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Something for Everyone!



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Reminders

- *Board Meetings*
February 12 – 7:00 p.m.
March 11 – 7:00 p.m.
April 8 – 7:00 p.m.
- *Rifle and Pistol Meetings*
February 6 – 7:30 p.m.
April 2 – 7:30 p.m.
- *Camper's Meetings*
March 8 – 1:00 p.m.
April 12 – 1:00 p.m.

Get Involved, Join a Committee

If you would like to get more involved in Chapter and Park planning and operations please consider joining one of our committees. Contact the chairperson indicated if you are interested in serving on a particular committee or if you have any suggestions related to the committee's activities:

Conservation and Lake Management – Tom Hudson (434-332-7380)

Disciplinary – Roger O'Neil (434-221-8655)

Park Maintenance/Improvement/Planning – Art Massie (434-283-4858)

Financial Planning & Budget Performance – Keith Mulder (434-946-7253)

Park Rules, Bylaws, and Nominating – George Venable (434-821-4175)

Park Promotion – Don Yost (434-525-8974)

President's Message

At the January Board Meeting, the Finance Committee chairman presented the preliminary three year budget for park upgrades and maintenance activities. The budget was developed through the input from individual groups, i.e. Skeet & Trap, R&P, Camping, and Park Maintenance. No requests were received from the Archery Group. The total three year budget is \$209,000.

The easy part is over – we have a plan. In February, the Board will begin the process of prioritizing projects, developing schedules, and identifying funding sources. Membership dues alone will not generate the income required to support the plan, so we need to develop other fund raising events as well as increase our park work parties. Our park's success will, as always, depend on you, our members, for both financial and work party support.

Some projects are already funded and are underway i.e. campground electrical upgrades, new plinking/SAS range site preparation, a target storage facility at Skeet & Trap, and the new air rifle range.

We are off to a great start in 2008 and have a clear vision where we want to be in 2010. Help us get there – send in your membership renewals, now, recruit at least one new member this year to share our fun, submit your ideas to your Board members, volunteer your knowledge/expertise, and sign up for announced work parties.

Have a safe and healthy New Year. Go outside and enjoy nature's beauty, even in the winter. – Ray Henderson

Park Happenings

Payphone Replaced

The payphone in camping loop B should have been removed and replaced with a regular phone by the time you get this newsletter. Cost to the Park will be reduced by about half and we will be able to offer free local and regional calling for Park members. Long distance is available through your own calling card. Please remember that this service is primarily for emergency and convenience purposes so please limit your calling time as a courtesy to others and of course emergency situations always have priority.

FIRECRACKER 50/50 – Get Your Tickets Now

The FIRECRACKER 50/50 is a fundraiser for the Izaak Walton league of Lynchburg with a drawing date of Saturday, July 5, 2008. The first prize will be 50% of the money collected (\$1,000 per 100 tickets sold!). Second prize will be a one year membership to the Park for a new member or a one year extension for a current member. IWLL's 50% will go toward picnic area improvements (new tables, grills, etc.). One chance per \$20 donation, includes "Uncle Ike Dawgs", sodas, and snacks starting at 11:15 AM on drawing day. Although you don't have to be present to win, ALL the stubs with names will be on display until HIGH NOON for those who wish to personally place theirs in the drawing container. The drawing will take place at 12:30 PM. If just half the membership buys chances, we'd have several thousand dollars for new stuff! Of course, sales are not limited to Park members, BUT, the Park Member that sells the big winning ticket will receive a nice gift (the more tickets we sell, the nicer it'll be!). Members wanting tickets to sell should call/email George Venable, 434-821-4175, shooteradv@yahoo.com. If you'd like to buy yours by mail, make the check to "IWLL" and send to George @ PO Box 672, Rustburg, VA 24588.

Nature Trail Work Continues

More progress has been made on James Logwood's Eagle Scout project to renovate the nature trail. James would like to thank Park members Claude Logwood and Pete Natyzak for their help on the January 5th workday. James has tentatively set Saturday February 2nd as the next workday. Contact James at 434-845-7633 or volcomv@verizon.net for conformation of the day and time if you are interested in helping out.

