

NEWSLETTER



IWLA Wildlife Achievement
Chapter
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April - May 1996

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".

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER

Since no one has stepped forward to answer our requests to take responsibility for the Newsletter, I must assume that this Newsletter is not that important to the membership. Almost two years ago, I took this job from Joe Hamilton. Joe not only wrote the newsletter on a typewriter, he also had it printed, put on all the labels, sorted the mailing into zip codes, and handled the bulk mailings.

For almost two years now, I've attempted to improve the content and quality of our Newsletter by applying some word processing and graphics. Increased business matters require me to direct my energies to making a living, so I no longer have the time to adequately prepare a quality Newsletter. I'd still like to continue writing some articles and I'd also like to tackle other Chapter assignments which will help improve our Chapter.

Bob Shirley has agreed to format typed newsletter articles, handle the desktop publishing activities, and deliver the newsletter to the printer. This newsletter will be Bob's first attempt at producing the newsletter. Nick Guiliano continues to do an excellent job of picking up the printed newsletter, applying labels, handling the bulk mailing, and providing

printing and mailing costs to the treasurer.

However, we still need someone to write articles and provide them to Bob Shirley for formatting. Unless someone steps forward immediately, this will be your last one.

MARYLAND STATE PARKS MANAGER TO SPEAK AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday April 24, 1996

After several increasingly lean years in funding - with no end in sight - many of us fear the fine recreational facilities managed by Maryland's State Forests and Parks Service may become a thing of the past. Nobody knows for sure, but if anyone is qualified to offer an educated guess, it's Mr. Pat Heaphy, Manager of Seneca Creek, Patuxent and Monocacy State Parks. A veteran of twenty-one years to the users of Maryland public woods and waters, Pat will be our guest speaker at April's membership dinner meeting. Those Ikes who expect to continue to use our public lands for hunting, fishing, camping and hiking, or just snoozing under a shady tree by a gentle stream, are advised to attend this meeting.

Pat was a Business Administration Major who began his career with Forests and Parks Service as a construction aide at Sandy Point State Park, becoming a park ranger and assistant manager before moving on to Cedarville as assistant manager. Five years ago, following six months of intensive training in parks administration at Patapsco, Pat was assigned management responsibility for Seneca, Patuxent and Monocacy Parks. This was just about the time that austerity in public funding began in earnest. Pat learned that a responsible park manager was not only expected to spend his budget wisely, but to create his own resources

when budgets were cut and later eliminated completely. Pat has learned to make something out of nothing, a process we had better understand and support if we expect our children and grandchildren to enjoy the public woods and waters most of us take for granted.

If you haven't attended a membership meeting in some time, this is a perfect opportunity to begin again by listening to Pat Heaphy tell it like it is. Surprisingly, Pat remains upbeat about the future of our public lands for recreational purposes, so plan to attend this meeting and hear why. Perhaps you have a thing or two you'd like to tell him. Meanwhile, our "chefs de cuisine" are busy preparing the dinner meeting menu. If Pat has any bitter pills to swallow, they will go down a lot easier after a good meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Meeting - Wednesday
April 24(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, 10 am.

Board of Directors Meeting -
Wed 5/1/96 at 7:30 pm.

Seneca Valley Rifle Match -
Saturday April 6.

Chapter .22 Sporter Shoot -
April 21.

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

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

.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.

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
Fichter, 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 Slavin, Bill Marnane,
Mike Merollini

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

SMOKING

At our recent Board of Directors meeting, the Subject of Smoking was again brought up for discussion. A vast majority of our members do not now smoke. We recognize that a complete ban on smoking in our Chapter house would be unenforceable and we do not wish to alienate our fellow Ikes who still smoke ... with this sensitive subject the Board has concluded, for now, that our meetings should be smoke free and members wishing to smoke should step out into the lobby or outside for their "break" while we pursue looking into "smoke eaters". In any event, we are a mature group of men and women, and we are to show consideration for each other.

ADOPT A ROAD

On March 16 our steadfast crew of "roaders" consisting of Al Hrast and his two sons, Cole and Nicholas, plus Donna and Merrill Needham cleaned our assigned portion of Mullinix road from Route 108 to the Patuxent river. Another run will be made in mid to late summer. Al and his two sons did both sides of the road

from 108 to Long Corner Road; Merrill and Donna took Long Corner to the River. Many thanks. Let me have your phone number if you wish to help out later in the Summer. Call Bob Mabie 301-774-4122.

ANNOUNCEMENT

John Leaman has accepted the BOD appointment as Chaplain. John would like to hear from our membership with news of any fellow Ike who is sick or in distress. Thanks John, and hope to see you at our meetings....

May 1996 Range Officers

Sat 4 Wayne Sterling, David
Fichter, Bob Woodward

Sun 5 Ed Bennett, John Corbin, Bill
Wright

Sat 11 Jim Malone, Tim Ouellette,
Tom Ouellette

Sun 12 Bob Colley, Donna Needham,
Merrill Needham

Sat 18 Rich Buckingham, Nancy
Humphries, Weldon Humphries

Sun 19 Peter Currall, Dave Gold, Bob
Sadler

Sat 25 Berle Cherney, Fred Cherney,
Bill Rahn

Sun 26 Lee Slavin, Bill Marnane,
Mike Merollini

The raffle for two 10/22 rifles has begun. Tickets are for sale on Saturday and Sunday at the range house and at all membership meetings.

The rewiring on the shed and trap ranges will begin in mid-May. Anyone with access to a ditch-witch, please call Chuck Crooks at 301-831-9666 or Ed Bennett 301-253-8962.

