



NEWSLETTER



Izaak Walton League of America

Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter

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MONTH YEAR Issue-----

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Coming Attractions

| Date | Event | Time |
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| 9/01 | Board of Directors Meet. | 7:30pm |
| 9/04 | Seneca Valley Rifle Match | 8:00am |
| 9/04 | Turkey Shoot | 6:30pm |
| 9/05 | Skeet & Trap Maint. | 10:00am |
| 9/06 | Adult Airgun | 6:30pm |
| 9/06 | Conservation Committee | 7:30pm |
| 9/07 | Bowhunter Ed. Day -1 | 6:00pm |
| 9/09 | Junior Air Rifle | 6:00pm |
| 9/09 | Bowhunter Ed. Day -2 | 6:00pm |
| 9/10 | Hunter Safety Ed. Day-1 | 7:00pm |
| 9/11 | Airgun Field Target Match | 7:30am |
| 9/11 | Bowhunter Ed. Day-3 | 9:00am |
| 9/11 | Turkey Shoot | 6:30pm |
| 9/13 | Adult Airgun | 6:30pm |
| 9/14 | Junior Airgun | 7:00pm |
| 9/17 | Hunter Safety Day -2 | 7:00pm |
| 9/18 | Adopt a Road | 9:00am |
| 9/18 | Hunter Safety Day-3 Range Closes until 1pm | 9:00am |
| 9/18 | Wetland, Pond Cleanup | 8:30am |
| 9/18 | Turkey Shoot | 6:30pm |
| 9/20 | Adult Airgun | 6:30pm |
| 9/21 | Jurnior Airgun | 7:00pm |
| 9/24 | Cowboy Shoot Setup Ranges close at 1:pm | 1:00pm |
| 9/24 | Installation Dinner | 7:30pm |
| 9/25 | Cowboy Shoot | 8:30am |
| 9/25 | Turkey Shoot | 6:30pm |
| 9/26 | Skeet & Trap Cleanup | 10:00am |
| 9/26 | Range Orientation | 10:00am |
| 9/27 | Adult Airgun | 6:30pm |
| 9/28 | Junior Airgun | 7:00pm |
| 10/02 | Black Powder demo.,fun shoot & sight in. | 10:00am |
| 10/02 | Turkey Shoot | 6:30pm |
| 10/03 | Skeet & Trap Maint. | 10:00am |
| 10/04 | Adult Air Gun | 6:30pm |

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| 10/05 | Junior Airgun | 7:00pm |
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| 10/09 | Skeet Shoot | 10:00am |
| 10/09 | Turkey Shoot | 6:30pm |
| 10/11 | Adult Airgun | 6:30pm |
| 10/12 | Junior Airgun | |
| 10/16 | Airgun Field Target Match. | 7:30am - 3:pm |
| 10/16 | Turkey Shoot | 6:30pm |
| 10/17 | BOD Retreat | |
| 10/18 | Adult Airgun | 6:30pm |
| 10/19 | Junior Airgun | 7:00pm |
| 10/22 | Cowboy Shoot Setup, Range closes at 1pm | 1:00pm |
| 10/22 | Hunter Safety Ed. Day-1 | 7:00pm |
| 10/23 | Cowboy Shoot | 8:30am to 4pm |
| 10/23 | Turkey Shoot | 6:30pm |
| 10/25 | BRV Airgun Match | 8:30am |
| 10/25 | Adult Airgun | 6:30pm |
| 10/26 | BRV Airgun Match | 8:30am |
| 10/26 | Junior Airgun | 7:00pm |
| 10/27 | General Membership mt. | 7:30pm |
| 10/29 | Hunter Safety Ed. Day-2 | 7: pm |
| 10/30 | Hunter Safety Ed. Day-3 Ranges closed until 1pm | 9:00am |
| 10/30 | Turkey Shoot | 6:30pm |
| 10/30 | Cowboy & Girl Dinner | |
| 10/31 | Range Orientation | 10:00am |

Meetings

The Sept. membership meeting will be on **Friday Sept. 24th**. Enjoy the dinner and camaraderie!. Cost will be \$7.00. Social hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM. At the meeting the New Board of Directors will be installed.

The **Oct.** membership meeting will be on **Wed. October 27th**. Cost will be \$7.00. Social hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

New Members- September

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 **Friday, September 24th**.

- John S. Adams, Silver Spring.
Sponsor- Kurt Fiegel
- Seth Beckhardt, Kensington
Sponsor- Mike Heffernan
- Gerald E. Bennett, Woodbind
Sponsor- Hank Van Deursen
- David Bergtold, Gaithersburg
Sponsor- Dale Eldridge
- Charles Christianson, Catonsville
Sponsor- Earl McDonald
- Jay Clark, Eldersburg
Sponsor- Ed. Burrows
- Marc Fortier, Gaithersburg
Sponsor- Bob Schneider
- Curtis Geverdt, Germantown
Sponsor- Lee Trunnell
- Bill Haag, Ijamsville
Sponsor- Bob Schneider
- Samuel H. Jackson, Silver Spg.
Sponsor- Weldon Humphries
- Dong Kim, Brookeville
Sponsor- Michael Heffernan
- Karl I. Moline, Germantown
Sponsor- Bob Inness
- Bob Price, Mt. Airy
Sponsor- Rick Thornley
- Al Sharma, Gaithersburg
Sponsor- Greg Gallo
- Scott Snyder, Mt. Airy
Sponsor- Chuck Crooks
- Edward C. Waldron, Laytonsville
Sponsor- Peter Currall

Sept. 1999 SHOTGUN RANGE DUTY

SAT. 9/4 NANCY & WELDON
HUMPHRIES, RICH
BUCKINGHAM,

SUN. 9/5 PAUL BLUTEAU,
CINDY WHITEHURST, JIM
LUENSMAN

SAT. 9/11 LEWIS ALLNUTT,
BILL RAHN, JOEL GROSS.

SUN 9/12 FRANKLIN
MONCADA, DAVE ORRENCE.

SAT. 9/18 PETER CURRALL,
DAVE GOLD.

SUN 9/19 BURT MULLINEAUX,
JUSTIN STEPHEN, MIKE
BORING.

SAT 9/25 FICHTER GANG-
GEORGE, DALE, DAVE

SUN 9/26 CHRIS & SUSAN
SMARTE, GREG BALDWIN.

October 1999

Sat 10-2 Nancy & Weldon
Humphries

Sun 10-3 Paul Bluteau, Cindy
Whitehurst, Jim Luensman

Sat 10-9 Lewis Allnutt, Bill Rahn,
Joel Gross

Sun 10-10 Chris & Susan Smarte

Sat 10-16 Peter Currall, Dave Gold

Sun 10-17 Kevin Manning, Franklin
Moncada

Sat 10-23 Richard Zabell, Mac
McCullum

Sun 10-24 Burt Mullineaux, Justin
Stephen, Mike Boring

Sat 10-30 Fichter "Gang" - George,
Dale, Dave

Sun 10-31 Berle Cherney, Steven
Meyers

Skeet & Trap Range Report

Upcoming projects for the fall include painting the range house and building a small shed to protect the new teal machine on the 5 Stand. Please contact Rich Buckingham if you can help. Our final NSSA skeet competition will be held on Saturday, October 9th. The shoot will begin at

10:00AM and last until 5:00. A large turn out of competitors will limit the number of fields available for open shooting. You may wish to call the range house that day before you come out. Range Officers are urgently needed. This does involve a commitment to serve for six hours per month on either a Saturday or Sunday. For those who can't commit to this much time, become a substitute and serve several times a year. Please contact **Rich Buckingham at (301)762-2306 or via email to buckingskeet@hotmail.com**

Rifle and Pistol Range Report

WASP WARNING: Wasps around the WACC ranges have been especially bad tempered this year, often stinging with little provocation. Please remember that some wasps nest in the ground. So watch your step, be alert, and try to keep calm if one lands on you. We will try to keep a can of spray on a table at the back of the rifle range for use in case you spot a wasp nest.

SHOTGUN PATTERNING: Just in case you failed to notice it in last month's newsletter, there are now two target frames (one large and one small) for shotgun patterning on the rifle range. Guidelines for their use are posted on the rifle range bulletin board and on a post at the far right of the range.

PISTOL RANGE CHANGES: We are in the process of modifying the shooting platforms or benches at the pistol range so they can be moved out the way when the range is used periodically for .22 rimfire rifle position shooting in our youth programs. Every effort will be made to avoid interference with shooting during regular shooting hours. However, if you should find the pistol range open with a bench missing, please shoot only from existing benches, and stay away from the area without a bench. We don't

want someone inadvertently straying beyond the firing line.

DEER HUNTER

QUALIFICATION: This fall we are conducting two qualification events for deer hunters selected to hunt in area parks. The first, for Howard County parks, is being held on Sunday, September 26, from 10 AM until approximately 1 PM. Both the rifle and pistol ranges will be closed to members during that event, and entry into the range area will be tightly controlled for safety. Please note, however, that this event was purposely scheduled during a regular range maintenance period to avoid reducing range access for WACC members. Maintenance for September will, instead, be done during the period that the ranges are closed for the monthly cowboy action shoot.

SEPTEMBER RANGE

MAINTENANCE: As noted above, rifle/pistol range maintenance will not be held as usual on the last Sunday of September. Instead, we'll do the basic maintenance tasks following the cowboy action shoot setup on Friday, September 24, and finish things up with trash removal and a general cleanup of shooting areas at the end of the cowboy action shoot on **September 25**. To assist, please see Ray Shaver in the range area after 1 PM on September 24 or around 2:30 PM on September 25.

.22 SPORTER SHOOT: Although only ten people attended the .22 sporter shoot on August 14, we had a good time, as usual, shooting at the WACC steel action targets, rimfire silhouettes, and earth-bound clay pigeons. In the informal competition which has become a part of this event, the "left-side team" of Patrick Rowe, Fred Swader, Craig Stark, and Phil Collins, won a close victory in a top two-out-of-three shoot against Marc Hinthier, Dylan Hinthier, Ray Shaver, and Jun Jonas. This was the last .22 sporter shoot for 1999. Watch for two such events on the year 2000 club schedule.

THANKS TO: Clark Devore for hosting the .22 sporter shoot, and all of the participants for helping with the cleanup; Ray G. Logan and Ken Winpisinger for contributions of wood for target backers; Stanley Yankey, Wayne Berkebile, Ben Hill, David Letizia, Claude Gambrell, Leslie Lorenz, Celeste Streeter, and Joe Finneran for helping with August range maintenance; Claude "Red" Gambrell for the carpentry on pistol range bench changes; Bob Inness for innumerable contributions; and to countless others who helped out in one way or another, but failed to get their names recorded.

INFORMATION: For more information about any of the rifle/pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Ray Shaver by e-mail at: MRShaver@aol.com or telephone at 301-926-0465.

Spring Stream Cleanup

Mark your calendars! Izaak Walton League is sponsoring our fall stream clean-up right through the heart of Damascus and we need your help!

WHEN: Saturday, September 18, 1999 8:30 am

WHERE: Right now the plan is to gather en masse at the entrance to **MaGruder Branch trail on Valley Park Drive.** (Subject to expand to include additional road crossings, i.e. Sweepstakes and park connection)

WHO: ALL Izaak Walton members, family, friends, residents, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Alpha Phi Omega, Jaycees, neighbors ...basically anyone and everyone!

WHAT: Cleanup of the wetland area around the storm water pond, the trail leading from Damascus High School towards Damascus Regional park, and the stream that runs adjacent. There are a few tires in the pond and several substantial items...I've pulled out 2 bikes, a scooter, and several bags of trash myself over the last several months. AND ... for all you pet owners who can't buy enough 'toys' ... this is a great place to scavenge for tennis balls and such so bring along a bag to salvage those treasures for your loving pet!

Plastic bags and gloves will be provided. A wheelbarrow/wagon or 2 would be helpful for moving bags of trash along the paved trail to the road crossings as requested by the park service.

HOW: Just show up with old clothes and some energy and I'll point you towards some trash to pick up! This is a residential area so please be courteous with the reserved spaces and either find a visitors space or park along the road.

WHY: To clean up the park area, trail, and stream AND to demonstrate that Izaak Walton League is great for the community, that we are more than "that gun range on Mullinix Mill Rd."

Please mark your calendars and bring your family to support this event! Service hours for students will be documented. You'll be increasing awareness of our organization to a good portion of the Damascus residents in the process! If you want to help, have any questions, or need directions...please email **Carrie Hamilton** . I will be sending out a reminder closer to the event as well.

Hope to see you there! Carrie

Range Orientation

(///REQUIRED//)

The next Club and Range Orientation is on Sunday, September, 26th, at 10:00 am. This is a requirement for those wishing to become "Range Approved" so they can use the rifle and pistol ranges on their own.

MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE RANGE ORIENTATION CANNOT USE THE RIFLE AND PISTOLS RANGES UNLESS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A RANGE APPROVED MEMBER.

