



# NEWSLETTER



## Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Club Chapter July-August 2002

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### Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 24

**Social: 6:30 PM**  
**Dinner: 7:30 PM**

### WAC Maintenance Day Sunday July 30, 10 AM

**It's YOUR WAC.**  
**Enjoy it - Support It**

### SASS-Cowboy Thunder Valley Days Planning Meeting Scheduled

There will be a planning meeting for Thunder Valley Days 2002 on Sunday, July 21, 2002, at 10:00 AM in the IWLA-WAC meeting hall. This will be the only joint meeting of all groups for the event. We will need lots of help for this event. It is our chapters largest single fundraiser and we will need helpers over the 4 days of the match, August 21, 22, 23 & 24. Areas include parking, food preparation, first aid, trash, target set up, target swap and teardown. Please check the clubs web site after the meeting for contact names and categories for volunteering.

**Rifle and pistol ranges will be closed all four days. The skeet fields will be closed on the 21st and 22.**

With over 60 Ikes participating, this should be the best SASS Maryland State Championship ever. For additional information:

<http://members.aol.com/RumRiverC>  
or

<http://members.aol.com/Chuckaroo3>  
or contact Chuck Crooks

301-831-9666.

### JUNIOR AIR RIFLE NEWS

#### Juniors In Training.

**Daniel Peterson** spent a week in July in Vermont at an advanced camp conducted by Mr. H.Q. Moody, NRA National Coach Trainer. Attendance at the camp is by invitation only and the invitees are among the very best junior competitors in the Eastern half of the United States.

During the same week, **Alex Agnew** and **Daniel Pearce** travelled to a week long training camp sponsored by the Civilian Marksmanship Program and conducted by **Dan Durben** and others at Shenandoah College in Winchester, Virginia. Both our shooters profited from extensive training by our Olympic coach and a superb staff of Olympians and ranking NCAA competitors.

#### National Competition

The first week of August will see the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association's Junior Air Rifle State team travel to Richmond, Virginia to compete in the NRA Junior 3 Position Air Rifle National Championship. Three of the four precision members, **Brian Watson, Daniel Peterson, and Brendan Bauer** and two of the four sporter members, **Daniel Pearce and Kate Duncan** are members of our club and were chosen to represent Maryland in this event..

We congratulate those members for their accomplishment and wish them good luck at the National!

#### Adopt-A-Road Kudoes

Many thanks to those who turned out to help pick up the road trash on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Ron Benden, Mike Agnella, Karl Krychma, Rhonda Jo Herbert and Bob Mabie.**

### WAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### July

Sat 13 Junior Precision Rifle - 10 am  
Sat 13 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Sun 14 Junior Precision Rifle - 9:30 am  
Sun 14 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Mon 15 Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm  
Wed 17 Skeet & Trap - 2 to 7 pm  
Sat 20 Airgun Field Target Match  
9 am to 3 pm  
Sat 20 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Sun 20 Bowling Pin Shoot - 9 am  
Sun 21 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Sun 21 Planning Mtg for Thunder Valley Days - 10 am  
Mon 22 Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm  
Wed 24 - Skeet & Trap - 2 to 6:30 pm  
Wed 24 **Regular Membership Mtg**  
Fri 26 Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up  
**1 pm - Rifle & Pistol Ranges Closed**  
Sat 27 Cowboy Action Shoot  
8 am - 4 pm  
Rifle & Pistol Ranges Closed until end of event  
Sat 27 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Sun 28 WAC Site Maintenance - 10am  
[Sign in at maintenance shed].  
Sun 28 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Mon 29 Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm  
Wed 31 Skeet & Trap - 2 to 7 pm

#### August

Sat 3 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Sun 4 22 Caliber Fun Shoot - 10 am  
Sun 4 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Mon 5 Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm  
Wed 7 Skeet & Trap - 2 to 7 pm  
Wed 7 Board of Directors Mtg - 7:30 pm  
Fri 9 Airgun Show Setup - 1 pm,  
Sat 10 **Mid-Atlantic Region Airgun Show - 9 am**  
Sat 10 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Sat 11 Skeet & Trap - Noon to 5 pm  
Mon 12 Adult Airgun - 6:30 pm

## Nominating Committee Report 2002 Nominating Committee

Chuck Crooks  
Ray Shaver  
Richard Fried  
Georgia Townsend  
Bob Inness

### Slate

President - Ed Burrows \*  
1<sup>st</sup> VP - Jim Piatieski \*  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Bob Cumberland \*  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Rob Taylor \*

Recording Secretary -  
Red Skillings \*  
Corresponding Secretary -  
Conley Phipps +  
Membership Secretary -  
Joe Gick \*

Treasurer -  
Steve Lefebvre \*  
Sgt At Arms -  
Bill Ladd \*  
Parliamentarian -  
Mac McCollum \*  
Chaplain -  
John Leaman \*

### Board Members (2002-2004)

John Walter \*  
Red Gambrell +  
Michelle Chesnut

Board Members (2001-2003)  
[No election req'd - continuing 2 yr  
term]

Bob Mabie \*  
Jorge Silva \*  
Rich Fried \*  
Bob Inness \*

Immediate Past President  
Chuck Crooks

\* = incumbent

+ = new position from existing board

[Note: In addition to the above  
slate additional nominations may be  
made from the floor at the next regular  
membership meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>.]

