



NEWSLETTER

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Coming Attractions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/15	RANGES CLOSED - EASTER	
4/16	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
4/21	Airgun Field Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
4/21	Christmas Tree Planting	9:00 am
4/21	Seneca Valley Match	9:30 am
4/22	Christmas Tree Planting	9:00 am
4/23	Adult Airgun/Pistol Mtch.	6:30 pm
4/25	Membership Mtg	6:30 pm
4/27	R&P Ranges Close At:	1:00 pm
4/28	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
4/28	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
4/29	All Ranges Maint.	10:00 am
4/29	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
4/29	Range Orientation	10:00 am
4/30	Adult Airgun/Pistol Mtch.	6:30 pm
5/1	Consrvtm/SOS Cmte. Mtg.	7:30 pm
5/2	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
5/5	Seneca Valley Match	9:30 am
5/7	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
5/12	Airgun Field Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
5/12	Beginner's Skeet Clinic	9:00 am
5/12	.22 Sporter Shoot	10:00 am
5/14	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
5/20	All Ranges Maint.	10:00 am
5/20	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
5/20	Range Orientation	10:00 am
5/21	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
5/23	Membership Mtg	6:30 pm
5/25	R&P Ranges Close At:	1:00 pm
5/26	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
5/26	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
5/28	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm

General Membership Meetings

The April membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 25, 2001**. Our dinner will feature fish and chips! Cost is \$8.00. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts around 7:30 PM.

The May membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 23, 2001**. The menu has not yet been announced. But we know that social hour will begin at 6:30 PM, dinner will start around 7:30 PM, and the cost for dinner will be \$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, April 25, 2001**.

Stephen Adams, Silver Spring, MD

Daniel Cuneo, Gaithersburg, MD

David Hickey, Greenbelt, MD

Buddy Michael, Mt. Airy, MD

Paul Richardson, North Potomac, MD

Rupinger Singh, Gaithersburg, MD

Don Williams, Silver Spring, MD

Carl Wurzer, Union Bridge, MD

May Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
Sat.	5/5	Mike Croce John Leaman Richard Zabell Kevin Manning
Sun.	5/6	Tony Evans Tom Mills Frank Saenz
Sat.	5/12	Lewis Allnutt Bill Rahn Charlie Weaver
Sun.	5/13	Kevin Manning Richard Noah
Sat.	5/19	Peter Currall Dave Gold
Sun.	5/20	Burt Mullineaux Rob Taylor Craig Leopard
Sat.	5/26	The Fichter "Gang"
Sun.	5/27	Chris Smarte Susan Smarte

Skeet and Trap Report

Skeet Clinic: A Beginners Skeet Clinic will be held **Saturday, May 12** at 9:00AM. This will provide new shooters with the basics such as safety, gun fit, and fundamentals for breaking targets. In order to provide ample time for each participant, class size will be limited to 12 persons (adults and children). For particulars and to register, please e-mail **Rich Buckingham** at "Buckingskeet@hotmail.com" or call evenings at (301) 762-2306.

Wednesday Skeet: The Skeet and Trap Ranges are open again on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. These ranges will remain open until Fall.

Trap Instructors Needed: We are looking for two volunteers to conduct

a Clinic for beginning trap shooters. Please contact Rich at the address or telephone number, above, if interested.

Shotgun Range Officers Needed: There remains an urgent need for shotgun range officers, particularly on Sundays. Please contact Rich Buckingham or **Kevin Manning** at (301) 831-9126 or "kcmbblue@aol" if you can help.

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 April 2001, 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.

RIFLE TARGET NUMBERS: Our facilities are maintained and developed by volunteers. If something bugs you, go ahead and do something about it. **Ray Halperin**, known to many of us as the principal range officer for our deer hunter qualification events, is a good example. The target numbers recently installed on the rifle range are the results of his initiative. His explanation of their purpose appears below:

"There are 10 shooting benches on the rifle range. There are fourteen target frames on the one hundred yard line of the rifle range. The difference between the number of shooting benches and the number of target frames causes a random method of selecting upon which target frame a member mounts his target(s). This confusion causes cross firing on the rifle range. Cross firing is unsafe and must be eliminated.

To eliminate the problem, a number sign has been placed under each of the ten center target frames on the one hundred yard line of the rifle range. Each target frame number corresponds to the number which appears on the rear left-hand side of each shooting bench. Members shooting from a bench or in

the immediate vicinity of a bench should mount their target(s) on the target frame that bears the same number as the bench they are using. By shooting at the proper target, members will avoid firing on another member's target(s) and/or cross firing on the range. Hopefully, the frequently asked question of "what target are you on?" will be eliminated."

FYI, the two extra targets on each side of the one hundred yard line are used during events where shooters fire from positions forward of the shooting benches. This permits a fourteen shooter relay.

SECURITY GATE: Occasionally our security gate may fail to close after someone has passed through it. If you encounter an open gate, please go through the process of presenting your proximity card to the reader anyway so it may record information about your entry. Never go to the ranges through an open gate without your proximity card, since you may find the gate closed when you attempt to leave!

