



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Meeting - Wednesday March 27 (dinner meeting). Social 7:30, dinner at 8 pm.

Raffle for two Ruger 10/22 Rifles starts at March Membership meeting. Drawing will be at STC Shoot in September.

Range Orientation and Cleanup - Sunday 3/31/96, 10 am.

Board of Directors Meeting - Wed 4/3/96 at 7:30 pm.

Seneca Valley Rifle Match - Saturday April 6.

Chapter .22 Sporter Shoot - April 21.

Membership Meeting - April 24.

Wednesday Skeet & Trap starts May 1 at 5:00 pm.

Skeet & Trap Range Cleanup - starts May 1 from 10-12 am.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT

by Ray Shaver (301-926-0465)

February Cleanup - In what was probably the largest turnout ever, the following 33 people participated in the range maintenance session on February 25. In only an hour and a half, they cleaned up the ranges and cut a large swath through brush and trees at the left side of the rifle range. Thanks to all for your contribution to this highly cooperative effort:

Wayne Berkible
Michael Bowen
Maurice Butt
Noli Cabrera
R. G. Christensen
Steve Choquette
John C. Ciccone
Phillip Dean
James Fort
Bill Gazdik
Joe Gilpin

Ken Glick
Kevin Glick
Rod Grindell
Ray Halperin
Mike Heffernan
Geof Hornseth
Karl Krchma
Matt Laur
Jeff Lewis
Ray G. Logan
Dave McNeal

Will McNeal
Raymond Moy
Alan Pressman
Larry Rollins
Doug Sands
Mary Sands
Greg Schinner
Jim Schinner
John Schinner
Ray Shaver
John Walter

.22 SPORTER RIFLE "FUN SHOOT"

Sunday April 21 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The intent of this activity is to provide the opportunity for you to join with other Chapter members and their guests and shoot your .22 rimfire rifles (scopes or iron sights) at paper targets, breakable targets (i.e. balloons and clay disks), and the metal known-down targets used in the Sportsman Team Challenge matches. You will be able to see many different types of .22 rifles and perhaps "share" your rifle so you can fire another type. Those wishing to can enter into some "informal" competition shooting at both bulls eye paper targets or some of the novelty targets. We've been known to have some "turkey shoots" at \$1.00 per shooter with the winner taking half the pot.

Bring a guest and participate in this Chapter shooting event. There will be a \$5.00 donation collected for each participant (junior shooters 18 and under at no charge) to help defray the cost of targets. We can use some help at 9:30 am and 2:00 pm to set up and put away equipment and the knock-down targets. Call Phil Dean (831-9325) if you have questions or suggestions.

HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCHES

The first SVSA high-power rifle match will be held Saturday, April 6, 1996 with registration beginning at 8:00 am at the Chapter rifle range. These 50 shot national match course events are open to both WIC-IWLA members and non-members. Other matches will be held on May 4, June 8, July 7 and September 7. For more information contact Mike Gugulis (975-9591) or Phil Dean (831-9325).

March Cleanup - The next range maintenance session is scheduled for 10 AM on Sunday, March 31. We will make a final pass on the small brush which remains in the area which we have been clearing, and will rent a commercial-grade chipper/shredder to reduce our brush piles to mulch. Bring gloves for protection from the briars and hand tools for brush removal. Call Ray Shaver at 301-926-0465.

Target Backers - We go through approximately 50 sheets of 4' x 8' plywood a year for target backers. Rifle range backers are 2' x 4', and those for the pistol range are 2' x 2'. Now that the weather is improving, the backers are being shot up more quickly, especially those on the pistol range. If you have any scrap plywood (½ inch thick or greater) that can be cut into the sizes noted above, please consider donating it to the Chapter. Because the pistol range backers go so quickly, pistol shooters who care about the condition of the target backer should consider bringing their own.

Volunteers Needed - The enthusiastic support which we have received for range maintenance sessions is sincerely appreciated. Now, we would like to channel some of that support into specific, individual responsibilities for activities and projects. For example, the task of coordinating the monthly maintenance session could be assigned to a different person each month, or shared amount 4 to 6

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BEST WISHES

Long time IWLA member, **John Perry**, is currently on a recipient list for a lung transplant. Good wishes from members would make the days go a little faster for John while waiting at home for notification from the hospital. All the best for a speedy and complete recovery. Contact John at his home: 4605 Bel Pre Road, Rockville, MD 20853.

