



# NEWSLETTER



Izaak Walton League Of America  
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter  
**OCTOBER-NOVEMBER ISSUE 2001**

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## Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
10/12	Hunter Safety, Day 2	7:00 pm
10/13	Airgun Fld. Trgt. Match.	7:30 am
10/13	Hunter Safety, Day 3	9:00 am
	<b>Ranges Closed until</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
10/13	Junior Precision Rifle	9:30 am
10/15	Adult Airgun	6:00 pm
10/20	"Backyard Bowling"	
	Bowling Pin Shoot	9:00 am
10/22	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
10/23	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
10/24	Membership Meeting	6:30 pm
<b>10/24</b>	<b>Last Wednesday Skeet and Trap range opening for 2001</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
10/25	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
10/26	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close at:</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
10/27	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Closed Except for:</b>	
	Cowboy Action Shoot	9:00 am
10/28	Chapter Maintenance	10:00 am
10/28	Range Orientation	10:00 am
10/29	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/1	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
11/3	Junior Precision Rifle	9:30 am
11/3	Cowboy Dinner	6:30 pm
11/4	Rifle/Slug Gun Sight-In [partial range closure]	10:00 am
11/5	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/6	Conservation/SOS Mtg.	7:00 pm
11/6	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
11/7	Board of Directors Mtg.	7:30 pm
11/8	Junior Airgun	6:30 pm
11/9	Hunter Safety, Day 1	7:00 pm
11/10	Airgun Field Tgt Match	7:30 am
11/10	Junior Precision Rifle	9:30 am
11/10	"Bowling with Yellow Leaf"	
	Bowling Pin Shoot	1:00 pm
11/11	Montgomery County Deer Hunter Qualification Testing [ranges closed during quals]	10:00 am
11/12	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/13	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
11/14	<b>General Membership Meeting [Pre-Thanksgiving]</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
11/15	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
11/16	Hunter Safety, Day 2	7:00 pm
11/17	Hunter Safety, Day 3	9:00 am
11/17	Junior Precision Rifle	9:30 am
11/19	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/20	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
11/22	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
11/23	<b>R&amp;P Ranges Close at</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>

## 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, October 24, 2001.**

Pierre Bernard, Chevy Chase, Md.  
**Sponsor: Mike Heffernan**

Steven Carr, Ijamsville, Md.  
**Sponsor: Bob Inness**

Chris Constantine, Olney, Md.  
**Sponsor: Bob Mabie**

Frank Kaleyias, Silver Spring, Md.  
**Sponsor: Mike Heffernan**

Rodney Lapp, Damascus, Md.  
**Sponsor: Joe Gick**

Dale Lehman, Laurel, Md.  
**Sponsor: Carrie Oulette**

Paul C. McConoughey, Gaithersburg, Md.  
**Sponsor: Bob Mabie**

Robert W. Servis, Silver Spring, Md.  
**Sponsor: Bob Schneider**

Laurence M. Wright, Manassas, Va.  
**Sponsor: Greg Gallo**

## NOTES OF INTEREST:

The new Chapter nature trail will be open on November 1. Finishing touches have been made to the third of a mile hiking trail and a trail map is being produced.

On Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> the Conservation Committee will be planting 15 trees in the field beyond the skeet and trap ranges. These trees will provide additional food and shelter for the varied creatures that share our property. Come Join us at 8 a.m. and help plant a grove of trees for the future.

## From Our New Chapter President

I am honored to be the new president of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. It is a position that I do not take lightly.

We are one of the largest chapters in the country and I feel that we should continue to set an example for other chapters to follow.

New members and old alike are aware that the league is a conservation organization. All of us are equally aware that most of the people in this, and many other chapters throughout the country, are primarily sports shooters. I would hope that everyone is that it is our conservation heritage that allows us to continue sports shooting.

Without support from the members, our conservation activities will not be the success they have been in the past. Our annual river cleanup and our Christmas tree farm are defining activities of this chapter. Other events happen throughout the year, as you know, and we need support from membership to help us maintain our stature in the environmental community and the county at large.

But, there is more to being a member of this club than sports shooting and conservation and I'd like to spend a minute to talk about what membership in the league and this chapter means to me.

I've been a member of the League for more than 25 years. I was reminded of this by the man who was president of the BCC chapter shortly after I joined it. At this years IWLA convention, he reminded me that he more than once had to ask me and a few fellows in the back of the room to please be quiet as he was trying to conduct a meeting. We had a good laugh in light of the time when I, too, would be a chapter president. Of the four of us who were perennally in the back of the room, in those days, all but one has gone on to be a chapter president.

The point is we still see each other, and that's what chapter membership can be all about - friends, now old friends, who have come together with a common bond which has grown over the years into something I

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wouldn't trade for a million dollars.

