



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter April 2003

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CHAPLAINS NOTES

A former, long-time Chapter Caretaker, Wanda Dawson passed away on May 1st. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

CONSERVATION REPORT

The chapter's annual watershed clean up was held on April 5. Despite the wet weather volunteers at this year's clean up still collected over 30 cu. yards of trash! Almost half of the participants were from the chapter. Thanks to all the chapter members that helped make this event a success.

May is National Wetlands Month. If you'd like to learn more about wetlands and marshes, and don't mind getting a little dirty, you can volunteer at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, near Cambridge, MD on May 16th-17th or at a 10-acre wetland at the Fort McHenry National Monument from June 6th-10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. No experience necessary, instructors will be on hand to teach planting technique. Must be at least 14 years old. Stay part or all of any days. Bring lunch, a hat, sunscreen; wear grubby clothes and shoes; water, snacks, and

bathrooms provided. Carpools are being organized. Offered by the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society in partnership with the National Aquarium. For information/directions, contact Sandy Barnett, 410-788-6823.

Be better prepared for potential water use restrictions this summer. Collect the rainwater from your rooftops and help control stormwater impacts from your yard AND store water to use on your landscaping. Come to the Chapter and build a rain barrel on Tuesday June 10th from 7 to 9 p.m. Free! All materials and instruction provided. Limited to 40 people, one rain barrel per household. Registration required. Contact Jim Piatieski at (301) 601-2954 or via e-mail to piaski@erols.com to register.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Astronomy Club meets the FIRST Monday and THIRD Friday of each month, at the Range House. You don't have to have a telescope to join the Astronomy Club - we have plenty.

SKEET & TRAP NEWS

Another Spring Skeet, Trap and 5 stand season is well underway.

We have recently added a doubles trap machine to our list of games - talk about a challenge! For the newer members, our Shotgun range has 4 skeet fields, 1 international skeet field, 1 singles trap, 1 doubles trap and a 5 stand sporting clays field. Pretty much something for everyone. We have all GMV Superstar machines and use biodegradable targets for most all of the games. We have a very nice facility and always welcome new shooters to join in the fun. If you have any questions drop a note to bob.cumberland@sun.com. Our Shotgun Ranges are staffed by volunteers and we can always use a few extras. If you think you may be interested in becoming a Range Officer contact Bill Rahn <Pawarahn2@aol.com> for more information.

AIR PISTOL MATCH

The Chapter Air Pistol Championship will be fired on Monday evening, May 19 or Monday evening May 26 on the indoor airgun range. If you cannot make either of these dates, contact Phil Dean for an alternate time. The course of fire will be the NRA indoor air pistol fired at 10 meters with 5 shots per target for a total of 12 targets (600 points).

Females fire 8 targets for a total of 400 points. Firing will begin at 6:30 PM and will be conducted on an 'informal basis'.

Registration forms and targets will be available at the range. Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202) for additional information or questions.

JUNIOR AIR GUN

Our juniors compete in their final regular-season (major) air rifle match on Sunday, June 18th. We sponsor the Maryland NRA Junior 3 Position Air Rifle State Championship, held at the Gilbert Indoor Range in Rockville, Maryland. The winning five individual sporter and precision class competitors in this match are invited to compete in the National match to be held in Wilmington, North Carolina representing the Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association.

Over the summer, juniors in our club have been invited to and will participate in at least three National Championship Junior Air Rifle matches. The matches are sponsored by (1) The American Legion, (2) National Guard Bureau, (3) USA Shooting, and if successful in Rockville, also in the National Rifle Association Junior 3 Position Air Rifle Championship and Training Summit.

Several rim-fire competitors will travel to Camp Perry, Ohio for the NRA National Competition.

We believe this is the most competitively successful season in the more than twenty-five year history of our club and

congratulate all the youngsters who have participated this year.

