



# NEWSLETTER

## Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter August 2003

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### **CONSERVATION REPORT**

Maintenance Tips for Rain Gardens (with excerpts from the July 2003 e-newsletter of [bioretention@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bioretention@yahoogroups.com)).

To maintain an attractive rain garden it is essential to remove weeds regularly. What is a Weed? The best definition of a weed is that it is a plant out of place. For example, to a gardener trying to attract butterflies, Joe Pye Weed is the garden's crowning glory. The same plant in a farmer's cornfield, however, would be considered a weed. The word "weed" comes from the Old English "weod" which simply meant an herb or non-woody plant. Thus many wild flowers have the word weed in the name. The most extreme example of a plant out of place is an invasive plant. Invasive plants are exotic plants that escape cultivation and damage natural ecosystems.

Identifying your Weeds - Start by learning what isn't a weed. Learn to recognize what was planted in your rain garden. A good site is [www.rainscapes.org](http://www.rainscapes.org), maintained by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

To learn more about rain gardens, come to the Rain Garden Workshop being held at the

Chapter on October 16. Contact Jeff Deschamps ([deschamps@nrl.navy.mil](mailto:deschamps@nrl.navy.mil)) at 301-604-3736 or Jim Piatieski ([piaski@erols.com](mailto:piaski@erols.com)) at 301-601-2954 for more details.

Please don't forget that the conservation committee needs your help to on prepare an area for our disease resistant American Elm tree farm. We will be doing site preparation on September 21. This is a great opportunity to fulfill one of your work requirements and contribute to the Chapter's conservation programs.

### **JANUARY WILD GAME DINNER**

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. Any tickets remaining unsold after December will be placed on sale at the door, the night of the dinner.

### **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.

### **AUGUST DINNER MENU**

Mac is in the kitchen again. I can hear those pots and pans rattling now. Rumor has it that "Ribs" will be the main course. Come on out to our Dinner Meeting and enjoy a great meal and company of your fellow Ikes. **Friday 29, August!!!**

### **AUGUST 2003 CALENDAR**

**Sat 16, Adopt-A-Road** 9:00 AM - Contact Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237

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

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

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

**Mon 18, Adult Airgun** 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

**Wed 20, Skeet & Trap Open** 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Fri 22, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up** 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

**Sat 23, Skeet & Trap** 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

**Sat 23, Cowboy Action Shoot** 8:00 to 4:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

**Sun 24, Skeet & Trap** 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Mon 25, Adult Airgun** 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

**Wed 27, Skeet & Trap Open** 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Fri 29, Membership Meeting &****2003/2004 ELECTIONS &**

**Cookout** 6:30 PM Social, Dinner  
7:30 PM

**Sat 30, Skeet & Trap** 12:00 Noon to  
5:00 PM

**Sun 31, Skeet & Trap** 1:00 PM to  
5:00 PM

**Sun 31, Rifle Pistol Range Clean  
Up** 10:00 AM Ranges closed until  
1:00 PM **Sun 31, Skeet/Trap**

**Maintenance** 10:00 AM Ranges  
closed until 1:00 PM

**Sun 31, Christmas Tree**

**Maintenance** 10:00 AM

**Sun 31, Club and Range Orientation**  
10:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 2003 CALENDAR**

**Mon 1, Adult Airgun** 6:30 PM to  
9:00 PM

**Tue 2, Conservation/SOS  
Committee Meeting** 7:30 PM

**Wed 3, Board Of Directors  
Meeting** 7:30 PM, Perspective  
Members Please Meet at 7:00 PM

**Wed 3, Skeet & Trap Open** 2:00 PM  
to 6:30

**Fri 5, Hunter Safety, Day 1, 7:00 PM**  
- To register, leave a message on  
301-717-9672. For additional  
information contact Mac McCollum  
301-854-3707.

