



# NEWSLETTER

## Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter December 2002

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### PRESIDENTS CORNER

As we enter the Holiday Season let's not forget all the many things that we have to be thankful for, such as our families, friends, our health, freedom of worship, and the many freedoms and liberties we have as AMERICANS. To all **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!**

### CONSERVATION REPORT

During the November chapter work day the conservation committee and several volunteers planted 40 disease resistant American Elm trees on chapter property. The trees will overwinter on chapter grounds and then will be planted at several sites in the county as part of a demonstration project. Check future newsletters for the dates for these tree plantings if you would like to participate.

The conservation committee needs your help on the January workday. We will be clearing space to plant disease resistant American Elm seedlings. This is a part of the committee's long term project to establish a trees farm for these trees on the chapter and sell them to local organizations in order to re-establish the American Elm.

### CHRISTMAS TREE SALES CUT YOUR OWN or PRECUT TREES!!!!

Please support your WAC by purchasing your Christmas tree from us. ALL TREES \$30.00 each. This is one of our major fundraisers. Have a glorious Holiday Season!!!!!!

### ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Astronomy Club will meet Monday 9 December at the shotgun range house, at 7:30 PM. A meeting is planned for January 2003 but no date has been set for the meeting. Check with Steve Lefebvre.

### WINTER BELTWAY SKEET LEAGUE SCHEDULE:

Come on out and join in the fun of Winter shooting, with your friends. Cost is \$10.00 per week and includes targets, Banquet, and trophies. Optional events are Lewis Purse \$5.00 and High Gun Purse \$2.00.

December 8 at Prince George's Club  
December 15 at Washington Nat. Cap.  
January 5 at WAC  
January 12 at Prince George's Club  
January 19 at WAC  
January 26 at Washington Nat. Cap.  
February 2 at WAC  
February 9 at Prince George's Club  
February 16 at Washington Nat. Cap.

The Banquet will be held at Wash. Nat. Cap. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

### SKEET & TRAP RANGE DUTY December 2002

Sunday 12/1 Chris & Suzan Smart

Saturday 12/7 Robert & Vivian MacLoed

Sunday 12/8 Burt Mullineaux, Shep Burton

Saturday 12/14 Tony Evans, Lew Allnutt

Sunday 12/15 Dave Gold, Peter Currall

Saturday 12/21 "The Fichter Gang"

Sunday 12/22 Kevin O'Neill, Joel Gross

Saturday 12/28 Robert Taylor, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sunday 12/29 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassel

### January 2003

Saturday 1/4 Vivian & Robert MacLoed

Sunday 1/5 Chris & Smart

Saturday 1/11 Lew Allnutt, Tony Evans

Sunday 1/12 Shep Burton, Burt Mullineaux

Saturday 1/18 "The Fichter Gang"

Sunday 1/19 Dave Gold, Peter Currall

Saturday 1/25 Charles Weaver, Robert Taylor

Sunday 1/26 Robert Van Tassel, Frank Saenz

Officers in reserve : Joel Gross, Kevin O'Neill  
John & Rebecca Henrich

## WILDGAME DINNER and AUCTION

Don't forget about our annual Wildgame Dinner and Auction on **FRIDAY 24 January, 2003**. Items donated for the auction are TAX Deductible. Appropriate Tax forms will be given for donated items.

## JUNIOR AIR PROGRAM

On November 8th, eight of our sporter shooters traveled to Berlin, Maryland to compete in a match sponsored by Stephen Decatur HS JNROTC. Seventy two competitors and 18 teams entered the competition. Daniel Pearce finished individually in second place overall and our lead team (Daniel Pearce, Daniel Reed, Aleem Sheikh, and Azeem Sheikh) finished in third place, while winning the Kneeling position team match. The following weekend, Daniel Pearce traveled to the sporter match conducted by the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the IWLA as our only competitor. He won that match with a score of 529/600, defeating all other competitors by approximately 30 points. Over the weekend of November 23rd-24th, two of our precision competitors (Brian Watson and Daniel Peterson) are traveling to Xavier University in Ohio to compete in the Walsh match. This NCAA level match is both a rim-fire and precision air rifle affair.

**A YOUNG DARC JUNIOR CLEANS UP.** On Saturday, November 23rd our juniors competed in a shoulder to shoulder match with the JNROTC Team from Gaithersburg High School at our facility. In a relatively close match our winning team finished first with a team score of 887, our other team finished second with a score of 880, while the Gaithersburg team finished third with a score of 870.

