

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

JULY NEWSLETTER

Next Membership Meeting July 24, 1974 - Next Board Meeting August 14, 1974

AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING on July 24th, officers and directors will be elected as provided for in Article III of the Chapter's By-Laws. Section 4, Article III reads: "The Corresponding Secretary shall incorporate in the notice of the July meeting a list of the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee, together with those nominated from the floor, indicating the manner of nomination."

The slate presented by the Nominating Committee follows:

President - Dr. C.P. Chaconas; 1st V.P. - Bill Myers; 2nd V.P. - David E. Anderson; 3rd V.P. - John Stohlman; Recording Secy. - Walt Fisk; Corresponding Secy. - Dr. Charles I. Wiles, Jr.; Membership Secy. - Lloyd L. Gibson; Treasurer - Andrew Nelson, III; Sgt.-At-Arms - Ed Leffel; Parliamentarian - George Tolson; Chaplain - Paul Jackson.

Directors: R. Ross Holliday, Phil Mostrum, Tom Andrews and Joe Carinci.

The only nomination from the floor was George H. Bransom for the office of President.

THE ANNUAL CRICKEN BARBECUE will be held on August 11th. Tickets for the event will probably reach you before you receive this newsletter. Time is short; but the Committee is doing all in its power to make the undertaking as successful as those held in prior years. Please reply to the special mailing with your tickets at the earliest practicable date to assist the Committee in their plans. Volunteers will be needed to handle games and other duties. The Committee will appreciate your help on the big day even if it is for a limited time. We feel that Paul Jackson has come up with a satisfactory solution to our water problem so we will not run out of water again. Merv Kenney has a detail working, weather permitting, that will have the barbecue pits in good shape within the week. Let's pull together on this undertaking. It will work to our mutual advantage.

AS SOON AFTER THE BARBECUE that arrangements can be made there will be an Auction at the Chapter property. The idea was Paul Jackson's and should bring in much needed funds. If each member would donate at least one item for the sale a tidy sum could be realized. Each member must have an item or more around the house that is in the way but would be a welcome addition to the things being assembled. One pick-up load of items has already been received and several more are promised. Paul has three trucks available to pick up items - large or small. Give him a ring on 774-4086. He says that he will accept "anything except clothing or garbage". This is no fly-by-night project. It has been well organized. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

BECAUSE OF THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEK-END there was no Bingo on the 5th. Bingo will be held on future Fridays as long as they operate in the black. Chairman Anderson and his Committee are getting tired of being obligated for every Friday and Dave has asked to be relieved of the Chairmanship when the new administration takes over on September 1st. They have earned relief if they desire it. Bingo has brought in much needed revenue and it is hoped that there will be enough members volunteering their services to continue the activity. Come out Fridays for a little relaxation and recreation. Bring your family and friends. It may be profitable to you. The Big Jack Pot will be \$1,000.00 when you receive this IF it is not won on the 12th.

RANGE CHAIRMAN GEORGE BRANSOM submits the following:

RANGE NEWS

For those who have not been to the ranges recently they are closed on Saturdays until further notice. This is caused by the lack of range officers to work and by slow business.

We now are licensed pistol dealers. This means that if you want to buy or transfer a pistol call the range chairman. Ten percent over dealer price also pertains to pistols. Availability of pistols, as well as all other firearms, is poor; but if you will call the range chairman he will attempt to find them for you at the best possible prices. There will be no charge for transfer of pistols and long guns to members, as long as it does not cost the club anything. Guns will be sold to persons who are not members, so if you have a friend looking for a gun, send him to the club. The five percent surcharge for use of Bank Americard has been eliminated. Also, if you wish to pay your dues or anyone wishes to use Bank Americard for payment to join the club - come to the range and charge it.

The first Sunday of each month is a dollar day. Anyone shoots for a dollar a round. There will be a 25 bird turkey and ham shoots on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. A \$3.00 entry fee will win you a ham or turkey. These shoots will be held both trap and skeet. If you have any complaints or suggestions on use and running of the range, please contact the chairman personally on 424-1144.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR membership received unanimous favorable consideration at the Board meeting and will be presented to the membership for voting on the 24th:

James Robert Green	Thomas A. Satires	Edward Soma, M.D.
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Poolesville, Md. 20843	Gaithersburg, Md. 20760	Kensington, Md. 20795
Sponsor-George Bransom	Sponsor- George Bransom	Sponsor-Dr.C.P. Chaconas
Bernard H. Cohen		
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Damascus, Md. 20750	- Sponsor-G.M. Van Hoesen	

LESS THAN THIRTY QUESTIONNAIRES were returned out of the more than 400 sent out with the June Newsletter. This small response hardly justifies any answers as to where the Chapter has failed the membership or as to what is needed to increase interest and attendance. Most of the replies came from members who admitted to less than 25% participation at meetings. This may be due to a large extent to the fact that they are shooters. We have nothing against shooters. We need them. We wish that we had many times as many as we do have. It is just that the shotgun shooters want membership in the Skeet and Trap Associations. The Chapter would like to join and would if some informed member will advise the Chairman as to what steps are necessary and to whom the applications must be forwarded. The others want pistol and heavy calibre ranges. The complaint was voiced that they hear nothing about these facilities and state that they joined to shoot pistols and rifles. The administration has its problems too. It is our hope and intention to have these ranges as soon as County approval can be obtained and funds are available. When there is something to report it will be publicized.

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