



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter August - September 2002

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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 August 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: A bowling pin fun shoot will be held on **Saturday, August 31, 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).

GUEST POLICIES: Recently we have noticed a number of failures by WAC members to properly identify their guests on the rifle/pistol range register. Each member is permitted to bring two guests during a visit to the rifle and pistol ranges. **The name of each guest must be printed on a separate line under the host's name,**

and identified as a guest by checking the guest column on the register.

Beyond its usefulness in range usage statistics, the identity of your guests is important because WAC policy states that non-members may use the ranges as a guest a maximum of two times, except when the non-member comes from a distance greater than 75 miles. After two visits, a guest who wishes to continue using our ranges needs to apply for membership. Another, more serious, guest-related rule violation was observed recently. That is, after entry, the host and his guest were shooting on separate ranges. **Regardless of how experienced your guests may be, they must be accompanied by the host at all times while on WAC ranges.** Please make sure that they are.

CLOSED INSIDE THE GATE? It is the time of year for late afternoon thunderstorms and electric power brownouts, and such things occasionally put our range road security gate temporarily out of commission. If the gate doesn't work when you are trying to enter, you always have the option of walking to the range, but what do you do when it won't open to let you back out? Instructions outlining the steps to take in case of this rare event are attached to the inside the door of the box containing the range sign-in register. Please take a look at them the next time you register to use the ranges.

HELP NEEDED ON SEPTEMBER 22: We will be running our annual slug gun and muzzleloader qualification event for hunters participating in Howard and Montgomery County managed deer hunts. Volunteers are needed to serve as range officers,

oversee parking, perform safety checks, register participants, etc. It requires only a few hours of your time; our volunteer staff will be on duty from 9 AM until around 3 PM. If you have helped with the deer hunter qualification events in previous years, we would love to have you back. We would also be pleased to introduce new Ikes to this public service event. For more information, or to volunteer your assistance, please contact **Ray Shaver**. Previous participants who were contacted by e-mail and have already responded need not respond again; you're on the list.

RANGE ACCESS ON SEPTEMBER 22: The deer hunter qualification event will be held on the rifle range and covered pistol range on Sunday, September 22. Registration will start at 9:30 AM, and shooting will run from 10:00 AM until around 2 PM. The uncovered pistol range will be open to WAC members during this event. However, because of the large number of participants in this event, the range road and range parking areas will be open only to handicapped persons. Consequently, it will be necessary for WAC pistol range users to park at the Chapter house and walk to the range. Please comply with the directions of our parking crew. We will make every effort to open the rifle range and covered pistol range to members as quickly as possible after the qualification event is completed.

AUGUST 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, August 25.** Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

THANKS TO OUR

VOLUNTEERS: 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 recent events. Thanks to all.

COWBOY ACTION SETUP (July 26): **Martin Blake, Michael Blake, Greg Christensen, Chuck Crooks, Michael Dunbar, Randy Dunbar, Richard Marler, Marwin Nilsen, Joel Shapiro, Ray Shaver, and Michael Sage.**

COWBOY ACTION TAKEDOWN (July 27): **Dakota Adcock, James Adcock, Paul Bluteau, Derek Harding, Brian Marler, Danny Marler, Richard Marler, Marwin Nilsen, Ray Shaver, Ken Storm and several others who failed to sign.**

SITE MAINTENANCE DAY (July 28): **Mike Agnello, Thomas S. Bower, Matthew Buccini, Ed Burrows, Martin Cherry, Michelle Chesnut, Chris Constantine, Meo Curtis, Steven Davis, Jeff Deschamps, Dan Few, John P. Henrich, James W. Holsinger, Jerry Kyle, Chuck Limparris, Jim Piatieski, Tom Riley, Aimee Shapiro, Ray Shaver, Dallas Subock, and Rob Taylor.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Skeet & Trap: (Bob Cumberland) Raffle tickets are on sale this night for a Remington Model 870 12 gauge Combination which includes a ventilated rib barrel with remchokes and a slug barrel with rifle sights. Also being raffled is a Remington Model 870 28 gauge with a ventilated rib barrel. The final prize is one case of either 12 or 20 gauge shotgun shells. Tickets are \$10 and the proceeds will benefit Damascus Help.

