



NEW IWLA OFFICERS INSTALLATION DINNER

Friday, September 22

Social hour at 7:00 Dinner at 8:00

Attend this FREE dinner to initiate the new Chapter Officers and swear in the latest batch of new Ikes.

GUN SHOW

Saturday, November 4 (9 am to 5 pm)

Sunday November 5 (9 am to 3 pm) at the Chapter Club House. Donations \$3.00 per person. Home Cooked Food. Show restricted to guns and gun related items only. Trap & Skeet ranges are open to the public from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday.

SIGHTING-IN DAYS

Plan ahead for the Chapter's annual "sighting-in days" to be held on **Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5**. During these two days the rifle range will be made available to both members and non-members from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm for the sighting in of hunting rifles and slug shotguns. A donation of \$5.00 for each gun sighted in will be collected from all participants. Inform your friends and "hunting buddies" of this chance to use the rifle range and encourage them to participate.

We will need "workers" on both of these days to help supervise the rifle range. To volunteer for a two-hour shift on either or both days contact Phil Dean at 831-9325.

Note: The rifle range will be closed from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm for hunter safety classes on the following Saturdays: Sept. 16, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18.

CHEVY TRUCK SPORTSMAN'S TEAM CHALLENGE INVITATION

The Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the IWLA, Atlantic Guns, and the Chevy Truck Division of General Motors will sponsor this major shooting event on September 30 and October 1 at the Chapter Club House in Damascus, MD. This event is an eight-year old competition held on a regional basis throughout the country, culminating in the National Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. By entering one of the regionals, competitors are automatically qualified to go to the Nationals. ESPN has covered this competition at national events.

The Sportsman's Team Challenge consists of six different events shot by three person teams of men, women, juniors, or combinations thereof. The "course of fire" consists of three shotgun sporting clays style events and one event each of precision rifle, pistol (run like a relay), and a combo rifle/pistol. The shotgun "Flush and Mixed Bag" events are shot with the birds going away from the shooters, while the "Flurry" is shot with the birds coming from in front of the shooters and going directly overhead. The rifle, pistol, and combo events are timed - the shotgun events are fast and furious.

Classes are divided into Open (competitive shooters), Sportsman (hunters and recreational shooters), industry (full-time employees),

Ladies (all three female members), and juniors (16 years and younger for all three members).

The first six places will receive cash awards (\$600 for first place) in addition to door prizes, a shooting gallery, and lots of products and guns to win. Awards include a Top Industry/Dealer's trophy plus \$60 cash, and a special "IKE Trophy" (bragging rights included) plus \$60 cash for the best team from an IWLA Chapter. Other cash awards are for high team in Rifle, Pistol, Combo, and Shotgun.

The Wildlife Achievement Chapter will raffle off one of the precision rifles similar to the rifle used in the competition. From the novice shooter to the industry expert, there is competition for all and many different cash prizes and merchandise awards.

The Chapter needs about 40 volunteers each day of competition to assist with scoring, range duties, painting targets, administration and various assorted "gopher" tasks.

Event Schedule

Friday September 29. Team set up, practice, and gun sight-in day.

Saturday Sept 30. Competition starts at 9:30 am, Lunch 12-1 pm, Barbeque at 5:00 pm (competitors and volunteers free).

Sunday October 1. Final Day of Teams Competition and Awards Ceremony.

Editors Note: For many months (actually years) the IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter membership has continued to grow; however, participation in various Chapter events has been steadily declining. With over 800 members, we have a diversified mix of people with varying backgrounds, skills, and interests. Two things that we all have in common are Conservation and Shooting.

The Board of Directors and various Committee Chairmen continue to seek solutions for this declining participation, and plan events which hopefully, will be of interest to you IKES. Special emphasis is put on scheduling several family oriented events in anticipation that you'll attend, meet some other nice IKES, develop some solid relationships, and participate more in the Chapter's activities. In past Newsletters, we've solicited your comments and suggestions, but received very little feedback, other than the responses regarding the recent Change of ByLaws. Those comments resulted in a revision of the Board's proposed ByLaw changes.

A major, exciting shooting event - The Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge Invitation - will be held at the Chapter grounds at the end of September. This should prove to be fun and exciting for the entire family. Every effort is being made to accommodate members and guests. We sincerely hope all current members of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter will attend and bring their families and guests. Please try to attend this and other Chapter events. You and the Chapter will be better off with your participation.

Contact the Editor, Howard Weeks, in writing at 4305 Sundown Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882 or Email to hweeks@epcug.org or fax your comments to 301-924-0409. Please forward only information for inclusion in the NewsLetter. Comments regarding Chapter activities should be sent to the Chapter President, Board of Directors, or appropriate Committee Chairman at our address in Damascus, MD.

Wildlife Achievement Chapter Officers and Directors for 1996

At the August Membership Meeting, members voted to elect the following slate of Officers and Directors to manage the Chapter activities and carry on Chapter business for 1996:

President:	Ari Sapir	Chaplain	Les Slavin
1st Vice President	Georgia Townsend	Sgt. At Arms	Bill Carbone
2nd Vice President	Chuck Crooks	Parliamentarian	Bob Mabie
3rd Vice President	Ed Bennett		
Membership Secretary	Joe Gick	Board of Directors:	
Corresponding Secretary	Howard Weeks	Dave Anderson (97)	John Dyer (97)
Recording Secretary	Rick Sommer	Bill Rahn (97)	Archie Cheng (97)
Treasurer	Nick Carbone		

Other Officers and Directors continuing in office for 1996 include: **Past President Mac McCollum** and **Directors Paul Jackson, John Walter and Bill Kelly**. Our thanks and appreciation to the Nomination Committee of Chuck Crooks (Chairman), Bill Carbone, Bob Mabie and Mac McCollum for developing this slate of Officers and Directors.

