



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League Of America

Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter

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Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
9/14	Hunter Safety, Day 2	7:00 pm
9/15	Airgun Fld. Trgt. Mch.	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	Canoe Trip	See below
9/23	Deer Hunter Qualification	10:00 am
	Ranges Closed Until	12:00 am
9/28	Membership Mtg./Instal.	7:30 pm
9/29	Bowling Pin Shoot	9:00 am
9/30	Chapter Maint.	10:00 am
9/30	Range Orientation	10:00 am
10/1	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/2	Conservation/SOS Mtg.	7:30 pm
10/3	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
10/5	Hunter Safety, Day 1	7:00 pm
10/7	Black Powder Fun Shoot	10:00 am
10/8	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/12	Hunter Safety, Day 2	7:00 pm
10/13	Airgun Fld. Trgt. Mch.	7:30 am
10/13	Hunter Safety, Day 3	9:00 am
	Ranges Closed Until	1:00 pm
10/15	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/22	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/24	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
10/26	R&P Ranges Close At:	1:00 pm
10/26	R&P Ranges Closed Except For:	
10/26	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
10/28	Chapter Maint.	10:00 am
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10/29	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm

Canoe Trip

The Conservation Committee is sponsoring a canoe trip on **Saturday, September 22**, at Rocky Gorge Reservoir. We hope to recruit a nature guide to describe the local flora and fauna. You will need to bring your own lunch. We expect to have a great time! Call **Michelle Chesnut** at (301) 816-2883 for more details.

General Membership Meetings

The September membership meeting will be on **Friday, September 28, 2001**. This is our formal annual Installation of Officers and Annual Awards Dinner. Note that dinner is free this month! Also note that is on **Friday, not Wednesday**. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner starts around 7:30 PM.

The October membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 24, 2001**. The menu has not yet been set. 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 **Friday, September 28, 2001**.

Lyn Duncan, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Bob Inness

Philip Guerico, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Karl Huber, Frederick, MD
Sponsor: Phil Poulin

Wayne McNinch, Monrovia, MD
Sponsor: Anderson Cobb

Walter Oleniewski, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

John Schaber, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

October Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

Day	Date	Names
Sat.	10/6	Vivian McLeod Robert McLeod Richard Zabell
Sun.	10/7	Cindy Whitehurst Paul Bluteau
Sat.	10/13	Lewis Allnutt Bill Rahn Charlie Weaver
Sun.	10/14	Kevin Manning Richard Noah Tony Evans
Sat.	10/20	Rob Taylor Craig Leopard
Sun.	10/21	Peter Currall Dave Gold Ira Wein
Sat.	10/27	The Fichter "Gang"
Sun.	10/28	Burt Mullineaux Shep Burton Frank Saenz

Skeet and Trap Report

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.

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 September 2001, starting time is 10:00 AM and ending time is 7:30 PM daily, unless some activity has preempted the range. However, because sunset comes a little earlier each day this time of year, ending time will probably change to 7:00 PM before the month ends. Please help us be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT: The fall season is a busy time on our rifle and pistol ranges, especially on weekends. When the thought of a day at the range appeals to you, help avoid disappointment and a wasted trip by checking the calendar of events before you start. If you've lost the annual calendar, copies are available in the Rathskeller. You can also find the calendar on line at our web site, and an abbreviated version appears in each month's newsletter.

BOWLING PIN SHOOT: Our second bowling pin fun 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 (jlim@phillips.com) or telephone (301) 540-0860, 7:00 to 11:00 PM daily. There will be a \$4.00 registration fee to help defray the costs we incur in running this event.

BLACKPOWDER FUN SHOOT: You don't have to own a muzzleloader to join in the fun on **Sunday, October 7**, when our Chaplain, **John Leaman**, hosts our annual blackpowder shoot. John and other blackpowder enthusiasts are always happy to share their guns and expertise with newcomers to this inexpensive, low key shooting activity. Join us in shooting at novelty targets and steel silhouettes, to sight

in your hunting muzzleloader, toss tomahawks at log targets, and generally have a good time. To really liven things up, you could even try throwing your tomahawk at John! The event starts at 10:00 AM and generally runs until early afternoon.

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 our members during this event. However, the range road will be busy and parking may be tight. 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.

