



# NEWSLETTER



Izaak Walton League of America

Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter

October-November 97 Issue

P.O. Box 118, Damascus, MD 20872

(301) 253-2384

Editor: Wayne Berkebile

(301) 253-4288

## Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
10/17	Hunter Safety (1st session)	7:00 pm
10/18	Air Rifle Field Trgt Mtch.	9:00 am
10/18	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
10/20	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
10/22	Membership Meeting	7:30 pm
10/24	Hunter Safety (2nd session)	7:00 pm
10/25	Hunter Safety (3rd session)	9:00 am
10/25	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
10/26	Range Orientation	10:00 am
10/26	R & P Range Maint.	10:00 am
10/26	Archery Range Maint.	10:00 am
10/28	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
11/1	Adopt-A-Road	9:00 am
11/1	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
11/2	Shotgun Range Maint.	10:00 am
11/3	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
11/5	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
11/8	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
11/10	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
11/13	Conservation Comm. Mtg.	7:30 pm
11/14	Hunter Safety (1st session)	7:00 pm
11/15	Air Rifle Field Tgt. Match	9:00 am
11/15	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
11/17	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
11/19	Membership Meeting	7:30 pm
11/21	Hunter Safety (2nd session)	7:00 pm
11/22	Hunter Safety (3rd session)	9:00 am
11/20	Turkey Shoot	6:30 pm
11/24	Airgun Shoot	7:00 pm
11/30	Range Orientation	10:00 am
11/30	R & P Range Maint.	10:00 am
11/30	Archery Range Maint.	10:00 am

## Hunter Safety Course

The Hunter Safety Course will be presented on **October 17, 24, and 25**. All three sessions must be completed. The October 17 session begins at 7:00 pm in the Chapter House. No pre-registration is required, students can register at the first session. The course will be repeated on **November 14, 21, and 22**.

## General Membership Meetings

The October membership meeting is on **Wednesday, October 22**. This is a dinner meeting. The menu features barbecue beef, potatoes, beans, salad, and dessert. Our guest speaker will be **Richard Gick**, who will discuss the carving of ducks and decoys. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm and the dinner starts at 7:30 pm. Cost will be \$7.00.

The November membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 19**. We have invited **Richard Clark**, who is a vexillologist, as our guest speaker. Everyone, but me, probably knows a vexillologist is an expert on flags and their origins. Mr. Clark will concentrate on the history and meaning of various Maryland and area flags and display parts of his collection. Dinner will feature traditional Thanksgiving fare. Social hour is at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Cost will be \$7.00. Please note that, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our November meeting has been moved up a week. It will be impossible to get the November newsletter printed and distributed before the meeting. Keep this newsletter handy for particulars on the November meeting.

## New Members

The following applications for membership have been approved by the Board of Directors. Chapter members can vote to accept these individuals as new members at the next membership meeting, **Wednesday, October 22**.

John Bloodgood, Mt. Airy, MD  
Sponsor: **Georgia Townsend**

Arthur Bouwman, Clarksburg, MD.  
Sponsor: **Bruce Barr**

Billy Cooch, Woodbine, MD.  
Sponsor: **John Zombolas**

William Douwes, Thurmont, MD.  
Sponsor: **Weldon Humphries**

Arthur Edwards, Silver Spring, MD.  
Sponsor: **Mike Heffernan**

Alison and Mitchell Goldenberg,  
Gaithersburg, MD  
Sponsor: **Ed Burrows**

Scott Ippolito, Germantown, MD  
Sponsor: **Bill Schneider**

Stephen Kaufman, Damascus, MD  
Sponsor: **Jeff Widemann**

Robert McConnell, Mt. Airy, MD.  
Sponsor: **Georgia Townsend**

## Adopt-A-Road

The next Adopt-A-Road cleanup will be on Saturday, November 1 at 9:00 AM. Meet at the Equipment Shed. It takes about 1 hour 45 minutes to complete our adopted section of road.

