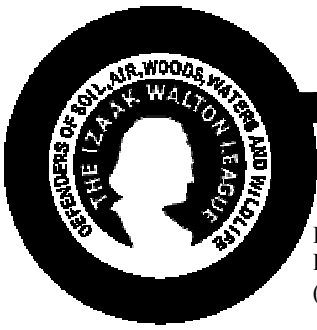


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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

TRY SOMETHING NEW (Michelle Chesnut)

Each year the election of our new board of directors provides me with an opportunity to contemplate why I belong to the Wildlife Achievement Chapter and why I serve on the BOD. Ultimately, while I really enjoy conservation and shooting activities (especially on those rare occasions when I make a good shot), my commitment to the WAC stems from our chapter's effectiveness in realizing the ideals in the IWLA pledge. So, it is with sadness that I have observed a growing rift in our membership—a rift I am at a loss to understand and that will leave us as a weakened house divided.

All the activities of our chapter strengthen and complement each other. The opportunities we provide for shooting bring in a large membership that allows us to support conservation and community outreach. And, the conservation activities show the community we walk the walk as well as talking the talk. However, more than that, both arenas provide camaraderie and the joy of spending time outdoors. Shooting cultivates patience and builds confidence. Conservation activities give us a real feeling of pride, involvement and commitment when we see the trees we've planted or the road we've cleared of trash.

So, let's get to know each other again. The BOD invites you to try something our chapter offers that you may not have participated in before. If you do not know how to shoot or have not shot in some time, go to one of the many fun shoot events. (There are several offered at the Pig Roast on September 29). If you have not participated in a conservation event or it has been a while, join in the fun of conservation by attending the next conservation event. (We have something every month.) Let's do everything we can to live the pledge.

2008 BOD ELECTIONS (Mac McCollum and Michelle Chesnut)

We had a large number of members turnout for the elections in August. Ed McNally and Charlie Minear provided invaluable help preparing the meal for the record 90 people who came to eat at the membership dinner last night (88 paid plus 2 in the kitchen). Unfortunately, the cook underestimated the turnout

(Mac recommends that we fire him). Seven folks did not get fed. Those in attendance totally consumed the ribs, potatoes, okra, and dessert. The only leftover was a few helpings of slaw. We hope you will continue to support your newly elected board of directors by attending future membership meetings and participating in all chapter projects. At the **September 21** membership meeting, a National IWLA director will swear in the new BOD. This meal is on us so join us and extend your support for the board beyond election night.

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LADIES BEGINNER SKEET CLASS (Meo Curtis)

Saturday, September 1, I was among a fine set of eight women privileged to be taught by Ms. Debbi Perry, Level 1 NSSA Shooting Instructor, 15 times NSSA Ladies All American Team Member, 1996 Ladies 20 Gauge World Champion and 15 times All Maryland State Team Member. Debbi is a new member of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter-Izaak Walton League and volunteered to teach a series of very informative classes for **NEW** women shooters.



Figure 1- Debbi Perry with 1st time shooter, Teresa Turska, at the Ladies Beginner Clinic. (Photo by Meo Curtis)

The five-hour class covered topics such as gun fit, mount, stance, hold points, lead on target, eye dominance and especially safety. In my class, there were three women who had never shot before and who, under the expert tutelage of Debbi, were breaking birds by the end of the class.

The guys at the Shotgun Shed are always helpful and have great advice, but I think all would agree that there is an obvious advantage for a novice female shooter to get insights from Debbi's feminine 'intuition', experience, and significant shooting skill sets!

Debbi is offering additional 'Ladies Clinics' this fall. Classes are "FREE" to the women of the WAC. The only cost associated is for rounds shot and any ammunition purchased on site.

The next round of classes will be:

Wednesday - Sept 12 @ 2pm

Wednesday - Sept 26 @ 2pm

Saturday - October 20 @ 12pm

For additional information or to register, please call Debbi at 301-601-0048 or send her an email at debbi.perry@verizon.net.

PIG ROAST AND BBQ (Steve Lefebvre)

We will be having our BBQ/Pig Roast on Saturday, September 29.

This event will have lots of fun including games for the family, food, music, raffles and more. The roast is open to members and their guests only.

