



NEWSLETTER

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



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Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
8/20	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
8/22	Membership Mtg/Election	6:30 pm
THUNDER VALLEY DAYS		
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
9/1	Seneca Valley Shoot	9:30 am
9/1	NSSA Skeet Shoot	10:00 am
9/2	NSSA Skeet Shoot	10:00 am
9/3	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
9/4	Conservation/SOS Mtg.	7:30 pm
9/5	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
9/7	Bow Hunter Ed., Day 1	7:00 pm
9/7	Hunter Safety, Day 1	7:00 pm
9/8	Bow Hunter Ed., Day 2	9:00 am
9/8	Scattergun Fun Shoot	10:00 am
9/10	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
9/14	Hunter Safety, Day 2	7:00 pm
9/15	Airgun Fld. Trgt. Mtch.	7:30 am
9/15	Adopt-A-Road	9:00 am
9/15	Hunter Safety, Day 3	9:00 am
	Ranges Closed Until	1:00 pm
9/17	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
9/21	R&P Ranges Close At:	1:00 pm
9/22	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
9/22	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
9/22	Charity Skeet Shoot	10:00 am
9/23	Charity Skeet Shoot	10:00 am
9/23	Deer Hunter Qualification	10:00 am
	Rifle Range Closed til About	1:00 pm
9/28	Membership Mtg./Instal.	7:30 pm
9/29	Bowling Pin Shoot	9:00 am
9/30	All Ranges Maint.	10:00 am
9/30	Christmas Tree Maint.	10:00 am
9/30	Range Orientation	10:00 am

General Membership Meetings

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.

The September membership meeting will be on **Friday, September 28, 2001**. This is our annual Installation of Officers Dinner. This is a formal dinner and the menu varies. Note, that dinner is free this month! Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts around 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, August 22, 2001**.

James Adcock, Jr., Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Tim Berlett, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Phil Dean

John Cogleton, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Andy Tauber

Paul Congleton, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Andy Tauber

G. B. Gaylon, Jr., Brookeville, MD
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Patrick Melder, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Andy Tauber

Thomas Preston, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Ridgely Rabold, Crofton, MD
Sponsor: Paul Bluteau

Steven Stanhope, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

September Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	9/1	Vivian McLeod Robert McLeod Richard Zabell
Sun.	9/2	Cindy Whitehurst Paul Bluteau
Sat.	9/8	Lewis Allnutt Bill Rahn Charlie Weaver
Sun.	9/9	Kevin Manning Richard Noah Tony Evans
Sat.	9/15	Rob Taylor Craig Leopard
Sun.	9/16	Peter Currall Dave Gold Ira Wein
Sat.	9/22	The Fichter "Gang"
Sun.	9/23	Burt Mullineaux Shep Burton
Sat.	9/29	NEED VOLUNTEERS
Sun.	9/30	Chris Smarte Susan Smarte Frank Saenz

Skeet and Trap Report

Thanks go out to **Kevin Manning, Tony Evans, and Jim Arnold** for braving the elements and showing up for the Range cleanup on July 29. All the houses were filled with targets and are ready for another month. Also thanks to **Frank Saenz and Ira Wein** for jumping into the Range Officer rotation. We still need

a few more Range officers, please call **Kevin** at (301) 831-9126, or **Bob** at (301) 253-1348 if you have any questions.

FUN SHOOT: On **September 8**, there will be a Scattergun Fun Shoot. Six events are planned: Skeet, Trap, Skeet Doubles, 28/410 Ga. Skeet, 5 Stand, and Chinese Trap. The cost will be \$30 for all 6 events or \$8 for individual events. Prizes are: High Overall receives one full case of shells (20 boxes), 1st in each event wins 1 flat of shells, 2nd in each event wins a box of shells. Each participant qualifies for one first place prize. Thanks to **Bill Rahn** for getting the ball rolling on this shoot.

