



# NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America  
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter

March-April 2000 Issue



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## Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
3/18	Skeet Clinic	9:30 am
3/18	Military Rifle Shoot	10:00 am
3/18	St. Patrick's Day Dance	7:30 pm
3/22	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
3/24	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close At:</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
3/25	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed Except For:</b>	
3/25	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
3/25	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup	9:00 am
3/26	All Ranges Maint	10:00 am
3/26	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
3/26	Range Orientation	10:00 am
3/27	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
4/1	Seneca Valley Match	8:00 am
4/1	NRA Jr. 3 Pos. Air Mch.	8:30 am
4/1	River Cleanup	8:30 am
4/3	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
4/4	Consrvt/SOS Cmte. Mtg	7:30 pm
4/5	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
4/8	NSSA Skeet Shoot	10:00 am
4/10	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
4/15	BRV Airgun Match	8:30 am
4/17	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
4/24	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
4/25	<b>Thunder Valley Days:</b> <b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed</b>	
4/26	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
4/26	<b>Thunder Valley Days:</b> <b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed</b>	
4/27	<b>Thunder Valley Days:</b> <b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed</b>	
4/28	<b>Thunder Valley Days:</b> <b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed</b>	
4/29	<b>Thunder Valley Days:</b> <b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed</b>	
4/30	All Ranges Maint	10:00 am
4/30	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
4/30	Range Orientation	10:00 am

## Adopt-A-Road

Our next Adopt-A-Road cleanup of Mullinix Mill Road will be on **Saturday, March 25, 2000**. Please meet at the equipment shed at 9:00 AM.

## General Membership Meetings

The March membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 22**. Dinner in March will feature corned beef and cabbage. Cost will be \$8.00. As always, social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

The April membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 26**. Dinner will feature spaghetti, choice of sauces, and all the fixin's. Cost will be \$8.00. As always, social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

## 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, March 22, 2000**.

Richard Check, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Greg Gallo**

Richard Gautreaux, Laytonsville, MD  
**Sponsor: Greg Gallo**

Herbert Lee, Mt. Airy, MD  
**Sponsor: James Schinner**

David Lewis, Mt. Airy, MD  
**Sponsor: James Schinner**

Carl McMahon, Clarksburg, MD  
**Sponsor: Weldon Humphries**

Chetram Nanan, Silver Spring, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Inness**

Norj Nordeen, Mt. Airy, MD  
**Sponsor: Greg Gallo**

Joseph Savoca, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: John Leaman**

Bernard Vannoy, Frederick, MD  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

## April Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	4/1	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Richard Zabell
Sun.	4/2	Paul Bluteau Cindy Whitehurst Jim Luensman
Sat.	4/8	Lewis Allmatt Joel Gross
Sun.	4/9	Greg Baldwin Kevin Manning Franklin Moncada
Sat.	4/15	Peter Currall Dave Gold
Sun.	4/16	Burt Mullineaux Rob Taylor Craig Leopard
Sat.	4/22	Bill Rahn Charlie Weaver
Sun.	4/23	Open to Volunteers
Sat.	4/29	The Fichter "Gang"
Sun.	4/30	Chris Smarte Susan Smarte

## Constitution and Bylaws Changes

We are changing portions of our constitution and some of our bylaws. Members can get copies of the proposed changes at the March Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, March 22**. Voting on the proposed changes will take place during the April Membership Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, April 26, 2000**.

The major changes are as follows:

Taking the word "Club" out of our official name.

Changing the dates for sending statements of annual dues.

Changing the date for suspending the range privileges of those who do not renew their membership.

Expanding the duties of the Sgt.-At-Arms, Parliamentarian, and Chaplain.

Changing the date for selecting delegates to the IWLNA National Convention.

Amending the functions and duties of certain committees.

Increasing the number of Standing Committees.

Reducing the time allowed for depositing Chapter funds.

Changing the order of business during Chapter meetings.

## 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](mailto:MRShaver@aol.com) or telephone at (301) 926-0465.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Authorized Rifle/Pistol Range shooting hours are posted on the range sign-in box. **For March 2000, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 6:00 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range. Because sunset changes slightly each day, the sign is periodically updated. Please help us avoid offending our neighbors by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

**PROJECT MANAGER NEEDED:** We need someone to take overall responsibility for coordinating efforts on a very important project: the improvement of sound barriers at the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. We have some ideas about where we want to start, but are open to suggestions from a member with some experience in such projects, and both the willingness and ability to get something done in a reasonable time frame. For more information, or to volunteer your services, please contact **Ray Shaver**.

**MARCH CLEANUP:** Maintenance of the rifle and pistol ranges is scheduled from **10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 26**. Please report to the green equipment shed,

below the chapter house, to sign in and get a work assignment. Ray Shaver will be coordinating the cleanup activities. If you can't make it on Sunday, consider helping out with the cleanup at the end of the cowboy action shoot around 3:00 PM on **Saturday, March 25**.

