

# NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 1996



## IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter

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### MUCH DONE.....MORE TO DO!

#### Conservation Committee:

Bill Kelly reports that the April 13 woodlot clean-up made an excellent start. The old range in our woods, used for years as a dump, was the focus of more than 20 volunteers under his leadership. Enough debris was removed to fill the large rolloff dumpster and more junk was cleared and made ready for removal. The Chapter plan to recycle the old range for a new air gun facility is a step closer to reality. Call Bill at 253-5009 to see how you can help.

#### Archery Committee:

John Walter, Chairman, reports progress on our archery range at the other end of the woodlot. New member, Bob Ryon, made some good safety suggestions at the May Board meeting. John is steadily working to put our range into good shape. Anyone who hunts with the bow or just enjoys target shooting in the field should call John at 301-371-7036 and arrange to get involved.

#### Skeet and Trap Committee:

Co-chairs Chuck Crooks and Ed Bennett are scheduling regular S & T range clean-ups for the FIRST SUNDAY of each month. The wiring is being worked on and the month of May will see the continuation of repairs which are necessary to make shotgun shooting possible in safe, clean and well-maintained fields. Chuck says more volunteer range officers are always welcome, but there is a critical need right now. If you shoot regularly, or are otherwise interested, talk to Chuck, Ed or Archie Cheng. Archie will soon be scheduling range officers for the summer. It's only one afternoon each month.....but it's very important work.

#### Rifle and Pistol Committee:

Ray Shaver's committee has a draft of their proposed revision of our

Range Rules for review. There will be discussion at upcoming Board and membership meetings to get these finalized and approved. Then, all members will need to have copies - remember - we all sign off on the Range Rules and agree to abide by them. It's the only way to operate safely. Ray reports that John Kwon supervised another excellent Range clean-up on April 28. Please check with Ray for the next clean-up. Usually it is on the LAST SUNDAY of the month. May has Memorial Day, so we'll have to do clean-up on May 18 instead. The JUNE clean-up will be Sunday the 29th. There are Range-related activities scheduled for May and June, so get in touch with the Range Committee and join in.

#### House and Grounds Committee:

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No, we aren't talking about Save Our Streams. We are sending an URGENT DISTRESS SIGNAL. There is an old proverb paraphrased "Too many supervisors, not enough workers". Well, our Chapter is not overflowing with workers *or* supervisors! This Committee is vital to keeping ahead of maintenance, safety, cleanliness, equipment and a lot of behind-the-scenes work that has to be done.

We desperately need: 1- a Chairperson and 2- Several willing, dedicated, able and responsible members for this important committee. Our Board of Directors is forced to devote far too much time in Board and membership meetings considering, debating and deciding things that should be getting done by the House and Grounds Committee. One of you, reading this, can do the Chapter an enormous good service by volunteering to President Sapir to Chair this Committee. Others of you, reading this, can also help us in a time of great need by stepping up and

volunteering to serve on House and Grounds. We are appealing especially to you who have been members for 3 to 8 years, who "know the ropes", who have wanted to help out, but "nobody asked". Well, we are asking now! Please call Ari at 384-1430 and volunteer.

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On the positive side, our Caretakers, Doris and Cecil Hensley, have the grounds looking nice as the mowing season begins. They deserve our thanks for their hard work and our encouragement to continue. Their work makes the Chapter more appealing to guests and to prospective members. Of course, we can all help by doing our part to keep the grounds and Chapter house clean. If you have suggestions for things that need touching up, please mention them to any member of the Board, who will pass them along to Ari, who can see that Doris and Cecil are able to schedule it. Whenever you have the time, it wouldn't hurt to thank Doris and Cecil personally. Let them know how important they are to the Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter.

#### Turkey Shoot Committee:

Chairman Ed Bennett will continue to operate the shoots through May and then decide about the rest of the Summer, or when to resume in the Fall. If you have ideas, call Ed at 253-8962 and let him know.