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

**Sat 6, Air Rifle Field Target Match**  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Sat 6, Seneca Valley Rifle Match**  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (rifle range  
closed during event)

**Sun 7, Skeet & Trap** 12:00 Noon to  
5:00 PM

**Mon 8, Adult Airgun** 6:30 PM to  
9:00 PM

**Tue 9, Junior Airgun & Rimfire  
Registration Only** 6:30 to 8:30 PM

**Wed 10, Skeet & Trap Open** 2:00  
PM to 7:00 PM

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

**Tu 11, Junior Airgun** 6:00 PM to  
10:00 PM

**Fri 12, Hunter Safety, Day 2, 7:00  
PM** - Contact Mac McCollum 301-  
854-3707

**Sat 13, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00  
AM** (all ranges closed until 1:00 PM)  
- Contact Mac McCollum 301-854-  
3707

**Sat 13, Skeet & Trap** 1:00 PM to 5:00  
PM

**Sat 13, Junior Airgun** 10:00 AM to  
12:00 PM

**Sun 14, 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](mailto: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 POC:** Steve Lefebvre  
301-428-9400,  
[lefebvre01@earthlink.net](mailto: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 Piatetski 301-253-4486 or  
Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736  
**River Clean-up and Adopt A-  
Road POC:** Michelle Chesnut  
301-831-0237

[smc\\_geek@msn.com](mailto:smc_geek@msn.com)

**Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow**  
Terry Springer 301-428-0216

**Hunter Safety POC:** Mac  
McCollum 301-854-3707

**SKEET & TRAP RANGE  
OFFICERS: August 2003**

Saturday 8/2 Robert &  
Vivian MacLoed  
Sunday 8/3 Burt  
Mullineaux, Bob Case, Shep Burton

Saturday 8/9 Robert  
Taylor, Peter Von Kuebler  
Sunday 8/10 Joel Gross,  
Kevin O'Neill, Robert Jeffery  
Saturday 8/16 Charles  
Weaver, Bill Rahn,  
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

**September 2003**

Saturday 9/6 Robert &  
Vivian MacLoe, Peter Von Kuebler  
Sunday 9/7 Kevin  
O'Neill, Joel Gross, Robert Jeffery  
Saturday 9/13 Rrobert  
Taylor, Charles Weaver  
Sunday 9/14 Shep Burton,  
Debbie Maxey, Bob Case  
Saturday 9/20 Tony Evans,  
Mike Bowen, Richard Zabell  
Sunday 9/21 Dave Gold,  
Ira Wein, Peter Currall  
Saturday 9/27 Paul Fisher,  
Bill Rahn  
Sunday 9/28 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](mailto:MRShaver@aol.com) or telephone 301-  
926-0465. If you can't reach Ray, try  
**Tom Riley** by e-mail to  
[tejas1@bellatlantic.net](mailto: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 August 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:** If you haven't tried a WAC bowling pin fun shoot run by Jesse Lim, you've missed a lot of fun. The next shoot will be held on **Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 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](mailto:jlim@phillips.com) or telephone **301-540-0860** (evenings only please).

**.22 FUN SHOOT:** Thanks to the 25 lkes, guests, and family members who made our August 2 shoot a big success. Your enthusiasm for the event (as well as the fact that it is fun) convinced your host, rifle/pistol range committee co-chair **Tom Riley**, to schedule another .22 fun shoot for **Saturday, December 6.** Watch for a confirmation and more details in upcoming newsletters.

**UNACCEPTABLE TARGETS:** Inspecting the ranges on August 5, I (Ray Shaver) was unhappy to find four large telephone books bound with duct tape and leaning against the target number sign posts under four target frames at the 100 yard line on the rifle range. Someone had apparently been satisfying his or her curiosity about the penetration capability of one or more rifle loads. Why, you might ask, should I be unhappy about the use of such targets? After all, they were immediately in front of the berm and certainly not something that would cause ricochets. The primary reason for my concern was that by using the sign posts to hold the phone books upright, the shooter had those posts directly in his line of fire; perhaps not intentionally destroying them, but certainly hastening their demise. Furthermore, adding insult to injury, the phone books were left there when the shooter was done, so I had to carry them out. One of the reasons our rules require targets to be attached to the backboard is to reduce the damage to target frames and other things, like sign posts, in the target zone. With a little more creative use of duct tape, this shooter could have created a flap to attach the phone books to the backboard, making them acceptable targets. Then, he or she would only have to remember to **remove them when done.** PLEASE AVOID DAMAGING WAC PROPERTY AND ADDING

## UNNECESSARY WORK FOR OTHERS.

**CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED:** Although we are making progress, repairs to the covering for the rifle range sound barrier continue to go slowly. If you have some basic carpentry skills and tools, please consider helping out for a few hours during the morning on August 31. This is not precision work; sledge hammers, pry bars, and strong backs will be helpful at this stage of the project. Please address any questions to **Ray Shaver.**

**HELP WITH SOD NEEDED:** **Tom Riley** and **Ray Shaver** are seeking assistance in laying a couple flats of sod over a portion of the covered pistol range sometime between mid-September and the end of October. This job will probably be done on a weekday, rather than on a site maintenance day. If you are available on weekdays and able to handle rolls of sod, please let them know. See above for telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

**AUGUST 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, August 31.** Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Chuck Limparis**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment. This has been a great year for growing grass and weeds. If you will bring your own weed whacker, we can guarantee a chance to use it.