For the kids, we will have a clown and moon bounce, a frogger game and popcorn.

The Conservation Committee is sponsoring three wonderful events:

1. A guided nature trail tour through our woods with one of our naturalists; begins at 2:30
2. A bee keeping demonstration by our beekeeper (apiarist) Jim Piatieski; begins at 3:15 and
3. A Conservation Scavenger Hunt designed specifically for youngsters that will take place from 4 to 5 p.m.

Meet at the picnic tables next to the Conservation Committee display.

This years Pig Roast will have a cowboy theme. There will be lots of cowboy shooters dressed up and ready to answer your questions. A special, Ike members only, Cowboy Clinic and Demo will be at 10:00 AM., starting in the social hall and ending on the pistol ranges. The cost is \$5 payable at the door (upstairs hall). Contact **Chuck Crooks** (301-831-9666) for additional information on the cowboy events.

We will also have a special shotgun range "Fun Shoot" at 10:00 AM on the skeet ranges. Cost is \$15 payable at the skeet shack that day. Contact **Paul Turska** (301-252-7011) for additional information on the shotgun events.

Phil Dean will conduct an Air Gun Fun Shoot at the outdoor air rifle range during the Pig Roast. The airgun shooting activities will be on the outdoor airgun range from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM. Activities will include supervised shooting of air pistols and air rifles at a number of different types of targets. A practice air rifle field target course will be set up to introduce members and guests to this exciting shooting sport. We will provide all airguns and pellets for the participants. If shooters have safety glasses, they should bring them. There will be club glasses available for those who don't bring their own. Contact **Phil Dean** (301-865-8202) for more information.

The Pig Roast begins at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets are available at the skeet shack during skeet hours, at membership meetings, and through many of the board members. For additional information, or to volunteer to help with this event, contact **Steve Lefebvre** 301-482-1898. **We will close the Pistol Ranges all day and ALL Ranges at 2:00 PM.**

ATTENTION ALL RIM FIRE SHOOTERS (Tom Riley)

There will be a .22 rim fire fun shoot on Dec. 15th from 10:00AM until 2:00PM

Bring plenty of .22s and targets to shoot (no monitors). The chapter will provide Steel targets, bowling pins, balloons and steel silhouettes.

You may bring a guest who is not a chapter member as long as you oversee their safety and ensure that they follow the chapter safety measures. Safe shooting is the main objective and having Fun is the second. Hope to see you on Saturday. For further information, contact Tom Riley at vze3h59t@verizon.net

MAINTENANCE DAY WOOD CUTTING (Chuck "Lumber Jack" Limparis)

On Sunday, 30 September 2007, in addition to our regular Maintenance Day activities, we will begin our fall wood cutting project to provide wood to heat the Rathskellar during the winter months. We have a large supply of downed trees that we need to cut, split, and stacked on the patio at the rear of the chapter house. The club has a hydraulic wood splitter and chain saw, but we would appreciate any extra chain saws. This will count as one of the Conservation Activity Requirements for New Members.

OCTOBER HUNTER SAFETY CLASS (Geoff Hornseth)

The Hunter Education course season is off to a start with a small class of only 13 students for September. The October course begins Friday Oct. 5, continues Friday Oct. 12 and Saturday Oct. 13. Friday class sessions run from 7pm to 10:15pm, and the Saturday class runs from 9am to 1:30pm. Students MUST attend all 3-class sessions, per state law.

There is NO pre-registration for the October class, just walk-in. Course cost is \$2. All equipment and materials are supplied. The course is open to the public. There is no age limit. Check the chapter web site for the FAQ's page about the Hunter Ed course.

DIFTA FIELD TARGET MATCH (Joe McDaniel mcdanieljr@hughes.net)

The Damascus "Ikes" Field Target Association (DIFTA) had a match at the Club's airgun range area (actually, in the woods behind the airgun range) September 8. Fourteen shooters were present for the match of which there were seven precharged-pneumatic (PCP) shooters, 2 piston (spring-powered), and 5 hunter shooters (any style of air rifle can be used). The weather was excellent if a bit on the warm side; being in the woods, it was at least shaded.

