



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter September 2003

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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.

SEPTEMBER DINNER MENU

Jorge is back in the kitchen after summer guesting for Emril (just kidding). A special thanks to Mac "The Barbeque Man" for his culinary skills the past several months.

The Menu for the **Friday 26 September** Dinner Meeting and Installation of New Officers will be Assorted cheese and cracker appetizers, Arroz con Pollo (chicken and rice, Spanish style), Salad, Breads, and Dessert.

New Officers and Directors:

The following are our Officers and Directors for the coming year.

President:

Jim Piatieski

First Vice President:

Bob Cumberland

Second Vice President:

Rich Fried

Third Vice President:

Rob Taylor

Recording Secretary:

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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

John Walter

Michelle Chesnut

Jeffrey Deschamps

Immediate Past President:

Ed Burrows

SEPTEMBER 2003 CALENDAR

Sun 14, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 15, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 16, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 17, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wed 17, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 18, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 20, Junior Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

Sat 20, Practice Defense Match 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sun 21, Site preparation for American Elm tree farm - Contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736

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

Sun 21, Public Hunter Sight In Day On Rifle Range 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Mon 22, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

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

Wed 24, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Wed 24, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 25, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 26, Membership Meeting & Installation of the 2003/2004 Officers

6:30 Social, Dinner at 7:30 PM

Fri 26, Cowboy Action Shoot

Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol

Ranges Closed

Sat 27, Cowboy Action Shoot

8:00 to 4:00 PM Rifle Pistol

Ranges Closed -

Sat 27, Skeet & Trap

12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 27, Jr. Airgun

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sun 28, Skeet & Trap

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 28, Rifle Pistol Range

Clean Up 10:00 AM

Sun 28, Skeet/Trap

Maintenance 10:00 AM

Sun 28, Christmas Tree

Maintenance 10:00 AM

Sun 28, Club and Range

Orientation 10:00 AM

OCTOBER 2003 CALENDAR

Wed 1, Board Of Directors

Meeting 7:30 PM, Perspective

Members Please Meet at 7:00 PM

Wed 1, Skeet & Trap

Open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Wed 1, Junior Airgun

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 2, Junior Airgun

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 3, 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 4, Seneca Valley Rifle Match

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (rifle range

closed during event)

Sat 4, Skeet & Trap

12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 4, Jr. Airgun

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sun 5, Skeet & Trap

12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 5, Deer Hunter

Qualification 10:00 AM to 2 PM

- Contact Ray Shaver 301-926-

0465 (rifle range closed during

event)

Mon 6, Adult Airgun

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 7, Junior Airgun

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Tue 7, Conservation/SOS

Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

Wed 8, Skeet & Trap

Open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Wed 8, Junior Airgun

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 9, Junior Airgun

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 10, Hunter Safety, Day 2, 7:00 PM

- Contact Mac McCollum 301-

854-3707

Sat 11, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM

(all ranges closed until 1:00

PM) - Contact Mac McCollum 301-

854-3707

Sat 11, Skeet & Trap

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 12, Skeet & Trap

12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 12, Black Powder Sight in

and Shoot 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM -

Contact John Leaman 301-972-

1572

Mon 13, Adult Airgun

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 14, Junior Airgun

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 15, Skeet & Trap

Open 2:00 PM to 6:00

Wed 15, Junior Airgun

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 16, Junior Airgun

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 16, Rain Garden workshop -

Contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-

604-3736

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 POC: 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 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

Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow

Terry Springer 301-428-0216

Hunter Safety POC: Mac

McCollum 301-854-3707

SKEET & TRAP RANGE

OFFICERS: September 2003

Sat 9/6 Robert & Vivian
MacLoed Peter Von
Kuebler

Sun 9/7 Kevin O'Neill, Joel
Gross, Robert Jeffery

Sat 9/13 Robert Taylor,
Charles Weaver

Sun 9/14 Shep Burton, Debbie,
Bob Case

Sat 9/20 Tony Evans, Mike
Bowen, Richard Zabel

Sun 9/21 Dave Gold, Ira Wein,
Peter Currall

Sat 9/27 Paul Fisher, Bill Rahn

Sun 9/28 Frank Saenz, Rob
Van Tassel

October 2003

- Sat 10/4 Vivian & Robert
MacLoed, Peter Von
Kuebler
- Sun 10/5 Kevin O'Neill, Robert
Jeffery
- Sat 10/11 Robert Taylor, Bob
Case, Joel Gross
- Sun 10/12 Shep Burton, Debbie
Maxey, Ronnie
Gravitt, Steve Hunt
- Sat 10/18 Mike Bowen, Richard
Zabell, Tony Evans
- Sun 10/19 Peter Currall, Ira
Wein, Dave Gold
- Sat 10/25 Charles Weaver,
Paul Fisher,
Bill Rahn
- Sun 10/26 Rob Van Tassel,
Frank Saenz, John
& Rebecca Henrich

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 **September 2003**, starting time is **10 AM daily** and ending time is **7:30 PM**,

unless some activity has preempted the range. However, because sunset comes a little earlier each day this time of year, ending time may become earlier before the month ends. Please help us to be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

HANDGUN SHOOTERS: The next practical defense match will be held on **Saturday, September 20 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** or telephone **301-540-0860** (evenings only please).