MAY CALENDAR

Thu 15, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00

Fri 16, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow

Sat 17, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow

Sat 17, Air Rifle Regional Field Target Match 7:30 AM to 4:00

Sat 17, Junior .22 Precision Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (pistol range closed during event)

Sat 17, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 18, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow

Sun 18, Air Rifle Regional Field Target Match 7:30 AM to 4:00

Sun 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00

Mon 19, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 20, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00

Wed 21, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Thu 22, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 23, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Sat 24, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Sat 24, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 24, Jr. Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sun 25, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 25, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM Sun 25, Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 25, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM

Sun 25, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

Sun 25, Jr. Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Mon 26, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 27, Junior Airgun 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 28, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

Wed 28, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Thu 29, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 31, Practical Defense Match 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sat 31, Junior .22 Precision Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (pistol range closed during event)

Sat 31, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

JUNE CALENDAR

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

Sun 1, Junior .22 Precision Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (pistol range closed during event)

Mon 2, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 3, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 4, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, Perspective Members Please Meet at 7:00 PM

Wed 4, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Thu 5, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 7, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (rifle range closed during event)

Sat 7, Junior Airgun Cookout & Awards (downstairs & BBQ)

3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Sat 7, Skeet & Trap 12:00

Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 7, Adopt - Road 9:00 AM

Sun 8, Skeet & Trap 12:00

Noon to 5:00 PM

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

Wed 11, Skeet & Trap Open

2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sat 14, Air Rifle Field Target Match

9:00 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

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

Air Rifle Field Target POC: Steve

Schulz 301-365-0291

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 & Practical

Defense Match POC: Jesse Lim

301-540-0860

Seneca Valley Rifle Match POC:

Mike Gugulis 301-417-0987

Conservation Committee POC:

Jim Piatieski 301-253-4486 or

Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736

River Clean-up and Adopt A-

Road: Michelle Chesnut 301-831-

0237 smc_geek@msn.com

Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow

Terry Springer 301-428-0216

SKEET & TRAP RANGE

OFFICERS: May 2003

Saturday 5/3 Robert &

Vivian MacLoed

Sunday 5/4 Joel Gross,

Kevin O'Neil

Saturday 5/10 Tony Evans,

Mike Bowen

Sunday 5/11 Burt

Mullineux, Shep Burton

Saturday 5/17 Robert Taylor,

Charlie Weaver

Sunday 5/18 Peter Currall,

Dave Gold, Robert Case

Saturday 5/24 John &

Rebecca Henrich

Sunday 5/25 Rob Van

Tassel, Frank Saenz

Saturday 5/31 Richard

Zabell, Peter Van Kuebler, Bill

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Sunday 6/1 John &

Rebecca Henrich

Saturday 6/7 Vivian &

Robert MacLoed

Sunday 6/8 Kevin O'Neill,

Joel Gross, Jay Jeffery

Saturday 6/14 Charlie

Weaver, Robert Taylor

Sunday 6/15 Shep Burton,

Burt Mullineux

Saturday 6/21 Mike Bowen,

Tony Evans

Sunday 6/22 Dave Gold,

Peter Currall, Robert Case

Saturday 6/28 Richard

Zabell, Peter Van Kuebler

Sunday 6/29 Frank Saenz,

Rob Van Tassel

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 to MRShaver@aol.com or telephone **301-926-0465**. If you can't reach Ray, try **Tom Riley** by e-mail to tejas1@bellatlantic.net or telephone **301-774-7426** (before 6 PM, please).

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle/pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box which contains the range sign-in register. **For May 2003, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 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.

PRACTICAL DEFENSE

MATCH: The next bimonthly practical defense match will be held on **Saturday, May 31, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM**. Please note that participants will meet at **1:00 PM 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). Everyone is welcome, but you will need a

semiautomatic pistol or double-action revolver.

RULES CHANGE ADOPTED:

A change to clarify the wording concerning the drawing and shooting of firearms, discussed several times in this column during the past year, was approved by the WAC Board of Directors at their meeting on April 2, 2003. Item 18 under SAFETY in the RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS now reads as follows:

18. Shooters firing from any position other than bench rest or standing must inform all others present of their intention. The drawing and firing of firearms from holsters by anyone, including law enforcement officers, is prohibited.

