



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter December 2003

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JANUARY WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION

Donations of items for the Game Dinner & Auction should be brought to the Chapter House. 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.

One of our Chapter members has donated several weeks at his timeshare in Key Largo, Florida. What a way to shake those winter blues with a week or two, maybe even a whole month basking in the warm FL sun. Dates are from March 26 thru April 23, 2004.

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

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

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

Wed 17, Membership Meeting & Holiday Party 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 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, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 20, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sat 20, Jr. Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sun 21, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

Wed 25, ALL CLUB RANGES ARE CLOSED (Christmas)

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

Sun 28, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 28, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

Sun 28, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 28, Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 28, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

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:

December 2003

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

January 2004

Sat 1/3 Robert & Vivian MacLoed
Sun 1/4 Joel Gross, Kevin
O'Neill, Robert Jeffery
Sat 1/10 Robert Taylor, Tony
Evans
Sun 1/11 Shep Burton, Debbie
Maxey, Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt
Sat 1/17 Mike Bowen, Richard
Zabell
Sun 1/18 Dave Gold, Ira Wein,
Peter Currall
Sat 1/24 John & Rebecca Henrich,
Robert Case
Sun 1/25 Frank Saenz, Rob Van
Tassel, Peter Von Kuebler
Sat 1/31 Charlie Weaver, Paul
Fisher, Bill Rahn

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
December 2003, starting time is 10
AM daily and ending time is 4:30
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.

BOWLING PIN SHOOT: A
bowling pin fun shoot will be held on
**Saturday, December 13 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).

PLYWOOD ALWAYS

WELCOME: Through a recent
donation of plywood for target
backers, **Fred Ambrose**, joins the
large group of donors who are helping
to keep down the cost and effort of
running our rifle and pistol ranges.
Facing the possibility of having to
buy plywood for backers, I made my
first appeal for plywood donations in
the March 1996 newsletter, and have
never had to buy a sheet of plywood
for that purpose since. Although we
prefer 1/2" to 3/4" plywood for the
backers, almost any thickness will
work on the pistol ranges. For those
who have the time and capability to
cut it into finished sizes, we need
2'x2' pieces for the pistol ranges,
2'x4' for rifle range backers, and
4'x4' for the shotgun patterning board
on the rifle range. Please leave
donations by the sliding door at the
rear of the equipment shed (i.e., the
side facing the chapter house).
Thanks Fred.

RIFLE RANGE PROJECTS:

During site maintenance on
December 28, we hope to complete

the sound barrier repair job by filling
up the cavity with straw and
reattaching its cover. This month we
plan to have new, dry straw which
will be much easier to handle. If we
have time and enough workers, we
will also start stapling up the
fiberglass insulation sound barrier
between rafters in the roof over the
rifle range shooting line. Finally, we
have a one-time job for someone who
can't handle the physically
demanding tasks: Chuck Crooks
needs an inventory list of the cowboy
action shoot props which reside in the
rifle range storage unit.

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. **If we
don't find the owner of this ammo
by January, it will be auctioned off
at the wild game dinner.**

RANGE ROAD CLOSURES:

Winter arrives officially on December
22, and with it comes the likelihood
of snow and ice accumulation on the
rifle/pistol range road. Our usual
procedure is to lock the barrier gate
open when the road is snow covered
and messy, but passable with care. If
the road becomes impassable or
overly soft due to heavy precipitation,
it may be closed even though the
ranges remain open for use. In such
cases, a sign explaining the closure
will be posted at the box containing
the range sign-in register, and the gate
will be locked closed. Please watch
for and comply with such notices. If
the sign indicates that the road is
closed but the ranges are open, you
may walk to the ranges. However,
even if you have an off-the-road
vehicle that might make it through
snow-covered fields, **DO NOT
ATTEMPT TO DRIVE TO THE
RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES
WHEN THE RANGE ROAD IS
CLOSED!**

DECEMBER 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, December 28. 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.

