



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter
February - March 2001 Issue



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Coming Attractions

| Date | Event | Time |
|------|--|----------------|
| 2/19 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 2/25 | All Ranges Maint. | 10:00 am |
| 2/25 | Christmas Tree Maint. | 10:00 am |
| 2/25 | Range Orientation | 10:00 am |
| 2/26 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 2/28 | Membership Mtg | 6:30 pm |
| 3/4 | Basic Firearms Sfty Cl. | 8:00 am |
| 3/5 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 3/6 | Consrvtn/SOS Cmte. Mtg. | 7:30 pm |
| 3/7 | Board of Directors Mtg. | 7:30 pm |
| 3/10 | Airgun Field Trgt. Mtch. | 7:30 am |
| 3/12 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 3/18 | Military Rifle Shoot | 10:00 am |
| 3/19 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 3/23 | R&P Ranges Close At: | 1:00 pm |
| 3/24 | R&P Ranges Closed Except For: | |
| 3/24 | Cowboy Action Shoot | 9:00 am |
| 3/25 | All Ranges Maint. | 10:00 am |
| 3/25 | Christmas Tree Maint. | 10:00 am |
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2001 Membership Renewals

All 2001 annual membership renewals must be received by **Joe Gick** by **March 1, 2001**. If you do not renew by that date, your membership will have expired. Additionally, if you do not renew by March 1, 2001, this will be your last newsletter. You may call Joe at (301) 774-9399 to verify your membership has been renewed.

General Membership Meetings

The February membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 28, 2001**. Our dinner will feature three kinds of chili: "Buzzard's Breath," regular, and white. Cost is \$8.00. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts around 7:30 PM.

The March membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 28, 2001**. We are having corned beef and cabbage this month! As usual, social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts around 7:30 PM. The cost for dinner is \$8.00.

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, February 28, 2001**.

Anthony Berardo, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Anthony Putorti

Warren Black, Clarksburg, MD
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Glen Cardelino, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Curt Spanos

Stephen Cramer, Monrovia, MD
Sponsor: John Loevy

Tom Dwyer, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Rich Buckingham

Michael Hall, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Scott Pickar

Christopher Harmon, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Larry Harmon

Pedro Ibarra, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Jun Jonas

Mark Kuhns, Laytonsville, MD
Sponsor: John Leaman

Robert MacLeod, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Kevin Manning

David Mainhart, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

March Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

| Day | Date | Names |
|------|------|--|
| Sat. | 3/3 | Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries |
| Sun. | 3/4 | Paul Bluteau Cindy Whitehurst |
| Sat. | 3/10 | Lewis Allnutt Richard Zabell |
| Sun. | 3/11 | Kevin Manning Richard Noah |
| Sat. | 3/17 | Peter Currall Dave Gold |
| Sun. | 3/18 | Burt Mullineaux Rob Taylor Craig Leopard |
| Sat. | 3/24 | The Fichter "Gang" |
| Sun. | 3/25 | Chris Smarte Susan Smarte |
| Sat. | 3/31 | Bill Rahn Charlie Weaver |

Skeet and Trap Report

None for this month.

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 February 2001, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 5:30 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.

FEBRUARY RANGE MAINTENANCE: Range and site maintenance will be done from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on **Sunday, February 25**. Please report to the green equipment shed for an assignment. Bill Jenkins will be coordinating maintenance of the rifle and pistol ranges.

SECURITY GATE: Although the range road barrier gate will not be lowered until March 1, the access control system has been operational since the end of January. That means members with proximity cards now have access to the chapter house through the proximity card reader at the Rathskeller door. It also gives you a chance to make sure your card is working before the barrier gate goes into operation. A copy of the instructions for using the access control system appears as a one-page insert to this newsletter. Please remove, read, and keep it for future reference. Also, please start carrying your proximity card whenever you visit the WAC, and try it on the Rathskeller door as soon as you get a chance. We will all benefit from identifying any problems as quickly as possible.

MILITARY RIFLE SHOOT: In order to bring a little fun to military rifle fans who work on Saturdays, we've moved our military rifle fun shoot to Sunday this year. Bring out your military rifles of any type or vintage to show and shoot on **Sunday, March 18**. We'll shoot from 10:00 AM until everyone is tired of it or out of ammunition (usually by 1:00 PM). There is no cost for the event, nor do you have to own a military rifle to come out and look. Past participants in this activity have always been generous in sharing as well as showing their collections. Maybe you'll even find something you would like to buy.

