



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter January 2003

President
Ed Burrows
(301) 774-9090

First Vice President
Jim Piatieski
(301) 601-2954

Second Vice President
Bob Cumberland
(301) 253-1348

Third Vice President
Robert Taylor
(301) 963-1708

Main House Phone: 301-253-2384

Web Site: <http://members.aol.com/RumRiverC>

Range House Phone: 301-253-4779

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Every now and then a member comes along that seems to go unnoticed, almost to the point of anonymity. Yet somehow things seem to appear, like coffee and donuts at Sunday morning Range Clean-up, a truck for Chapter use when the one we have begins to roll over and play dead, special gifts for special events, and on down the line. Not to have anyone else's contributions pushed aside, but one member seems to always have the knack for appearing at just the right time with just the right fix. A special thank you to Ray Logan!

WILDGAME DINNER and AUCTION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Don't forget about our annual Wildgame Dinner and Auction on **FRIDAY 24 January, 2003**. A limited number of tickets are available for the dinner. Tickets are not necessary for the Auction.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Astronomy Club will be meeting on Monday, February 3, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

SKEET & TRAP NEWS

The Beltway Skeet League will be resuming after the break for the Holidays. The next shoot will be on Sunday Jan. 5 at our club, with 6 more shoots shared between WAC, PG S&T, and National Capitol S&T, over the following weeks. The league is setup to encourage all levels of shooters, so your scores should not be a deterrent! Come out for some

friendly competition and to support the club.

We can also use a couple people to help with the shoots we are hosting. If you can help contact Conley at phippscd@hotmail.com or Bob at bob.cumberland@sun.com.

JUNIOR AIR PROGRAM

Junior Shooters take a holiday break: Our Juniors were inactive for more than a week as a result of the holidays, but resume practice in the first week of January. There are no sporter matches scheduled in January, although several precision shooters will travel to the Palmyra Invitational match on January 26th. Brendan Bauer broke his wrist in a ski accident recently and will be out of action for a number of weeks. We are scheduled to shoot three matches in February, two of which take place at our clubhouse. We have already received fifty confirmed reservations for the NRA Junior 3 P Sectional match scheduled on February 22nd and 23rd. It is likely to be the best attended air rifle match we have ever hosted, and our shooters will use the next month to prepare!

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 January 2003, starting time is 10 AM daily**

and ending time is 5:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range. 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 practical defense match will be held on **Saturday, January 18 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).

RANGE ROAD CLOSURES: The barrier gate for the range road was locked open during most of the month of December because the road was often snow covered and messy, but usually passable, at least with care. If the road becomes impassable or overly soft due to heavy precipitation, it may be closed even though the ranges remain open for use. In such cases, a sign explaining the closure will be posted at the box containing the range sign-in register, and the gate will be locked closed. Please watch for and comply with such notices. If the sign indicates that the road is closed but the ranges are open, you may walk to the ranges. However, even if you have an off-the-road vehicle that might make it through snow-covered fields,

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE TO THE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES WHEN THE RANGE ROAD IS CLOSED!

RECYCLING SPENT SHELL

CASES: Separate buckets are provided for brass and aluminum shell cases on the pistol ranges. Although both are recyclable, we primarily recycle the aluminum, and the more desirable brass is collected by our members who reload. However, neither is recyclable when mixed, and separating them is an extremely labor intensive operation. Please help in this effort by looking to see what kind of cases are in the bucket before you dump your spent cases. There are also a couple of other complications to keep in mind: Steel cases which are usually of eastern European origin should be thrown in the trash, and the shiny white nickel plated cases go with the brass.

TARGET REMINDER: A few shot-up aluminum cans have recently been found on the pistol ranges. Please remember that cans are not approved as targets. For information on acceptable targets and their placement, see items 10 through 15 under SAFETY in the WAC RANGE RULES & REGULATIONS.

JANUARY 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, January 26**. 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.

KITCHEN (OCT. 23): Devin Edwards, Ugo Pistacchio, Pat Ramsey, and Bob Rounds.

KITCHEN (DEC. 18): Robert (Chip) Fleming, Pat Ramsey, and Bob Rounds.