**STEEL TARGETS:** Our range rules specify that only "range-approved metal targets" are permitted on the Chapter rifle and pistol ranges. The process to get a metal target "range-approved" was purposely left ambiguous, when metal targets were introduced into the rules in 1996. Based on experience, we automatically permit all commercially made falling or spinning targets, but require inspection for all others. The most important part of the process is to communicate the rules on target placement and the type of ammunition to be used. **Specifically, steel targets must be placed at least 25 yards from the firing line, directly in front of the earth bank backstop. Furthermore, only unjacketed lead bullets are permitted for use on steel targets.** We are well aware that cowboy action shoots and other competitive shooting activities involve placing the steel targets closer than 25 yards, but those are special events which are strictly supervised by safety officials. For everyday shooting on WACC ranges, shooters must comply with the 25 yard minimum distance and lead bullet requirement. The next version of our range rules will reflect the practices described above. **A final warning:** The risk of splatter and ricochets increases significantly as steel targets are damaged with heavy use. Please replace your steel targets when they become noticeably dimpled and pockmarked.

**WORKERS NEEDED:** Ray Shaver needs three to five volunteers, who are not cowboy action shooters, to assist with the relocation of targets and props and with range cleanups associated with the "Thunder Valley Days" cowboy action shoot during the last week in April. **The two-hour (approximate) task will start around 3:30 PM on both Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29.** If you can help, please contact Ray (301-926-0465 or [MRShaver@AOL.COM](mailto:MRShaver@AOL.COM)).

**THANKS** to the lkes who came out in support of our monthly Chapter maintenance day on February 27. Included were **Wayne Berkebile, Debbie Breslin, Rich Buckingham, Charles Christianson, Jay**

**Clark, Chuck Crooks, John L. Ford, John P. Ford, Red Gambrell, Rex Gori, Rick Harhai, Bob Inness, Bill Jenkins, Bill Kelly, Dave Kinnard, Wendy Kinnard, John Leaman, Rodney Leeber, Susan Lender, Craig Leopard, R. G. Logan, Joe Mamana, Daniel Peterson, Stephen Peterson, Alan Pressman, Harris Reavin, Ray Shaver, Steve Silverman, Rob Taylor, John Walter, Brian Watson, John Watson, Ken Winpisinger, and David Young.**

## Cowboy Shoots

The Thunder Valley Days Cowboy Shoot is rapidly approaching. This event is the first Single Action Shooting Society State Final ever held in MD. We need lots of help from members throughout the event. The setup for Thunder Valley Days is on **April 26** and the competition runs from **April 27-29, 2000**. Several work coordinators have already been appointed as follows:

**Mac McCollum: Cooking.** Help is needed for lunch on April 27-29 and dinner on April 28. Contact Mac at (301) 854-3707 or [osngmc@crols.com](mailto:osngmc@crols.com).

**Ray Shaver: Setup.** Help is needed to set up on April 26, swap targets on April 28, and tear down on April 29. Contact Ray at (301) 926-0465 or [mrshaver@aol.com](mailto:mrshaver@aol.com).

**Ed Burrows: Parking, ticket sales, shuttle.** Help is needed April 27-29. Contact Ed at (301) 774-9090 or [eburrows@erols.com](mailto:eburrows@erols.com).

**Larry Pfeiffer: Long Range Rifle.** Help is needed on April 27. Contact Larry at (301) 698-7093 or [Lpfeiffer@compuserv.com](mailto:Lpfeiffer@compuserv.com).

**Jerry Bazensky: Speed Pistol.** Help is needed on April 27. Contact Jerry at (410) 833-3430.

**Bill Jenkins: Mounted Shooting.** Help is needed on April 27. Contact Bill at (301) 929-9244 or [wjenkins@aol.com](mailto:wjenkins@aol.com).

**Don Jones: Cowboy 5 Stand.** Help is needed on April 27. Contact Don at (301) 624-4348 or [codyconagher@worldnet.att.net](mailto:codyconagher@worldnet.att.net).

**Neil Benson: Speed Shotgun.** Help is needed on April, 27. Contact Neil at (410) 875-0771.

**Vacant: Speed Rifle.** Contact Chuck Crooks at (301) 831-9666 or Wildlife Rangers@aol.com.

## Air Pistol Match

The Airgun Committee is sponsoring an Air Pistol Match open to all WACC members. The course of fire will be 60 shots for males and 40 shots for females on the indoor 10 meter range. Current NRA air pistol rules will apply (one hand shooting, no optical or dot sights). Recognition will be given to the top shooters in each category. An entry fee of \$3.00 will be charged. The match can be fired either on **Monday, March 20, 2000**, or **Monday, March 27, 2000**, between 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM. All targets must be fired on the same day. Pre-registration is not required but is encouraged by contacting **Phil Dean** at (301) 831-9325 or PD10X@aol.com.

## Archery

We are now installing new Morrell field targets in the woods near the Airgun Range. Two targets have been placed already and more will be installed in the future. These targets are for target points only! Broadheads will destroy them in short order. We will establish a shooting lane for broadhead practice, but you must supply your own targets in that lane. Thanks for your cooperation!

