



# NEWSLETTER

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

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## JANUARY WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION

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. Donations of items for auction should be brought to the Chapter House and given to Rich Fried.

## NOVEMBER 2003 CALENDAR

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

**Mon 17,** Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

**Tue 18,** Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**Wed 19, Membership Meeting**  
6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

**Wed 19,** Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**Thu 20,** Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**Fri 21, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up** 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

**Sat 22,** Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 to 4:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

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

**Sat 22,** Junior Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Sun 23,** Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Mon 24,** Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

**Tue 25,** Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**Wed 26,** Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**Sat 29,** Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

**Sat 29,** Junior Airgun 10:00 to 12:00 PM

**Sat 29,** Practical Defense Match 1:00

PM to 5:00 PM (uncovered pistol range closed during event)

**Sun 30,** Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Sun 30, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up** 10:00 AM Ranges closed until

1:00 PM **Sun 30, Skeet/Trap Maintenance** 10:00 AM Ranges

closed until 1:00 PM

**Sun 30, Christmas Tree Maintenance** 10:00 AM

**Sun 30,** Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

## DECEMBER 2003 CALENDAR

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

**Tue 2,** Junior Airgun 6:00 to 10:00 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,** Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**Thu 4,** Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**Sat 6,** .22 Fun Shoot, 10 AM to 2 PM (Rifle Range Closed During Event)

**Sat 6, Christmas Tree Sales** 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

**Sat 6,** Junior Airgun 10:00 to 12:00 PM

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

**Sun 7, Christmas Tree Sales** 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

**Tue 9,** Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

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

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

**Sat 13, Christmas Tree Sales** 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

**Sat 13,** Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (uncovered pistol range

closed during event)

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

**Sun 14, Christmas Tree Sales** 10:00 AM to 4:00 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: November 2003**

|           |   |
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| Sat 11/1  | Vivian & Robert MacLoed                         |
| Sun 11/2  | Joel Gross, Kevin O'Neill                       |
| Sat 11/8  | Charles Weaver, Robert Taylor                   |
| Sun 11/9  | Shep Burton, Debbie Maxey                       |
|           | Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt                      |
| 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 Henrich, Robert Case             |
| Sat 11/29 | Paul Fisher, Bill Rahn, Peter Von Kuebler       |
| Sun 11/30 | Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassel                     |

## **December 2003**

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| Sat 12/6  | Robert & Vivian MacLoed                        |
|           | Paul Fisher                                    |
| Sun 12/7  | Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt                     |
|           | Debbie Maxey, Shep Burton                      |
| Sat 12/13 | Robert Taylor, Charles Weaver, Tony Evans      |
| Sun 12/14 | Kevin O'Neill, Joel Gross                      |
|           | Robert Jeffery                                 |
| Sat 12/20 | Richard Zabell, Burt Mullineaux, Mike Bowen    |
| Sun 12/21 | Ira Wein, Peter Currall, Dave Gold             |
| Sat 12/27 | Robert Case, John & Rebecca Henrich            |
| Sun 12/28 | Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz, Peter Von Kuebler |

Bill Rahn wants to thank the Range Officers for all their contributions throughout the year, and wish them Happy Holidays.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 November 2003, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 5:00 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 HOLSTER CLINIC:**

The November practical defense match, devoted to a draw-from-holster clinic, will take place on **Saturday, November 29, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. **Jesse Lim**, coordinator of the event, provides the following directions: **Very Important - you will need to bring a holster that correctly fits your firearm; there is no exception to the rule. A standard holster is required. The agenda is:**

- 1. We will start with an educational video at the club house.**
- 2. We will go through cold range holster draw test.**
- 3. We will draw and fire live ammo (24 rounds) after the cold range test.**
- 4. Note: It is very important to carry a firearm that you are familiar with, and bring it with your properly fitted holster.**

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 last .22 rimfire rifle fun shoot of year 2003. It will be held from **10:00 AM until approximately 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 6.**

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**. **ALSO, after a morning of fun on the range, don't forget to pick up a WAC Christmas tree on your way home.**

**RIFLE RANGE PROJECTS:** During site maintenance on November 30, we hope to complete the sound barrier repair job by filling up the cavity with straw and reattaching its cover. Any roofers out there are also encouraged to come out to locate and patch a few leaky places on the rifle range shooting line roof; a task which we need to do before installing fiberglass sound insulation between the rafters.

**OBSERVED ON THE RANGE:** The vast majority of our shooters are aware of our tenuous position in a growing suburban area and try to keep us out of trouble through careful attention to the rules and regulations. Unfortunately, there are always a few who seem to be oblivious to such things. Incidents observed recently include a group, including a child, shooting on the pistol range without ear and eye protection. Furthermore, adding insult to injury, the member/host of the group was wearing an outdated identification card and had failed to properly list his guests on the range sign-in log. Thanks to the responsible, new Ike who observed the unsafe activity, took the initiative, and directed the group to leave the range. We also continue to see the results of other rule violations including shot-up aluminum cans on all ranges and .223 rifle cartridges on the pistol range.

### **RULES MAY BE BORING:**

Nevertheless, carelessness in following the range rules and regulations cannot be condoned in an arrangement like we use at the WAC,

where each range-approved member is trusted to use the ranges as an unsupervised "range officer," both complying with and helping to enforce the chapter's range rules. You wouldn't be happy with the alternative. So, please take the time to find and read a copy of the current range rules. They are available on our web site, posted on bulletin boards at the ranges, or from **Ray Shaver**. Better yet, if you took the range orientation course more than a year ago, sit in on the current course which has been significantly revised. It is held in the Rathskeller from 10 AM to about 1:30 PM on site maintenance days.

