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Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter

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Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
8/22	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
8/23	NRA Basic Pistol Class	9:00 am
8/24	NRA Basic Pistol Class	9:00 am
8/24	Range Orientation	10:00 am
8/24	R & P Range Maint.	10:00 am
8/24	Archery Range Maint.	10:00 am
8/27	Membership Meeting & Election of Officers	7:30 pm
8/29	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
9/3	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
9/5	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
9/6	Seneca Valley Match	8:00 am
9/6	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
9/7	Shotgun Range Maint.	10:00 am
9/11	Conservation Comm. Mtg.	7:30 pm
9/12	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
9/12	Hunter Safety (1st session)	7:00 pm
9/13	Air Rifle Field Shoot	9:00 am
9/13	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
9/19	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
9/19	Hunter Safety (2nd session)	7:00 pm
9/20	Hunter Safety (3rd session)	9:00 am
9/20	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
9/26	Membership Meeting & Installation of Officers	7:30 pm
9/27	Black Powder Shoot	9:00 am
9/27	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
9/28	Range Orientation	10:00 am
9/28	R & P Range Maint.	10:00 am
9/28	Archery Range Maint.	10:00 am

Hunter Safety Course

The Hunter Safety Course will be presented on **September 12, 19, and 20**. All three sessions must be completed. The first session, on September 12, begins at 7:00 pm in the Chapter House. No pre-registration is required, students can register at the first session.

General Membership Meetings

The August membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 27, 1997**. This meeting will feature the election of officers. We have several positions with more than one candidate, so please come out and cast your vote. **Phil and Mary Ann Goodall**, from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will talk on the present status of the Bay and efforts to protect it. Social hour is at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

The September membership meeting will take place on **Friday, September 26**. This is the installation dinner for officers elected during the August membership meeting. This is a free dinner for all attendees. We will not have a guest speaker because installation activities will consume most of the time available. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm and the dinner starts at 7:00 pm.

New Members

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

Daniel Curtiss, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: **W. S. Garber**

Jeff Gorton, Kensington, MD.
Sponsor: **Mike Heffernan**

John Haczewski, Olney, MD.
Sponsor: **John McCormick**

Matthew Hillard, Frederick, MD
Sponsor: **W. S. Garber**

D. Andrew Hulse, Sandy Spring, MD
Sponsor: **Joe Gick**

Dave Quill, Highland, MD.
Sponsor: **Mac McCollum**

Carlos Silva, Gaithersburg, MD.
Sponsor: **Jorge Silva**

Nomination of Officers

The following persons are the final nominees for Chapter officers for 1997-98. The election of new officers will be at the August membership meeting, **Wednesday, August 27**.

The final nominees are:

President: Georgia Townsend
First President: Chuck Crooks
Second Vice President: Ed Bennett
Third Vice President: Bill Kelly
Treasurer (vote for one):

Nick Carone
Mac McCollum

Membership Secretary: Joe Gick
Corresp. Secretary: Wayne Berkebile
Recording Secretary: David McNeal
Sergeant-At-Arms: Larry Rollins
Chaplain: John Leaman
Parliamentarian: Bob Mabie
Directors to Elect (vote for four):

Paul Bluteau
Ted Hiers
Bill Jenkins, Jr.
John Kwon
Jorge Silva

Directors Who Carry Over:
Bill Kelly
John Walter
Ray Shaver

September Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	9/6	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries
Sun.	9/7	Paul Bluteau Cindy Whitehurst Scott Garber
Sat.	9/13	Lewis Allnutt Bill Rahn
Sun.	9/14	Donna Needham Merrill Needham Kevin Manning
Sat.	9/20	David Fichter Rich Buckingham
Sun.	9/21	Peter Currall Dave Gold Greg Baldwin
Sat.	9/27	Berle Cherney Paul Hancock
Sun.	9/28	Mike Merollini Lee Slavin Kevin Manning

Skeet and Trap Notes

Kevin Manning graciously volunteered to handle scheduling of shotgun range officers. Kevin is looking for a few dedicated members to assist with range officer duty. Please call him at (301) 831-9126 for information on joining this team.

Preparation is under way for painting the skeet houses and range house. Thanks to the following members for their prep work: **Kevin Manning, Paul Bluteau, Mike Boring, Lee Slavin, Bill Wright, Scott Garber, Ed Lloyd, and Conley Phipps.** Thanks also to **Kevin Manning and Mike Merollini** for helping install new barrier fences on the skeet field.

(You may have noticed the same folks are recognized month after month for their work on the shotgun ranges. This month several new names are appearing in the "thank you" sections. We would like to see even more new names in future newsletters!)

