



# NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America  
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter  
September-October 2000 Issue



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## Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
9/18	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
9/22	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
9/22	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close At:</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
9/23	Airgun Fld. Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
9/23	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed Except For:</b>	
9/23	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
9/23	NSSA Shoot	10:00 am
9/23	R&P Ranges Maint	4:00 pm
9/24	NSSA Shoot	10:00 am
9/24	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
9/24	Range Orientation	10:00 am
9/24	Deer Hunter Qual.	9:00 am
9/25	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
9/30	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup	9:00 am
10/2	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/3	Consrvtn/SOS Cmte. Mtg	7:30 pm
10/4	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
10/7	Black Powder Fun Shoot	10:00 am
10/9	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/13	Hunter Safety Crse. 1	7:00 pm
10/14	Airgun Field Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
10/14	NSSA Shoot	10:00 am
10/16	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/20	Hunter Safety Crse. 2	7:00 pm
10/21	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed Till</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
10/21	Hunter Safety Crse. 3	9:00 am
10/23	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/25	Mem. Meeting	6:30 pm
10/27	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close At:</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
10/14	Airgun Field Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
10/28	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed Except For:</b>	
10/28	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
10/29	All Ranges Maint	10:00 am
10/29	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
10/29	Range Orientation	10:00 am
10/30	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm

## General Membership Meetings

The September membership meeting will be on **Friday, September 22**. This will be our annual installation of new officers and awards dinner. Dinner is free this month! Social hour begins at 6:30 PM.

The October membership meeting is on **Wednesday, October 25**. The menu has not yet been determined. 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 **Friday, September 22, 2000**.

Troy Agnew, Jr., Silver Spring, MD  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

Henry Anderson, Silver Spring, MD  
**Sponsor: Jesse Lim**

John Davis, Kensington, MD  
**Sponsor: Red Gambrell**

Barry Ephraim, Colesville, MD  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

Craig Heidemann, New Market, MD  
**Sponsor: Michael Levendusky**

Carl Huber, Rockville, MD  
**Sponsor: Red Gambrell**

Donald Jones, Frederick, MD  
**Sponsor: Chuck Crooks**

Eric Leaper, Mt. Airy, MD  
**Sponsor: Ken Brenner**

Phillip Poulin, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

Charles Smith, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Bill Schneider**

Randall Stewart, Mt. Airy, MD  
**Sponsor: John Leaman**

Jose Tassara, Silver Spring, MD  
**Sponsor: Jim Piatieski**

Daniel Thornton, Wheaton, MD  
**Sponsor: Mike Heffernan**

Jerry Zillion, Ijamsville, MD  
**Sponsor: Red Gambrell**

## October Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

The October Shotgun Range Officer schedule was unavailable at press time. Please check our web site for the October schedule.

## Skeet and Trap Report

The Second Annual Fun Shoot will take place on **Saturday, November 11, 2000**. The shoot will follow last year's format with events in Skeet, Trap, and Five Stand. Also included will be "Chinese" Trap. There will be a cash award for winners and runners up in each event. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

Due to the NSSA Shoot on the weekend of September, 23 and 24, 2000, the Shotgun Range maintenance session has been changed. The new date and time is **Saturday, September 16, 2000**, at 10:00 AM.

The final NSSA competition will be on **Saturday, October 14, 2000**, starting at 10:00 AM. This is a 28 gauge and 410 gauge event. We anticipate there will be two fields available for open shooting during that time.

## 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 September 2000, starting time is 10:00 AM daily 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 be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

**SEPTEMBER CLEANUP:** Rifle/pistol range maintenance will not be conducted along with other Chapter maintenance tasks on September 24 because a qualification event for Howard County Parks deer hunters will be held on the rifle and pistol ranges that day. Instead, we will perform the basic maintenance tasks, such as target repair, following the set up of the cowboy action shoot on **Friday, September 22**, and finish any other necessary tasks as part of the cowboy action shoot cleanup on **Saturday, September 23**. If you have a little time to help on one of those afternoons, please report to Ray Shaver in the range area.

**RANGE ACCESS ON SEPTEMBER 24:** The Howard County Parks deer hunter qualification event has been scheduled on a range maintenance day to minimize the loss of range time to our members. The shooting part of the qualification is scheduled from noon until 1:00 PM, and we will make every effort to open the ranges to members as quickly as possible after it is completed. However, to make the process as safe and efficient as possible, only those persons involved in the qualification event will be allowed access to the rifle and pistol range area until the ranges are ready to open. Your cooperation with this restriction will be appreciated.