I've got stories to tell by the hour: Fishing trips to the Frederick watershed when you used to be able to four-wheel up there. We tried to fish all the ponds and name them all for our own reference: Busted Mirror Lake, Flat Tire Gulch. Those are some stories. We hunted opening day of dove season for years until one of the guys decided to get married on an opening day. He made the mistake of asking us to be grooms' guys. We showed up for the fancy wedding in Battle Dress Uniforms (BDU's), our pockets stuffed with unplucked frozen dead birds from the previous year. Then, there have been fishing trips to Canada, and so many trips to Cape Hatteras I can't count them all. I've waded in half frozen, briar choked streams, in leaky waders collecting aquatic macroinvertebrates for the Department of Natural Resources' annual water quality assessment with a fellow like.

There are also the stories about the river cleanups, or the lady that found four unexploded tear gas canisters, and the lady that found the five-dollar bill and asked what she should do with it.

I've made a lot of friends in the league, world class, major league friends, who are there when you need them, and just friends who are great folks to know. I've married 'em, and buried 'em. The league for me has been like an extended family. It can be for you as well - if you put out a little effort and get to know your fellow likes. I would point out that the best way to get to know folks around here is to come out and support chapter activities.

As you can see, the league is very important to me. I intend to do the best job I can as your new president. But the future of this chapter is not up to the board [of directors] and myself. This chapter has been - and will be - what we All make of it

-Ed Burrows.

### AWARDS PRESENTED

At the September awards and installation dinner, the following people were recognized for their outstanding service to the Chapter by the outgoing President, Chuck Crooks:

**Richard Mills, John Strong, Bill Rahn, Ray Shaver, John Leaman, Bill Gasdik, Ted Hiers, Rob Hallin, Wayne Berkebile, Bob Inness, Jim Piateski, Mac McCollum, Rich Buckingham, Bob Cumberland, Ed Burrows, Joe Gick, Bob Woodward, Richard Phelan, Red Gambrell, Paul Bluteau, Jake Hamilton (nonmember), Bob Mabie and Michelle Chestnut.**

## SKEET AND TRAP REPORT

Many thanks to Jim Arnold and Mark Kosian for helping unload the tractor trailer load of clay targets, and also for helping with the cleanup on

September 30. Also thanks to Leonard Burrelli for helping with the cleanup and jumping on the roster as a Range Officer.

There are several projects to be undertaken during the October 29 cleanup to get us ready for the cold weather, in addition to the cleanup. If you can spare a few hours that morning to help out it will be appreciated.

The Raffle for to Benefit the Damascus Help was held at the September 28, Dinner meeting. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all that participated.

- 1st Prize **Tim Kelchner** 3 person guided Pheasant hunt
- 2nd Prize **John Tombolas** 1- year WAC membership
- 3rd Prize **Denny Brown** 1 case of 12 ga . Shotgun shells
- 4th Prize **Lew Alnutt** 10 Rounds of Skeet or Trap

### Range Officer schedule

#### October

- Saturday 10/6 Vivian & Robert McLeod, Richard Zabell
- Sunday 10/7 Cindy Whitehurst, Paul Bluteau
- Saturday 10/13 Lew Allnut, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver
- Sunday 10/14 Kevin Manning, Rick Noah, Tony Evans
- Saturday 10/20 Rob Taylor, Craig Leopard
- Sunday 10/21 Peter Currall, Dave Gold, Ira Wein
- Saturday 10/27 The Fichter Gang: George, Dale, Carmen, Billy
- Sunday 10/28 Burt Mullineaux, Shep Burton, Frank Saenz

#### November

- Saturday 11/3 Vivian & Robert McLeod, Richard Zabell
- Sunday 11/4 Cindy Whitehurst, Paul Bluteau
- Saturday 11/10 Lew Allnut, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver
- Sunday 11/11 Kevin Manning, Rick Noah, Tony Evans
- Saturday 11/17 Rob Taylor, Craig Leopard
- Sunday 11/18 Peter Currall, Dave Gold, Ira Wein
- Saturday 11/24 The Fichter Gang: George, Dale, Carmen, Billy
- Sunday 11/25 Chris & Susan Smarte

### KUDOES:

**Mac McCollum** thanks the following members for helping feed the hungry hordes (147

shooters, and spectators and help) at the Cowboy action shoot in August: **Joe, Corinci, Phil Dean, Michelle Chestnut, Vic Dawson, Doc Greene, Steve Peck, and Bob Mabie.**

**John Leaman** wants to thank all those who came out to work on the Christmas trees and mow the grass on maintenance day. Gods love to all and thanks again.

### New Officers and Directors Installed

The following are officers and directors were duly installed at the September awards and installation meeting:

**President** - Ed Burrows

**1st VP** - Jim Piateski

**2nd VP** - Bob Cumberland

**3rd VP** - Robert Taylor

**Treasurer** - Steve LeFebvre

**Recording Sec.** - John 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

Jorge Silva

Bob Mabie

Conley Phipps

Kevin Manning

John Walters

### ASTRONOMY SKYWATCH

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULED

Following the regular portion of the October 24<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting, Mr. Gary Hand of Hands-On Optics in Damascus will present a program featuring telescopes and astronomy. Afterwards, weather permitting, there will be a great opportunity for hands-on use of various telescopes. Don't miss this chance to gaze upon some of the interesting things in our skies and universe. Who knows, you may even get to see the man on the moon!