YEAR 2001 CARDS: As of **March 1**, shooters must display a year 2001 range-approved membership card to use the rifle and pistol ranges. Shooters without such a card are trespassing, and should be asked to leave if encountered on the ranges. Please report any such incidents to the rifle/pistol committee chairman, Ray Shaver, or the chapter caretaker. If you haven't renewed your membership, or have renewed but haven't received your year 2001 range-approved membership card, contact the membership secretary (**Joe Gick, 301-774-9399**) immediately, and please stay off the ranges until you get your new card. Also, remember, you will also need a proximity card to open the range road barrier gate as of March 1.

THANKS to Dwayne, Lorie, Steven & Adam Greer for making the January 28 chapter maintenance day a family effort, and to the other maintenance day workers including: **Gerald Bennett, Wayne Berkebile, Rich Buckingham, Steve Cowan, Red Gambrell, Bill Kelly, Jim Knowles, John Leaman, Paul Ligor, Kevin Manning, Jay Pickens, Ray Shaver, and Steve Silverman**. Thanks also to **Ray Halperin** for assistance on the barrier gate project, and for taking the initiative in producing new target identification signs for the rifle range.

Cowboy Shoots

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS 2001

Our Thunder Valley Days 2001, the Single Action Shooting Society's (SASS) Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting, is taking shape. The event is in August and the applications have only been out for a week. We are already 56% full with 7 months to go! The three day event will require a lot of chapter help so, if you can, please volunteer as we get closer to August. Look for additional information in an upcoming newsletter or on our web site. This is our biggest fund raiser and it requires a good team of volunteers to make it a success. Please schedule some time to help during the **August 22 - 25, 2001, match**.

Air Pistol Match

The Damascus IWLA air pistol shooters fired against the Rockville IWLA team at the annual invitational match on Jan.

22, 2001. The high individual score of 368/400 was shot by Damascus member **Hiem Trang**. **Tom Gaylord** (Damascus) was the second place scorer with 359 and Bill Hunter (Rockville) was third with a score of 341. The Damascus team scored 1405 to out shoot the Rockville team whose score was 1327. Other Damascus Chapter members who participated in the match were: **Earl McDonald, Jim Piatetski, Phillip Dean, and John Shepherd**.

Web Page Milestone

Our web site has reached a milestone with over 10,000 visits in less than two years. In the beginning, we were not really sure how beneficial the web site was going to be. The web page has proven to be a valuable tool for keeping members and future members informed about our chapter, activities and late breaking news. If you haven't taken the time to check it out, please do.

An important feature of the web site is the club calendar. Here you can see a full year of events and the latest updates throughout the year. On the web calendar, all projects are listed, contact names are provided, range closures are highlighted, and meeting dates are posted.

From our web page you can also see the latest Newsletter and read text versions of back issues.

Our master E-mail list is also a product of the computer age. Hot news, club reminders, and project updates are sent to all E-mail addressees on the list. The mailing list is compiled of members that have requested to be on the list or provided their E-mail address when they joined. If you have not been getting messages from IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com, your name is not on the list. If you wish to be added, send your E-mail address to **Chuck Crooks** at IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com with the message "Add To IWLA E-mail list." Once an address comes back twice as a "bad address" it is removed from the list. All addresses are sent as "blind" so

the only address displayed in the E-mail is the actual recipient.

Free Mulch for Members

WAC members may help themselves to trunk load or bag full of shredded mulch from the Chapter mulch pile. The mulch pile is located on the right side of the main road as you enter our property. Take what you need and leave the rest for others. Members only, please!

Super Bowl Party a Winner!

If you didn't attend this one you missed a really good party. It was G-R-E-A-T!! It was especially nice because it was so well attended. In addition to the deliciously barbecued pig, prepared and cooked by "Scooter" Barnes and John Walter, there were several nice salads, baked beans, corn bread, and all sorts of tasty munchies and assorted deserts. Everyone enjoyed the covered dishes and other delicacies brought by those attending.

For the door prize, John Leaman donated a beautifully handcrafted wooden logging truck and trailer with a load of logs. The door prize was won by Mark and Paula Himes.

