



# NEWSLETTER



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## Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
6/01	Junior Airgun	7:00pm
6/02	Board of Directors meeting	7:30pm
6/06	Seneca Valley Rifle Match	8:00am
6/07	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
6/07	Conservation Comm.mt.	7:30pm
6/14	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
6/19	Airgun Match	8:30pm
6/19	Sporter .22 Shoot	10:00am
6/21	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
6/23	General Membership meeting	7:30
6/25	Cowboy Shoot setup :Range closes at 1:00pm	1:00pm
6:/26	Cowboy Shoot	8:30am
6/27	Archery, Rifle, & Pistol Range Maint Range Orientation	10:00am
6/28	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
7/05	Adult Airgun Conservation Committee meeting	6/30pm 7:30pm
7/07	Board of Directors	7:30pm
7/10	Seneca Vally Rifle Match	8:00am
7/11	Skeet & Trap Majnt.	10:00am
7/12	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
7/23	Cowboy Shoot Setup: Ranges closed at 1:00pm	1:00pm
7/24	Airgun Field Target Match. & Cowboy Shoot to 4.pm	7:30am 8:30am
7/25	Archery. Rifle, & Pistol Range Maint.	10: am to-2:pm
7/26	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
7/28	General Membership Meeting	7:30-pm

## General Membership Meetings

The June membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Enjoy the dinner and camaraderie!. Cost will be \$7.00. Social hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

The July membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter!. Cost will be \$7.00. Social hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 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, May. 26th.**

- Harold Bailey, Laytonsville, Sponsor-Bill Schneider.
- Seth Betaharon, Rockville, Sponsor-Bill Schneider.
- Robert B. Bloom, Rockville, Sponsor- Bill Schneider.
- David J. Gresczyk, Brookville, Sponsor- Bob Schneider.
- Benjamin Hill, Rockville, Sponsor- Bob Mabie.
- Marc Hinter, Woodbine, Sponsor- Mike Heffernan.
- William A. Juhrs, Rockville, Sponsor- Bob Schneider.
- Jim McTague, Mont. Village Gaith. Sponsor- Burt Mullineaux.

- Dane E. Shorb, Sr., Silver Spring, Sponsor- Joe Gick.
- Thomas A. Smith, Germantown, Sponsor- Greg Semuskie.
- Patrick Thevenard, Silver Spring, Sponsor- Mike Heffernan.
- David J. Trapini, Woodbine, Sponsor- Paul Trapini.

## June Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

SAT 6-5 NANCY & WELDON HUMPHRIES, RICH

BUCKINGHAM

SUN 6-6 GREG BALDWIN, CHRIS & SUSAN SMARTE

SAT 6-12 LEWIS ALLNUTT, BILL RAHN, JOEL GROSS

SUN 6-13 FRANKLIN MONCADA, DAVE ORRENCE

SAT 6-19 PETER CURRALL, DAVE GOLD

SUN 6-20 JIM LUENSMAN, Chris & Susan Smarte.

SAT6-26 FICHTER "GANG" -- GEORGE, DALE, DAVE

SUN 6-27 BURT MULLINEAUX, JUSTIN STEPHEN, MIKE BORING

## July 1999 SHOTGUN RANGE DUTY

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NANCY &

WELDON HUMPHRIES, RICH  
BUCKINGHAM  
SUN 7-4 GREG  
BALDWIN, KEVIN MANNING  
SAT 7-10 LEWIS  
ALLNUTT, BILL RAHN, JOEL  
GROSS  
SUN 7-11  
FRANKLIN MONCADA, DAVE  
ORRENCE  
SAT 7-17 PETER  
CURRALL, DAVE GOLD  
SUN 7-18 CHRIS &  
SUSAN SMARTE, JIM  
LUENSMAN  
SAT 7-24 FICHTER  
"GANG" - GEORGE, DALE,  
DAVE  
SUN 7-25 BURT  
MILLINEAUX, JUSTIN STEPHEN,  
MIKE BORING  
Sat. 7-31 Chuck Snelling,  
Richard Zabel

## Rifle and Pistol Range Report

**Range Problems or Questions:** The chairman of the rifle and pistol range committees, **Ray Shaver**, will be out of town during the last half of June. If you need to report a problem or have a question concerning the ranges during that time, contact **Chuck Crooks**, the 1st Vice President, on 301-831-9666 or **Bill Jenkins** on 301-929-9244.

**Valid Identification:** To shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges, you must be visibly wearing a Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter membership card or spouse membership card bearing a "Range Approved 1999" label. The only exceptions are guests and children of range-approved members who are accompanied by the properly

identified member. Please challenge anyone not displaying a proper card, ask those who are neither a range-approved member nor guest to leave the range, and report the incident to the chapter caretaker or to **Ray Shaver** on 301-926-0465.

**.22 Sporter Shoot:** Families are encouraged to attend our next "fun shoot" from 10 AM until early afternoon on Saturday, June 19. There is no charge and no chance of embarrassment for participants in this informal, non-competitive event. Because it is a special event, you and the kids will get a chance to shoot at the Chapter's steel knockdown targets and silhouettes, along with novelty targets like balloons and earth-bound clay pigeons. Bring a .22 rimfire rifle and lots of inexpensive .22 ammunition plus eye and ear protection. The volunteers who will be running this event are doing it for the first time, so please come early to help them set things up, and give them a hand in putting away things at the end.