## Conservation Activities

Our next **Save Our Streams** cleanup of the Patuxent River will be held on **April 1, 2000**. We will remove trash and other debris from several areas where roads cross the Patuxent. Meet at the Chapter House at 8:00 AM for work location assignments. Please bring sturdy shoes, gloves, and clothing suitable for the weather and environment. Lunch will be served around noon and there will be a stream monitoring demonstration given after the cleanup. **Carrie Hamilton and Bill Kelly** are coordinating the cleanup. If you have questions, call Carrie at (301) 482-1986, or Bill at (301) 253-5009.

We will also support a **tree planting excursion** along the C&O Canal on **April 8, 2000**. Again, please mark your calendar. For this effort, sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing, gloves, and shovels are in fashion! Workers should meet at the IWLA Bethesda-Chevy Chase (BCC) Chapter. Contact **Ed Burrows**, at (301) 774-9090, for more information on

this event and directions to the IWLA BCC Chapter.

## Bluebird Trail Update

**Phil and Martha Dean** checked out nesting activity along the Bluebird Trail established on our property. One of our bluebird houses had five bluebird eggs in it, but the eggs did not incubate. Tree swallows occupy three of our houses. Five other bluebird houses have evidence of bluebird nests, but English sparrows now occupy those houses. Two boxes show no nesting activity. In short, we have had great success in attracting birds, but not exactly the ones we wanted!

## Montgomery County Bird Breeding Atlas

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection is beginning a five year study of bird breeding within the county. The project will begin this summer. The final product will be a web page with species information, habitat requirements, bird distribution within the county, population, history, and nesting habits. Volunteers are needed for field work and data gathering, entry, and analysis. More detailed information is available from the Montgomery County web site at "www.co.mo.md.us/dep/DEP/Indicators/atlas.htm."

If you are interested in participating in this study, contact **Ed Burrows** at (301) 774-9090 or eburrows@erols.com.

## Howard County 2000 General Plan

The Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning has invited our Chapter to participate in reviewing and providing input on proposed policies and actions for the 2000 General Plan. The General Plan serves as the foundation for development and preservation in Howard County for the next ten years. Typically, it includes recommendations for rezoning, changing subdivision and development regulations, and maintaining a good quality of life in the face of dwindling open spaces. We were invited to participate because of our efforts to protect and improve the Patuxent River and Triadelphia Reservoir.

Two of our members, **Bill Kelly and Meo Curtis**, have attended two meetings for the General Plan. To date, they have participated in discussions of enforcement of environmental regulations, making environmental ordinances more effective, down-zoning the area near Triadelphia Reservoir, watershed management, and establishment of a Department of Environmental Protection. If you would like to join them or learn more about this opportunity, call Meo at (301) 604-3736 or check out the Howard County web site at "www.co.ho.md.us."

## Why the NRA?

The NRA is our representative at the national and state level to promote and defend our right to own and use firearms. We may not always agree with the way NRA leaders approach a situation or their constant fund raising efforts, but it is "the only game in town." We need the NRA and they need our support.

Governor Glendenning is building his case for "child proof guns." Will the S&W Model 41 target pistol be offered for sale if legislation requires "child proof guns?" We need NRA help at the Federal and state levels to lobby for wise firearms legislation.

If you are not currently a member, please consider joining the NRA. If you are already a member, please renew your membership. Two of our airgun shooters, **Ed Burrows and Phil Dean**, are NRA "recruiting agents." If you join or renew your membership to the NRA through these two individuals, our Chapter will receive a commission on the membership dues. Contact Ed Burrows at (301) 774-9090 or eburrows@erols.com and Phil Dean at (301) 831-9325 or PD10X@aol.com.

(P.S.: We ran this notice once before and got only one new member/renewal. Can we do better?)

## E-Mail Notification List

We recently established an e-mail notification list for interested members. The list is used to remind and notify members of upcoming events, projects, and late breaking news. If you want to be added to the list, please e-mail **Chuck Crooks** at [IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com](mailto:IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com). Include your name, e-mail address, and the fact that you are requesting to be added to our e-mail list. You should use the same procedure to change your e-mail address or remove your name from the list. If you have previously registered and are not receiving notifications, you

should contact Chuck as indicated above.

The list is used only for Chapter business and is not given to anyone. All addresses are "blind," so your address will not appear on the e-mail.

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance

Okay... it's here! Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance will be on **Saturday, March 18, 2000**. It starts at 6:00 PM and runs until 10:00 PM. It will include

dinner and dancing. Dinner will feature corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, dessert, and coffee, tea, or sodas. Music will be supplied by Disc Jockey Unlimited, which has all sorts of music. The price for tickets purchased in advance are: \$25.00 per couple or \$13.00 stag. You can buy tickets at the door for \$30.00 per couple or \$15.00 stag. You can get tickets the Shotgun Range House or by calling (301) 428-0216 or (301) 428-0196. Last year's party was a great success, so come on out and enjoy the evening!