**PISTOL RANGE USERS:** If you shoot on Sundays, please note that the left (uncovered) pistol range is reserved for a special event from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM on **Sunday, September 17**. The covered pistol range will be available for open shooting during that time, but conditions will be a more crowded than usual. Please do your best to share the facilities.

**BLACKPOWDER FUN SHOOT:** You don't have to own a muzzleloader to join in the fun on **Saturday, October 7**, when WAC Chaplain, **John Leaman**, hosts our annual blackpowder shoot. John and other blackpowder enthusiasts are always happy to share their guns and expertise with newcomers to this inexpensive, low key shooting activity. Join us in shooting at novelty targets and steel silhouettes, to sight in your hunting muzzleloader, toss tomahawks at log targets, and generally have a good time. The event starts at 10:00 AM and generally runs until early afternoon.

**OBSERVED AT THE RANGE:** A rifle shooter prepared to shoot at the 25-yard target frames from a bench far to their left. Such a diagonal shot could easily result in bullets leaving the range. This is a serious safety violation. Please ensure that the target being fired upon is directly in front of the shooting position, and has an earth bank backstop directly behind it. If the target frame which you want to use is in front of a bench in use by another shooter, please ask whether you can switch benches.

**RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS:** All of our range-approved members have been trained to serve as range officers for our rifle and pistol ranges, and are expected to act as such. However, a number of members have recently volunteered to take even greater initiative and responsibility in watching for rule violations and calling them to the attention of shooters. These volunteers will be identified by the "Rifle/Pistol Range Safety Officer" badge they wear. Please cooperate with them in helping to ensure a safe and pleasant shooting environment on our ranges.

**RULE CHANGES:** The rifle/pistol committee is identifying some changes to the Range Rules and Regulations. Being considered are things like permitting

aluminum cans as targets on the pistol ranges, exempting commercially made steel targets from inspection prior to use on the ranges, and requiring handguns in "traditional centerfire rifle calibers" to be shot on the rifle range where our sound abatement is greater. If there is a rule that you would like to change, or if you are concerned about changes in general, please get involved by contacting **Ray Shaver, Bill Jenkins, Ted Hiers, or Steve Lefebvre**. The best place to catch Ted or Steve is at the monthly range orientation class.

**THANKS** to everyone who came out on August 27 to work on Chapter maintenance projects. The projects included clearing the kitchen so it could be painted, cleaning up the skeet/trap ranges, mowing around Christmas trees, cutting brush to clear sight lines at corners of the range road, and sorting through hundreds of bottles and cans which someone dumped in a number of large plastic bags by the dumpster. If the bags were intended as a donation of items for recycling, please remember next time that we can't sell aluminum cans if they are mixed in with other trash. The work crews included **Ed Burrows, Noli Cabrera, Mark Himes, Rick Harhai, Bill Jenkins, Bill Kelly, Dong Kim, Al & Steven Kleuver, Tom Lalla, John Leaman, Kevin Manning, Steve Peck, Richard Phelan, Alan Pressman, Bill Rush, Ray Shaver, John Skillings, Rob Taylor, Georgia Townsend, and several others** who failed to sign the work roster. Special thanks are due to **Bill Rush** for his long and intense effort on the Christmas trees, and to **Tom Lalla** who returned on Sunday after helping with the cowboy action shoot clean up on August 26. Thanks also to the **anonymous donor** of rifle and pistol backboards which were already cut to size.

**SECURITY SYSTEM:** In addition to a barrier gate on the rifle/pistol range road, the new security system will include a proximity card reader on the entrance door to the Rathskeller. Thus, any member in

good standing will be able to enter the Chapter house during authorized hours (yet to be determined).

## Cowboy Shoots

There will be a Cowboy Dinner on **Saturday, November 4, 2000**. The dress is cowboy, of course, and all WAC members are invited to attend. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Paid reservations must be in by October 30, 2000. Contact **Chuck Crooks** at (301) 831-9666, for additional information.

There are only three more Cowboy Shoots this year. Each is on the fourth Saturday of the month. As always, rifle and pistol ranges are closed from 1:00 PM on the Friday before the match for set up. Ranges are normally open by 3:30 PM on Saturday. Your help with set up and tear down is always appreciated.

## New Officers and Directors

The following individuals were elected at the membership meeting on August 25, 2000. They will serve during the 2000 - 2001 term.

**President** - Chuck Crooks

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** - Ed Burrows

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** - Bill Kelley

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**President Ex-Officio** - Georgia Townsend

The new officers and directors will be installed at the September membership meeting, on **Friday, September 22, 2000**.

