



# NEWSLETTER



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### Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
7/23	Cowboy shoot setup	1:pm
7/24	Airgun Field Target Match	7:30am to 3:pm
7/24	Cowboy shoot	8:30am
7/25	Archery, Rifle & Pistol range maint.	10:am to 2:pm
7/25	Range Orientation	10:am to 2:pm
7/26	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
7/28	General Membership Mt.	7:30pm
7:30	Canoe Trip (Potomac)	
8/01	Skeet & Trap Maint.	10:am
8/02	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
8/02	Conservation Comm. Mt.	7:30pm
8/04	Board of Directors Meet	7:30pm
8/07	Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show	9:am to 4:pm
8/09	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
8/14	.22 Sporter Shoot	10:am
8/16	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
8/23	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
8/27	Cowboy Shoot Setup	1:pm
8/27	General Membership Meeting, Elections and Barbecue	7:pm
8/28	Cowboy Shoot	8:30am
8/29	Archery, Rifle, & Pistol Range Maintenance	10:am-2:pm
8/29	Range Orientation	10:am

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The Aug. membership meeting will be on **Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Cost will be \$7.00. Social hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM. This meeting we will hold the Elections for the Board and we will have a **BARBECUE**. Don't miss this one!!

### New Members-July

The following membership applications have been approved by the Board of Directors. Chapter members may vote to accept these individuals as new members at the next membership meeting, on **Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**.

- Phillip Awtrey Silver Spring,  
Sponsor- Bill Jenkins.
- Sandor Bernstein, Silver Spring,  
Sponsor- Bob Schneider
- Charles Bolen, Owings,  
Sponsor-Robert Peeler
- Roberto Diaz, Silver Spring,  
Sponsor-Joe Gick.
- Joe Finneran, Germantown  
Sponsor-John Leaman
- Sung Kim, Silver Spring  
Sponsor-Tim Darst
- David Letizia, Silver Spring  
Sponsor- Mike Hefferman
- Amphol Nanudon, Silver Spring  
Sponsor-Steve Schneider
- Mark Rendely, Silver Spring  
Sponsor-Bob Inness
- Jason Schnell, Germantown  
Sponsor-Robert Inness
- John Shepherd, Jr., Lineboro  
Sponsor-Phil Dean
- Hank Van Dearson, libsom  
Sponsor-Bob Mabie

- John Watson, Rockville,  
Sponsor-Bob Inness
- Stanley Yankey, Gaithersburg  
Sponsor-Greg Gallo

### New Members-June (missed in last newsletter)

- Deborah Breslin, Silver Spring,  
Sponsor-Bob Schneider
- Kurt Fiegel, North Potomac  
Sponsor-Bob Schneider
- Clint Howard, Germantown,  
Sponsor-Jim Sutphin
- Steve Keller, Wheaton  
Sponsor-Mike Heffennan
- Eric Koehler, Germantown  
Sponsor-Jim Piatieski

### July 1999 SHOTGUN RANGE DUTY

- SAT76-3 NANCY & WELDON HUMPHRIES, RICH BUCKINGHAM
- SUN.7-4 GREG BALDWIN, KEVIN MANNING
- SAT 7-10 LEWIS ALLNUTT, BILL RAHN, JOEL GROSS
- SUN 7-11 FRANKLIN MONCADA, DAVE ORRENCE
- SAT 7-17 PETER CURRALL, DAVE GOLD
- SUN 7-18 CHRIS & SUSAN SMARTE, JIM LUENSMAN
- SAT 7-24 FICHTER

### Meetings

The July membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**... Enjoy the dinner and camaraderie!. Cost will be \$7.00. Social hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM. Pulled Pork Barbecue, Cold Slaw and French Fries will be served.

