

NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter JUNE 2003

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CONSERVATION REPORT

The Conservation Committee needs some volunteers to help with many activities planned for this summer and fall.

On Saturday August 2nd or 9th we will get together on chapter property to finalize plans for a tree identification survey of the property. This will be done in cooperation with the Boy Scouts. Contact Jeff Deschamps (deschamps@nrl.navy.mil or 301-604-3736). We especially welcome anyone who can help us with tree identification and who would be willing to help teach the Scouts.

In September we will resume our work on preparing an area for our disease resistant American Elm tree farm. We need to chip trees that were cut earlier this year and cut down brush growing on the planting site. We will be planting the Elm Trees next spring.

In October we are planning a rain garden workshop and planting. An area near the shotgun range-house has been identified for the garden, which will help control run off from the road and grassy areas.

One of the regular Adopt-A-Road clean ups is scheduled for November 8th at 9:00 am. Several members commented on trash along roads other than Mullinix Mill Road (the road our chapter has adopted) during our annual watershed clean up. Because of this we are planning a 'super' clean up in November. We can use all the help we can get. Let's work together to clean as many roads around our chapter as we can. Contact Michelle Chesnut (301-831-0237 or smc_geek@msn.com) for more information.

JUNE CALENDAR

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

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

Wed 18, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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

Sat 21, Junior .22 Precision Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat 21, Bowling Pin Shoot 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sun 22, Junior .22 Precision Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

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

Wed 25, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM 2003/2004 Nominating Committee Report

Wed 25, Skeet & Trap CLOSED FOR THUNDER VALLEY DAYS SET UP Wed 25, All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days Set Up

Wed 25, Set up for Thunder Valley Days 10:00 AM

Thu 26, All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days Set Up

Thu 26, Thunder Valley Days Registration and Side Matches

Fri 27, All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days 2003

Fri 27, Thunder Valley Days 1st Five Stages

Sat 28, Club Rifle and Pistol Ranges are Closed for Thunder Valley Days 2001 until 5:00 PM

Sat 28, Thunder Valley Days 2nd Five Stages

Sat 28, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 28, Jr. Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

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

Sun 29, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

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

JULY CALENDAR

Tue 1, Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

Wed 2, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, Perspective Members Please Meet at 7:00 PM

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

Sat 5, Junior Precision .22 Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

Sun 6, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 6, Junior Precision Rifle 10:00 to 12:00 AM

Mon 7, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Wed 9, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sat 12, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sat 12, Junior Precision .22 Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

Sat 12, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (rifle range closed during event)

Sun 13, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 13, Junior Precision .22 Rifle 1030 AM to 12:00 AM

Mon 14, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Wed 16, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 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, lefebvre01@earthlink.net 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 Piateski 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:

June 2003

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 Dave Gold,Peter Currall, Ira Wein

Saturday 6/21 Mike Bowen, Tony Evans

Sunday 6/22 Shep Burton, Burt Mullineaux, Robert Case

Saturday 6/28 Richard Zabell, Peter Van Kuebler

Sunday 6/29 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassel

JULY 2003

Saturday 7/5 Robert & Vivian MacLoed

Sunday 7/6 Joel Gross, Kevin O'Neill

Saturday 7/12 Robert Taylor. Charlie Weaver Sunday 7/13 Burt Mullineaux, Shep Burton, Bob Case

Saturday 7/19 Tony Evans, Mike Bowen, Bill Rahn

Sunday 7/20 Peter Currall, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Saturday 7/26 Richard Zabell, Peter Von Kuebler

Sunday 7/27 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz

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 to MRShaver@aol.com or telephone 301-926-0465. If you can't reach Ray, try Tom Riley by e-mail to tejasl@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 June 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.

