



NEWSLETTER



Izaak Walton League of America
Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter
JANUARY 2002

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !

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 Friday, January 25, 2002.

Buddy Goetzger, Damascus, Md.
Sponsor: Trooper Walsh

Jeffrey R. Lapp, Silver Spring, Md.
Sponsor: Bob Inness

Carlos Mills, Olney, Md.
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Terry J. Popkin, Silver Spring, Md.
Sponsor: Rick Fried

Guy Edsel Omictin, Alexandria, Va.
Sponsor: Phil Dean
Sponsor: G. Kyle

Tony Swindler, Gaithersburg, Md.
Sponsor: Bill Jenkins

Jerry Castellucci, Mt. Airy, Md.
Sponsor: Denny Brown

Coming Attractions

January	
Sun 13	Skeet & Trap 12 pm - 5 pm
Mon 14	Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm
Tue 15	Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
Thu 17	Junior Airgun - 6pm - 10 pm
Sat 19	Bowling Pin Shootout - 9 am - 2 pm
19	Junior Airgun - 10 am - 1 pm
19	Skeet & Trap - 12 pm - 5 pm
Sun 20	Skeet & Trap - 12 pm - 5 pm
20	Boy Scout training
Mon 21	Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm
Tue 22	Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
Thu 24	Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
Fri 25	Membership meeting - Wild Game Dinner and Silent Auction
Sat 26	Junior Airgun 10 am - 1 pm
26	Skeet & Trap 12 pm - 5 pm
Sun 27	Range Orientation - 10 am
27	Club Maintenance
[RANGES CLOSED UNTIL 1 pm]	
27	Skeet & Trap 12 pm - 5 pm
Mon 28	Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm
Tue 29	Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
Thu 31	Junior Airgun - 6pm - 10 pm

February	
Fri 1	Evening Airgun Match Setup
Sat 2	Junior Airgun Match - 8 am - 6 pm
2	Skeet & Trap - 12 pm - 5 pm
Sun 3	Skeet and Trap- 12 pm - 5 pm
Mon 4	Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm,
Tue 5	Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
5	Conservation Committee Mtg
Wed 6	Board of Directors Meeting
Thu 7	Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
Sat 9	Skeet & Trap - 12 pm - 5 pm
9	Junior Airgun - 10 am - 1 pm
Mon 11	Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm
Tue 12	Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
Thu 14	Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
Sat 16	Skeet & Trap - 12 pm - 5 pm
Sun 17	Skeet & Trap - 12 pm - 5 pm

Range Road Closures:

During inclement winter weather, the access road to the rifle and pistol ranges will be closed to vehicle traffic. During these periods, the gate will not operate and it will be necessary to walk to the ranges. This is for safety reasons and to protect the road from damage. A sign will be placed on the gate, indicating when the road is closed.

Has Your Membership Expired?

The most current membership year expired on December 31st. If you haven't sent in your renewal in the past two months, you are currently in arrears for 2002 dues. A second billing was sent out the first week of January to those members whose dues had not been received. If you wait until after February 1st to pay your dues, you will need to send in an additional \$5.00 to re-activate the key card which activates the range gate and the clubhouse door. Anyone not paid by January 31st cannot use the rifle, pistol, or skeet & trap ranges nor can they purchase supplies until 2002 dues are paid. If you have any questions or issues, call Joe Gick @ 301-774-9399 or email to: Gick@erols.com

Club Calendar

The web calendar for 2002 is up and running. As always, every regular event is posted with the date, time, contact name, phone number and e-mail address of the chairperson. This is a good resource for researching a project to get involved in during the next year. Special projects are highlighted in Green, meeting dates are in Bold and range closures are in Red. This year we have an aggressive activities calendar and there are times when the ranges are closed. There can be partial closures, partial time closures and all day closures. Plan your visits to the ranges (especially on weekends) around these range closures. Invariably some folks come to the range to shoot and they have failed to check the newsletter or the web calendar only to find the ranges closed for a special activity. Most often, people get upset

with those running the program instead of taking responsibility for looking at the calendar first. PLEASE READ the updated calendar in your monthly newsletters and check the web calendar for the latest up to date information and any changes that may occur.. You can access the web calendar from the menu on our web site:

<http://members.aol.com/RumRiverC>
(Note: there is no WWW in the address). The current newsletter, as well as back issues, are also available from our web site. A paper copy of the 2002 club calendar is included in this month's newsletter. The paper copy is only issued once.

