



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter
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Coming Attractions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
7/21	R&P Ranges Close At:	1:00 pm
7/22	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
7/22	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
7/22	Airgun Fld. Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
7/24	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
7/26	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
7/30	All Ranges Maint	10:00 am
7/30	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
7/30	Range Orientation	10:00 am
7/31	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
8/1	Consrvtu/SOS Cmte. Mtg	7:30 pm
8/2	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
8/5	.22 Sporter Shoot	10:00 am
8/7	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
8/12	Airgun Fld. Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
8/14	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
8/21	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
8/22	Bowhunter Educ. Day 1	6:00 pm
8/24	Bowhunter Educ. Day 2	6:00 pm
8/25	R&P Ranges Close At:	1:00 pm
8/25	Mem. Meeting/Election	6:30 pm
8/26	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
8/26	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
8/26	Bowhunter Educ. Day 3	9:00 am
8/27	All Ranges Maint	10:00 am
8/27	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
8/27	Range Orientation	10:00 am
8/28	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm

General Membership Meetings

The July membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 26. Nominations for club officers and directors for 2000-2001 will be accepted from the general membership.** In addition, our guest speaker will be **Larry Lubbers**, from the MD Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Lubbers will give a presentation on the Grand Canyon from a river-runner's perspective. We will have barbecue chicken for dinner. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM.

The August membership meeting is on **Friday, August 25. This will be the election for new officers.** Come out, vote, and enjoy the barbecue pork rib dinner! Social hour 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, July 26, 2000.**

Gregory Beaver, Pasadena, MD
Sponsor: Tom Gaylord

Wallace Bradford, Laurel, MD
Sponsor: Mark Himes

Tom Burlin, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Mike Caltabiano, Wheaton, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Bob Elliot, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Ken Gruber, Ashton, MD
Sponsor: Phil Dean

Al Kleuver, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: John Leaman

Jack Marsden, Montgomery Village, MD
Sponsor: William Seested

Wayne Mullinix, Dayton, MD
Sponsor: Jim Gum

Ted O'Donnell, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Bill Jenkins

Thomas Riley, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Tim Scott, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Tim West, Brookeville, MD
Sponsor: Gregori Kurtzman

August Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
Sat.	8/5	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Richard Zabell
Sun.	8/6	Burt Mullineaux Chris Smarte Susan Smarte
Sat.	8/12	Lewis Allnutt Joel Gross Bill Rahn
Sun.	8/13	Kevin Manning Richard Noah Bernie Vannoy
Sat.	8/19	Peter Currall Dave Gold
Sun.	8/20	Rob Taylor Craig Leopard
Sat.	8/26	The Fichter "Gang"
Sun.	8/27	Jim Luensman To Be Decided

Skeet and Trap Report

The July 8, 2000 Skeet Clinics were filled well in advance. There will be one more Beginner's Skeet Clinic this year. Watch the September newsletter for the date and time of the next Beginner's Skeet Clinic.

We would like to offer a similar clinic for trap shooters. If you would like to teach that clinic, please contact **Rich Buckingham** at (301) 762-2306 (evenings before 9:30 PM) or by e-mail at "buckingskeet@hotmail.com."

New T-shirts are available at the Shotgun range House. There are two designs. They cost \$15.00 each. Also available are skeet and trap embroidered patches. They cost \$5.00 each. Stop by and check out all the goodies!

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 July 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.

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

.22 FUN SHOOT: Families are encouraged to attend our .22 sporter shoot from 10:00 AM until early afternoon on **Saturday, August 5**. 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.

PLEASE HELP: The occasional litter of brass and aluminum on our ranges leads to this reminder. Even if it were not one of our range rules, picking up your expended cartridges at the end of a shooting session is common courtesy. We do not employ a staff to clean up after our shooters. If you don't pick up your debris, another member will have to do it. The brass and aluminum cases which you don't take with you should be placed in an appropriate recycling containers (provided on the ranges); steel cases can be discarded in the trash. Also, each range has at least one container specifically dedicated to aluminum cans; please use it. We're counting on you to leave the shooting areas at least as litter free as they were when you arrived at the range (preferably better).

SECURITY GATE: We are about to initiate a contract to install a security gate at the entrance to the rifle/pistol range road and an associated computer-based system which will provide a means for restricting access to members in good standing. The transition to the new system will probably take the remainder of this calendar year. Watch the newsletter for more information about how the access control system will affect you.

Thanks to the Ikes who came out in support of our monthly maintenance day on June 25. Included were **Gerald Bennett, Ed Burrows, Red Gambrell, Harold & Kevin Gracey, Larry Harmon, Bruce Rodenhiser, Ray Shaver, and Ken Winpisinger**. Additional thanks go out to **Gerald** for continuing the Christmas tree farm mowing on June 28, and to **Red** for building targets for our junior shooting program. **Ray Shaver** also wants to thank the group who helped take down the cowboy action shoot targets on June 24, and apologize for failing to record their participation in that activity.

