



# NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America  
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter  
April-May 2000 Issue



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## Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
4/15	Seneca Valley Match	8:00 am
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: R&amp;P Ranges Closed</b>	
4/26	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
4/26	<b>Thunder Valley Days: R&amp;P Ranges Closed</b>	
4/27	<b>Thunder Valley Days: R&amp;P Ranges Closed</b>	
4/28	<b>Thunder Valley Days: R&amp;P Ranges Closed</b>	
4/29	<b>Thunder Valley Days: 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
5/1	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
5/2	Consrvtn/SOS Cmte. Mtg	7:30 pm
5/3	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
5/6	Airgun Fld. Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
5/6	Seneca Valley Match	8:00 am
5/6	Shotgun Fundraiser	10:00 am
5/7	Shotgun Fundraiser	10:00 am
5/8	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
5/13	.22 Sporter Shoot	10:00 am
5/15	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
5/21	All Ranges Maint	10:00 am
5/21	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
5/21	Range Orientation	10:00 am
5/22	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
5/24	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
5/26	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close At: 1:00 pm</b>	
5/27	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed Except For:</b>	
5/27	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
5/29	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm

## General Membership Meetings

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.

The May membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 24**. The dinner menu has not yet been decided but we know the 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, April 26, 2000**. Due to the large number of applicants and space limitations, we are not showing the names of their sponsors this month. If you have questions or comments about any applicant, please contact **Joe Gick**, at (301) 774-9399.

George Anderson, Jr., N. College Park, MD

Jack Applegate, Silver Spring, MD

John Fink, Jr., Kensington, MD

John Fink III, Frederick, MD

Michael Fink, Sr., Kensington, MD

Jerry Gautereaux, Derwood, MD

Dale Hyde, Montgomery Village, MD

Charles Kinnel, Germantown, MD

Paul Ligor, College Park, MD

Donald Murphy, Ijamsville, MD

Richard Noah, Mt. Airy, MD

Mitchell Paup, Rockville, MD

Ron Peddicord, Fairfax, VA

Gregory Prakas, College Park, MD

Michael Ricketts, Germantown, MD

David Rockabrand, Rockville, MD

Steve Shoemaker, Springfield, VA

Russell Showers, Gaithersburg, MD

Pete Silvestre, Germantown, MD

Andrew Tauber, Germantown, MD

## May Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	5/6	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Richard Zabell
Sun.	5/7	Burt Mullineaux Jim Lucnsman
Sat.	5/13	Lewis Allnutt Joel Gross Bill Rahn
Sun.	5/14	Kevin Manning Richard Noah
Sat.	5/20	Peter Currall Dave Gold
Sun.	5/21	Rob Taylor Craig Leopard
Sat.	5/27	The Fichter "Gang"
Sun.	5/28	Chris Smarte Susan Smarte

## Constitution and Bylaws Changes

We are changing portions of our constitution and some of our bylaws. 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 IWLA 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.

## Skeet and Trap Report

On **May 6 and 7, 2000**, we are holding a fund raising event for Damascus HELP. This is our second year for this event. Last year we raised \$2,000.00 through pledges and donations. Entry forms are in the Shotgun Range House. Damascus HELP is a community-based organization which will distribute the proceeds to local charities. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.

Except for **Wednesday, April 26**, the Skeet and Trap Ranges will be open on Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM through early October.

## 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.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Permitted rifle/pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box which contains the range sign-in register. **For April 2000, starting time is**

**10:00 AM and ending time is 7:30 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range. Because sunset changes slightly each day, the sign is periodically updated. Please help us to be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

**APRIL CLEANUP:** Maintenance of the rifle and pistol ranges is scheduled from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on **Sunday, April 30**. 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.

**FUN SHOOT:** Although the annual military rifle shoot on March 18 was lightly attended, we had a good time. Thanks to Ikes **Mark Himes, Tom Orange, and Amphol Nanudon** for sharing several interesting rifles, and to the other guests and Ikes who came to look and join us in the fun. By the way, for those of you who have been considering the acquisition of an M1 Garand through the Civilian Marksmanship Program, the quality of rifles coming from the CMP still looks very good, but you should probably act soon.

