

IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter P.O. Box 118, Damascus, MD 20872

301-253-2384

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gun & Sport Show - May 6-7, 1995 at Club. Call the Chapter at 301-253-2384 for a show confirmation message.

Wednesday Skeet & Trap - opens 5/13/95 from 5:15 to dark.

Range Approval - if you intend to use the range, you must have a range approved card stamped in orange. After April 1, you will be asked to leave the range without the proper card, valid for 1995. Contact Joe Gick at 301-774-9399 for more information.

Field Day - Radio Demonstrations June 24-25 (24 hour period) sponsored by Montgomery Amateur Radio Club to be held at Chapter picnic area. Field Day is an annual exercise enabling Amateur radio stations throughout the world to promote goodwill and test emergency preparedness. IWLA members, and family, are welcome to participate.

Board Meeting for May is Wednesday 5/10/95 at 7:30 pm. **Membership Meeting** for May is Wednesday 5/24/95 8 pm.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Range Safety Notice Reminder from Phil Dean that the only targets to be used on the rifle and pistol ranges are paper targets affixed to the existing backstops. No targets should be placed on the ground. All bullets must impact directly into the backstop bank after passing through the target. Since the pistol backstops receive a high amount of use, we need to replace them periodically. Extra 2x2 plywood backers are stored under the pistol shed. Please dispose of the shot-up backers in dumpsters by the maintenance shed.
- Bye the bye, Bob Mabie apologizes to Donna and Merrill Needham for leaving them stranded down the road by the shores of the Patuxent; however, both returned April 1 for the tree plantings (gluttons for punishment or just extremely dedicated, and concerned, IKES??). I guess all was forgiven.
- Turkey Shoots Saturday nights thru May starting at 6:30 pm.

Wanted (still): Heavy duty chipper for loan or donation. We need this for brush removal and mulching our trees. Call Bill Kelly at 301-253-5009.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - THANK YOUS

Adopt-A-Road cleanup. We salute the following members of the Road Crew: Alan Pressmen (7th time), Bill Gazdik (5th time), Scott Gregory (3rd time), Al Hrast and sons Nick and Cole (2nd time), and our two new pairs of Roaders - Merrill and Donna Needham, and Fred and Nancy Swader. (Fred and Nancy did part of Long Corner Road). Special thanks to Bob Mabie for organizing and ramroding this project. Thanks to all and we'll see you in the fall.

Christmas Trees - 2002 A.D. Dave Anderson, Merle Keesler and Bob Mabie report planting 600 replacement trees (a lot dies after the last planting for lack of rain) on April 1 with help from the following: Dan Jordan, Paul Nangeroni (veteran planter), John Wilhelm, Nick Gioliano, Alan Pressmen (veteran), Bob Maxwell, Donna and Merrill Needham (they're getting a lot of press lately - E.D.), Nancy and Fred Swader, and Dave Wright (veteran). We salute you all for your efforts and let's hope for rain. Also, President Mac provided a hearty lunch. Christmas Tree Sales have always been a traditionally good fund raiser for our Chapter. We hope that recent efforts will pay off in 2002, or with lots of rain, by 2000. Thanks to everyone involved.

NewsLetter mailing - Herb Ley thanks the following volunteers for their assistance in affixing mailing labels, bundling and preparing the NewsLetter for bulk mail processing: David Schenken for February, Donna and Merrill Needham (again) for the April issue. The Chapter thanks Herb for heading this effort and organizing volunteers to assist. Herb gets the NewsLetter from the printer, organizes volunteers to affix mailing labels, bundles the mailers, delivers them to the Shady Grove Post Office and delivers the receipts to the Chapter - about 8 hours work each month.

Range Cleanup for March was Sunday 3/26/95. This was a general cleanup including clearing brush on the range road, cutting a trail to the new range and liming the rifle range. Thanks to Phil Dean, Bill Kelly, Larry Palmer, Alan Pressman, Charles McIntosh, Richard Fieller, Archie McAlister, EB Talbott, Les Lorenz, Tom Roberts, Geoff Hornseth, James Schinner Jr & Sr., Johnny Schinner, Jeff Widerman, Raymond Logan, Harold Logan, Gary Greunwald, and Rick Thornlee. This was a job well done and "it shows".

Pistol Range Target Holders - Phil Dean thanks Bob Woodward for fabricating and delivering several new pistol range target holders.

Conservation Woodlot Cleanup - Thanks to all those people who assisted with cleanup of the Chapter grounds. Much was accomplished and much more needs to be done. Look for another Woodlot Cleanup in the upcoming months - another excellent job - well done IKES.

