



# NEWSLETTER

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Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter  
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## Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
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
6/3	Seneca Valley Match	9:00 am
6/3	MD Div. IWLA Meeting	10:00 am
6/5	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
6/6	Consrvtn/SOS Cmte. Mtg	7:30 pm
6/7	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
6/12	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
6/19	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
6/23	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close At: 1:00 pm</b>	
6/24	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed Except For:</b>	
6/24	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
6/24	Adopt A Road Cleanup	9:00 am
6/25	All Ranges Maint	10:00 am
6/25	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
6/25	Range Orientation	10:00 am
6/26	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
6/28	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm

## Adopt-A-Road

The cleanup of Mullinix Mill Road on March 25, 2000, went well thanks to the hard work of **John Graham, Al Hrast, and Al's two sons, Nicholas and Cole**. Al, Nicholas, and Cole have been participating in these cleanups for over six years, even though they've moved to Westminster, MD. We can remember when Al would pull three year old Cole in a wagon while he and six year old Nicholas walked along the road picking up trash. We appreciate the Hrastrs' long time assistance and welcome John Graham! The next Adopt-A-Road cleanup of Mullinix Mill Road will be on **Saturday, June 24, 2000**. Please meet at the equipment shed at 9:00 AM.

## General Membership Meetings

The May membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 24**. Our guest speaker will be **Jerry Bayer**, who is an avid collector of Civil War firearms. Mr. Bayer's topic will be "Arming the Armies" wherein he discusses various firearms and shows pieces from his collection. The dinner menu will feature southwestern cuisine and its cost will be \$8.00. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

The June membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 28**. Dinner will be a cookout in the Barbecue Shed. 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, May 24, 2000**.

John Agbayani, Gaithersburg, MD  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

Andrew Bonvillain, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Richard Gautereaux**

Shep Burton, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Burt Mullineaux**

Lucille Capeda, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Richard Gautereaux**

Gregori Kurtzman, Olney, MD  
**Sponsor: Dan Tockman**

Mark Lynch, Derwood, MD  
**Sponsor: Larry Lynch**

Chris Marshall, Frederick, MD  
**Sponsor: John Gorham**

Robert Mascaro, Mt. Airy, MD  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

William Mutziger, Laytonsville, MD  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

Scott Palmer, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Greg Gallo**

Donald Plata, Kensington, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Mabie**

Jeff Roberson, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Greg Gallo**

Brace Rodenheiser, Damascus, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

Bill Rotolone, Rockville, MD  
**Sponsor: Bill Schneider**

Craig Smith, Gaithersburg, MD  
**Sponsor: Greg Gallo**

Curtiss Spanos, Ellicott City, MD  
**Sponsor: Chuck Crooks**

Rollin Sparrowe, Arlington, VA  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

Steven War, Damascus, MD  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

William Winpisinger, North Beach, MD  
**Sponsor: Ken Winpisinger**

## June Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	6/3	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Richard Zabell

Sun	6/4	Burt Mullineaux Jim Luensman
Sat.	6/10	Lewis Allnutt Joel Gross Bill Rahn
Sun.	6/11	Kevin Manning Richard Noah
Sat.	6/17	Peter Currall Dave Gold
Sun.	6/18	Rob Taylor Craig Leopard
Sat.	6/25	The Fichtel "Gang"
Sun.	6/26	Chris Smarte Susan Smarte

## 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:** Permitted rifle/pistol range shooting hours for **May 2000, are from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily**, 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 not shooting before the posted starting time or after the posted ending time.

**MAY CLEANUP:** Maintenance of the rifle and pistol ranges is scheduled from **10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 21**. Please report to the green equipment shed, below the chapter house, to sign in and get a work assignment. **Ray Shaver** will coordinate cleanup activities.

**MILITARY RIFLE SHOOT:** Members who missed the annual military rifle fun shoot on March 18 have asked that we schedule next year's event on a Sunday, when more people are off work. Since it was so lightly attended this year, we will try to comply with that request. Military rifle enthusiasts should note that the Seneca Valley high-power matches, held monthly during the spring and summer, are a lot of fun. If you get a chance, participate in one, or at least stop by and see how they are run.

## VOLUNTEER RANGE OFFICERS

**NEEDED:** Although most of our shooters are very safety conscious, our membership is expanding and the ranges are often quite busy on weekends. We are considering

establishing a regular range officer program on the rifle and pistol ranges to ensure that we maintain an acceptable level of safety during those busy times. In today's environment, even the simplest mistake could result in the permanent closure of our ranges. Therefore, **Ray Shaver** is seeking volunteers who are willing to serve as official range safety officers and oversee range activities during the busiest periods of range activity, primarily weekend afternoons. Your commitment would be one afternoon a month, or less depending upon the number of volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Ray at [MRShaver@aol.com](mailto:MRShaver@aol.com) or telephone at (301) 926-0465, so we can get a process organized.

