



NEWSLETTER



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Schedule of Events

March

Sat 16 Skeet & Trap - 12 noon - 5 pm
16 Junior Precision Rifle - 10 am
Sun 17 Skeet & Trap - 12 noon - 5 pm
17 Military Rifle Fun Shoot
on Rifle Range - 10 am - 1 pm
Mon 18 Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm - 9 pm
Tue 19 Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
Thu 21 Junior Airgun - 6 pm - 10 pm
Fri 22 Cowboy Action Set Up - 1 pm
[Rifle&Pistol Ranges Closed - 1pm]
Sat 23 Cowboy Action Shoot - 8am
[Rifle&Pistol Range Closed until 4 pm]
Sat 23 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
Sun 24 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
Sun 24 CHAPTER MAINTENANCE
and Range Cleanups - 10 am
Sun 24 TREE PLANTING DAY - 9 am
Sun 24 Range Orientation - 10 am
Mon 25 Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm - 9 pm
Tue 26 Junior Airgun 6:00 - 10 pm
Wed 27 GENERALMEMBERSHIP
MEETING Social Hour 6:30
pm Dinner 7:30 pm
Thu 28 Junior Airgun - 6:00 - 10 pm
Fri 29 Evening Airgun Match setup for:
Sat 30 NRA Junior Air Rifle Sectional
Match 8:00 am
Sat 30 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5pm
Sat 30 Jr. Airgun State Chamionship
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April

Mon 1 Adult Airgun - 6:00 pm - 9:00pm
Tue 2 Conservation/SOS Mtg - 7:30pm
Tue 2 Junior Airgun - 6:00 pm - 10 pm
Wed 3 Skeet & Trap - 2:00 pm - 7 pm
Thu 4 Board of Directors Mtg - 7:30pm
Thu 4 Junior Airgun - 6:00 pm - 10 pm
Sat 6 River Cleanup - 8:30 am
Sat 6 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
Sat 6 Airgun Field Target Match- 9am
Sat 6 Junior Precision Rifle - 10:00 am
Sat 6 Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10am
Sun 7 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
Sun 7 Sea Cadet Rifle Prgm - 10:00 am
[Rifle Range Closed 10:00 am
until approx 2:00 pm]
Mon 8 Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm - 9:00pm
Tue 9 Junior Airgun - 6:00 pm - 10:00
Wed 10 Skeet & Trap - 2 :00 pm - 7 pm
Thu 11 Junior Airgun - 6:00 pm - 10 pm
Sat 13 Junior Precision Rifle - 9:30 am
Sat 13 ADOPT-A-ROAD - 9:00 am

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It's YOUR WAC.
Enjoy it - Support It

Next Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 27th Corned Beef - Braised Cabbage Boiled Potatoes - Salad Coffee - Cake

Junior Air Rifle News

More Match Success!

Thirty competitors in both sporter and precision class competed at our NRA Junior 3P Sectional Match, held at the Chapter House on Saturday, February 23rd.

Brian Watson, our sole precision competitor on this day, took the Precision Gold Medal with a score of 579/600, while our sporter class team of Dan Pearce, Kate Duncan, Kevin Gracey, and Andy Carr captured the Team Winner Gold Medals in sporter class. Dan also won the Individual Sporter Gold Medal, Kate also won the Individual Sporter Silver Medal, Kevin also won 1st Place intermediate Junior Medal and Andy Carr also won 1st Place subjunior! Aleem Sheikh won 2nd Place subjunior, too.

On Saturday, March 2nd, our Brendan Bauer competed in the Eastern Beaver's Open Prone Rimfire Match, held at NRA headquarters.

It was his first match of this type and his first competitive use of a new club-owned Anschutz rifle. We understand he shot well enough to have a pending national subjunior high record score in one stage of the match! Way to go, Brendan!

President's Corner

Meetings. Ugh! You can try to sleep through them, or talk, or doodle, but they hardly ever leave you feeling proud and humbled. Unless you attended last month's membership meeting, it's hard to imagine that a meeting could leave you inspired. But that's just what happened.

It all started when Ray Logan donated a Mini-14 rifle to the club to auction as a fundraiser for the September 11 relief fund of our choice. Great idea Ray, not to mention your generosity! John Leaman, in turn, ran the auction which generated about \$2,200. The chapter chipped in another \$300 to make the donation an even \$2,500. Since John did all the work, the board agreed to let him pick the appropriate charity. John chose the Salvation Army.

Captain Brown and Lieutenant Welch attended the February regular meeting to receive the check. Lt. Welch, who along with his wife, Dianne, is the chaplain at Germantown spoke first and recounted a few personal stories from his experiences on November 11th at the Pentagon. The Salvation Army folks from Germantown were the first civilian relief agency on the scene, arriving within an hour of the attack. They were on site until the 28th. They provided food, clothing, bedding, and a host of other services to the hundreds of emergency workers who gathered to do what had to be done.

Lt. Welch told the story of another service they provided. He met a man at the Pentagon site whom he knew only as Greg. This poor man's wife was in the Pentagon building when the plane hit and he was searching for her. During the course of several days Greg and the rest

of the world came to realize that there were few survivors in that part of the site. The poor woman perished in the attack. With Lt. Welch's spiritual guidance, Greg was better able to deal with his tragic loss. (Believe me this is the short version of this story, and it was a heartbreaker!)

Captain Brown, the director of the Germantown facility, then told us what the Salvation Army is all about. There is more to it than the kettle outside of the department store at Christmas. A lot more. In Germantown they provide, food and clothing to folks in need, there is a senior citizen program, a gym, and an after school program for kids. (By the way, they need volunteers to help with the kids.) At Christmas they take care of kids in need of a little help from Santa. Again, this is the short version.

I, for one, left the meeting proud to be associated with folks like Ray and John and all the rest of our members who supported the effort. I was humbled by the magnitude of the support, and yes money, the Salvation Army provided in the aftermath of the attack. The magnitude of their efforts was lost in the enormity of the tragedy.

As important as our club and our own activities are to us, we must not lose sight of our place in our community. We do a lot of things around Damascus, and it's good to know that we are not alone. We need to continue to support groups like the Salvation Army in their efforts to make our world a little better place to live.

- Ed Burrows

Final Notice

If you have not renewed your membership for 2002, this is the last newsletter that you will be receiving. You will also NOT receive another bill. If you wish to rejoin, you will owe your dues plus a \$5.00 fee to reactivate your Keycard to gain access to the building or ranges. Please send a payment or any

membership questions or concerns to our Membership Secretary. He is:

Joe Gick

301-774-9399 or gick@erols.com

SKEET AND TRAP REPORT

Free Shot Shells!

That's right, over the last few weeks our Range officers have picked up loaded rounds dropped on and around the skeet fields. While I am sure they appreciate the free ammo this is dangerous, especially with grass cutting season just around the corner.

Please be mindful of your ammo.

The 5 Stand Freeze turned out to be a great day, the temp was near 60 and sunny. While we did not set any new records for high score, we did challenge them on the low end. Congrats to Rich Fried who slipped by Mark Kosian and Donald Havre by one target to take HOA.

Beginning Wednesday, April 10th the Shotgun Ranges will be open from 2:00 to 7:00pm. These hours will be in effect until the time changes again in October.

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 **MRSshaver@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 March 2002, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 6:00 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 good neighbors by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

MILITARY RIFLE FUN SHOOT:

Bring out your military rifles of any type or vintage to show and shoot on **Sunday, March 17**. We start around 10 AM and expect to be done by 1 PM. This annual event is intended to give WAC members with an interest in military rifles a chance to meet other members with a similar interest and to see some interesting firearms. There is no cost for participating, nor do you have to own a military rifle to come out and look. This is a very unstructured event with no competition of any sort involved.