After the match, competitors enjoyed a meal prepared by Lyn Duncan while the scores were compiled. Thank you Mrs. Duncan!

We applaud the outstanding performance of our Neil Heckman, age 12, who had the high overall score of 249, as well as the high prone score of

96/100 and the high kneeling score of 84/100. Our flu-suffering Megan Bobrow finished second with a score of 245/300 and high standing score of 74/100, while our Aleem Sheikh was third overall with a score of 232.

As a result of our team victory, a "traveling trophy" remains in our hands until contested again when we travel to Gaithersburg in the spring.

## RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE

**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 December 2002, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 4:30 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range. However, because sunset comes a little earlier each day this time of year, (generally speaking) 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.

**BOWLING PIN/PRACTICAL DEFENSE MATCHES:** A bowling pin fun shoot will be held on **Saturday, December 21 from 10:00 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).

**DRAWING AND SHOOTING (AGAIN!):** Only six months ago, this column included an article which explained that, **ALTHOUGH THE WORDING OF ITEM 18 UNDER SAFETY IN THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS IS FAR FROM IDEAL, OUR INTENT WAS TO PROHIBIT ANY TYPE OF DRAWING AND SHOOTING ON WAC RANGES**. Nevertheless, as recently as November 24, a member

who was observed drawing and shooting on the pistol range actually argued with the range safety officer who reminded him of the prohibition. Since drawing and shooting is prohibited, there is also no reason for anyone, except perhaps uniformed law enforcement officers, to be wearing holstered firearms in the range area. Please be assured that the next update of the range rules will simply state that: **(1) Holstered or concealed carry is prohibited, except by law enforcement officers with proper identification; and (2) The drawing and firing of firearms from holsters by anyone, including law enforcement officers, is prohibited.** Law enforcement officers can practice drawing and firing on police ranges, other members who wish to do so can participate in WAC-sponsored cowboy action shoots or practical defense matches where it is permitted under carefully controlled conditions, and anyone can practice at home with an unloaded handgun. Just please don't do it during open shooting periods on the WAC ranges.

## RANGE ROAD ENTRY

**PROCEDURE:** A member parked across from the range road entry gate for about 30 minutes on a recent Sunday reported seeing all sorts of wild and crazy happenings as people approached and attempted to enter. Some appeared not to know where the proximity (keycard) reader was located; others crowded several vehicles together so all could enter from a single presentation of a keycard; one waited along the side until another vehicle entered, then rushed to follow it in; and so on and so forth. There should be no reason for confusion or need to circumvent the operation of the system by a WAC member in good standing. A single card can be used for multiple vehicles, but only one vehicle should go through the gate for each presentation of the card. Instructions for operating the system appear on a sign adjacent to the entry reader for the range road. They are also available at the WAC internet web site, or can be acquired in printed form from **Joe Gick** or **Ray Shaver**. If you are unsure about the procedure

for opening the gate, please ask. Don't damage our gate or your vehicle doing something which is really unnecessary and will end up being costly as well as embarrassing.

**GUEST POLICY:** This is simple and hasn't changed for years. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges at a time, and must remain with his/her guest at all times. A non-member may use the ranges as a guest a maximum of two times, except when the individual comes from a distance greater than 75 miles. Arrangements can be made for special occasions where a member may wish to bring more than two guests. Please contact Ray Shaver, Chairman, Rifle/Pistol Range Committee, to work things out.

#### **DECEMBER 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, December 29**. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

#### **THANKS TO OUR**

**VOLUNTEERS:** Probationary members are required to help in two chapter events during their first year of WAC membership. 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.

Deer Hunter Qualification (Nov. 10): **Paul Bluteau, Sally Charpied, James Fort, Bill Gazdik, Ted Hadfield, S. R. Halperin, Bob Inness, Bill Jenkins, Vernon King Jr, Dave Kossuth, Ray G. Logan, Jim Luensman, Mac McCollum, Mike Miller, Steve Peck, Dennis Price, John Randall, Tom Riley, Bruce Roth, Frank Saenz, Ray Shaver, Rob Van Tassell, John Walter and Rodney Winstead.**

CAS SETUP (Nov. 22): **Chuck Crooks, Rich Fried, Richard**

**Marler, Jim Mulquin, W. Roger Ney, Ray Shaver,** and possibly one or two others who failed to sign in.

CAS TEARDOWN (Nov. 23): **Dave Hammett, Chuck Limparis, Jim Mulquin, Marwin Nilsen, Ray Shaver, Dan Welch,** and several others who failed to sign in.