**THANKS** to all the Ikes who showed up for our monthly range and grounds maintenance day on April 30. Included among their tasks that day were cleanup of the skeet/trap ranges, more work on the rifle range sound barriers, mowing between trees in our Christmas tree farm, and moving new targets into place on the archery range. Participants included **Rich Buckingham, Ed Burrows, Dan Earnest, Rex Gori, Bill Juhrs, John Leaman, David Letizia, Carl Minkel, Mitch Paup, David Rockabrand, Jim Schinner, Gary Scott, Ray Shaver, Steve Silverman, Michael Strauss, and John Walter.**

## Cowboy Shoots

Thunder Valley Days were a tremendous success! The weather cooperated and the club was full of happy cowboys, future cowboys, and onlookers. Shoot results have been posted on our website. Early estimates indicate the event was one of our biggest fund raisers in quite a while. A lot of Ikes and nonmembers assisted during the shoot. It would not have been a success without everyone's assistance. Below is a list of the volunteers.

Hopefully, we have everyone's name. If not, please accept our apologies but know that we sincerely appreciated your help!

Our thanks to: **Neil Benson, Ted Besch, Paul Bluteau, Joe Carinci, Archie Cheng, Chuck and Barb Crooks, Phil Dean, the Fichtel "Gang," Rich Fried, Curtis Gevert, David Gresczyk, Carrie Hamilton, Dave Hammett, Don Jones, Doug and Debbie Kay, John Leaman, Charles Leatherman, David Lewis, Randy Loy, Jim Luensman, Bob Mabie,**

**Chris Marshall, Mac McCollum, Bob Mrak, Don Murphy, Zane Naibert, Norman Olson, Paul O'Neil, Tom Orange, Steve Peck, Ron Peddicord, David Rockabrand, Ray Shaver, John Shepherd, Steve Shoemaker, Terry Springer, Greg Talamini, Georgia Townsend, John Walter, and Bill Wise.** By the way, an upcoming issue of *Shoot Magazine* will have an article on the event.

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, May 27.

## Rifle Range Restoration

A Montgomery County zoning inspector visited our facility on April 10, 2000 in response to complaints from our neighbors about shooting noise. The inspector identified several zoning violations, the most serious of which was the lack of a wood chip sound barrier behind the rifle range. Such a barrier was required and existed at one time but over the years it had deteriorated to the point that few members even knew it once existed. On Thursday, April 19, 2000, Montgomery County ordered that the rifle range be closed. Within an hour, our membership came together to restore the sound barrier. **Bob Mabie** immediately arranged for three truckloads of wood chips to be delivered to the range. **Mac McCollum** designed a wire mesh enclosure to support the wood chips and the enclosure was built by **Mac, Chuck Crooks, Bill Gazdik, Ray Halperin, Terry McCoy, Steve Peck, Richard Phelan, John St. Clair, and Ray Shaver** on Friday, April 20. Then, on Saturday, April 22, a crowd of members and non-members arrived to place the wood chips behind the enclosure. Included were: **Ken Bell, Wayne Berkebile, Ed Burrows, Jay Clark, Chuck**

Crooks, Phil Dean, Bob Fourney, Bob Inness, Mac McCollum, Steve Peck, Jim Pieteski, David Rockabrand, Ray Shaver, Rick Thornley, Eric Turnquist, Ken Winpisinger, Dave Young, and several others who didn't sign the work roster. However, the real hero of the day was **Don Jones**, who operated the front end loader. Without his superb work, we would still be moving wood chips. By about 1:00 PM on Saturday, the sound barrier was restored!

The zoning inspector authorized the rifle range to be reopened on Monday afternoon, April 22. So, in five days we were able to resume our riflery activities.

## Archery Report

Thanks to **Rudy and Danny Mattern and Jake Hamilton**, numerous Boy Scouts were able to earn a merit badge in archery. The archery lessons were given at our facility during April 2000. Rudy Mattern is the former owner of Angler and Archer and a member of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase IWLA

Chapter. Besides instructing the Boy Scouts in archery, he displayed traditional Native American hunting equipment and buckskin clothing... all of his own construction. The Boy Scouts enjoyed learning about archery and seeing the crafts.

Archery range work is nearing completion. Six targets have been placed in the woods. They still need to be leveled, but if you hold your bow a little crooked and hold your tongue on the side of your mouth to keep balance, you can use them until they are straightened up. Please remember, ***no broadheads may be shot into club targets.*** We will be making an area where they can be used, but for now you must use your own targets if you want to use broadheads. The following folks helped improve the range: **Carrie Hamilton, Ed Burrows, Red Gambrel, Ray Shaver, John Leaman, and Scott Sisson**. If we forgot to mention someone, please forgive us. We try to track these things the best we can. Thanks for all the help ladies and gents,

this has been a real team effort!!

## Christmas Trees

We had an excellent turn out on April 15 and 16, 2000 to plant Christmas Trees. We were able to get 600 trees planted in those two days. Because our Chaplain and Christmas Tree Chairman, **John Leaman**, is looked upon with favor by God, He blessed us with good planting weather. (John also arranged for the superb weather during Thunder Valley Days). Because we are blessed with good members, we got the planting done in record time. Thank you: **Joe Savora; Gerald Bennett; Richard Phelan; Mark, Linda, Rachel, and Matthew Rendely; Steve Peck; Curtis Geverdt; Greg Christensen; Charles Christianson; Ed Burrows; and John Leaman!!**