The Super Bowl BBQ Sporting Pools added much to the game excitement. The winners were:

Half-time pool: **Gayle Procell**

3rd Quarter pool: John Leaman

Hank Van Deursen

Final Score pool: **Bill Haycraft [THE BIG WINNER!]**

John Leaman

50/50 pool: **Gayle Procell [2nd biggest winner]**

All those attending were winners. The losers, of course, were those who couldn't attend. The Super Bowl BBQ proved to be great fun and rewarding.

We'll do it again in the near future. Watch for the "Spring Chicken BBQ and Hot Dog Feast" in the Spring. You don't want to miss the next one!

WAC Roads Improved

Richard Mills hauled in a large load of

gravel and used his own equipment to do some needed grading and repair of the range road. A lot of pot holes were filled in to make the ride to the Chapter House and ranges more comfortable and safer. Please continue to adhere to the 15 mph posted speeds to ensure our roads remain in reasonable condition.

Kudos

The improvements on our property do not come without the generosity and efforts of our members. This month we particularly thank:

Jay Pickens for cleaning and treating the galvanized stove exhaust hood in the Rathskeller.

Scooter Barnes and Chuck Crooks for snow removal and clearing our access roads.

Jorge Silva for preparation of the Wild Game Dinner.

Paul Bluteau for the donation of a coffee maker and coffee pots.

Steve Peck, Ray Logan and John Walter for their assistance at the Super Bowl BBQ.

Leo Glynn for the donation of two vacuum cleaners

Scott Behrman for the donation of a pool table for the Rathskeller.

Ray Shaver for sharing the range work force to assist in accomplishing House and Grounds projects.

Ed Burrows for building two cocktail tables for the Rathskeller members lounge.

Richard Mills for the donation of two bar stools for the Rathskeller and a love seat and matching chair for the main entrance anteroom.

And we thank various other anonymous members who have donated their time, efforts, equipment, and furnishings to make our Chapter House a better place to meet and utilize.

Wood Splitter Day

We got an incredible amount of wood split on February 3. This was a direct result of the large number of members who showed up to help. We appreciate the efforts of the following members: **Ed Burrows; Jim Piatetski; Frank Saenl; Dana Hooper; Al Kleuver; Mike Caltabiano; Henry Anderson; Jason End; Fred Swader; Dave Morrison; Ed Dennis; Steve, David**

and Andy Carr; Bob Inness; Jay Clark; Fred Ambrose; Bill Mutziger; Debra, Jacob, and Daniel Pearce; John Gorman; Ron Benden; Scooter and Gail; and Claude Bauer.

Dave Morrison was kind enough to donate a large number of logs, which gave us plenty of wood to work on, and Claude Bauer donated a camera, which allowed us to document the fact we were working and not goofing off!

Spring Watershed Cleanup

Make plans now to attend our annual Spring Watershed Cleanup. Mark the date of **Saturday, April 7, 2001**, on your calendar. This is one of our biggest projects each year and we need everyone's help to make it a success. Our Chapter takes the lead in setting up the event and providing much of the manpower, but we receive a lot of help from other groups. It is important that we show our support to conservation in general, our community more particularly, and the Patuxent River Watershed most specifically, by participating in this project.

We will meet at the green equipment shed at 8:30 AM on April 7. We will have doughnuts available for breakfast and then we will have a short briefing on what to do, make work assignments, and fan out to the work sites. After the cleanup, we will return to the Chapter House for lunch.

This event is fun and beneficial to the local environment. It also generates goodwill in the Damascus community. Please try to attend and bring your kids, neighbors, dogs, etc. We'll supply gloves and trash bags. We shouldn't be walking in any streams and there is no need to lift any engine blocks. This is truly a way for the whole family to get out in the springtime, enjoy the river, and do something worthwhile. We hope to see you there!!

Anonymous Donation

The National IWLA has written to our Chapter to thank us for our members' donations to the Izaak Walton League of America Endowment. All persons who donated to the Endowment have

received a letter of thanks from the National IWLA. One WAC member made an anonymous donation; therefore, the National IWLA could not send that individual a personal "thank you." They have asked us to say "thank

you" to the anonymous donor through this newsletter. We are happy to oblige. So "THANK YOU" to the anonymous donor and to all the other members of our Chapter who gave so generously to the Endowment.