Conservation: (Jim Piatieski) There will be no Committee meeting in August. September: back on schedule. About 100 pounds of honey has been harvested from our own beehives. At the next meeting, it'll be on sale at about \$3.50 per jar.

Adopt-A-Road & Recycling: (Bob Mabie) The next cleanup is 08/17/02. Recent sale of recycles from donations to the Chapter Recycle Shed of scrap Aluminum, brass and aluminum realized \$75.00.

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

Thunder Valley Days, The SASS Maryland State Championship; will be held 21 through 24 August 2002. All ranges will have some form of closure during this event. Check the club calendar or the web calendar for actual closures. We will need a LOT of volunteers for this event. Each volunteer will receive a thank you Thunder Valleys Days 2002 badge.

Chuck personally puts in about 300 man-hours per year toward this event.

The Chapter Web Site will have a listing of contacts for various areas to volunteer to help with. They will include, parking, cooking, set up, tear down, trash, shuttle drivers, first aid station and others. Do not contact Chuck Crooks if you want to help; contact the appropriate Chairperson listed on the Chapter Web site.

Lunch will be served on Thursday and Friday; a dinner Saturday evening. The Galley can use a lot of help. Parking control will be an on-going task Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Report on the National Convention:

(Michelle Chesnut). The National Convention of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) was held on 14-17 July 2002, in Rochester, MN. President Burrows, Michelle Chesnut, Georgia Townsend, Jim Piatieski, and John Leaman attended. The principal theme of the Conference was Conservation. Several copies of a booklet of the current IWLA policies on Conservation are available in the Rathskeller Room for your review. Policies are set by the membership at local conservation committee meetings,

state conventions and finally, at the National Convention; they don't come from the Board of Directors they come from us. If you are interested on being on a Resource Committee, you should feel free to join in. Contact Michelle or Ed for particulars. It is a great way to be involved with the IWLA.

The Spring 2002 issue of Outdoor America (the national news bulletin of IWLA) contains a form, which you (a member of IWLA) can submit "To give one FREE, 12-month IWLA individual membership-at-large (without chapter privileges) to (whosoever you choose)". Appreciation President Burrows thanked Mac McCollum for preparing the lovely meal this night. He also thanked Rob Hallin for his performance as Bartender.

WAC YOUTH:

National Match in Richmond

The Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association State Champion Air Rifle Teams traveled to the Arthur Ashe Center in Richmond, Virginia and competed in the NRA National Team Championship 3 Position Air Rifle Match from August 1 through August 4 of this year.

Three of the four members of the precision team (Brian Watson, Daniel Peterson, and Brendan Bauer) and two of the four members of the sporter team (Kate Duncan and Daniel Pearce) were Damascus Air Rifle Club competitors. They won the opportunity to represent the state in a Maryland Championship match held earlier in the year.

Our precision team finished in sixth place in the nation and our sporter team finished in fourth place in the nation. In addition, Brian Watson, Brendan Bauer, and Dan Pearce all won significant individual honors.

We congratulate our competitors for their fine performance!

Following the match, our team purchased a number of the match target stands for future use at our club. Each target stand carried an

approximately 8.5" x 11" target frame number sheet labeled with "2002 NRA National Air Rifle Championship; Richmond, Virginia." Our team members have already received their frame number sheets.

Ten of those target frame number sheets (autographed by our team members if desired,) will be available at the next membership meeting for those willing to make a contribution to our junior travel fund. That fund is reserved specifically to assist the club in underwriting part of the cost of travel to future national competitions.

