

WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CLUB CHAPTER
The Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
P.O. Box 118, Damascus, Md. 20750

January Newsletter

Next Membership Meeting, January 24, 1979 - Next Board Meeting, February 14, 1979

IT IS HERE - OUR ANNUAL GAME DINNER. The January Membership Meeting will feature our Annual Game Dinner beginning at 7:15 p.m., a brief business meeting at 8:15, followed by two films "Sportsman's Challenge" and "Interest in Safety." The dinner will offer West Virginia Whitetail venison, Maryland strutting turkey, Chesapeake Bay Canada Goose, Pennsylvania Ringneck Pheasant, and those wiley rabbits from all over everywhere. Les Kenney has come up with a special this year - wild boar ham? Add to this mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, a garden salad, and coffee, AND YOU HAVE A DINNER FIT FOR A KING AND QUEEN. Bring the entire family. Adult tickets are \$5.00 and children \$3.00. SPECIAL NOTE FOR MEMBERS - Our goose hunters slipped a little this year - if you know of anyone who could donate a goose or two for the dinner, call Paul Jackson (253-6726), Charlie Wiles (972-1953), or Chic Chaconas (Ju. 8-7224). We will pick them up.

WOODCHOPPERS' DAYS ARE HERE TOO. On January 20 and 21, we will be cutting, hauling, splitting, and delivering firewood from our club woods. We have lots of dead wood that will make excellent firewood and at the same time, bring in a few dollars to the club treasury. While the chain saws buzz, the tractors haul in the logs, and the hydraulic splitters crack open those logs, Oleta Flanagan will be busy keeping the coffee and chocolate hot, serving homemade soup, and other goodies. Bring out the kids, too, they will enjoy the out-of-doors while helping to load and deliver firewood. We will need several pickup trucks to make deliveries on Saturday and Sunday. We also need men with chain saws and, of course, FIREWOOD BUYERS. Several firewood orders are in, but we can cut enough for 8 to 10 buyers. The price is just \$75 a cord dumped to the Gaithersburg area, \$80 to \$85 beyond. Join this unusual SOCIAL EVENT of the year. By the way, a color T.V. will be mounted in the Ratskeller for those wanting to see the Super Bowl. This event will begin at 9 a.m. each day come rain, snow, or shine. Call Skip Johnston 831-6680 or Charlie Wiles 972-1953 for wood orders and other information.

SPECIAL NOTE - THE RIFLE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE WOODCHOPPERS DAYS SINCE MUCH OF THE WOOD WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE WOODS BEHIND THE IMPACT AREA.

CONGRATULATIONS MEMBERS - The Membership Expense Share carried our club to a successful 1978 year and can be reduced to \$90 for 1979. If our activities continue to pick up more income and we can increase our membership, further reductions, and eventual elimination of the MES payment will be possible. The MES payment is due by February 1, 1979, or if you prefer the installment plan, \$45 will be due on February 1st and the second half payment of \$45 will be due by July 1, 1979. We have some new activities coming up in the months ahead that will help reduce MES, such as the opening of the Pistol Range, the planting of 10,000 Christmas tree seedlings for eventual harvest, and an increasing rental use of the clubhouse.

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN OUT TO OUR CLUB RECENTLY, you are missing a big treat. Bill and Oleta Flanagan, our new live-in managers, have the place sparkling clean, new things are being added for member enjoyment, and a pleasant air of hospitality is now present. Come out and say Hello to Bill and Oleta.

"NOW WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS, AND SOME BAD NEWS" as our Trap and Skeet Range Chairman Les Kenney announced at our Board meeting. The GOOD NEWS is the \$1500 turned in to the Treasurer from Range receipts; the BAD NEWS is that unless more members come out Saturday nights to help with working the Turkey Shoots, the Shoots will be discontinued. WE CANNOT AFFORD to close the Shoots because they generate nearly \$600 per month for our mortgage payments. HOWEVER, the Kenneys and Flanagans cannot run the shoots every Saturday night either. We ask you as members to come Saturday nights (1 or 2 per month) and help Les administer the shoots. It's a fun time, refreshments are served, and a warm fire keeps the Range House warm. The Shoots begin about 6:30 p.m. and continue until everyone is satisfied. Les' number is 421-9568, call him and volunteer a small part of your time. Bring shooters too- guests are welcome.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS FOR THE CLUB. Bill and Oleta are collecting and compacting aluminum cans for sale. Collect those of the neighborhood and drop them off with the Flanagans on your next trip to the club.

CLUB BONDS WILL BEGIN TO BE DRAWN AT OUR JANUARY MEETING. Beginning with the month of January at our membership meeting, we will draw ten bonds to be paid off. This will continue each month until all bonds are paid. Several members have already committed themselves to donating the bonds back to the club to help with the tight financial needs. These donations will be appreciated and ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and are recommended for membership action at our January meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Sponsor/s</u>
Arthur L. Chapman	13926 Marianna Dr., Rockville, Md. 20853-	Bill Flanagan, L. Kenney
Gary Snapp	Mt. Airy, Md. 21771 -	Les Kenney, Harry Gosnell
Richard I. Hetherington	Rt. 2, Mt. Airy, Md. 21771 -	Les Kenney
William M. Mumo	3572 Powder Mill Rd. #103, Beltsville, Md. 20705-	V. Baratta, Kenney

FEBRUARY RANGE ROSTER

Saturday, Feb. 3	Addison Caracciolo	831-6923
	Art Pergam	229-8628
Sunday, Feb. 4	Wes Meier	-
	Pete Chaconas	593-7333
	Steve Schneider	-
Saturday, Feb. 10	Smith DeForce	460-8762
	John Ravinsky	762-0310
Sunday, Feb. 11	Bill Loveless	340-2816
	John Cassis	253-5369
	J.R. Ale	946-6718
Saturday, Feb. 17	Vince Baratta	622-1390
	John Vaden	253-3256
Sunday, Feb. 18	Dave Anderson, Jr.	585-1053
	Joe Schoppelri	681-6537
	Earl Dickerson	253-6563
Saturday, Feb. 24	Paul Jackson	253-6726
	Frank Gale	871-8579
Sunday, Feb. 25	Jerry Berney	585-5851
	Mike Berney	593-7920
	Dick Alexander	948-7524

Alternates: Phil Rodwell (774-7131), Danny Ifert (831-9886), Ed Totah (762-1710), Don Harmon (253-2349) and John Till (977-8831)

SPECIAL NOTE TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS - Although we love our pets, they are not permitted in the clubhouse. Several owners have allowed dogs in the clubhouse with the results of messing up the cleaned floors and furniture. Please leash your dogs outside.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 28, 2 to 4 p.m. To better acquaint our Damascus neighbors with our clubhouse, grounds, and membership, an OPEN HOUSE will be held 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 1979. Come out and help us welcome our community friends.

THE SECOND NOTICE ON DUES is going out this week. Return your dues to Joe Carinci promptly - he will appreciate it.

SCHEDULE YOUR EVENTS NOW - Enclosed are two schedules that will be helpful in planning your support of the Chapter.

TRAP AND SKEET COMING February 24 and 25. More details later.

Charles I. Wiles, Jr.
Corresponding Secretary
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