RANGE OFFICERS - April 1995

Skeet, Trap and 5 Stand)

phone 301-253-4779

Sat 5/6 Bob Woodward, Lee Slavin, Kevin O'Neill

Sun 5/7 Bill Wright, John Corbin, Ed Bennett

Sat 5/13 Berle Cherney, Fred Cherney, Bob Sadler

Sun 5/14 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Alan Newcomer, Bob Cooley

Sat 5/20 Nancy and Weldon Humphries, Cornell Kittell

Sun 5/21 Merrill and Donna Needham, Bill Rahn, Mike Merollini

Sat 5/29 Paul Hancock, Mac McCollum, John Dyer

Sun 5/30 Jim Malone, Tom Lohm, Marc Grimes, Bill Marnane

Range Officers: If you have a problem with your range assignments, please contact Bill Rahn.

SHOTGUN RAFFLE - Winchester Model 1500

12 gauge Semi-automatic will be raffled in the next few weeks. Tickets will be available at meetings, at the range house, and from members.

SPRING SKEET CLINIC held on April 8 and 9 had ten member students attending. Many thanks to instructors John Corbin, Chuck Crooks and Bill Rahn.

March Winner of the Skeet/Trap/5 Stand Discount Card Drawing was Lance Smith. Pick up a free box of shells at a Membership Meeting - (winners must attend a Membership meeting to collect their prize).

SUPER STAR SKEET machines (2 of them) should be delivered in the next week or two. Many snooters have been looking forward to this improvement for a long time.

NEW MEMBERS

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	Ackerman, Eric	4890 Battery Lane, #403	Bethesda, MD	20814	301-656-9239	Sponsor: Mark Mazzocco
	Berkebile, Wayne E	10825 Longmeadow Dr	Damascus, MD	20872	301-253-4288	Sponsor: Thomas Hiers
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	Carter, Thoedore E	7515 Morningside Dr, NW	Washington, DC	20012	202-762-6515	Sponsor: Horace Ward, Jr.
	Grindell, Rod	12041 Greystone Dr	Monrovia, MD	21770	301-831-3088	Sponsor: Chuck Crooks
	Lui, Paul	12805 Bluhill Road	Silver Spring, MD	20906	301-933-2204	Sponsor: Peter Currall
	Schaner, Everett G	8224 Windsor View Terrrace	Potomac, MD	20854	301-860-2223	Sponsor: Bill Schneider
	Walsleben, Kraig	24121 Newbury Road	Gaithersburg, MD	20882	301-253-1881	Sponsor: Phil Dean

The Waltonian Pledge "To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources, to know the beauty and understanding of nature, and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it." "I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America."

April Membership Meeting

Speaker Phil Hider gave an excellent talk and slide demonstration about the U.S. Constitution from an Englishman's point of view. Excellent program enjoyed by everyone. The March dinner winner was not present (again).

May Membership Meeting

This will be a dinner meeting - 7:00 social, 7:30 dinner. Speaker will be from the Audubon Naturalist Society talking about Water Ecology and Conservation.

1-2-3-TOURNAMENT PRIZES

Fees Set

Prizes for the June "1-2-3" Shotgun Tournament may range up to cases (worth over \$50) of shotgun shells of choice in the winner's gauges (Remington, Winchester, Federal), partial cases for second and third place scorers. Even better, under the **LEWIS scoring system**, by cutting the total number of shooters in each event into "flights" as in golf, there can be multiple first, second and third place winners in each event - Skeet, 5-Stand and Trap. The final number of winners is determined by the number of competitors in each event. So, the more shooters, the more prizes... In addition, Special Awards will be given to the three high overall shooters for the three-event combined competition.

Shooting **must** take place during range hours weekends or Wednesday nights during the first three weeks of June and **must** be certified when they are shot by a designated referce. Tournament Judges will be drawn from our most experienced tournament veterans to settle technical matters.

In the "1-2-3" format, entrants may shoot all or any of the three events (three rounds of skeet, two of 5-Stand, one of trap) with their own regular guns and ammunition (minimum 12-gauge guns and up to 3-dram loads).

Members and personal friends (shooting together) may enter. Entree forms must be received by Range Officers. Forms will be in the June NewsLetter or at the Club in May. Further details will be posted in the Range House and outlines in the June NewsLetter.

The ComboEntre Fee is \$25 for all three events (six rounds), or \$15 for skeet only, \$10 for 5-Stand only, \$5 for Trap only.





