

The Cub Run Archers

Newsletter

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The Cub Run Archers club is a member of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.



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Next Monthly Meeting:

Sunday, June 7, 2020, 11:00am (Tentative)

Dan Roberts

Dan Roberts, IWLA Target Archery Director and long time member of Cub Run Archers passed away on the 22nd of May from cancer. He was devoted to teaching the next generation of archers and organized many world class USA Archery tournaments. He will be missed.



Gilbert Ramey

Last month we lost the bedrock of not only Cub Run Archers but of all IWLA. Gilbert Ramey peacefully left this earth on April 13th.

He was one of the most generous human beings I have ever known. He always made sure the pond was stocked with trout for the Special Needs Picnic every May, and every child received a present at the annual Disadvantaged Children's Christmas party. I can't think of a single event held at the club at which he wasn't volunteering for something.

You could set your watch by his arrival every morning at the Indoor Archery range and once settled in, it wouldn't be long before amazing aromas would come wafting out of the kitchen. The place will never be the same and we will miss him every day for the rest of our lives.

Robert D'Imperio
President, Cub Run Archers

Chapter Announcements and Updates:

NOTICE: Chapter Reopening Plan - starts May 16, 2020

Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

UPDATE: May 13, 2020 - The chapter will reopen parts of the chapter on May 16, 2020. [See current E-Blast.](#)

Facilities / Ranges to Open Saturday, May 16, 2020

Field Archery outdoor ranges ([Click here for current operating procedures](#))

- ***Open 24/7***

Target Archery outdoor range ([Click here for current operating procedures](#))

- ***Sunrise to Sunset***

Rifle/Pistol range ([Click here for current operating procedures](#))

- ***Friday through Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.***
- ***Sunday through Thursday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.***

Skeet & Trap Range ([Click here for current operating procedures](#))

- ***Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.***
- ***Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.***
- ***Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.***
- **Grounds and fishing pond**

SignUpGenius - Chapter OUTDOOR work parties ([See Chapter SignUpGenius](#))

Facilities / Ranges - Remain CLOSED as of May 16, 2020

- Chapter Office
- Chapter meetings
- Field Archery Indoor range
- Field House(s)
- Sign-Up-Genius - Chapter Indoor work parties
- Sills Air Range

Chapter Announcements and Updates: (Continued)

Chapter Training

- **CANCELLED** - All Education & Training courses and Instructor Development cancelled through July 18, 2020
- **CANCELLED** - NRA Women on Target (WOT) (Clinic date: May 16, 2020)
- **POSTPONED** - Level 2 Archery Instructor Class - As of 3/24/2020 (Field Archery)

Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE QUARANTEENS.

DGIF Updates

DGIF & VMRC Encourage You To Be Safe While Outdoors

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) is taking the COVID-19 virus very seriously and wants to make sure our staff and constituents are taking all necessary precautions. DGIF encourages everyone in the Commonwealth to utilize the online option, gooutdoorsvirginia.com for all of your licensing and registration needs. Hunters, anglers, boaters and wildlife enthusiasts can do most transactions online. As you may have seen circulating around social media, DGIF has not canceled any hunting seasons or fishing opportunities. All access points are open. **ALL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS ARE STILL FULLY ENFORCEABLE. YOU MUST HAVE A LICENSE WHEN YOU ARE HUNTING AND FISHING.** Please follow all rules and regulations.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are DGIF offices still open?

Until further notice, all [DGIF offices](#) will be closed to walk-in traffic.

Q: Are the woods and waters still open?

Yes, [Wildlife Management Areas \(WMAs\)](#) and DGIF [lakes](#) and [rivers](#) are still open. However, please check with your local county and city for any additional closures of parks, lakes, or piers.

Every person who is required to have a license to fish, hunt, and/or trap must carry such license with them (electronic copy, printed paper, or annual hard card) and show the license immediately upon request of any officer whose duty it is to enforce the game and inland fish laws, or upon the demand of any owner or lessee, or any employee or representative of such owner or lessee, upon whose land or water such person may be hunting, trapping, or fishing. DGIF also requires visitors to obtain an Access Permit for department-owned [Wildlife Management Areas \(WMAs\)](#) and [public fishing lakes](#), who are age 17 and older, unless they possess a valid Virginia hunting, freshwater fishing, or trapping license, or a current Virginia boat registration, or are otherwise waived. Please see [Access Permit Waiver Guidance](#).

Q: Is DGIF still stocking trout?

All waters will still receive their full allotment of trout stockings for the season, but stockings will not be announced ahead of time and **we will no longer be updating trout stockings on the website or the trout line**. All stockings are still planned to occur. We encourage you to continue to get outdoors and abide by the Governors orders of social distancing. Please note the following changes:

[Heritage Day](#) (April 4th) is cancelled

[Urban Program Waters](#) and the [Youth-Only Stocked Trout Program](#) will be rescheduled and will no longer be pre-announced

Trout stockings at DGIF's three [Fee Fishing Areas](#) will resume as soon as possible.