The course consisted of 30 targets on 12 lanes. Each target is shot twice and scored as a "kill" (the targets are reactive and fall when hit properly) for one point or zero if a miss. (Targets have a trigger mechanism so that only a hit through a hole in the face of the target and hitting a trigger will cause them to fall; a "split" -- partial hit on the face -- will cause the target to lock and not fall.)

The difficulty of a match is roughly measured by the distance in yards to a target (between 10 and 55 yards) divided by the diameter of the kill zone in inches. A moderately difficult shot would be a 30 (30 yards and 1 inch kill zone) while a very difficult shot would be a 1/2 inch at the same distance or a 60 difficulty. Wind becomes a factor on shots longer than 30 yards. The course is usually designed to have a wide range of difficulties from about 10 to perhaps one of 60 with the majority being between 20 and 40).

The winner of the PCP class (7 shooters) was Abe Diaz with a score of 59/60, Steve Schulz was second, and Werner Wicha was third. For Piston class Rex Gori was first with 45/60, and novice shooter Mark Couillard was second with 8/60. Hunter class had five shooters and Henry Canoles won with a score of 48/60; his brother

Ed Canoles also scored 48 but lost a tiebreaker shoot-off. Phil Dean was third in Hunter with 45/60.

Anyone wanting to try Field Target should plan to bring a scoped air rifle to the next match October 6. Matches start at 9:30am and the range is open at 8am. If you don't have a suitable rifle (.177 works best and there is a limit of 20fpe to prevent damage to targets), the club can arrange for a loaner or shared gun. This is a precision shooting sport that will challenge the best shooter but not (completely) frustrate a novice. Costs are \$5 for club members; \$10 for others. Email the match director or airgun program head Phil Dean at pd10x@comcast.net if you need a rifle. Joe can also supply a copy of www.shorcircl.com/airgun/FTintro.pdf 'An Introduction to Field Target' that will answer all (hopefully) questions.

CHANGES IN RANGE ACCESS RULES (Joe Gick)

As of April 1, 2007, every member who shoots on *any range*, including the rifle range, pistol ranges, outdoor air rifle range, the archery range, and the skeet/trap ranges, must be visibly wearing a Range Access card. If you do not have one, you must attend a Range Orientation class, held at 10:00 A.M. on the last Sunday of the month. (Check the online calendar at www.damascusIWLA.org)

The only exception to wearing a Range Access card is if you are shooting in an event where non-members are invited that are not specific guests of members under current Chapter Rules. Such events include Cowboy Action Shoots, Seneca Valley Matches, Breaking Clay to Save the Bay, etc.

GROWING NATIVE TREE SEED COLLECTION EVENT AT OUR CHAPTER'S WOODS (SEPT. 30) (Sandy Burk)

Join IWLA members and the Potomac Conservancy to help collect native tree seeds in our chapter's forest on Sunday morning, September 30 from 10-12. This is a great event for the whole family!

We will collect acorns and other nuts for the Growing Native program that then gives them to state nurseries that will grow them into seedlings that are planted along streams and rivers in our area to help restore forests. Volunteers will learn about trees that grow on our property. Bring out the kids- MCPS students can earn community service credit. Please spread the word to local scout troops. We will provide refreshments.

To register contact Colleen Langan, *Growing Native* Project Director at 301-608-1188 ext. 211 or langan@potomac.org or call Sandy Burk for more info. For more information on the *Growing Native* program, visit www.growingnative.org.

COMMITTEEREPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Jim Piateski)

Our latest scholarship winners are Katelyn Horn, Melanie Wong, Melissa Tinling, Hanna Poffenbarger, and Brad Portnoy. It was a difficult task choosing the winners this year as we had eight applicants and all were very good. Katelyn will be attending Hood College, Melissa will be attending UNC -Chapel Hill, Melanie and Hanna will be attending the University of Maryland, and Brad will be attending Frostburg State. All have chosen conservation or an environmentally related field. Congratulations to all of you!



Figure 2 - Scholarship winners from left to right, Katelyn Horn, Melanie Wong, Melissa Tinling (Photo by Tony Evans)

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis and Bill Ladd)

Adopt-A-Road - August 19. There were 14 participants, including probationary members who needed conservation credits and youngsters who needed Community Service Learning Hours. We picked up 17 bags of trash from Mullinix Mill Road, Long Corner Road, and Gue Road. Once again, recyclable beverage containers were the largest category of items picked up. Special thanks to Jeff Deschamps, Karl Krchma, and Charlie Minear, members who stayed on after the Adopt-A-Road pick up to help David Jacobson with the American Chestnut Tree project.