REMINDER: During the Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge (CTSTC) on October 4 and 5, only one skeet field will be open to Chapter members. All other fields will be in use by STC competitors. During that time, each skeet round will cost \$5.00 per

shooter for all shooters. Each round will also get you a ticket for the stainless Ruger 10/22 rifle being raffled off that weekend.

NOTICE: Effective October 1, 1997, hearing and eye protection must be worn when using the shotgun ranges.

Rifle and Pistol Range Report

Ten lkes and a daughter participated in the range maintenance session on July 27. For the first time in months, we didn't dig, build, or tear down anything major. Instead, we concentrated on basic maintenance like cutting brush out of sight lines on the rifle range, adding earth to the 50-yard berm, policing the ranges, repairing target holders, cutting plywood backers, and spraying range peripheries to hold back the growth of weeds and brush. Our spraying maestro, **Tom Roberts**, also sprayed both sides of the range road to help keep it clear. In addition to Tom, the workers included **Ray Shaver, Herbert Israel, Geoff & Lyra Hornseth, Harold Gracey, Bill Kelly, John Snow, Ed Hogan, Bill McKinney, and Bob Shirley.** Thanks to all!

Thanks also to the anonymous donor of plywood for target backers and to **Bob Woodward** for making four new pistol range target stands. We've put the new target stands in storage for a while, since the old ones are holding up pretty well.

Speaking of target stands, **Ray Shaver** received no responses to his query in the May-June issue concerning the introduction of a shotgun patterning board on the rifle range. Presumably, nobody objects. Consequently, we will modify the range rules to permit the patterning of shotguns on that range. Work is underway on a movable patterning board.

Again this November, our rifle range will be used to qualify persons selected via lottery to harvest deer in local parks. This is one of the Chapter's public service activities, and is a good cooperative effort with Maryland DNR and park personnel. It is also labor intensive, requiring at least 12 people to run the range, and others to park cars, brief participants, staff safety checkpoints, etc. If you would like to help, please mark **November 16** on your calendar now, and watch for further information in upcoming newsletters. **Ray Shaver** will be coordinating the event.

Black Powder Shoot

The Chapter Black Powder Shoot is on **Saturday, September 27.** This is a fun shoot with novelty targets. Come out and join our dedicated black powder shooters. There will be a charge of \$5.00 to defray the costs of the targets.

Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge Press Release

The Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge (CTSTC) will be held **October 3-5, 1997** on our Chapter ranges. This will be a weekend with fun for all. The CTSTC is a three person team competition which tests the ability of shooters in rifle, pistol, and shotgun using a variety of steel and clay targets. Six different matches are shot over the weekend. These include the shotgun Flush, Flurry, and Mixed Bag contests, which are shot in a Sporting Clays/Five Stand configuration. Then there is the Pistol event, run in a relay race format; the Rifle match with 46 falling steel plates at various distances; and the Combo, a combination of two pistol shooters and one rifle shooter. The CTSTC is designed for everyone from the novice shooter to the serious competitor. It is fast and furious... and a tremendous spectator event, too!

This year there will be six side events in addition to the regular team competition. Everyone is eligible to compete in the side events. The Solo Pistol Competition is an individual version of the three person team event. The shooter knocking down the most steel plates in the shortest time wins. New this year is the Solo Rifle Challenge. To win this event, the shooter must knock down the most steel targets (40 possible), set up at 50 yards, in the fastest time. The Scatter-Poppers event was very popular last year and will be repeated this year. Scatter-Poppers requires the shooter to hit a combination of steel and clay targets with a shotgun, with the lowest overall time winning. But, this year there is a second version, called Double-Trouble, which is even more challenging! Double-Trouble involves a tougher combination and the shooter must reload his/her shotgun for a second set of targets, all with the clock ticking. There will be an Air Rifle side match for junior shooters in two different age classes. The top shooter in each class, firing the best score on a 10 meter target, will win this event. The final side event will be a Five Stand, 25 bird shotgun match. This event will be fired on a scripted course on Shotgun Field One. Firearms will be available for contestants to use in these side events: Solo Pistol, Solo Rifle, Scatter-Poppers, Double-Trouble, and Air Rifle. All the contestant needs to buy is their ammunition and they must have eye protection. Ear plugs will be available for anyone who needs them.

