

# Newsletter

IWLA Wildlife Achievement Chapter  
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## Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
8/23	Membership Meeting	6:00 pm
8/24	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
8/25	R & P Range Cleanup	10:00 am
8/25	Archery Range Work	10:30 am
8/31	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
9/1	Shotgun Range Cleanup	10:00 am
9/6	Hunter Safety Course	7:00pm
9/7	Seneca Valley Shoot	8:30 am
9/7	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
9/8	Conserv. Comm. Mtg.	8:30 am
9/13	Hunter Safety Course	
9/14	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
9/14	Hunter Safety Course	
9/14	Range Closed till	1:00pm
9/15	Black Powder Fun Shoot	10:00 am
9/21	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
9/21	Beginners Skeet Course	
9/22	Beginners Skeet Course	
9/27	Sportsman's Team Chall.	
9/28	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
9/28	Sportsman's Team Chall.	
9/29	Sportsman's Team Chall.	10:00 am

Obviously, there are numerous events scheduled over the next few months. Virtually every event needs Ike volunteers. As you read this newsletter, you will see the name and phone number of the member supervising the event. Please call him or her and offer a hand. Your help will be appreciated!!

New members are especially encouraged to support these events. It's a great way to meet members, you'll get more out of the club while having fun, and you can help fulfill your required activity obligation.

## New Members

The following new members have been accepted by the Chapter membership. Welcome new Ikes!

Ray W. Biba, Frederick, MD.  
**Sponsor:** Matt Laur

Vince Brant, Brunswick, MD.  
**Sponsor:** Matt Laur

Davis S. Brunson, Rockville, MD.  
**Sponsor:** Charles Duke

Christopher R. Cargill,  
Frederick, MD. **Sponsor:**  
Chuck Crooks

Ronald Clair, Gaithersburg,  
MD. **Sponsor:** Chris Evrard

Harold F. Gracey,  
Gaithersburg, MD. **Sponsor:**  
James Strachan

Ted L. Hadfield, Colesville,  
MD. **Sponsor:** Bill McGiffen

Christopher J. Kolanko,  
Derwood, MD. **Sponsor:** Joe  
Stubblefield

Daniel T. Longwell,  
Clarksburg, MD. **Sponsor:** Bill  
Kelly

Richard R. Marchesiello,  
Highland, MD. **Sponsor:** Bill  
Rahn

Bill Stephenson, Potomac, MD.  
**Sponsor:** John Dyer

Gary Sweeney, Gaithersburg,  
MD. **Sponsor:** Chris Evrard

Courtney Thompson, Potomac, MD.  
**Sponsor:** Mike Heffernan

Charles E. Tomasevich, Gaithersburg,  
MD. **Sponsor:** Charles Duke

## Membership Meeting Date and Time Change

The August General Membership Meeting will be held on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**. This meeting will be a cookout. A social hour will begin at 6:00 pm and dinner will begin around 7:00 pm. A fee will be charged, so there is no need to bring any food. The election of new officers will be the main item on the agenda. See you there!

## Nomination of Officers

The following persons have been nominated as Chapter officers for 1996-97. The election of new officers will be at the next General Membership meeting, which is scheduled for **Friday, August 23** (note revised time).

The nominees are:

**President:** Ari Sapir

**First President:** Georgia Townsend

**Second Vice President:** Chuck Crooks

**Third Vice President:** Ed Bennett

**Treasurer:** Nick Carone

**Membership Secretary:** Joe Gick

**Corresponding Secretary:** Wayne Berkebile

**Recording Secretary:** (None)

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Bill Carbone

**Chaplain:** John Leaman

**Parliamentarian:** Bob Mabie

**Directors to Elect:** Bill Kelly  
John Walter  
Ray Shaver

**Directors Who**

**Carry Over:** Archie Cheng  
Dave Anderson, Sr.  
Bill Rahn  
John Dyer

## Ike Items Available

George Briggs has acquired a stock of fine-looking, great-fitting, long-wearing apparel featuring the IWLA and Wildlife Achievement Chapter logo. Baseball caps and T-shirts are now available. He is also taking orders for sweatshirts and jackets, at \$20.00 and \$24.00, respectively. All merchandise is forest green with gold colored accents. Call George at (301) 253-9773 between 2:00 to 7:00 pm to order or get more details.

## Hunter Safety Course

A Hunter Safety Course will be presented at the Chapter House on September 6 (at 7:00 pm), 13, and 14. The Course will be repeated on October 18, 25, and 26. Please note the range will be closed until 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 14 and October 25 to accommodate the new hunters. Those interested in attending may call Mac McCollum at (301) 854-3707 for more information or they can just show up for the first class.

## Conservation Committee Meeting

The Conservation Committee will meet at 8:30 am on Sunday, September 8, at the Chapter House. The Committee will walk the Patuxent River from Mullinix Mill Road to Long Corner Road to determine if the Chapter should sponsor a periodic cleanup of the river.

Call Rick Sommer, at (301) 253-6380.

## Skeet and Trap Notes

Three new "Superstar" skeet/trap machines have arrived. They should be installed in September.

Pre-wiring for the Five Stand Field has been completed. The Five Stand will be out of service until the field hookups have been made. Re-opening should occur in early September.

Special thanks to **David Fichter, Merrill and Donna Needham, Bob Woodward, Kenny and "Little Kenny" Baker, Bill Wright, Ed Bennett, Archie Cheng, Mac McCollum, Rich Buckingham, and Kevin Manning.**

They suffered through 100% humidity and 2 1/2 days of August heat to complete the pre-wiring. They dug 1,300 feet of trench, placed over 400 feet of pipe, installed over 3,800 feet of cable, and installed several new building entrance fixtures. Quite an accomplishment in 2 1/2 days! We hope all shotgun shooters (especially those who used the range while these folks worked) appreciate their efforts.

We also thank **Mark Anzalone** and Capital Rentals for the generous discount on rental of the Ditch Witch.

A **Beginners Skeet Class** will be held on September 21 and 22. This is a 2 day course. A

loaner shotgun is available for those without. There is a \$2.00 registration fee. Call Chuck Crooks at (301) 831-9666.

Anyone interested in volunteering to serve as a **Skeet/Trap range officer** on a monthly or occasional basis is encouraged to call Archie Cheng at (301) 831-9738 after 5:00 pm.

**Note:** The last Wednesday shoot for 1996 is on September 18th.

## September Range Officer Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
Sun.	9/1	Archie Cheng Kevin Manning
Sat.	9/7	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Rick Buckingham
Sun.	9/8	Paul Bluteau Cindy Whitehurst
Sat.	9/14	Jim Malone Bill Rahn
Sun.	9/15	Donna Needham Merrill Needham
Sat.	9/21	Greg Baldwin David Fichter Wayne Sterling
Sun.	9/22	Peter Currall Dave Gold Bob Sadler
Sat.	9/28	Berle Cherney Bob Woodward Lewis Allnut Paul Hancock
Sun.	9/29	Mike Merollini Lee Slavin Kevin Manning Frank Welsh

## Rifle and Pistol Range Activities

**Thanks** - To John Kwon who supervised the July range cleanup and

all those who turned out to assist him; to Al Pressman for installing shelves and straightening out the contents of our storage room in the equipment shed; and to Phil Dean for spraying herbicide, removing a couple of encroaching trees, and ordering soil to build up the 50-yard impact area on the rifle range.

**August Cleanup** - The August cleanup is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sunday August 25. We will concentrate on removing brush from the right side of the rifle range and other preparations for the upcoming Sportsman Team Challenge. Bring gloves and equipment for cutting light brush. The August coordinator is Ray Shaver at (301) 926-0465.

## Range Reports

A shooting tradition as old as the sport itself is "picking up your brass" when you have completed firing. Some people using our ranges are not doing this! Please take the time to clean off the tops of firing benches; pick up empty cartridge cases, hulls, cleaning patches, and cartridge boxes; and throw the debris in the trash can when you leave the range.

One or more people have been shooting at soft drink cans on the pistol range. **Only paper targets hung on the target backstops provided are to be used on the ranges.** Also, be certain that the target holder is in line with your firing position so that the bullets impact directly into the embankment in front of you.

On Sunday, September 15, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm we will have the Chapter Black Powder Fun Shoot on the Rifle Range. There will be a donation of \$5.00 per shooter to cover the cost of targets. Bring a friend and come out to shoot your muzzle loading rifle or musket. If you would like to learn more about black powder shooting, this is your opportunity. Participants will share their knowledge and skill and show you how to get started in this exciting facet of the shooting sports. It will also be a good time to get that black powder rifle "sighted in" for the deer season. Call Phil Dean at (301) 831-9325 if you have a question or would like to help out.

## Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge

The Second Annual Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge will be held at our range from September 27-29. This competition consists of teams of three men, women, juniors, or combinations. It is essentially the same as last year's event. Events include shotgun, rifle, and pistol. They are for novice shooters all the way to serious competitors.

This year there will be over \$8,000.00 in cash and merchandise prizes, including at least five guns, to be given away. Spectators are encouraged to attend and will also have a chance to win prizes, shoot side events, and enjoy some great food. The side events will include the Solo Pistol Challenge, the Scatter-Poppers Shotgun, NRA Clays, and the Junior-Senior Air Rifle. The side events are open to all spectators and some events will have guns available for those who may not have one available. The top shooter in each side event will win a major prize.

We need volunteers to help out for the entire weekend of doings. If you need work credit for the year, this is a great way to earn it and have fun, too. To enter or get more information about the event, call Gary Montgomery at (301) 977-2770. To volunteer, call Bill Kelly at (301) 253-5009. Let's make this a successful event for the Chapter and the shooters.

## Tree Trimmers Wanted

Our Chapter sponsors a Christmas tree sale each year to help raise funds. These trees need to be trimmed and shaped to ensure they look good come the holiday season. We now have several hundred trees that need attention. Right now there is only one person doing the trimming. If you can help out, just show up at the equipment shed any Saturday around 9:00 am. Bring along some gloves, safety glasses, and a limb cutter and enjoy the scent of freshly cut pines.

## Chaplain's Note

If any member becomes aware that another member is seriously ill, the Chaplain, John Leaman, would like to know about it. He will send the patient our prayers for a speedy recovery. Similarly, John wants to know if a member recently passed away so he can send our condolences to the member's family. Call John at (301) 972-1572.

## Volunteer Needed

We are looking for someone to head up a Woodcutting Day. This person would supervise collecting and cutting wood for the woodburning stove in the Chapter House Ratskellar. This project not only helps us reduce our fuel bills, it also helps trim the dead wood out of our woodlot. To volunteer, call Ari Sapir at (301) 384-1430.

## Newsletter Inputs

If anyone wants to include information in this newsletter, please call Wayne Berkebile at (301) 253-4288.