Upcoming Events:

September 8 and 15th - Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Myers will be conducting a survey of type and number of trees in the woods along the west side of the Chapter property. The information collected will be useful in the event the Chapter decides to consider forest management possibilities. Ryan will be using stakes and field tape to mark out 24 randomly selected quadrants on September 8. He'll be back with his teams of scouts on September 15. Ryan is coordinating the project to avoid having Scouts near the rifle ranges after 10 a.m. (when the ranges open).

Montgomery County Watershed Conference

This fall, community groups within Montgomery County will be invited to send representatives to the Watershed Conference at the IWLA National Headquarters in Gaithersburg. A maximum of 150 people will be invited and the conference organizers would like to include as many different local groups as possible. The agenda will include workshops on water resource protection issues including local watershed group involvement, stream restoration and other technical solutions (green roofs and rain barrels, e.g.) for stormwater management, and the outlook for Montgomery County environmental protection policies. Elected officials and agency staff with the responsibilities for budget and policymaking are invited. This would be a great opportunity for the IWLA chapters within Montgomery County to showcase our concerns and ideas for protecting the natural environment.

Sandy Burk of the Conservation Committee has agreed to work with any interested representatives from the other Chapters to assure that the IWLA-MD is represented at this conference. She will be soliciting Wildlife Achievement Chapter input on water resource problems and solutions during the next few weeks and all comments will be considered. She intends to bring the results of this solicitation to one of the Board meetings prior to the Conference. Both broad (e.g. less government oversight) and more specific (e.g. revenue sources should have strict allocation categories related to why they're being collected and not just be returned to the 'General Fund') will be useful. The purpose of our participation in this conference is not to provide a league-specific or chapter-specific policy on any issue, but rather to pass on our ideas and learn what other community groups in the county are doing to protect their local resources. Stay tuned for further details.

BLACKSMITHING COMMITTEE (Dick Smith, dsmith@lofstrand.com)

This summer has been a busy time for the Blacksmithing Committee. We provided four demonstrators for the Thunder Valley Days event on Friday and Saturday, June 22-23. We also presented a branding iron to Chuck Crooks with the letters "TVD". Joe Gick and I also demonstrated at the Heritage Day Celebration in Brookville, Maryland, at the Oakley slave cabin on Brookville Road on Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24. The Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission sponsored the Heritage Day Celebration. On Friday, July 13, Joe Gick and I demonstrated blacksmithing for a group of schoolchildren at the Sandy Spring Museum. Additionally, as usual, we are at the forge at the WAC pole barn every Saturday from 9-3 that we are not committed elsewhere. We run classes there for any IKE who is interested in learning the craft and look forward to seeing you there. Check with Dick Smith first (dsmith@lofstrand.com) to be sure that someone will be at the forge.

We currently have four working forges, plenty of tools and coal. A frequent question (aside from "Do you make horseshoes?") is about the fuel used in the forges. We use exclusively low sulfur soft coal that we convert into coke in the forge. We accomplish this by roasting wet coal that surrounds a central fire. The heat from the fire drives off the oils and other organic components, leaving a porous material (coke) that is mostly composed of carbon. Wetting the coal first with water prevents the fire from consuming the coal during the process. We invite you to come see us making the coke. The coke making process produces large volumes of acrid green smoke that perfumes the air.

During our Saturday blacksmithing sessions, we often get request to make or repair items. During one of our Saturday session a member (Don?), whom I met during Thunder Valley Days, stopped by. He had asked if we could straighten out two steel plates from his trailer ramp. It took quite a bit of heating to get them red, but when they were hot enough a few blows with a small sledge did the job. We also forged a pair of grappling hooks for lifting the ash racks from the barbecue pits at the request of Paul Turska. We forged the handles from railroad spikes and the grapples from garage-door coil spring steel that Nick Limparis had straightened. Speaking of coil springs, Michael De Lodovico contributed ten heavy truck coils to us for making tools such as chisels, punches and drifts. I met Mike during our demonstration at the Oakley Cabin last month. If you have projects that you would like to work on or steel to contribute, please contact Dick Smith at the above email address.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: (Conley Phipps)

Probationary members are now required to help with four chapter events during their first two years of WAC membership. At least one project MUST be in support of Chapter Conservation efforts. If you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out with an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why your name has not reached me. Additionally be sure to have that activity person notify me of this fact. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all.