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NRA Class Personal Protection Class scheduled for 9/30 has been rescheduled to August 12 & 13 to accommodate the Sportsman Team Contest. We regret this inconvenience.

Board Meeting for June is Wednesday 6/7/95 at 7:30 pm and for July is Wednesday 7/5 at 7:30 pm. The Board is trying to facilitate distribution of the NewsLetter to our membership on a more timely basis.

Membership Meeting for June is Wednesday 6/28/95 8 pm. Range Cleanup for May is 5/21 at 10 am.

Seneca Valley Shoot at the Chapter is scheduled for June 6.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Bill Rahn reports on Shotgun Programs - page 2. 123 Tournament Entry Form - Page 3.

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Conservation Committee - regular meeting day is the first Tuesday of each month in Rathskeller at 7:45 pm.. Call Rick Sommer at 301-253-6380. Next scheduled meeting dates are June 6, July 4, and August 1.

Turkey Shoots - Saturday nights thru May - starting at 6:30 pm. Wednesday Skeet & Trap - opens 5/13/95 from 5:15 to dark.

Military Rifle Shoot - June 24, 1995

Dust off that old military rifle, clean the bore, find the cartridges, and bring it out to the Chapter's military rifle shoot on Saturday, June 24. This will be an opportunity to look at the change in design and functioning of these firearms over the years and see how one compares to another on the firing line.

Firing will begin at 10 am and ends at 2 pm.. This will be an informal shooting event with no scores kept "for the record". Targets will be provided as part of the \$5.00 registration fee for each participant. Bring a friend along for a pleasurable few hours on the rifle range. Phil Dean (301-831-9325) for additional info.

April Black Powder Shoot.

Those members who participated in last month's Black powder shot enjoyed the day and are anxious to have another muzzle loading rifle event in the fall. A special "thanks" to Chris Christensen for his instruction and demonstration of several different muzzle loading guns during the day.

May Membership Meeting

This will be a dinner meeting - 7:00 social, 7:30 dinner. There will be no speaker for this meeting.

BOW HUNTERS - Deer Season will be here before you know it, so now is the time to get your bow and yourself ready for the September opener. Plenty of Practice is extremely important to insure a clean kill. 3-D archery is an excellent way to increase you skill at range estimation and shot placement. As Hunters, we owe it to a fine game animal to be at our best. P.S. We need excelsior bales for target butts on the archery range. If anyone knows of a source for them, please call John Walter, Archery Chairman, at 301-371-7036 evenings after 7 pm..

CHAPTER NEEDS

Target Backs - The Rifle and pistol committee reminds everyone that we need plywood (2'x4' or 2'x2') for our target backs. We appreciate your continued support.

Carpenters (or volunteers willing to help) - to build a wood shed approximately 10'x14' on Chapter property. Project is tentatively scheduled for sometime in June. Call Dave Anderson at 301-585-1053 to volunteer.

Chipper/Mulcher - heavy duty. Donation sought.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - THANK YOUS

Range Cleanup for April was Sunday 4/30/95. Thanks to Phil Dean, Bill Kelly, Alan Pressmen, Archie McAlister and John Walter for their efforts in the monthly cleanup. They also helped in sorting and loading the overflow from the woodlot cleanup.

April Membership Meeting

The April 26 meeting was a great evening for the Chapter and our Conservation efforts. On top of a successful Woodlot Cleanup, Christmas tree seedling planting and road cleanup, we had two excellent conversation speakers.

Our first Speaker was Ginny Barnes, who spoke about water quality and stream conservation. She highlighted the fact that in order to protect water quality, trees and other vegetation must be allowed to grow; thus preventing river bank erosion and providing shade which prevents water from being heated (this lowers dissolved oxygen and kills fish). We IKES appreciate what Ms. Barnes had to say because we call all of this HABITAT and have been working towards this for decades.

Our Second speaker was Hedrick Belin, the National IWLA Conversation Associate. His first comment was to express the National Association's gratitude for the Wildlife Achievement Chapter's being the Number One contributor and supporter for the National Chapter's new headquarters here in Montgomery County. Mr. Belin encouraged us to continue working on conservation projects at all levels. He also encourages us to ALL contact our Congress persons to work against the anti-conservation movement afoot which flies in the face of what we IKES have been working for since the (see Membership on page 4, Col.1)

Membership

organization was started. In particular, the Clean Water Act is in jeopardy at this time. Remember IKES, HABITAT is all important and is central to our conservation efforts. Winner for the free April Dinner was Erwin Bloom. Too bad he missed out on a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by our "highly skilled" cook, Joe Carinci. Winner for a free meal at our May meeting was Dr. Raymond E. Contee. Remember - every member is eligible to win, but you must be present at the Membership meeting drawing to win.

