



NEWSLETTER



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Schedule of Events

MAY

Sat 11 .22 Caliber Fun Shoot - 10 am
 Sat 11 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
 Sun 12 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm
 Mon 13 Adult Air Gun - 6:30 pm
 Tue 14 Junior Airgun - 6 pm-10 pm
 Wed 15 Skeet and Trap - 2-7 pm
 Thu 16 Junior Airgun - 5-10 pm
 Fri 17 Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow
 Sat 18 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5pm
 Sat 18 Bowling Pin Shoot - 1-6 pm
 [uncovered pistol range closed during event]

Sat 18 Airgun Field Tgt Match 9-3 pm
 Sun 19 Skeet & Trap - Noon - 5 pm
 Mon 20 Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm
 Tue 21 Junior Airgun - 6-9 pm
 Wed 22 **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
 Social 6:30 pm - Dinner 7:30 pm
 Wed 22 Skeet&Trap - 2-5 pm
 Thu 23 Junior Airgun - 6-10 pm
 Fri 24 Cowboy Action Shoot Setup -
 Rifle&Pistol Ranges Closed 1pm
 Sat 25 Cowboy Action Shoot - 8am-4pm
 Sat 25 Skeet & Trap - Noon-5pm
 Sun 26 Skeet & Trap - 1-5 pm
 Sun 26 **CHAPTER CLEANUP & MAINTENANCE, PLANTING**
 Sun 26 Club-Range **ORIENTATION**
 Mon 27 Adult Airgun - 6 pm
 Tue 28 Junior Airgun - 7-10 pm
 Wed 29 Skeet & Trap - 2-5 pm
 Thu 20 Junior Airgun - 6-10 pm

JUNE

Sat 1 Skeet & Trap - Noon-5 pm
 Sat 1 Seneca Valley Rifle Match
 10-2 pm
 [Rifle range closed during event]
 Sun 2 Skeet & Trap - Noon-5 pm
 Mon 3 Adult Airgun - 6 pm
 Tue 4 Junior Airgun - 6-10 pm
 Tue 4 Conservation/Save Our Streams
 Committee meeting - 7:30 pm
 Wed 5 **BOD MEETING** - 7:30 pm
 Wed 5 Skeet & Trap - 2-7 pm
 Thu 6 Junior Airgun - 6-10 pm
 Sat 8 **ADOPT-A-ROAD** - 9 am
 Sat 8 Skeet & Trap - Noon-5 pm
 Sat 8 Junior Precision Rifle - 10 am
 Sun 9 Skeet & Trap - Noon -5 pm
 Sun 9 Junior Precision Rifle - 9:30 am

It's YOUR WAC

Enjoy it ----- Support it

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 22nd

Chapter Maintenance Day
Sunday, May 26th
9:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It was a cold, wet, generally miserable day when we planted Christmas trees this year. A lot of folks who otherwise might have come out wisely stayed home. They were thinking, no doubt, that the planting would be postponed. It crossed my mind that I too should catch a few more hours of sleep and then figure out how to get the job done on a more suitable day. In the end, I thought that I should at least make an appearance just to tell anyone that did show up to go home.

I underestimated our really hard-core members; those that are always there to pitch in and lend a hand. Rain or shine makes no difference to these folks. The trees don't mind getting a little wet so why should rain stop us from planting?

Whether it is tree planting, a special project on one of the ranges, or whatever the case may be, it seems that there are always some folks willing to pitch in. I just wish it was not always the same people. There were also a few new members who appear destined to join the ranks of those who will not be deterred! My thanks to all who showed up to lend a hand.

- Ed Burrows

AH SO !!!

Don't miss this one! The dinner menu at the next general meeting on May 22nd will feature an "Oriental Delight" menu. Authentic cuisine prepared by WAC Chinese gourmet **Archie Cheng** will be served. The "Go-Fer" for Archie's delights will be **Rick Fried**, our already famous deep-fried turkey chef. It's bound to be a delightful and deliciously filling event. Bring your chop sticks!

COWBOY NEWS

The Thunder Valley Days Cowboy match in August is sold out. We do have a waiting list. You can be added to the waiting list by contacting Chuck Crooks (aka "Chuckaroo") via Internet at: WildlifeRangers@aol.com or call **301-831-9666**.