GRADUATES to FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Bo Young and Charles Minear have graduated to "Full Membership Status". Thanks for working on your projects. Please continue to help, as you are what make the chapter what it is today.

ADOPT-A-ROAD: AUGUST 19th, 2007

David Jacobson, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Karl Krchma, Rob Eby, David Cheng, Mark Couillard, Daymion Rivera, Stephen Garland, Jim Nathlar, Alan Palestine, Jamie Nathlar, Michale Nathlar, Emily Kong, Bo Young, Beth Fennell, Bryan Payne and Charles Minear.

AUGUST 24th, 2007 General Membership Meeting Kitchen Staff and KP's:

Thanks to our Hospitality Crew, Rob Hallin, Ken Lefebvre, Deloris Gick and Tom Ouellette. Mac McCollum performed chef duty while Ed McNally and Charley Minear did the honors of Servers and K.P.'s.

CHESTNUT TREES AUGUST 19th, 2007: Karl Krchma, Jim Nathlar, Jamie Nathlar, Michale Nathlar, Emily Kong and Charles Minear.

Chapter maintenance: AUGUST 26th, 2007

Thank you to all the below members donating their time and labor to help keep the Chapter looking neat and clean. Brandon Kinikin, Jerry Spring, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Ken Lubel, Bill Kelly, Ignacio Lulli, Josh Jonas, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Petter Sittner, John Diehl, Demetri Giakoumatos and Bill Ladd.

Cowboy Set-up and Teardown: AUGUST 24th, 2007

Paul Bluteau, Jake Turska, Mike Sage, Chuck Limparis, Chuck Crooks and Guy Wright.

If I have failed to credit anyone for a required work project or misspelled a name, please contact Conley Phipps @ 301-460-8528 or phippscd@hotmail.com

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT (Guy Wright)

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at guywright@verizon.net or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).

SHOOTING HOURS: We post permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For September 2007, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 7:30 PM, unless some activity has pre-empted the range (see "Upcoming Events Affecting Range Availability" below).

My thanks to all who helped with Range maintenance on our August maintenance date.

REMINDERS

Chapter Speed Limit: The speed limit for our property is 10mph. The board established it for your safety and to limit dust during the dry season. This speed limit is especially important on the road leading to the Rifle and Pistol Range. You can never tell when you will meet a car from the opposite direction and it helps keep gravel on the road at the turns, instead of having it thrown to the shoulders because of excessive speed.

Pistol Target Backers replace target backers when there is absolutely nothing on which to staple a new target. A good rule of thumb is when you can easily remove the wooden target backer and fold it in half, it should be replaced.

Plywood Donations: Your donations of plywood for use as target backers on the rifle and pistol ranges are always welcome. For backers, the plywood should be 1/2 inch or thicker and either pre-cut or capable of being cut into pieces 2'x2' (pistol range) or 2'x4' (rifle range). Please help keep the WAC looking good by dropping off your donations by the sliding door on the back side of the green equipment shed; that is, at the side nearest the chapter house.
Thanks

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules: The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter WEB site (damascusiwa.org) and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chair.

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday September 21, 2007. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday September 22, 2007 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

BBQ/Pig Roast on Saturday September 29, 2007. All Ranges Will Be Closed Beginning At 2:00PM

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday October 6, 2007 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jlim@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Hunter Safety Day 3 on Saturday October 13, 2007 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday October 26, 2007. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.
Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday October 27, 2007 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

If anyone has any range related topics or items they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to Guy Wright at the above email address and include some contact info in case there are questions.

ADULT AIRGUN PROGRAM (Phil Dean)

We will host a field target fun shoot on Saturday, October 13. Contact [Phil Dean](mailto:PhilDean@301-865-8202) 301-865-8202 for more information.