Camping Tales

All IWLL campers please mark your calendars for a Campers' Meeting on Saturday March 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Nominations for campground officers will be the primary order of business. Election of officers will be held on Saturday April 12 also at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. The more people we get involved the more we can accomplish and the more fun we can have so please make every effort to participate in these meetings and other campground activities during the year. Please contact Roger O'Neil at 434-221-8655 if you have any questions about camping at Walton Park.

Skeet & Trap Rounds

Monthly ATA shoots are scheduled for February 2, March 1, and April 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.

Progress continues on site preparation for the target trailer. Once the trailer is in place the effort required to take delivery of targets will be greatly reduced. Other projects planned during the year include lime application in the shot fall area, replacement of burned out lights, voice release repairs, and planning and preparation for electrical upgrades.

Rifle & Pistol Bulletins

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

Feb. 6 – Rifle & Pistol Club Meeting (Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.)

March 1 – Cowboy Shoot (Pistol Range, 9:30 a.m. – Harold Brizendine 434-929-1063 or Scott DeBruin, 434-361-1102)

March 8 – Range Clean-up Day (Tom Hudson, 434-332-7380)

April 2 – Rifle & Pistol Club Meeting (Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.)

April 5 – Modified F-Class 300-yd Rifle Match (Rifle Range, gate open at 8:00 a.m. – Frank 434-929-0013 or George 434-821-4175)

April 6 – Cowboy Shoot (Rifle Range, 9:30 a.m. – Harold Brizendine 434-929-1063 or Scott DeBruin, 434-361-1102)

April 19 – Freedom 400 Invitational 300-yd High Power Rifle Match (Rifle Range, 9:00 a.m. – George Venable, 434-821-4175)

April 19 – Bowling Pin Match (Pistol Range, 12:00 noon – Kip Smith, 434-525-1359)

Messages from R&P President Tom Hudson:

2008 is here and the R&P schedule of events has been set and is included in this newsletter. The new lock is in place. Please contact Jim Warf or Ray Henderson if you have not received a renewal notice or have paid your dues and have not received a new range card.

For those that have been to the rifle range in the past month you have noticed that down range viability is greatly improved and the new 200 yard berm is in place. Quotes have been obtained and work has been authorized to begin on clearing the new range site on the left side of the entrance road. Leveling the 50 yard line on the pistol range has also been approved. The clearing activity of the new range will not have any impact on the operation of either the rifle or pistol ranges. Every reasonable effort will be made to post notices on the pistol range in advance of the leveling work that will be done there.

On a more serious note I must request that shooters never point a firearm in any direction other than down range. At some time between Christmas and January 7th a round was fired into one of the support posts on the rifle range. Examination of the angle of entry into the post indicates that the firearm was most likely being handled/loaded at one of the benches and discharged at an upward angle into the post. Remember to always keep your firearm unloaded until you are ready to fire, load your firearm with the muzzle pointed down range, and keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.

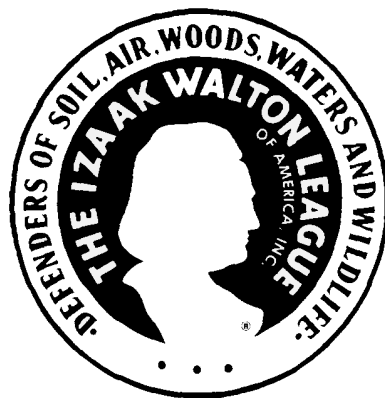
If you are interested in becoming a Rifle and Pistol member contact Tom Hudson at 434-332-7380. To become a R&P member you must also be a IWLL member, a National Rifle Association member, complete a range safety class, and pay a \$30 annual fee. To register for the required range safety class please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

Volunteer Recognition and Opportunities

Thanks to George Venable for kicking off the FIRECRACKER 50/50 fundraising event. If you are willing to help out at the July 5th festivities please contact George. If you have ideas for or are willing to help out with other fundraising events please contact a Board member so that we can get your ideas before the full Board and put your name on our volunteer list.

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