SHOTGUN RANGE OFFICERS

(Skeet, Trap and 5 Stand)

phone 301-253-4779

March 1996

Sat 2	Wayne Sterling, Bob Sadler, Bob Woodward
Sun 3	Ed Bennett, John Cobin, Bill Wright
Sat 9	Tim Ouellette, Tom Ouellette, Jim Malone
Sun 10	Bob Cooley, Donna & Merrill Needham
Sat 16	Rich Buckingham, Nancy & Weldon Humphries
Sun 23	Berle Cherney, Fred Cherney, Bill Rahn
Sun 24	Lee Slavin, Bill Marnane, Mike Merollini
Sat 30	Bill Blackstone, Paul Hancock, David Fichter
Sun 31	Paul Bluteau, Cindy Whitehurst, Mac McCollum

April 1996

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

Range Officers - It is your responsibility to find a replacement when you can't work your scheduled assignment.

Perspective New Members

(to be voted on at March Membership Meeting):

LAST, FIRST	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE	SPONSOR
Benden, Ronald D	769 Quince Orchard Blvd	Gaithersburg	MD	20878	869-5041	Glenn Lewis
Dick, Tom	24421 Club View Dr	Damascus	MD	20872	253-6843	Forrest Neal
Frace, Kip	3700 Dellabrook St	Olney	MD	20832	774-9253	John Leaman
Gillis, Stephen C	9501 Seminole St	Silver Spring	MD	20901	585-5710	Ted Hiers
Graves, Gary F	3600 Dellabrook St	Olney	MD	20832	570-4062	John Leaman
McDougle, Timothy	11210 Woodson Ave	Kensington	MD	20895	933-4549	Ed Lloyd
Shaffer, Chris	10515 Sweepstakes Rd	Damascus	MD	20872	253-4223	John Leaman
Walker, Charles A	19616 Rhinestone Dr	Germantown	MD	20874	972-4224	Dave Hammett
Williams, Larry E	17400 Monitor Dr	Olney	MD	20832	774-3265	Dave Hammett
Zombolas, John	11405 Archer Cir	Monrovia	MD	21770	831-6484	John Leaman

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".

Saturday April 13, 1996

8:30 AM to 2:30 pm

Conservation Committee Sponsors
The Woodlot Cleanup! *(and lunch)*

Meet at the Chapter House - Any Time You can Spare is Welcome

You need: Heavy gloves, work shoes, and hand tools *(if you've got 'em)*:
rakes, shovels, saws, chain saws, wheelbarrows, brush hooks, axes.

If you chose any of the following as your interests:

Conservation	Timber Management	Forestry	Save Our Streams
Woodcutters	House & Grounds	Archery	Spring Cleanup

We need you Saturday April 13, 1996. *"Many hands make light work."*

**If you use the Chapter facilities, this is a great chance to give a little back
by joining us to work on cleaning out our woodlot!**

Lunch will be served. We expect to finish by 2 pm.

Call:	Conservation Chairman	Rick Sommer	301-253-6380
	Cleanup Foreman	Bill Kelly	301-253-5009

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people, each taking responsibility for 1 to 3 months. We also need volunteers with trucks who would be willing to haul things like plywood and fertilizer once or twice a year. A specific project which could use a leader is that of repairing and replacing target holders on both ranges. Please call Ray Shaver to volunteer for any of the above or see him during the March maintenance session.

Identifying Shooters - One of the Chapter's range rules is that all members using the ranges **MUST** wear, visibly, on their person their current, valid membership card with range approval stamped on it. An observer on a recent weekend reports that very few of the shooters on the pistol range were complying with that rule, and suggests that a number of the range users may not even be members. Nobody knows all 700 to 800 members by sight. Please help to prevent the unauthorized use of our facilities by wearing your membership card in a way that it can be clearly identified when you are using the ranges.

Cleanup Day Restrictions - As an incentive to those who participate in the monthly range maintenance session, the Chapter's practice has been to close the ranges on cleanup day to everyone except the cleanup crew. Again, recent observation suggests that a number of shooters are unaware of that practice, and ignore the "ranges closed" sign on the range register cabinet. The Range Committee is looking into this problem, and expects to introduce a new procedure to uniquely identify range maintenance workers in the near future.

NEWSLETTER ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Howard Weeks, current NewsLetter Editor is looking for his replacement to handle the NewsLetter. Bob Shirley, a new IKE, has volunteered to assist with the desktop publishing duties, and to provide much needed assistance with the new bulk mail requirements and formats. **We still need someone to write the articles.** Call Howard at 301-924-0400 (evenings) to discuss the duties.