs and hunted with guns will diminish the opportunities for archers in the state.

The youth Bear day that has been held during Archery season has already created problems! I feel that the best solution to the bear overpopulation problem is to leave the bear season in from the first Saturday in October through the first Saturday in January and to be able to harvest them with what weapon is legal for that date I.E. archery tackle, muzzleloader (both weeks of muzzleloader) firearms (both weeks of the deer firearms season)!! I also believe that a spring archery bear season could be beneficial to the state in producing revenue and helping reduce the over population of the black bear in the western part of the state.

Lastly repealing the bear tag fee would help as well! Giving everyone a tag would help our overpopulation problem. We bowhunters in Virginia are tired of taking the back seat and giving more and more of our season to everyone else. I feel like as bowhunters we are under attack from the Game dept. We provide a great deal of revenue for the DGIF as well as the state in licenses purchases and sales taxes. Please enlighten us as to how the DGIF feels about the bowhunters in the state and the above matters.



Sincerely,

Address:

Phone #



Arlington-Fairfax Chapter Izaak Walton League of America

Announcing the 2017

Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children & Adults with Disabilities

May 6, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. • Lunch is served at **Noon**
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Chips, Soda, and Desserts

Come out and enjoy a day of fishing and outdoor fun!

- **Hay Rides**
- **Air Rifle Shooting**—Shoot an air rifle under the supervision of an NRA certified instructor
- **Archery**—Try your hand at using a bow and arrow
- **Fishing Derby in our Stocked Pond**—Awards for most fish caught, biggest fish, and smallest

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Contact: Pam.Meara@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org or bucky.sills@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org
to register. Please include number planning to attend.

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





WOMEN ON TARGET

From the Women of the NRA[®]

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Women On Target[®]

Instructional Shooting Clinic

Presented by

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

For ladies only, ages 14 and over.

Space is limited. Register now!

Only \$80! Includes:

- Pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee in the morning
- Lunch
- Eye and ear protection
- T-shirt
- Loaner equipment and ammunition
- Personal instruction by outstanding volunteers

For more information please e-mail:

Pam Meara

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The Problem With “Throw & Grow” Food Plots

[VA Outdoors](#) [Hunting](#)



As deer hunters, we have all dreamed of having a nice little food plot that doesn't require equipment that we don't have. We see the ads in magazines, watch them on TV and see the products in our favorite stores – all promising easy “throw and grow” seeds – just throw and bag a trophy. But for most, the plots may germinate quickly, but then quickly turn into a waste. The problem isn't the seed, its probably really good, and good marketing. The reality is that many companies don't really tell you that you are wasting your time if you don't follow a few critical guidelines. So follow these three critical steps so that you don't end up wasting time and money.

- Sunlight is critical. Many throw and grow type seeds still need a fair amount of sunlight. If you don't have an existing opening in the woods, you need to clear the canopy away so that when the seeds begin to germinate they will take off. Clearing away trees will also keep leaves from falling on your plot, once the leaves fall they will cover the plot and kill it off quickly.
- Do a soil test. Before you even think of opening the bag of seed, you need to do a soil test. Most soil tests take 7-10 days to complete. The results will tell you the exact composition of your soil, and let you know what corrective measures should be taken. If the soil conditions are terrible, the seed won't stand a chance.
- Clear the ground. Without a doubt throw and grow is the wrong term seed company's use. It should be clear the underbrush, remove branches, clear native grasses, remove leaf debris, scratch up the top layer of soil – and then throw and grow. You must have sufficient soil contact with the seeds in order for them to germinate and survive. Choosing not to do this is a waste.



Bear Aware – What You Do Really Matters!

Virginia is home to a healthy population of black bears – one of our biggest conservation success stories. Black bears are found almost everywhere throughout the Commonwealth, so it is common for people to live, work and play in bear country. It is incredibly important for people to learn the facts about black bears and to know what they can do to prevent conflicts. This way, we can make sure we keep bears wild and coexist for generations to come. To keep bears wild, what YOU do really matters.

A highly adaptable and intelligent animal, bears can live close to people. While local residents often do not know bears are living close by, some bears may wander into residential areas due to the smell of food around homes. The most common food attractants are birdfeeders, garbage, and pet food; however, outdoor grills, livestock food, compost, fruit trees, and beehives will also attract bears. With some simple steps, you can reduce the chances of bears making repeated visits to your neighborhood or property.



