



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter February 2004

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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.

MAINTENANCE DAY (January 25):

James E. Arnold, Ed Burrows, Michelle Chesnut, Bob Cumberland, Annie Cumberland, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bryan Haddix, Robert Holden, Chuck Kitley, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Jim Piatetski, Tom Riley, Ray Shaver, John Volentine, Diane Volentine and Tyler Volentine.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(December): Steve Hill and Norma Kaweck.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(February): Sam Blate and Steve Hill.

SMOKING POLICY REMINDER

"During the December Board Meeting, it was decided that, effective immediately, smoking would no longer be permitted in the Chapter House for two hours prior to, during, or two hours after a Chapter sponsored event. Members are welcome to smoke outside the building during these times. This policy neither applies to the private residences within the Chapter House, nor to groups who may rent or use

the Chapter House for private or non-Chapter sponsored events.

In general, members who smoke have been very considerate of those who do not and have done their smoking outside. A few members, however, have not done so, causing others with respiratory problems or allergies, or those who prefer a smoke-free environment, to leave Chapter events. We value all our members and sincerely hope that this new policy will put this divisive issue behind us and let us achieve our common purpose of promoting conservation, shooting and outdoor activities. Thank you for your cooperation!"

(Text quoted from BOD Meeting December, 1997.)

At the 4 February, 2004 BOD Meeting the Board reaffirmed this policy.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Meets **FIRST** Friday each month!!

WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION SUCCESS

The Wildgame Dinner and Auction was a huge success. Thanks to all those that participated, from the kitchen to the auction. The auction of the Limparis Florida time-share was a real hot item. Thanks for the donation of your place.

FEBRUARY 2004 CALENDAR

Sun 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 16, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 17, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 18, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 18, Birdhouse Workshop 7:00 PM - Contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736

Thu 19, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 21, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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

Sat 21, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sun 22, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Mon 23, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 24, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 25, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

Wed 25, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 26, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 28, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 29, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 29, Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 29, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM

Sun 29, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 29, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

MARCH 2004 CALENDAR

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

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

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

Wed 3, Board Of Directors Meeting
7:30 PM, **ATTENTION Perspective**

Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM

Wed 3, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM
to 10:00 PM

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

Fri 5, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00
P.M. at the Shotgun Range House

Sat 6, New Cowboy Shooter Clinic
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM **One**
pistol range closed during clinic. Pre-
Registration Is Required.

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

Sat 6, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM
to 12:30 PM

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 Practice 6:00 PM
to 10:00 PM

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

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

Fri 12, Jr Airgun match set up - Contact
Bob Inness 301-340-9185

Sat 13, Jr., State Airgun Match 7:00 AM
to 9:00 PM (upstairs & down)

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

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

Sun 14, Jr., State Airgun Match 7:00
AM to 9:00 PM (upstairs & down) -

Sun 14, Military Fun Shoot 9:30 AM to
2:00 PM (**Rifle range closed during**
match)

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
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:

February 2004

Sun 2/1 Robert Jeffery, Kevin
O'Neill, Joel Gross

Sat 2/7 Tony Evans, Robert Taylor

Sun 2/8 Shep Burton, Debbie Maxey

Sat 2/14 "The Fichter Gang "

Sun 2/15 Peter Currall, Dave Gold,
Ira Wein

Sat 2/21 Charles Weaver, Mike
Bowen

Sun 2/22 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt

Sat 2/28 Bill Rahn, Richard Zabell

Sun 2/29 Rob Van Tassel, Frank
Saenz

March 2004

Sat 3/6 Robert & Vivian MacLoed

Sun 3/7 Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 3/13 " The Fichter Gang "

Sun 3/14 Debbie Maxey, Shep
Burton

Sat 3/20 Mike Bowen, Robert
Taylor, Tony Evans

Sun 3/21 Ira Wein, Peter Currall,
Dave Gold

Sat 3/27 Charles Weaver, Richard
Zabell, Bill Rahn

Sun 3/28 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 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 February**
2004, starting time is 10 AM daily and
ending time is 5:30 PM, unless some
activity has preempted the range.

BOWLING PIN MATCH: Meet in
Rathskeller at 9:00 AM on **Saturday,**
Feb. 21.

MILITARY RIFLE FANS: The annual
WAC military rifle fun shoot is returning
in response to popular demand and will
be held on **Sunday, March 14** (weather
permitting) from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**
This event is intended to give WAC
members with an interest in military rifles
a chance to meet other member with a
similar interest, to show off their
collections, and to see some interesting
firearms from the collections of others.
There is no cost for participating, nor do
you have to own a military rifle to come
out and watch. This is a very
unstructured event with a few novelty
targets, but there is no competition
involved. Contact **Ray Shaver** for
further information.

FEBRUARY 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, February 29. Please
report to the maintenance coordinator,
Chuck Limparis, at the green equipment
shed for an assignment.

COWBOY CLINIC

We will be conducting our Spring New
Cowboy Shooter Clinic on March 6th.
There will be three class times, 8:00 AM,
10:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Preregistration is
required.
We will cover the history of Cowboy
Action Shooting, the clothing, firearms,

ammunition, rules, safety, what to expect at a match, how a match is run and then you will shoot an actual cowboy scenario. We will provide all firearms and ammunition if you do not have your own. Please bring ear and eye protection. For additional information and an application, see our Cowboy web site (<http://members.aol.com/chuckaroo3>) or contact Chuckaroo on 301-831-9666. This course is not meant to be initial firearms training. It is designed for students that are familiar with single action pistols, lever action rifles and shotguns. The class will last approximately 4 hours. Cost is \$5.00 per person, inclusive. The class will begin at the main club house of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, 26430 Mullinix mill Rd., Damascus, Md. Directions are on the web site. We will start the classes promptly at the scheduled times. Please indicate which session you will be attending. One of the pistol ranges will be closed during the classes.

