



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter July 2003

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CHAPLAINS NOTES

Please continue to remember our Chapter President, as he recovers from neck surgery, also remember Al Freiling as he likewise recovers from surgery, for an aneurysm.

CONSERVATION REPORT

The "Rain Barrel Workshop" hosted by the conservation committee on Tuesday June 10 and run by Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (MC-DEP) was a huge success. Jim Piatieski welcomed the participants to the chapter, and Joe Keyser (MC-DEP) gave an entertaining and informative introduction to the water conservation and storm water runoff benefits of rain barrels and answered questions from the audience. Then the fun really began. People selected a barrel and parts and began assembly. Everyone had a great time and took their barrel home with them.

Due to limited materials and space the workshop was limited to 40 participants, which was reached a week before the workshop. Many people called after all slots for the workshop had been filled. Because of this and the reactions of people in the workshop we will try to hold another workshop in the future. Special thanks to Bill Gazdik and Bill Ladd who came out to help

with building barrels even though they didn't want one themselves.

Stay tuned for committee events over the next few months: Tree Identification Survey, Elm Tree nursery preparation, and Rainscapes workshop.

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.

JULY DINNER MEETING MENU

Mac says Barbecued Chicken.
Yum, yum finger lickin good!!!

AIR PISTOL MATCH

The three top male shooters in the Chapter's 600 point air pistol match fired recently were:

Hiem Trang -546
Jim Piatieski - 540
Karl Krchma - 513

The high female shooter was Michelle Chesnut with a score of 469.

The Adult Airgun Program is firing on the outdoor range this summer beginning about 6:30 PM each Monday evening. All are welcome to come out and try some shots. There are always some air rifles or

air pistols for newcomers to use when they come out.

MID-ATLANTIC AIRGUN SHOW

The club-sponsored Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show will be held in the chapter house on Saturday, August 9, 2003, from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM. This is a 'gun show' for airguns and airgun related equipment and supplies. There will be numerous dealers selling and displaying both new, used, and antique air rifles and air pistols. Field targets, pellets, rifle scopes, paintball equipment, and a host of other airgun related equipment will also be available for sale. Outdoor ranges for the supervised firing of air rifles and pistols will be open and there will be a morning demonstration on the 'big bore air rifles' and a demonstration on field target shooting in the afternoon.

Admission is \$5.00 per adult (\$4.00 w/ your WAC-IWLA badge) and \$3.00 for children under 16. Snacks and lunch will be for sale by the junior airgun program during the day.

We will need help in setting up tables and the outdoor ranges on Friday afternoon, August 8, beginning at 2:00 PM; and will require staffing of the outdoor ranges on Saturday, and help with 'take down' Saturday afternoon

after the show. Contact Jim Piatieski (301-601-2954) or Phil Dean (301-865-8202) if you can assist any of these times.

We hope you will come out and see what is available in the airgun shooting sports.

JULY 2003 CALENDAR

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

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 10:30 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

Sat 19, Junior Precision .22 Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat 19, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 19, Practical Defense Match 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sun 20, Junior Precision .22 Rifle 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sun 20, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 21, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Wed 23, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM, **2003/2004 Nominations from the floor**

Wed 23, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Fri 25, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Sat 26, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed **Sat 26, Skeet & Trap** 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 27, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 27, Rifle Pistol Range Clean

Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM **Sun 27, Skeet/Trap Maintenance** 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 27, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM

Sun 27, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

Mon 28, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Wed 30, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

AUGUST 2003 CALENDAR

Sat 2, Silhouette .22 Fun Shoot 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Rifle range closed during match

Sat 2, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 3, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 4, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 5, Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

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

Wed 6, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, Perspective Members Please Meet at 7:00 PM **Fri 8, Set up for Airgun Show** 1:00 PM

Sat 9, Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show 9:00 AM 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact Phil Dean 301-865-8202

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

Sun 10, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 11, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Wed 13, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sat 16, Adopt-A-Road 9:00

Sat 16, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 16, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sun 17, 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, 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 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

SKREET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS: July 2003

Saturday 7/5 Frank Saenz, Bill Rahn, Paul Fisher

Sunday 7/6 Shep Burton, Burt Mullineaux, Bob Case,

Saturday 7/12 Robert Taylor, Charles Weaver

Sunday 7/13 Kevin O'Neill, Robert Jeffery, Joel Gross

Saturday 7/19 Mike Bowen, Tony Evans, Richard Zabell

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

Saturday 7/26 Robert & Vivian MacLoed, Robert Von Kuebler

Sunday 7/27 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz

AUGUST 2003

Saturday	8/2	Robert & Vivian MacLoed
Sunday	8/3	Burt Mullineaux, Bob Case Shep Burton
Saturday	8/9	Charles Weaver, Robert Taylor, Peter Von Kuebler
Sunday	8/10	Joel Gross, Kevin O'Neill, Robert Jeffery
Saturday	8/16	"The Fichter Gang"
Sunday	8/17	Peter Currall, Dave Gold, Ira Wein
Saturday	8/23	Richard Zabell, Tony Evans, Mike Bowen
Sunday	8/24	John & Rebecca Henrich
Saturday	8/30	Paul Fisher, Bill Rahn
Sunday	8/31	Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

Thunder Valley Days was once again a complete success. After a full year of preparation, everything went well. The cowboys raised \$545 for our scholarship fund in the process. We were finally blessed with three rain free days in a row!

