



# NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America  
Wildlife Achievement Chapter  
November-December 2000 Issue



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## Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
11/13	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/14	Consrvtn/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	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close At:</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
11/25	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed Except For:</b>	
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
12/2	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00 am
12/3	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00 am
12/4	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
12/5	Consrvtn/SOS Cmte. Mtg	7:30 pm
12/6	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
12/9	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00 am
12/10	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00 am
12/11	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
12/15	Membership Mtg & Party	6:30 pm
12/16	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00 am
12/17	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00 am
12/18	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
12/31	All Ranges Maint	10:00 am
12/31	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
12/31	Range Orientation	10:00 am

## Wild Game Dinner and Auction

Our annual Wild Game Dinner is in January 2001. We sure could use any wild game you are willing to share with us. If you would like to donate some meat, please contact **Jorge Silva** at (301) 258-0377.

We also auction off donated items at our wild game dinner. This is a major fund raiser for our club. We would appreciate any items you wish to donate. Items related to shooting, reloading, outdoors activities, books, artwork, and handicrafts are always good sellers. Let **Bill Kelly**, (301) 253-5009, know of items you can donate.

## General Membership Meetings

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. Dinner will be served. It will feature soup, beef stew, rice, salad, and dessert. The price will be \$8.00. See you at social hour at 6:30 PM or at dinner at 7:30 PM.

The December membership meeting will be on **Friday, December 15**. This meeting includes our annual Christmas Party. We will have finger foods rather than a full dinner. As in November, the meeting has been moved up a week to avoid conflicting with other holidays. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:30 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, November 15, 2000**.

Booth Merritt III, Damascus, MD  
**Sponsor: Claude Bauer**

Fred Bruno, Bethesda, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

Raymond Caden, Washington, DC  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

George Dennis, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Terry Springer**

Andre Galego, Bethesda, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

Paul Gallagher, Silver Spring, MD  
**Sponsor: Ray Hapburn**

Robert Heider, Gaithersburg, MD  
**Sponsor: Terry Springer**

Brett Hom, Boyds, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

W. Craig O'Donnell, Mt. Airy, MD  
**Sponsor: Kevin Manning**

Brian Phillips, Rockville, MD  
**Sponsor: Bill Schneider**

Frank Saenz, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

John Shipley, Mt. Airy, MD  
**Sponsor: Kevin Manning**

Stephen Simpson, Chevy Chase, MD  
**Sponsor: Mike Heffernan**

David Sinclair, Derwood, MD  
**Sponsor: Bill Whitaker**

Bruce Tarpinian, Bethesda, MD  
**Sponsor: Brian Baldwin**

Rob Van Tassell, Germantown, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

Craig Wolfe, Sr., Gaithersburg, MD  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

## December Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	12/2	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Richard Zabell
Sun	12/3	Paul Bluteau Cindy Whitehurst
Sat.	12/9	Lewis Allnutt Joel Gross
Sun.	12/10	Kevin Manning Richard Noah

Sat.	12/16	Peter Currall Dave Gold
Sun.	12/17	Rob Taylor Craig Leopard
Sat.	12/23	The Fichter "Gang"
Sun.	12/24	<b>Open to Volunteers</b>
Sat.	12/30	Bill Rahn Charlie Weaver
Sun.	12/31	<b>Open to Volunteers</b>

## Skeet and Trap Report

The Fun Shoot on November 11, 2000 occurred too late to include the results in this issue of the newsletter, but watch the December newsletter or check our web site to find out who shot the best.

The 2001 schedule for the Beltway Skeet League has not yet been set but a flyer will be posted in the shotgun range house as soon as the dates are established. In general, the league shoots on Sundays starting at 10:00 AM and the location rotates between the WAC, National Capitol, and Prince Georges ranges. Please join us! Scores are handicapped so everyone gets a chance to help their team in the league standings.

## 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 November 2000, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 5:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range. Because sunset changes slightly each day, the sign is periodically updated. By the end of the month, ending time is likely to be 4:45 PM. Please help us to be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

**BUSY RANGES:** October and November are busy months for our rifle and pistol ranges. For example, we have range time for hunter safety classes, deer hunter qualification events, a public hunter sight-in day, the annual blackpowder shoot, and monthly cowboy action shoots. We recognize that such special events make

access to the ranges more difficult for our members, so we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation in working around them. Range activity lightens considerably from December through February. Please take advantage of it; come out and shoot throughout the winter.

**PISTOL RANGE USERS:** The white PVC pipes you may see at ground level on the fifty yard line of the covered pistol range are bases for targets used by the junior precision rifle team. They will eventually be protected by an earth and log berm. However, while exposed, they can be easily damaged. Try not to shoot them!

### PROGNOSIS ON TIN CAN TARGETS:

Two tentative rule changes were discussed and straw polls were conducted at the October 25 membership meeting. The proposal to permit use of aluminum cans as targets on our pistol ranges clearly lost the straw poll, garnering only three or four votes out of a large audience. The reason for the loss seems evident: The commercial steel targets which we permit on our ranges provide a clear alternative for those who would like to shoot at reactive targets, and do so without increasing the litter on the ranges or leading to potentially dangerous cross-shooting. It is very unlikely that the Rifle/Pistol Committee will proceed with this change. Instead, we will look into the possibility of explicitly permitting some simple alternatives which might appeal to young shooters (the intended beneficiaries of permitting tin can targets). Alternatives might include biodegradable targets like clay pigeons, candy, and crackers which can be attached to the target backboard (and possibly, even balloons). We will also consider implementing a program for monthly loans of WAC-owned steel targets to those who can't afford or don't want to buy their own. This would be in place of simply leaving them out for use, which we tried unsuccessfully in the past. We also want to remind members that the airgun range provides the possibility for shooting a wide variety of fun targets and doesn't cost much to do. If you are shooting cans or plastic bottles on our ranges, STOP NOW. It is a violation of our rules, and can lead to loss of your shooting privileges.

