



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter
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Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
11/17	Membership Meeting	7:30 pm
11/19	Hunter Safety Crs. (2)	7:00 pm
11/20	Hunter Safety Crs. (3)	9:00 am
11/20	Ranges Closed Until	1:00 pm
11/22	Adult Air Gun	6:30 pm
11/23	Junior Air Rifle	6:00 pm
11/26	R&P Ranges Close At:	1:00 pm
11/27	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
11/27	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
11/28	A, S, R, & P Range Maint.	10:00 am
11/28	Christmas Tree Work	10:00 am
11/28	Range Orientation	10:00 am
11/29	Adult Air Gun	6:30 pm
11/30	Junior Air Rifle	6:00 pm
12/1	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
12/4	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00 am
12/5	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00 am
12/6	Adult Air Gun	6:30 pm
12/6	Conservation Cmte. Mtg.	7:30 pm
12/7	Junior Air Rifle	6:00 pm
12/11	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00 am
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12/28	Junior Air Rifle	6:00 pm

Wild Game Dinner

The January 2000 membership meeting will be on **Friday, January 28**. It will feature our annual wild game dinner and auction. If you have wild game to donate, please contact **Jorge Silva** on (301) 258-0377. If you have items to donate for the auction, please contact **Bill Kelly** on (301) 253-5009. This promises to be one of the best years ever for auction items, so make plans to attend!

General Membership Meetings

The November membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 17**. It is earlier than usual so it doesn't conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. Dinner will be traditional Thanksgiving fare. Cost will be \$7.00. Social hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

The December membership meeting is on **Friday, December 17**. This is our annual Christmas Party. It is a full dinner but there is a **POT LUCK DESSERT**.

So bring your favorite dessert (for 5 or more) and enjoy the holiday fun!

New Members

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, November 17**.

Chris Burkhardt, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Phil Dean

Jason Erb, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Donald Erb

Robert Fournery, Savage, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Julian Hill, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Larry Harmon

Jim Kay, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Lewis Alnutt

Alison Keefe, Takoma Park, MD
Sponsor: Smith Deforce

Rodney Leeber, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Bill Jenkins

Anthony Merrolini, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Mike Merrolini

David Morrison, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Paul Fitzgibbons

Michael Murphy, Clarksburg, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Scott Nagem, Washington Grove, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Stephen Peterson, Rockville, MD
Sponsor: Bob Innes

Michael Richardson, Columbia, MD
Sponsor: Donald Erby

Jorge Silva, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Jorge Silva

Steve Silverman, Rockville, MD
Sponsor: George Blatt

Shane Steinhoff, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

Greg Talamini, Frederick, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Trooper Walsh, Arlington, VA
Sponsor: Phil Dean

December Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	12/4	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Richard Zabell
Sun	12/5	Paul Bluteau Cindy Whitehurst Jim Luensman
Sat.	12/11	Lewis Alnutt Bill Rahn Joel Gross

Sun. 12/12 Franklin Moncada
Kevin Manning
Sat. 12/18 Peter Currall
Dave Gold
Sun. 12/19 Steven Myers
Mike Boring
Sat. 12/25 **Closed**
Sun. 12/26 **Open to Volunteers**

Skeet and Trap Notes

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 11, 1999** (rain/snow date December 18, 1999). A Fun Shoot will be held featuring four events: Skeet, Trap, "Chinese Trap", and 5-Stand. Each event will be one round of 25 targets and will be open to members and non-members. Because skill levels differ, a Lewis-style system will be used to increase the chances of winning a prize. Cost will be \$8.00 per event. A flyer will be in the shotgun range house by November 20, 1999, with additional details. In order to make the day a success, 8 to 10 volunteers will be needed.

This winter, our club will again participate in the Joe Ahern Beltway Skeet League. The location will alternate between WACC, National Capital, and Prince Georges. The league runs 9 weeks on Sundays. As of this writing, specific dates and locations haven't been set. A flyer will be sent to all who participated last year. This is a handicap league with scores for the top five shooters each week counting for team standings. Cost is \$9.00 per week for 50 targets.

The next shotgun range maintenance is **Sunday, November 28, 1999**, at 10:00 A.M. It would be nice to have a good turnout. Last month, five people showed up -- the same five who seem to come every month.

Rifle and Pistol Range Report

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.

CHECK FIRST: Autumn is the busiest time of year at our ranges. It is also the only time of year some of our members use the ranges, specifically to check out their hunting guns and ammunition. If you are planning a visit to the range for any purpose, please avoid disappointment and wasted time by checking

your newsletter to ensure that no special event is scheduled for the range on the day and at the time you plan to be there.

GUEST POLICIES: All WACC members are encouraged to introduce their friends and neighbors to the shooting sports and the WACC through a visit to the rifle and pistol ranges. However, please remember that: (1) you may bring a maximum of two guests at a time, and must remain with them at all times; (2) each guest must be specifically identified on a separate line of the range register; (3) a non-member may visit the ranges as a guest a maximum of two times, except when that individual comes from a distance greater than 75 miles; and (4) the sponsoring member is personally responsible for the conduct of his or her guests and liable for any damage attributable to those guests.

