

NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter October 2003

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JANUARY WILD GAME DINNER

Tickets are on sale for the Wild Game Dinner and Auction. 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.

OCTOBER 2003 CALENDAR

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

Sat 11, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM (all ranges closed until 1:00 PM) Sat 11, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 12, Site preparation for American Elm tree farm 9:00 AM 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 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 PM

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-

Sat 18, Junior Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 18, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sat 18, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Md. State Shoot)

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

Mon 20, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00

Tue 21, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 22, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

Wed 22, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

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

Fri 24, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed -

Sat 25, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 to 4:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed -Sat 25, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to

Sat 25, Junior Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sun 26, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 26, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 26, Skeet/Trap Maintenance

AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM Sun 26, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM

Sun 26, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

Mon 27, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00

Tue 28, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 28, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 30, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00

NOVEMBER 2003 CALENDAR

Sat 1. New Cowbov Shooter Clinic 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM Covered Pistol Range Closed During Clinic

Sat 1, Jr Airgun Shoot 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat 1, Sr. Airgun Field Target Match 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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

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

Mon 3, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 4, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 5, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, Perspective Members

Please Meet at 7:00 PM

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

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

Fri 7, 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 8, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sat 8, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 8, Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM Sun 9, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 10, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00

Tue 11, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 12, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 13, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 14, Hunter Safety, Day 2, 7:00 PM Sat 15, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM (all ranges closed until 1:00 PM)

Sat 15, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 16, 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 Cowbov Shoot POC: Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666 Rifle Pistol Range POC: Rav Shaver 301-926-0465 Astronomy Club & Range Orientation POC: Steve Lefebyre 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 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: October 2003

| Sat : | 10/4 | Vivian & Robert |
|-------|-------|------------------------|
| | | MacLoed, |
| | | Peter Von Kuebler |
| Sun | 10/5 | Kevin O'Neill, Robert |
| | | Jeffery |
| Sat 1 | 0/11 | Robert Taylor, Bob |
| | | Case, Joel Gross |
| Sun : | 10/12 | Shep Burton ,Debbie |
| | | Maxey, Ronnie Gravitt, |
| | | Steve Hunt |
| Sat 1 | 0/18 | 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 |

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| Sat 11/1 | Vivian& Robert |
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| | MacLoed |
| Sun 11/2 | Joel Gross, Kevin |
| | O'Neill |
| Sat 11/8 | Charles Weaver, Robert |
| | Taylor |
| Sun 11/9 | Shep Burton, Debbie |
| Sun Tity | Maxey Steve Hunt, |
| | Ronnie Gravitt |
| C-4 11/15 | |
| Sat 11/15 | Mike Bowen, Tony |
| | Evans |
| Sun 11/16 | Dave Gold, Ira Wein, |
| | Peter Currall |
| Sat 11/22 | Richard Zabell, Robert |
| | Jeffery, Burt |
| | Mullineaux |
| Sun 11/23 | John & Rebecca |
| Jun 11,25 | Henrich, |
| | Robert Case |
| C-+ 11/20 | |
| Sat 11/29 | Paul Fisher, Bill Rahn, |
| | Peter Von Kuebler |
| Sun 11/30 | Frank Saenz, Rob Van |
| | Tassel |

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees are on SALE now. Pay for your tree in advance and pick them up any time after December 6, 2003. Fill out a card, when purchasing a tree, for your chance to win a years FREE Chapter Membership. Drawing and notification on the 24th of December.

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 October 2003, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 6:30 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.

BLACK POWDER SIGHT-IN DAY & FUN SHOOT: You don't have to own a muzzleloader to join in the fun on Sunday, October 12, when WAC Chaplain, John Leaman, hosts our annual black powder shoot. John and other black powder enthusiasts are always happy to share their guns and expertise with newcomers to this inexpensive, low key shooting activity. Join us in shooting at novelty targets and steel silhouettes, to sight in your hunting muzzleloader, toss tomahawks at log targets, and generally have a good time. The event starts at 10 AM and generally runs until early afternoon.

BOWLING PIN SHOOT: The next bowling pin match will be held on Saturday, October 18, 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).

UNACCEPTABLE TARGETS

(MORE!): Needing to clear all trash off the ranges before the hurricane, I hurriedly emptied all the trash and recycling cans on September 18, and had to dig it out of the cans by hand (see below), leading to a very close relationship with their contents. Among the trash off the uncovered pistol range was a steel plate about 1 foot square with dents and a hole from multiple gunshots. That is not an acceptable target, and in using it as a target, the shooter put someone in harm's way if only himself. The shot-up aluminum cans which were neatly discarded with others for recycling are also unacceptable targets on WAC ranges. Don't shoot them, and don't stand by silently while someone else does.

SPEAKING OF TRASH CANS:

WAC members are very good at making sure their trash gets into the cans provided at the ranges. Unfortunately, you are a little too good when it comes to trashing large pieces of cardboard which has usually been used as targets. When cardboard is crammed into the trash cans, it prevents them from dumping when upended over our dumpster. often by a little old man (me) who can barely lift them. Instead of putting the cardboard in the cans, pistol range users should stack it with shotup backers on the floor under a table. and rifle range users should place it on edge between a trash can and post. Better yet, take it with you. Thanks for the help.