**Concrete Job Proposals Wanted:** Since nobody has volunteered to help construct a concrete pad for the firing line of the new pistol range, we will consider having it done commercially. Our requirements include a pistol range pad (approximately 10' x 45') and a sidewalk at the chapter house, from our

tenant's entrance to the parking lot. Anyone interested in bidding on the job should contact **Ray Shaver** (301-926-0465), or come out to the range maintenance session on May 23 and discuss the project with him.

**Also Needed:** Someone to shore up the bank on the right side of the rifle range firing line so we can install a concrete pad below it for position shooting. To volunteer, contact **Ray Shaver**.

**Many thanks** to the following Ikes and guests who turned out to assist with maintenance tasks on Sunday, April 25: **Ray Shaver, Charles McIntosh, Al Goldschmidts, Robert Panico, Voldy Sprogeris, Bill Kelly, Owen Holmes, G. C. Jenkins, R. G. Logan, Howard Burrill, Kevin Manning, and Justin Stephen.** While Kevin and Justin concentrated on the shotgun ranges, the majority of the group worked on replacing a rotted beam and installing a new post to help support the roof over the rifle range firing line. Thanks also to **Ed Burrows** and **Jim Piateski** who provided post jacks to support the roof during our project. Finally, it is difficult to find enough praise for **Dave McNeal** who, in addition to his continual work on the Christmas trees, took the time to help plant elderberry bushes and crown vetch on the new pistol range berm plus white

piners to grow a barrier on the right side of the rifle range.

**Please Note:** Due to Memorial Day, the maintenance day for May will be held on Sunday, May 23, a week earlier than usual. It will probably be light work day because a group of Boy Scouts will be assisting with various chapter maintenance projects that weekend. Please meet at the equipment shed at 10 AM.

## **MARCH FOR THE PARKS, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>. AT BIG MEADOWS, VA.**

"March for the Parks" will be an interactive family event to build awareness about air pollution and its affects in Virginia's mountain areas. This event will take place at **10:00 am on Saturday, May 15, 1999 at Big Meadows campground in Shanandoah National Park.**

## **First in a series of how our club functions by Chuck Crooks**

### **How Is The Club Structured?**

Our chapter, "The Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter Inc.", functions under a Charter with the Izaak Walton League Of America. Club officers include the President, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Sgt @ Arms, Chaplin, Parliamentarian and 7 additional Directors. All of these officers are elected in September, by the membership, for one year terms except for the Directors that are elected for two year terms. Half of the Director positions are elected each year. There is a listing of the current officers in the main

clubhouse. There is a full listing of our officers and committee chairpersons on our club web site, (<http://members.aol.com/rumriverc>), complete with e-mail addresses.

The board of directors meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month in the lower level Rathskeller Room of the main clubhouse. Board meetings are also open to the general membership. The club also has 12 membership meetings a year, usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month. These meetings are for new member ceremonies, guest speakers, fellowship and celebrating the various holiday seasons.

There are many committees within the club. Chairmanships of the various club committees are assigned by the club president. Each committee is also assigned to a Vice President for reporting and tracking purposes. All committee chairperson reports monthly activities to their respective Vice President. That Vice President then reports on all of the committees assigned to him/her at the monthly board meeting. Each committee works from a budget that is prepared by the finance committee with input from the respective committees. Virtually every aspect of the club falls under a committee chairperson. As the year progresses, new committee's are formed as needed. Committees include the various club functions and involvement with outside organizations with similar goals.

The club functions financially through fund raisers, Christmas Tree Sales, Skeet/Trap, Cowboy Shoots, donations, occasional DNR grants, special shooting events and matches, hall rentals, apartment rent and annual dues. Annual dues include payments the club makes, on your behalf, for your state and national dues. Although we are tax exempt, our operational cost are high. Insurance, electric, salary, permits, licenses, fuel, maintenance of the buildings and structures and normal operational cost don't come with discounts. We

rely heavily on member volunteers and donations to keep our cost down.

Next Month

**How do I help with a project.**

## **Range and Christmas Tree Maintenance**

Fellow WAC Club Ikes; This message is forwarded from Dave McNeal, the Chairman of the Christmas Tree Committee.

Work continues on the trees. The 2008 crop was planted in April. The 1999 crop will be trimmed in June.

### **IN MAY-----**

#### **We need volunteers:**

To bring and/or operate saws **Saturday May 15 from 9:00 to noon.** Meet in the parking lot by the green metal shed. We need to cut trees that are diseased, oversized, or malformed. We will cut the trees and leave them in the Christmas Tree fields for later removal. We need sawyers and assistants who will cut the stumps low. So be prepared to get down. To bring and/or drive trucks, trailers, or other conveyances **Saturday May 22 from 9:00 to noon.** Meet in the parking lot by the green metal shed. A massive workforce of Boy Scouts will load the downed trees at the eddges of the Christmas Tree fields and unload them to make brushpiles at the foot of the hill below the shotgun ranges. So know your vehicle will be doing rugged service. We need enough transportation

to keep the loaders and unloaders busy.