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## RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT

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](mailto: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 **October 2001, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 6:30 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range. However, because sunset comes a little earlier each day this time of year, ending time may change before the month ends. Please help us to be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

### PISTOL INSTRUCTORS WANTED

We are looking into the possibility of hosting a course conducted by NRA-certified instructors to train and certify other NRA pistol instructors. If you are qualified to conduct such a course and are willing to consider doing it, please contact **Mike Gugulis** by telephone (301-963-2990) or e-mail ([Mgugulis@compuserve.com](mailto:Mgugulis@compuserve.com)). Mike will also be glad to hear from anyone interested in taking such a course.

### BOWLING PIN FUN SHOOTS

Top scorers in the September 29 shoot included **Al Kleuver, Chad Collins, Jesse Lim, and Lawrence Collins**. However, the real goal of the monthly bowling pin fun shoots is simply to have fun. **Jesse Lim and Chris Ubik** are working hard to make this an enjoyable family event, and they would really like you all to come out and give it a try. The next three shoots are:

October 20, 2001

Title: Backyard bowling 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

November 10, 2001

Title: Bowling with yellow leaf 1:00p.m - 6:00 pm

December 22, 2001

Title: Christmas bowler 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Please do not go directly to the range. Bowling pin shooters will meet at the Chapter house for registration.** For more information, contact **Jesse Lim** via e-mail ([jlim@phillips.com](mailto:jlim@phillips.com)) or telephone (301-540-0860), 7 PM to 11 PM daily. There will be a \$4.00 registration fee to help defray the costs.

### HUNTER SIGHT-IN DAY NOV. 4

One of the WAC public services in support of hunting safety is the annual hunter sight-in day, at which our rifle range is open to the public. The objective is to provide hunters with a chance to ensure that the firearms and ammunition with which they will be hunting are accurately shooting where aimed. For a fee of \$5 per firearm, we provide access to the rifle range for sighting in at distances up to 100 yards, plus targets and assistance as needed. **This year's hunter sight-in day will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 10 AM until 3 PM.** Although some benches will be reserved for participants, the rifle range will remain open to WAC members during this event. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

### DEER HUNTER QUALIFICATION NOV. 11

Slug-gun qualification for participants in Montgomery County managed deer hunts will be held on **Sunday, November 11, from 10 AM until approximately 2 PM.** Although the rifle range is closed during this event, **the pistol ranges will be open for use by WAC members. However, because of the high number of participants in this event, the range road and range parking areas are open only to handicapped persons.**

Consequently, it will be necessary for WAC pistol range users to park at the Chapter house and walk down. Please comply with directions of our parking crew. We will make every effort to open the rifle range to members as quickly as possible after the qualification is completed.

### OCTOBER SITE MAINTENANCE:

Monthly maintenance of WAC ranges, Christmas trees, house and grounds will be done from **10 AM until 1 PM on Sunday, October 28.** Please report to our new maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

**THANKS** to the Ikes who participated in site

maintenance projects on Sunday September 30. Included were **Michelle Chesnut, Steven Davis, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Craig Cockrell, Mike O'Connor, Chuck Christianson, Daniel Cuneo, Geoff Hornseth, Edmond Tucker, Eric Holtje, L. Zook, Rob Heider, Ed Dennis, Rob Van Tassell, Leonard Burrelli, Jim Arnold, Mark Kosian, Bob Cumberland, Tom Riley, John Leaman and Bill Jenkins.**

**THANKS** also to the team which ran the state firearms qualification event for approximately 80 prospective deer hunters on September 23. **Dennis Price**, a regular guest assistant at these qualification shoots, joined 22 Ikes in performing this annual public service of the WAC. They were **Craig Heidemann, Paul Bluteau, S. R. Halperin, Curtis Gevert, Tom Mills, Bill McGiffin, J. E. Luensman, Jose Tassara, Dave Brunson, Robert E. Griffin, Ted Hadfield, James Fort, Bill Gazdik, Sandy Bernstein, Stephen Lefebvre, R. G. Logan, John Walter, Chuck Christianson, Bob Inness, Bob Mabie, Mac McCollum and Ray Shaver.**

### LAST CALL ON MISSING KEYCARDS:

Most WAC members paid an extra \$10 for a keycard to operate the range road security gate when they renewed their membership for the year 2001, and all of those should have received their keycard along with their 2001 membership card. Nevertheless, we still occasionally hear from a member who claims that he or she never received the keycard, and for the past nine months we have been providing a replacement card free of charge. However, after October, 2001, claims for missing keycards will no longer be honored. Instead, it will be necessary to pay \$10 for a new card. **If you are sure that you paid for a keycard during the past year and have never received it, please contact Joe Gick (301-774-9399 or [GICK@EROLS.COM](mailto:GICK@EROLS.COM)) or Ray Shaver (301-926-0465 or [MRShaver@aol.com](mailto:MRShaver@aol.com)) by the end of October.**