



NEWSLETTER

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Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter
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Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
10/13	Hunter Safety Crse. 1	7:00 pm
10/14	Airgun Field Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
10/14	NSSA Skeet Shoot	10:00 am
10/16	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/20	Hunter Safety Crse. 2	7:00 pm
10/21	Hunter Safety Crse. 3	9:30 am
10/23	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/25	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
10/27	R&P Ranges Close At:	1:00 pm
10/28	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
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
11/1	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
11/4	Cowboy Dinner	6:30 pm
11/5	Sight-In Day	10:00 am
11/6	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/10	Hunter Safety Crse. 1	7:00 pm
11/11	Airgun Field Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
11/12	Deer Hunter Qual.	10:00 am
11/13	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/14	Consrvt/SOS Cmte. Mtg	7:30 pm
11/15	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
11/17	Hunter Safety Crse. 2	7:00 pm
11/18	Hunter Safety Crse. 3	9:30 am
11/20	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/24	R&P Ranges Close At:	1:00 pm
11/25	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
11/25	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
11/26	All Ranges Maint	10:00 am
11/26	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
11/26	Range Orientation	10:00 am
11/27	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm

Adopt-A-Road

Our thanks go out to **Bill Hartman, Steve Pope, Bill Mutziger, and Al and Steven Kleuver** for conducting the Adopt-A-Road cleanup on September 30, 2000. They did a great job!

General Membership Meetings

The October membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 25**. Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Barry Ephraim**, who is an Optometrist and one of our newest members. Dr. Ephraim will discuss vision issues, shooting glasses, and other shooting related eyesight matters. Dinner will feature spaghetti and meatballs. Cost will be \$8.00. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

The November membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 15**. Please note that it has been moved up one week so it doesn't interfere with Thanksgiving. Also, note that there will not be sufficient time to publish another newsletter before the November membership meeting, so be sure to mark it on your calendar now! Thanks!!

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, October 25, 2000**.

Gerald Barnes, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Red Gambrell

Scott Behrman, Burtonsville, MD
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Robert Brand, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Mac McCollum

Craig Cockrell, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Steven Davis, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Bill Rahn

Ron Friedrich, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Bob McCloskey

Lou Gallo, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Richard Brown

Allen Huddleston, Jr., Woodsboro, MD
Sponsor: John Leaman

Michael Irvine, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Paul Jacobsen, Glenelg, MD
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Rick Lokey, Dayton, MD
Sponsor: Rich Buckingham

Jason McDonald, Greenbelt, MD
Sponsor: Earl McDonald

David Meshel, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Burt Mullineaux

Michael Miller, Rockville, MD
Sponsor: Phil Dean

James Paulhamus, Montgomery Village, MD
Sponsor: Richard Brown

Bruce Shoop, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Mac McCollum

Kenneth Storm, Jefferson, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Edmond Tucker, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Jeffrey Wilson, Chevy Chase, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Rob Yost, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Bill Rahn

November Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

The November Shotgun Officer schedule was not available at press time. Please check our web site for the schedule. Thanks!

Skeet and Trap Report

Our second annual "Fun Shoot" will be held on **Saturday, November 11, 2000**, starting at 10:30 AM. The event is open to both members and non-members. There will be four individual events of 25 targets each: Skeet, Trap, Chinese Trap, and Five-Stand. The cost for each event will be \$8.00. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners up and a case of shells will be awarded to the person with the highest score for all four events.

For everything to run smoothly, participants will score and pull for their own squads. We will also need four volunteers to pull and score the Five-Stand event with each person working for 90 minutes. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Shotgun Range House by **Saturday, October 21**.

Shotgun Range maintenance will be at 10:00 AM on **Sunday, October 29**.

The last NSSA competition will be on **Saturday, October 14**. This is a one day event, 28 gauge and .410 bore. The September NSSA shoot drew 25 competitors. Bb Myers of the Fairfax Rod and Gun Club won the HOA with a score of 389/400. Bob also had a perfect score in the 20 gauge event as did Jack Robinson, also a member of the Fairfax Rod and Gun Club.

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 October 2000, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 6:30 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.