Q: Where can I buy a fishing/hunting license?

You can utilize our online option — [Go Outdoors Virginia](#) — or visit one of our [license agents](#) throughout the Commonwealth. If choosing a license agent, please ensure that the agent's location is open and follow all requirements for social distancing.

Q: Can I still take my boat out?

Outdoor activities, including boating, are a great way to relax and enjoy nature. Social distancing guidelines still apply. If you need to register your boat or renew your boat registration, visit [Go Outdoors Virginia](#).

DGIF Updates (Continued)

Other Changes, Cancellations, and Closures

The following closures to access points have been made:

- *Public Restrooms and Porta-Potties:* in compliance with the Governor's orders, we will be shutting down all public restrooms and porta-potties that are located at DGIF boat ramps and access points until further notice.

- *Burke Lake Park:* **REOPENING 5/20/2020.** Previously, the parking area and boat launch at Burke Lake were closed. This coincided with the Fairfax County Park Authority's decision to close Burke Lake Park in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

George Washington & Jefferson National Forests: the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests are still currently open for recreational hunting and fishing. More info: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/gwj/recreation> and <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/stateforest/index.htm>

Shenandoah National Park: Following guidance from the CDC and recommendations from state and local public health in consultation with NPS Public Health Service officers, Shenandoah National Park is temporarily closed to ALL access. Please check the [Shenandoah National Park website](#) for up-to-date information on the status of the Park.

Thompson WMA: **PARKING AREA REOPENED.** Due to the Governor's order of social distancing and the overcrowding at certain access points, the Trillium Trail Parking Area was closing until further notice on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. When visiting Thompson WMA or the trillium wildflowers, please respect social distancing expectations during your visit and we request that you do not travel in buses, large vehicles or large groups. Certain access points are still open and can be found on the [Thompson WMA page](#).

DGIF's Wildlife Management Areas remain open. Please note that with the beginning of Spring Turkey Season on April 11, there will be active hunting on WMAs. Check out the [DGIF website](#) for more information. This will be updated accordingly should things change. If you are heading out of state to hunt or fish, please check with those states to make sure there are no restrictions. Some states have banned out of state hunting and fishing.

- **Due to large crowds of anglers at some waters, the US Forest Service has requested that daily trout stockings of national forest waters no longer be announced until further notice.**

Information on [daily trout stockings](#) can be found on the DGIF website or by calling the Trout Line at 434-525-3474.

The following changes have been made to hunter education classes:

All in-person Hunter Ed classes have been postponed until at least June 15, 2020, but are still available online.

Fair Chase Ethics

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It's critical for hunters to set high standards and observe fair chase ethics. Photo by Tig Tillinghast

By Denny Quaiff

“Conservation means development as much as it does protection. I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us.” – Theodore Roosevelt –

After watching a movie on cable TV titled “The Rough Riders,” about the Spanish-American War of 1898 and the decisive Battle of San Juan Hill, a topic for a column came to mind. My grandfather served in the Spanish-American War and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who was later elected the 26th President of our country, led the charge in the battle of San Juan Hill.

Theodore Roosevelt is the only person to have ever received both the Nobel Peace Prize and the Congressional Medal of Honor, the two highest nationally recognized honors of war and peace. My grandfather, who was later a field commissioned officer in World War I, never talked much about his military service, but he always expressed the greatest respect for President Roosevelt. The movie was a graphic representation of Colonel Roosevelt leading his troops. Roosevelt was truly a warrior and stood the fight alongside his soldiers.



Theodore Roosevelt was one of the founders of the Boone and Crockett Club and served as the club's first president. Roosevelt was a lifelong big game hunter who followed the ethics of fair chase very seriously.

Fair Chase Ethics (Continued)

.President Roosevelt has always been of great interest to me. His commitment to conservation and fair chase ethics set a standard that is still upheld today by sportsmen's organizations throughout the country. Roosevelt was very concerned about the slaughter of wildlife and influenced a group of friends to form a sportsmen's club. In January 1888, after several months of discussion, the founders officially started a new organization named the Boone and Crockett Club, named after Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett. They elected Roosevelt as their president.

Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett were two of the most notable frontiersmen in American history. Both of these men exhibited wilderness education with survival skills under the worst of weather conditions and expertise as long-hunters. I can remember growing up and reading stories about these two famous buckskin hunters, and I applaud the founders for naming the Boone and Crockett Club after two American nimrod adventurers.