Secure your garbage in bear resistant trash cans or store it in a secure building.

Take down bird feeders if a bear is in the area.

Don't put meat scraps in your compost pile.

Don't leave pet food outdoors.

Keep your grill clean.

Make sure your neighbors are following the same recommendations.

Install electric fencing, an inexpensive and extremely efficient proven deterrent to bears, around dumpsters, gardens, fruit trees, beehives, or other potential food sources.

After a few failed attempts to find food around homes, bears will usually leave the area in search of natural wild foods.

In almost all cases, a black bear will detect you and leave the area before being noticed. However, if you do encounter a bear, here are some suggestions:

Never run from a bear. Running could prompt the bear to chase. If in a group, stay together and make sure that your dog stays leashed.

Enjoy and keep a respectful distance! If a bear is up a tree on or near your property, give it space. Do not approach, and bring your pets inside to provide the bear a clear path to leave your property.

If the bear hasn't seen you, calmly leave the area, while making a bit of noise so the bear will not be surprised by you.

If the bear has seen you, back away slowly while facing the bear. Speaking softly may also let the bear know you mean no harm.

What do I do if I see a bear cub on my property?



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(Bear Aware Continued)

Until April/May, sows with cubs are typically in dens. Most small bears people see in early spring are not actual “baby bears” but yearlings (>12 months old). They do not need their mothers to survive.

If a small yearling is on your property, the worst thing you can do is feed the bear. Yearlings need to learn how to find natural foods and not become food conditioned or habituated to humans.

Once females leave their dens with 4 to 5 month-old cubs, they will typically travel in close groups unless something makes the female nervous. If you see a very small cub, do not try to remove it from the area or “save it.” When sensing danger, a female bear will typically send her cub(s) up a tree and leave the area. In such cases, the female will almost always return to gather up the cub(s) when no people or pets are around, usually after dark.

Preventing problems with bears is a shared responsibility between the citizens of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Always remember that a bear is a wild animal, and that it is detrimental to the bear, as well as illegal in Virginia, to feed a bear under any circumstances. Even allowing a bear to feed on trash or birdseed is illegal. You can help manage the Commonwealth’s black bear population and **Keep Bears Wild**.

If you experience a bear problem after taking appropriate steps of prevention, please call the **Wildlife Conflict Helpline** at [\(855\) 571-9003](tel:8555719003).

Please visit www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear to view videos, print a brochure, read more about bears in Virginia, and view other useful links to bear information.

Remember, if you live in Virginia, you live in bear country. Let’s work together to Keep Bears Wild!

To report wildlife crime call [1-800-237-5712](tel:18002375712).



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Upcoming Shoots and Activities

ABBREVIATIONS
 P-Pin Shoot, T-Trophy Shoot, O-Other
 F-Field, H-Hunter, A-Animal, 3-D
 M-Multiple Registration, C-Casual Reg.
 SG-Shotgun Start, BD-Both Days
 ED-Either Day, X-Crossbows Allowed
Annuals & VBA Events in Bold Type

2017 VBA Shoot Schedule Cards

New(2017) VBA shoot
 schedule cards available
 next to the desk in the
 living room.



Sunday, April 30, 2017 09:00am - 01:00pm	<u>Cub Run Archers "Winter Classic" Shoot</u>	<u>Cub Run Archers</u>
Saturday, May 06, 2017 09:00am - 11:00am	<u>NORVA "Spring Fling" Shoot</u>	<u>Northern Virginia Archers</u>
Sunday, May 07, 2017 08:00am	<u>Belvoir Bowhunters 3D Shoot (Updated)</u>	<u>Belvoir Bowhunters</u>
Sunday, May 07, 2017 08:00am - 10:00am	<u>Pr. William Archers Shoot</u>	<u>Prince William Archers</u>
Sunday, May 07, 2017 08:00am - 01:00pm	<u>Two Rivers Archery Club Shoot</u>	<u>Two River Archers</u>
Saturday, May 13, 2017 08:00am	<u>Staunton River Archery Club Shoot</u>	<u>Staunton River Archery Club</u>
Saturday, May 13, 2017 - Sunday, May 14, 2017 09:00am - 12:00pm	<u>Manahoac Bowmen Two Day Shoot</u>	<u>Manahoac Bowmen</u>
Saturday, May 20, 2017 08:00am - 12:00pm	<u>Belvoir Bowhunters 3D Shoot (Cancelled)</u>	<u>Belvoir Bowhunters</u>
Saturday, May 20, 2017 - Sunday, May 21, 2017 08:00am - 01:00pm	<u>Bowhunters of Rockingham "Dave Proctor Memorial" 2nd Annual Two Day Shoot</u>	<u>Bowhunters of Rockingham</u>
Saturday, May 20, 2017 - Sunday, May 21, 2017 08:00am - 12:00pm	<u>Shanandoah County Archers Annual Two Day Shoot</u>	<u>Shenandoah Archers</u>
Saturday, May 20, 2017 - Sunday, May 21, 2017 10:00am - 01:00pm	<u>Dixie Bowmen "Donnie Frenier Memorial" Annual Two Day Shoot</u>	<u>Dixie Bowmen</u>

