



NEWSLETTER



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

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Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
11/11	Montgomery County Deer Hunter Qualification Testing	10:00 am
	[ranges closed during quals]	
11/12	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/13	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
11/14	General Membership Meeting [Pre-Thanksgiving]	6:30 pm
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	R&P Ranges Close at 1:00 pm for Cowboy Action Shoot Setup	
11/24	Cowboy Action Shoot	8:00 am
11/24	Junior Precision Rifle	9:30 am
11/24	Adopt-a-Road	9:00 am
11/25	Ranges Cleanup/Chapter Maintenance	
	Ranges Closed until 1:00 pm	
11/25	Club and Range Orientation	10:00 am
11/26	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
11/27	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
11/29	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
12/1	Junior Precision Air Gun	9:30 am
12/1	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00-4:00 pm
12/2	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00-4:00 pm
12/3	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
12/4	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
12/5	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30 pm
12/6	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
12/8	Christmas Tree Sales	10:00-4:00 pm
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12/17	Adult Airgun	6:30 pm
12/18	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
12/19	Membership Meeting and Holiday Party	6:30 pm
12/20	Junior Airgun	6:00 pm
12/22	"The Christmas Bowler"	
	Bowling Pin Shoot	9:00 am
12/25	ALL RANGES CLOSED	

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

NEW MEMBERS

The following membership applications have been approved by the Board of Directors. Chapter members may vote to accept these applicants as new members at the next regular meeting on **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, 2001.**

Ricardo A. Royal, Hyattsville, Md.
Sponsor: Adam Linn

Sandra Priester, Kensington, Md.
Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

David Santini, Damascus, Md.
Sponsor: Tim & Carrie Ouellette

Richard Reading, Germantown, Md.
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

David J. Bright, Silver Spring, Md.
Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

Joe May, Garrett Park, Md.
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Chris Pasch, Damascus, Md.
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Michael Koser, Gaithersburg, Md.
Sponsor: Chris Harmon

Larry Wechsler, Potomac Md.
Sponsor: Jeremy Weinstein

Charles M. Limparis, Damascus, Md.
Sponsor: Ronald Limparis

Charles Celeste, Bethesda, Md.
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Edgar Williams, Silver Spring, Md.
Sponsor: Chris Harmon

Jeffrey H. Schneiner
Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

David Price, Silver Spring, Md.
Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

Tom McKenna, Mont. Village, Md.
Sponsor: Claude Ballfor

Wayne McGovern, Mont. Village, Md.
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

NEW MEMBERS [continued]

Mitch Black, Silver Spring, Md.
Sponsor: Barry Ephraim

John Scafide, Jr., Poolesville, Md.
Sponsor: Robert Servis

Edgar A. Shelton, Bethesda, Md.
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

W. Roger Ney, Rockville, Md.
Sponsor: Joe Gick

C. Richard Maple, Derwood, MD.
Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Dan Willard, Derwood, MD.
Sponsor: Bill Jenkins

Jack Leeb, Silver Spring, Md.
Sponsor: Bob Inness

Michael Feuer, Silver Spring, Md.
Sponsor: Bob Inness

NOTICE!

The new membership renewal forms have been mailed. You should all have received them by now. Please send in your check as soon as possible. **Remember: Your current membership expires on December 31st of this year.** Please help us avoid a costly mailing of second reminders by getting your payment in the mail before your membership expires at the end of the year.

When you get your new card, sign it and bring it to any Board of Directors meeting or General Membership meeting and we will laminate it **FREE** this year! - **Joe Gick**

LAST MATCH OF THE YEAR.

The last cowboy match will be held on Saturday, November 24. Set up is Friday, November 23 at 1:00 p.m. Rifle and pistol ranges will be closed from Friday at 1:00 p.m. thru the end of the match on Saturday (about 3:30 p.m.). Help with setup or tear down will be appreciated. For additional information, contact Chuck Crooks at (301) 831-9666 or WildlifeRangers@aol.com.
Observers Always Welcome!

The President's Corner:

Most of you were probably at work on Friday, November 2nd, and so you won't remember what a perfect day it was. With a warm breeze, puffy white clouds, and fall leaves just a bit past their prime, I counted myself lucky to be outside for most of the day. I was mowing the Christmas tree field in front of the skeet and trap range. As much as I hate mowing the grass on my own lawn, working on a big field is a different proposition altogether. The weather and the hum of our tractor lulled me into a philosophical mood. I got to thinking how lucky we all are to live in such a beautiful country. In particular, I thought how lucky we lkes are to have a chapter as wonderful as ours is. I thought about the chapter maintenance day in October when lots of folks showed up to spruce up the ranges, get some firewood in the range house, and mow around the big Christmas tree field. We not only have a great chapter, we have great members who work hard to keep it that way.

