



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter
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Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
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
6/2	Seneca Valley Match	9:30 am
6/4	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
6/6	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
6/11	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
6/16	Airgun Field Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
6/16	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup	9:00 am
6/16	NSSA Skeet Shoot	10:00 am
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6/18	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
6/22	R&P Ranges Close At: 1:00 pm	
6/23	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
6/23	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
6/24	All Ranges Maint.	10:00 am
6/24	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
6/24	Range Orientation	10:00 am
6/27	Membership Mtg	6:30 pm

Adopt-A-Road

Our quarterly cleanup of Mullinix Mill Road is scheduled for **Saturday, June 16, 2001**. We need volunteers to help us cleanup the road between Route 108 and the Patuxent River Bridge. If you can spare a few hours, we'd love to see you there. We meet at the Equipment Shed at 9:00 AM.

General Membership Meetings

The May membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 23, 2001**. Our regular chef, **Jorge Silva**, will not be preparing dinner at this meeting. Instead, **Mac McCollum** will do so. When he was asked about the menu, Mac said: "it's whatever I scrape off the road that day!" Sounds great?? Cost should be \$8.00 (which may be all profit this month). Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts around 7:30 PM.

The June membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 27, 2001**. The menu will feature pork roast. As usual, 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, May 23, 2001**.

Philip DeMattia, Ijamsville, MD
Sponsor: **Bob Schneider**

Peter Eichacker, Sandy Spring, MD
Sponsor: **Phil Dean**

Leonard Glebes, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: **Mike Heffernan**

George J. Greene, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: **Bob Mabie**

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David Howard, Bethesda, MD
Sponsor: **Ed Burrows**

Marc Pugliese, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: **Red Gambrell**

Jeff Swanson, Olney, MD
Sponsor: **Chuck Crooks**

John Toth, Jr., Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: **Bob Mabie**

Christopher Ubik, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: **Bob Mabie**

Leonard Zook, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: **Chuck Crooks**

June Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	6/2	Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Richard Zabell
Sun.	6/3	Cindy Whitehurst Paul Bluteau
Sat.	6/9	Lewis Allnutt Bill Rahn Charlie Weaver
Sun.	6/10	Kevin Manning Richard Noah
Sat.	6/16	Peter Currall Dave Gold
Sun.	6/17	Burt Mullineaux Rob Taylor Craig Leopard Chris Leopard
Sat.	6/23	The Fichter "Gang"
Sun.	6/24	Chris Smarte Susan Smarte
Sat.	6/30	Frank Saenz Need Volunteers

Skeet and Trap Report

Skeet Clinic: The Beginners Skeet Clinic was held May 12th. There was more interest than expected, so a second clinic will be held in July or August. Thanks to **Bill Rahn** and

Charlie Weaver for their help in conducting the clinic.

Thanks to **Jim Piatieski** for installing the new safety fencing between Fields 2 and 3.

The first of this year's two skeet competitions will take place **June 16 and 17, 2001**. Although this will somewhat curtail open shooting, at least one or two fields will be set aside for members and guests. The second competition will be the first weekend in September.

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 May 2001, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range. This is the latest ending time permitted by WAC policy, and will remain in place until late August. Please help us to be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

BOWLING PIN SHOOT: Our member **Jesse Lim** has volunteered to organize and conduct a bowling pin shoot for other members and their guests, with hope that it might become a regularly scheduled activity. The kickoff shoot will be held on the uncovered pistol range following the cowboy action shoot, around 4:00 PM on **Saturday, July 28**. Now is the time for those of you who have expressed an interest in bowling pin shoots to come forward and provide support. You can volunteer to help, acquire more information, or pre-register for the event via e-mail to jlim@phillips.com or telephone Jesse at (301) 540-0860. He's usually available to receive calls from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM daily. At other times, leave your name, telephone number, and a message indicating your interest in the bowling pin shoot. Also, watch next month's newsletter for more details.