For all of his efforts, Ray Shaver was awarded a gift from the cowboys for helping with every set up and tear down (except one) since we began in 1998.

The awards banquet was historical in that the Holiday Inn, in Montgomery Village, had a small fire that kept everyone outside for 2 1/2 hours. Match Director, Chuck Crooks (AKA Chuckaroo), decided to have the awards presented in the driveway/carport of the hotel. We used a fire department bullhorn and lighting from a ladder truck, but got it done.

Fellow WAC - Ike, Joel Shapiro (AKA Doc Shapiro) won the match and took the title of Maryland's Male State champion. Former WAC - Ike, Elaine Benson (AKA Ruby Red) is the Maryland Ladies State champion.

We purchased 54 "Waddie" badges for the Ike volunteers that worked during the match. We only had 3 left. That equates to a lot of volunteers! Without their help, the match could not take place. The shuttle drivers, kitchen helpers, parking guides, water jugs, trash folks, set up & tear down and safety officers all made the event happen.

A special thanks to Mac McCollum for his marathon week in the kitchen. He prepared the Wednesday membership meeting dinner, lunch on Thursday (with help from a crew on the range), lunch and the BBQ on Friday and lunch again on Saturday, again with help from the folks on the range. Mac was here days before making preparations and delivering food and he spent countless hours after everyone went home.

I also want to thank Dave Gold (AKA Trapdoor Dave) for making the side match certificates and setting up the vendor area. New WAC member, Mike Sage (AKA Sagebrush Kid), also helped with the vendors assignment.

To everyone that helped, THANK YOU! Chuckaroo =}:-)

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 **MRSshaver@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 July 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, July 19, 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).

.22 FUN SHOOT: 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**. Participants in this special event will be able to shoot at the chapter's steel knock-down targets and silhouettes, along with novelty targets like balloons and earth-bound clay pigeons. Bring a .22 rimfire rifle (i.e., short, long, long-rifle, but not .22 WRM please), lots of inexpensive .22 ammunition, plus eye and ear protection for participants and observers. For additional information about this event, contact **Tom Riley**.

HIGH POWER MATCH RESCHEDULED: Originally scheduled for June 7, the third high power rifle match of the season was canceled because of heavy rain. **Mike Gugulis**,

president of the Seneca Valley Sports Association, which sponsors those matches, reports that it was their first cancellation in 21 years of shooting. The canceled match has been rescheduled for **Saturday, October 4, 2003**, following the regularly scheduled matches to be held on **July 12** and **September 6**. With so many years of continuous shooting, this group must be doing something right. Come out and give it a try.

RIFLE RANGE USERS: Although there are fourteen target frames at the 100 yard line on the rifle range, we have started putting in only ten backers, one for each bench. Further, you'll note that the backers are in the frames which are numbered to go with the ten benches. Please use the target which is associated with the bench from which you are shooting. Careful selection of the appropriate target frame will help reduce some occasional confusion and cross-shooting on the rifle range.

CARPENTRY HELP NEEDED: For various reasons, our repairs to the covering for the rifle range sound barrier are proceeding very slowly. If you have some basic carpentry skills and tools, please consider helping out for a few hours during the morning on July 27.

NEW MAINTENANCE

COORDINATOR: Having taken on additional responsibilities as co-chair of the rifle/pistol range committee, **Tom Riley** is passing on his maintenance coordinator duties to **Chuck Limparis**, his very capable, long-time maintenance day associate. That doesn't, of course, mean that **Tom** gets to sleep in on the monthly maintenance day. He will simply be ranging farther afield, helping to oversee rifle/pistol range projects.

JULY 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, July 27**. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Chuck Limparis**, 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.

DIVISION MEETING (June 21): **Sam Blate, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Bill Ladd, John Leaman, Tom Ouellette, and Jim Piatieski.**

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS (June 25-28): A critical factor in making Thunder Valley Days a huge success was the work performed by more than fifty WAC members who are not cowboy action shooters (i.e., the "WADDIES"). Many of them didn't sign our work sheets, so their names do not appear in the following list. However, we think the list reflects all the probationary members who were involved. Note that earned work credits appear in parentheses following the name of each probationary member. Note also that some probationary members who worked several days or in several different tasks during Thunder Valley Days completely satisfied their two-event commitment. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated, and we hope that it was fun as well.

