



THE WALTONIAN

Izaak Walton League of Lynchburg
Something for Everyone!



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Reminders:

- Board Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
December 9
January 13
February 10
- Rifle & Pistol Meeting
December 3 – 7:30 p.m.
February 4 – 7:30 p.m.
- Christmas Celebration
December 20 – 5:00 p.m.

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- President Ray Henderson (434-944-2370 ; rfhj@embarqmail.com)
- 1st Vice President Tom Hudson (434-332-7380 ; hpshooter@juno.com)
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- Roger O'Neil (434-221-8655)
- Hans Schubert (434-845-7157)
- Bill Seitz
- Carson Ward

Membership Renewal Reminder

- If you haven't sent in your membership renewal yet here are some good reasons to do it now:
1. There is a \$10 late charge if your renewal is not received before February 14, 2009.
 2. If you are a R&P member the gate lock combination for 2008 will no longer work after January 1, 2009.
 3. If you have a camper in winter storage and have not renewed by the first of the year you could be subject to additional fees or be asked to remove your camper.
 4. Having a better idea of membership counts early helps the Board with planning.
- If you haven't received your renewal mailing or need to correct any information contact Jim Hall by regular mail at 109 Overlink Court, Lynchburg, VA 24503, or by email to aalfe@comcast.net.

Park Happenings

Tree Thinning

About 40 acres of our planted pines will be thinned in the coming months—most likely in January and/or February. Because the targeted area is located behind the rifle and pistol ranges it will be necessary to close those ranges while the work is being done. Activity will be limited to weekdays. As the details are finalized we will post that information on our website and signs will be posted at the R&P gate. You can also contact Tom Hudson at 434-660-9014 for updates.

Apple Harvest Festival

In October .IWLL hosted an information booth at the Apple Harvest Festival at the Amherst County High School. Several contacts were made with forty-six people entering a drawing for a one-year family membership. Chris Jones of Madison Heights was the winner of that free membership. Welcome to the Jones family.

Volunteer Recognition and Opportunities

Thanks to Don Yost, Roger O'Neil, Paul Gorman, and Pete, Gwen, and Jennifer Natyzak for helping out at the Apple Harvest Festival.

Committees for 2009 are being formed. If you are interested in helping out on any of these committees contact the indicated Chairperson or Ray Henderson.

Archery – Kendall Woody (434-929-0223)

Camping – Roger O'Neil (434-221-8655)

Rifle & Pistol – Tom Hudson (434-332-7380)

Trap & Skeet – B.D. Wood (434-946-5302)

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 and Budget Performance – Richard Gilliam (434-525-1250)

Park Rules & Bylaws & Nominating – Open

Park Promotion – Open

Forestry Management – Paul Hudnall (434-929-1070)

Camping Tales

Come one, come all, campers and friends, to our 2008 Christmas celebration. Join us in the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 20th at 5:00 p.m. Have a cup of hot apple cider or cold eggnog, eat some finger foods, sing Christmas carols, and join us in fellowship. Please bring your favorite finger food to share and RSVP to Roger O'Neil (221-8655) or Rachel (845-8135) by December 18th.

Archery Releases

For more information about archery shooting at Walton Park contact Kendall Woody (434-929-0223) or Webb Babcock (434-528-3855 or 434-845-8874).

Skeet & Trap Rounds

Monthly ATA shoots are scheduled for December 6, January 3, and February 7. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and shooting starts at 10:00 a.m. Contact Billy Wood for more information – 434-277-5008.

Open shoots are held on Wednesday evenings starting around 5:30 p.m. and Sunday starting at 12:00 noon.

To get access to the shotgun fields at times other than the open shoots contact Billy 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.

Rifle & Pistol Bulletins

December 7 – Cowboy Shoot (Rifle Range, 9:30 a.m. – Harold Brizendine 434-929-1063 or Scott DeBruin, 434-361-1102)

January 3– Cowboy Shoot (Pistol Range, 9:30 a.m. – Harold Brizendine 434-929-1063 or Hans Schubert 434-845-7157)

February 1– Cowboy Shoot (Rifle Range, 9:30 a.m. – Harold Brizendine 434-929-1063 or Hans Schubert 434-845-7157)

Messages from R&P President Tom Hudson:

Currently we have over 300 R&P card holders, this is the largest number of R&P members I can remember having since the construction of the new ranges. Continuous work is done to provide a safe shooting facility to all members. At times construction and repair needs must be addressed within a short time frame which makes notification of such a large number of active shooters difficult, e-mail is the fastest and most economical means of communicating unforeseen range conditions to members. Our e-mail list of range users has suffered several hard drive problems and many addresses have been lost, if you wish to be put on the range e-mail list please send an e-mail to hpshooter@juno.com, put "Range List" in the subject line

Recent range projects have included contouring the 100 yard berm, establishing a 200 yard target line, leveling the pistol range at 50 yards, increasing the height of the pistol range berm and clearing the site for the future multipurpose range facility. Projects that need to be completed include seeding all of the recently disturbed range surfaces. Volunteers are always welcome, please contact T. W. Hudson, 660-9014, if you are interested in helping. All of these projects have been funded with funds from the \$30.00 annual range fee.

2009 range schedule is included in this newsletter, post it in a convenient place for reference.

Tree thinning in the outfall area of the range will be conducted in the January to March time frame, we have stipulated that the work be done during the week leaving the weekends available for shooting. The operation is projected to take 5 weeks. The ranges will be locked down while tree harvesting is taking place in the outfall area.

Clean-up Day

Although turnout was light a lot was accomplished at the range clean-up day on November 8. Participants included Tom and Peg Hudson, Chuck McCauley, George Venable, Peter Stazen, Barry Blankenship and Lewis Bryant. The 100-yard berm was repaired and seeded, site for 200-yard target shed leveled, debris/shotgun wads raked off the pistol range, targets repaired, the target shed was unloaded and shelves built and "restocked". Peg supplied chili beans, cookies, cake, refreshments - enough to feed MANY more helpers. Thanks to all those that came out to help.

What to Become a R&P Member?

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.

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