ADOPT-A-ROAD (November 8):

Michelle Chesnut, Annie Cumberland, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Amy Egan, Dan Egan, Ray Ladner, James Medeiros, Lisa Medeiros, Gary Pfadenhauer, Jim Piateski, Eugene Reesman, Judy Riley, Joe Spence, Tim Walley, and Adam Wiles.

CAS SETUP (November 21):

Chuck Crooks, Spotted Horse, Chuck Limparis, Richard Marler, and Ray Shaver.

CAS TEARDOWN (November 22):

Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Brian Marler, Danny Marler, Rick Marler, Rich Rankin, Ray Shaver, Alin Springer, Terry Springer, and Dan Welch.

MAINTENANCE DAY (November

30): Mitch Black, Alvin Bryant, Tom Dunlap, Ruben Gerena, Karl Krchma, John Leaman, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, John McCurdy, Jim Piateski, Tom Riley, Ray Shaver, Robert Sickinger, and Steve Swartz.

RANGE ORIENTATION CLASS (November 30): Barry Ephraim and Ray Logan.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING (December 2): Norma Kawecki and Steve Hill.

AND ANOTHER

CONTRIBUTOR: Hearing about our concern that vehicles using the range road might end up stuck in the new drain basins, **Jim Fraley** donated four large, steel grates to help keep them out. Although we still suggest that you watch for and keep away from the culverts, you can thank Jim if you hit one and manage to come away without the services of a tow truck.

SPECIAL THANKS: We have a number of members who go way beyond the call of duty. This month, I would like to point out an individual, **Tom Riley**, and a group, **the Limparis family**, for their considerable contributions of time and effort to making the WAC a great organization. Beyond his role as cochairman of the rifle/pistol range committee, **Tom** has conceived and been involved in a wide variety of recent projects including improving the range road drainage, arranging for the installation of gutters on the equipment shed and then repairing them when they were damaged by wind, removing trees which fell across our roads during summer storms, improving the skeet/trap access road, and more. It would also be difficult to find a recent WAC activity or project that at least one member of the **Limparis family** has not been involved in. From the youth airgun program, to cowboy action events and site maintenance day activities they are there with a big smile and a helping hand. **Many thanks to you all.**

2004 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please remember that your current membership expires on December 31st, 2003. Bills were sent to everyone this past October. Due to a large number of members who fail to renew by the end of the year, it becomes necessary to send out an expensive second billing that is very costly and shouldn't be necessary.

If you intend to renew and your payment is not made by January 31st, 2004, you will be assessed a late fee of \$40.00 in addition to your membership fee. You can avoid this by getting your payment in on time.

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

ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Astronomy Club meets the **FIRST** Friday of each month, at the Range House. A telescope isn't necessary to join in the fun with the Astronomy Club.

CONSERVATION REPORT

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

We could still use a few more interested parties willing to cut component parts for bird houses. Each volunteer would be furnished with materials and plans. The volunteer would need a table saw, chop saw or a circular hand held saw.

If you are interested, please contact Jeff Deschamps @ 301.604.3736. This activity would count toward your conservation work requirement.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees are on SALE now. Fill out a card, when purchasing a tree, for your chance to win a years FREE Chapter Membership, excluding initiation fees. Drawing and notification will be on the 24th of December.

NEW MEMBERS

Neil Benson, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Michael Burall, Frederick, MD 21701

Pete Doubroff, Damascus, MD 20872

Joseph Gentile, Rockville, MD 20850

Douglas Griggs, Damascus, MD 20872

Angelo Mangano Jr., Wheaton, MD 20902

Tom Martin, Rockville, MD 20851

John Ritz Miller, Rockville, MD 20855

Chris Pucciarelli, Damascus, MD 20872

Samuel Pucciarelli, Buckeystown, MD 21717

Paul Slaughter, Arlington, VA 22201

Robert Stojinski, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Joseph Whittington Jr., College Park, MD 20740

Scott Wright, Germantown, MD 20876

Yuan Yu, Germantown, MD 20876