"GANG" - GEORGE, DALE,  
DAVE  
SUN 7-25 BURT  
MILLINEAUX, JUSTIN STEPHEN,  
MIKE BORING  
Sat. 7-31 Chuck Snelling,  
Richard Zabel

## The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for club offices:

President ----- Chuck Crooks  
1st Vice-President-- -Ed Burrows  
2nd Vice-President----- Bill Kelly  
3rd Vice-President -Dave McNeal  
Treasurer ----- Bob Cumberland  
Membership Secretary--- Joe Gick  
Corresponding Secretary-- Wayne  
Berkebile  
Recording Secretary- Bill Haycraft  
Parliamentarian -- -----Bob Mabie  
Sergeant-at-Arms --- Jim Piateski  
Chaplain-----John Leaman  
Director--- -----Paul Bluteau  
Director----- Ted Hiers  
Director ----- Bill Jenkins  
Director----- Jorge Silva

Directors are nominated for two year terms. All others are for one year terms. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the general membership meeting on July 28. Elections will be held at the August membership meeting.

## Rifle and Pistol Range Report

.22 Sporter Shoot: Thanks to Clark Devore for running the .22 sporter shoot on June 19, and to the crowd which came out to assist and participate. The friendliness and enthusiasm of the participants continues to make this a great event. If you missed it, don't despair, we have one more .22 fun shoot on this year's calendar. It is scheduled to run from 10 AM until early afternoon on Saturday, August 14. Families are encouraged to attend this informal, non-competitive event at which we

provide a chance to shoot at the Chapter's steel knockdown targets and silhouettes, along with novelty targets like balloons and earth-bound clay pigeons. Bring a .22 rimfire rifle and lots of inexpensive .22 ammunition plus eye and ear protection. June Range Maintenance:

Many thanks to **Bill Jenkins** for overseeing rifle/pistol range maintenance on June 27, and to the small crew who joined him in that heavy effort on a hot summer day. Included were **Mark Meltzer, Bill & Jimmy English, and John Ciccone.**

July Range Maintenance: Ray Shaver will be coordinating two range maintenance sessions in July. The first, concentrating on storing cowboy action targets and removing trash, will start on the rifle range around 3 PM on July 24. The second session, which will start at 10 AM on July 25, will include standard maintenance activities such as target backer replacement, repair of range facilities, grass cutting, and so forth. If you have a gasoline-powered weed trimmer bring it along; some trimming is always needed around rifle range target holders and on berms this time of year. Upcoming Events: For those unable to attend the .22 fun shoot coming up in August, there are several other events to consider this fall. One is the upcoming shooting event for juniors which WACC is sponsoring in conjunction with the Seneca Valley Rifle Club. Another is our annual black-powder shoot Saturday October 2, to which all are invited. It promises fun for all, even if you don't own a black-powder firearm. Come on out, and join us for a few hours on the range.

## Valid Identification:

To shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges, you must be visibly wearing a Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter membership card or spouse membership card bearing a "Range Approved 1999" label. The only exceptions are guests and children of range-approved members who are accompanied by the properly

identified member. Please challenge anyone not displaying a proper card, ask those who are neither a range-approved member nor guest to leave the range, and report the incident to the chapter caretaker or to **Ray Shaver** on 301-926-0465.

## The Airgun Show

The 3rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show will be held at the chapter house and grounds on Saturday, August 7, from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM. This 'gun show for airguns' will feature two floors of tables with new, used, antique, custom made, and unique air rifles and air pistols for sale and display. In addition there will be airgun accessories such as pellets, targets, scopes, target traps, and much more. Several airgun shooting events will be set up outside for your shooting enjoyment and a 'big bore' air rifle firing exhibition will be held on the outdoor airgun range at 3:00 PM. Lunch and refreshments will be available from the outdoor barbeque during the day.

Chapter members will receive a discount of \$1.00 by showing their membership card when purchasing their admission ticket. Admission is \$5.00. For additional information contact Phil Dean at 301-831-9325,

## Howdy Pardners!

Thanks again for a safe shoot on 5/22. There were 83 shooters ready to guard the valley. We had a few new cowpokes at this match as a result of the New Cowboy Shooter Clinic we held a week before the shoot. From the smiles I saw, they had a good time and will be back often. For you new shooters, don't forget to visit the other clubs in the Maryland, W. Va., and PA. area. Plans for a second clinic are being discussed.