## RIFLE-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 July 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.

**BOWLING PIN/PRACTICAL  
DEFENSE MATCHES:** The bowling pin  
fun shoots rotate monthly with practical  
defense shooting matches. That's what is  
coming up on **Saturday, July 20, from  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Please note that  
participants will meet at 9:00 AM in the  
Rathskeller; don't go directly to the  
range. For additional information, you can  
contact **Jesse Lim** via e-mail to  
**jlim@phillips.com** or telephone **301-540-  
0860** (evenings only please). Asked for  
special information to include in this  
newsletter, Jesse provided the following:

1. Bowling pin matches: We encourage  
the participation of ladies and junior  
shooters (sons and daughters) in this  
safety-oriented family event.
2. Practical defense: For the July match,  
we will have a clinic for first time defense  
shooters. We welcome cowboy action  
shooters, but ask that they bring a  
semiautomatic pistol or double-action  
revolver and not single action firearms. We  
especially encourage ladies to come out  
and experience practical defense shooting  
with us.
3. Larry Collins and Rick Moorehead have  
been committed to support the range  
officers with me and to training new  
shooters for the practical defense match.

**.22 FUN SHOOT:** Everybody is welcome  
and families are encouraged to attend our  
last .22 shorter fun shoot of the calendar  
year. It will be held from **10:00 AM until  
approximately 1:00 PM on Sunday,  
August 4**. 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.

### LONG GUNS ON PISTOL RANGE:

In cleaning up the covered pistol range  
recently, we found a number of .223  
Remington cases which had clearly been  
scattered as if ejected from a  
semiautomatic rifle. In another incident,  
someone was observed shooting a short,  
double-barreled shotgun on that range  
during general shooting hours. Both  
situations are in conflict with the  
rifle/pistol range rules and regulations.  
Specifically, item 5 under **FIREARMS**  
says "**Shotguns and all firearms in  
traditional centerfire rifle calibers are  
prohibited for use on the pistol range**,"  
and item 6 adds the requirement that  
"**Handguns in traditional centerfire  
rifle calibers must be shot on the rifle  
range**." Through further reading, you  
will find that the only long guns permitted  
on the covered pistol range are .22 caliber  
rimfire rifles ad air pellet guns, while  
those plus pistol-caliber carbines are  
permitted on the open (uncovered) pistol  
range. These restrictions are not that  
complicated nor hard to remember.  
Furthermore, copies of the range rules are  
posted on the bulletin boards at the  
covered pistol and rifle ranges. If you  
encounter someone shooting a prohibited  
firearm at any of our ranges, please call  
their attention to those rules and direct  
them to the appropriate range.

### RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS ON

**DUTY:** Because of continued reports  
and evidence of rule violations and unsafe  
practices by a few apparently dense or  
careless shooters, several of our volunteer  
WAC range safety officers have offered to  
dedicate some time to overseeing range  
activities this summer. In doing so, the  
volunteers are really only doing what all  
of our range-approved members commit  
to do, in writing, at the completion of the  
range orientation class. That is, watching  
for violations of range rules and safety  
standards, calling them to the violator's  
attention, or (at least) reporting the  
violation and the violator's identity to a  
chapter official. Among the range safety  
officers who volunteered for this duty are

**Bill Jenkins, Jesse Lim, Ray Logan, Terry McCoy, Karl Moline, Tom Riley, and the Schinner family.** However, there are other range safety officers and dedicated members who are also committed to ensuring that our ranges provide a safe and non-threatening environment for all WAC members and their families. The range safety officers can be specifically identified by their WAC RANGE SAFETY OFFICER badge and may be wearing a blaze orange safety vest. Whether you are approached by them or any other member about a possible violation of the range rules or safety standards, we trust that you will be patient, cooperative and courteous.

**JULY 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, July 28.** One of the rifle range maintenance tasks will be to complete painting of our storage shed, so wear "paintable" clothing. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

**1st-YR WORK REQUIREMENT:** Each new member in the Wildlife Achievement Chapter enters in a probationary status and is removed from that status only after he or she has helped in two chapter events or projects. Although probationary members are expected to satisfy the work requirement during their first year of membership, completing one year without working on two projects does not cancel the commitment. One can, in fact, remain in a probationary status indefinitely, and that is not a good thing. As a probationary member, one may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any regularly scheduled meeting. Furthermore, as recently decided by the Board of Directors, renewing members who are still in probationary status after a full year of membership will be required to pay another \$40 initiation fee. We are now monitoring the work activity of probationary members closely and notifying them by mail when they fail

to meet the two project commitment after nine and twelve months. There is really no reason to fail in that commitment. Most projects require only one to four hours of work. To find a project simply read the newsletter, check the web site, or come out to a meeting. Additional hands are always welcome.