For more info contact **Dave McNeal**, [mceal@erols.com](mailto:mceal@erols.com), 301-774-6401.

Thanks.

## **GEORGE N. SCHNEIDER,**

**On Wednesday, April 28, 1999, GEORGE N. SCHNEIDER, of Silver Spring, MD.**

**Beloved husband of Doris M. Schneider; beloved father of Ann E. Reynolds,**

**Stephen G., William H., Sr. "Bill" and Robert A. Schneider. Nine grandchildren also survive. Friends may visit at the MURIEL H. BARBER FUNERAL**

**HOME, 21525 Laytonsville Road (Rt. 108), Laytonsville, MD on Friday, 2 to 4**

**and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 1, 1999 at 10**

**a.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring,**

**MD. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Those desiring, may make memorial**

**contributions to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, American Heart Association or Cancer Research.**

## **Conservation Notes**

### **Ed Burrows.**

It often seems as if people who live here are all from somewhere else. I'm always pleased to run into another native Washingtonian. In talking with Bob Cumberland, our treasurer, I discovered that he is a second generation local. When one or more of us old timers get to talking, the subject of crabs often comes up. Bob and I fondly recalled the days when a "jumbo" bay crab was truly huge, and a "small" crab was about the size of what today is called "jumbo!"

What's happened to this Chesapeake tradition? Nothing short of disaster! Last year the catch was 25 million pounds. Sound like a lot? Not really. In 1997 the harvest was 41 million pounds. The bay has seen a 70 percent decline in both size and number of spawning females since 1994! If you might think for a minute that the bay is not in trouble, these numbers are all it takes to prove to those of us who've been around for a while that we've got a real problem on our hands. This is not some abstract scientific concept, this goes right to the gut. I won't be eating nearly as many crabs this summer as I'd like to.

What can be done about this? Maryland and Virginia legislatures have enacted laws protecting the crabs in the last few years. They won't solve the problem. But, at least, there are some efforts to control the harvest and give the crabs a chance to regain their vigor. There are things that we can do to help. Basic things. Simple measures that we can each apply that will help the Bay. These are the kinds of changes that often seem unrelated to the problem, and it might take a moments thought to see the connection, but they are valid nonetheless.

At this time of year when the lawn is greening up, and we relish the change from winter's browns and grays, we can help by resisting the temptation to over fertilize our yards. Hold back on the weed and feed! You will be amazed at how healthy your lawn is without an extra bag or two of expensive fertilizer, part of which ends up in the bay anyway. Craig Spottswood, chapter member, another old time Washingtonian, and a professional turf expert, tells me that there are no such thing as weeds. "Weeds," he says, "are only plants growing where you don't want them to be." I for one have lovely wildflowers in my lawn that add a bit of color and variety. You may call them dandelions, or weeds. I call them wildflowers. There is a free booklet available with the lengthy title of, "Better Backyards: A Citizen's

Resource Guide to Beneficial Landscaping and Habitat Restoration in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed." Call 800-968-7229 for a copy, and start doing your own small part in getting more and bigger crabs on your table!

## **Second Amendment Note**

Needless to say, the second amendment is, and will continue to be, a very hotly debated topic in the weeks and months ahead. Courtni Wright has taken on the mission of keeping us all up to date on this issue.

She has done a wonderful job of cleaning up the bulletin board next to the entrance of the rathskiller. When you are at the chapter be sure to stop by and look in on what is happening by reading this important compilation of the issues. Thanks, Courtni!

## **Cowboy Action Shootin**

Damascus Wildlife Rangers and Atlantic Guns Inc. will hold a one day "NEW COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC" at the Izaak Walton League in Damascus on Saturday, May 15th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Izaak Walton League and the Damascus Wildlife Rangers. Shooting is Rain or Shine. Hope to see you there!  
**Chuckaroo AKA Chuck Crooks**  
**301 831-9666** or  
[Rumriverc@aol.com](mailto:Rumriverc@aol.com).

## **Chuckaroo's Corner**

Did you know we have a "FOR SALE" page on our web site., where members can place adds for items they wish to sell? It can be almost anything. Check it out Take the link from the clubs main page. We are also adding a full **Calendar** of all the clubs activities . Just punch up:  
[members.aol.com/rumriverc/index.html](http://members.aol.com/rumriverc/index.html) .

# **Charity Skeet Shoot**

## **Results**

**CHARITY SKEET SHOOT WAS A SUCCESS!**

Our first shoot has raised over 2000.00 to be presented to the Damascus Help Organization. Thanks to all that participated, a special thanks Burt Mullineaux who was responsible for 750.00 in pledges, and Kevin Manning for his efforts in making the shoot an overwhelming success.

Bob Cumberland

## **My Trip To NE Minnesota by I.G. Haycraft -1907 Editors note.**

.Due to time conflicts to get this newsletter to the printers this story will be continued in the next newsletter.