NEW MEMBERS

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RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT

by Ray Shaver (301-926-0465)

March Cleanup - Thanks to the following persons who contributed in various ways to the monthly range maintenance activity. The accomplishments of our volunteers continue to be awesome. Beyond regular maintenance and brush clearing activities, the March effort resulted in the addition of five target holders at the 100 yard line on the rifle range, and preparing a space to accommodate two or three additional shooters at the firing line.

Henry Booth

Harvey Kaye

Tom Roberts	R. G. Christensen
Bill Kelly	Robert Ryon
Daniel J. Curtin	John Kwon
Greg Schinner	Phillip Dean
Dave McNeal	Jim Schinner
Joe Gilpin	Tom Miller J
John Schinner	Geof Hornsseth
Michael Mund	Ray Shaver
Bill Jenkins	Dorin Platt
John Walter	Lynn Jenkins
Ted Pazulski	Doug Whalen
Woody Johnson	Alan Pressman
John Whalen	

Additional Thanks - In addition to the range maintenance process, Robert Ryon and Dorin Platt also assisted with an air rifle match.

April Cleanup - The next range maintenance session is scheduled for 10 AM on Sunday, April 28. Plans include spreading granulated limestone on both ranges, painting the rifle range storage cabinet, repairing and replacing target uprights, cutting target backers, etc. Generally, the level of effort should be lighter than we have experienced during the past several months. John Kwon (301-540-1972) will coordinate the April cleanup.

More on Target Backers - Last month, I mentioned that pistol shooters who care about the condition of the target backer should consider bringing their own. A good, common sense response which I received concerning that suggestion is that you really don't need to bring a 2'x 2' piece of plywood. A piece of cardboard that size will work fine as long as there is a solid edge on the plywood backer to which it can be stapled.

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. When you hear shooting early afternoon on cleanup days, that should be the maintenance crew taking advantage of their perk. Our new policy is to close the ranges for only a 4-hour period (10 AM - 2 PM) on cleanup day, unless our projects require more time than usual. Cleanup participants will receive a pass which provides them with exclusive access to the rifle and pistol ranges until 2 PM and priority access

throughout the day. We are seeking 2 or 3 volunteers who will monitor the ranges from around noon until 2 PM on cleanup days.

Respect, Tolerance, Consideration... How much do YOU possess?

The issue of smoker's rights (or is it a privilege?) was discussed at length in a somewhat heated debate at the last Board of Directors meeting. The issue at hand was smoking in the clubhouse during the meetings. We have members who are heavy smokers that do it no matter where they are. There are other smokers who refrain during the meetings. We have other members that have medical problems or severe allergies that are very intolerant to a smoky atmosphere. A motion was made to ban all smoking in the entire clubhouse. It was voted on and defeated by 1 vote. The vote was not split by smokers and non-smokers - some votes were cast either way by each side. This showed me that most members felt that we do have am to work out, but we don't want to do it by bans, laws, or legislation - just common sense. (Maybe our friends in Annapolis should take a message from this).

Several years ago, a vote was taken and passed to ban smoking during the Membership Meetings inside of the hall. Smoking was only allowed outside or in the entrance hall. After a few months another motion was passed to allow smoking only in certain areas, namely the back tables near the exhaust fan. This was passed and is currently on the books, but we seem to have drifted away from that and people smoke anytime, anywhere during all meetings and functions. A person who smokes has the rights to put anything they want into their body. A person who does not has the same right to be free from volumes of secondary smoke. We do not have the

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SENECA VALLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Program

Seneca Valley Sporting Association (SVSA) provides .30-06 ammunition and targets for each high-power rifle match. Participants may use any high-power rifle with iron sights. Participation in SVSA activities may be used toward qualification for purchase of an M1 Garand service rifle from the Director of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM). All high-power match competitions are NRA approved. High-power participants are responsible for and must provide their own accessory equipment such as ear muffs, shooting glasses and jackets, spotting scopes, etc.

Shooting jackets, ear muffs and eye protection are provided for junior program participants who do not have their own equipment. Junior program participation may be used toward Boy Scout merit badge requirements. Junior activities are conducted using .22 caliber rifles and/or M1 carbines. Ammunition is provided by the SVSA. Special arrangements may be made for junior groups.

Participants must adhere to the range rules of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter, IWLA, and the High Power Competition Rules of the NRA.

Schedule

Junior programs (carbines and .22s) and High-power (14 years and older).

Saturday, April 6, 1996

Saturday, May 4, 1996

Saturday, June 8, 1996

Saturday, July 6, 1996

Saturday, September 7, 1996

Place and Time

IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter, Mullinix Mill Road, Damascus, Md.

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Match Fees

Seniors (age 21 and over):	\$15 -- IWLA members*
	\$20 -- non-IWLA members
Juniors (age 10-20) & Women:	No charge

Information

Mike Gugulis (301) 975-9591

Phil Dean - (301) 831-9325

*Members must have their IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter range-approved membership card at the time of registration to qualify for the reduced fee.

proper air handling equipment in the clubhouse to accommodate smoking in all areas. Until and if we do, can we show some more consideration to each other? If the smokers could be more considerate of their surroundings and step outside to light up or stay in designated areas, it would be a much more pleasant atmosphere. If you want to speak to me and must smoke while doing so, I would be glad to step outside with you. There is usually too much hot air

inside anyway - If you don't believe this, come to a Board Meeting. I would also ask the non smokers not too expect a totally smoke free building, and respect others habits. This is a private club for all members to use and enjoy. The less rules the better, with mutual respect for one another.

Joe Gick
Membership Secretary

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