OCTOBER 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, October 26. 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. Starting this month, at least one of those events must be a conservation activity. 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.

HUNTER SIGHT-IN (September 21): Barry Ephraim, James Fort, Ray Halperin, Bob Mabie, Dennis Price, Tom Riley, Jose Scoseria, Ray Shaver, and John Walter.

CONSERVATION WORK DAY (September 21): Mike Canter, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, and DeVaughn Nelson.

CAS SETUP (September 26): Chuck Crooks, Spotted Horse, Renegade Lee, Chuck Limparis, Danny Marler, Rick Marler, Wil Ney, Bad Norseman, Lefty Rhodes, Paul Scholl, Ray Shaver, and Brisco Sullivan.

CAS TEARDOWN (September 27): Clifford Beck, Paul Bluteau, Gregg Christensen, Jan Christensen, Renegade Lee, Rick Marler, Ahmed Mazhari, Lefty Rhodes, Ricardo Royal, Shohra Ruyan, and Ray Shaver.

RANGE ORIENTATION (September 28): Ray Logan and Barry Ephraim.

SITE MAINTENANCE (September 28): Dana Brown, Derek Charles, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Tom Dunlap, Devin Edwards, Ruben Gerena, John Henrich, Marc Hinther (with Dylan & Braden), Dana Hooper, Jules Korner, Bill Ladd, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Rodney Michael, Tom Riley, and Ray Shaver.

NEW COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC

We will be having a "New Cowboy Shooter" Clinic on Saturday. November 1, 2003. The clinic is designed for those seeking more information about Cowboy Action Shooting. There will be two classes. 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Atlantic Guns will be there with loaner firearms if needed. The class will be held at our Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the Izaak Walton League near Damascus, Maryland. The purpose of the clinic is to introduce the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd like to give it a try without "the whole world watching." Though playing the game under the watchful eye of the posse leader's timer is part of the fun, that can be a little intimidating if you're new at it. SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone gets off to the right start. You'll get to see how the game is played, hear the SASS rules, see the equipment and accessories that are required, and get a chance to try out the range of firearms that are appropriate to the sport. A history of the sport will be included in the classroom portion. The entire course will take each shooter about two and a half hours. Unfortunately, this is not

the occasion to obtain initial firearms training. We're going to be showing experienced shooters how to enjoy this particular sport. It is best not to learn too many things in one day. Students should be familiar with single action pistols, lever action rifles and shotguns. Each person will get the chance to shoot a real cowboy scenario or two using the ol' hoglegs, scattergun and lever action rifle! Get the fear of the timer and that dang buzzer. Learn what a real brain fade feels like! But it is guaranteed fun! The cost is \$4.00. Eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and spectators. The cowboy clothing requirement is relaxed for the New Cowboy Shooter Clinic. But a cowboy hat and alias would be nice. Age limit is 12 years old (with parent and previous experience). You can preregister by contacting Bill or Bob at Atlantic Guns at 301-279-7983, OR. vou can contact Chuckaroo at 301-831-9666. You can also download a clinic application from the club web site. You do not have to be a SASS or Ike member to participate. Applications must be received by October 28th.

The covered pistol range will be close during the clinic.

NEXT COWBOY MATCH

The October Cowboy Match will be on Saturday, October 25th. The rifle and pistol ranges will be closed from 1:00 PM on Friday for set up, thru 3:30 on Saturday. Volunteers are needed for set up at 1:00 PM in the rifle range parking lot. Clean up help is need at 3:00 PM on Saturday, also in the parking lot.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Ben Beasley Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Robert Lutz Damascus, MD 20872

Chuck Kitley Germantown, MD 20876

Philip Schrider Damascus, MD 20872

Alvin Bryant Derwood, MD 20855

Arthur Ulbright Rockville, MD 20850

Bill Woodrow Damascus, MD 20872

Sung Y. Hun Gaithersburg, MD 20882

CONSERVATION REPORT

On September 8 Ed Burrows and Jeff Deschamps were guests on the "GreenMan" show. They were

interviewed on the chapters Elm tree project. The episode on the Elm tree project has been on the air since mid September. Following the interview Jeff and Ed had the opportunity to talk to some of the teachers involved in this project. They were surprised to find out how much the students are learning by participating in this project. When we planned the plantings at the middle schools we assumed the students would learn something about conservation and the environment. We were surprised to learn the project has also taught the kids how to measure things and is being used in math a science classes. Continued leaning from the project will come from following the growth and survival of these trees over the next 4 to 5 years. Students will also lean about spreadsheets and graphing while managing and analyzing the data collected as part of this project. If you haven't seen the show and

would like to a tape will be available for viewing at the next membership meeting.

Adopt-a-road and Recycle

OOPS! I mistakenly told some of you that Adopt-a-Road was to be held on November 2, 2003; I apologize if I have caused any inconvenience. The next Adopt-a-Road is scheduled for November 8, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. The conservation and the adopt-a-road committees are planning this event together. In addition to cleaning Mullinix Mill, we will be cleaning as many roads in the area as we have volunteers for the clean-up. Please mark your calendars and come help.

Based on input from members, I am planning to have half of the 2004 ADR events on Saturdays and half on Sundays. This should help those of you who work on Saturdays. Thanks for your participation.