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NEWS LETTER

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Wednesday, October 24, 1984; BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Wednesday, November 14, 1984.

WITH THE COMING OF COOL FALL WEATHER AND THE NEW OFFICERS TAKING OVER, activities are jumping all over. Ducks Unlimited and Hunter Safety Programs were both quite successful in early October, and much more is planned in the coming weeks.

ON NOVEMBER 3 and 4 AND AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 10 and 11, OUR ANNUAL SIGHTING DAYS will be held with John Walters chairing them this year. Your deer rifle or varmit rifle should be shooting on target, if not, John and his Range Officers will help you get them shooting on target. There will be no charge for Chapter Members, a \$2.00 charge per gun for non-members. The public is invited. There will be eats at the Rifle Range all four days. Members - John needs plenty of help each day - come out and support this activity. CALL JOHN AT 946-6001.

ALSO IN NOVEMBER, OUR ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST SERVED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7 to 9 PM prior to the Membership Meeting. Note that the Membership Meeting is the 2nd Wednesday due to Thanksgiving holidays coming early this year. Oysters will be served on the half shell, steamed, fried and in Oyster Stew along with ham and vegetable dishes. The dinner, all you can eat, will be \$10.00 per adult, \$6.00 for children 11 years old and under. In order to be adequately prepared with ample oysters, we must have all ticket sales in advance. Your tickets must be ordered no later than Thursday, November 8th. Call Paul at 253-6726 or Wanda 253-2384, or Charlie 972-1953 for tickets.

AND OF COURSE, TURKEY SHOOTS ARE HELD EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT AT OUR RANGE HOUSE BEGINNING at 6:30 PM, and continuing until 10:00 PM. This is an activity for the entire family. Winners have a choice of pork chops, ribs, bacon, hams, steaks, turkeys, or cash. Bring your neighbors and friends too - we have a club gun available for those not owning their own. Wanda always has lots of eats, and the olde wood stove will help everyone keep warm. Members - we need a couple of helpers each Saturday night to make this run smoothly. Just appear and an assignment will be made. Thanks.

THE SKEET AND TRAP COMMITTEE has announced that the ranges will be closed Wednesday afternoons, but will continue to be open each Wednesday evening with lights as needed. And of course, ranges are open every Saturday and Sunday.

COMING IN DECEMBER-WOODCUTTERS DAYS. On December 8th and 9th, the Annual Woodcutters Day will occur, come rain, shine, snow or the dark of night. We will cut, split, load and deliver 15 cords of firewood to customers plus we will be selling Christmas trees from our Christmas Tree Conservation area. Lunches will be provided (all home cooked) with lots of country fresh air to make you feel like Paul Bunyan. Reserve these dates - again, the whole family can participate in this fun and funding-raising program. We still have a couple of cords of firewood available to buyers - call Charlie Wiles at 972-1953 if you are interested in IWLA firewood.

OUR CONSERVATION TEAM IS ON THE PROWL - Thomas Rodgers and a crew of scouts are building wildlife protection bush piles, cutting hardwood brush from the Christmas Tree areas, closing up and planting an erosion ditch, and placing a wildlife feeder in the picnic woods. Good Show Tom.

SORRY YOU MISSED THE INSTALLATION of OFFICERS AND DINNER. The award winners this year were:

Dave Anderson - Member of the Year
George Schneider - Membership Enrollment Award
Bill Rahn - Outstanding Service Award
Charles Wiles - Dedication Award
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THERE IS A NEW SET OF SAFETY AND CONDUCT RULES in effect for the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. These new rules were made necessary by the continued misuse of the ranges, by both members and nonmembers. Beginning January 1, 1985, no one will be permitted to use the rifle or pistol ranges unless he/she has on file with the range committees a signed copy of the Rules of Safety and Conduct. All members currently Range Approved will be receiving a copy of the new rules in the mail. This copy is to be signed and returned to the range committees. No one will be Range Approved for 1985 and beyond until he/she has a signed copy on file. We regret that this action is necessary.

THE SENECA RIFLE CLUB'S high power tournament held September 15th exceeded all previous tournaments with 36 participants including 7 juniors. The overall winner was Paul Carr with a score of 397/500. The club's scheduled events for the year ended on a successful note and the calendar of events for the next year is already being formulated. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Spring.

NOVEMBER RANGE SAFETY OFFICER ROSTER

Sat 11/3	O.S. McCollum Scott Cicora	Sat 11/17	Dave Anderson John Ogilvie
Sun 11/4	Robert White Bill Maneely	Sun 11/18	Brian Baldwin Carol Edwards Jeff Sattin
Sat 11/10	Smith DeForce Jim Carberry Rick Egerter	Sat 11/24	Brad Sears Rick Insley
Sun 11/11	Larry Dodson Richard Curtis, Jr. Mike Stottelmyer	Sun 11/25	Ron Conley Jim Gierula Kathleen Insley

COMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * The Range Committee needs a few members to help serve on a maintenance and clean up crew. We realize some members choose not to serve as Range Officers. This is another less time committing way to serve. Call Bill Rahn at 774-6234.
- * A SHOT SHELL reloading seminar will be held in the Range House, Saturday October 20 at 1:00 PM
- * ANNUAL GAME DINNER on January 23, 1985 featuring venison, goose, pheasant, wild boar and other.

SURPLUS PLUS, AND HUNTING, CAMPING AND CLOTHING OUTFITTER in Wheaton and Langley Park is extending a discount to all IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter members. Excluding sale items, a 10% savings will be given when a current membership I.D. is shown at the register. For additional information or directions, call H. Kramer 946-5547. Offer good thru 1984.

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