NEW JUNIOR RIFLE SEASON STARTS

The first (organizational) meeting of the Chapter's Junior Air Rifle and Precision group teams will be held in the Rathskeller on Tuesday evening, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, September 10th, 2002. Those parents and junior boys and girls (typically ten to eighteen years old) wishing information about our program are invited to attend that session without obligation to meet coaches and returning competitors. For additional information, please contact Bob Inness (binness@starpower.net or 301-340-9185)

AUGUST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sat 17, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
 Sat 17, Junior Precision Rifle 10:AM to 1:00 PM
 Sat 17, Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM till...
 Sun 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
 Mon 19, Adult Airgun 6:30 to 9:00 PM
 Wed 21, Skeet & Trap **CLOSED FOR THUNDER VALLEY DAYS SET-UP**
 Wed 21, All Club Ranges **EXCEPT** Airgun Closed for **TVD's Set-Up.**
 Wed 21, Set-up, **Thunder Valley Days**, 10:00 AM
 Thu 22, All Club Ranges (Except Airgun) Closed for **TVD's Set-up**
 Thu 22, **TVD's** Registration and Side Matches
 Fri 23, All Club Ranges (except airgun) Closed for **Thunder Valley Days**
 Fri 23, **TVD's** 1st Five Stages
 Sat 24, All Club Ranges (except airgun) Closed for **Thunder Valley Days**
 Sat 24, **TVD's** 2nd Five Stages
 Sat 24, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
 Sun 25, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
 Sun 25, Rifle & Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sun 25, Skeet & Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Sun 25, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM
 Sun 25, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM
 Mon 26, Adult Airgun 6:30 to 9:00 PM
 Wed 28, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
 Fri 30, **Membership Meeting & 2002/2003 ELECTIONS & Barbecue**, 6:30 PM
 Social, Dinner 7:30 PM
 Sat 31, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
 Sat 31, Bowling Pin Fun Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Uncovered pistol ranges closed during event)
 Mon 2, Adult Airgun 6:30 to 9:00 PM
 Tue 3, Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
 Wed 4, **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30**, Perspective Members please meet at 7:00 PM
 Wed 4, Skeet & Trap Open at 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM
 Fri 6, Hunter Safety Day 1, 7:00 PM
 Sat 7, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
 Sat 7, Junior Precision Rifle 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Sat 7, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (All rifle ranges closed during match)
 Sun 8, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
 Mon 9, Adult Airgun 6:30 to 9:00 PM
 Tue 10, Junior Airgun 6:00 to 10:00 PM
 Wed 11, Skeet & Trap 2:00 to 7:00 PM
 Thu 12, Junior Airgun 6:00 to 10:00 PM
 Fri 13, Hunter Safety Day 2, 7:00 PM
 Sat 14, Hunter Safety Day 3, 9:00 AM
 Sat 14, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
 Sat 14, Precision Rimfire Team Practice on Covered Pistol Range 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (covered pistol ranges closed during event)

NEW MEMBERS

The Board of Directors has approved the following new membership applications. Chapter members may vote to accept these applicants as new members at the next membership meeting, on 30 August.

Clifford E. Beck, Lanham, MD
 Sponsor: Ricardo Royal

Dana F. Brown, Damascus, MD
 Sponsor: Paul Kellerman

Ruben Gerena, Damascus, MD
 Sponsor: Bob Mabie

Vernon R. King, Jr., Wash. Grove, MD
 Sponsor: Mike Caltiabiano

James McKeown, Jr., Damascus, MD
 Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Gary L. Nelson, Woodbine, MD
 Sponsor: Matt Gagnon

Jonathan A. Schade, Ijamsville, MD
 Sponsor: Weldon Humphries

RANGE OFFICER SCHEDULE

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 Tassel, Kevin O'Neill
 Saturday 8/31 Bill Rahn, John & Rebecca Henrich

September 2002

Sunday 9/1 Chris & Suzan Smart, Ed Dennis, Robert Heider
 Saturday 9/7 Robert & Vivian MacLoed
 Sunday 9/8 Burt Mullineaux, Shep Burton
 Saturday 9/14 Lew Allnutt, Tony Evans, Charles Weaver
 Sunday 9/15 Peter Currall, Dave Gold
 Saturday 9/21 Robert Taylor, Richard Zabell, Jim Guthrie
 Sunday 9/22 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz
 Saturday 9/28 John & Rebecca Henrich, Bill Rahn
 Sunday 9/29 Kevin O'Neill, Joel Gross

Membership & Election Meeting Menu, 30 August, 2002. Don't miss Mac's World Famous Barbecued Ribs.

NOTE: We are now officially known as the..... Wildlife Achievement Chapter!!