PLYWOOD NEEDED: Our supply of plywood target backers is about gone. We don't want to buy new plywood just to shoot it up. Your donations of plywood capable of being cut into 2'x2' pistol backers or 2'x4' rifle backers will be appreciated. Drop donations by the door to the equipment shed, and include your name so we'll know who to thank.

.22 FUN SHOOT: Families are encouraged to attend our .22 Sporter Fun Shoot from 10:00 AM until early afternoon on **Saturday, May 12**. 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 our 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.

NEW RANGE RULES: On April 4, 2001, our Board of Directors approved a revised version of the Rifle/Pistol Range Rules & Regulations. A copy of the new rules is already posted on our web site,

under the section entitled "Range Rules." We plan to also distribute copies to each member as an insert to the May/June newsletter. Thanks to the many members who assisted in the rules revision process over the past year.

APRIL RANGE MAINTENANCE:

Range and site maintenance will be done from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on **Sunday, April 29**. Please report to the green equipment shed for an assignment. Ray Shaver will be coordinating maintenance of the rifle and pistol ranges.

THANKS to Guenter, Sue & Joshua Fichtel and Paul Bluteau for helping to make the takedown of the March 24 cowboy action shoot very quick and efficient. Thanks also to the March 25 range and chapter maintenance crew which included **Rich Buckingham, Bob Cumberland, Steven I. Davis, Red Gambrell, Ray Halperin, Jim Knowles, John Leaman, Bob Peeler, Jeff Roberson, Jim Schinner, Jim Schinner Jr., and Steve Silverman**. Finally, thanks to the numerous other anonymous Ikes who helped out in the above events and with other projects, but for one reason or another, never placed their names in our work rosters.

Cowboy Shoots

We have almost 70 Ikes and almost that many Damascus Wildlife Rangers participating in our Cowboy Action Shoots. With so many participants, we could use some extra help on the Saturday mornings that the Shoots are held. Cowboy Action Shoots are the fourth Saturday of the month. We especially need help in controlling parking for a 90 minute period, between 8:00 and 9:30 AM, before the start of the Shoot. If you can help, please contact our Third Vice President, **Paul "Tug Hill" Bluteau** at cwpuugs@aol.com or (301) 916-8923 or look for Paul on Saturday morning.

Air Pistol Match

The Airgun Committee is sponsoring an air pistol match open to all chapter members. The course of fire will be 60 shots for males and 40 shots for females on the indoor ten meter range. Current NRA air pistol rules will apply (one hand shooting, no optical or dot sights). Recognition will be given to the top shooters in each category. An entry fee of \$3.00 will be charged. The match can be fired on **either Monday, April 23, or Monday, April 30, 2001** between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM. All targets must be fired on the same day. Pre-registration is not required but is encouraged. You may pre-register or obtain additional information by contacting **Phil Dean** by phone at (301) 831-9325 or by e-mail at PD10X@aol.com.

NRA Recruiting

Our Airgun Committee is an official "NRA Recruiter" and as such receives a small stipend for each new NRA membership and membership renewal it processes. If you would like to join the NRA, get a junior membership for a family member, or renew your NRA membership, please do it through the Airgun Committee. Contact either **Ed Burrows** at (301) 774-9090 or **Phil Dean** at (301) 831-9325 and you will be sent the proper membership application that you can mail in with your fees.

Kudos

The following members made significant contributions to our club during the past month. Please accept our sincere thanks!

Bill Gazdik for installing a new pool table light and an electrical outlet for the Youth Air Rifle "armory." The pool table light was donated by Griff's Place in Olney.

Chris and Peter Harmon for restoring our pool table. The materials were donated by Champion Billiards of Rockville.

Richard Mills and Rob Strong for continuing to rehabilitate our roads.

Steve Silverman, Jim Knowles and Steven Davis for cleaning windows and cleaning up trash outside of the Chapter House.

Jim Piateski for scrounging up the candy machine outside the Rathskeller.

Chuck Crooks for getting our Moline tractor humming and resolving the starter problems on our John Deere tractor.

Ed Burrows, "Scooter" Barnes, Steve Peck, and all the members who turned out for our wood splitting day.

"Scooter" Barnes, Ray Logan, and Steve Peck for cooking and preparing for our St. Patrick's Day Shindig. In addition, we appreciate the work put in by everyone who attended and contributed dishes for that event. We had a great time and the food was delicious!

Free Mulch for Members

WAC members may help themselves to a trunk load or bag full of shredded mulch

from the Chapter mulch pile. The mulch pile is 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!

Christmas Tree Planting

We have acquired approximately 800 Christmas tree seedlings. We will be planting the seedlings on **Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22, 2001**. We could sure use help in getting these babies in the ground. If you can spare some time, please show up at the equipment shed at 9:00 AM each morning. If you arrive a little later, that's okay because we'll be working for several more hours each day. If you have a digging bar, please bring it along. For more information on this event, contact **John Leaman** at (301) 972-1572.

Membership Secretary Hospitalized

Joe Gick, our Membership Secretary, was recently hospitalized with heart problems. He had bypass surgery and is recuperating nicely, so he should be back on duty in the near future. We all wish you a complete and speedy recovery, Joe!!