TVD workers included **Gary Baumgarten (2), Paul Bluteau, Rick Camilo (1), Joe Carinci, Louis Carinci, Michelle Chesnut, Barbara Crooks, Chuck Crooks, Phil Dean, Clyde Duckworth (1), Mark Ellis (1), L. Jim Fedis (2), Frank Fish (2), Rich Fried,, Bill Gazdik, Dave Gold, Dave Hammett, Robert Jackson, Stein Johansen , Paul Kellerman, Merry Klinefelter (3), Karl Krchma, John Leaman, Steve Lefebvre, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Rick Marler, Mac McCollum, Marwin Nilsen, Ron Peddicord, Gary Pfadenhauer (1), Richard Phelan, Conley Phipps, Pat Ramsey, Judy Riley, Tom Riley, Tom Rovinski (2) Ron Ruben (1), Frank Saenz, Mike Sage, Ray Shaver, Jim Shorten (1), Red Skillings, Colin Stanhope, Jim Struble (1), Steve Swartz (1), Benny Vitzov, and John Walter.**

RANGE ORIENTATION (June 29): **Bud Bell and Ray G. Logan.**

SITE MAINTENANCE (June 29): **Paul Congleton, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Paul Fisher, Jules Korner, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Tom Riley, Alan Rohr, Ray Shaver, Rob Taylor, John Ward, and Chris Ward.**

JANUARY WILD GAME DINNER

If this sounds a bit early for the Wild Game Dinner, it really isn't. This year tickets will be placed on sale beginning with the General Membership Meeting, in September. Tickets will remain on sale through December 2003. A total of 150 tickets will be sold for the dinner. If any tickets remain, unsold after December they will be placed on sale at the door.

JUNIOR SHOOTERS

Regular practice sessions for the Damascus Air Rifle Club have ended for the year and our regular sessions will resume during the first week of September. Meanwhile, our juniors are participating in a number of National Junior competitions over the summer. Two weeks ago, our 4 man team participated in the USA Shooting National Junior Olympic 3 Position air rifle competition, finishing in fifth place nationally among all sporter teams. Last week, a contingent of DARC shooters was one of only eleven sporter teams to be invited to participate in the National Guard Bureau National competition, from among the approximately 2000 competitors who participated in this year's National Guard competition. Our shooters finished in eighth place nationally among all sporter teams, two points out of seventh place and seventy five points down from the winning score. Their 2075 point score in this match was a new all time high score for a DARC sporter team in a major 3 position competition. Next week, two of our shooters will return to Wilmington, North Carolina to participate in the NRA Junior 3 Position Air Rifle National Championship and Training Summit as members of the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association Sporter Team. Dan Pearce and Aleem Sheikh earned the right to participate in this match by being two of the top five sporter competitors in a state wide competition held earlier this year. While our participants have varied from match to match, these two competitors will have competed in all three of these major national competitions. Two other DARC competitors, Brian

Watson and Danny Peterson, will leave for the NRA National rimfire competition at Camp Perry later this month.

SKEET & TRAP REPORT

Special thanks to Debbie Maxey for planting the flowers around the Range house. Another project completed! Thanks to all the shooters for picking up their hulls and trash, it makes the monthly cleanup much easier and the range looking great. Volunteers needed: There are a couple small-less than one day projects we need to have completed on the shotgun range. If you are available to take charge or just help out please drop me an email. bob.cumberland@sun.com There will be a skeet/ trap introduction on Saturday August 9, from 9am till noon. If you are interested drop me an email or sign up in the range house. The cost will be \$15 to cover targets and ammo, loaner guns are available. If you are available to assist with the class please give me a call.

NEW MEMBERS JULY 2003

Robert & Rose Holden
Germantown, MD

Alex Patapis
Frederick, MD

Jacob Howard
Olney, MD

James Hathaway
Mount Airy, MD

Y. T. Lechner
Rockville, MD

Gregory Dilla
Potomac, MD

Chris Corcoran
Laytonsville, MD

Steve Ward
Gaithersburg, MD

John Bork
Rockville, MD

Daniel Smolyar
Wheaton, MD

Ronald Murphy
Arlington, VA

Martin Waltman
Frederick, MD

ADOPT - A - ROAD

Thanks for the outstanding participation in the June 8, 2003 Adopt-a-road. The following Ikes were part of the rain-delayed Adopt-a-road: Sherry Chaney, Mike Russo, Judy Riley, Ray Ladbury, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Tim Walley, Jan Piateski, and Jim Piateski. The next adopt-a-road is on August 16, 2003. Look for a **super-adopt-a-road event** in November. Stay tuned for details.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Correction, correction, we apologize for the error in the May Newsletter. **Mr. Tyler Harding** is the member that generously donated his Ford Pick-up truck to our chapter.

We also wish to thank **Weis Market**, of Damascus for donating Ice, for The Maryland State Cowboy Action Shooting Championship match held at our chapter.