Families are encouraged to attend our .22 sporter shoot from 10:00 AM until early afternoon on **Saturday, May 13**. There is no charge and no chance of embarrassment for participants in this informal, non-competitive event. Because it is a special event, you and the kids will get 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. New members can help satisfy their work requirement by coming early to help set things up or lending a hand in putting away things at the end.

**RANGE RULE UPDATE:** We avoid frequent revisions to the range rules because it is difficult to communicate changes to all the members and expensive to print the multi-copy range rule forms which are used in the range orientation course. Nevertheless, rule changes are periodically necessary to reflect changes in our facilities and how they are being used.

The time has arrived to introduce some changes, and the first step in the process is to discuss them with as many interested parties as possible. Starting on **April 26**, Rifle/Pistol Chairman, Ray Shaver, will chair a series of short sessions to discuss tentative rule changes at the end of each membership meeting. If you don't like changes, would like to see some changes, or would just like to help, please come out and join in the discussions.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU:** To **Paul Bluteau, Leslie Cunningham, Geoff Lampshire, and Larry Pfeiffer**, who helped tear down and put away targets after the cowboy action shoot on March 25. To **Claude Bauer, Steve Cowan, Jon Duvall, Red Gambrell, Con Heine, Susan Lender, Ray G. Logan, Kevin & Matt Manning, Rob Panico, Harris Reavin, Gary Scott, John Walter, and Rudy Werner**, who came out in support of our monthly Chapter maintenance day on March 26. To **Bud Bell** for his long-term, dedicated assistance to **Ted Hires** in conducting the range orientation class, first year member, **Stephen Lefebvre**, who regularly lectures in it, and new member, **Lou Knapp**, who joined them as an assistant on March 26. Extra thanks also go out to **Ray G. Logan**, who noticed some new members starting to enter the rifle range through the unsafe service vehicle entrance, stopped them, and took the initiative to prepare some signs to help prevent that problem in the future. Apologies and thanks to all the unnamed individuals who also contributed their time, energy, money, and materials. We couldn't run this club without you.

## Cowboy Shoots

The May Cowboy Shoot will be held on **Saturday, May 27, 2000**. Set up begins on **Friday, May 26, 2000**, at 1:00 PM. The Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed from 1:00 PM Friday through approximately 4:00 PM on Saturday. Help is needed setting up on Friday and for tear down and range clean up at 3:00 PM

on Saturday. See <http://members.aol.com/Chuckaroo3> for additional information or contact **Chuck Crooks** at 301-831-9666.

There will be a Cowboy Clinic on **Saturday, May 20, 2000**. It is free but pre-registration is required. See our web site for an application or contact Chuck Crooks on (301) 831-9666. The clinic is designed for those that have thought about playing the Cowboy Action Shooting game but do not have the firearms or are intimidated by all those funny dressed people. Firearms are supplied and the cowboy dress code is relaxed.

## Web Site

Our web site has a Club Calendar that is kept current throughout the year. It includes contact names, phone numbers and E-mail addresses for upcoming projects. It also lists known range closures for special projects. We are happy to report that our web site has been accessed over 5,600 times since March 1999. Check it often, because changes are constantly being made to keep it current. The web site also provides access to our On Line Newsletter. Members who wish to stop the paper copy and save resources by reading the on line version (identical content) can e-mail a request to "Stop Paper Copy" to IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com.

The web site also has a complete list of committee chairpersons, board of directors, club responsibilities along with contact information.

## Club E-mail List

The club has a mass E-mail list with close to 300 members's addresses on it. The list is used to remind members of upcoming events, short notice changes and general club information. The list is used for WAC-IWLA members only. All addresses are sent "blind" and each recipient only sees their address on the mail. If you have changed your address or are not receiving any mail from us, re-submit your name and complete e-mail address to IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com.

## Bulletin Boards

Thanks to the efforts of **Red Gambrell** we now have two additional bulletin boards designed specifically for members to buy,

sell, or trade household items, cars, firearms etc. The boards are titled "WAC-TRADING POST." All items must be labeled with a date they were posted and they will remain up for 60 days or until you have removed the item. They will be located in the Chapter House in the upstairs hall and in the Rathskeller (downstairs). It is a good place to put your WANTED items also. Thanks Red!