THIRD ANNUAL CHARITY SKEET SHOOT: On **September 22 and 23, 2001**, we will hold our annual Charity Skeet Shoot to benefit Damascus Help. Participants will shoot three rounds of skeet and are asked to get pledges for each broken target. All proceeds from the shoot are donated. To date, we have raised over \$5,000, much of that due to the efforts of **Wayne Sterling, Burt Mullineaux, and Rich Fried**. Roughly translated, those funds equate to 1000 meals, 15 beds, in addition to utility and prescription assistance to needy Damascus residents. Stop by the Range House for pledge sheets and additional information, or call **Bob** at (301) 253-1348.

RANGE CLOSURES: The **Shotgun Range will be closed on Wednesday, August 22nd**. On **Saturday, August 25**, **Skeet Fields 4 and 5 will be closed, while fields 1, 2, and 3 will remain open for Skeet, Trap and 5 Stand.**

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 **MRSshaver@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 August 2001, starting time is 10:00 AM and ending time is 8:00 PM daily, 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 be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the

posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

FIRST BOWLING PIN SHOOT: With assistance from **Chris Ubik and Jun Jonas, Jesse Lim** planned and conducted our first "Bowling Pin Fun Shoot" on Saturday, July 28. Participants in the kickoff event included **Terry McCoy, Kevin McCoy, Harris Reavin, Al Kleuver, Patrick Lambert, Lawrence McCollin, Rodney Leeber, Zyghunt Radke, Shelly Mitchem, Wallace Bradford, Edward Talbot, Timothy Roberts, Susan Lender, Patrick Rowe, Bruce Tarpinian, William Maneely, Brian Baldwin, Michael Levendusky, Mark Mazzocco, Bob Peeler, Steven Hefferon, and Thomas Riley.**

UPCOMING BOWLING PIN SHOOT: The second of what may become a regular monthly bowling pin shoot will be held on the uncovered pistol range from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, **September 29**. The title for the match is "Bowling at Home." Please do not go directly to the range. Bowling pin shooters will meet at the Chapter house at 9:00 AM for registration. For more information, contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at **jlim@phillips.com** or by telephone at (301) 540-0860, from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM daily. There will be a \$4.00 registration fee to help defray the costs incurred by our club in running this event.

SIGN-IN REGISTER: The requirement to sign in and out on the range sign-in register did not change with the installation of the barrier gate. Although the keycard owner's name is recorded with each use, the sign-in register entries provide a more accurate reflection of range use by identifying all persons who may have passed through the gate along with the keycard owner. Furthermore, when we see a car pull into the site and head directly to the barrier gate, we must assume that it is somebody who doesn't know the rules, who wants to avoid being seen at the sign-in register, or who is purposely ignoring the rules. A person who doesn't know the rules or wants to avoid being seen may be someone who has acquired the keycard through some illegitimate means. We definitely don't want them on the rifle and pistol ranges. We also don't want someone who is purposely flaunting the rules there either.

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

CAN'T MAKE MAINTENANCE DAY? In addition to helping the Chapter, participation in a scheduled Chapter project, like the monthly range and site maintenance day, provides a chance to meet other members and enjoy their company. Unfortunately, not everyone can attend scheduled events, but there are plenty of Chapter projects that can be done independently, as one's schedule allows. For example, our stand of Christmas trees always needs care, such as mowing or removing vines and other growth. Trimming brush at the sides of the range road and picking up trash on the ranges are also functions that can be done at any time. Just look around. If you see something that needs clearing, cleaning, fixing, or some other improvement, it is fair game. And for first year members who need credit for Chapter projects, just let one of our club officers or committee chairmen know what you accomplished and roughly how long it took. Thanks for taking the initiative!

HELP NEEDED ON SEPTEMBER 23: We will be running a brief slug gun and muzzleloader qualification session for hunters participating in the Howard County managed deer hunt. Volunteers are needed to serve as range officers, oversee parking, perform safety checks, register participants, etc. It requires only a few hours of your time. Our volunteer staff will be on duty from 9:00 AM till around 1:00 PM. If you helped with the deer hunter qualification events in previous years, we would love to have you back. We would also be pleased to introduce new Ikes to this public service event. For more information, or to volunteer your assistance, please contact **Ray Shaver** via the methods listed in the first paragraph of the Rifle and Pistol Range Report.