HUNTER SIGHT-IN DAY (Nov. 5):

One of our public services in support of hunting safety is the annual Hunter Sight-In Day. On this day, our rifle range is open to the public so hunters have a chance to ensure their hunting firearms and ammunition are accurately shooting where aimed. For a fee of \$5 per firearm, we provide access to the rifle range for sighting in at distances up to 100 yards, plus targets and assistance as needed. This year's Hunter Sight-In Day will be held on **Sunday, November 5** from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Although some benches will be reserved for participants, the rifle range will remain open to WAC members during this event. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

DEER HUNTER QUALIFICATION

(Nov. 12): Slug-gun qualification for participants in Montgomery County managed deer hunts will be held on **Sunday, November 12**, from 10:00 AM until approximately 2:00 PM. To make the process as safe and efficient as possible, only those persons involved in the qualification will be allowed access to the rifle and pistol range areas during the event. We will open the ranges to members as quickly as possible after the qualification is completed. If you arrive for general shooting while the range-closed sign is still posted at the sign-in box, please wait at the Chapter house until the sign is removed.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

EVENTS: Range officers and other support personnel are needed for the rifle/slug-gun sight in day on **Sunday, November 5**, and the Montgomery County deer hunter qualification on **Sunday, November 12**. If you have participated in those events before, and plan to help again, please contact Ray Shaver (see above) to confirm your plan to attend. Others who would like to help in these activities are also encouraged to contact Ray and volunteer to help in these events.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS: All of our range-approved members have been trained to serve as range officers on our rifle and pistol ranges, and are expected to act as such. However, 25 members have volunteered to take even greater initiative and responsibility for assisting other

shooters and emphasizing safety by calling attention to rule infractions which they may observe on the range. These volunteers can be identified by the "Rifle/Pistol Range Safety Officer" badge they wear. Don't hesitate to ask for their assistance, and please cooperate with them in helping to ensure that a visit to the WAC rifle and pistol ranges continues to be a safe and pleasant experience.

VOTE YOUR PREFERENCE:

The WAC Rifle/Pistol Committee Chairman, Ray Shaver, would like to get a better sense of where the membership stands on a couple of possible rule changes. Ray has received strong opinions both for and against these changes. One would permit the use of aluminum cans as targets on one or both pistol ranges, when specifically indicated by a sign at the range. Where permitted, the cans will have to be placed at the base of an earth bank backstop, and of course, they will also have to be removed afterwards. The qualification that such targets are permitted only where specifically indicated by a sign will allow us to introduce this capability on an experimental basis, and stop it without changing the rules, if we end up with a lot of litter or encounter other problems. The second would permit the use of pistol-caliber carbines on the pistol ranges, on a space available basis. Under the present rules, the only long guns permitted on the pistol ranges are .22 rimfire rifles. Based on preferences stated by Rifle/Pistol Committee members working on the rules, the aluminum cans change is likely to be adopted, and the pistol-caliber carbine change is not. In order to give others a chance to express their opinions, these changes will be brought up for discussion and a straw vote at the membership meeting on **October 25**. Whatever your position on these possible changes, you are encouraged to find other members of like mind and bring them along to the meeting. Please remember, these rule changes have only been proposed; they are not presently in effect.

OCTOBER MAINTENANCE DAY:

Range and site maintenance will be done from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on **Sunday, October 29**. Please report to the green equipment shed for an assignment.

THANKS to **Tom Lalla** for his donation of heavy-duty trash bags; **George Anderson** for donating a large quantity of ear plugs and safety glasses which will be made available to shooters through our volunteer range safety officers; BSA Troop 759 of Ellicott City, **Paul Bluteau**, and **Eric Turnquist** for assisting with the cleanup following the cowboy action shoot on September 23; and to the crew which conducted the September 24 qualification shoot for Howard County deer hunters, specifically: **Wayne Berkebile**, **Sandy Bernstein**, **Charles Christianson**, **Andrew Cooke**, **James Fort**, **Curtis Geverdt**, **Harold & Kevin Gracey**, **Dwayne Greer**, **Ted Hadfield**, **S. R. Halperin**, **Bob Inness**, **Bill Jenkins**, **Jim Luensman**, **Chris Marshall**, **O. S. (Mac) McCollum**, **Bill McGiffin**, **Tom Mills**, **John Randall**, **Jose Tassara**, **John Walter**, and **Ken Winpisinger**.