SHOOTING HOURS: The normal shooting hours on our rifle and pistol ranges are from **10:00 AM until sunset**. Please help us be a good neighbor, not a nuisance, through careful attention to those time limits. If you shoot in the mornings, please look at your watch before you fire the first shot. Evening shooters should also be aware that sunset does not mean dark. We may start posting specific end times, which change by season, to help those who can't decide when to stop shooting. But until we do, please use common sense and plan to be completely off the range before it is dark.

OBSERVATION: Our ranges would look much nicer if everyone would take the time and effort to pick up litter, such as used targets and other items which blow onto the ground. Also, if you see targets that are ready to fall off the backers, tear them off and put them in the available trash cans. Thanks!

APPRECIATION: We could get nothing accomplished without volunteers, and all volunteer efforts are sincerely appreciated, no matter how small. **Bob Mabie** and **Ray Shaver** want to especially thank the few very important volunteers who helped bring their joint concrete projects to completion in October. Included among that group are **Mac McCollum, Jim Miles Sr., Hank VanDeursen, and Gerald Bennett**.

Thanks also to **Red Gambrell, Dave Kinnard, Wendy Kinnard, Bob Inness, Ernie Clifford, Bill Kelly, Chris Plassman, David Bergtold, Basit Sheikh**

& sons, Chris Eyraud, Heidi Lanzelin, Sandy Bernstein, Jeff Deschamps, John Walter, and Scott Dallas for their participation in rifle/pistol range maintenance on October 31. Their achievements included the installation of a storage shed for youth rimfire team supplies and landscaping of the new pistol range area. The new paint on pistol range benches was applied by **Red Gambrell**, and our large supply of backers for pistol range targets was created through the combined efforts of **Hank VanDeursen** and **Red**. Finally, special kudos go to **Sandy Bernstein** for his donation of 250 pounds of sand and his fortitude in packing it into sandbags for the rifle and pistol ranges.

Air Pistol Match

The Second Annual Damascus IWLA Invitational 10-meter Air Pistol Match was fired on the indoor range on October 25 against shooters from the Rockville IWLA Chapter. The Damascus team of **Hiem Trang, Jim Piateski, Tom Gaylord, and Alex Biers**, outshot the Rockville team by 1425 points to 1238 points. Top individual scores were: Hiem Trang - 363/400, Jim Piateski - 363/400, Harry Crow (Rockville) - 356/400, Tom Gaylord - 350/400, and Alex Biers - 349/400. Other WACC shooters participating were **Earl McDonald, Karl Krchna, Chris Burkhardt, John Shepherd, and Ed Neuberger**.

Adult Airgun Shoot

There is an adult airgun shoot every Monday evening in the indoor range beginning at around 6:30 PM. All WACC members are invited to attend and learn about airgun shooting. Air pistols and air rifles are available if you don't have your own. Call **Phil Dean** at (301) 831-9325 to get more information or just "come on out."

Laminating Service Available

We have purchased a laminating machine and will be setting up at each

membership meeting to laminate your membership card and convert it to an attachable badge for use on the ranges. For a donation of \$1.00 you get your card laminated, punched and a removable clip attached.

Christmas Tree Sales

Our annual Christmas Tree sales will be going on in the month of **December**. Dates are **4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th** from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will need lots of volunteers so call **John Leaman** on (301) 972-1572 for additional information or to sign up. It is also a great place to get a fresh tree. If you know of a church or charitable organization that needs a large tree, we can donate one of our larger (not too good for the living room) trees.

Recycling Cardboard

We have begun recycling the large amount of cardboard created by the skeet and trap fields. The new cardboard container (dumpster) is for club cardboard only. We are not seeking contributions of used cardboard. We do not get any money for the used cardboard but it is environmentally the best choice for disposing of our own cardboard.

Chaplain's Note

If any member knows of another member who is seriously ill or has recently passed away, our Chaplain, **John Leaman**, would like to know. He will send our prayers for a speedy recovery to those who are ill or our condolences to surviving family members of those who passed away. Call John at (301) 972-1572.

Editor's Column

This month's column continues the story of Bill Haycraft's ancestor, Isaac G. Haycraft, who traveled to Minnesota in 1907.

"Homeward Bound

Now, getting back to the party that went on to Lake Lacroix with Andy Johnson. They all found suitable land which they would afterwards file claims on, as did our party of seven. After two days, this larger party came on to where we were camped on Lake Comfort, and we all completed arrangements to start on our return trip to Ely. The trip would be by the same mode of travel we had used coming in.

We had not gone far when we saw four moose tramping around and feeding in a marsh. We were probably a quarter-mile from them. Shortly after this experience, we came upon a single young moose, probably about two years old, wading in the creek and

browsing on the overhanging brush. It did not seem to be the least bit afraid. It finally climbed out on the bank, and we rode past in our canoes within a few feet of it while it continued to feed on the brush foliage. We all got quite a kick out of being so near a wild moose in its natural haunts.

We made good time on our return trip. The one incident out of the ordinary was when the old birchbark canoe went to pieces so badly we had to abandon it altogether, and carry on with the Wesley canoes. Of course, we had less luggage, and we got along all right, arriving in Ely in due time; we turned our canoes back over to the owner, and proceeded to reduce our luggage to the minimum. Then we took train to Duluth, where we stayed over night and attended to filing our claims the next day. When we were all through with our claim-filing business, we took train for Bemidji and home. Shortly after arriving home, we were advised that the Government had made a new ruling that we would all have to make another trip and re-examine our claims, to furnish additional information. This several of us did the following April."