RANGE ORIENTATION (DEC. 29): Barry Ephraim, Steve Lefebvre, Ray Logan, and Bud Bell.

SITE MAINTENANCE (DEC. 29): Jack Chomko, Bob Cumberland, Chip Fleming, John C. Hughes III, John Leaman, Gary Noubarian, Tom Riley, Joe Rosenwald, Jim Rush, James Arnold and Ray Shaver.

THANKS

***Notice To All Rimfire Shooters.**
A Spring Event Has Been Planned for
March 9, 2003*

To stay inline with the many styles of Rimfire Shooting, WAC is having a .22 Rimfire Silhouette Shoot in the spring.

There will be two shooting fields that will consist of four different style targets in four rows of five for each shooter with a total of (20) targets per round.

Entrance into the event is free. Scoped and Iron sights are welcome.
So, come one come all to the rifle range Sunday at 9:30 A. M.

Call or E-Mail to get your name on the list early. Time only allows for a set number of shooters so sign up early.

For more information contact Tom Riley at: tejas1@bellatlantic.net
Phone: 301.774.7426 Days until 6 P.M.

CALENDAR January 2003

Sun 12, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 13, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 14, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 16, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 18, Junior Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 18, Practical Defense Match 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (uncovered pistol range closed during event)
Sun 19, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
Mon 20, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00
Tue 21, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 23, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 24, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM **"Wild Game Dinner & Auction" Limited Dinner Tickets to be sold at the door. Dinner tickets are not required to attend auction.**

Sat 25, Junior Precision Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00

Sat 25, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 26, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00

Sun 26, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 26, Skeet /Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 26, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM

Sun 26, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

Mon 27, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 28, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00

Thu 30, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 31, Airgun Match Set-Up 6:00

CALENDAR February 2003

Sat 1, Jr. Airgun Match 8 AM to 8:00 PM (Upstairs & Down)

Sat 1, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 2, Jr. Airgun Match 8 AM to 8:00 PM (Upstairs & Down)

Sun 2, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00

Mon 3, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00

Tue 4, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Tue 4, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 7:30

Wed 5, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, Perspective Members Please Meet at 7:00 PM

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

Sat 8, Junior Airgun 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sat 8, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00

Sun 9, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 10, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 11, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 13, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00
Sat 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 15, Junior Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sun 16, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 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 or John Watson 301-929-3583
 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
 Astronomy Club & Range Orientation: Steve Lefebvre 301-428-9400
 Bowling Pin Shoot POC: Jesse Lim 301-540-0860
 Conservation Committee POC: Jim Piatetski 301-253-4486 or Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736

DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS

James D. Arnold, Damascus, MD.
 Sponsor: Rich Fried
 Kent V. Berry, Mt. Airy, MD.
 Sponsor: B.O.D.
 Thomas Dunlap, Dmascus, MD.
 Sponsor: Ray Logan
 Mark G. Ellis, Arlington, VA.
 Sponsor: Bill Jinkins
 George F. Hughes, Mt. Airy, MD.
 Sponsor: Michelle Chesnut
 Scott Hughes, Mt. Airy, MD.
 Sponsor: Michelle Chesnut
 Merry Klienfelter, Gaithersburg, MD.
 Sponsor: Chuck Crooks
 Peter Kuebler, Germantown, MD.
 Sponsor: Bill Carbone

Paul W. Scholl, Laytonsville, MD.
 Sponsor: Red Gambrell

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL'S for 2003

Approximately 300 members have not yet renewed for 2003. Your membership officially ended 12/31/02, if you have not sent in your renewal payment. By the time that you are reading this, you should have received your second and final bill. We will allow you a grace period until January 31, 2003 to renew and still use all of our facilities. If payment is not sent by then you will not be a member in good standing, you will not be allowed to shoot on ANY range, and your magnetic access card that allows you into the building or on to the range road will be removed from the system. If you pay after 01/31/02 you will have to pay and additional \$5.00 to have your card put back in the system. Please get your payment in before the end of January and avoid the additional charge. A second billing for this many members is expensive and should not be necessary. Help us keep down costs (save Your Money!) by getting payments in on time.

Membership Secretary, Joe Gick, at 301-774-9399 or Gick@erols.com.