## Christmas Tree Sales

Please buy your Christmas tree from us this year! All trees (Scotch Pines and a few Firs) are \$15.00. Wreaths will also be available at less cost. Trees will be on sale **December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21, 1997**.

## Officer Phone Numbers

Following are the phone numbers of our newly installed officers. You may phone us at any time to discuss Chapter matters!

**President:** Georgia Townsend, 588-8335  
**1st President:** Chuck Crooks, 831-9666  
**2nd Vice President:** Ed Bennett, 330-4522  
**3rd Vice President:** Bill Kelly, 253-5009  
**Treasurer:** Nick Carone, 564-1007  
**Mem. Secretary:** Joe Gick, 774-9399  
**Corresp. Scrt'y:** Wayne Berkebile, 253-4288  
**Recding Secrty:** David McNeal, 774-6401  
**Sgt-At-Arms:** John Kwon, 540-1972  
**Chaplain:** John Leaman, 972-1572  
**Parliamentarian:** Bob Mabie, 774-4122  
**Directors:** Paul Bluteau, 916-8923  
Ted Hiers (304) 728-8668  
Bill Jenkins, Jr., 929-9244  
Jorge Silva, 258-0377  
Mac McCollum, 854-3707  
**Directors Who Carry Over:**  
John Walter, 371-7036  
Ray Shaver, 926-0465  
**President Ex Officio:** Ari Sapir, 384-1430

All phone numbers are Area Code 301, except for Ted Hiers, who is in Area Code 304.

## November Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	11/1	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Rich Buckingham
Sun.	11/2	Paul Bluteau Cindy Whitehurst Scott Garber
Sat.	11/8	Lewis Allnutt Bill Rahn
Sun.	11/9	Donna Needham Merrill Needham
Sat.	11/15	Archie Cheng Burt Mullineaux
Sun.	11/16	Peter Currall Dave Gold Greg Baldwin
Sat.	11/22	Berle Cherney Wayne Sterling
Sun.	11/23	Lee Slavin Mike Boring
Sat.	11/29	Kevin Manning
Sun.	11/30	Mike Merollini Kevin Manning

## Skeet and Trap Notes

A sincere "THANK YOU" goes out to **Kevin Manning** and his merry band of workers for making the skeet houses look good for the Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge (CTSTC). The fields looked great, especially since only a handful of workers were available for all the painting and fix up projects. The next hurdle is to paint the range house this Spring. Hopefully, with this much notice, additional members will be able to help Kevin.

The raffle of the Ruger 10/22 was won by Ray Howell, who is not a formal Chapter member, but he regularly shoots at the shotgun range on Wednesday nights.

The Wednesday night Shotgun Shoots are now over for this year.

**REMEMBER:** Hearing and eye protection must now be worn when using the shotgun ranges.

## Rifle and Pistol Range Report

Thanks to the following Ikes for participating in the September 28 maintenance session: **Walter Frear, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Larry Harmon, John Skillings, Alan Pressman, Timothy Trout, Robert Panico, Mark Kossian, Jim Arnold, Tom Roberts, Harvey Kaye, and Ray Shaver.**

The **October** rifle and pistol range maintenance will be at 10 am on **Sunday, October 26.** Depending on the number of volunteers, projects may include building a platform in our new storage unit, repairing the pistol range storage shelf which collapsed during the CTSTC, and cutting down several large trees to extend the rifle range firing line. Carpentry equipment and chain saws will be helpful. Please meet at the equipment shed.

So far, we have 12 volunteers to run the range and perform other functions in qualifying prospective deer hunters on **Sunday, November 16.** To do the job right, we need at least three more people; but, six would be better. No special qualifications are required other than a knowledge of range safety. If you can help all or part of the day on November 16, please see **Ray Shaver** or call him on 301-926-0465.