**FOUND:** November 5, on the rifle range, two fully-loaded M1 Garand clips and sixty rounds of 308 Win. ammo in three plastic boxes. Contact **Ray Shaver** to get it back.

#### **NOVEMBER SITE MAINTENANCE:**

The next monthly maintenance of WAC ranges, Christmas trees, house and grounds will be done from **9:30 AM until 1 PM on Sunday, November 30**. 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 joined after August 31, 2003, 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.

**CONSERVATION WORK DAY** (October 12): **Phillip Chapin, Michelle Chesnut, Annie Cumberland, Bob Cumberland, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Rolando Gonzales, Norma Kaweck, Bill Ladd, Mitchell Mercilliot, and Jim Piatieski.**

**CAS SETUP** (October 24): **Chuck Crooks, Church Key, Chuck**

**Limparis, Wil Ney, Ronald Ruben, Mike Sage, and Jeff Wilson.**

**CAS TEARDOWN** (October 25):

**Greg Christensen, Jan Christensen, James Hathaway, Sagebrush Kid, Eva Parys, Jim Sutphin, and Karen Thomas.**

**SITE MAINTENANCE** (October 26):

**Gerry Bennett, Barry Blum, Ben Boccuzzi, Meo Curtis, Craig De Leon, Jeff Deschamps, Devin Edwards, Amy Egan, Dan Egan, David Hannemann, James Hathaway, John P. Henrich, Jules Korner, Karl Krchma, Charlie Lasko, John Leaman, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Debbie Maxie, Walter Oleniewski, Eva Parys, Larry Peterson, Tom Riley, Randy Stewart, Karen Thomas, and Adam Wiles.**

#### **Cowboy Shoots**

Our last cowboy shoot for the 2003 season is Saturday, November 22. Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, November 21st. at 1:00 PM in the rifle/pistol parking lot. Set up should take about 2 hours depending on how many volunteers we get.

Assistance is needed with tear down on Saturday around 2:30 PM or so. This takes less than an hour. Both are rain or shine. For further information see our cowboy web site [HTTP://members.aol.com/Chuckaroo3](http://members.aol.com/Chuckaroo3) or contact Chuck Crooks at 301-831-9666. It is not necessary to call, just show up. The rifle and pistol ranges will be closed from 1:00 PM on Friday through cleanup around 3:30 PM on Saturday.

#### **Cowboy Clinic**

On Saturday, November 1, we held another successful New Cowboy Shooter Clinic. Our thanks to the many volunteers that helped with the all day event and especially to Atlantic Guns for donating the ammo and the loan of the firearms used for the students. If these students decide to pursue the sport, they will be better prepared and have an advance course on the many safety aspects of the game. We plan on having another clinic in the spring.

#### **Other thank you's**

Thanks go to the Article II Unlimited gun shop in Silver Spring for the donation of several gun racks for club use.

#### **ASTRONOMY CLUB**

The Astronomy Club meets the **FIRST** Friday of each month, at the Range House. You don't have to have a telescope to join the Astronomy Club.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Rick Swain Jr  
Damascus, MD 20872

D. J. Mandeville  
Mt Airy, MD 21771

Joe Spence  
Rockville, MD 20850

Matt Holcomb  
Middletown, MD 21769

Doug Dolan  
Germantown, MD 20874

Michael Suscello  
Mt Airy, MD 21771

Paul Vitek  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Chris Massingill  
Germantown, MD 20876

Chris Nazarian  
North Potomac, MD 20878

Paul Honke  
Damascus, MD 20872

Richard Shapiro  
Brookeville, MD 20833

James John Medeiros  
Laytonsville, MD 20882

#### **CONSERVATION REPORT**

The conservation committee is planning a bird house workshop to be held in February.

We will be looking for a few interested parties willing to cut component parts for the houses. Each volunteer would be furnished with materials and plans. The volunteer would need a table saw, chop saw or be talented with a

circular hand held saw. The number of volunteers would determine the logistics.

If you are interested, please contact me by e-mail or telephone. This activity would count toward your conservation work requirement.

## **SHOTGUN REPORT OCTOBER**

Our shotgun shooters have been busy lending a hand and enjoying the great shooting weather.

In August we held a long overdue Introduction to Skeet and Trap. We had 11 participants that are now all set to join the ranks of our veteran shooters! Special thanks to Jim Arnold and Shep Burton for assisting with this instruction.

The repairs to the Trap houses were also completed in August, again thanks goes to Shep Burton for leading the charge in spite of a broken thumb. Big thanks to Ron Gravitt and Steve Hunt for getting

this job completed and also for joining the Range Officer rotation.

Bill Douwes tackled the task of weatherproofing the fences on the shotgun fields before I had an opportunity to ask. Help like this is hard to find. Thanks Bill!

At long last, the Trap machine on field 2 is up and running. Thanks to Charlie Weaver for meeting the repairman and providing him with technical support. We couldn't have done it without you Charlie- Thanks.

Thanks to Chuck Crooks for troubleshooting and getting the #5 stand bird back in the air. The 5 stand field is fully operational!

There was also a group of volunteers that rebuilt the blown over 5 stand cage thanks to Isabelle, Randy et al, Thanks. Another potential accident avoided.

For anyone I missed, know your help and cooperation is always appreciated

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Renewal bills for 2004 have been mailed to all members. Remember to get your payment in before your current membership expires on December 31, 2003.

When you receive your new membership card, please have it laminated or carry it in an appropriate badge holder. Do not carry it in your wallet without an appropriate holder. The printing will stick and come off of the badge if you do.

We will laminate it for free at any Membership meeting, Board meeting, or Range Orientation Class.

If you have any questions about your bill or membership in general, contact Joe Gick @ 301-774-9399 or [Joe.Gick@Verizon.net](mailto:Joe.Gick@Verizon.net).