I have started plans for our first annual shoot in April of 2000. I would like to divide up the many tasks as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to help with this project please let me know. The first meeting will be sometime this July or

August. Tentatively, it will be a three day shoot. Thursday is registration and side matches, Friday is first batch of stages and BBQ at the club. Saturday is the final stages with final standings, awards and Dinner at the club or hotel. This schedule is not in stone yet. I have caught a lot of grief over the possible name for the match. Being one that gets lots of grief all the time, I changed the name one, hopefully last, time. "Thunder Valley Days."

See you at the next shoot.  
Keep It Safe, Chuckaroo

## The Derringer

As we get ready for the Susquehanna Roundup, I have been working with Bond Arms on getting special serial numbers for the Derringer that was recently approved for sale in Maryland. They have agreed that through the Damascus Wildlife Rangers (DWR) and Atlantic Guns, we will have special serial numbers for Ranger members. Serial numbers would be the same as our badge numbers. DWR 1 and so on. If you do not have a Damascus Wildlife Ranger Badge with a number, you need to talk to me so I can issue a DWR number for the derringer. Of course you need to be a member first. Bond Arms will also issue derringers with your SASS number. If your club is interested in establishing their own serial numbers, contact Bill or Bob at <http://www.atlanticguns.com/> Atlantic Guns. As a reminder, the derringer that was approved by the Maryland Handgun Roster Board is a Bond Arms "Texas Defender." According to the new issue of the Blue Book, the trigger guard is removable for the purists. You can view it at their web site. <http://www.bondarms.com/products> Hope to see yall at the Roundup. Keep it safe, Chuckaroo

## BETTER TO BE A JOCK OR A NERD ?

The answer to the eternal question  
"Is it better to be a jock or a

nerd?":

- Michael Jordan makes over \$300,000 a game. That equals \$10,000 a minute, at an average of 30 minutes per game. With \$40 million in endorsements, he makes \$178,100 a day, working or not.

- If he sleeps 7 hours a night, he makes \$52,000 every night while visions of sugarplums dance in his head. - If he goes to see a movie, it'll cost him \$7.00, but he'll make \$18,550 while he's there.

- If he decides to have a 5 minute egg, he'll make \$618 while boiling it.

- He makes \$7,415/hr more than minimum wage.

- He'll make \$3,710 while watching each episode of Friends.

- If he wanted to save up for a new Acura NSX (\$90,000) it would take him a whole 12 hours.

- If someone were to hand him his salary and endorsement money, they would have to do it at the rate of \$2.00 every second.

- He'll probably pay around \$200 for a nice round of golf, but will be reimbursed \$33,390 for that round.

- Assuming he puts the federal maximum of 15% of his income into a tax deferred account (401k), he will hit the federal cap of \$9500 at 8:30 a.m. on January 1st.

- If you were given a penny for every 10 dollars he made, you'd be living comfortably at \$65,000 a year.

- He'll make about \$19.60 while watching the 100 meter dash in the Olympics.

- He'll make about \$15,600 during the Boston Marathon.

- While the common person is spending about \$20 for a meal in his trendy Chicago restaurant, he'll pull in about \$5600.

- This year, he'll make more than twice as much as all U.S. past presidents for all of their terms combined. Amazing isn't it?

However, if Jordan saves 100% of his income for the next 250 years, he'll still have less than Bill Gates has today. Game over. Nerd wins.

## Thank you Jim

## Luensman

The Board of Directors wishes to extend a hearty thank you to one of our newer members **Jim Luensman** for his recent donation of a portable public address system to the club. We can envision putting it to plenty of good use in support of our many activities. Jim is also one of our regular monthly range officers for skeet and trap.

