



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter
July-August Issue



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Coming Attractions

| Date | Event | Time |
|------|--|----------------|
| 7/16 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 7/21 | Airgun Field Trgt. Mtch. | 7:30 am |
| 7/23 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 7/25 | Membership Mtg | 6:30 pm |
| 7/28 | R&P Ranges Close At: | 1:00 pm |
| 7/28 | R&P Ranges Closed Except For: | |
| 7/28 | Cowboy Action Shoot | 9:00 am |
| 7/28 | Bowling Pin Shoot | 4:00 pm |
| 7/29 | All Ranges Maint. | 10:00 am |
| 7/29 | Christmas Tree Maint. | 10:00 am |
| 7/29 | Range Orientation | 10:00 am |
| 7/30 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 8/1 | Board of Directors Mtg. | 7:30 pm |
| 8/4 | Basic Firearms Safety Crs | 8:00 am |
| 8/5 | .22 Sporter Shoot | 10:00 am |
| 8/6 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 8/13 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 8/17 | Airgun Show Setup | 1:00 pm |
| 8/18 | Airgun Show | 9:00 am |
| 8/20 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |
| 8/22 | Membership Mtg/Election | 6:30 pm |

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

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|------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 8/22 | R&P Ranges Closed | |
| 8/22 | Shotgun Ranges Closed | |
| 8/23 | R&P Ranges Closed | |
| 8/24 | R&P Ranges Closed | |
| 8/25 | R&P Ranges Close until | 5:00 pm |
| 8/26 | All Ranges Maint. | 10:00 am |
| 8/26 | Christmas Tree Maint. | 10:00 am |
| 8/26 | Range Orientation | 10:00 am |
| 8/27 | Adult Airgun | 6:30 pm |

General Membership Meetings

The July membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 25, 2001**. **Mac McCollum** will be fixing barbecued chicken for dinner. Nominees for the 2001 election will be accepted from the floor at this meeting. Cost will be \$8.00. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts around 7:30 PM.

The August membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 22, 2001**. This is also our annual election. The menu will feature barbecued ribs. 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, July 25, 2001**.

Leonard Burrelli, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

James Kearney, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Bob Cumberland

Eric Kirchman, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Anthony Mora

Alan Leuhrmann, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Rex Gori

James Parker, Rockville, MD
Sponsor: Fred Bobila

Gary Schneider, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

David Weaver, Boyds, MD
Sponsor: Anthony Mora

Jeremy Weinstein, Potomac, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

John Yanik, Bethesda, MD
Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

August Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

| Day | Date | Names |
|------|------|---|
| Sat. | 8/4 | Nancy Humphries Weldon Humphries Richard Zabell |
| Sun. | 8/5 | Cindy Whitehurst Paul Bluteau |
| Sat. | 8/11 | Lewis Allnutt Bill Rahn Charlie Weaver |
| Sun. | 8/12 | Kevin Manning Richard Noah |
| Sat. | 8/18 | Peter Currall Dave Gold |
| Sun. | 8/19 | Burt Mullineaux Rob Taylor Craig Leopard Chris Leopard |
| Sat. | 8/25 | The Fichter "Gang" |
| Sun. | 8/26 | Chris Smarte Susan Smarte |

Skeet and Trap Report

On July 5, **Rich Buckingham** resigned his post as Chairman of the Skeet and Trap Committee. We want to thank Rich for all his efforts and hard work over the last few years. **Bob Cumberland** will be taking Rich's place as Skeet and Trap Committee Chairman.

We will miss Rich a lot. Not only did he promote the shotgun sports by

bringing NSSA competitions and the Beltway Skeet league to the WAC, but he also helped Boy Scouts earn their Shotgun Badges and hosted beginner skeet classes for those interested in learning the game. Rick will be moving to Delaware over the next few months, but hopefully he can find time for a round or two. When you see him, please extend your appreciation for all his hard work.

A special thanks is also due to **Joel Gross** for arranging the sale and pick up of 500 lbs. of lead shot. Joel's efforts have helped us fill a void of # 7 1/2 and 8 shot until a larger order can be placed.

Our standing plea for Range Officers continues. We still need a few people to participate in the weekend rotation. If you can volunteer one day per month please contact **Kevin Manning** at kcmbblue@aol.com or **Bob Cumberland** at bob.cumberland@sun.com. Every effort will be made to accommodate your schedule.

Finally, **Bob Cumberland** extends his sincere thanks to all those who have offered assistance to him in this new endeavor. He plans to make every effort to keep our fields safe, operational, and fun.

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 July 2001, starting time is 10:00 AM 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.

RANGE ENTRY REMINDER: The range road entry gate does not start working until thirty minutes before the start of shooting hours. That means you can never enter before 9:30 AM unless you are participating in a special event, like cowboy action shoots,

where the gate is locked open manually to permit the participants to gather at the range before the start of shooting. If the gate fails to open, check the time, and remember that our computer and your watch may not be in precise synchronization.