RANGE OFFICERS Skeet, Trap and 5 Stand)

October 1995
phone 301-253-4779

Sun	10/1	Range closed - Sportsman's Team Challenge
Sat	10/7	Kevin O'Neil, Bob Sadler, Bob Woodward
Sun	10/8	Bob Cooley, Donna Needham, Merrill Needham
Sat	10/14	John Dyer, Tim Ouellette, Tom Ouellette
Sun	10/15	Peter Currell, Dave Gold, Marc Grimes
Sat	10/21	Rich Buchingham, Nancy & Weldon Humphries
Sun	10/28	Berle Cherney, Fred Cherney, Bill Rahn
Sat	10/29	Tom Lohm, Lee Slavin, Wayne Sterling

Ranges are closed Sept 29-30 and October 1 for the Chevy Sportsman's Team Challenge.

CHAPTER NEEDS - PLEASE HELP

Sportsman Team Challenge - We need at least 40 volunteers to judge, paint target, score events, and to perform other "gopher" functions. You'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the events. Call Bill Kelly at 301-253-5009.

Adopt-A-Road Cleanup set for Saturday September 16 at 9 am. Volunteers needed for about 1 hour to clean our share of Mullinix Mill Road (about 1 1/4 miles). Call Bob Mabie at 301-774-4122 to volunteer.

Turkey Shoots - Ed Bennett needs help for Saturday Shoots at 6:30 pm. Just show up and ask for Ed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Shoots - last one will be on 9/20 until May 1996.

Donation - The Board passed a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the National IWL Building Fund. This motion will be voted upon by the members at the September membership meeting.

September Membership meeting is Friday 9/22 at 7 pm.

Board Meeting for October is Wednesday 10/4 at 7:30.

Range Cleanup for September is 9/24 at 10 am.

Next Hunter Safety Course is 7 pm on October 13, 20, at 9 am on October 21. Another class is scheduled for Nov 10, 17, 18.

Bow Hunter Education Course dates are Sept 19, 21, and 23.

Call Bill McGiffin at 301-831-7079 for details.

5-Stand "Winter League" is in progress. For more information call Jim Malone at 410-795-5166.

Turkey Shoots - Fall Season started Saturday 9/2 at 6:30 pm and continues every Saturday until April 1996.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THANK YOUS

NewsLetter - Herb Ley reports that the following people have helped him apply labels, sort the newsletters and prepare them for mailing: non-member **Robert Love** (July issue), **Bob Maxwell** and **Buck McMullen** (August issue), and **George Fisher** (September issue). Thanks also to Herb for continuing his dedicated efforts.

Range Cleanup - Bill Kelly reports another great turnout for the Rifle and Pistol Range cleanup on August 27. This special group waded into the brush on the rifle range beams and along the edges clearing them in record time. With so many willing hands and a cadre of regulars showing up each month, the work is getting done with minimal direction and increasing comradery. After work, it seems that a group gets together to catch up with "What's going on with the Chapter" and to share a joke (or two). Next range cleanup in Saturday Sept 24 at 10 am when we will be doing the final teacups for the Sportsman's Team Challenge. We hope to see you there. Thanks to the following volunteers for their dedicated and considerable efforts:

Alf Andreassen	Alan Hrast	Nicholas Hrast
Mike Heffernan	Michael Bowen	Archie LeMone
Bill Gazdik	Emil Albertini	M. Ray Shaver
Donnie Ackad	Dave Berg	Dan Ackad
Anthony Putorti	Dave McNeal	Chris Ackad
Alan McIlvried	Geoff Hornseth	Lyra Hornseth
Joe Gilpin	James Schinner	Jim Schinner, Jr.
Alan Pressman	Bill Kelly	John Walter (archery)

HUNTER - LANDOWNER RELATIONS

by John Walter

Hunters today are finding it tougher to gain permission to hunt on private land. Two big reasons for this are Farmer's concerns over liability in today's lawsuit crazy environment, and bad experiences with hunters in the past. This is a serious problem, one that I have witnessed firsthand when living on farms. Gates left open, trash left behind, glass bottles shot-up, and worse - unsafe hunting practices. It only takes one or two episodes with "slob" hunters to make farmers post their land.

Stop for a minute and look at it from the landowners point of view. His livelihood comes from the land, its crops and livestock. It's tough enough taking a beating from the elements, as this summer's extended dry spell illustrates, without having to suffer losses from inconsiderate fools.

With that in mind, there are several things you can do to achieve and maintain good relations with your landowner host.

- First, don't try to hunt without permission. If at all possible your search for permission to hunt should begin well in advance of opening day. Also you can offer to help with summer chores. This is always greatly appreciated.
- Respect the landowner's property and treat it as you would your own. Don't litter. Take out anything you bring in. Remember that the only thing a good hunter leaves behind are his tracks.
- Leave gates as you find them. Cross fences safely and in such a manner as not to damage them.
- Don't shoot towards buildings or livestock. Don't target practice without permission - excessive shooting can be worrisome.
- Hunt only in areas specified by the landowner. Parking and driving vehicles should be under the same guidelines - only in designated areas.
- Don't walk through unharvested crops, and don't hunt around livestock. If you hunt with a dog, keep him under control at all times.
- Don't show up with a large group of hunters. Smaller parties are safer and it is more considerate toward the landowner.

At the end of the day, thank the landowner and offer to share your game. Remember, you are a guest of the landowner, and your actions and those of your companions reflect on all hunters.

Bow Hunters please note: We are slowly replacing the target butts with new excelsior bales. Please use target points only - **NO broad heads**. Broad heads can come off in the bales and create a dangerous situation. When practicing with broad heads, bring your own target blocks and take them with you when you leave.

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 member of the Izaak Walton League of America".