The next Cowboy Match is Saturday, May 25th. Setup is on Friday, May 24th at 1:00 pm. The rifle and pistol ranges will be closed from 1:00 pm on Friday through the cleanup around 4:00 pm on Saturday. Your help in setting up and tearing down would be appreciated.

Chuck Crooks will be conducting a **NEW COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC** on June 29th at the Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman Club. Visit our Damascus Wildlife Rangers web site for complete details or call Chuck Crooks at the above phone number. The cost is **FREE!**

FISHING ANYONE ???

Donald Erb is looking for anyone interested in a 1 week fishing trip in late May or early June in North Central Canada for Lake Trout, Walleye, Northern Pike. Call Donald at 301-253-5530 or email: donalderb@cs.com. Great fishing!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new membership applications have been approved by the Board of Directors. Chapter members may vote to accept these applicants as new members at the next membership meeting on May 22nd.

Allen Chung, Rockville, Md.

Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Matthew Rizkallah, Wheaton, Md.

Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Nitin Arnold, Rockville, Md.

Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Guy Alb right, Bethesda, Md.

Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Martin Blake, Silver Spring, Md.

Sponsor: Frank Carrol

Philip A. Candela, Rockville, Md.

Sponsor: Dan Earnest

Brian Lorenz, Germantown, Md.

Sponsor: Adam Linn

Michael Coxen, Rockville, Md.

Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Emory J. Haines, Woodbine, Md.

Sponsor: Bob Mabie

John Haines, Odenton, Md.

Sponsor: Bob Mabie

AIR PISTOL MATCH RESULTS

The Wildlife Achievement Chapter air pistol match was fired on April 8 and April 15, 2002 on the indoor pistol range. The winners were:

Men (600 points)

1st Place - Hiem Trang 543 - 9X

2nd Place - Jim Piatieski 531 - 4X

3rd Place - Karl Krchma 517

Women (400 Points)

1st Place - Michelle Chesnut

**SLOW DOWN ON OUR
ROADS - It helps keep the
gravel in the holes !**

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT

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 May 2002, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range. This is the latest ending time permitted by WAC policy, and will remain in place until late August. 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 FUN SHOOT: Everybody is welcome and families are encouraged to attend our .22 sporter fun shoot from 10:00 AM until approximately 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 11. There is no charge and no chance of embarrassment for participants in this informal, non-competitive event. Because it is a special event, participants 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.

Bob Inness reports on last month's fun shoot: "Twelve hardy junior shooters, ages 10-15, ignored both cold temperatures and ominously cloudy skies to participate in the Chapter's first ever 'juniors-only' rim fire fun shoot, held Sunday morning, April 21st, 2002 at the rifle range. Later, Lyra Hornseth joined the group as our 13th junior participant. This former precision team competitor demonstrated her very substantial skills in the standing position.

The rain held off until nearly the end of the three hour session and in that interval both conventional (paper, clay birds, and balloons) as well as unconventional (a little furry cotton-stuffed beastie among other things) were visited by withering, accurate fire. We note that the Pearce family scavenged clay birds from the shotgun fields on Saturday, which were used during our Sunday fun shoot and thank them for their effort. In spite of the substantially less than favorable conditions, all the participants obviously enjoyed the program conducted by Geoff Hornseth, assisted by Wayne Berkebile, and Bob Inness."

PLEASE NOTE that one of the objectives of these fun shoots is to provide the chance to shoot at a variety of non-conventional targets (which are not permitted during normal range operations) under carefully supervised conditions. If you have an urge to shoot at things which we don't normally allow, come out to a fun shoot; please don't do it on your own, at least not on WAC ranges.