Although it might appear otherwise, we don't slavishly list individual participants in all WAC work activities so that a few, very active members can bask in the glory of seeing their names repeated many times in print. If that was the objective, we wouldn't be achieving it because the names come from project sign-up sheets, and much of the work done by the most active members never involves a sign-up sheet. Instead, beyond the courtesy of thanking our members for their help, the reason for listing names is to provide probationary members a chance to confirm that their participation in an event was recorded and will be credited against their work commitment. So, if you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out in an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several June events. Thanks to all:

**COWBOY ACTION SETUP (June 21):** Phil Candela, Chuck Crooks, Tom Cooper, Ken Larson, Richard Marler, Brian Martin, Marwin Nilsen, Thomas A. Preston, Ralph Roderick, Joel Shapiro, Ray Shaver, and Michael Sage.  
**COWBOY ACTION TAKEDOWN (June 22):** Carl Baker, Paul Bluteau, Ricky B. Fell, Brian Martin, Ray Shaver, Ken Storm and numerous others who failed to sign the work log.

**KITCHEN (June 26):** Ronald Gravitt and Steven R. Hunt.

**SITE MAINTENANCE DAY (June 30):** Mike Agnello, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Dan Few, Bill Gazdik, Edward Hand, Geoff & Brennan (son) Hornseth, Karl & Alex (son) Huber, Bill Ladd, John Leaman, Charles Limparis, James Parker, Jim Piatetski, Tom Riley, Ray Shaver, Edgar A. Shelton, and Tony Swindler.

#### 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 on Wednesday, July 24 at the monthly membership meeting.

**Randy Dunbar, Rockville, Md.**  
**Ernesto brown, Gaithersburg, Md.**

**Mark Mercer, Burtonsville, Md.**  
**Steven Goldberg, Gaithersburg,**

**Md.**

**David Brubaker, New Market,**

**Md.**

**Ahmad Mazhari, Fairfax, Va.**  
**Eric Bothwell, Olney, Md.**

**James Mulquinn, Bethesda,**

**Md.**

**Patrick Ramsey, Silver Spring,**

**Md.**

#### SKEET&TRAP REPORT

Some of our long-term fixes up projects are finally becoming visible. Painting the range house, the stone patio in the rear, and the flowerbed in the front. If you have not had a chance to see the improvements, stop by - with your shotgun of course!

We recently had all of our machines tuned up and adjusted. We hit a few small bumps after the repair tech came out but we now have all fields are all up and running.

Field 5 has been set up for International Skeet. The cost for International; member cash \$3.25, guest 4.25, and if paying by discount card an additional .50 will need to be collected for each round. A group regularly shows up on Sundays at 1:00pm if you would like to join the squad.

In the works is an introduction to skeet shooting class. The date has not been set, but will likely run on a Saturday beginning at 9:00am. If you are interested call Bob at 301-253-1348, or send email to bob.cumberland@verizon.net (preferred). More details will follow.

A Trap - fun shoot will be held on Saturday August 10, starting at 10am. Three games will be shot; 16yd trap, 27 yard and 16-yard sub gauge. For the sub gauge event you will need to use either 28ga or .410, any gauge can be used for the other two events.

Thanks to Bill Rahn, we now have two patterning boards on field 1. Some paper is available for stapling to the board, but you should plan to bring your own just in case. The patterning board should only be used when the shotgun range is open. There is another patterning board on the rifle range that can be used during the week.

Finally, Thanks to Ed Dennis and John Henrich for joining the Range Officer rotation and Kevin O'niell for his assistance in coordinating the paint job. And to all that showed for the hottest maintenance day of the year (or so we thought).

### **AIRGUN SHOW REMINDER!**

The Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show will be held at the Chapter Clubhouse on Saturday, August 10, from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 with a \$1.00 discount for WAC-IWLA members with membership card. This is a good chance to see what is new in air rifles and air pistols as well as view antique and collectable airguns and purchase pellets, targets, scopes, and many other airgun related items.

Chapter members having an airgun to sell should contact Phil Dean (301-865-8202) prior to the show to find out about the 'club table'.

**Support and Participate in Your WAC  
ACTIVITIES**

## **RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE**

### **JULY 2002**

Saturday	7/13	Robert & Vivian MacLoed
Sunday	7/14	Tony Evans, Kevin Manning, Shep Burton, Burt Mullineaux
Saturday	7/20	Robert Taylor, Bill Rahn Jim Guthrie, John & Rebecca Heinrich
Sunday	7/21	Dave Gold, Peter Currall
Saturday	7/27	"The Fichter Gang"
Sunday	7/28	Frank Saenz, Rob VanTassell Kevin O'Neill

### **AUGUST 2002**

Saturday	8/3	Vivian & Robert MacLoed
Sunday	8/4	Suzan & Chris Smart Ed Dennis Robert Heider
Saturday	8/10	Charles Weaver, Lew Allnutt Tony Evans
Sunday	8/11	Burt Mullineaux, Shep Burton Kevin Manning
Saturday	8/17	Robert Taylor, Jim Guthrie, Richard Zabell,
Sunday	8/18	Dave Gold, Peter Currall
Saturday	8/24	"The Fichter Gang"
Sunday	8/25	Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Kevin O'Neil
Saturday	8/31	Bill Rahn, John & Rebecca Heinrich