Copies of the revised rules and regulations are posted at the rifle and pistol ranges, and available on the WAC web site. Ray Shaver will also provide hard copy, printed versions upon request.

KEEP IT CLEAN: Have you ever seen some of the trash-filled locations which serve as public shooting areas on the back roads of this country? Not pleasant places to spend much time in, are they? For comparison, come out to the WAC ranges some morning before anything is going on, and you'll find both peace and natural beauty. Our challenge is to maintain that pleasant environment, while still providing a place to shoot. You can help by cleaning up after yourself every time you shoot. Pick up your empty cartridge cases, and please

don't use prohibited targets, like the plastic Easter eggs recently found on pistol range one. They may have been fun to shoot, but they will litter the range forever if not removed. Always try to leave the range in better condition than it was when you arrived.

REPAIRS UNDERWAY:

Speaking of unsightly areas, please excuse the mess caused by our ongoing repairs to the sound barrier behind the firing line on the rifle range. Such a project requires more than one maintenance day to complete, but we are hoping to get things back into place during our work session on May 25. If you have a few hours that morning, we will be happy to have some help.

MAY 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, May 25**. 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.

TREE PLANTING (March 22):
Tom Armentrout, Bernie Babcock, Ed Burrows, Michelle

Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Joe Hydro, and Jim Piateski.

CAS SETUP (April 25): **Chuck Crooks, Paul Fisher, Spotted Horse, Richard Marler, Richard Lee Rankin, Pete Schuyler, Joel Shapiro, and Ray Shaver.**

CAS TEARDOWN (April 26):
Ernesto ("Ernie") Brown, Chuck Crooks, Albert Crandall, Steve Keller, Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Simona Perry, Pete Schuyler, and Ray Shaver.

RANGE ORIENTATION (April 27): **Bud Bell, Barry Ephraim, and Ray Logan.**

SITE MAINTENANCE (April 27): **Mike Bland, Jerry Castellucci, Michelle Chesnut, Jim & Judy Crowell, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Fedis, Bill Gazdik, Earl Golden, Dana Hooper, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Cheryl Miller, Tom Ouellette, Tom Riley, Alan Rohrer, Mike Russo, Ray Shaver, and Laurence Wright.**

An EXTRA BIG THANKS (again) to Jim Knowles of Knowles Printing Service, in Kensington, MD for time and materials contributed on several large WAC printing jobs.

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

Thunder Valley Days is our chapters biggest fundraiser. We need lots of help. It is a great opportunity for new members to get in their first year work requirements. Please look over the areas where help is needed and then contact the chairperson, of that portion of the event, to

volunteer. There are plenty of jobs to go around and each chapter volunteer will get a Thunder Valley Days "Waddie" badge for helping.

There is a planning meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 2003 at 10:00 AM in the upper level hall at the Damascus IWLA. Contact Chuckaroo for additional information. This meeting is for interested parties and volunteers for Thunder Valley Days. The meeting should take about 1 1/2 hours.

Look over the areas where help is needed. If you see something that you can help us out with, please use the contact listed and let them know you can help. Some items need people to relieve others and with enough help, no one person gets stuck all day.

*Side Matches: Speed

Pistol/Derringer/Pocket Pistol
Please Contact - Trapdoor Dave
301-865-3084.

*Speed Shotgun Please Contact -
Jingles Jerr 410-833-3430 or
Meteu 301-428-0196 (W).

*Cowboy Shotgun Clays (single
and 3 person team) Please Contact
- Judge RC Colt 301-340-0047.

*Speed Rifle Please Contact -
Humphrey Hook 703-425-1387.

*All Long Range Rifle: Please
Contact Chuckaroo 301-831-9666
-Vacant need volunteer

*Food preparation help for lunch
on 26, 27, 28 and a late afternoon
BBQ on the 27th. Contact Mac
McCollum 301-854-3707.