**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.

**CAS SETUP (July 25):** **Chuck Crooks, Wil Ney, Rich Rankin, Ray Shaver, Spotted Horse**, and at least one other person who left without signing the work sheet.

**CAS TEARDOWN (July 26):** **Derrick Aquino, Greg Christensen, Jennifer**

**Christensen, Brian Martin, Rich Rankin, Ray Shaver, and Terry L. Springer.**  
**RANGE ORIENTATION (July 27):** **Ray G. Logan.**

**SITE MAINTENANCE (July 27):** **Dana Brown, Michelle Chesnut, Jim Crowell, Ruben Gerena, Earl Golden, Norma J. Kaweck, Vernon R. King Jr, Chuck Limparis, Debbie Maxey, Mac McCollum, Jim Piatetski, David Pstrak Sr, David Pstrak Jr, Tom Riley, Leo Rusk, Ray Shaver, Steve Silverman, John T. Stringer** and numerous others who failed to sign the work sheet. **EARL GOLDEN IS ESPECIALLY DESERVING OF SPECIAL THANKS FOR HIS INDIVIDUAL EFFORT IN MOVING EARTH AND MUD TO IMPROVE THE ENTRY DRIVEWAY DRAINAGE.**

**ADOPT-A-ROAD (Aug. 3):** **Vernon R. King Jr.** who worked alone because he was unable to be present for the scheduled road cleanup.

## JUNIOR SHOOTERS

Last week, Nick Limparis, Daniel Reed, and Ian Duncan traveled to Clemson University to spend five days in training with a group of NCAA champions lead by Olympic Competitor and Silver Medallist Bob Foth. All three shooters worked hard for the duration of the camp. They also made friendships with shooters from other clubs. All three shooters fired well enough to make the cut and be part of the top ranking eight shooters who fired in a final! Meanwhile, our Brian Watson and Danny Peterson want to Camp Perry, Ohio and with three other juniors competed in the rimfire national championships. For the first time in 100 years of team competitions, their "junior" team defeated all 47 other teams to finish in first place overall, in both "anysights" and "metallic sights" competitions. One of the teams they bested in both competitions was the US Army Marksmanship Unit team by 19 and 24 points respectively. We note that all five members of this record shattering junior team are affiliated with IWLA Chapter Junior teams. This week, Dan Pearce travels to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado to participate in the American Legion National Sporter Championship air rifle match. He earned the right to compete by posting the

highest score among all sporter shooters from Maryland, earlier in the year. Regular junior shooter activity will resume on Tuesday evening, September 9th when we hold our organizational meeting for the upcoming year. We look forward to another successful year, although topping this last year's outstanding results may not be an easy task!

## **NEW MEMBERS AUGUST 2003**

**Ricky Tipton, Walkersville, MD**

**John McCurdy, Monrovia, MD**

**Erik Schultheiss, Frederick, MD**

**Eugene Reesman, Laytonsville, MD**

**Jose Scoseria, Potomac, MD**

**David Hennemann, Ellicott City, MD**

**Gene Fritz, Damascus, MD**

**Chris Starzewski, Germantown, MD**

**Mark Holmes, Rockville, MD**

**Jeffrey Korns, Potomac, MD**

## **Slate of Officers for Election**

The following slate of candidates has been nominated for election by the general membership. Elections will be held at the August Dinner Meeting.

President: Jim Piateski

First Vice President: Bob Cumberland

Second Vice President: Rich Fried

Third Vice President: Rob Taylor

Recording Secretary: Red Skillings

Corresponding Secretary: Conley Phipps

Membership Secretary: Joe Gick

Treasurer: Steve Lefebvre

Parliamentarian: Mac McCollum

Chaplain: John Leaman

Sergeant At Arms: Bill Ladd

For New Directors:

Chuck Crooks

Bob Inness

Tom Riley

Jorge Silva

## **ADOPT-A-ROAD**

Please come out and help with the Adopt-a-road cleanup on Saturday 16 August, 9 A.M. Meet at the Green Shed.