**PISTOL-CALIBER CARBINES:** The straw poll on permitting pistol-caliber carbines on the pistol ranges showed the audience to be about evenly divided

on the issue. Thus, that change is still under active consideration with some possible modifications to address problems identified in the discussion. It is not currently allowed, but may be in the future. More on this later.

### BLACKPOWDER SHOOT:

Thanks to hosts, **John Leaman** and **Wayne Berkebile**, our annual blackpowder shoot on October 7 was a big success, with 18 to 20 Ikes and their guests in attendance. We look forward to repeating it around the same time next year. Watch your 2001 newsletters for an announcement.

### NOVEMBER RANGE

**MAINTENANCE:** Range and site maintenance will be done from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on **Sunday, November 26**. Report to the green equipment shed for an assignment.

**THANKS:** To new Ikes **Barry Ephram, Troy Agnew** and their guest **Rob Lott** who joined cowboy shooter **Terry Springer** and others in cleaning the ranges and storing targets after the October 28 cowboy action shoot; to **Mark Bitz, Charles Christianson, Steve & Jennifer Christy, J. D. Davis, Matt & Chuck Gagnon, Red Gambrell, Geoff Hornseth, Bob Inness, Charlie & Jessica Kinnel, Herbert Lee, Dave Lewis, Kevin Manning, David Meshel, Buddy Nanan, Stephen Peterson, Lawrence Porter, Joe Savoca, Steve Silverman, John Walter, John & Brian Watson** and several other unregistered workers who contributed their time and energy to Chapter maintenance activities on October 29; and to **Richard Dyer** for contributing a number of "NO TRESPASSING" signs for our property.

## Cowboy Shoots

The last Cowboy Shoot of 2000 is on **Saturday, November 25, 2000**. The rifle and pistol ranges will be closed from 1:00 PM, November 24 thru 3:00 PM or so, November 25; so get that deer gun sighted in the week before!

## Christmas Tree Sales

Each year we sell Christmas trees as a fund raiser. We will be selling trees each Saturday and Sunday in December until Christmas, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please consider purchasing a tree from us. We would also appreciate your inviting your friends, relatives, and neighbors to do likewise. You can pick and cut your own from our huge selection! Prices have not yet been set, but they will be quite reasonable.

We also need members to help with sales, assisting customers, loading trees, and making wreaths. We could use as many as 12 people just to make wreaths and we'll even teach you how to do it!

It would be best to call **John Leaman**, at (301) 972-1572, to volunteer but you can also just show up at the Equipment Shed on **December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17, 2000.**

By the way, if you know of an organization that needs a large tree, we will donate the tree to them. However, we do not deliver.

## Thanks!

A special thanks goes out to **Rob Bistline** for planting a beautiful new maple tree on the skeet range. The new tree replaces a diseased and dying tree between skeet fields 2 and 3. Thanks Rob!

## Super Bowl Sunday Party

Plan to celebrate Super Bowl 2000 with your friends and fellow Ikes at our Rathskeller. Watch the game on the big screen TV. "Cooked-on-the-patio" pork and chicken BBQ will be featured. The meats will be cooked and smoked by our new tenant and IWLA member "**Scooter**" **Barnes**. "Scooter" has his own specially-made pig cooker and he is a BBQ chef of some renown. **John Walter**, an equally skilled

BBQ-preparer, will also participate in the cooking.

Tickets will go on sale **November 15, 2000** for the nominal price of \$3.00 per person. Hot dogs, popcorn, and peanuts will also be on sale for \$.50. Appropriate beverages will be on sale for \$.50, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

We need a head count to determine the amount of meat to buy, so ticket sales will cease after the membership meeting on **Friday, December 15, 2000.**

Those attending are encouraged to bring a covered dish, desert, chips, dips, deviled eggs, pickles, or whatever else suits your fancy.

Also, keep watching our web site. We may have a dress rehearsal during the Super Bowl playoffs with hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, and the usual beverages. Stay tuned!

## Survey Questionnaire to Update Membership

Our membership database is no longer current; therefore, we are updating it. Included in your membership renewal forms for 2001 will be a survey questionnaire requesting current information on your phone number, mailing address, e-mail address, interests, and skills. Please complete the survey questionnaire and return it in the envelope with your dues. Thanks!!

## Slow Road Speeds Helping

Your observance of the slower speed signs posted on our roads are having a noticeably positive effect. In spite of the recent heavy rains and heavy traffic, most

of the newly spread gravel has remained where it is supposed to be: on the roads and in the pot holes!

We plan to improve the drainage on several of our roads and then place additional gravel on them. Meanwhile, please continue to observe the lower speeds so our roads remain in their good, pot-hole-free condition.

## Bulletin Boards

There are now two bulletin boards available for the display of wanted, for sale, or for swap items. One board is in the Shotgun Range House and the other is in the Rathskeller on the wall near the refrigerator. Unless removed sooner by the originator, each ad will remain posted for 90 days. Thumbtacks, 3x5 cards, and pens are available at each bulletin board location. A third bulletin board is planned for installation in the upper meeting room. These boards are for your use and convenience. Feel free to use them and try to check them often. There's no telling what goodies might appear!

## Our President Has Feature Article

Our Chapter President, **Chuck Crooks**, has a feature article in the most recent issue of *Shooter* magazine. *Shooter* is devoted to cowboy action shooting. Pick up a copy at your favorite news stand and see what Chuck has to say!

Congratulations, Chuckaroo!