



HOLIDAY DINNER

On the 20th of December at 7:30 pm the club will be sponsoring it's annual family holiday dinner. This is a "pot luck" dinner, so please bring a dish that you can share with Chapter members and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm. *There is no scheduled program for December (also no scheduled program for the January meeting).*

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

The Chapter expresses its sincere thanks for the lovely holiday decorations at the Club..... hats off to **Dolores Gick** (our resident Christmas tree decorator), **May Jackson**, **Naomi Sapir** and **Lois Carinci** - our festive floral designers. Your expertise is much appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Range Cleanup for December is 12/18 at 10 am.

Rick Buckingham is the November Shotgun shell winner. Come to a membership meeting to collect your prize.

Super Bowl Party - Bill Kelly is planning another football bash for your "die hards and arm-chair quarterbacks" for Sunday January 28, 1996. It's pot luck so plan to bring a dish to share.

HUNTER SAFETY

The Chapter trained about 180 people during the three Hunter Safety courses this fall.

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

Nick Giuliano has agreed to handle mailing the Newsletter to Chapter members for 1996. Nick lives in Gaithersburg and works at David Taylor Model Basin. Nick may be calling on other Gaithersburg members to help him with the mailing.

1996 CHAPTER CALENDER is in preparation. Be sure Ari Sapir gets dates of any events that must be included in the calendar.

CHRISTMAS TREE FIELD DETAIL held on November 18 went well thanks to the following members:

Merle Needham	Donna Needham	Ray Shaver
Rick Pera	Gene Manella	Al Pressman
Robert Knight	Thelma Wood	Tommy Wood
Elizabeth Wood	George Fichter	David Fichter
John Aldridge	Phil Aldridge	John Kwan

Co-chairmen Dave Anderson, Merle Keesle and Bob Mabie.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE



This "cut your own, the old fashioned way" sale of trees and wreaths is scheduled for the weekends of Dec 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17 at Chapter grounds. Price only \$15 per tree (a few specialty trees slightly higher). Most trees are scotch and white pines, but we have a few Frazer and Douglas fir trees. All trees are grown on our own property. Volunteers needed to help sell and make wreaths (*training classes on-site*).

DNR GRANT

The Chapter has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for enhancing shooting opportunities for the public on our ranges. This money will be used to upgrade the Rifle and Pistol ranges. Phil Dean and Bill Kelly took the initiative to organize, prepare and follow through on the application and process for applying for this grant. This was an outstanding initiative on their parts - our sincere thanks and congratulations on a job well done.

SHOTGUN RANGE RENOVATION

Ed Bennett and Chuck Crooks report that drawings and plans are ready for the rewiring of our skeet and trap houses. The old wiring was seriously defective. The new wiring will carry us into the 21st Century and significantly improve our shotgun shooting ranges. A Ditch Witch or trencher is needed in spring of 1996 for installation of new wiring to the skeet and trap houses. If you own one or have access to one, contact Ed Bennett or Chuck Crooks.

IN MEMORIAM

The Wildlife Achievement Chapter wished to express its sincere condolences to the family of **Martha Powers**. Martha will be remembered for the eager willingness to volunteer and participate in club functions. Her courage and up-beat attitude was an inspiration to all of us.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

Howard Weeks, current NewsLetter Editor is looking for his replacement. After having done this job for the last year and a half, it's time for someone else to take over the reins. Ideally we need someone with strong desktop publishing skills or someone who is a good writer and has a "close" friend with desktop publishing knowledge. Call Howard at 301-924-0400 (evenings) to discuss the duties.

RECYCLE NEWS by Bob Mabie

Take your old phone books to the **Damascus Safeway lot**. Put your Christmas trees out with your blue box between Dec 27 and Jan 31st (no ornaments left on or plastic wrappers), and above all, no metal. Recycle your pine needles under pine trees - leaves and grass to your compost bins.

Additional phone book recycling at the following locations:

Gaithersburg - Public Library, 18330 Montgomery Village

Avenue, 10 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Saturday.

Germantown 7-11 in Sugarloaf Shopping Center,

9-5 Monday - Saturday.

Silver Spring Kmart at Aspen Hill,

8am to 7pm Monday-Saturday, 8am to 5pm Sundays.

Mattress Recycle at Germantown Commons Plaza,

Saturdays 10 am to 3pm.

Large Appliance Recycle at Shady Grove Truck Entrance

Monday - Saturday 7:30am to 5pm.

DECEMBER CALENDER OF EVENTS

2 Turkey Shoot 6:30 pm

5 Conservation Meeting 7:45 pm

6 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm

9 Turkey Shot 6:30 pm

16 Turkey Shoot 6:30 pm

17 Range Orientation & Cleanup 10:00 am

20 Membership Meeting and Christmas Pot Luck Dinner

23 Turkey Shoot 6:30 pm

RANGE OFFICERS

December 1995

Skeet, Trap and 5 Stand)

phone 301-253-4779

Sat 6	Wayne Sterling, Bob Sadler, Bob Woodward
Sun 7	Ed Bennett, John Corbin, Bill Wright
Sat 13	John Dyer, Tim Ouellette, Tom Ouellette
Sun 14	Bob Cooley, Donna & Merrill Needham
Sat 20	Rich Buckingham, Nancy & Weldon Humphries
Sun 21	Peter Currall, Dave Gold, Marc Grimes
Sat 27	Berle Cherney, Fred Cherney, Bill Rahn
Sun 28	Lee Slavin, Bill Marnane, Mike Merollini

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT

Co Chairman Bill Kelly reports that the November cleanup on 11/26 was highly successful and thanks the following:

Joe Gilpin	Laura Hornseth	Geoff Hornseth
Mike Heffernan	Louis Mariast	Con Heine
Chris Evrard	Dave Berg	Mike Bowen
Ray Shaver	Jim Schinner	John Schinner
Emil Albertini	Archie LeMone	Mike Aaby
Bill Gazdik	Ray Logan	Bruce Allen
Janie Allen	Kimberly Allen	Dave McNeal
Will McNeal	Phil Dean	Bill Kelly

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