Like last year, there will be over \$10,000 in cash and prizes for team competitors and side event shooters. There will be major prizes for the winner and runner-up of each side event (usually a gun and scope or equivalent). Airgun accessories will be awarded to many junior competitors. There will also be a general raffle with wonderful prizes. Last year, a Smith & Wesson handgun was won in the general raffle. This year, a firearm will be the top prize but other great prizes will be awarded too. You don't have to shoot to win a raffle prize, but you must buy a ticket. Tickets can be purchased throughout the weekend. Food will be available on Saturday and Sunday. Ember, anyone helping out with the many tasks associated with this event receives a free raffle ticket and an invitation to the barbecue dinner on Saturday evening. Also, by helping out with this event you assist our Chapter in general, help us raise needed funds,

and for new members, earn credits for membership renewal. The Chapter earns revenues from food and clay target sales. The CTSTC also generates positive publicity for the shooting sports and helps us recruit new members.

So come on out, make the clay birds fly and steel plates clang, and enjoy a great weekend of food and shooting fun!!

Contact **Bill Kelly**, at (301) 253-5009, for information or to volunteer.

Airgun Program

The Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show we sponsored on August 9 was an unqualified success! Dealer participation and spectator attendance surpassed expected levels. Twenty dealers, specializing in both antique and modern airguns and equipment, outfitted 35 tables. More than 200 airgun enthusiasts attended the one day show. Two outdoor airgun ranges were operated to allow participants to test guns they were interested in buying and try out several unique airguns. An indoors chronograph range enabled the technically inclined to determine the velocity and consistency of different air rifles and pistols.

There were many favorable comments from visitors (many of them Ikes from other chapters) about our excellent grounds, extensive activities, and superb food.

Proceeds from this show will be used to purchase additional airgun field and metal action targets.

A special "thank you" is extended to: **Ed Burrows, Phil Dean, Edith and Tom Gaylord, John Grady, Joe Gilpin, Karl Krehma, Chris and Wayne Laptosh, Jim Piatetski, Wes Richardson, Bob Ryon, Singson Tiu, Georgia Townsend, and Chuck Watson.**

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshop

Each year the MD Department of Natural Resources sponsors a series of outdoor seminars especially for women. These seminars are organized into a weekend workshop called "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman." Two workshops are planned in 1997. The first will be the weekend of **August 22-24** at the Western Maryland 4H Center in Swanton (Garrett County), MD. The second session will be the weekend of **September 19-21** in Cecil County, MD. A variety of outdoors skills, including hiking, fishing, cooking, tracking, survival, photography, canoeing, etc. will be covered.

The cost for attending a weekend is \$165, including lodging and meals, if paid before August 8. Thereafter, the cost goes up \$30. To register or get additional information, call **Alice Harrison**, at (410) 974-3545, in Annapolis, MD. Register early as enrollment is limited to 100!

Deer Management Workshop

There will be a Deer Management Workshop on **Monday, October 27, 1997**, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, at the University of MD in College Park. This workshop is to better understand the problems and benefits of having deer in MD. Participants will assess the consequences of the growing deer population, such as agricultural damage, public health and safety issues, and the impacts on the state's ecosystem. Participants will also analyze the pros and cons of policy alternatives, drawing upon the experiences of communities already implementing deer management programs. We need IWLA members present to represent conservationists and hunters. Participants must register by October 8. If you can attend, please call **Bill Kelly**, at (301) 253-5009 for more information.

Friends of NRA Banquet and Auction

The Frederick County Friends of NRA is holding its first banquet and auction at the Elks Club in Frederick, MD, on **Friday, September 19, 1997**. Cocktail Hour begins at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:30 pm. A variety of items will be on hand for door prizes, the raffle, and auction. Tickets are \$25 for NRA members and \$20 for non-member spouses. To get to the Elks Club from I-270 or I-70 West, take US Route 15 North to US Route 40 West (Patrick Street). Take US Route 40 West through the commercial district to

Willowdale Drive and turn right. To get there from Western Maryland, take I-70 East to exit 48 (US Route 40). Go

past the Fredericktowne Mall and turn left onto Willowdale Drive. The Elks Club is at the end of Willowdale Drive on the left. For tickets, information, or directions, call Mike Dunn at (301) 663-3584, or **Randy Rolls**, at (301) 695-7410.

Thank You

Bob Mabie asked me to pass along our sincere thanks to **Paul and Maggie Davis and Merle and**

Donna Needham for cleaning up Mullinix Mill Road as part of our Adopt-A-Road program. These folks worked through the sweltering August heat to fulfill our commitment. Thanks folks!

Also, I want to thank **Nick Giuliano** for all his work in mailing the newsletter. Nick does an excellent job in sorting and bundling the newsletters and then delivering them to the Shady Grove post office. He does this every month and I want to acknowledge his outstanding support. Nick, thanks for making my job a lot easier!!