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Saturday, May 20,
2017 - Sunday, May
21, 2017 10:00am -
11:00am

[Kingsboro Bowmen Two Day Shoot](#)

[Kingsboro
Bowmen](#)

Sunday, May 21,
2017 09:00am -
01:00pm

[Cub Run Archers Shoot](#)

[Cub Run Archers](#)

Sunday, May 21,
2017 10:00am

[Walton Park Bowhunters](#)

[Walton Park
Bowhunters](#)

Saturday, May 27,
2017 - Sunday, May
28, 2017 09:00am

[VBA State Open Tournament at NORVA](#)

[Northern Virginia
Archers](#)

Thursday, June 01,
2017 - Thursday,
June 15, 2017
08:00am

[2017 National Senior Games](#)

Friday, June 02,
2017 - Sunday, June
04, 2017 08:00am

[NFAA Field Outdoor Championships](#)

Saturday, June 03,
2017 09:00am -
11:00am

[NORVA Shoot](#)

[Northern Virginia
Archers](#)

Saturday, June 03,
2017 - Sunday, June
04, 2017 07:30pm

[VBA Quarterly Meeting](#)

[Bowhunters of
Rockingham](#)

Saturday, June 10,
2017 01:00pm

[Bowhunters of Rockingham Two Day Shoot](#)

[Bowhunters of
Rockingham](#)

Sunday, June 11,
2017 08:00am -
12:00pm

[Shenandoah County Archers Shoot](#)

[Shenandoah
Archers](#)





The Back Porch

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Dan Roberts

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Ryan Johnson

Youth Public Relations:

Jim Smith

Social Director:

Terri Perry

VBA Representative:

Red Bourdage

Why I missed the target, deer, bullseye, etc.

- I knew that arrow was going to be low when I could see the tips of my shoes in the scope!"
- I swear I didn't hit the release. It went off on its own!
- "Honest, that's where I was aiming"
- It would have killed a deer
- My serving slipped
- Nocking point moved
- Broke a strand in my string/cables
- Level's not working correctly
- I'm working on my form
- It's farther/closer than I thought (best used on a marked distance course!)
- That tree was not there when I shot
- Did you see that target turn
- Damn it, they put the kill in the wrong place
- Well, if I was hunting this animal I would not have put the ten ring there!!!!
- If I only had five more pounds I would of made that shot
- My bow is doing 285fps.....If I had 5 fps more I would have made that shot
- Did you see that squirrel run across the top of the target just before I let loose of the shot?
- Crap, I set my sight for 36 yards. Oh, it IS 36 yards? Then I must have set my site for 35 yards.
- it was a ten when it left the bow
- They are just not going where I point them
- The heat here at the range has made my string stretch and my nock moved. You should see me on a cold day.
- My Arrows And My Bow Were Having A Little Disagreement
- My wife won't let me practice in the living room anymore!
- Just as I was locked on the inner 10 and was about to release there was an earth tremor!
- I didn't want to mess up your nocks. So I missed it on purposes.
- These new arrows haven't been trained yet, they keep going where I'm aiming instead of where they are supposed to be going!!
- Why my arrows are all over the target? Because there is so much space to place them!
- Oh, wait a second, these are my practice arrows!
- The wind was blowing from the back and my hair got in the way of my eyes!
- I had one white index vane and two black vanes. I was shooting well in practice, but on the tournament day the sun came out, and caused the black vane to heat up and expand, causing more drag on that vane, throwing the arrows off balance.