When Thanksgiving comes this year, I, for one, won't have any trouble thinking of what we have to be thankful for. It's been a really trying couple of months since September 11th. We've had more than our share of troubles, but we're fighting back and we're still who we have always been - Patriots all, living in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Thank God for that!

- Ed Burrows

NEW DAMASCUS ALLIANCE REP

Steve Lefebvre has been appointed to serve as the WAC representative to the Damascus Alliance Committee.

WAC GIVE & TAKE LIBRARY

The WAC Give & Take Library in the Rathskeller is full of new, used books. Many new titles of all types are available for the enjoyment of all WAC members. Check it out:

Give a Book - Take a Book
- Or -
Take a Book - Give a Buck

FREE FOLDING CHAIRS

The chapter has purchased new white folding chairs for the social hall. The old chairs are now in our way. If you would like two or three or four old chairs to have around the house, come to the November 14th dinner meeting and take some home with you. If you can't make the dinner meeting, you can take some of the OLD metal chairs at your convenience. Please do NOT take the new white chairs!

RIFLE TO BE RAFFLED

At the Board of Directors meeting in October Ray Logan presented a new-in-the-box Ruger Mini 14 Stainless Steel Ranch .223 caliber rifle with scope and rings. Ray has donated the rifle to our Chapter to be raffled off with the proceeds from the raffle donated to one of the "September 911" disaster relief funds. Michael Heffernan of Potomac Trading in Kensington was instrumental in getting Ray an extremely low cost of purchase for the rifle. John Leaman volunteered to be the raffle chairperson. Tickets will be available at the membership meetings in November and December. Only 550 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held at the Wild Game dinner in January 2002.

RANGE CARDS EXPIRATION DATE

Members are reminded that 2001 range access cards will expire on January 31, 2002. Range access cards will not operate the range gate if membership has not been updated. If you have not received your membership renewal notice, contact Joe Gick at 301-774-9399 or gick@erols.com

WILD GAME DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Always a BIG event, the Annual WAC Wild Game Dinner and Silent Auction will be held in the last Friday in January 2002. Due to limited seating capacity, only 120 dinner tickets will be sold, but admission for the silent auction will be free. Rich Fried is this year's Chairman. Donations for the silent auction may be brought to any regular or board of directors meeting. This is a good chance to clean out your closets, basements, and garages all of those "treasures" you've been meaning to get rid of. Contact Rich Fried at 301-253-2789 or TacRicFried@aol.com.

WAC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Plans to improve the main road and the road to the rifle and pistol ranges are in the making. Further improvement of the parking areas around the range house is also in the plan. To provide better traction for vehicles exiting the area, a concrete pad will be installed in front of the exit card reader from the rifle and pistol ranges. Every effort will be made to minimize the time that range road will be closed for access via vehicles.

SKEET AND TRAP REPORT

The Beltway Skeet league will be beginning soon. National Capitol, PG Sports Center, and the WAC will have participating members and be hosting the shoots. Details will be posted in the Range house as soon as they become available. The more the merrier!

RANGE OFFICE SCHEDULE

November

Saturday 11/3	Vivian & Robert McLeod, Rich 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, and Billy
Sunday 11/25	Chris & Susan Smarte

December

Saturday 12/1	Vivian & Robert McLeod, Richard Zabell
Sunday 12/2	Cindy Whitehurst and Paul Bluteau
Saturday 12/8	Lew Allnut, Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver
Sunday 12/9	Kevin Manning, Rick Noah, Tony Evans
Saturday 12/15	Rob Taylor, Craig Leopard
Sunday 12/16	Peter Currall, Dave Gold, Ira Wein
Saturday 12/22	The Fichter Gang
Sunday 12/23	Burt Mullineaux, Shep Burton, Frank Saenz
Saturday 12/29	Need Volunteers!
Sunday 12/30	Chris & Susan Smarte, Frank Saenz

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 November 2001, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 5:00 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.

NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING:

A course to train and certify NRA pistol instructors will be held at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter on December 8, 9 and 15. The course will start at 9:00 AM and last until approximately 4:00 PM on each of the three days. A fee is involved. To register or get more details about the course, please contact **Mike Gugulis** by e-mail (Mgugulis@compuserve.com) or call him at (301-975-9591). Training for NRA personal protection course instructors is also being planned. Let Mike know if you are interested.

BOWLING PIN FUN SHOTS:

Thanks to **Chris Ubik, Jun Jonas, Robert Moorhead, and Eric Weissenburg** for supporting the October 29 shoot. If you haven't yet attended one of the monthly bowling pin shoots, please come out to watch or, better yet, give it a try. Upcoming shoots include:

December 22, 2001
Christmas bowler
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

January 19, 2002
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

February 23, 2002
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) or telephone (301-540-0860), 7 PM to 11 PM daily. There will be a

\$4.00 registration fee to help defray the costs.

HANDGUN SHOOTERS:

We certainly hope that the new yard markers recently installed on both pistol ranges will be of help in placing your targets. We also hope that they will not be used as targets. **PLEASE DO NOT SHOOT AT THE YARD MARKERS.**

OBSERVED AT THE RANGE:

Two out of three members of a family group were shooting at a cowboy action type steel target and a steel spinning target placed about five yards in front of the shooting benches on the uncovered pistol range. That is a both a safety hazard and a violation of the WAC range rules which require that steel targets be placed at least 25 yards from the firing line. Also, on the bench between the two shooters were four or five revolvers pointing in various directions, including sideways and back toward the shooters. That is, again, another safety hazard and violation of the rules. Only the firearm in use is permitted at the firing point when shooting, and it must be pointed in a safe direction at all times. The shooters were cooperative when the problems were called to their attention. PLEASE, if you want to shoot steel targets at distances closer than 25 yards, participate in cowboy action shoots, where it is permitted under closely monitored conditions, or find another range. And please keep those firearms pointed down range.

RANGE APPROVED STATUS is granted when a WAC member successfully completes the range orientation class AND signs a statement certifying that he or she has read and understands the range rules and regulations and will comply accordingly. The signed statement also includes an expressed responsibility for (at least) reporting individuals observed violating the rules and regulations to the Chapter caretaker, a Range Safety Officer or other Chapter official. The range rules and regulations exist to help ensure the safety of our members and the continued availability of WAC ranges to them. Violations which are clearly intentional or repeated unintentional violations will result in the loss of the violator's range approved status and access to the ranges until the WAC Board of Directors is convinced that the violator is no longer a potential danger to other shooters or property.

MISFIRES:

Far too frequently, misfires and other live ammunition have been found on the benches, ground, and in trash containers. This is another safety hazard. Containers for misfires are chained to the bulletin boards on both rifle and pistol ranges. Please deposit

misfires in those containers or remove them from WAC property. Help us to avoid accidents and injuries.

RANGE ROAD DAMAGE:

An unfortunate side effect of our barrier gate is the damage done to the range road by spinning wheels when vehicles start up after stopping at the exit card reader. Until we find some way to pave or otherwise harden that area of the road, you can help reduce the damage by backing down the hill a little after the gate opens and accelerating slowly to avoid spinning your wheels. You don't need to be in a hurry after triggering the gate; it will stay open until you pass through.

NOVEMBER SITE MAINTENANCE:

Monthly maintenance of WAC ranges, Christmas trees, house and grounds will be done from 10 AM until 1 PM on Sunday, November 25. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

THANKS:

To the Ikes who participated in site maintenance projects on Sunday October 28. Workers included **Troy Agnew, Barry Ephraim, Mike Bartlett, George Greene, Henry Anderson, Chris Harmon, Michael Irvine, Paul Jacobson, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, George L. Greene, Michelle Chesnut, Bill Ladd, Don Williams, Steve Peck, Rob Leonard, and Frank Saenz.** Leading the various projects were **Tom Riley, Ed Burrows, Bob Cumberland, John Leaman, and Ray Shaver.** Apologies to others who were present, led and worked, but weren't recorded on the work rosters.

SPECIAL THANKS:

To the WAC members who graciously shared the rifle range during the Chapter's annual hunter sight-in day on Sunday, November 4, and to the volunteers who worked on the event, including **Ikes Lou Gallo, Bill Jenkins, Steve Lefebvre, Jim Luensman, Tom Mills, Jim Paulhamus, Jeff Roberson, Ray Shaver, Terry Springer, John Walter, Rob Van Tassell,** and our regular guest assistant, **Dennis Price.**