SEPTEMBER SITE MAINTENANCE:

Monthly maintenance of our ranges, Christmas trees, house and grounds will be done from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on **Sunday, September 30**. Please report to the green equipment shed for an assignment.

MAINTENANCE COORDINATORS

NEEDED: We are looking for several people to share the one-day-per-month task of greeting volunteers who report for monthly site maintenance and assigning them to the various projects underway that day. This is a good "light duty" assignment for someone who might not be able to work on physically demanding tasks. It requires the coordinator on duty to be present from about 9:00 AM until noon on the Sunday in which monthly site maintenance takes place. To volunteer, please contact **Ray Shaver**.

THANKS to the Ikes who participated in Christmas tree and rifle/pistol range maintenance on Sunday August 26. Included were **Keith Cunningham, Bill Gazdik, Mike Bartlett, Chuck Christianson, Geoff Hornseth, Ron Friedrich, David & Stephanie Meshel, Mark & James Lynd, John Leaman and Ray Shaver**. Thanks also to **Bob Brand** who came out on September 4 to help with

post-holiday range maintenance and to line up some tasks he can do on his own during the week.

Cowboy Shoots

Thunder Valley Days 2001 was a complete success thanks to the many Ikes who came out to volunteer with food, parking, shuttle, set up, tear down, trash, and water refill operations. This shoot is our biggest fund raiser, so we're happy to report that we exceeded last year's attendance and revenue numbers. We earned a front page article in the *Montgomery Journal* and we attracted lots of visitors to our chapter. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time. Approximately 50 of our members participated in the match and another 40 assisted. There were 148 registered shooters for the match.

During one stage of the match, we even raised \$645 for our scholarship fund!

Our sincere thanks go out to the following volunteers who helped make this the best Thunder Valley Days yet:

Ross Hughes, Pete Grahn, John Shepherd, Ron Peddicord, Henry Anderson, Dave Hammett, Charles Leatherman, Frank Shekore, Neil Benson, Paul Bluteau, Bob Inness, Bill Rahn, Lyn and Kate Duncan, Ridgely Rabold, Rollin Sparrowe, Ron Peddicord, Hal Niemeyer, Ron Thomson, Lynda and Bob Wolf, Canada Jack, Paul Bluteau, Wally Bradford, Bill Jenkins, Mark Hoyayeuni, Chuck Christianson, James Paulhamus, Lou Gallo, Keith Cunningham, Steve Cramer, Rob and Michael Leonard, and Neil Benson. We apologize if we may have missed someone due to the press of events!

Junior Airgun

The first (organizational) meeting of both our Junior shooting programs (sporter and precision) is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 11, 2001** in the Rathskeller at the Chapter house

between 6:30 and 8:30 PM. Our junior programs are open to girls and boys ages 10-20. Prospective junior shooters, their parents, and returning junior shooters are encouraged to attend this first session. They will get to meet our coaches, see our facility, inspect our equipment, and ask questions. Registration will occur during this session.

Both our sporter and precision airgun programs are conducted and supervised by NRA Certified Instructors and coaches at all times. For additional information, please visit our website and/or contact Bob Inness at (301) 340-9185 or binness@starpower.net or John Watson at (301) 929-3583 or JPW1050FPS@aol.com)

If you have or know of kids who are interested in our junior airgun programs, but cannot attend the first meeting, it's not too late! Just contact the folks identified above and they will arrange to assist the interested kids and their parents.

Kudos

We thank the following members for supporting our club:

Ron Friedrich for repairing our tractors.

New Officers and Directors

The results of our annual election are in. Following are our new officers and directors:

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
- Conley Phipps
- Kevin Manning
- John Walters

Message From Our (Outgoing) President

Although I have been a member of the WAC Board of Directors for nearly 10years, nothing has been more rewarding than being your president for the last two years. With a terrific Board of Directors and Officers to work with, we were able to accomplish many worthwhile projects. Hopefully, we have made the club even better than when we took office. Under the leadership of our incoming president, **Ed Burrows**, I know that Izaak Walton League ideals will be nurtured and, in turn, passed on to his successor.

Our organization is made up of volunteers. Without their endless giving of time, we would not succeed. I hope you will join me in supporting our new officers and pledging volunteer time in the coming year. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be your president!

- *Chuck Crooks*