NEW RANGE RULES: A copy of our new Rifle/Pistol Range Rules & Regulations is

enclosed as an insert for those who receive this newsletter by mail. Those who pick up the newsletter on-line at our web site will find it under the section entitled "Range Rules." This April 4, 2001 version of the range rules supersedes previous editions, and applies to all WAC members. Among other things, the new rules include a more specific definition of acceptable targets and their placement, changes in the firearms permitted and not permitted on the ranges, and collection of all alcohol-related warnings into a single section. Please read and retain the copy for your future reference.

WARNING: Despite statements in the newsletter and at meetings that cans and bottles are NOT acceptable as targets on our ranges, we are still finding evidence of their uses. Please understand that this subject was fully discussed at open forums of WAC members who agreed that the ban on such targets should remain. The new rules reflect that decision. **WE DO NOT PERMIT THE USE OF CANS OR BOTTLES AS TARGETS ON OUR RANGES.** Those who shoot them are breaking the rules and, if identified, will be called before the Board of Directors to explain why their shooting privileges should not be revoked.

MAY RANGE MAINTENANCE: Range and site maintenance will be done from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on **Sunday, May 20**. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL BECAUSE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. Please report to the green equipment shed for an assignment. **Ray Shaver** will be coordinating maintenance of the rifle and pistol ranges.

RIFLE RANGE USERS: We owe a debt of gratitude to **Bill Rahn** for his generous donation of time, talent, and materials in building a new cart for carrying shooting equipment between the parking lot and the Rifle Range. As you may recall, Bill and his regular group of bench-rest shooters (i.e., **Ernie Clifford, John Clifford, & Charlie Weaver**) provided the previous cart (which disappeared after several years of use), the movable bench at position one on the rifle range, all of the wood bench rests, and other range accouterments.

PLYWOOD: Thanks to those who responded to our appeal for plywood donations, including **Bruce Tarpinian, John Walter**, and several anonymous donors. While their generosity will keep us going for a while, we can always use scrap plywood which can be cut into 2'x2' pieces for pistol target backers or 2'x4' rifle target backers. Keep us in mind the next time you clean out your garage or workshop. Drop donations off by the door of the equipment shed, and include your name so we'll know who to thank.

THANKS to the following Ikes and guests who worked on Christmas trees, range maintenance, and other chapter projects during the monthly site maintenance day on April 29: **Ed & Nora Burrows, Rich Buckingham, Michelle Chesnut, Craig Cockrell, Scott Dallas, John Davis, Barry Ephram, Red Gambrell, Al Goldschmidts, Dave Hammett, Ray Ladbury, Bill Ladd, John Leaman, Charles McIntosh, Richard Phelan, Jim Piatieski, Joe Savoca, Ray Shaver, and John Walter.**

Cowboy Shoots

Cowboy Shoots is our best fund raiser. As the sport continues to grow, our need for help grows along with it. Every month, from March through November, we need help with set up, tear down, and parking on the day of the shoot. Each of these projects takes two hours or less and qualifies toward new member work credit. Set up is always the fourth Friday of the month at 1:00 PM. Tear down is around 3:30 PM on the fourth Saturday. Parking help is needed on the fourth Saturday morning from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM.

In August, we host the SASS (Single Action Shooting Society) Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting. Our own Damascus Wildlife Rangers have gained national attention and donates all proceeds to our chapter. This is a major event and requires a lot of help over the course of four days. Watch for help contact information in

coming newsletters. For additional information, take the Damascus Wildlife Rangers link from our Izaak Walton web site: <http://members.aol.com/rumriverc>

The World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting, "End Of Trail", was just held in Norco, California. Fellow Ike, **Don Jones** (AKA "Cody Conagher") took fifth place in the Men's Gunfighter Class, no easy task! During the opening ceremonies, our chapter president, **Chuck Crooks** (AKA "Chuckaroo") was awarded SASS's highest honor. Because of submissions by fellow shooters, he was made a "SASS Regulator." The award recognized his dedication and hard work in the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Congratulations Cody Conagher and Chuckaroo!!