The orientation, depending on class size, will last from three to four hours. Attendance of spouse and youngsters is encouraged. The meeting is held in the lower level Rathskeller Club Room. Only "Range Approved" members and their guests are permitted to use the Rifle and Pistol ranges. Remember to

display your range approved membership card while using the ranges. And don't forget to sign "In and Out" at the sign in box.

Cowboy Shoot Info.

The second "Cowboy Shooter Clinic" will be held on **Sept. 11th**. 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 glassed & hearing protection. For more info. & to register call Chuck Crooks 301 831-9666. Or check out the web site. <http://Members.aol.com/rumriverc>

Air Rifle

The new season for the Junior Air Rifle program will have the first meeting of the year on Thursday evening, 9/9th. From 6:pm to 9:pm. in the Rathskeller. This program is directed to middle school and high school boys and girls who are beginning or intermediate skill level shooters. The program will continue through the school year meeting nearly every Thursday evening. Air Rifle classes are taught and supervised by NRA certified rifle instructors and coaches. Parents and Juniors are encouraged to attend the opening session. For additional info about this , please contact **Bob Inness at 301 340-9185 or bobinness@aol.com**.

Committees

If you have a question or would like to assist in any activity, contact the overlooking V.P. or the Committee Chairperson for that activity. Names in blue are links to chairperson's E-mail.

Conservation Bill Kelly | Save Our Streams Carrie Hamilton | NRA Classes Peter Currall | Skeet & Trap Chairpersons Rich Buckingham or Archie Cheng | House & Grounds Chuck Crooks | Rifle Pistol Ray Shaver | Cowboy Shoots Chuck Crooks

| Archery & Bow Hunter Safety John Walter 301-371-7036 | Recycling & Adopt-A-Hwy Bob Mabie 301-774-4122 | Membership Joe Gick | Christmas Trees Dave McNeal | Adult Air Rifle Phil Dean or call Phil on 301-831-9325 | Jr. Air Rifle Bob Inness | Kitchen Jorge Silva 301-258-0377 | DNR Hunter Safety Mac McCollum 301-854-3707 | Hall Rentals Georgia Townsends | Past President Ari Sapir | New Member Club and Range Orientation Ted Hiers 304-728-8668 |

Wanted List

Many Golf Balls for tough targets in cowoby shoots. Contact Chuckaroo 301-831-9666.

Sea Container or semi-trailer for club storage. Contact Chuckaroo 301-831-9666.

Old Bowling Pins for targets in the Cowboy Shoots. Contact Chuckaroo 301-831-9666.

A Refrigerator, in working order, is needed for the BBQ shed. Contact Chuck Crooks , Ed Burrows or Joe Gick .

Plywood.... or chip board is always needed for target backers. Pre-Cut 2' X 2' or 2' X 4' pieces are great, but if you can't cut it we will see that it gets cut. Just leave the wood outside the sliding door to the large steel equipment shed you see when you first come in the driveway. Contact Ray Shaver for additional information.

Aluminum, in any form, is collected and sold by the club. You can drop your donations off at the aluminum recycling shed located to the right of the large metal equipment shed. Contact Bob Mabie on 301-774-4122 for additional information.

Skeet & Trap Range Officers....

Kevin Manning is looking for additional Skeet & Trap Range Officers. If you are interested in helping contact **Kevin Manning** on **301-831-9126** or **E-Mail Kevin** for additional information. Kevin can also use some carpentry and assistant help during the coming weeks for a few small skeet field

projects. Pick Up Truck.... A full sized Old Pick-Up Truck is being sought for club property use. It does not have to be road worthy but safe to use as a farm vehicle. A donation slip will be provided for your 1999 taxes. Contact Chuck Crooks. 2 X 4 lumber.... YEEEEEE HAAAAAAA, the Cowboy Shooters are always looking for a few items to use as props. If you have a small item that could add to the flavor of the Old West, please contact Chuckaroo. Some portable props and target bases can be built out of 2 X 4 or 2 X 3 lumber, if you have spares give us a shout. Three foot lengths of 2 X 4's work well for target stands.

Rebar.... Scrap rebar is needed for making some target stands. Contact Chuckaroo 301-831-9666.

1" Black Plumbing Pipe.... For Cowboy Target Stands, we can use some 1" black pipe in any length over 2 feet. We can also use some 1" floor flanges. Contact Chuckaroo 301-831-9666.

Flat Steel.... The need for new Cowboy Action Shooting targets is a constant. If you have any 3/8" or 1/4" flat steel, preferably in 12" squares or common shapes, we could put it to great use! Contact Chuckaroo for additional information.