BOWLING PIN SHOOT: A bowling pin fun shoot will be held on the uncovered pistol range following the Cowboy Action Shoot, at around 4:00 PM, on **Saturday, July 28**. Please **do not** go directly to the range. Bowling pin shooters will meet at the Chapter house for registration and will go to the range after all cowboy action shooters have left. You can volunteer to help, acquire more information, or pre-register for the event via e-mail to jlim@phillips.com or telephone **Jesse Lim** at (301) 540-0860 (7:00 PM to 11:00 PM daily). Although there is no entry fee for this kickoff event, a nominal charge will be made at future bowling pin shoots to help defray the costs we incur in running them.

.22 FUN SHOOT: The ever-popular .22 Fun Shoot, a good family event, will be held at the rifle range on **Sunday, August 5**. For more information, contact **Bob Inness** by telephone at (301) 340-9185 or via e-mail to binness@starpower.net

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

THANKS: Our thanks go to the following members who worked on rifle/pistol range and Christmas tree maintenance on Sunday, June 24: **Michelle Chesnut, Red Gambrell, Rex Gori, Dana Hooper, John Leaman, Bob MacLeod, Buddy Michael, Jim Piateski, Alan Pressman, Frank Saenz, John Skillings, and Ray Shaver**. Also, special thanks to **Sandy Bernstein** for contributing 300 pounds of sand and personally filling 65 sandbags with it. If you are using a sandbag at one of our ranges, it is likely to be a Bernstein bag.

Cowboy Shoots

Thunder Valley Days is fast approaching! Our single biggest fund raising event is the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Maryland State Championship of Cowboy

Action Shooting. It is an honor for us to host the event, but we need a lot of help from our members to make it a success. This is a three day shooting event and a fourth day is needed for setup. Thunder Valley Days 2001 will begin with setup on **Wednesday, August 22**, and shooting will take place from **August 23-25, 2001**.

On Wednesday, we need help with setting up targets and props. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, we need help with food preparation, parking, operating a shuttle service, conducting special side events, and keeping up with water jugs and trash containers. Also, on Friday we need help from about 4:00-5:00 PM resetting targets. Finally, we need help taking down targets and props at around 5:00 PM on Saturday. You can get more information or volunteer by contacting the following points of contact:

Food preparation and water distribution: Contact **Mac McCollum** at (301) 854-3707 or osngmc@erols.com.

Parking and shuttle service: Contact **Ed Burrows** at (301) 774-9090 or eburrows@erols.com.

Target and prop setup/teardown: Contact **Ray Shaver** at (301) 926-0465 or mrshaver@aol.com.

Trash: Contact **Chuck Crooks** at (301) 831-9666 or WildlifeRangers@aol.com.

Side events: Contact **Chuck Crooks** at (301) 831-9666 or WildlifeRangers@aol.com. (We prefer experienced members to run these events.)

There will be a special planning meeting for this event on **July 15, 2001**. A full list of contacts will be developed at that meeting. Please watch our website for information on the events and points of contact after that date.

PLEASE NOTE: All skeet and trap ranges will be closed on

Wednesday, August 22. Fields 4 and 5 will be closed on Saturday, August 25.

All rifle and pistol ranges will be closed from Wednesday, August 22 until around 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 25.

Airgun Show

The 5th Annual Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show will be held at the Chapter House on **Saturday, August 11, 2001**. The show, especially for airguns and related equipment, will feature two floors of modern and antique air rifles, air pistols, targets, pellets, telescopic sights, and other supplies for sale. There will also be displays of antique and vintage airguns, one-of-a-kind collector guns, and other unique airgun items. This show is one of the largest of its kind in the US. Dealers from throughout the East Coast and the Midwest will attend.

Outdoor shooting ranges will provide attendees the opportunity to shoot different types of air rifles and air pistols and try airgun field target shooting. A special 'big bore' air rifle match will be held at 4:00 PM for airguns over .25 caliber.

The hours of the show are 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM and the admission price is \$5.00 for adults (**a \$1.00 discount for chapter members with their membership card**) and \$3.00 for children. Refreshments and drinks

will be available during the day.

If you want more information or are interested in volunteering help during the show, either on **Friday afternoon, August 10, or Saturday, August 11**, contact **Phil Dean** at (301) 831-9325.

Elections

Elections are upon us. Officers and Directors for the 2001- 2002 term will be elected at our August meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the July membership meeting. Nominees must be a member, in good standing, for at least one full year. After the July meeting, all nominations are closed. The election will take place at the August meeting. New officers will be installed at the September membership meeting. It is important that interested members attend the July and August meetings to exercise your club right to vote for your officers.

The current nominees are:

President - Ed Burrows

1st VP - Jim Piatieski

2nd VP - Bob Cumberland

3rd VP - Robert Taylor

Treasurer - Steve LeFebvre

Recording Sec. - John "Red" Skillings

Membership Sec. - Joe Gick *

Corresp. Sec. - Red Gambrell
Sgt.-At-Arms - William Ladd
Parliamentarian - Mac McCollum
Chaplain - John Leaman *
Directors - Bob Inness
 - Richard Fried
 - Bob Woodward
 - Bob Mabie

* denotes incumbent

Kudos

We thank the following members for supporting our club:

Ed Burrows and Bob Cumberland for supervising the Boy Scouts in planting shrubbery and spreading mulch around our property.

Buddy Michael for repairing every single one of our vehicles and mowing machines!!

Bill Gazdik for getting our exhaust fan in the Rathskeller to work and upgrading the lighting in the store room.

Red Gambrell for getting everything done around the property over the past six months!!