We also now have some airgun silhouette targets setup on the outdoor airgun range at 10 yards, 15 yards, and 20 yards. Please replace the metal silhouettes in the elevated storage boxes at each target upon completion of shooting and leaving the range.

Airgun is a great way to hone your shooting skills at a low cost and the Monday night crew is a great group of people. We meet Monday evening at 6:30 for range set-up and usually end by 8:30. We shoot on a 10-meter indoor range throughout the year with the option to shoot on the outdoor airgun range weather permitting. We charge \$1.00 per night to cover the cost of the targets. Even if you do not own an airgun, please shoot with us. There are chapter air pistols and rifles for you to use and there is always someone willing to teach you how to use them. **Please join in this program this year beginning as soon as you read this announcement. Contact Phil Dean (301-865-8202) for information.**

MEMBERSHIP (Joe Gick)

Please welcome the following new members.

Jerry Hill sponsored by Tom Basile

William L Schooler sponsored by Roy Michael

Stephen J Diroll and Brian Mullaney sponsored by Mike Crowley

Jorge Fleming, William C Beck and William Cawood sponsored by Joe Gick

Scott Springer sponsored by Dave Goldberg

Hossein Moaddab sponsored by Bill Schneider

David Tung and Nunzio Litterio, Jr sponsored by Berle Cherney

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES (Joe Gick)

Please notify Joe Gick our Membership Secretary of all changes of address, phone number, or e-mail. If you move and don't tell us, your forwarding order will probably expire and you will not get a renewal bill. Please keep your record up to date. Send a message to Joe.Gick@Verizon.net or Joe Gick, 16601 Cavalry Dr, Rockville MD 20853.

RANGE ORIENTATION INSTRUCTORS

Barry Ephraim and Tim Urban are the instructors for the September 30 range orientation class.

JUNIOR AIR RIFLE The start of Season (Tom Malarkey)

The new season for the Junior Air Rifle program will begin with registration on Tuesday evening September 18 from 6:30pm until 9:00pm. We had a lot of our juniors graduate last year and our now enjoying their first year in college. This leaves us with many openings in our program.

Practices will continue to be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Rathskeller. We also have a few shooters that will be shooting Small-bore rifle on the covered range on Saturday morning. With last year's purchase of air pistols from a few of the coaches, we are hoping to begin a Junior Air Pistol team to represent Maryland at the NRA nationals next year.

Anyone with interest in the program please contact Tom Malarkey, tmalarkey@comcast.net, (240)246-6941 (evenings) or plan to attend registration on the 18th of September

NEW PROGRAM – Junior Shotgun to start in September (Jeff Greenhut)

Junior Shotgun will begin Tuesday, September 4, at 4:30 in the basement of the clubhouse with an orientation meeting for new shooters. Shooting will begin the following Tuesday at the shotgun range at 4:30. Shooters must be at least twelve years old, and, if intending to use one of the club's Youth shotguns, must weigh at least 100 lbs and be at least 60" tall. Shooters not meeting the height and weight requirements may shoot if they bring a shotgun sized for them (that means really small, like a H&R Topper Jr. with a cut off stock in .410). Parents of children who want to participate should contact Coach Greenhut at jeffgreenhut@comcast.net or (301) 775-1245

IWLA RANGE ROSTER (Bill Rahn)

Say thank you to the following members who volunteer their time to run the Trap and Skeet range.

Wed 9/12 Mike Fleisher, Jeff Watters, Tom Moore, Bob Woodward

Sat 9/15 Dave Gold, Ira Wein, Peter Currall

Sun 9/16 Jim & Judy, Crowell, Jason Ledney, Brandon Kinikin

Wed 9/19 Conley Phipps, Jeff Greenhut, Volunteers Please

Sat 9/22 Charles Weaver, Richard Zabell, Bill Rahn, "Red" Gambrell

Sun 9/23 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Peter Sittner

Wed 9/26 Carl McMahon, Dick Bardelmeier, Milton "Rip Van Winkle

Sat 9/29 Mike Bowen, Robert "Jay" Jeffery, Tony Evans

Sun 9/30 Joel Gross, Martin Cherry, Volunteers Please

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If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address and include some contact info in case there are questions. If possible, please send them in an attached Word document.

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