Cowboy Shoots

The next Cowboy Shoot is **Saturday, July 22, 2000**. Set up is **Friday, July 21, at 1:00 PM**. The rifle and pistol ranges will be closed from **1:00 PM on Friday until approximately 3:30 PM on Saturday, July 22**.

Elections

Elections are upon us. Officers and Directors for the 2000 - 2001 terms will be elected at our August meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the July membership meeting. Nominees must be a member, in good standing, for at least one full year. After the July meeting, all nominations are closed. The election will take place at the August meeting. New officers will be installed at the September membership meeting. It is important that interested members attend the July and August meetings to exercise your club right to vote for your officers.

The current nominees are:

President - Chuck Crooks *

1st VP - Ed Burrows *

2nd VP - Bill Kelley *

3rd VP - Paul Bluteau *

Treasurer - Bob Cumberland *

Recording Sec. - Mac McCollum

Membership Sec. - Joe Gick *

Corresp. Sec. - Wayne Berkebile *

Sgt.-At-Arms - Jim Piatieski *

Parliamentarian - Bob Mabie *

Chaplain - John Leaman *

Directors - John Walters *

- Kevin Manning

- Conley Phipps

* denotes incumbent

Conservation

Mark your calendars now for our next major conservation effort! On **September 9, 2000**, we will be planting about 500 trees at the Triadelphia Reservoir. This should be a relatively easy task because holes for the trees will have been dug already. We expect to complete the entire planting within three to four hours, provided we have several pairs of willing hands. Next month's newsletter will provide the time and place to meet for this effort.

Newsletter Paper Copy

We now have almost 70 members that have elected to stop getting the paper copy of the newsletter and now read their newsletter through our web site. This creates a savings to the club,

saves paper, and reduces the amount of work necessary to produce the paper copy. Also, the on line version is available several weeks prior to the paper copy delivery. Once the on line version is ready, all members on the mass e-mail list, get notification that the newsletter is ready for viewing. Many thanks to our "paper less" volunteers. If you would like to stop the paper version or have it reinstated, e-mail

Chuck Crooks at
IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com.

Mass E-mail List

If you have not been receiving E-mail about our chapter from IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com, then I do not have your current address. Many addresses have either been changed or were submitted incorrectly. If you would like to be added, or have your address updated, please E-mail **Chuck Crooks** at
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Web Site

Our Web Site has had over 7000 visitors in the last year or so. It is a perfect place to find out information about current events, projects that need help, contact club officers or committee chairpersons, view the current club calendar, read the newsletter and archived editions, check on range closures and follow links to other sites of interest. The address is:
<http://members.aol.com/RumRiverC> (there is

no www).

If your committee has a project coming up, send the webmaster an E-mail and it can be added to the web site.

Airgun Show

On **September 9, 2000** our chapter will host the 3rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Air Gun Show. This is a major show and we could use a little help. Our Damascus Ike's Field Target Association (DIFTA) will be hosting the show and serving food during the event. We need three or four volunteers to prepare hot dogs and burgers and serve some early morning pastries between the hours of 7:30 AM and 2:00 PM or until the food runs out.

To help out with the food respond to **Jim Piatetski** on (301) 601-2954 or E-mail
PIASKI@EROLS.COM

The Airgun Show is really neat. We expect there will be about 40 vendors of airguns. Last year there were over 400 attendees. There will be places to shoot airguns and lots of associated activities.

Recycling

In case you were wondering, our chapter has earned more than \$3,500.00 from the sale of scrap metal, mostly aluminum cans, over the

past 10 years!! We can always use your scrap metal, so please drop off your scrap metal at our Recycling Shed next to the green Equipment Shed.

If you have large items of scrap metal, such as appliances, you can recycle it by dropping them off at the Shady Grove Transfer Station, Shady Grove Road entrance, Monday through Saturday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM? Residents of single family homes can recycle scrap metal at their curb if they call (240) 777-6410 by no later than 9:30 AM, on the business day before their regular collection day, to schedule a pick up.

Scrap metal includes: washers, dryers, refrigerators, air conditioners, dishwashers, stoves, furnaces, lawn mowers, grills, swing sets, hot water heaters, iron or aluminum furniture, shower stalls, disassembled metal sheds, and bicycles.

The state is trying to recycle 50% of all scrap metal. Please help achieve that goal! For additional ideas on recycling, you can call the Recycling Hotline at (301) 590-0046 between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM, Mondays through Fridays, or check the website at: "www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv."