



NEWSLETTER



Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter April - May 2002

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Schedule of Events

April

- Mon 15 Adult Airgun - 6:30 to 9 pm
Tue 16 Jr Airgun - 6 to 10 pm
Wed 17 Skeet & Trap Open - 2 to 7 pm
Thu 18 Junior Airgun - 6 to 10 pm
Sat 20 Junior Precision Rifle - 10 am
Sat 20 Senior Airgun Field Target Match
10 am to 3 pm
Sat 20 Skeet & B Trap - Noon to 5 pm
Sat 20 Bowling Pin Shoot - 9 am to 2 pm
Note: Uncovered range closed
during this event
Sun 21 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
Sun 21 Jr Only .22 Fun Shoot - 10 am
Mon 22 Adult Airgun - 6:30 to 9 pm
Tue 23 Junior Airgun - 6 to 10 pm
Wed 24 Skeet & Trap - 2 to 7 pm
Wed 24 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG
6:30 Social - 7:30 Dinner
Thu 25 Junior Airgun - 6 to 10 pm
Fri 26 Cowboy Action Shoot Setup 1 pm
Note: Rifle and Pistol Range
Closed at 1 PM
Sat 27 Cowboy Action Shoot 8 am - 4 pm
Note: Rifle and Pistol Ranges
Closed during event
Sat 27 Skeet & Trap - Noon - 5 pm
Sun 28 Skeet & Trap - Noon - 5 pm
Sun 28 Chapter and Range Main Day
Note: All Ranges closed until
1:00 PM
Sun 28 Club and Range Orientation
Rathskeller - 10 am
Mon 29 Adult Airgun - 6:30 to 9 pm
Tue 30 Junior Airgun - 6 to 10 pm

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- Wed 1 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30p
Wed 1 Skeet & Trap - 2 pm to 7 pm
Thu 2 Junior Airgun - 6 to 10 pm
Sat 4 Junior Precision Rifle - 10 am
Sat 4 Seneca Valley Rifle Match - 10 am
Sat 4 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
Sat 4 Precision Rimfire Team Practice
Covered pistol range 10 am to 1pm
Note: Covered Pistol Range closed
during above event
Sun 5 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
Mon 6 Adult Airgun - 6 to 9 pm
Tue 7 Junior Airgun - 6 to 10 pm
Wed 8 Skeet & Trap - 2 to 7 pm
Thu 9 Junior Airgun - 6 to 10 pm
Sat 11 .22 Caliber Fun Shoot - 10 am
Sat 11 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
Sun 12 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 24th

Chapter Maintenance Day

Sunday, April 28th

It's YOUR WAC

Enjoy it

Support it

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President's Corner

Spring! It's a great time of year, and a busy one for us. The river cleanup has come and gone, trees have been planted behind the shotgun range, and now it's time to plant Christmas trees.

Our Christmas trees are one of the defining activities of our chapter. We will be planting 800 trees this year! Needless to say, we need lots of help.

If you have the time, come out and give us a hand on the 28th. If not, you haven't missed your opportunity to help with the trees. Later in the year, the older trees will need to be pruned and grass seems to grow best around the trees where we don't want it, so mowing is a never ending operation.

On another note, our bees have been very busy already and we look forward to a good honey production year. If you haven't had any of our chapter honey in years past keep an eye on the newsletter come fall for information about when and how to get some. We usually sell it (cheap) at membership meetings, but it goes fast.

- Ed Burrows

New Members

The following new 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 April 24th:

Dallas Subock, Woodlawn, Md.

Sponsor: Red Gambrell

Mario Mendoza, Rockville, Md.

Sponsor: Phil Dean

Eric Weisenberger, Germantown, Md.

Sponsor: Rick Moorhead

Paul Fisher, Mt. Airy, Md.

Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

John P. Henrich, Gaithersburg, Md.

Sponsor: Konrad Raffert

Cheryl Miller, Ellicott City, Md.

Sponsor: Cornelius Heine

Richard Marler, Damascus, Md.

Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Marwin Nilsen, Chevy Chase, Md.

Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

J. Gregg McDonald, Damascus, Md.

Sponsor: Mike Heffernan

Stein Johansen, Washington, D.C.

Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Thomas S. Bower, Westminster, Md.

Sponsor: Red Gambrell

James G. Aldridge, Silver Spring, Md.

Sponsor: John R. Aldridge, Sr.

SKEET AND TRAP REPORT

Beginning Wednesday, April 10th, the Shotgun Ranges will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.. These hours will remain in effect until the time changes back to Eastern Standard time 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 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 April 2002, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 7:30 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.

22 JUNIORS ONLY FUN SHOOT: Families are encouraged to attend our .22 sporter junior fun shoot from 10:00 AM until approximately 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 21st. There is no charge and no chance of embarrassment for participants in this informal, non-competitive event. Only juniors (age 20 or less) will be permitted to shoot. Because it is a special event, the juniors will be able to shoot at the chapter's steel knock down targets and silhouettes, along with novelty targets like balloons and earth-bound clay pigeons. Bring a .22 rimfire rifle, (short, long, long-rifle, but not .22 WRM magnum, please) and lots of inexpensive .22 ammunition, plus eye and ear protection. If you have questions, please call Bob Inness (mornings are best) at 301-340-9185 or at binness@starpower.net.

New Members can help satisfy their work requirement by coming early to help set things up, or lending a hand in putting away things at the end.

Family members who are older than 20 will have an opportunity to shoot

with their offspring in an "open" fun-shoot, scheduled for Saturday morning, May 11th.

MILITARY RIFLE FUN SHOOT: Bob Inness reports that this March 17 event was successful in spite of cold air and intermittent rain. The sign in sheet shows that seventeen intrepid shooters braved the weather and participated. Our shooters' ages varied from 13 to 63. Garands were the most often seen rifle on the line, however a Mauser, an SMLE, SKSes, and AR-15s as well as several military .22s were also present. Assisting Bob in running the event were Wayne Berkebile, Goeff Hornseth, and Jim Piateski. All shooters participated in, (and are commended for,) policing the range following the event.

BOWLING PIN FUN SHOOT: The next monthly bowling pin fun shoot will take place on April 20. As you will find out, if you attend, this is not a "standard" bowling pin shoot. For example, the March targets included golf balls, which were clearly a challenge to hit at 25 yards. Jesse Lim and others involved in this event are looking into the possibilities of extending it to include some IDPA-type tactical shooting events limited to WAC members. Join them on April 20 to see what is happening. Please note that participants will meet at 9 AM in the Rathskeller; don't go directly to the range.

SAFETY REMINDER: Although the ranges have remained busy during the past mild winter, the arrival of spring will certainly increase range activity even more. Please remember that our ability to keep the ranges open almost every day throughout the year depends upon the fact that all range-approved WAC shooters are pledged to serve as range officers and to help ensure that the range rules and regulations are being followed whenever they are at the range. For reference when questions arise, copies of the range rules are posted on the bulletin boards at both the rifle range and covered pistol range. The WAC has invested a

lot of time and money over the past several years ensuring compliance with the special zoning exemptions which permit the operation of our ranges. So there is little sympathy or patience among the board of directors for any member who voluntarily violates the range rules, putting our permit to operate the ranges at risk. Intentional violations can be expected to result in, at least, a temporary revocation of range-approved status and, depending upon the violation, possible expulsion from membership in the WAC. **PLEASE SHOOT SAFELY AND ENJOY THE RANGES.**

APRIL 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, April 28. One of our tasks this month will be to plant 800 Christmas trees. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, Tom Riley, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: The WAC couldn't get along without you! Beyond that, however, working on chapter projects is a great way to meet other members, make new friends, and usually have a good time. It's also a good family activity. Note how many family groups show up in our monthly list of participants. For March, 2002, the projects and participants included the following:

COWBOY ACTION SETUP & TAKEDOWN: Neil Benson, Wayne Berkebile, Chuck Crooks, Phil Demattia, Paul Fisher, John Hruska, Charles McNeely, Ralph Roderick, Mike Sage, Joel Shapiro, Terry & Aline Springer, Ray Shaver, Jim Sutphin, Jeremy Weinstein, Dan Welch, and Bob Wolf.

SITE MAINTENANCE DAY (TREES, RANGES, ETC.): Dale Bennett; Gerry Bennett; R. Blatchford; Ed Burrows; Michelle Chesnut; Chris Constantine; Holly Downing; Lyn & Kate Duncan; Tom & Paul Dwyer; George Greene; Dana Hooper; Rebecca Hoover; Daniel

Horton; Michael Kalmar; Bill Ladd; Jeff Lapp; John Leaman; Chuck Limparis; Joe & Sean May; Jim Piatieski; Ugo Pistacchio; Richard Phelan & Benny Vitcov (nephew); Tom Riley; Joe, Suzette & Celine Rosenwald; RobTaylor; John Scafios Jr.; Ray Shaver; Dick Smith; and John Walter.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: You can help the WAC even when you can't make it out for a planned project or event. For example, arriving to shoot on March 26 a rainy Tuesday morning, Joe Brule noticed Ray Shaver finishing up the installation of a fiberglass sound barrier in the pistol range roof and volunteered to help, thus ensuring completion of a job which Ray had no hope of completing that morning. Also, our newest junior air rifle shooter, Chris Davidson, and his new-chapter-member father, Francis J. Davidson, drove in with a load of plywood for rifle pistol backers one Saturday morning. There have been several other plywood donations left by members like Donald Erb and others whose names we failed to record. Thanks to all.

RECYCLE
Save Your Aluminum

H-U-M-M ... HUM-MING-BIRDS!!!

John Leaman has replanted the "old" butterfly garden along the entrance road with new bushes and perennials. It will hereafter become known as the "Hummingbird Garden," but John says it will for the butterflies and bees, too. Watch for it later on as you drive up the road to the Range House.

100 TREES PLANTED

Twenty Ikes showed up on March 24th to help plant 100 Leyland Cypress trees at the Southwest end of the skeet and trap range. The trees were provided at a very reasonable price by Mr. David Herrell of Arbortech, Inc. in Upper Marlboro. In addition, Mr. Herrell donated an additional 15 trees to the Wildlife Achievement Center. When they mature, these fast growing trees should stand 50-60 feet tall and provide a natural sound buffer from the skeet and trap range. So far, the trees are doing great and only need rain and sunshine to thrive in their new home.

800 MORE TREES TO BE PLANTED THIS MONTH !

Eight hundred (Yep, 800) new Christmas tree seedlings are on the way to the WAC. Lots of help will be needed to get them in the ground during the monthly maintenance day on Sunday, April 28th. **HELP !!!**

ADOPT-A-ROAD
SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

Range Officer Schedule

APRIL 2002

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| 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 |

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| Saturday 5/4 | Vivian & Robert MacLeod Richard Zabell |
| Sunday 5/5 | Paul Bluteau, David Price |
| Saturday 5/11 | Lew Allnutt, Charles Weaver |
| Sunday 5/12 | Tony Evans Kevin Manning Rick Noah |
| Saturday 5/18 | Robert Taylor Bill Rahn |
| Sunday 5/19 | Peter Currall, Dave Gold Ira Wein |
| Saturday 5/25 | The Fichter Gang |
| Sunday 5/26 | Kevin O'Neill Joel Gross Frank Seans |