Cowboy Shoots

The annual Cowboy Dinner will be **November 4, 2000**. Social hour starts at 6:00 PM and dinner will be at 7:00 PM. Paid reservations must be in by **Monday, October 30**. Cost is \$15.00 per person with a donation bar. Contact **Chuck Crooks** (301) 831-6666 for additional information. The dinner is open to all members. Cowboy dress is requested.

2000 Awards Dinner

Numerous awards were presented to members during the September membership meeting. Our most prestigious award, the "Bob Lilly Award," was conferred upon **Mac McCollum** for his many years of outstanding service. At one time or another, Mac has held almost every office within the Chapter. Congratulations Mac!

Special awards were given to:

Jorge Silva - Meal Preparation

Meo Curtis - Conservation

Ed Burrows - Endless Involvement

Bill Kelly - Conservation

Bob Inness - Jr. Airgun

Red Gambrell - Most Active New Member

Ray Shaver - Outstanding Chapter Efforts

Finally, the following members were recognized for their continuing efforts in behalf of the Chapter:

Bob Woodward, **Jim Piateski**, **Wayne Berkebile**, **Nancy & Mac McDonald**, **Bob Cumberland**, **Richard Phelan**, **Eric Schoettker**, **Paul Bluteau**, **Archie Cheng**, **Rich Fried**, **Ted Hiers**, **Bud Bell**, **Steve Lafebvre**, **Steve Peck**, **Jim Riley**, **Carrie Hamilton**, **John Leaman**, **Joe Gick**, **Bob Mabie**, **Kevin Manning**, **Nick Guiliano**, **Steve Carr**, **David Gray**, **John Watson**, **Karl Moline**, **Stephen Peterson**, **Geoff Hornseth**, **Phil Dean**, and **Tom Gaylord**

New Policies for Members and Non-members

We have had several meetings with people riding near our facility in an effort to be good neighbors. We have decided to implement some noise reduction measures that we believe are good for our neighbors as well as our chapter. Specifically, we have agreed to the following:

We will close all ranges on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. No exceptions.

We will close the rifle and pistol ranges until 1:00 PM on one Sunday each month. This will be done in conjunction with our range maintenance operations.

We will install an electronic gate to the rifle and pistol ranges to prevent members from using the ranges during non-shooting hours and to ensure non-members cannot gain access to the ranges unless hosted by a member. Each member will get a card to operate the gate. The gate system will record all entries and exits via computer. We are planning for a January start up of the gate. Further information will be forthcoming.

There will be a "no later than 8:00 PM time limit" for use of the rifle and pistol ranges.

Once approval has been obtained from the county zoning board, we will add sound deadening materials to the covered rifle and pistol ranges.

Beginning on January 1, 2001 we will begin a one year trial of restricting shooting on the shotgun ranges to members and their guest only. This is

with the exception of sanctioned events, training, and other special events. Guests must be accompanied by a member the entire time they are using the shotgun ranges (just like the rifle and pistol ranges). Members of other IWLA Chapters are still welcome but must show their current IWLA membership card. Members of other IWLA chapters are not allowed to bring a guest. Complete rules will become part of the club's range orientation and will be available at the range house.

The Board of Directors feels these measures are fair and place minimal hardship on our membership.

New Building And Grounds Chairman

Our President, **Chuck ("Chuckaroo") Crooks**, nominated and the Board of Directors approved **Claude "Red" Gambrell** as the new Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee.

"Red" is a very active member and has worked on many club improvement projects. He is retired from both, the U.S. Navy and The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. He has been a resident of Olney since 1969.

"Red" will be contacting those members who have particular interests or expertise in those areas important to the improvement and maintenance of WAC buildings and property. A lot of projects are planned for the ensuing year and the energies, experience and expertise of our members will be solicited and welcomed. Members interested in offering carpentry, woodworking, electrical, equipment operation or maintenance, lawn care, lawn mowing, landscaping, horticulture, or having other talents and expertise in property care and maintenance are encouraged to contact "Red" at 301-774-7697, or via email at RedG1931@aol.com.