BOWLING PIN MATCH: The next

bimonthly bowling pin match will be held on Saturday, June 21, 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 ilim@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please). .22 FUN SHOOT COMING UP: Everybody is welcome and families are encouraged to attend our next .22 rimfire rifle fun shoot. It will be held from 10:00 AM until approximately 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 2. There is no charge and no chance of embarrassment for participants in this informal, noncompetitive event. Watch for more details in the July edition of this newsletter.

PLYWOOD DONATIONS: Your donations of plywood for use as target backers on the rifle and pistol ranges are always welcome. For backers, the plywood should be 1/2 inch or thicker and either pre-cut or capable of being cut into pieces 2'x2' (pistol range) or 2'x4' (rifle range). Please help keep the WAC looking good by dropping off your donations by the sliding door on the back side of the green equipment shed; that is, at the side nearest the chapter house.

JUNE 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, June 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.

RIVER CLEAN UP (April 5): Ronald Benden, Denny Brown, Michelle Chesnut, Tom Conroy, Annie Cumberland, Bob Cumberland, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Ian Duncan, Lyn Duncan, Bill Kelly, Steven Kleuver, Ray Ladbury, R. G. Logan, Tom Ouellette, Carrie Ouellette, Judy Riley, Ray Shaver, Alan Zimmerman, and Katie Zimmerman

CAS SETUP (May 23): Chuck Crooks, Rick Marler, Rick O'Connor ("Tonopah"), Ray Shaver, Mark Silverman, Bad Norseman, Church Key, Ozark, and Spotted Horse

CAS TEARDOWN (May 24): Paul Bluteau, Greg Christensen (new), Al Crandall (new), Chuck Crooks, Chuck Limparis, Richard Marler, Ray Shaver, and numerous others who failed to sign the sheet.

RANGE ORIENTATION (May 25): **Bud Bell** and **Barry Ephraim.**

SITE MAINTENANCE (May 25):
James G. Aldridge, Eric Bothwell,
Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff
Deschamps, Frank Kaleyias, John
Leaman (w/guest Ann Davis), Chuck
Limparis, Mark Mercer, Alan
Pressman, Tom Riley, Ray Shaver,
John Ward, and Chris Ward.

LOST AND FOUND: A steel Inventive Technologies rifle rest was found April 6 on the rifle range. It is in the WAC office, and can retrieved by one of the WAC officers or committee chairmen. A large painter's drop cloth in good condition was found on the covered pistol range in May. See Ray Shaver or Tom Riley to get it back.

JUNIOR AIR GUN

On Saturday, June 7th, despite threatening weather conditions, the Junior Air Rifle club held it's annual cook-out and awards ceremony, during which multiple trophies, medals, and certificates were presented to our deserving competitors. Regular Air Rifle practices have ended, however special air rifle practices for those who are scheduled to participate in the four National championships will continue for another 8 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The first and organizational meeting for the new season (2003-2004) will occur on Tuesday evening, September 9th, 2003 about 6:30 PM in the Rathskeller.

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.

*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.

SKEET AND TRAP RANGES

The first and forth Wednesday's ranges hours are 2:00 PM till 6:30 PM due to BOD Meetings and General Membership Meetings. All other Wednesday hours are 2:00 PM till 7:00 PM.

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.

ADOPT-A-ROAD/RECYCLE

JUNE NEW MEMBERS

Mauricio Veiga Silver Spring, MD 20904

Pejman Taei Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Rick Camilo Rockville, MD 20853

Tim Walley Damascus, MD 20872 Ronald Ruben Rockville, MD 20850

Thomas Malarkey Middletown, MD 21769

Gary Pfadenhauer Rockville, MD

DINNER MEETING MENU

The June Membership Meeting will feature pork barbecue. To clarify, that's PIG!

PRESIDENTS CORNER

We wish to thank Mr. Marty Klauber, Peoples Counsel for Montgomery County, for being our guest speaker, at our 28 May Dinner Meeting. Mr. Klauber spoke on the importance of getting involved in The Damascus Master Plan process. Thanks!