Field Target 'Change of Command'

We extend a big "Thank You" to Steve Schulz for the leadership and the time and effort he devoted to the Air Rifle Field Target Match program the past several years. Under his direction there have been a large number of well attended field target matches held on our outdoor range in the woods. Steve is stepping down and it is going to take two people to fill his shoes. Tim Berlett and Joe McDaniel are now coordinating the air rifle field target program. They can be contacted as follows:

Tim Berlett - teber@earthlink.net
301-829-9369

Joe McDaniel -
McDanielJR@earthlink.net 301-865-8257

NEW MEMBERS

Edgar Adajar, Brookeville, MD
Sponsor: Jesse Lim

Ronald Appier, Sykesville, MD
Sponsor: John Kent

Ed Bennett, Rockville, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

William Eberlin, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Jesse Lim

Joshua Evans, Gaithersburg, MD
Bob Schneider

Richard Gautereaux, Laytonsville, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Richard Goldsborough, New Freedom, PA
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Eric Harris, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Jesse Lim

Saul Honigsberg, Rockville, MD
Sponsor: John Lehman

Richard Johnson, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Cliff Beck

Kevin Kissinger, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Matthew Rizkallah

Donald Shannon, Laytonsville, MD
Sponsor: Steve Hunt

Jerry Sirkis, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Scott Cicora

Catherine Turner, Damascus, MD
Sponsors: Chuck & Donna Limparis

De-Icing Agents and Landscaping

If you have a rain garden (or any other garden) that gets runoff from a street or parking lot, you may need to be concerned about de-icing salts. Never use fertilizer to melt ice. Any runoff bypassing the rain garden could add to the nitrogen and phosphorus pollution problems in local waterways. To avoid potential damage to concrete, metal, and plants, select a deicer with the active ingredient CMA (or Calcium Magnesium Acetate.) See Fact Sheet 707 (Melting Ice Safely) from the Cooperative Extension Service. A PDF version is available online from the University of Maryland's Home and Garden Information Center (<http://www.hgic.umd.edu/>).

In addition to using a less damaging salt and minimizing the amount of salt used you can plan for the effects of salt by planting salt tolerant plants. Salt tolerant plants you might want to use include: Seaside Goldenrod (Solidago sempervirens); Rose-mallow (Hibiscus

moscheutos); Northern Bayberry (Myrica pensylvanica); Silvering (Baccharis halimifolia); Sweetgum (Liquidambar styraciflua); Sweetbay (Magnolia virginiana.) However, no plant can tolerate an unlimited amount of salt. Usually, spring rains flush out the rain gardens just before the trees and shrubs bud out. If you are think your plants may have received excessive salt soak the area 3-4 times in the spring before bud-out. Symptoms of salt damage include: poor or stunted growth in the spring, dieback (evergreens) and leaf browning or scorch. If you suspect salt damage, a soil test can confirm it.

(Information in this article came from <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bioretention/message/46> originally from posted by chbarth@co.pg.md.us.)

E-Mail Address Updates

On January 22, 2004, all members on our E-mail list we sent a test message to verify any addresses we lost due to a problem with AOL. If you did not get the test message, then your address was lost or you have changed addresses since our backup list was created. If you want to be added to our E-mail list, please send an E-mail to Chuck Crooks at WildlifeRangers@aol.com. Put "add to IWLA WAC Mailing list" as the subject.

Letter to The Editor

We have all enjoyed the many benefits our club has to offer; shotgun, rifle, airgun, archery ranges, the dinner meetings and of course the friendships. Too often we neglect to realize what has made these perks available. The IWLA was established in the name of Conservation, and the League remains a powerful voice in safeguarding our natural resources and wildlife for future generations. The WAC is an extension of the League, and provides the Ranges as a benefit to our members, as they are typically Sportsmen that have a direct concern for conservation and respect for nature.

Last week I was privileged to attend our Chapter's Conservation Committee meeting. What the group lacks in numbers, is overcome by their enthusiasm for developing and implementing sound conservation activities and programs. Each of us has

taken the pledge stating our intentions to support the League and Chapter commitment for conservation. The Conservation Committee "walks the walk". I encourage you to attend one of these meetings (1st Tuesday of each month) and learn of the many exciting projects the group has planned, then get involved. If you cannot attend meetings, and even more important, is to support and participate in the activities. These are great opportunities to become a more active member, make friends, and make a difference.

Bob

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Currently we participate in the Montgomery County Adopt-A-Road Program, and have adopted Mullenix Mill Road as our clean-up activity. During the past year we have also expanded the program within our Chapter, to other nearby roads, on an as need basis. With County budget

shortfalls and the ever increasing need for able bodies to participate in Volunteer programs, we anticipate another successful year working with the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Conservation Committee is cosponsoring a Rainscapes Workshop on Thursday March 18. Join the crowd - build your own rain barrel and learn about rain gardens. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. To register contact Jeff Deschamps (deschamps@nrl.navy.mil) at 301-604-3736 or Jim Piateski (piaski@erols.com) at 301-601-2954.

BUILD A NEST BOX

Chapter members and residents interested in learning about nest and bat boxes are invited to participate in a "Nest Box Workshop" sponsored by the Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter (WAC). Lonnie Darr of the Montgomery County

Department of Environmental Protection will provide insights on who lives where and why based on the County's most recent Bird Surveys. Attendees will build a nest box for use in their own yards. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the WAC charter house.

The workshop is free, but preregistration is required. To register or for additional information, contact Jim Piateski (piaski@erols.com) at 301-601-2954 or Jeff Deschamps (deschamps@nrl.navy.mil) at 301-604-3736.