

February 1974 Newsletter
WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CLUB CHAPTER
The Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
P.O. Box 116, Damascus, Md. 20750

Next Membership Meeting February 27, 1974 - Next Board Meeting March 13th

"OFFSHORE ENERGY AND CONSERVATION CAPABILITY" is the title of the address to be presented by Mr. J.R. Jackson, Jr., at the February Membership Meeting of the Chapter. Mr. Jackson is highly qualified in his field having had various technical and managerial assignments in Louisiana, California, Alaska, Venezuela and in many other areas of the United States. He is presently Manager, Exploration Environmental Affairs, Exxon Company, U.S.A., located in Houston, Texas. It is our hope, that because of the nature of his talk and the present universal interest in the problems connected with the petroleum industry, that we will have a large turn-out for the meeting. Members are urged to invite friends, prospective members and Waltonians in other chapters of the League to attend this meeting. We are indebted to our Program and Entertainment Chairman, Joe Hamilton, for another job well done.

MILLINIX MILL CHAPTER, the new ladies' Chapter, now has been officially sanctioned by the Maryland State Division of the League and by the National Executive Board. For the information of those not familiar with operation of the new Chapter, the ladies meet on the same night as the men's Chapter, the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. The ladies will listen to our guest speaker and then depart to another area in the Chapter House for their meeting. At the meeting on the 27th the ladies will elect permanent officers for the year ending August 31st. The charter for the Mullinix Mill Chapter will be presented, with appropriate ceremonies, on Sunday, March 24th, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Mullinix Chapter, and their spouses, will be guests of the Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter. Refreshments will be served. The charter for the ladies Chapter is still open. All ladies who join before March 24th will sign the charter as charter members. It is hoped that many more ladies, wives and members of our members' families, their friends and area residents will join by that date. Contact Mrs. Gladys Kenney, 384-8455, or G.M. Van Hoesen, 253-3672, for further particulars and membership applications.

THERE WILL BE A WESTERN DANCE PARTY at the Chapter House on Saturday, March 16th, at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Paul Hartman, one of the area's best-known callers will officiate. Many of our members have asked for Square Dancing to supplement our Chapter's recreational and fund-raising program. There will be door prizes and a Cake Walk with appropriate award. For a donation of \$3.00 per couple (\$2.00 single) members, friends and neighbors participating may have a most enjoyable experience. Light refreshments will be available. The success of this initial venture will determine whether the project will continue. Dr. C.P. Chaconas is Committee Chairman. Call him, 588-7224, for further particulars.

DO YOU HAVE A 12-GUAGE, pump or automatic, that you wish to sell? Dan Duke, 25421 Clearwater Drive, Damascus, is in the market for one. Interested parties call 253-4942.

THE CHARLES COUNTY CHAPTER appreciates the support for their recent Annual Dinner given by area Waltonians and their friends. The turn-out was not as large as was expected. Even so, 833 dinners were served and there was food left over. It is believed that the enlargement of the home of the Charles County Chapter, at Hughesville, will make it feasible to hold the event at their own property in the future.

ATTENDANCE AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO PARTIES is improving. We have averaged more than forty players at recent games. The Jack Pots increase \$35.00 each week, the Big Jack Pot by \$25.00 and the Little Jack Pot by \$10.00. For the game to be held on the 22nd the Big Jack Pot will be \$500.00 and the other \$210.00. You can see that these prizes are well worth winning. Come and bring your relatives and friends. The Mullinix Mill Chapter will have refreshments available at intermission.

AT THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING it was voted to return to the practice of requiring prospective members to attend a meeting or function of the Chapter before their application for membership may receive favorable consideration. This is the way that it used to be. On the back of our Membership Applications there is printed the following:

"Every application for membership shall be endorsed by at least one member of the Chapter and shall be accompanied by the required initiation fee (\$25.) and current dues (\$25.) and the proposed applicant must be presented personally at one function of this organization prior to being voted upon.

After elected to membership, the new member must attend one meeting within three months after being elected to be sworn in to membership in the Chapter". The Constitution and By-Laws of the Chapter were amended to include the above.

THE SKEET AND TRAP RANGES are expected to bring in enough revenue to carry our mortgage payments. They are not doing it. Of course, we realize that the gas shortage has a lot to do with this. Then, too, many say that the new property is "too far". It is not too far for area residents and is not much different from the distances traveled by many before we moved. Components for reloading are skyrocketing as noted in last month's Newsletter. Being a petroleum by-product, clay birds are up considerably this month. What we are trying to say is: Buy components now and use the ranges. All hunting seasons are now ended. The Chapter has excellent facilities. Enjoy them and support the Chapter.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS for membership were approved by the Board and referred to the membership for a vote on February 27th:

Cary M. Scates	Edward Purcell Hadley	George Robert Heffner, III
25500 Woodfield Rd.	1905 August Drive	23631 Ridge Rd. Germantown
Damascus, Md. 20750	Silver Spr., Md. 20902	Cedar Grove, Md. 20767
Sponsor - Dan King	Sponsor - Alger Y. Barbee	Sponsors-Robt. L. Young and M.E. King

MARYLAND'S SAVE OUR STREAMS program now has support from the National Office of the League. At our next meeting, Malcolm E. King, originator of the project, will give a detailed explanation and will ask that the Chapter, with help from the Mullinix Mill Chapter, take the Patuxent from Route 97 to Route 27 as a joint project. This is an opportunity for both Chapters to engage in a worth-while conservation effort.

SEVERAL CHAPTER COMMITTEES have had committee meetings. Others, including the Range and Finance Committees, are making plans. The successful operation of the Chapter depends, to a large degree, upon planned organization. If you are on a committee, or if you are asked to help, please lend your support. The Chapter needs you.

BRING IN NEW MEMBERS AND GET REINSTATEMENTS FROM FORMER MEMBERS!

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