*Match set up on the 25th. 10:00
AM for most of the day. Contact
Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666.

*Parking on the 26th, 27th and
28th mostly in the AM between
7:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Visitor

parking help need throughout the
day on the 27th & 28th. Contact
Ed Burrows 301-774-9090.

*Target swap on the 27th at
approximately 4:00 PM for about
1 1/2 hours. Contact Chuck
Crooks 301-831-9666.

*Match tear down on the 28th.
Approximately 3:30 PM for less
than 2 hours. Contact Ray Shaver
301-926-0465.

*Shuttle Drivers on the 26, 27,
28th. Help needed throughout the
day, starting at 10:00 AM on the
26, 7:00 AM on the 27th and 28th,
finished at 5:00 PM. Contact Ed
Burrows 301-774-9090 or Rich
Fried 301-253-2789.

*First Aid Station on 27th & 28th.
Contact Chuck Crooks 301-831-
9666.

*Water Jugs on 26, 27, 28th. Set
up in AM, get ice and replenish
each morning. Contact John
Leaman 301-972-1572.

*Vendor Set Up Contact Dave
Gold 301-865-3084. Wednesday,
most of the day and for a couple of
hours on Thursday morning.

*Roaming Safety Officer (for
visitors checking for ear and eye
protection). Help is need for all
day Friday and Saturday. Contact
Ray "Old Boz" Shaver 301-926-
0465.

The set up for our next monthly
cowboy shoot is Friday, May 23rd.
Volunteers meet on the rifle/pistol
parking lot at 1:00 PM and at 2:30
on Saturday for tear down. The
rifle and pistol ranges will be
closed from 1:00 PM on Friday,
May 23rd to approx. 4:00 PM on
Saturday May 24th.

HOUSE AND GROUNDS

Our chapter collects and recycles
aluminum, copper, and brass
ONLY. We gladly take you

aluminum, brass, and copper
donations and turn them into
usable funds for chapter projects.
Leave your aluminum, brass, or
copper only, in the recycling
building located to the right of the
chapters main equipment shed.

We also accept plywood, that is
used for our target backers on the
rifle and pistol ranges. It is helpful,
but not required, if they are precut
into 2' X 2' or 2' X 4' lengths.

**We do not collect for the
recycling or disposal of
batteries, newspaper, used oil,
cardboard, antifreeze or tires. In
the past, we have found many of
these items left outside of our
equipment shed. Leaving any of
these items is considered
dumping.**

DINNER MEETING GUEST

Arrangements are being completed
for our 28 May Membership
Dinner Meeting. We hope to have
Mr. Marty Klauber, Peoples
Counsel for Montgomery County,
as our guest speaker. Mr. Klauber
will speak on the importance of
getting involved in The Damascus
Master Plan process. Please plan
to attend.

ADOPT-A-ROAD/RECYCLE

Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jeff
DesChamps, and Ray Ladbarg for
helping Michelle Chesnut with the
Mullinix Mill Road clean-up.

The recycle shed has been
emptied. Bring your aluminum,
copper, or brass scrap for
recycling. **PLEASE "NO" tires,
batteries, newspaper, used oil,
cardboard, or
antifreeze!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

MAY NEW MEMBERS

Thomas A. Gaylord
Burleson, TX

Tim Kravchunovsky
Germantown, MD

Arnold F. Kieffer
Silver Spring, MD

Scott Stavrou
Germantown, MD

Guy Atkins
Silver Spring, MD

Dinesh Patil
Silver Spring, MD

Mike Taddei
Mount Airy, MD

Eddie Doyle, Washington Grove,
MD

Jim Shorten
Silver Spring, MD

PRESIDENT'S THANKS

The Wildlife Achievement
Chapter would like to thank
member **Tri Rust** for the donation
of his, now retired, pick-up truck.
We will unretire it to good use on
Chapter Projects. **THANKS Tri!!**