SITE MAINTENANCE DAY (Oct. 27): **Mitch Black, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Barry Ephram, Lou Ferguson, Jim Fraley, Bryan Haddix, Bill Ladd, Jeff Lapp, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, James McKeown, Michael L Miller, Gary & Justin Nelson, Jim Piateski, Larry Porter, Dave Reesman, Tom Riley, John Scafide Jr, Ray Shaver, Stephen Simpson, and Tony Swindler.**

#### **NO TIME ON SUNDAYS?**

Probationary members wishing to satisfy their commitment to participate in two WAC activities, frequently complain that we make it difficult by doing all the projects on Sunday. That is really not the case. Although site maintenance day, which is held on the last Sunday of each month, provides a regular, easy opportunity to work on WAC projects, almost any event which appears in our calendar can also use volunteer help. Contact the person responsible for the event, or if you can't identify the responsible party, ask a WAC officer. This month, for instance, we can use helpers every Saturday (and Sunday) for Christmas tree sales. Conservation activities like the Patuxent River cleanup and adopt-a-road program always take place on Saturdays. Cowboy action shoot setups are done on Friday afternoons, and the teardowns on Saturday afternoons. If you are only available on weekdays, volunteer to work in the kitchen during a membership meeting or serve as a skeet/trap range officer on Wednesday afternoons. During summer months, we can use assistance in mowing and trimming around the Christmas trees almost any time you are available. Please get involved; the WAC will benefit and so will you.

#### **CALENDAR December 2002**

**Sun 8, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM**

**Sun 8, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Mon 9, Adult Airgun 6:30 to 9:00 PM**

**Tue 10, Junior Airgun 6:00 to 10:00 PM**

**Thu 12, Junior Airgun 6:00 to 10:00 PM**

**Fri 13, Evening Airgun Match Set Up**

**Sat 14, Jr. Airgun Match 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Sat 14, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Sat 14, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM**

**Sun 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM**

**Sun 15, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Mon 16, Adult Airgun 6:30 to 9:00 PM -**

**Tue 17, Junior Airgun 6:00 to 10:00 PM**

**Wed 18, Membership Meeting & Holiday Party 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM**

**Thu 19, Junior Airgun 6:00 to 10:00 PM**

**Sat 21, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM**

**Sat 21, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Sat 21, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM - (uncovered pistol range closed during event)**

**Sun 22, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Sun 22, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM**

**Mon 23, Adult Airgun 6:30 to 9:00 PM**

**Wed 25, ALL CLUB RANGES ARE CLOSED (Christmas)**

**Sat 28, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Sun 29, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Sun 29, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM**

**Sun 29, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

**Sun 29, Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

**Sun 29, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM**

**Mon 30, Adult Airgun 6:30 to 9:00 PM**

## **CALENDAR EVENT POC's:**

Skeet & Trap POC: Bob Cumberland  
301-253-1348

Junior Airgun POC: Bob Inness 301-  
340-9185 email:

binness@starpower.net

Adult Airgun POC: Phil Dean 301-  
865-8202

Christmas Tree POC: John Leaman  
301-972-1572

Cowboy Shoot POC: Chuck Crooks  
301-831-9666

Rifle Pistol Range POC: Ray Shaver  
301-926-0465

Club & Range Orientation: Steve  
Lefebvre 301-428-9400

Bowling Pin Shoot POC: Jesse Lim  
301-540-0860

Conservation Committee POC: Jim  
Piateski 301-253-4486

## **DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS**

Ken Hermann, Laytonsville, MD.  
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Norma J. Kawecki, Gaithersburg, MD.  
Sponsor: Bill Jenkins

Mitchell W. Mercilliot, Gaithersburg,  
MD.

Sponsor: J. Gregg McDonald

Dennis Price, Silver Spring, MD.  
Sponsor: Ray Shaver

Ted Ross, Laytonsville, MD.  
Sponsor: Martin Blake

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL'S for 2003**

**If you have not sent in your renewal payment for 2003, please remember that your current membership expires at the end of this month (12/31/02). Send in your payment TODAY! If you have any issues or questions about your status or bill, contact our Membership Secretary, Joe Gick, at 301-774-9399 or Gick@erols.com.**

**From the Board of Directors:**  
Merry Christmas, Happy  
Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza to  
All and to ALL a Happy New  
Year. Good night!!