



NEWSLETTER



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Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/13	Hunter Safety Course	7:00 pm
9/14	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
9/14	"Mini" Sportsman's Team Challenge	9:00 am
9/14	Hunter Safety Course	9:00 am
9/14	Range Closed till	1:00 pm
9/14	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
9/15	Black Powder Fun Shoot	10:00 am
9/17	Bowhunter Educ. Crs.	6:00 pm
9/19	Bowhunter Educ. Crs.	6:00 pm
9/21	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
9/21	Beginners Skeet Course	9:00 am
9/21	NRA Personal Prot. Crs.	8:00 am
9/21	Bowhunter Educ. Crs.	6:00 pm
9/21	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
9/22	NRA Personal Prot. Crs.	9:00 am
9/22	Beginners Skeet Course	9:00 am
9/22	R & P Range Cleanup	10:00 am
9/27	Membership Meeting & Director Install. Dinner	7:00 pm
9/27	Sportsman's Team Chall.	
9/28	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
9/28	Sportsman's Team Chall.	
9/28	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
9/29	Sportsman's Team Chall.	10:00 am
10/2	Board Meeting	7:30 pm
10/5	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
10/5	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
10/6	Shotgun Range Cleanup	10:00 am
10/12	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
10/12	Hunter Safety Instructor Appreciation Day	
10/12	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
10/18	Hunter Safety Crs.	7:00 pm
10/19	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
10/19	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
10/23	Membership Meeting	8:00 pm
10/25	Hunter Safety Crs.	7:00 pm
10/25	Range Closed till	1:00 pm
10/26	Tree Trimming	9:00 am
10/26	Hunter Safety Crs.	9:00 am
10/27	R & P Range Cleanup	10:00 am

A great deal of work still needs to be done on the ranges before the Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge begins on September 27. We would really like a good turn out for the **Rifle and Pistol Range Cleanup on September 22 at 10:00 am.** This event brings shooters from several states and is a major undertaking for our chapter. If you have some time free that morning, we could sure use your help!

Meeting Date and Time Change

Please note that the last newsletter had the wrong date for the September General Membership Meeting. The Editor (me) was directly responsible for this error! No Excuse, Sir!! The correct date is **Friday, September 27, at 7:00 pm.** This will be a dinner meeting so food will be served for a nominal fee. Dinner will be served around 8:00 pm. The primary purpose of this meeting is to install the newly elected Board of Directors.

Newly Elected Officers

The following persons were elected as Chapter officers for 1996-97 during the General Membership meeting on August 23:

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: David McNeil

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

New Members

The following applications for membership have been approved by the Board of Directors. Current Chapter members will have the opportunity to vote to accept these individuals as new members at the next membership meeting, on **Friday, September 27.**

Robert Cupples, Frederick, MD.
Sponsor: Daniel Longwell

Steve Dubik, Silver Spring, MD.
Sponsor: David Rice

Dan Egan, Gaithersburg, MD.
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Sam French, Rockville, MD.
Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Peter Pinkham, Silver Spring, MD.
Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

Roan Saunders, Frederick, MD.
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

opportunity to use our Rifle Range. A donation of \$5.00 per gun "sighted in" will be collected from all who use the Range these two days.

We will need some assistants on both days to ensure the event runs smoothly and safely. If you can help out during a shift (9:30 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm) on either day, please call Phil dean at (301) 831-9325.

High Power Rifle Postal Match

A High Power Rifle Postal Match is being sponsored locally. The course of fire will be the 50 round National Match Course. Scores must be submitted by **November 15, 1996**. For information or to register, call Phil Dean at the number listed above.

Archery Report

We now have four target butt positions in place along the archery trail. By the end of September, there should be a longer range target in position for all the Chuck Adams "wanna-bes." This Fall we will also be installing range marker signs and building shelters around the targets.

All bow shooters please note: Do not shoot broad-heads into the target butts. This creates a dangerous condition when we change the bales because the broad-heads stay lodged in the targets. Please bring your own foam block when you practice with broad-heads and take them with you when you've finished your practice session. Thanks!