Air Pistol Match

Below are the results of the Air Pistol Match, which was held on April 23 and 30, 2001:

Men's Division (600 points)

Hiem Trang	553
Jim Piateski	531
Tom Gaylord	502
Ed Neuberger	486
John Shepherd	469
Karl Krchma	466
Jose Tassara	417

Women's Division (400 points)

Michelle Chestnut	209
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We want to thank everyone who competed, congratulate **Hiem Trang** on his resounding victory, and recognize **Michelle Chestnut** for dominating her division!!

Newsletter Editor Wanted

Our current newsletter editor and Corresponding Secretary will not be running for re-election this year. As a result, we are looking for someone who is willing to serve in these capacities. If you are interested in these positions, please call **Chuck Crooks** at (301) 831-9666 or **Wayne Berkebile** at (301) 253-4288 to volunteer or obtain additional information.

Christmas Tree Planting

A whole bunch of folks helped plant our 800 new Christmas Tree seedlings on April 22 and 29, 2001. During the two sessions, we not only planted trees but also mowed

grass, cut and hauled brush, and removed old stumps. **John Leaman**, our Christmas Tree Chairman, sends his sincere thanks to all those who helped out.

More Kudos

We thank the following members for supporting our club:

Karen Ault for the 150 new, first edition hardbound novels that she donated to the member's "Give One - Take One," or "Take One - Give a Buck (\$)" Library.

Patrick Theregard for planning and purchasing the plants and flowers we are planting to make our property more attractive.

Jerry Villion for donating trees and digging holes for all the new trees that are being planted as a part of the "WAC Beautification Day" project.

Archie (AKA "Chinaman") for the plumbing work in the tenant's apartment and BBQ Shed.

Mac McCollum for sponsoring the Summer BBQs.

Bruce Tarpinian for the donation of a lawn mower to use in trimming around the Christmas Trees.

Bill Gazdik for wiring and hookup of the exhaust fan in the Rathskeller service area (kitchen).

Bill Mutziger, Richard Phelan, Fred and Nancy Swader, the Kinnell family (Charlie, Jessica, and Justin), Mac McCollum, and Bob Mabie for joining in the Adopt-A-Road cleanup on April 14, 2001. They picked up 11 bags of trash.

And, as always, thanks to all the members who drive slowly on our roads. It is making a BIG difference because the roads are staying relatively rut free.

Recycling

So far this year, our recycling effort has returned \$160.00 in proceeds to our club.

George Anderson has been especially active in this effort, so we owe him a big "Thank You." We still have eight months to go for the year, so please keep

contributing your recyclables. You can drop them in the small shed adjacent to the green Equipment Shed.

River Cleanup

Our cleanup of the Patuxent River watershed went extremely well on April 7, 2001. Approximately 100 people participated in the event. We removed 30 cubic yards of trash and about 1.5 tons of old tires. We also planted numerous trees along the riverbank. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Junior Shooting Olympics Fund Raisers

Four members of our Junior Air Rifle Team recently won the Maryland State Championship of the USA Shooting-sponsored Junior Olympic Competition. They have been invited to attend the National Competition at the Tom Lowe shooting facility in Atlanta, Georgia. The competition will take place from June 9-13 2001.

The juniors are sponsoring two fund raisers. First, they are raffling off a Sony 27" Stereo TV. About 2/3 of the raffle tickets have already been sold. The junior team coaches and shooters thank everyone who has bought a raffle ticket to date for their generous support. The drawing for the TV will be conducted during the May 23rd membership meeting. Raffle tickets may still be available during the meeting

Second, during that same meeting, the juniors and their parents will be conducting a BAKE SALE. They plan to offer a variety of delicious dessert items. All proceeds will go to funding their trip to Atlanta. Please bring your "sweet tooth" to the dinner meeting and buy some baked goodies from the kids.

The chance for them to compete in the Junior Shooting Olympics is too important to pass up. Let's help them raise the \$2,800.00 they need!