On September 3, the Board of Directors approved a modification to the Chapter's **Range Rules and Regulations.** To accommodate shotgun patterning on the rifle range. Item 4 under **FIREARMS** has been replaced with the following:

**"4. Shotguns are permitted on the rifle range subject to the following conditions: Those firing single projectile ammunition shall use the target frames provided for rifles, and those firing shot shells shall use the target frame specifically provided for shotgun patterning."**

Thanks to **Bill Rahn** and **Charlie Weaver** for building a shotgun patterning board for use on the rifle range; also to **Ernie Clifford, John Clifford, and Lee Slavin** for helping to install it. The patterning board is ready for use at the far right side of the rifle range. Please don't move it, except forward and backward to change the distance; forty yards tends to be the appropriate distance for patterning hunting loads. Also, **PLEASE DON'T SHOOT THE PATTERNING BOARD WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN SHOT SHELLS.** During September, we observed a number of holes from slugs in the patterning board, while a rifle target backer was completely destroyed with shot. Please think before you shoot!

The Chapter's steel targets were heavily damaged during the CTSTC. Many need repairs, and in doing so, we probably need to simplify their design to minimize future damage. If some of the welders among us are willing to donate their talents and time, we have

funds to pay for materials. Call **Ray Shaver** on 301-926-0465.

**CANCELLATION:** The chapter Sight-In Day originally scheduled on November 1 has been **cancelled** because of low attendance over the past two years.

Sometime during the next few months, we will consider having regularly scheduled Chapter cowboy action shooting events. Some members are already participating in this popular, low key shooting sport. We plan to provide information about it for others who may be interested. The first step, will be the showing of a cowboy action shoot video in the Rathskeller following the **October 22** membership meeting. Whether you are pro, con, or neutral on cowboy action shooting, please join us in learning more about it.

## Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge (CTSTC)

The CTSTC was a great success again this year! Thirty teams, from as far away as Massachusetts, participated this year.

We had an excellent turn out of volunteers and things went quite smoothly, thanks primarily to the dedication, hard work, and organizational ability of **Bill Kelly**. Following are the names of members who assisted. We tried hard to identify everyone who helped, but we may have missed someone in the rush of things. If so, please accept our apologies.

"Thank you very much" to: **Mark Bjishkian, Kris Stroud, Gary Montgomery, Tom Eichling, Chris Hagewski, Rusty Merriam, Frank Markus, John Haczewski, Cindy Whitehurst, Paul Bluteau, Kevin Manning, Mike Queen, Chris Holler, Chuck Davis, Joe Seppy, Bob Cumberland, Joe Tarr, Bill and Lynn Jenkins, Fred Bobila, Ed Burrows, Jim Peteski, Sing Song, Ray Shaver, Scott Garber, Bob Griffin, Tom Mills, Richard Phelan, Jeff Gorton, John Leaman, Mac McCollum, Chuck Crooks, Ed Bennett, Bob Woodward, Jerry Neal, Jack Roberts, Jim Schinner, Jim Schinner, Jr., Dave McNeal, Matt Hillard, Kurt and Wayne Berkebile, Dave Quill, Ray Logan, Jerry, Becky and Ben Neal, Robin Moore, Georgia Townsend, Naomi and Ari Sapir,**

**Mac McCollum, John Walter, Joe Carinci, Nick Carone, Joe Gick, Con Heine, Tom Mills, Mike Boring, Greg Baldwin, Erik Costa, and Herb Israel.**

## President's Remarks

**Georgia Townsend**, our new Chapter President, outlined her plans for the next year at our September membership meeting. Since many members couldn't attend the meeting, I thought it would be worthwhile to summarize her speech.

Georgia said: "...during the coming year, I would like to focus on revitalizing our conservation and youth activities efforts. The Izaak Walton League goals, which are stated in our pledge, are conservation goals. The national organization has an excellent Save Our Streams program which I would like us to undertake more actively. Along with this is education and training, not only of adults, but of the youth of our community. I hope to see a renewed youth air rifle program. Involving youngsters in our conservation activities can be an important part of *their* future as well as ours... All of our future activities, and our success, depends on people-- all of us working together."

