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Izaak Walton League of Lynchburg
Something for Everyone!



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Reminders

- *Board Meeting*
June 12 – 7:00 p.m.
- *R&P Meeting*
June 13 – 7:30 p.m.
- *General Membership Mtg.*
June 21 – 7:00 p.m.
- *Board Elections*
July 26 – 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting Reminder

Please make every effort to attend the General Membership meeting on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. This is a good opportunity to ask questions of the Board and to offer your input as to the current and future direction of our Chapter. The nominating committee will present its slate of Officer and Director candidates at this meeting and nominations from the floor will also be accepted at this time.

Other Reminders

If you haven't already completed and returned your member survey please do so as soon as possible. You can mail your completed survey to IWLL – Survey, P.O. Box 4002, Lynchburg, VA 24502 or drop it off at the Park in one of three locations - the box at the superintendent's cabin near the side door under the carport, in the campground registration box, or in the suggestion boxes at the rifle and pistol range. Include your name on the back page of the survey and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Dick's Sporting Goods. To be eligible for the gift card drawing your completed survey must be received by June 15th.

Elections are not far off and the nominating committee is looking for candidates. Election of all Officers and five Directors will be held at the clubhouse on July 26th at 7:00 p.m. Scott DeBruin (434-361-1102), Tom Graves (434-841-9975), Peggy Hudson (434-332-7380), Harold Brizendine (434-929-1063), and Laura Gunter (434-384-0790) are serving as the nominating committee. Please contact one of these individuals if you are interested in serving or if you would like to nominate someone else. The committee will present its slate of candidates at the general membership meeting on June 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the June 21st meeting.

The New IWLL Website is Here

Our new website is now available. Although still a work in progress we think it is a big improvement and with a commitment to keep it updated our hope is that it will provide valuable information for our current members as well as being an attractive recruiting tool.

One of the improvements is a much shorter website address – www.iwll.org is all you need to remember. Beginning June 1 anyone trying to access our old website will be transferred to the new site.

You will also be able to access the current and past Waltonians through the website. In order to protect email addresses and personal phone numbers that appear in our newsletter we've password protected this feature so that only members can get access to this area. For "User name" enter "iwll" and for "Password" enter "iwll2007"

If there is something you'd like to see added to the website or if you have any other comments or questions concerning the website please feel free to send an email to our webmaster at webmaster@iwll.org.

Park Happenings

Shooting Leagues are Underway

Although the NRA Approved High Power Rifle and Bullseye Pistol leagues started last month it's not too late to join in. The next matches are on June 9. The High Power match starts at 9:00 a.m. and costs \$13 while the Bullseye match starts at 1:00 p.m. and costs \$7. Bring your lunch and give both a try. See "Rifle & Pistol Bulletins" for contact information.

Family Fun .22 Mossberg Match

Bring the entire family (or just yourself) out to the pistol range on June 2 at 8:45 a.m. for the Family Fun .22 Mossberg match. US GI Mossberg .22 rifles, ammunition, targets, and instruction are all provided for a \$6 per person fee. All benchrest shooting so it is an ideal introduction for newer shooters but fun for shooters of all levels. Awards in Adult, Junior, Adult/Junior Team, and Mr. and Mrs. Mossberg competitions. Call George (434-821-4175) or Tom (434-332-7380) to pre-register.

Boy Scout Troop 37 Pays a Visit to Walton Park

On May 19 seven Boy Scouts from troop 37 in Elon came to Walton Park to work on their Fishing merit badge. According to adult leader Paul Spaulding things started out slowly but picked up later in the day and all the boys caught at least one fish and are on their way to earning their merit badge. Paul expressed his appreciation for letting the boys use our facility and for our support of Scouting in Amherst County.

Camping Tales

The campers will be sponsoring a breakfast on Saturday June 2 starting at 8:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. In addition to inviting all campers they'd like to invite anyone participating in the Family Fun .22 Mossberg Match to get to the Park a little early and join them for a quick breakfast before the match.

On Saturday June 16 there will be a camper's supper starting at 6:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. The main course will be provided but you are asked to bring your own drinks and a side dish or dessert to share.

Archery Releases

Apologies for not establishing an Archery contact and getting you some firsthand information but a check of the Virginia Bowhunters Association website (www.geocities.com/~vbarchers/) indicates that the Walton Park Bowhunters have a Field and Hunter shoot scheduled for Sunday June 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and another shoot scheduled for July 15th. The VBA website lists Kendall Woody (434-929-0223) and Curtis Layne (434-929-5116) as the Walton Park Bowhunters contacts.

Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

Skeet & Trap Rounds

The monthly ATA shoot is scheduled for June 9. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and shooting starts at 10:00 a.m. Note that fees have been increased to \$16 per 100 targets. Contact Jim Warf for more information – 434-385-9065.

In addition to the ATA fee increase regular shooting fees have been increased to \$3.00 per round of 25 targets for Park members and their guests.

With the advent of warmer weather the Thursday evening open shoot is starting to pick up again. Shooting starts around 6:30 p.m. and runs until about 9:30. The Sunday open shoot starts at 12:00 noon and typically runs well into the afternoon. 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 Jim Warf about attending a training session on gun safety and operation of the target throwers after which you'll receive the combination to the locks on the skeet and trap houses.

If you've been by the Trap and Skeet fields on Tuesday evenings you may have noticed a group of young men and women making use of the facilities. These young people represent the Amherst 4-H Shooting Education Club. Check out next month's Waltonian for a profile of these dedicated and talented shooters.

Rifle & Pistol Bulletins

June 2 – Family Fun .22 Mossberg Match (Pistol Range, 8:45 a.m. – George Venable, 434-821-4175 or Tom Hudson ,434-332-7380)

June 3 – Cowboy Shoot (Pistol Range, Registration at 9:30 a.m. – Harold Brizendine, 434-929-1063 or Scott DeBruin, 434-361-1102)

June 9 – High Power League (Rifle Range, 9:00 a.m. – George Venable, 434-821-4175)

June 9 – Bullseye League (Pistol Range, 1:00 p.m. – Riner Duncan, 434-384-6365)

June 13 – R&P meeting (Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.)

The above matches are open to everyone, you don't need to be a R&P member or even a IWLL member to participate.

Report from R&P president Tom Hudson:

- A new "marine grade" all weather combination lock has been put on the range gate, the thumb wheels on this lock do not turn backwards from number 1. The combination remains the same as on the old lock. Hopefully this lock will stand up better than those used in the past.
- Six new members joined the R&P club in May.
- The ranges are in good shape and ready for a full schedule of summer activity.
- The advanced defensive pistol class is still in a holding pattern pending the return of the instructor from his deployment to the Middle East.

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, attended a range safety class, and pay a \$25 annual fee.

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

Other Events

The James River Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is sponsoring a "Woman in the Outdoors" event at Walton Park on Saturday, June 23rd. The \$50 fee includes up to five one-hour activity sessions with expert instruction and all required equipment provided. Activities planned are Outdoor Cooking, Fishing, Archery, Rifle and Handgun Shooting (counts as two sessions), Shotgun Shooting (counts as two sessions), and Crafts. Lunch, membership to "Women in the Outdoors" (includes a quarterly magazine), and an opportunity to participate in "Women in the Outdoors" only raffles are also included. You must be fourteen or older to participate and women under 18 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Registration deadline is June 11th. Contact Ashley Guthrie at 434-222-8446 for more information or download a flyer and registration form at <http://www.womenintheoutdoors.org/wito/events.html>.

Volunteer Recognition and Opportunities

Chairman Don Yost would like to thank the Membership, Publicity, and Electronic Media committee members for their efforts in putting together the new website introduced this month. Special thanks to Troy McHenry for providing his technical expertise and lots of his personal time in order to make this happen. We really appreciate it Troy.

We'll need lots of member involvement to make our open house in August bigger and better than last year's very successful event. If you have activity ideas, are willing to help in the planning process, or are willing to help out on the day of the event, please contact Don Yost (434-525-8974 ; yost.forest@verizon.net) or Ray Henderson (434-944-2370 ; rjhj@embarqmail.com).

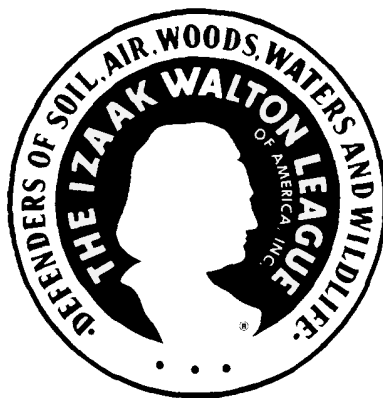
Thanks to Art Massie and Charlie Griffin for replacing the top of the table near the large grill. Great job guys.

Art and Charlie also replaced the roof on the old R&P storage shed. A special thank you to Art and Bill Seitz for donating the roofing materials.

If you have volunteers you would like to acknowledge or have any other items for the newsletter, please contact Don Yost.

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