HUNTER SIGHT-IN DAY (Sept. 21): One of the WAC public services in support of hunting safety is the annual hunter sight-in day, at which our rifle range is open to the public. The objective is to provide hunters with a chance to ensure that the firearms and ammunition with which they will be hunting are accurately shooting where aimed. For a fee of \$5 per firearm, we provide access to the rifle range for sighting in at distances up to 100 yards, plus targets and assistance as needed. **This year's hunter sight-in day will be held on Sunday, September 21 from 10 AM until 3 PM**. Although some benches will be reserved for participants, the rifle range will remain open to WAC members during this event.

Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

HUNTER QUALIFICATION SHOOT (Oct. 5): A

qualification event for persons seeking a Maryland State Shooter Qualification Card for shotgun (slugs) and/or muzzleloader hunting will be held on **Sunday, October 5, from 10 AM until 3 PM**. This event is open to all prospective hunters for a fee of \$5 per each type of qualification attempted. The qualification shoot involves the use of all WAC pistol and rifle ranges, and attracts a large number of shooters who are not familiar with our facilities. Consequently, to make the process as safe and efficient as possible, **only those persons involved in the qualification event will be allowed access to the rifle and pistol range area while the event is underway**. Your cooperation with this restriction will be appreciated. We will make every effort to open the ranges to members as quickly as possible after the event is over.

HELP WANTED: Volunteers are needed on **both September 21 and October 5** to serve as range officers, oversee parking, perform safety checks, register participants, etc. It requires only a few hours of your time; our volunteer staff will be on duty from 9 AM until around 3 PM. If you have helped with the sight-in or qualification events in previous years, we would love to have you back. We would also be pleased to introduce new lkes to these public service events. For

more information, or to volunteer your assistance, please contact **Ray Shaver**. Previous participants who were contacted by e-mail and have already responded need not respond again; you're on the list.

UNACCEPTABLE TARGETS (REVISITED):

The WAC range rules specifically indicate that targets must be attached to the target backboard and **mounted so they do not obscure the steel target stand frame**. The reason for the mounting restriction should be clear. We are trying to minimize the danger from splatter which occurs when bullets hit the steel frames, and also to reduce damage to the frames. This rule is broken regularly on the pistol ranges, especially by shooters who are using large human silhouette targets. On August 29, I found three silhouette targets mounted on frames at the covered pistol range such that their X rings were precisely over the steel cross bar on the target frames. Please don't do this. The target frames suffer enough inadvertent hits without putting them directly in your line of fire.

SEPTEMBER 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, September 28**. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Chuck Limparis**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment. Sledge hammers

and saws are the appropriate tools for those who plan to work on the rifle/pistol ranges, since we are still rebuilding the rifle range sound barrier.

RANGES CLOSED: Please note that **ALL WAC ranges** (i.e., archery, air, rifle, pistol, and shotgun) are closed until 1 PM on site maintenance days whether somebody is working on them or not. If you can't or won't help in that monthly task, please don't come out expecting to use the ranges while others work. Apparently we haven't made this point clear in the past because several longtime members showed up during the work period on August 31, and argued when asked to leave the airgun range.

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.

AIRGUN SHOW SETUP

(August 8): **Earl Brooks, Sean Dwyer, Bill Gazdik, Steven Goldberg, Karl Krchma, Jim Piateski, and Singson Tiu.**

AIRGUN SHOW (August 9): **R. Blatchford, Earl Brooks, Mike Canter, Michelle Chesnut, Sean Dwyer, Bill Gazdik,**

Steven Goldberg, Karl Krchma, Chris Laptosh, Wayne Laptosh, Joe McDaniel, Mario Mendoza, Jim Piateski, Jose Scoseria, and Rick Tipton.