End Of Season Cowboy / Cowgirl Dinner"

The second annual "End Of Season Dinner" is scheduled for **Saturday, October 30th, 1999**. The dinner is open to all shooters (members and non-members) and their dates. Cost is **\$15 a person** and includes dinner and set ups (BYOL), beer will be available. Door prizes and fun will be on tap. Contact **Chuckaroo** for additional details. Pre-paid reservations are required before **10/23/99**.

A Message from the new President-Chuck Crooks

Let me start by saying how honored I am that you have chosen me to be the president of your chapter. I follow a

president, Georgia Townsends, that helped steer our chapter toward a new way of thinking. Through her guidance, we evaluated ourselves instead of those around us. It helped us focus and identify our goals. Georgia will be a hard act to follow. I also follow many other presidents. Each, along with their board of directors, has made this club the outstanding facility that it is today. Without their sacrifice and tireless dedication, we would not be here at all. I think and honor each of them. It is with my predecessors in mind, that I will try my very best, to continue the tradition of hard work for the betterment and future of our chapter. As always, there is lots to be done. We need to all be more involved in the ideals of Izaak Walton. Our busy lives have made our environment, woodlands and waterways a low priority. Our rights to hunt and fish are being challenged every day, and Sadly, we have often neglected our youngsters by not showing them the way. This Wildlife Achievement Chapter is the largest Izaak Walton chapter in Maryland and the 4th. Largest in the United States. Our chapter has great resources in its members. Together, we can position our chapter to meet the needs of the next generation of Izaak Walton members, our children and grand children. Neither I or the board of directors can do it alone. We need your involvement. Please, read your newsletters and the information on our web site. Over the course of the next year, there should be something that will tickle your interest. Bring your kids out and enjoy a day of quality time with them. Or, come out to help with a project for a few hours and meet some real nice people. Chuck Crooks.

Newsletter on Line

There is now a link from our web page to our newest addition, The clubs newsletter (this one) Please take a look at it and let us know if you have any trouble with reading it. Later this year we will ask for volunteers to use the online

newsletter as their only copy. Those that elect to stop the paper copy will help keep down postage, printing and production cost of the hard copy.

Lost & Found

-- Small 2-way radio
--Single action pistol base pin
--Ear protection
--Swinging target
Call Chuck Crooks 301 831-9666
and you will be reunited with your
lost items.

I.G. Haycraft "Trip to Northern Minnesota"

1907-1908 Cont.

Editors note, This is a true story/
adventure written by my grandfather
on his quest for northern Minnesota
land grants. He was 42 yrs old.

A Beautiful Campsite & Spring
Opsahl, (the guide) Abbott, and I got
going and cruised all day. We located
three or four claims and had one or
two breathtaking experiences. We
waded in water up to our arms
several times. When night came, we

were so tired we slept hard and rested
well. Next morning we were ready to
get out and go again. We located
claims for the women near camp; in
fact, the campsite was on Mrs.
Woodhall's claim. This campsite was
a beautiful spot if there ever was one.
There was a unique spring nearby
which came from beneath a
tremendous spruce tree growing on a
ledge of rock some few inches higher
than the surrounding rock formation.
The water flowed in a solid thin sheet
into a semicircle about 150 feet
across, probably one-half inch deep,
over a smooth surface of rock. It
flowed in an even sheet over this level
rock surface that gradually narrowed
down as it approached the lake, and
then the slope of rock became more
acute, with the water deepening as it
neared the outlet, a round hole
through solid rock. This opening in
the rock wall was probably about 20
inches in diameter, with a covering of
a flat stone formation arched above.
Here one could walk across or stand
and watch the water rush through the
opening and drop straight down some

20 feet to the lake below, making a
subdued roar. The water from this
spring struck the lake water with such
force that it created a boiling
appearance and there was always
white foam where the water struck
the lake surface. All in all, this was by
far the prettiest spring and diminutive
waterfall I had ever beheld. It was so
clean, surrounded by such beautiful
evergreen trees, large and small, with
solid rock formation on all sides with
that wonderful smooth rock surface.
There were no humps or uneven
places; it seemed to slope very gently
until, within a few feet of the outlet,
the slope was more acute, and there
appeared to be considerable suction
as the water traveled faster to get
through that small opening. It was
about 200 feet from the big spruce
tree where the spring came from to
this outlet. It was July that we were
there and saw it. I have often
wondered what this beautiful scene
would be like with several feet of
snow at 40° below zero weather. To
be cont.