



# NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America  
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter  
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## Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
6/19	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
6/23	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close At:</b>	<b>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
7/1	Seneca Valley Match	9:00 am
7/3	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
7/5	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
7/8	Beginner's Skeet Clinic	9:00 am
7/8	Advanced Skeet Clinic	12:30 pm
7/10	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
7/11	Consrvtin/SOS Cmte. Mtg	7:30 pm
7/17	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
7/21	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close At:</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
7/22	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed Except For:</b>	
7/22	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
7/24	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
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## Adopt-A-Road

Our 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 June membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 28**. Dinner will feature a barbecue cookout. Cost will be \$8.00. As always, social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

The July membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 26**. During this meeting, **nominations for club officers and directors for 2000-2001 will be accepted from the general membership**. We normally do not have dinner at the July meeting, but we might have something this year. Watch next month's newsletter to find out what we're doing! Nevertheless, we will have a social hour, which begins at 6:30 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, June 28, 2000**.

Carl Bayer, Rockville, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Mabie**

Daniel Cavannaugh, Rockville, MD  
**Sponsor: Bill Schneider**

Jerry Jenkins, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Mabie**

Thomas Lalla, Laurel, MD  
**Sponsor: Wilfred Shisler**

Bob Snyder, Frederick, MD  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

## July Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	7/1	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Richard Zabell
Sun.	7/2	Burt Mullineaux To Be Decided
Sat.	7/8	Lewis Allnutt Joel Gross
Sun.	7/9	Kevin Manning Richard Noah Bernie Vannoy
Sat.	7/15	Peter Currall Dave Gold
Sun.	7/16	Rob Taylor Craig Leopard
Sat.	7/22	Bill Rahn Charlie Weaver
Sun.	7/23	Jim Luensman Mike Mcrollini
Sat.	7/29	The Fichter "Gang"
Sun.	7/30	Chris Smarte Susan Smarte

## Skeet and Trap Report

Two clinics will be offered on **Saturday, July 8, 2000**. First, a beginner's skeet clinic will run from 9:00 AM until noon for persons new to skeet shooting. Kids, accompanied by an adult, are welcome. The clinic will begin with an hour of orientation followed by two hours of on-field instruction. Class size is limited to ten students. There is a charge for the course. Participants will pay club rates for targets and they must provide their own shells.

The second clinic will begin at 12:30 PM. This class is for more advanced skeet shooters who want to improve their scores at certain stations. All instruction will take place on Field Four on a drop-in basis.

To register for either of these clinics, contact **Rich Buckingham** at (301) 762-2306 (evenings before 9:30 PM) or by e-mail at [buckingskeet@hotmail.com](mailto:buckingskeet@hotmail.com).

By the way, we've managed to misplace the keys to the Saturday Range Box. If you **happen to have them, please call Archie Cheng** at (301) 831-9738 or **Rich Buckingham** at (301) 762-2306. If we cannot recover the keys, we will have to replace all the locks at the Shotgun Range, which will be quite expensive.

## 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 are posted on the box which contains the range sign-in register. **For June 2000, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 8:30 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.

**JUNE CLEANUP:** Maintenance of the rifle and pistol ranges is scheduled from **10:00 AM until 1 PM on Sunday, June 25**. 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.

**.22 FUN SHOOT:** Twenty three Ikes, family members, and guests attended the .22 sporter shoot on April 13. This was probably the largest group which we have ever had for the event, and we had a great time. This fun shoot is a cooperative activity where everybody helps set up, tear down, or maintain targets. **Phil Dean**, however, deserves special thanks for organizing the teams for our informal competition and providing some great novelty targets. And speaking of novelty targets, thanks also are due to **Tom Gaylord** and the **Airgun Letter** for providing the *pièce de résistance* with which we ended the shoot. Where else do you get a chance to demolish computer monitors? We were especially happy to have

several families in attendance. The next .22 fun shoot will be held on **Saturday, August 5**. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **RIFLE RANGE SOUND BARRIER:**

When Montgomery County authorized the reopening of our rifle range on April 24, it was under the condition that we complete the restoration of the sound barrier by reconstructing the shed roof that protects its wood chips from the weather, and finish chinking between logs in the vertical log walls which comprise part of the barrier. Those tasks were completed in several work sessions during April and May. Thanks to **Dan Earnest, Chris Christensen, Rob Taylor, David Tyler, David Lewis, and Ed Burrows** for their help in designing the roof and initiating its construction. Thanks also to the crew of volunteers who came out on range maintenance day to finish the construction. Included in that group were **Norm Balog; John, Mike and Jason Fink; Craig Gillis; Marc Hinthier; Geoff Hornseth; Jim Luensman; Alan Pressman; David and Alexander Rockabrand; and Rick Thornley**. We also appreciate the generous offers of portable generators from some of the participants and others who were unable to attend the work sessions.

### **VOLUNTEER SAFETY OFFICERS:**

So far, eight WAC members have contacted **Ray Shaver** in response to last month's request for volunteers to serve as rifle/pistol range safety officers. To make this project work without overloading the individual volunteers, we need at least four more participants. Again, we are seeking volunteers 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.

## Cowboy Shoots

Cowboy Shoots will continue on the fourth Saturday of the month through November, 2000. Set-up is the Friday before the shoot, so ranges are closed from approximately 1:00 PM on Friday until approximately 3:30 PM on Saturday.

Our May 2000 shoot had 96 shooters. They managed to weather the rain and still

have a great time. Over 65 IWLA/WAC members are regularly shooting in our Cowboy Shoots and that number is growing. A special Damascus Wildlife Ranger badge was presented to the Rifle/Pistol Range Chairperson, **Ray Shaver**, for being involved in every set up and tear down (except one) since we started the Cowboy Shoots in March, 1998. Ray, "Old Boz," received Damascus Wildlife Ranger badge number 10 in honor of his unselfish dedication to these club functions. Even though he is currently not involved in shooting during these events, Old Boz has been instrumental in making these shoots a success. Thanks Old Boz!!

## Elections

WAC elections will soon be upon us. Officers and Directors for the 2000-2001 terms will be elected at our August Membership Meeting. Nominations from the floor, in addition to the slate of candidates developed by our Nominating Committee, will be accepted at the July Membership Meeting. After the August meeting, new elected officers will be installed at the September Membership Meeting. It is important that interested members attend the June, July, and August Membership Meetings to exercise your right to vote and ensure our Officers and Directors are the best!

## Bee Hive Update

A new starter hive and bees have been added to our growing apiary. Thanks, thanks, thanks, to **Steve Peck** for donating the new hive and bees! We should have more honey available this year!!

## Christmas Trees

We appreciate the work of **Jeffrey Roberson, Scott Palmer, and John Leaman** on May 30. They did a great job of maintaining the trees and keeping the grass mowed to a length where we can actually see the trees and distinguish them from the weeds!