#### Christmas Tree Committee:

The Committee is considering the acquisition of a power trimmer. Dave Anderson and Merle Keesler are studying this vital piece of equipment. Proper trimming of trees as they grow increases their value and salability. Older trees and some hardwoods growing with our Christmas trees need to be removed. Mowing and trimming must be done this Spring and Summer. Dave reports that a very able and active crew of planters

recently put 500 new trees in the ground in just one morning. THANKS to all who helped! And, SPECIAL THANKS to Dave, who made the long round trip to Pennsylvania to bring the new trees to the Chapter. Our Christmas tree efforts are part of the conservation heritage of our Chapter, and, at year's end, the sale of the trees is a most enjoyable social occasion each weekend in early December. Oh, and the income from the sale is a welcome result of this project.

### **Recycling Committee:**

Chairman Bob Mabie continues to report a steady conversion of aluminum cans and other recyclable aluminum objects into cash for the Chapter. In the first four months of 1996, Bob's Committee is well on its way to producing its target revenue for the year. Please bring your aluminum cans to the Recycling Shed.

### **Rental Committee:**

Chairperson Georgia Townsend reports that we average about one rental per month. She suggested some improvements to our Chapter to make it more attractive to renters. The Board was asked to reconsider our policy regarding rental of the kitchen with the hall. It is being considered.

If you have an event coming up, the Chapter house might be a good place. Leave a message on the Chapter answering machine for Georgia.

### **MUCH DONE...MORE TO DO! Legislative Committee**

### **WHO DISMANTLED OUR LEGISLATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN BOARD IN THE RATHSKELLER???**

Chairman Bill Carbone and the Board of Directors are irate that someone would just take down our letters to and from legislators, our calls for letters to legislators, our listing of proposed bills, our newspaper articles and polls and other USEFUL, VALUABLE CHAPTER INFORMATION

without permission. WHERE IS OUR STUFF??? WHO DID THIS??? Reward for information is possible. This is inexcusable. Do you have the guts to own up? Call Bill or Ari at the Chapter Office. We believe that it happened between Monday April 22 and Wednesday April 24.

Not legislative, but another property announcement: A coffee maker and other property of a member "walked away" from the rathskeller sometime in April. WHAT'S GOING ON??? Folks, let's not be taking one another's belongings. Please be aware that your personal property may not be entirely safe at the Chapter. Let's work to change this sorry state of affairs.

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Did you know that Maryland is the 4th largest State Division of the Izaak Walton League? Did you know that Region VI (includes Maryland) accounts for more than 40 percent of IWLA members nationwide? Our Chapter is the 5th largest in the League, too! There are some events coming up that will highlight these facts:

### **Maryland Division Annual Meeting**

will occur June 21-23. The Talbot County Chapter will host the 1996 meeting. There will be a crab feast on Friday evening, June 21; contact is Charlie Wiles, 301-972-7480. The business meeting will be at the Chapter's nature pavillion near Trappe, MD, from 9 AM until 4 PM (with lunch) on Saturday, June 22. The Annual Awards Banquet will be at the Comfort Inn in Easton, MD, starting with a social hour at 6:30 PM. Mention the IWLA meeting for a special room rate at the Inn. On Sunday, June 23, there will be a charter fishing trip out of Tifghman Island. Contact is Jim Thomas of Harford County Chapter (There is a \$50 fee for the trip; fishing tackle is included.) If you are interested to represent the Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter at the Maryland Division meeting, contact Rick Sommer at 253-6380. We are entitled to the maximum number of delegates and alternates because we are the largest Chapter in the state.

**The 74th National Convention of the Izaak Walton League of America** is coming up July 16 to 19, in

Merrillville Indiana, near Chicago. We are also entitled to a strong delegation at this event. Contact Rick about this, too.

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### **PROSPECTIVE NEW**

**MEMBERS:** The following individuals have been recommended for membership in our Chapter by the Board of Directors:

George F. Briggs, 19406 Thomas Farm Rd, Gaithersburg MD, 253-9773, Sponsor: Mike Heffernan.