HIGH POWER MATCH: For those interested in a bit of competition, the first of five annual high powered rifle matches sponsored by Seneca Valley Sports Association will be held on **Saturday, April 6**. Participation in this activity will qualify you for purchasing M1 Garands and other rifles through the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

BOWLING PIN FUN SHOOT: **Jesse Lim** reports that twenty three participants of various ages and skill levels had a great time at the bowling pin fun shoot in February. This is a fun handgun activity for the whole family. Come out to watch or give it a try. The next bowling pin fun shoot will be held on **Saturday, March 30**. **Please note that participants will meet at 9 AM in the Rathskeller; don't go directly to the range.**

YEAR 2002 CARDS: As of February 1, shooters must display a year 2002 range-approved membership card to use the rifle and pistol ranges. Shooters without such a card are trespassing, and should be asked to leave if encountered on the ranges. Please report any such incidents to the rifle/pistol committee chairman, **Ray Shaver**, or the chapter caretaker. If you haven't renewed your membership, or have renewed but haven't received your year 2002 range-approved membership card, contact the membership secretary (**Joe Gick, 301-774-9399**) immediately, and stay off of the ranges until you get your new card. **BRING YOUR NEW CARD TO A WAC MEETING OR THE MONTHLY SITE MAINTENANCE TO**

HAVE IT LAMINATED FREE OF CHARGE. WE ALSO PROVIDE A CLIP SO YOU CAN WEAR THE CARD VISIBLY, AS REQUIRED, WHILE AT THE RANGE.

SAFETY REMINDER: A red line has been painted on the front of the concrete pads, where present, and on benches, where there are no pads, to remind all rifle and handgun shooters of the firing line for those ranges. The firing line identifies the approximate location for the muzzle of your gun when firing. Although the muzzle can also safely be a little in front of or a little behind the firing line, **all portions of the shooter's body must remain behind the line.** Furthermore, whenever anyone is in front of the firing line, all firearms which are not already safely stored in racks or cases shall remain untouched on the shooting bench, unloaded, with action open, chamber empty, magazine removed, and safety on if available. Please be vigilant at all times when at the ranges to ensure not only you but those around you are complying with this extremely important safety rule.

PLYWOOD NEEDED: Thanks to **Tom Riley** and several other Ikes who have assisted in the process during the winter months most of our donated plywood has been turned into rifle/pistol target backers. At the same time, the unusually warm winter has resulted in the consumption of those backers at a higher than usual rates. We are starting to anticipate the day when our inventory is gone. Thus, as you clean out your storage sheds, basements, and garages this spring, please take the time to sort out any reusable plywood and drop it off during your next visit to the WAC. Rifle range backers require a piece of one-half inch or thicker plywood which can be cut into a 2'x4' rectangle. The thickness of the plywood is less critical for pistol range backers, which are 2'x2'. Please leave donated plywood by the

sliding front door of the green equipment shed.

MARCH SITE MAINTENANCE: The next monthly maintenance of WAC ranges, Christmas trees, house and grounds will be done from **10 AM until 1 PM on Sunday, March 24.** **NOTE THIS IS A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL BECAUSE EASTER FALLS ON MARCH 31.** One of our tasks this month will be to install fiberglass insulation between the roof rafters on the pistol range. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

THANKS to the following Ikes for participating in site maintenance activities on February 24, 2002: **Michelle Chesnut, R.G. Christensen, Bob Cumberland, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Lyn Duncan & family (Bret, Kate & Ian), Mike Feuer, Bill Gazdik, Al Goldschmidts, Dave Horak, Jeff Kearney & son (Jim), Eric Kirchman, Mike Koser, John Leaman, Jack Leeb, Chuck Limparis, Richard Maple, Mike O'Connor, Alan Pressman, Tom Riley, and Ray Shaver.**

IT'S A SHAME ...

New range markers were recently installed on the open pistol range. The new yardage markers are made of concrete blocks and are buried halfway in the ground every 5 yards. Two of the new yardage markers installed on the range hardly lasted a month before they were destroyed by an inconsiderate shooter. The 20 and 25 yard markers were obviously shot out on purpose; read: *completely destroyed.* Talk about shooting ourselves in the foot.

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 Wed, March 27th:

Marc Ives, Germantown, Md.

Sponsor: **Bill Schneider**

Renee Ives, German town, Md.

Sponsor: **Bill Schneider**

Tom Conroy, Rockville, Md.

Sponsor: **Joe Gick**

Paul Fairburn, Damascus, Md.

Sponsor: **Vince Iacono**

James Rush, Gaithersburg, Md.

Sponsor: **Bill Rush**

Mike Agnello, Brookeville, Md.