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS: January 2003

Saturday 1/4 Vivian & Robert MacLoed
 Sunday 1/5 Chris & Suzan Smart
 Saturday 1/11 Lew Allnutt, Tony Evans
 Sunday 1/12 Shep Burton, Burt Mullineaux
 Saturday 1/18 Charles Weaver, Robert Taylor
 Sunday 1/19 Dave Gold, Peter Currall
 Saturday 1/25 "The Fichter Gang"
 Sunday 1/26 Robert Van Tassel, Frank Saenz
 Officers in reserve : Joel Gross, Kevin O'Neill, John & Rebecca Henrich

February 2003

Saturday 2/1 Robert & Vivian MacLoed
 Sunday 2/2 Joel Gross, Kevin O'Neill, Robert Taylor
 Saturday 2/8 Tony Evans & Lew Allnutt
 Sunday 2/9 Burt Mullineaux & Shep Burton
 Saturday 2/15 "The Fichter Gang"
 Sunday 2/16 Peter Currall, Dave Gold
 Saturday 2/22 John & Rebecca Henrich, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn
 Sunday 2/23 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassel

COWBOY SHOOTING CLINIC

We will be having a "New Cowboy Shooter" Clinic on March 29, 2003. The clinic is designed for those seeking more information about Cowboy Action Shooting. There will be three classes, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Atlantic Guns will be there with loaner firearms if needed. The class will be held at the uncovered pistol range. The purpose of the clinic is to introduce the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd like to give it a try without "the whole world watching." Though playing the game under the watchful eye of the posse leader's timer is part of the fun, that can be a little intimidating if you're new at it. **SAFETY** and fun are the real focus of the sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone gets off to the right start. You'll get to see how the game is played, hear the SASS rules, see the equipment and accessories that are required, and get a chance to try out the range of firearms that are appropriate to the sport. A history of the sport will be included in the classroom portion. The entire course will take each shooter about two hours. Unfortunately, this is not the occasion to first learn about shooting in general. We're going to be showing experienced shooters how to enjoy this particular sport. It is best not to learn too many things in one day!

Each person will get the chance to shoot a real cowboy scenario or two using the ol' hoglegs, scatter gun and lever action rifle! Get the fear of the timer and that dang buzzer. Learn what a real brain fade feels like! But it is guaranteed fun! The cost is \$2.00. Shooters can bring ammunition (see requirements for ammo below), **eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and spectators.** Limited supplies of ammo will be available. You may have some of the guns already. The game requires two single action pistols, a lever action rifle (in a pistol caliber) and a side-by-side shotgun (without ejectors) or a pump action shotgun with an exposed hammer. If you have them, bring 'um along. If not, we will have some there. Calibers can be no smaller than 32. Cap and ball is allowed for SASS matches, but we will not be providing

ammo or powder at this clinic. Clinic ammo requirements: We will be providing firearms in 38 special and 45 Long Colt. Ammo must be all lead, no copper jacketed bullets. Generally, loads made for cowboy shooting are best. Shotgun shells needed are in 20 ga. or 12 ga. 7 1/2 shot size or smaller. If you have appropriate firearms in other calibers, you can use those with your own **all-lead** ammunition. The cowboy clothing requirement is relaxed for the New Cowboy Shooter Clinic. But a cowboy hat and alias would be nice. Age limit is 12 years old (with parent and previous experience). Preregistration is recommended. You can pre-register by contacting Chuckaroo (Chuck Crooks) at 301-831-9666. You can also download a clinic application (<http://members.aol.com/chuckaroo3>) and mail it to Chuckaroo, 3147 Pheasant Run, Ijamsville, Md. 21754.

Don't forget the Wildgame Dinner and Auction, Friday 24 Jan. 2003.

Only 150 tickets are available for the Dinner. Tickets are not required for the Auction.

Don't forget the Wildgame Dinner and Auction, Friday 24 Jan. 2003.

Only 150 tickets are available for the Dinner. Tickets are not required for the Auction.

Don't forget the Wildgame Dinner and Auction, Friday 24 Jan. 2003.

Only 150 tickets are available for the Dinner. Tickets are not required for the Auction.