ADOPT-A-ROAD (August 16): **Michelle Chesnut, John Gorham, Ian Gorham, Michael Joseph, Ray Ladbury, J. Gregg McDonald, Joe McDonald, Mitchell Mercilliot, Chris Nelson, Judy Riley, Michael Fergus Sugrue, and Alan Zimmerman.**

CAS SETUP (August 22): **Carl Baker, Jerry Bazensky, Mike Bland, David Brubaker, Michelle Chesnut, Chuck Crooks, Philip Demattia, Bob Elam, Donald Hoffman, Stein Johansen, Rick Marler, Brian Martin, Wil Ney, Rich Rankin, Ray Shaver, and Larry Sisserman.**

CAS TEARDOWN (August 23): **Greg Christensen, Chris Nelson, Leo Rusk, Jose Scoseria, Ray Shaver, Highland Ranger, and numerous other cowboy action shooters who didn't sign the worksheet.**

RANGE ORIENTATION (August 31): **Bud Bell and Steve Lefebvre.**

SITE MAINTENANCE (August 31): **Ben Boccuzzi, Eric Bothwell, Lou Ferguson, Rolando Gonzales, John Henrich, Michael Joseph, Jonathon Joseph, Bill Kelly, John Leaman, Bill Ladd, Chuck Limparis, Ahmad Mazhari, John D. McCurdy,**

Rodney Michael, Ben Michael, Alan Pressman, David Pstrak, Tom Riley, Shohra Ruyan, Ray Shaver, Tyler L. Watson, and Tyler W. Watson.

JUNIOR SHOOTERS

Daniel Pearce, of Olney, Maryland, just returned from competing in the American Legion sponsored national sporter air rifle championship held at the Olympic Training Center, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Approximately 1400 juniors competed in this American Legion competition.

Dan was one of the top fifteen sporter shooters in the nation and was invited to the National where he took the Gold Medal in Prone, The Gold Medal in Kneeling, and the Bronze Medal overall among all sporter competitors! We congratulate Dan for an outstanding competitive performance against the cream of the sporter "crop" of shooters!

Our new season started Tuesday evening, September 9th with an organizational meeting. Should any junior or parent who missed that meeting, wish to consider joining the club, Please contact Bob Inness (301-340-9185 Rockville) or binness@starpower.net immediately.

NEW MEMBERS

Chip Barclay
Clarksburg, MD 20871

William Caperones
Kensington, MD 20895

Carter Laws
Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Carl M. Keyser
Damascus, MD 20872

Chris Parios
Ijamsville, MD 21754

Stephen Wilson
Annapolis, MD 21403

Wade A. Dayberry
Damascus, MD 20872

Gary D. Steinberg
Rockville, MD 20850

CONSERVATION REPORT

On Saturday August 16 the conservation committee held a training session for the boy scouts that will be doing a tree inventory on the Chapter property. A tree inventory establishes the density and diversity of trees in the inventory area. Two scouts, their parents and the scout master met committee members at the maintenance shed. After an introduction to the concept of a tree inventory the scouts were instructed in how to use a tree identification guide. The guide was prepared specifically for the most common trees on chapter property to simplify the identification process. The group spent the next hour in the woods using the guide to identify trees and touring the

area they will inventory. The scouts will return to the chapter in late September or early October to complete the inventory.

Please don't forget that the conservation committee needs your help to 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. We also have a Rainscapes Workshop scheduled for October 16. Rainscapes emphasize the use of native plants in backyard landscaping and designs that capture and filter stormwater runoff before it enters our local streams. Contact Jeff Deschamps (deschamps@nrl.navy.mil) at 301-604-3736 or Jim Piateski (piaski@erols.com) at 301-601-2954 for more details (advance registration required).

In the near future a County camera crew is coming on board to film a segment relating to our Elm tree project which will be shown on "County TV".

CHRISTMAS TREES

Much mowing around the trees and considerable trimming using gasoline trimmers was done last Sunday. The tree area(s) look very good. There was a strong turnout; 8 or 10 were a result of Ray Shaver's reminder letters of required first year membership hours.

Adopt-a-road and Recycle

We have collected over \$400.00 this year in proceeds from the recycling program. Thanks to Chuck Crooks and Tom Riley for helping me empty the recycle shed. It took three trips to the recycling center, but we now have plenty of room for Aluminum, Brass and Copper for recycle. Please, do not put your cans back into the cardboard boxes in which they came or include any bottles or trash in the bags of cans. I have to deal with all of the trash that cannot be recycled and it makes my job at the recycle center really tough. The Adopt-A-Road was a huge success this month. Thanks to the following people that came

on August 16, 2003 to help: Ray Ladbury, Michael Joseph, John Gorham, Ian Gorham, J. Gregg McDonald, Joe McDonald, Chris Nelson, Alan Zimmerman, Michael Fergus Sugrue, Mitchell Mercilliot, and Judy Riley. (If I have your name wrong, I am truly sorry.) The conservation and Adopt-a-road committees are planning an adopt-a-road event on November 2, 2003 that will include several of the roads in the area. We will need several volunteers to make the event a success. Stay tuned for more details. Thanks to every one who has helped out.