Wes Richardson, 10149 Peanut Mill Dr, Gaithersburg MD, 774-0693, Sponsor: Rick Thornly

David Guiffre, 17601 Roger Dr, Germantown MD, 428-6983, Sponsor: Glenn Lewis

Jim Shakett, 10006 Founders Way, Damascus MD, 515-0218, Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Charles Welsh, 8205 Washington Blvd, Jessup MD, 779-2143, Sponsor: Paul Hancock

David Rice, 901 Nora Dr, Silver Spring MD, 622-3133, Sponsor: Jean Calliaux

Dr. Allen Hefner, 19345 Keymar Way, Gaithersburg MD, Sponsor: BOD

John Althouse, 128 Lauren Ct, Frederick MD, 428-6067 Sponsor: Glenn Lewis

Mark Anzalone, 3728 Carrisa Lane, Olney MD, 924-7246, Sponsor: Mitch McDowell

Kevin Manning, 3718 Blueberry Dr, Monrovia MD, 831-9126, Sponsor: Merrill Needham

Thomas Gunn, 10801 Burbank Dr, Potomac MD, 299-2534, Sponsor: Alf Anderson

Teresa Williams, 427 Westside Dr, #204, Gaithersburg MD, 977-1662, Sponsor: BOD

**WELCOME TO THE WILDLIFE  
ACHIEVMENT CLUB  
CHAPTER OF THE IZAAK  
WALTON LEAGUE!** Thankyou for joining up! Bring your family and friends

and get involved.

Sign up a friend or a neighbor today! You will have another companion at the Chapter and you will help IWLA to grow at the same time. Thank you for joining or renewing your membership in the Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter!

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## LEADERSHIP NOTES:

1. Howard Weeks, our Corresponding Secretary, has resigned from his position. The Board of Directors and members want to THANK YOU, Howard, for your service to the Chapter. The main job of the Corresponding Secretary is to prepare this monthly Newsletter and to see that it is printed and distributed in a timely manner. Howard dedicated considerable time and effort to this job and under his direction, the Newsletter changed its appearance and methods of production and distribution for the better. Howard's Newsletters were attractive and easy to read. If you have writing ability and/or desktop publishing experience WE NEED YOU to step forward. We don't think we can out-do Howard, but we have to try! Please call Ari at 384-1430 and volunteer to fill the rest of Howard's term. In the meantime, please give notes and items for the Newsletter to the "emergency, temporary Newsletter Editor," Rick Sommer. You can reach me at 253-6380. Thank you.

2. The Board of Directors has decided to take a weekend day, sometime in the near future, to step back and look at where we stand as a Chapter and to do some planning for the future. This can best be done off the Chapter grounds and probably would benefit from being facilitated by someone who is not a part of the Chapter. Please contact Bill Kelly, 253-5009, or Howard Weeks, if you know of someone who is professionally qualified to lead such a function. This type of retreat should produce an evaluation of the Chapter's condition and an expression of our near- and long-term objectives. The date, venue and facilitator will be selected soon.

3. In June, President Ari Sapir will appoint the Nominating Committee who will select a slate of candidates for the 1996 election of Officers to be held this August. The slate will be announced and other nominations may be made in July. The officers elected at the August membership meeting will be installed at

the Installation and Awards Banquet in September. If you would like to help with the nominations, get in touch with Ari. Please plan to attend these important Chapter meetings, and participate with your vote.

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## SHOTGUN RANGE OFFICERS:

The following members have volunteered to serve for June:

If you can't make it, please find a replacement for your assigned duty.