## Adopt-A-Road

This committee has been in existence for over 20 years. We clean up Mullinix Mill Road from route 108 to the Patuxent River, 4 times a year. We would like some new faces. **Al Hrant** and his two sons, **Nicholas and Cole** have been helping for 7 years, and **Paul Davis** & wife **Maggie** about the same. Please meet at the shed at 9am July 17<sup>th</sup>. (sat) and help out. Call Bob Mabie 301 774-4122

## Recycling

For years 95,96,97,& 98 we took in \$1612.05 to add to our revenues at no cost to the association. Aluminum prices swing from .48 per lbs to currently .28 cents per lbs. We need more participation. We can also recycle copper and brass. Thanks go out to everyone who have contributed their "treasures" Bob Mabie has chaired this for 9 years now and is looking for a member who lives nearby with a pickup truck to be the chairman or co-chairman. It requires about 3 hours a month. Give Bob a call at 301 774-4122

## By-Laws Committee

This committee has been meeting the last several months to bring our By-Laws up to speed. We plan to take the revisions before the board and the general membership within the next few months for member input/approval.

## Cowboy Shoot Info.

The second "Cowboy Shooter Clinic" will be held on **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**. This is an

introduction to cowboy shooting. Atlantic Guns and us will provide all the period firearms. You need to bring the proper ammo, safety glasses & hearing protection. For more info. & to register call Chuck Crooks 301 831-9666. Or check out the web site. <http://Members.aol.com/rumriverc>

## **Skeet and Trap**

**Rich Buckingham** has taken over chairing this from Kevin Manning. Working with Rich is **Archie Cheing & Susan Smarte**. Many thanks go to **Kevin** for all of his hard work during a rebuilding process for Skeet and Trap. As a parting surprise, Kevin accepted delivery of a new teal and new rabbit maching for the five stands. Thanks again Kevin.

## **I.G. Haycraft "Trip to Northern Minnesota"**

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### **We see our first moose.**

We had several short portages after leaving this lake (Height-of-Land Lake) and then crossed several lakes, some small and some quite large. We also traveled by canoe in

some small creeks. We saw our first bull moose in this marsh tract, and just before nightfall, we had to portage around a wonderfully pretty little waterfall. The stream of water was not more than ten or twelve feet wide, but it took an abrupt drop of about sixty feet. It created quite a roar that could be heard some distance. After this waterfall, the creek ran over stone ledges that created fine rapids. It was near here we selected our campsite on a big, bald rock hill. We named this site "Buzzard's Glory".

**Talk about mosquitoes!** They were terrible; They came near eating us up before we could make camp. However, we did manage to get the tent up for the women. We could not drive a tent stake at all, as it was solid rock. We carried broken logs and stones and anchored the tent cords of the women's small tent, but the men decided to bed down anywhere and forget all about putting up the big tent. I gathered some loose flat rocks and placed them on the down-hill side to keep me from sliding down into the creek, and then went to the creek bank. I found a little grass along the edge, cut a few handfuls with my

pocket knife to put under my blanket, and called it good enough, and turned in for the night. Fortunately, I had brought along mosquito netting. I kept my hat on and wrapped this netting over my hat and head, and pulled it down into my jacket collar and covered up, letting those mosquitoes swarm and sing all they wanted to. I slept like a log. Some of the party were so harassed by the hordes of mosquitoes they got no sleep at all, so they said. The women again fared all right. We were up at sunrise and plenty busy. Soon we had our coffee boiling, oatmeal cooked, bacon fried, and plenty of bologna sliced. Some did not bother to slice the bologna, they just chewed at the end of the roll. We were all going primitive fast, and willing to take a turn at roughing it. Opsahl had laid down just a few rigid rules, and they were generally obeyed, and we managed to keep matters in hand with no serious show of temper. One strict rule was there were no firearms allowed. We could have easily gotten into a lot of trouble killing game our of season. **To be continued.**