Youth Air Rifle

Juniors Triumph Again

The DARC junior precision shooters competed in a shoulder to shoulder match at the Chapter House on Saturday, December 15th. Our team, consisting of Brian Watson (572) Danny Peterson (567) Brendan Bauer (553) and Lyra Hornseth (533) defeated a team representing the Monumental Gun Club by a score of 2,225 to 1,911.

Our sporter shooters also participated, but were unopposed. Dan Pearce was the overall Sporter Class winner with a score of 506, Kate Duncan was the high intermediate competitor with a score of 488, while Andy Carr was the high sub-junior competitor with a score 430.

This spring, our precision shooters will travel to Mariottsville to compete in a rim-fire match at the AGC facility.

Cowboy News

Thunder Valley Days 2002 has taken off really fast! As of January 1, 2002, we are already 30% full. This is quite remarkable, considering it will not take place until August. All Ikes who have participated in the monthly matches, were sent a TVD application in the second week of December. Our

thanks goes out to Atlantic Guns for picking up the tab on the mailing to almost 200 shooters. Additional applications will be available from the web site after January 13, 2002.

Presidents Corner

The lame brained numbskull that invented New Year's resolutions should be shot at sunrise! Well, perhaps that's a bit harsh. But when you think about it, this idea of deciding to change your life on some arbitrary date is a recipe for failure. The first of January is about as bad a day to do it as you could come up with. You're burned out from six weeks of relatives, parties, too much food, too much of everything. Now, on some cold miserable winter day the resolutions police want you to mend your ways and set about doing all of those things you think you should be doing, or more often than not, stop doing that which gives you some small bit of comfort although you know darned well you shouldn't do it.

In years past I've made and broken hundreds of well- intentioned resolutions. The failure to follow through on these pledges invariably leads to disappointment.

As this New Year rolled around I started thinking of resolutions both for myself and for the chapter. This year I'm going to be smart. Rather than go through the whole process; thinking up a bunch of good things to do, then failing to do them, and invariably feeling rotten because in the final analysis I didn't do them, I'm going to streamline the process. I won't make any resolutions.

That's where you come in. I'd like to hear from anyone who has an idea or two about how we can improve the chapter - anything you can think of that might make the chapter better for our members. Please don't call me at home. If you must call, leave a message on our chapter phone mail (301-253-2384) or send me an email to:

EBurrows@aol.com

Let me know what you think could be improved. I can't guarantee that we will do exactly what you suggest, but if enough folks come up with a similar idea it will be a strong indication to the

Board of Directors that we need to consider their suggestion. After all, that's what we're here for, so let me hear from you.

Have a great NewYear !

- Ed Burrows

Range Officers Schedule

January

Sat 1/5 Vivian & Robert McLeod
Richard Zabell

Sun 1/6 Paul Bluteau, Jeff Schneider

Sat 1/12 Lew Allnutt, Charles Weaver
Bill Rahn

Sun 1/13 Tony Evans, Kevin Manning,
Rick Noah

Sat 1/19 Robert Taylor, Bill Rahn

Sun 1/20 Peter Currall, Dave Gold,
Ira Wein

Sat 1/26 The Fichter Gang

Sun 1/27 Burt Mullineaux, Shep
Burton, Frank Saenz

February

Sat 2/2 Vivian & Robert McLeod
Richard Zabell

Sun 2/3 Paul Bluteau, Jeff Schneider
David Price

Sat 2/9 Charles Weaver, Lew Allnutt

Sun 2/10 Tony Evans, Rick Noah,
Kevin Manning

Sat 2/16 Robert Taylor, Bill Rahn

Sun 2/17 Peter currall, Dave Gold
Ira Wein

Sat 2/23 The Fichter Gang!

Sun 2/24 Burt Mullineaux,
Shep Burton, Frank Saenz

No Honey, Honey!

For those looking for honey this year, Alas!, we have none. Last year our bee colonies didn't make it through the Winter. Mites are probably the culprit. The State Association reported at least a 50 percent kill rate last year. We started

over again this past Spring but the new colonies didn't build fast enough to produce a surplus for sale. We hope to have some for sale next Fall. We'll keep you posted!

