



THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CHAPTER
P.O. Box 118, Damascus, Md. 20872



OCTOBER 1988

NEWS LETTER

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be Wednesday, October 26, at 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting dates for the November and December Board and Membership meetings are moved up one week due to the Holidays:
December Board meeting will be December 7 at 8:00 p.m.
November Board meeting will be November 2 at 8:00 p.m.
November Membership meeting will be November 16 at 8:00 p.m.
December Membership meeting will be December 21. This meeting will feature the annual pot luck Christmas Party. Watch for more details in the November News Letter.

WOOD CUTTER DAYS WILL BE NOVEMBER 5 and 6. Because of the work day ALL RANGES will be closed on Saturday only, November 5. They will be open on Sunday, November 6. This is a fun weekend for the whole family. Lots of hot coffee, and a lunch will be available for workers and their families at noon on Saturday. Come and enjoy some healthy outdoor recreation. (Would-be shooters especially welcome for wood cutting on Saturday!)

RANGE CLEANUP and ORIENTATION DAY will be Sunday, October 30. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed until cleanup is completed. Orientation begins at 10:00 a.m.

SIGHT-IN DAYS, scheduled for November 19 and 20, will be cancelled unless more help is volunteered. At least 4 Range Officers are needed at all times during sight-in functions. A decision will be made at the November Board meeting, so if you are interested, make your offer to John Walter, 946-6001, or come to the Board meeting and offer your services.

THE REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE has been presented to and taken under advisement by the Board of Directors. The Recommendations as they appeared in the Report are included herewith. Please give them careful thought, and be prepared for preliminary discussion at the October Membership meeting, and further discussion at the November Membership meeting. These are important matters, and will directly affect you.

Mr. TOM BELLISON, of "Tom and Rays" restaurant in Damascus, has died suddenly of a heart attack. Tom was a long-time member. Condolences have been sent to his family.

ON SICK CALL is Elmer Thias, who lives in Severna Park, MD. The Board sends its best wishes.

A REMINDER -- You can direct your donation through the United Givers Fund (UGF) to the IZAAK Walton National Headquarters Building Fund. Your donations are tax deductible.

ANOTHER REMINDER -- The Annual Game Dinner and Auction will be held January 25, 1989. Our freezers can hold all the ducks, geese, rabbits, squirrels, pheasants, turkeys, "wild" boar and venison you can catch (legally). Also, it's time to start looking for items useful for the auction.

NOVEMBER RANGE OFFICERS

11/ 6	Harold Sharpe	829-2914	Jim Finnegan	964-0095
11/12	Joe Schoppelrei	681-6537	Clagett Warfield	962-2515
11/13	Mike Powell	703-971-8554	Bill Rowan	253-3007

11/19	Bob Woodward	832-7539	John Corbin	774-0934
11/20	Bob Sadler	253-3501	Bill Marnane	869-7792
11/26	Rick Egarter	384-6436	Don McDonald	294-8176
11/27	Joe Tarr	461-2464	Mark Hollis	330-5194

If unable to serve when scheduled, please arrange a swap with someone on another date. If all else fails, call Mac McCollum at 854-3707.

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NEW MEMBERS

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Davis	Thomas C.	4900 Hornbeam Dr.	Rockville	MD 20853
	SPONSOR	[Wiles, Charles]	924-2102	
Ingham	Stephen C.	11311 Farmland Dr.	Rockville	MD 20852
	SPONSOR	[Baldwin, Brian]	881-0121	
Riffle	David W.	7609 Moccasin La.	Derwood	MD 20855
	SPONSOR	[BOD]	926-7980	
Webb	Joel	8580 Delcrist Dr.	Gaitersburg	MD 20879
	SPONSOR	[Struewing, John]	590-0840	

Recommendations to the Board of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the IWLA from the committee appointed to review membership participation, known as the 'Membership Committee.'

1. Consistent Action on Safety Violations. Members who violate rules relating to the safety and proper use of the shooting ranges should be disciplined. This process should include notification of the member by the Board (or its designated committee) each time a violation occurs. The Board should act to dismiss any member who repeatedly violates range safety rules. All range rules should be posted at the range house, ranges and should be available in the Chapter house along with other Chapter literature. All members and range officers should be reminded that range violations must be reported to the Resident Manager, who will forward them to the Range Chairman. Members or range officers who fail to report violations are themselves subject to disciplinary action. While this recommendation is not a change from current policies, it is suggested to reemphasize the Chapters commitment to the safe use of firearms.

2. Probation Period. A one year probation period should be given to all new members. During this period, the Board will consider the members participation in Chapter events, record of range safety, and overall contribution to the Chapter. The Board should specify the number (3 are recommended) of events/activities that new members will be required to participate in. Activities listed on the annual calendar of events should be accepted as eligible activities. New committees or interest groups will also qualify. A sign-in sheet will be provided at each eligible activity. These sheets would provide evidence of a probationary member's level of participation, should the issue arise. Those members not considered to be assets to the Chapter may have their membership renewals rejected.

3. Membership Meetings. Membership meetings should be moved to Friday nights. This should be tried for at least one year. A committee should be appointed to arrange for food and beverages, which should be served at each meeting. Not all meetings need to be dinner meetings, but some food should be available at each monthly meeting.

4. Required Range Officer Duty. Range approved members must serve as an assistant range officer for one day each year. No ranges should be open unless there is a designated range officer on duty (as with the skeet/trap ranges), even if this limits the days the rifle and pistol ranges are open. A range house should be constructed for the use of the range officers at the rifle and pistol ranges.

These recommendations are presented to the Board by the members of the Membership Committee with the belief that they will benefit the chapter as a whole. The committee recommends that the Board take whatever action is appropriate to implement these recommendations.