Saturday 1 Wayne Sterling, David Fichter and Greg Baldwin

Sunday 2 Ed Bennett and Bill Wright

Saturday 8 Jim Malone, Tim Ouelette and Tom Ouelette

Sunday 9 Bob Colley, Donna Needham and Merrill Needham

Saturday 15 Rich Buckingham, Nancy Humphries and Weldon Humphries

Sunday 16 Peter Currall, Dave Gold and Bob Sadler

Saturday 22 Berle Cherney, Bill Rahn and Bob Woodward

Sunday 23 Lee Slavin, Bill Marnane and Mike Merollini

Saturday 29 Paul Hancock, Paul Bluteau and Cindy Whitehurst

Sunday 30 Tom Lohm, Mac McCollum and Roy Greisler

## PROGRAM NOTES:

HOW ABOUT A "BIG-TIME" THANK YOU to Bill Kelly and company for the great recent membership meetings! Especially in April! Pat Heaphy, Manager of Maryland's Seneca, Monocacy and Patuxent Parks, made a terrific presentation. Thanks, too, to Atlantic Guns of Silver Spring and Rockville, for their donation of items for doorprizes. Last but not least: Thanks to the dedicated volunteer kitchen crew who produce very good meals with plenty to go around.

Thanks Again!!!

## REMINDER:

May membership Meeting is a dinner meeting. Be there at 7 PM, May 22!!

AWARDS are coming up in September. Please give recommendations to Awards Chairperson, Georgia Townsend, soon. Each year the Chapter President calls attention to members who have shown dedication to the Chapter, done services or otherwise merit our attention and thanks. There are awards for people and organizations outside the Chapter that may be recognized for service to conservation or the Chapter, too. The top award, The Bob Lilly Award, named for an outstanding gentleman and Chapter Life Member, is the culmination of this event. Be sure to plan to attend our Awards and Installation Banquet this September.

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## NEW MEMBER ACTION!

Bob Ryon, recently sworn in, attended the May Board meeting, at which he followed up on his comments from the April membership meeting on several issues. His suggestions on the appearance of the grounds and especially on the potential value of some outreach to our neighbors to ensure continued good relationships were well-received and much appreciated by the Board....and, they are being considered seriously. Thanks, Bob!

George Briggs brings some experience from a neighboring Chapter of IWLA with a proposal for Chapter tee shirt, cap, sweat shirt and windbreaker sales. He says this other Chapter routinely offered these items at all of their Board and membership meetings and other events. The Board asked for some further research into sources and pricing. Stay tuned!....and Thanks, George!

We are sure that other new and old members have more good ideas. We need them and we need your initiative to follow through with them. One of the best ways to get involved is to select a committee and volunteer some time in an activity that you enjoy and that will benefit the Chapter. Stop by a Board meeting or a Membership meeting and see what is available.

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Remember:

**May Membership Meeting is Wednesday, May 22. This is a dinner meeting!**

**May Rifle Range Orientation and Clean-up is Sunday, May 18.**

**June Board of Directors Meeting is Wednesday, June 5.**

**June Membership Meeting is Wednesday, June 26.**

**Raffle tickets for Ruger 10/22's are still available at the Range House.**

**June Skeet and Trap Range Clean-up is Sunday, June 2.**

**Maryland State Division IWL A Annual Meeting is June 21-23.**

**National IWL A Convention in Merrillville, Indiana, is July 16-19.**

## **PERSONAL CONSERVATION TIPS:**

- Plant a tree!- -Keep your automobiles and trucks tuned up and recycle your used motor oil!- -Avoid littering!-
- Learn to compost yard waste!- -Consider point application of fertilizers and pesticides!-
- Seek ways to reduce personal and household water consumption!-

## **-BRING A NEW MEMBER TO IWL A-**

**Military Rifle Shoot....Sunday June 9....**Dust off that military rifle, grab a box of cartridges and fall in! Call Phil Dean 831-9325 for the details. There will be a donation of \$5 per shooter to cover target costs. No charge for junior shooters up to 18.

**High Power Workshop....Saturday May 25.....**Jim Schinner and Rex Williams offer a video followed by instruction, demo, and directed practice. Contact Jim at 831-6217 for details. Participants should bring their rifles and other match equipment.

\*Respectfully submitted, Rick Sommer,  
"Emergency, temporary Newsletter Editor"