Skeet and Trap Report

This year we have raised \$2000 to benefit Damascus Help. Burt Mullineaux worked hard as ever again this year and raised \$927. Over the last three years Burt has consistently been a leading fund raiser for this effort. Pledge totals reached upwards of \$3600. Burt's efforts, dedication to the WAC and support of his community are highly commendable. The proceeds of this year's fund raising were mailed to Damascus Help in early December, just in time to help brighten the holidays for a needy few in the Damascus area. Thank you, to all who assisted in making this contribution possible.

Rifle and Pistol Range Report

INFORMATION: For more information about any of the rifle/pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Ray Shaver by e-mail at MRShaver@aol.com or telephone at 301-926-0465.

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle/pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box which contains the range sign-in register. For January 2002, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 5:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range. However, because sunset comes a little later each day this time of year, ending time may change before the month ends. Please help us to be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

BOWLING PIN FUN SHOOT: If you haven't yet attended one of the monthly bowling pin shoots, please come out to watch or give it a try. Upcoming shoots are planned for January 19, February 23, and March 30, 2002; all from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please do not go directly to the range. Bowling pin shooters will meet at the chapter house for

registration. For more information, contact Jesse Lim at 301-540-0860 (evenings) or via e-mail to jlim@phillips.com. There will be a \$4.00 registration fee to help defray the costs.

RECYCLING SPENT SHELL CASES:

Separate buckets are provided for brass and aluminum shell cases on the pistol ranges. Although both are recyclable, we primarily recycle the aluminum, and the more desirable brass is collected by our members who reload. However, neither is recyclable when mixed, and separating them is an extremely labor intensive operation. Please help in this effort by looking to see what kind of cases are in the bucket before you dump your spent cases. There are also a couple of other complications to keep in mind: Steel cases which are usually of eastern European origin should be thrown in the trash, and the shiny white nickel plated cases go with the brass.

SAND BAGS IN THE RAIN: We've noticed that a number of sand bags and carpet pieces are regularly carried from the covered pistol range to the uncovered range for use, which is okay. However, leaving them there when you depart is not okay. Once the sand bags are wet (and frozen at this time of year) they are not usable as gun rests, and sloppy wet carpet pieces are certainly of no value in protecting the finish of the guns placed on them. Use them where needed, but when you are done, PLEASE RETURN THE SAND BAGS AND CARPET PIECES TO AN AREA WHERE THEY WON'T GET WET.

RANGE ROAD CLOSURES: Cold weather has arrived, and with it comes the possibility of snow and ice accumulation on the rifle/pistol range road. If the road becomes impassable or overly soft due to heavy precipitation, it may be closed even though the ranges remain open for use. In such cases, a sign explaining the closure will be posted at the box containing the range sign-in register, and the gate will be locked closed. Please watch for and comply with such notices. If the sign indicates that the road is closed but the ranges are open, you may walk to the ranges. However, even if you have an off-the-road vehicle that might make it through snow-covered fields, DO NOT DRIVE TO THE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES WHEN THE RANGE ROAD IS CLOSED!

JANUARY SITE MAINTENANCE:

Monthly maintenance of WAC ranges, Christmas trees, house and grounds will be done from 10 AM until 1 PM on Sunday, January 27. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, Tom Riley, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

THANKS to those who came out on a cold December 30 to work on site maintenance projects. Included were Ikes:

Dana Hooper, Alan Pressman, R.G. Christensen, Tim West, Steve Peck, Bill Ladd, Robert Panico, Ray Shaver, John Leaman, Tom Riley, and guest S. Chesler.

NOTES:

As of January 2nd there were only 40 tickets left to be sold for the annual WILD GAME DINNER to be held on January 25th. Members may call Rick Fried at 301-253-2789 to reserve tickets to be picked up at the door for this popular WAC event..

The Adult Airgun Committee would like to thank Steve Schulz for taking over the task of organizing the field target shoots. Steve has increased the number of shoots and maintained attendance which has resulted in increased income to the chapter and a lot of fun for the participants. Thanks, Steve!

Make sure you sign the worksheet when you come to work on WAC projects so that you will receive credit for your participation.

Please turn in your scrap aluminum to the metal shed adjacent to the large maintenance building.

Chairman Bob Mabie has announced that the first Adopt-A-Road cleanup of 2002 will be scheduled in April. Help wanted!

Thanks to Mac McCollum for putting together the 2002 Annual Calendar.

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