High Power Rifle News

The second of five Seneca Valley Sporting Association DCM high power rifle matches was held on Saturday, May 6, with 60 participants. This included 3 junior and 3 women rifle shooters. More than half of the participants were WAC members. Six other youths took art in the .22 rifle instruction and firing held on the pistol range during the morning. Chapter members Pat Rowe and James Schinner, assisted by John Shinner, are the instructors working with the junior program. The next SVSA high power match will be Saturday June 10.

A new match record was set on the 6th by James Schinner who fired the following scores on the national match course: 95-2X, 99-4X, 99-4X and 195-5X for a match total of 488-15X. Good shooting!!!

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SHOTGUN RAFFLE - Winchester Model 1500 12 gauge Semiautomatic will be raffled in June - soon as the tickets are sold. Tickets are available at the range house, meetings and from selected members.

NEW TRAP MACHINES - Bill Rahn, John Corbin, and Jim Malone recently installed two new trap machines in field number 3. We understand that the new machines had to be dismantled (almost like removing an automobile engine) and reassembled in order to get them inside the trap houses. The new machines are really great. We are told that the birds really fly better than ever and will be even faster in the future. Thanks for a great job.

NEW MEMBERS

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1-2-3 TOURNAMENT, NEW SKEET TRAPS, 5-STAND UPGRADES MARK WAC SHOTGUN PROGRAM PROGRESS, RAHN REPORTS

(Editor's Note: With our1-2-3 Shotgun Tournament ready to start in a few days (see OFFICIAL ENTRY Form, page opposite), we thought it might be a good time to talk to Bill Rahn, Chairman of our Shotgun Programs, about what's new and what's ahead.)

Editor: Bill, how long have you been into shotgun sports?

Rahn: Since I was about 12 years old...but the date is classified! Editor: I understand! So, when did you start with IWLA?

Rahn: Let's see, I joined IWLA in 1965 at the original location of this Chapter, over on Briggs Chaney Road in Fairland, Maryland. I worked on the move to Damascus by, among other things, helping plant some of the white pines you can still see. Later, I was Membership Secretary for two or three years until 1980.

Editor: When did you get so deeply into the club's shotgun operations?

Rahn: As I recall - in approximately 1982 - I was one of the group that began to put in the skeet and trap facilities. It took us until 1985 to get where we are now.

CURRENT STATUS

Editor: I see in the minutes that the Board appointed you Chairman of the shotgun operations in 1993, right?

Rahn: Yes, at the same time they appointed Chuck Crooks manager of the financial aspects of our shotgun activities.

Editor: From your point of view, Bill, as the shotgun chief, where are we now?

Rahn: I can't point to anything better than the June 1-2-3 Tournament to illustrate how far we have come in recent years, and where we can go. Because of recent improvements, we can have an interesting and novel tournament format that uses all our facilities and offers many vauable prizes. Any shooter can win, no matter what his experience. I think it is just right now for our shooters.

Editor: Why is that ?

Rahn: Basically, because it's a good deal! We've priced to break even (we hope!), and do something so more members will have more fun. For the low \$25 entry fee, the shooters get cracks at multiple prizes - up to cases of shells in all three of our games - skeet, trap and 5-Stand - 10 boxes in a case worth over \$50! We eased some of the stricter "Official Rules" to let more shooters into the game by, for one example, permitting entrants to use any gun up to 12-gauage, and any shells up to 1-1/8 ounce of 7 1/2 shot. Members can enter and win in each of the three events, too, but only their best scores count for the three top High Overall prizes. And, because some of us do have other things to do some Wednesday nights and weekends, we've spaced the tournament over the first three weeks of June so that any of us can get in.

WIDE OPEN TOURNAMENT

Editor: What's different about the 1-2-3 Tournament?

Rahn: This: The 1-2-3 scheme opens all our games to everybody - it's that easy. We are using the Lewis System of scoring to really level the fields. No matter what scores you can shoot, you've got a chance to win the same prizes as our low-handicap hot shots under the Lewis prize distribution method.

(Editor: See box below for details.)