RANGE ACCESS ON SEPTEMBER 23:

The Howard County Parks deer hunter qualification event will be held on the rifle range on Sunday morning, **September 23**. Registration will start at 9:30 AM, and shooting will run from 10:00 AM until noon. We will make every effort to open the rifle range to members as quickly as possible after the qualification event is completed. Unlike past years, the pistol ranges will be open to WAC members during this event. However, the range road will be busy and parking may be tight, so morning handgun shooters may find it more convenient to park at the Chapter house and walk to the range. Check with our parking attendants who should be on duty at the top of the range road.

THANKS: To the Ikes who participated in site and range maintenance on Sunday July 29. Included were **Jim Piateski** and **Marc Pugliese** on Christmas trees; **John Skillings** and **Tom Roberts** on the range road; **Ray Shaver, Steven War and Robert Panico** on the rifle/pistol ranges; and a crew on the shotgun ranges who failed to get their names on the work roster. Ray Shaver also wants to thank the ever-enthusiastic regulars who help in the tear down after cowboy action shoots including **Jeff Swanson, Paul Bluteau, Terry Springer, Ken Storm, Bob Wolf, Michael Polan, and other unidentified cowpokes** who worked after the July 28 shoot.

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 mrsnaver@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.)

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 to around 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 25.

.22 Fun Shoot

We were gratified to have about 60 shooters show up for our .22 Fun Shoot on August 5, 2001. We had many juniors, guests from the Monumental Rifle Club, and first-timers join us for the shoot.

The editor did some of the cooking of the hot dogs and hamburgers. The diners couldn't decide if the hamburgers had a nutty or fruity flavor as a result of the editor's cooking. That's gratitude. The editor decided not to shoot just so he wouldn't make everyone else feel bad about their inability to hit anything and they repay him with insults. We'll have some more fun shoots next year and we'll see who has the last laugh!

Our thanks go out to **Bob Inness, Phil Dean, and Jim Piateski** for making this shoot a resounding success!!

Hunter Safety Courses

Two Hunter Safety Courses will be conducted over the next few months. Each course consists of three sessions. The first course is on **September 7, 14, and 15**. The second course is on **October 5, 12, and 13**. To register or obtain more information, we have an automated telephone system set up at (301) 717-9672.

Elections

Elections are upon us. Officers and Directors for the 2001- 2002 term will be elected at our August meeting. New officers will be installed at the September membership meeting. It is important that interested members attend the August meeting to exercise their right to vote for WAC officers.

The nominees are:

President - Ed Burrows

1st VP - Jim Piateski

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

Adopt-A-Road

Our next Adopt-A-Road cleanup will be held on Saturday, **September 15**. Please join us in cleaning the 1.5 mile or so section of Mullinix Mill road. Meet at the Equipment Shed at 9:00 AM on that date.

Dues Notice

National IWLA has raised their dues. Part of our annual dues goes toward state and national IWLA dues. There have been several national or state increases over the past few years that we have not passed on to our members. Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to absorb these increases. It has become necessary, therefore, to raise our annual membership dues by \$5 to a total of \$100. This amount covers our WAC, state, and national dues. Beginning

in October 2001, all new members will be assessed the new amount of \$100. Membership renewals for 2002 will also be \$100.

Budget Notice

Committee chairs are reminded they must submit their budgets for 2002 to **Bob Cumberland**, our Treasurer, by the next Board Of Directors meeting on **September 5, 2001**.

Free Mulch

We have **FREE** mulch! Just bring your pick up truck and load your own. The mulch is located on the right side of the grass field along the tree line as you first enter our property. **This is for members' personal use only.**

Kudos

This month we express our thanks to **Bill Mutziger** for his superb assistance to our recycling program.