## Message from WAC

### President Chuck Crooks.

I am excited to serve as the WAC President for the Year 2000-2001. I believe we have an excellent Board of Directors and, together, we can expand our efforts in the community, increase our involvement in conservation issues, and continue the education of young shooters through our

youth programs. We certainly face challenges ahead. As modern lifestyles leave less time for volunteer work, we need to refocus and realize that nothing comes free. Preserving our woodlands and open spaces requires effort. Our freedoms are challenged daily by unknowing and misinformed politicians and their supporters. The Board of Directors consists of only a handful of members. They need your help and participation in club events for our chapter to be a success. Please take the time to visit our web site and select a project or activity to help out with during the coming year. The donation of a few hours of your time is greatly appreciated and the investment pays great dividends!

## Hunter Safety Course

The Hunter Safety Course repeats on **Friday, October 13**, at 7:00 PM. This is a three day course and all three days must be completed for graduation. The second session will be on **Friday, October 20**, at 7:00 PM. The third session will be on **Saturday, October 21**, at 9:00 AM. **Please remember that the rifle and pistol ranges are closed on Saturday morning, October 21, but they reopen at 1:00 PM.** The course will be taught at our Chapter House. All new hunters must complete this course in order to be eligible to purchase their first Maryland hunting license. To register and get more information, contact **Mac McCollum** at (301) 854-3707.

## Glock Handgun Course

All Glock owners are invited to attend a basic care maintenance class to be held in the Rathskeller in our Chapter House on **Sunday, September 24, 2000** at 2:00 PM (following the Range Orientation Course). The class will be taught by our fellow member "Red" Gambrell, a graduate of the Glock Armorer's Course and a certified Glock Armorer. The class should last about 90 minutes and will include: Basic safety, field stripping the Glock pistol, cleaning and lubrication, stowage, and other helpful hints. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to care for your valuable Glock handgun.

Please contact "Red" at (301) 774-7697 or at [REDG1931@aol.com](mailto:REDG1931@aol.com) to reserve your seat. Bring you favorite UNLOADED

Glock (repeat UNLOADED) without the magazine inserted in the gun and without ammo in the magazine or chamber. In fact, don't bring any ammo with you! See you there!

## New Speed Signs

When you next visit the club, you should notice new speed signs on the road leading to the Chapter house hall, shotgun range, and pistol and rifle ranges. We are trying to prolong the life of the gravel we put in the holes in our roads and promote an additional margin of safety on the roads leading to the rifle and pistol ranges.

The State Highway Commission has determined that speeds in excess of 15 mph causes gravel to be pulled out of potholes and scattered along the road surface.

Please observe the new speed signs.

## Annual Game Dinner

Since hunting season will soon be here, we are reminding everyone that we have a Wild Game Dinner in January of each year. Please keep us in mind if you have a successful hunt. We would appreciate receiving donations of any wild game you can spare. More details about donating meat will be included in future newsletters.

## Beretta USA Factory Tour

We have arranged with Beretta USA Corporation to tour their factory in Accokeek, MD on **Tuesday, October 10, 2000**. The tour will start at 10:00 AM and will last about 90 minutes. We need to rendezvous at the Chapter House by 7:30 AM on October 10th to car pool to Accokeek. The tour group is limited to 20 individuals. If you'd like to go, please sign up by calling **Joe Carinci** at (301) 253-2951 by **October 5, 2000**. This will be a first-come, first-serve affair, so the first 20 callers will get to go. This should be an interesting and fun outing!

## Recycling

Used computers may now be recycled by turning them in to the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste. Three special drop-off days have been designated for receipt of computers. The dates are October 8, October 22, and November 12, 2000. The computers must be dropped off at the Shady Grove Transfer Station between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The Shady Grove Transfer Station is

located at the intersection of Shady Grove Road and Route 355 in Gaithersburg, MD. Please use the entrance along Shady Grove Road.

Hazardous materials can be accepted at several locations in Montgomery County. Hazardous materials can be accepted can be accepted between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on the dates indicated:

Shady Grove Transfer Station: Oct. 1  
Bethesda NIH (Wilson Drive Entrance): Oct. 21  
Shady Grove Transfer Station: Nov. 5  
Briggs Chaney Park and Ride Lot: Nov. 18  
Shady Grove Transfer Station: Dec. 3

Please be aware that all hazardous material collections are suspended during the winter months, they will resume in March 2001.