John Walter, at (301) 371-7036, can answer any questions you may have about the Archery Ranges.

NRA Personal Protection Course

The NRA Personal Protection Course will be given at the Chapter House on **Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22**. The Saturday class begins at 8:00 am and the Sunday class begins at 9:00 am. Students must attend both classroom sessions. The first day covers handgun basics, safety, and principles of marksmanship. The second day covers legal considerations and range practice.

If you or any one you may know is interested in this course, you may call Pete Currall at (301) 253-6532 for more information.

New Maryland Gun Law Meeting

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the IWLA will host a meeting to learn about the new Maryland gun law. Sergeant Bernie Shaw of the Maryland State Police will discuss the law's requirements. Please note that this meeting is not a forum for debating the pros and cons of the new law-- it is for our information only. It would behoove us to present the best possible image by listening politely, dressing tastefully (cammies and "Go Ahead-Make My Day" T-shirts are probably a bad idea), and asking questions in a courteous manner. The meeting will be held on **September 26 at 7:00-9:30 pm** at the BCC Chapter House on Riffle Ford Road near Germantown, MD. Maps to the BCC Chapter House are available in the Rathskeller and near the firing ranges. Call Bill Carbone at (301) 774-5339 for more information.

IWLA Maryland Division Meeting

The Maryland Division of the IWLA will meet on **Sunday, September 24**, at the Harford County Chapter. If you would like to attend this meeting, call Rick Sommer at (301) 253-6380 for directions and help represent our chapter.

Chaplain's Note

If any member knows of another member who is seriously ill, our Chaplain, John Leaman, would like to know. He will send the patient our prayers for a speedy recovery. Similarly, John wants to know when a member passes away so he can send our condolences to the surviving family. Call John at (301) 972-1572.

Editor's Column

I like to read American frontier history, especially first hand accounts by people who were active on the frontier during the 1740 to 1840 period. I often see passages that I find interesting. I thought I'd share some of these passages in this newsletter when space is available.

For this first effort, I chose a diary entry made by John Heckewelder, a Moravian missionary to the Delaware and Shawnee Indians in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the Old Northwest. On August 18, 1792, Reverend Heckewelder visited a Shawnee village in Indiana. The Great Seal of the United States had just been adopted. The Great Seal was shown to a group of Shawnees and its symbolism explained to them by Judge Symmes, a trader along the Ohio River. This is the Indian response:

"Well," said a Shawano captain, "let me give my interpretation. Perhaps, according to the picture, it will come closer to the truth than yours. You tell me," said he, "that every power has its own coat-of-arms & that this is a good and useful thing. You have told me much about the peaceful intentions of the United States towards the Indians, & show me this picture as evidence! If the United States were such lovers of peace as you describe them to be, they would have chosen for their coat-of-arms something more appropriate as an expression of it. There are, for instance, many agreeable and harmless birds. There is the dove, which would not harm the smallest creature-- But what is the eagle? He is the largest of all birds! He is the enemy of all birds! He is proud, because he is conscious of his size & strength! On a tree, as well as in flight, he shows his pride, & looks down in scorn upon all the birds. His head, his eyes, his beak & his long crooked talons declare his strength & hostility! Now this bird, which is terrible enough in itself, you have depicted as even more dreadful and frightful. You have not only put one of the instruments of war, a bundle of arrows, into one of his hands (claws),

Ike Items Available

George Briggs still has some baseball hats and T-shirts available with IWLA and Wildlife Achievement Chapter logos printed on them. These items have been very popular and sales have been brisk. It is a proven fact that wearing these items causes shooters to fire more "Xs," fishermen to catch bigger bass, and hunters to bag more game. Better get a hat or shirt before all the Xs are shot, the bass are gone, and game is scarce!! George has already submitted his first order for sweatshirts and jackets; however, he can submit another order if you would like to buy these items. Sweatshirts and jackets are priced at \$20.00 and \$24.00, respectively. XXL and XXXL sizes are slightly more expensive. 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.

Skeet and Trap Notes

The monthly Skeet and Trap Range cleanup is held on the first Sunday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. New members can count the cleanup as one of the required activities for membership renewal. **Next cleanup is October 6.**

Any member interested in becoming a monthly or occasional volunteer as a Skeet/Trap Range Officer please contact Archie Cheng on (301) 831-9738 after 5:00 pm.

Thanks to the following members for assisting with the installation of our new skeet/trap machines and the relocation of four other machines: **Jim Malone, Bill Wright, Joel Gross, Kevin Manning, Archie Cheng, Rick Buckingham, Ed Bennett, Bill Rahn, and our caretaker, Cecil Hensley.**

All our fields are now operational! We have the newer style "Super Star" machines on Skeet Fields 3 and 4 and Trap Field 2. All field wiring is complete and we have new shingles on all skeet house roofs.

October Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
Sat.	10/5	Nancy Humphries Weld. Humphries Rich Buckingham
Sun.	10/6	Paul Bluteau Cindy Whitehurst
Sat.	10/12	Lewis Alinutt Bill Rahn
Sun.	10/13	Donna Needham Merrill Needham Frank Welsh
Sat.	10/19	David Fichter Wayne Sterling Andy Shankman
Sun.	10/20	Peter Currall Dave Gold Bob Sadler
Sat.	10/26	Berle Cherney Bob Woodward
Sun.	10/27	Mike Merollini Lee Stavin Kevin Manning

Rifle and Pistol Range Report

August Cleanup - Twelve of us turned out for the range maintenance session on August 25. We are getting ready for the upcoming Sportsman's Team Challenge (STC), Bill Kelly directed an ambitious effort to remove several trees and considerable brush from the right side of the rifle range. Much of Bill's objective was achieved, but there is still an awful lot left to do. Participants included **Wayne and Kurt Berkebile, George Caperones, Ralph Garruto, Dave Hammett, Bill Kelly, Tom Klos, Terry and Kevin McCoy, Jim Schinner, Ray Shaver, and John Walter.** Thanks to all!

September Cleanup - Because of the STC, range maintenance will take place a week earlier than usual in September, specifically **Sunday, September 22**, to tie up loose ends for the STC. Alan Pressman (301-

949-2029) is scheduled to coordinate the work. Plan to meet at 10 a.m. at the equipment shed. We may still have some tree stumps and brush to cut, so bring your chain saw if you have one.

Deer Hunter Qualification - The lucky group who win a chance to participate in this winter's deer hunt in several Montgomery County regional parks will be required to qualify with their slug guns at 40 yards. At least one qualification site will be our rifle range. The qualifications will take place on **Sunday, November 17**. We need six or more volunteers (the more the better) to serve as range officers for that event which will probably run from around 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. To volunteer, please contact Ray Shaver (301-926-0465) or Phil Dean (301-831-9325). Please note that the rifle and pistol ranges will be closed to our members during the qualification process on November 17, but the Chapter will be reimbursed for our services.

Plan Ahead to Avoid

Disappointment - Early fall is a busy period as we support such activities as the hunter safety classes, sight-in days, and deer hunter qualification. Range closings for such activities are listed in the *1996 Calendar of Events* which is amended through newsletter notices. It's prudent to take a look at the schedules in those documents before starting out to the range on a fall weekend. Copies of the *Calendar of Events* are available in the basement of the chapter house, and we know you keep current through careful reading of each month's newsletter -- right?

Sighting In Days

The Chapter's annual "sighting In Days" will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3**, at the Rifle Range from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. These two days are reserved for "sighting in" rifles and slug shotguns by both members and non-members. This event will be advertised in the newspapers and at local gun stores to inform non-Chapter members of the

& rods in the other, but have painted him in the most fearful guise, & in posture of attack upon his prey. Now tell me," he continued, "have I not spoken the truth?"

This passage was quoted from The Travels of John Heckwelder in Frontier America, by Paul A. W.

Wallace, Editor, University of Pittsburgh Press, 1958, p. 275.