## Air Pistol Match

The results of the Air Pistol Match, held on March 20 and 27, 2000, are in. The following scores were achieved:

### Men's Division (600 points possible)

Hiem Trang	550
Alex Bier	541
Tom Gaylord	534
Earl McDonald	534
Jim Piatieski	525
John Ciccone	512
Phil Dean	505
Karl Krchma	472
John Shepherd	426
Lee Trunnell	310

### Women's Division (400 points possible)

Nancy McDonald	323
Heidi Nicewarner	287

Those are all excellent scores. The editor encourages all the airgun shooters to stick with airguns and not take up highpower rifle shooting. It's already hard enough for him to beat anybody in the Seneca Valley matches! Thanks to all the participants!!

## Junior Shooting

Our junior shooters continue to do extremely well in local matches. The NRA Junior 3 Position Air Rifle Sectional was held at our Chapter House on April 1, 2000. Our juniors swept the gold medals and took the Team Championship! The two gold medal winners were Lyra Hornseth, who won the Precision event, and Ross Mark, who won the Sporter event. Way to shoot!

## Sound Barrier Construction

As you may know, a few of our neighbors have complained about the noise created by our shooting. In an effort to reduce the

sound of gunfire, we are constructing sound barriers. The project is being supervised by new member **Sandy Bernstein**. On April 9, 2000, Sandy, **Bob Price**, and **Norj Nordeen** installed plywood sheeting along the back of the old pistol range. This barrier should deflect some of the sound away from Mullinix Mill Road. Other sound abatement projects will be completed in the future. We sincerely appreciate the work done on this important project by our fellow Ikes.

If these efforts don't work, the editor proposes blaming all the noise on the archery shooters!

## Conservation Activities

**Patuxent River Cleanup:** Our Save Our Streams cleanup of the Patuxent River, held on April 1, 2000, went extremely well. We picked up approximately 20 tons of trash and an entire truckload of tires. Cleanup sites were at Long Corner Road, Mullinix Mill Road, Annapolis Rock Road, Windsor Forest Road, Howard Chapel Road, and Brown Church Road. We were joined by representatives from Trout Unlimited, Rockville High School, Central Baptist Church, MD Department of Natural Resources, and The Jaycees. In all, we had 64 people working on the cleanup. In fact there, were so many workers, we can't name them all in this newsletter. Hopefully, they will take quiet pride in knowing they did something noble! Special thanks are due to **Bill Kelly** and **Carrie Hamilton** for organizing the event!

**Howard County Plans:** The Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks is developing natural resource plans for each county park and a Deer Management Plan for all Howard County parkland. The Department has drafted revisions to their 1995 Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan as required by the State of Maryland. The draft 1999 plan has been distributed to County libraries for public review. Interested members are encouraged

to review the document and provide written comments or public testimony. A public meeting will be announced in local papers and on the County web site ([www.co.ho.md.us](http://www.co.ho.md.us)) in the near future.

**Earth Day's Birthday:** We are joining with other area environmental groups and government agencies to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Earth Day. Our focus is on the Patuxent River and its many beautiful tributaries.

On Earth Day, **Saturday, April 22**, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will waive its \$3.00 daily watershed use fee at both Triadelphia and Rocky Gorge Reservoirs. Those over 16 must have a valid license to fish in either of the two reservoirs.

On **Saturday, April 29**, WSSC will hold tours of its T. Howard Duckett Dam in Laurel from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will get a bird's eye view of the reservoir and surrounding area. The tours will be repeated on the following **Saturday, May 6, 2000**.

For more information on any of these events, call **Meo Curtis** at (301) 604-3736 or (240) 777-7711.

## **Bee Hive Update**

Several new bee hives have been prepared in anticipation of the imminent arrival of two more packages of bees. We appreciate the work of **Joe and Lois Carinci, John Gorham, and Jim Piateski** in preparing the new hives. It took them only three hours to complete the task. Another testimonial for "many hands make short work". Thanks guys and gal!