BOWLING PIN FUN SHOOT: As mentioned in the last issue, the monthly bowling pin fun shoots are in transition to include or be replaced periodically by practical defense shooting matches. Jesse Lim, the enthusiastic organizer for these shoots, is in the process of rounding up the appropriate targets for that transition, and it is not quite sure what he'll have by the time of the next shoot (Saturday, May 18 from 2 to 6 PM), so come out and be surprised. Please note that participants will meet at 1:30 PM in the Rathskeller; don't go directly to the range. For additional information, you can contact Jesse via e-mail to jlim@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

SAFETY REMINDER: The WAC RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS indicate that permissible targets include paper,

balloons, and frangible, biodegradable items such as candy, crackers and clay pigeons. They also specify that such targets must be attached to the target backboard. In practice, we have been permitting the placement of clay birds against the earth backstops on our rifle and pistol ranges. However, that practice is only permissible if the birds are placed directly in front of your shooting position at a level no higher than the top of the target backer usually associated with that position. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE CLAY BIRDS OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE FRANGIBLE TARGETS AT OR NEAR THE TOP OF THE EARTH BACKSTOPS OR ANYWHERE ON THE BERMS AT THE SIDE OF THE RANGES.**

SKEET AND TRAP REPORT

Wednesday Openings

As many are already aware, the shotgun ranges are now open on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 7:00pm. This will continue until daylight savings time ends in October. As a side note, Chuck Crooks has been opening the ranges on Wednesdays for 10 years. This is a huge contribution in addition to the many other things he has been involved with over the years. Thanks Chuck! The normal range hours are Saturday and Sundays noon to 5:00pm, except for the last Sunday of the month (maintenance day) when the hours are 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Range Helpers

Special thanks to Kevin O'Neill for installing the new lights in the range house. This is just one of the projects planned to spruce the place up! Also to Jim Arnold for helping fill the skeet houses with targets on range maintenance day. Jim shows to lend a hand rain or shine on nearly every maintenance day, Thanks Jim.

Trap Shoot

It is nearly time for another friendly trap shooting competition. This time we will select Trap as the game of choice, with a few interesting twists of course. Watch the newsletter for more information.

International Skeet

A group of members is assembling to shooting International Skeet each Sunday at 1:00. We have machines setup on Field one to do just this. The targets are faster and must be shot from the low gun position. If you are interested or have any questions send Justin Stephens an email at Justin@InternationalSkeet.org. He has also set up a web site dedicated to International Skeet shooting <http://internationalskeet.org> take a look!

Range Officers

These folks are vital to the safe operation and very reasonable cost for shooting on our shotgun ranges. Ideally, Range Officers sign up for one day per month and work with one or two other volunteers to open the fields, watch for safety concerns, make and record sales, and close up at the end of the day. Currently we are faced with a shortage of volunteers. If you are an experienced shooter and may be interested please call Bill Rahn at 301-774-6234.

JUNIORS COMPETE AT USNA

Two of our precision shooters competed in both a 3-position and 4-position rimfire NRA Junior Sectional Match held at the United States Naval Academy on April 6th, 2002.

Brian Watson won the 3-position match Gold Medal with a score of 573/600 while Daniel Peterson took first place junior with a score of 547/600. There were a total of 28 competitors in this match.

Daniel Peterson took first place junior with a score of 390/400 while Brian Watson took first place intermediate junior with a score of 383/400 in the 4-position match. 12 shooters competed in the 4-position match. American Legion Competition

On April 9th, Brian Watson and Dan Pearce competed in the Qualification Round of the American Legion Postal National Junior Air Rifle Competition at our Chapter house. Brian won the precision class Maryland championship, while Dan won the sporter class Maryland championship in the same match. Targets

have been forwarded to American Legion Headquarters. As required by the rules, Mr. Ron Stocklin from the sponsoring Damascus Post 171 witnessed the qualification match for the second year in a row.

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

May

Saturday 5/4	Vivian & Robt MacLeod Richard Zabell
Sunday 5/11	Chris and Suzan Smart
Saturday 5/11	Charles Weaver, Lew Allnutt
Sunday 5/12	Tony Evans, Kevin Manning Burt Mullineaux
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 Seanz

June

Saturday 6/1	Robert & Vivian Macleod
Sunday 6/2	Chris & Suzan Smart
Saturday 6/8	Lew Allnutt, Charles Weaver
Sunday 6/9	Tony Evans, Kevin Manning Burt Mullineaux
Saturday 6/15	Robert Taylor Bill Rahn
Sunday 6/16	Dave Gold Peter Currall
Saturday 6/22	"The Fichter Gang"
Sunday 6/23	Kevin O'Neill, Joel Gross
Saturday 6/29	Richard Zabell, Bill Rahn
Sunday 6/30	Frank Seanz Bob Cumberland