



# THE WALTONIAN

*Izaak Walton League of Lynchburg  
Something for Everyone!*



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## Reminders

- *Board Meeting*  
*December 11 – 7:00 p.m.*  
*January 8 – 7:00 p.m.*
- *Rifle and Pistol Meeting*  
*December 12 – 7:30 p.m.*

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Don't hesitate to contact any of these individuals if you have comments and/or questions concerning Chapter or Park operations.

## Apologies

Due to other IWLL duties, hunting season, and a nasty cold that seemed to hang on forever, I completely missed my newsletter deadline for November and was late for December. My apologies to all those whose events were not promoted in these pages because of these circumstances – Don Yost.

## President's Message

In early November, we will be sending out membership renewals. Again this year, there will be no increases in park membership fees. In 2007, due to you promoting your park's facilities and outdoor experiences and a lot of work at the Open House, Apple Festival, and other events, we were blessed with a 10-12% increase in membership. Repeating this in 2008 will put us at 500 members – a great target to shoot for.

I encourage you to remit your 2008 dues as soon as possible. Remember, on January 1, 2008, the locks will change on the R&P range and you must be a park member to camp or store your winterized camper at the IWLL Campground.

We have accomplished a lot this year to improve the park and now have identified what still needs to be done, i.e. camping septic and electrical, road work, R&P range improvements and addition of two new ranges, skeet & trap upgrades, fishing lake access improvements, nature trail upgrades and tree and stump removal. We can make real progress in 2008 if we keep increasing our membership, volunteer to help during work parties, and share our knowledge and expertise.

During the winter months, the Finance Committee, under the leadership of Keith Mulder, will be establishing priorities, cost estimates, funding sources, and completion schedules for these projects and any others as identified. Their recommendations will be presented to the Board for review and final approval providing action plans for 2008 and beyond. These actions plans will be published in future newsletters.

In 2008, we will increase our involvement with local and possibly state conservation projects. A Conservation Committee will be established to lead this effort and will report to the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact me at 434-944-2370.

Ray Henderson

## Park Happenings

### Trail Work Underway – Call for Volunteers

James Logwood is reporting continuing progress on his Eagle project to restore the trail around the fishing lake. The next planned workday is Saturday, January 5th. If you would like to help out contact James at 434-845-7633 or volcomv@verizon.net.

### Annual Memorial Contribution

Prompted by the recent passing of long time IWLL member Jack Whitehead the Board of Directors has authorized an annual conservation-related monetary contribution to be made in memory of all IWLL members that have died in the previous year. If you have a loved one or friend that should have their name included with this year's contribution please contact Bill Seitz at 434-946-5453.

### Rifle and Pistol Raffle

The R&P Club is sponsoring a raffle featuring a Springfield Armory Stainless 1911-A1 .45 ACP pistol. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. If your favorite R&P member doesn't have tickets check with George Venable at 434-821-4175. Drawing will be held at Ace Hardware in Lynchburg on February 29, 2008 or when all of the 1911 tickets printed have been sold. Profits from this raffle will go into the R&P Building Fund.

### Reflections on November by Sue Knipp

November was a wondrous month at IWLL. Mother Nature put on a grand display of color and the geese entertained us with their musical chatter. It truly is fall with all the leaves coming down in copious amounts. The squirrels and birds have been busier than usual and causes one to pause and wonder if the winter will be colder than usual. The Revs. Virgil and Sue Knipp and family hosted a community (you all come) Thanksgiving pot luck dinner on Thanksgiving day. Twenty people, two of our daughters and their families, friends, and campers, were present and we all enjoyed volumes of foods. Each person brought a dish or two of their favorite Thanksgiving foods and it was kinda like traveling to other places via food! Most of us felt like stuffed turkeys when the meal was done!!! All the children watched movies, played video games or sung to the karaoke machine. Games of tag and hide and seek also caused the club house to ring with laughter. All said good night with hugs and well wishes for a great holiday season.

## Camping Tales

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** There will be a meeting on Saturday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse to discuss campground issues including maintenance priorities. Whether you are a full-time, seasonal, occasional, or prospective camper your participation and input will be appreciated. If you have any questions please call Roger O'Neil at 434-221-8655.

A reminder that all offsite satellite dishes and wiring must be removed by the end of the year. We are working with Verizon to clean up the existing telephone wiring so that we can keep the current connections but any new telephone connections must be authorized by the Board.

It's leaf raking time. If you are currently occupying a campsite now is the time to tackle that chore. If you are able to help out in other areas pick a spot on your own or give Roger O'Neil a call for suggestions. All your efforts to keep the campground looking sharp are appreciated.

## Skeet & Trap Rounds

A monthly ATA shoot is scheduled for January 5. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and shooting starts at 10:00 a.m. Contact B.D. Wood for more information – 434-277-5008.

Open shoots are held on Thursday evening starting around 6:30 p.m. and Sunday starting at 12:00 noon. If you are new to the shotgun shooting sports don't hesitate to stop by either one of these open shoots and ask for help getting started.

To get access to the shotgun fields at times other than the open shoots contact B.D. Wood about attending a training session on gun safety and operation of the target throwers after which you will receive the combination to the locks on the skeet and trap houses.

At the quarterly Skeet & Trap meeting elections were held with the following results: Chairman – B.D. Wood ; Secretary – Jim Hall ; Treasurer – Al Bomar.

## Rifle & Pistol Bulletins

Dec. 12 – Rifle & Pistol Club Meeting (Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.)

Jan. 5 (tentative) – Cowboy Shoot (Rifle Range, 9:30 a.m. – Harold Brizendine 434-929-1063 or Scott DeBruin, 434-361-1102)

Work to moved the middle berm back to allow a 200-yard firing line has been completed.

Don't forget that the combination to the range gate lock will be changing on January 1. You'll want to get your renewal in quickly to be sure you have the new combination so you can start the New Year off with a bang. Note that 2008 R&P dues have increased to \$30.

If you are interested in becoming a Rifle and Pistol member contact Tom Hudson at 434-332-7380. To become a R&P member you must also be a IWLL member, a National Rifle Association member, complete a range safety class, and pay a \$30 annual fee.

To register for the required range safety class please call Peggy Hudson at 434-332-7380.

## Volunteer Recognition and Opportunities

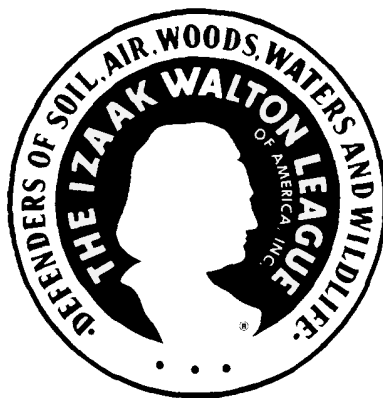
Thanks to Joseph Crockett, Susan Porter, Roger O'Neil , Rick Pingley, and Don Yost for hosting our booth at the Amherst County Apple Harvest Festival on Saturday October 20th and Sunday October 21st.

Several people gave of their time and expertise at the Boy Scout camporee on October 20th. B.D. Wood, Jay Phaup, Michael Phaup, Mark Milhous, Bob Cornelison, and Al Bomar helped out at the Skeet & Trap events while Tom Hudson, George Venable, Tom Graves, Peggy Hudson, Virgilio Esquillo, and Daniel Esquillo worked the Rifle events.

If you would be interested in contributing articles for the Waltonian please contact Don Yost. Of particular interest would be articles concerning conservation topics or IWLL history.

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