## Stream Cleanup

A local woman, Meagan Rosewag, has organized a cleanup of Ten Mile Creek, which feeds into the lake at Black Hills Park, near Boyds and Germantown, MD. Meagan has asked us to help her clean up the mess along the stream on **Saturday, October 25**. If you can spare some time for this worthwhile cause, meet Meagan and other Chapter members on October 25, between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm at the point where Ten Mile Creek crosses Hoyles Mill Road. For more information, call Meagan at 301-972-0451.

## Membership Application Policies

Over the years, our policies have changed on how prospective members apply for Chapter membership. Our current policy requires the candidate to fill out an application (located in the Chapter House Rathskeller on the table by the unlocked exterior door). The applicant **must appear in person** at a Board of Directors Meeting with his/her application. The applicant must also bring a check for the appropriate amount, covering both the initiation and dues. The sponsor **need not** accompany the applicant to the Board Meeting.

We have stopped our "Mail-In" application procedure. That means we no longer accept an application and check sent through the mail. The applicant **must appear in person**. There may be rare occasions when the applicant has to work or be out of town at the time of a Directors Meeting. When that occurs, he/she should contact Joe Gick or Bob Mabie and explain the situation. They will assist the applicant. Their phone numbers are listed earlier in this newsletter.

At the Board of Directors Meeting, the applicant is introduced to the Board. The applicant must rise, tell the Board about him/herself, and state his/her reason for wanting to join our Chapter.

If you are the sponsor of an applicant, please advise him/her that the Board expects to hear about the applicant's *conservation* interests. There have been embarrassing moments when the applicant indicated he/she is only interested in using our shooting ranges and he/she has no interest in conservation. The Board is dedicated to rejuvenating our conservation program. It takes a dim view of people reciting the IWL.A pledge with no intention of supporting our conservation efforts. If the applicant has no interest in conservation, he/she should be politely advised that the shotgun ranges are open to the public at specified times. If the applicant only

wants access to a rifle or pistol range, he/she should either join our conservation efforts or find another place to shoot their rifles and pistols. Access to these ranges is a privilege earned by participation in our conservation program.

Sponsors should also remind applicants that he/she has an eight hour work requirement during their first year. They are not eligible to renew their membership if the work requirement is not fulfilled.

When the Board of Directors meets, it merely decides to accept the application. The names of applicants are then published in the newsletter. If a current member knows of a reason why the applicant should not be accepted, the member should advise a Board member and/or oppose the applicant's membership at the next General Membership

Meeting. Applicants are formally accepted by the current membership by a vote at the General Membership Meeting.

## Editor's Column

A friend of mine gave me a copy of a recent article from *The Washington Times*. Unfortunately, I don't know what date or on what page it appeared. I found it humorous, so I'm sharing it with you, just in case you didn't see it. The article is entitled "Next question?" and reads as follows:

"Thanks to the office of Rep. Edward Royce, California Republican, for sending us the following excerpt from a local radio interview. The female newscaster is interviewing the leader of a youth club:

Interviewer: "So, Mr. Jones, what are you going to do with these

children on this adventure holiday?"

Mr. Jones: "We're going to teach them climbing, canoeing, archery, shooting...."

Interviewer: "Shooting! That's a bit irresponsible, isn't it?"

Mr. Jones: "I don't see why, they'll be properly supervised on the range."

Interviewer: "Don't you admit this is a terribly dangerous activity to be teaching children?"

Mr. Jones: "I don't see how, we will be teaching them proper range discipline before they even touch a firearm."

Interviewer: "But you're equipping them to become violent killers."

Mr. Jones: "Well, you're equipped to be a prostitute but you're not one, are you?"

I wish I could think that quick!