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

December Newsletter

Next Membership Meeting, December 18, 1974 - Next Board Meeting, January 8, 1975

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN JOE HAMILTON will have a 20 minute film on hunter safety for the December membership meeting. It will also be a good meeting to exchange those hunting stories about the big buck that outran the hunter's shot.

IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR VENSION this year, join us at our December 18th meeting for some Vension Bar-B-Oue. As usual, Bob Lilly brought back several deer with his bow and arrow, and Charlie Wiles got lucky during the gun season.

THANKS TO RICHARD FEHER, we have a donated ping pong table to start off furnishings for the Game Room. If you know of pool tables, poker tables, a piano and of another ping ping table that can be donated to the club, call us at 972-1953 and we will pick the items up and deliver them to the club. Additional help will be appreciated to install the paneling and other materials to get the Game Room in shape. Call Paul Jackson at 774-4086.

ANOTHER AUCTION COMING UP. The second club auction is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 1974, at the club. All proceeds go to help the club. Bring your donated items to the club or call Paul Jackson at 774-4086 for pickup. The auction on the 14th will provide refreshments and indoor auction facilities if the weather is not appropriate for an outside sale. Bring your friends and neighbors.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO continues to build a Big Jackpot. Currently, the Big Jackpot is at \$750 and the Little Jackpot at \$250. Bring your friends and neighbors to this Friday fun activity and perhaps win a Jackpot for Christmas. Bingo begins at 8:00 p.m. every Friday night. Dave Anderson also needs helpers to run the show. Call Dave at 585-1053.

THE MEMBERSHIP APPROVED A DUES INCREASE at the November meeting which makes annual dues \$50.00. For new applicants, an additional initiation fee of \$25.00 will be applied for a total of \$75.00 for new members. To ease the burden when members join our chapter, a 90 day installment plan can be worked out with the Membership Secretary. At the November meeting, the members also asked that Life Members and those members who joined for 1 1/2 years during the last six months of 1974 at the old rate, make a \$25.00 donation to the chapter to help the club over the big expenses of monthly mortgage payments. Chic Chaconas reported that annual expenditures including \$2000.00 monthly mortgage payments are about \$35,000 per year. By increasing dues, the club will bring in about \$12,000 towards the annual cost provided our present membership remains at the same level. Donations, auctions, Bar-B-Ques, shooting activities, Bingo, and rentals will be depended upon for the remaining \$23,000. Some simple arithmetic shows that we will need increased membership, participation in work parties, and good attendance at club functions to meet the financial obligations. We have one of the best Izaak Walton League facilities in the entire country - lets make it thrive in Montgomery County.

WORK IS BEGINNING ON THE SMALL BORE RANGE for pistols and rifle. The chip and putt golf course will be installed this spring if interest is apparent. Call Chic at 588-7224 to register your interest.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS were improved by the Board of Directors and are recommended for membership action:

Ray W. Alcox 19001 Muncaster Road Derwood, Md. 20855 Sponsored by Dave Anderson

Danny Lowe 24524 Ridge Road Damascus, Md. 20750 Sponsored by Jim Reid, Jr.

> Charles I. Wiles, Jr. Corresponding Secretary 972-1953