The initial membership of the club was limited to 100 men. Each member must have shot three different large game animals of American wildlife, such as bear, bison, caribou, cougar and moose. Boone and Crockett members committed to promote rifle hunting as a sport, to preserve large game by gathering statistics on their numbers and range, and to lobby for protective wildlife laws. The club's goals were presented in their publication and through the influential Forest and Stream magazine, of which one of the club's founders, George Bird Grinnell, was the editor.

One of Boone and Crockett's big success stories was the Lacey Act of 1894, which enacted a federal bill to protect wildlife in Yellowstone National Park. Among the notable early members of the club were Elliott Roosevelt, J. West Roosevelt, William Tecumseh Sherman, Gifford Pinchot, and Aldo Leopold. It goes without saying that these were all strong conservation-minded leaders during this era, and their legacy has set high standards for all of us to follow.

Wikipedia tells us, "Fair chase is a term used by hunters to describe an ethical approach to hunting big game animals. North America's oldest wildlife conservation group, the Boone and Crockett Club, defines 'fair chase' as requiring hunted big game animals to be wild and free-ranging. 'Wild' refers to an animal that is naturally bred and lives in nature. 'Free-ranging' means an animal that is not confined by artificial barriers."

President Roosevelt was known as a hard hunter and took pride in the challenge. His hunts on the African continent for dangerous game have been well documented. The harder the hunt the better, and fair chase was always a priority. One of the many stories I can remember hearing about President Roosevelt and his adherence to fair chase was during his presidency in 1902, on a bear hunt, in the lowlands of Mississippi. Bear hunting with hounds was legal, and the guides felt it was in the President's best interest for his safety to remain in camp until the hounds bayed.

The guides located the hounds, which had cornered a small black bear. The guides caught and tied the bear to a tree. When the President arrived at the site, he refused to shoot the bear and demanded its release. He had the greatest respect for fair chase and knew this did not measure up to the high standards he had set for himself. President Roosevelt was a man that was known to "practice what he preached."

In 1990, following Virginia's first statewide special muzzleloader season, I was fortunate enough to harvest an 11-point buck. The animal qualified for The Long Hunter Society Record Book. The organization keeps records for North American big game animals that have been taken with a muzzleloader and meet their requirements. They use the Boone and Crockett scoring system and require a fair chase affidavit to be completed for entry. The purpose of the Boone and Crockett statement is to determine if any of the methods listed below were used to harvest the animal, which would make the entry ineligible.

Fair Chase Ethics (Continued)

Boone and Crockett Fair Chase Affidavit

- I. Spotting or herding game from the air, followed by landing in its vicinity for the purpose of pursuit and shooting;
- II. Herding or chasing with the aid of any motorized equipment;
- III. Use of electronic communication devices (2-way radios, cell phones, etc.) to guide hunters to game, artificial lighting, electronic light intensifying devices (night vision optics), sights with built-in electronic range-finding capabilities (including smart scopes), drones/unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), thermal imaging equipment, electronic game calls or camera/timers/motion tracking devices that transmit images and other information to the hunter;
- IV. Confined by artificial barriers, including escape-proof fenced enclosures;
- V. Transplanted for the purpose of commercial shooting;
- VI. Confined by artificial barriers, including escape-proof, fenced enclosures;
- VII. While swimming, helpless in deep snow, or helpless in any other natural or artificial medium;
- VIII. On another hunter's license;
- IX. Not in full compliance with the game laws or regulations of the federal government or of any state, province, territory, or tribal council on reservations or tribal lands.

When hunting free-ranging whitetails the thing that always comes to my mind is that hunters must consider their state game law regulations for a "fair chase" hunt. Hunters are in the watchful eye of public opinion and ethical hunting practices start by following game laws. While 95 percent of land in Virginia is owned by the public, only 5 percent of the population hunts it. It's critical for hunters to set high standards. Today hunters have become the minority. The approval of the non-hunting public is a must for our long-term future.

However, there are certain guidelines for "fair chase" that reach beyond game law boundaries. One of the things that have always been a concern of mine is hunters that take long shots at running deer. Another concern is taking shots that are beyond the hunter's comfort zone and out of range that often result in a wounded animal that is never recovered. I personally strive for a clean, quick kill and make sure my bow or gun is up to the test. The rest is my responsibility, which I take very seriously.

Today there are a number of conservation-minded organizations that have joined the Boone and Crockett Club, such as the Quality Deer Management Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, National Elk Foundation, National Rifle Association, and the Virginia Deer Hunters Association. I am proud to say that we have all joined forces in our common interest surrounding the future of hunting.

It's my belief that most hunters today recognize the many challenges that we face. The thing that is most amazing to me is that over 132 years ago, the founders of the Boone and Crockett Club could see the "hand writing on the wall," and they acted. The guidelines for Fair Chase Ethics are well established. It is our obligation to see that they remain in place!

Shoots and other activities are still up in the air until the current restrictions are lifted or relaxed. Please check the VBA and various archery association and club websites for latest information.

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