Editor: But, why now?

hn: We have just completed the critical first stage of upgrading. We have the 5-Stand Sporting Clays field up and running as it should, and Jim Malone, has just finished reprogramming the launch sequences to be more hittable by beginners and novices. We have rebuilt the trap machine on Field Two so it works all the time; With John Corbin's expertise we have installed new Swedish machines in the high and low houses on Field Three. They hold 400 birds, are state-of-the-art systems, and extremely accurate and rugged. They are so smooth and quiet that those of us who "swing on the sound" of our rattly old traps, better learn to open our eyes! Back to real world skeet!

Editor: All this in the last two years?

Rahn: Pretty much.... Over the last couple of years we were able to design and build the 5-Stand from scratch - ourselves! Members like Kevin O'Neil, Jim Malone, Roy Geisler, Mike Merollini, Alan Newcomer and many others sawed a

lot of board and hit a lot of nails! Ed Bennett with Bill Wright and several others helped rewire our power service to the fields and installed a new panel board.

BETTER BUSINESS

Editor: How's Range business? Is it getting harder to get shooting supplies? Rahn: Yes, it is, in today's atmosphere, and prices show it. But our range business is growing. There are more new shooters and our current members are shooting more. Thanks to Chuck Crook's tight fists, we've sharpened up the way we are doing business with our suppliers of ammunition and reloading supplies. We're trying to hold the line, but if supplies get scarcer, we'll just have to bite the bullet! Ed Bennett's Saturday night Turkey Shoots brings in a very good income for the Club, week in and week out, during the good season of the year. We draw turkey shooters from all over this area now, many repeaters. I'm only surprised more members don't try to put some of this good meat on their tables.

THIS FALL-THE TEAM CHALLENGE

Editor: So, what's next?

Rahn: This Fall, because of our improvements, we have been asked to host a Sportmen's Team Challenge shooting competition. This is a really terrific spectator event if you want to see some very fancy shooting. Three-man teams from all over the East Coast will come here early in the Fall to compete in rapid fire events in pistol, rifle and shotgun. Our Rifle and Pistol ranges will be set up for timed fire in those events, and our 5-Stand field will be used for the shotgun part. There, each three-man team, firing together from Stands two, three and four, will have one minute to shoot up to 75 shots at 50 birds, thrown rapidly and continuously at random! This I want to see! And the way our fields and ranges are laid out, this will be about the best spectator shooting competition you could ask for. The Challenge organization supplies all the equipment we don't already have, like dropping pistol targets, and so forth, and we will get the income from any concessions we set up. I'll have all the details for The NEWSLETTER in a month.

DOWN THE ROAD

Editor: And, we'll certainly print thatSo, Bill, what are you thinking about - way down the road?

Rahn: Eventually, we can look forward to replacing the rest of the 23-year old skeet machines before they disintegrate. And, acknowledging the irresistible wave of the future in shotgun sports, we'd better begin a long look at how we can put in a true Sporting Clays walk-through course.

President Mac McCollum and the Board of Directors have been great supporters of our progress. Chuck Crooks and I, all the volunteers who worked so hard getting our act together, all the dependable Range Officers who carry the load on shooting days, and the increasing number of our members who use the shooting facilities, really appreciate what we been enabled to do so far.

Editor: Bill, thanks for sitting still for me and thanks for a great job.

LEWIS SCORING - HOW IT WORKS

At end of tournament, in each event, scores of shooters are arranged from high to low. Depending on number of shooters, each list is cut into several classes, with, for example, ten consecutive scores in each class. Prizes are awarded to the first three shooters in each cut. Ties at the cut move up; ties just below the cut are combined, and the prizes for that class are pooled and divided equally among the tied shooters. High Overall shooters win based on their combined three-event totals, independent of LEWIS.



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THE WAC 1-2-8 SHOTGUN TOURNAMENT

June 3 - 21, 1995

ENTRY (by Range Officer) Contestant's Name: ______(Please Print) _____ Date: _____ Member? or Friend of Received by: Received by: (Range Officer) **ENTERING:** ☐ Skeet Only (\$15) ☐ 5-Stand (\$10) ☐ Trap Only (\$5) ☐ CASH ☐ Combo (\$25) SCORESHEET (for _____ TOTAL SCORE (Contestant's Name) 5-STAND (Date: __ TRAP (Date: _ **SKEET** (Date: _____) 3 Round 3 3 1DH 1DL 5 5 2H 6 2L 2DH 8 2DL 3H 9 10 3L 4H 12 4L 13 5H 5L 15 6H 6L 6DH 6DL 7H 20 7DH 22 22 7DL 23 8H 24 24 25 OPT TOTA TOTA TOTA Referee ___ Referee ___ Referee _