Sponsor: **Bill Schneider**

Tom Hruska, Columbia, Md.

Sponsor: **Chuck Crooks**

Francis Hewitt, Laytonsville, Md.

Sponsor: **Red Gambrell**

Peter Jackson, Laytonsville, Md.

Sponsor: **Bill Schneider**

Blair Ward, Germantown, Md.

Sponsor: **Ed Burrows**

Tom Armentrout, Monrovia, Md.

Sponsor: **Joe Gick**

Bernard Babcock, Gaithersburg, Md.

Sponsor: **Joe Gick**

Martin Cheery, Kensington, Md.

Sponsor: **Burt Mullinix**

David Tear, Gaithersburg, Md.

Sponsor: **Bill Schneider**

Francis Davidson, Gaithersburg, Md.

Sponsor: **Chuck Crooks**

Mary Heine, Ellicott City, Md.

Sponsor: **Cornelius Heine**

Ron Briggs, Columbia, Md.

Sponsor: **Charlie Wiles**

WAC AIR PISTOL MATCH

The Airgun committee is sponsoring the annual *Air Pistol Match* will be open to all chapter members. The course of fire will be 60 shots for males and 40 shots for females on the indoor 10-meter range. Current NRA air pistol rules will apply (one hand shooting, not optical or dot sights). Recognition will be given to the top shooters in each category. An entry fee of \$3.00 will be charged. The match can be fired either on Monday, April 8, or Monday, April 15, between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM. All targets must be fired on the same day. Pre-registration is not required but is encouraged by contacting **Phil Dean** at 301-865-8202 or email at PD10X@aol.com.

HELP! TREE PLANTING DAY

9:00 am, Sunday, March 24th.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

MARCH 2002

Saturday	3/2	Vivian & Robert McLeod Richard Zabell
Sunday	3/3	Paul Bluteau, Kevin O'Neil David Price
Saturday	3/9	Charles Weaver, Lew Allnutt
Sunday	3/10	Tony Evans, Kevin Manning, Rick Noah
Saturday	3/16	Robert Taylor, Bill Rahn, Joel Gross
Sunday	3/17	Dave Gold, Peter Currall Ira Wein
Saturday	3/23	The Fichter Gang
Sunday	3/24	Burt Millineaux, Frank Seanz
Saturday	3/30	Chris & Suzan Smarte
Sunday	3/31	Easter Sunday, All ranges closed.

APRIL 2002

Saturday	4/6	Robert Taylor, Bill Rahn
Sunday	4/7	Paul Bluteau, David Price
Saturday	4/13	Lew Allnutt, Charles Weaver
Sunday	4/14	Tony Evans, Kevin Manning, Rick Noah
Saturday	4/20	The Fichter Gang
Sunday	4/21	Peter Currall, Dave Gold Ira Wein
Saturday	4/27	Vivian & Robert MacLeod Richard Zabell
Sunday	4/28	Kevin O'Neill, Joel Gross

River Cleanup Time!

Mark April 6th on your calendar. It's our annual river cleanup day. We are making a difference. Since Bill Kelly reinstated this program five years ago, we haven't missed a year and it seems to be having an effect. A preliminary scouting of our usual spots indicates that there is less trash this year than last. This trend has been ongoing for several years now. This does not mean we don't need your help! Less trash means more time to work on other aspects of watershed maintenance. This year, along with trash collection at an unprecedented number of locations we will be trimming around the trees we planted last year on the upstream bank of the river at Long Corner Road. We will also begin a project, which frankly, may prove futile. But we are determined to try. At the intersection of the river and Mullinix Mill road there is a large patch of Kudzu that is killing the trees that provide much needed shade to the stream. This invasive species has roots that can reach 12 feet long and weigh, I'm not kidding, up to 300 pounds. We can't use herbicides on the riverbank, and this stuff is even impervious to fire. The one thing that can kill this killer is heavy grazing from cattle. We're going to graze. We'll pull up all that we can and keep going back, we hope, often enough to get ahead of this monster vine that can grow 65 feet in one year.

We'll have doughnuts in the morning and a hearty lunch at noon. Bring a friend. Join the battle to stamp out trash and the dreaded Kudzu! Uncle Ike needs you!