



## Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter April 2004

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## CONSERVATION REPORT

On March 28 we planted over 100 disease resistant American Elms. This is the first planting in our chapters Elm tree farm. With the rain we have had over the last week the trees should be off to a good start. More work still needs to be done, such as installing the drip irrigation system, slaking the trees, and possibly installing tree protection. If you are interested in helping please be sure you are on the chapter e-mail list (see the web site). During the same work-day we also installed the rain barrel at the range house, and a blue bird box near the hummingbird garden. The blue bird house has already been occupied by some blue birds!

On April 3 we held the annual watershed clean up. This year we combined the watershed clean up with Adopt-a-Road. This allowed us to take advantage of some of the services the county provides in support of the Adopt-a-Road program. We also received support from two local businesses, the Home Depot and Target stores in Germantown. Despite poor weather I believe this year's clean up was a success. I'd like to thank all of the people that helped to run this year's event and the chapter members that showed up to support the event. There were 65 attendees, 45 of which were chapter members and their family. This was very good representation for the chapter,

which is sometimes out numbered by non-members at this event. We are already talking about how we can do even better next year.

## APRIL CALENDAR

Sat 17, Air Rifle Field Target Fun Shoot 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Sat 17, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)  
Sat 17, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
Sun 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
Mon 19, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Tue 20, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Wed 21, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Wed 21, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Thu 22, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Fri 23, \*\*\* Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed  
Sat 24, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM PM to 12:30 PM  
Sat 24, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
Sat 24, \*\*\* Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Tear down approx 3:30 PM) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed  
Sun 25, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Sun 25, \*\*\* Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM  
Sun 25, \*\*\* Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

## Sun 25, \*\*\* Christmas Tree

Maintenance & Planting 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

## Sun 25, Club and Range

Orientation 10:00 AM

Mon 26, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 27, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 28, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Wed 28, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

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

Thu 29, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

## MAY CALENDAR

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

Sat 1, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM (Rifle range closed during event)

Sat 1, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 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 Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Contact Bob Inness 301-340-9185

Tue 4, \*\*\* Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

Wed 5, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM

Wed 5, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

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

**Thu 6, Junior Airgun Practice**

6:00 PM to 10 PM

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

**Sat 8, .22 Fun Shoot 9:30 AM to**  
**2:00 PM (Rifle range closed**  
**during match)**

**Sat 8, Junior Airgun Practice**  
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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

**Sun 9, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon**  
to 5:00 PM

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

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

**Wed 12, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00**  
PM to 7:00 PM

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

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

**Sat 15, Junior Rifle Practice**  
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (**Covered**  
**Pistol Range Closed During**  
**Event)**

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

**Sat 15, Practical Defense Match**  
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (**Uncovered**  
**pistol range closed during**  
**event)**

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

**NOTE: \*\*\* Counts toward NEW**  
**MEMBER REQUIRED**  
**PARTICIPATION**

### **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 POCs:**  
Steve Schulz 301-365-0291, Joe  
McDaniel or Tim Berlett

**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 or Tom  
Riley 301-774-7426 (Before 6:00  
PM)

**Astronomy Club & Range**  
**Orientation POC:** Steve Lefebvre  
301-482-1898,

[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), Ed  
Burrows 301-774-9090

**Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow**  
Terry Springer 301-428-0216

**Hunter Safety POC:** Mac  
McCollum 301-854-3707

### **SKEET & TRAP RANGE** **OFFICERS:**

#### **APRIL 2004**

**Sat 4/3 Vivian & Robert**  
MacLoed, John & Rebecca  
Henrich

**Sun 4/4 Ronnie Gravitt,**  
Steve Hunt, Debbie Maxey, Shep  
Burton

**Sat 4/10 "The Fichter Gang"**

**Sun 4/11 EASTER SUNDAY**  
RANGES CLOSED

**Sat 4/17 Charles Weaver,**  
Richard Zabell, Bill Rahn

**Sun 4/18 Dave Gold, Peter**  
Currall, Ira Wein

**Sat 4/24 , Rob Taylor, Tony**  
Evans

**Sun 4/25 Rob Van Tassel,**  
Frank Saenz, Tyler Watson

#### **MAY 2004**

**Sat 5/1 Robert & Vivian**  
MacLoed, John & Rebecca  
Henrich

**Sun 5/2 Steve Hunt, Ronnie**  
Gravitt, Shep Burton, Debbie  
Maxey

**Sat 5/8 "The Fichter Gang"**

**Sun 5/9 Robert Case, Tyler**  
Watson, Kevin O'Neill

**Sat 5/15 Tony Evans, Mike**  
Bowen, Robert Taylor

**Sun 5/16 Dave Gold, Peter**  
Currall, Ira Wein

**Sat 5/22 Richard Zabell,**  
Charles Weaver

**Sun 5/23 Robert Jeffery, Joel**  
Gross

**Sat 5/29 Paul Fisher, Bill**  
Rahn

**Sun 5/30 Frank Saenz, Rob**  
Van Tassel

### **ASTRONOMY CLUB**

The Astronomy Club meets the  
First Friday of each month, at the  
Range House.

### **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](mailto:MRShaver@aol.com) or  
telephone **301-926-0465**. If you  
can't reach Ray, try **Tom Riley** by  
e-mail to [tejas1@bellatlantic.net](mailto: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 April 2004, starting**

time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 7:30 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range.

**HIGH-POWER MATCH:** Mike Gugulis reports that intermittent showers did not deter 18 hearty participants including 15 chapter members from shooting in the high-power match on Saturday, April 3. The second of five annual high-power matches conducted under the auspices of the Seneca Valley Sports Association is scheduled on the rifle range for **May 1**. Shooting starts around 10:00 AM; be there by 9:30 to register.

**RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS:** Welcome and thanks to **Jeff Geyer, Lou Knapp and Larry Lippman** who recently volunteered to serve as WAC rifle/pistol range safety officers. All of our range-approved members have been trained to serve as range officers for the WAC rifle and pistol ranges, and are expected to act as such. However, more than forty members have volunteered since May 2000 to take a greater initiative and responsibility in assisting other shooters and watching for safety problems whenever they are at the ranges. These volunteers can be identified by the "**Rifle/Pistol Range Safety Officer**" badge which they wear. Please cooperate with them in helping to ensure a safe and pleasant shooting environment at our ranges. If you too are willing to take on a greater responsibility for range safety, you can volunteer by contacting **Ray Shaver** or **Tom Riley**.

**APRIL 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, April 25**. Please report

to the maintenance coordinator, **Chuck Limparis**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

**RECOGNIZING PARTICIPANTS:**

Recently, one of our very regular participants in maintenance day activities requested that we refrain from including his name among the workers in the monthly newsletter list. His request will, of course, be honored. However, the incident led me to think about why I continue to list the names of long-time members who participate in WAC activities, and my first, knee-jerk response is probably the most important. That is, beyond giving a verbal pat on the back for assisting in the tasks which keep the club viable, **I list the participants so that others among our 1100 plus members will hopefully notice that things don't just get done by magic.** The WAC depends upon volunteers to operate, and those volunteers are some of the nicest people you can ever hope to meet. Please don't take their efforts for granted. Join us in at least one volunteer activity during the coming year.

**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.

**KITCHEN (February 25): Rob Hallin and Catherine Turner.**

**KITCHEN (March 24): John W. Diehl and Mauricio Veiga.**

**CAS SETUP (March 26): Neil Benson, Chuck Crooks, Peter Grahn, Joshua Evans, Doug Hutchison, Stein Johansen, Chuck Limparis, Ray Shaver and John (Buzzer) Shepherd.**

**CAS TEARDOWN (March 27): Neil Benson, Paul Bluteau, Brian Martin, Lefty Rhodes, Leo Rusk, Jose Scoseria, and Ray Shaver.**

**SITE MAINTENANCE DAY (March 28):**

**COORDINATION -- Chuck Limparis.**

**ELM TREE PLANTING -- Maria Bakley, John G Bork, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Ray Ladbury, and Bill Ladd.**

**RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE MAINTENANCE -- Pete Doubroff, Chuck Limparis, Alan Pressman, Tom Riley, and Ray Shaver.** Plus, special thanks to **Ken Lefebvre** for donating both his time and equipment to repairing the 50-yard berm.  
**RANGE ROAD SIGN REPAIR -- Chuck Limparis and Alan Pressman.**

**SKEET/TRAP RANGE MAINTENANCE -- Jules Korner, Debbie Maxey, and Jerry Sirkis.**  
**CHRISTMAS TREE MAINTENANCE -- Guy Atkins, Jim Fraley, Brian Griggs, Douglas Griggs, Saul Honigsburg, and John Leaman.**

**SHOTGUN REPORT**

New Shotgun Range Hours: With Daylight Savings Time comes Wednesday Range hours, 2 – 7 PM except the first and forth Wednesday when ranges close at 6:30 PM, due to BOD Meetings. Hope to see you there!

We are always in need of a few Range Officers. If you can volunteer to help out one day per month please contact Bill Rahn at 301-774-6234.

## **JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM**

As you may know, the DARC precision shooters have won the USA Shooting Junior Olympic State Championship which has qualified them to attend the National Match to be held in Kentucky in July. We have been discussing various fund raising activities and we have settled on a raffle.

The rifle will be a Marlin Model 1894 with the winner having the choice of caliber or a cash award of \$500.00. It is our goal to sell a total of 400 tickets at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

## **TWO BYTES**

One of our chapter members has offered to speak at either a dinner meeting or at a specially arranged meeting on the topic of "Computer Security".

As we use the computer, and especially the internet, more often, we need to be alert to potential problems ranging from identity theft to destruction of data.

We would like to hear from the membership if there is enough interest in a basic "FREE" introduction to home computer security.

If you have interest in protecting your investment, in a home computing system please email response to [phippscd@hotmail.com](mailto:phippscd@hotmail.com) We'll place a notice in the newsletter or respond by email as to when the presentation will be given.

## **.22 RIMFIRE SHOOT**

Coming up on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> A Fun Shoot. Bring loads of .22s. The event will take place on the Rifle Range 9:30AM-2:00PM. No need to sign in the gate will be open.

For information contact Tom Riley At [tejas1@bellatlantic.net](mailto:tejas1@bellatlantic.net) or call 301.774.7426

## **NEW MEMBERS APRIL**

Alan Borst, Brookeville, MD  
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Patrick Bratton, Alexandria, VA  
Sponsor: Larry Lippman

Rob Dunn, Gaithersburg, MD  
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Mike Loomis, Germantown, MD  
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Steven Pantuso, Germantown, MD  
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Michael Rowan, Mt. Airy, MD  
Sponsor: Mitch Black

Russell Rowan, Laurel, MD  
Sponsor: Mitch Black

Debbie Stroupe, Gaithersburg, MD  
Sponsor: Eric Holtje

Randy Whitehead, Woodbine, MD  
Sponsor: Mitch Black

Russell Wooldridge, Elkridge, MD  
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

## **WATERSHED CLEANUP & ADOPT-A-ROAD**

(April 3): This conservation event was well attended by 45 WAC Ikes and family members plus 20 guests. The Ikes and their family members included: Denny Brown, Lauren Brown, Ed Burrows, Joe Carinci, Phillip Chapin, Michelle Chesnut, Annie Cumberland, Bob Cumberland, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, John Diehl, Greg Dilla, Annabelle Gagnon, Caitlin Gagnon, Cari Gagnon, J P Gagnon, Matt Gagnon, Pappy Gagnon, Joseph Gentile, Hooper Goldsborough, Kris Goldsborough, John Hanson, Stephen Hill, Saul Honigsberg,

Matthew Katz, Michael Katz, Bill Kelly, Ray Ladbury, Bill Ladd, Carter Laws, Meredith Laws, John Leaman, Ron Parkhill, Jim Piatetski, Bill Rahn, Judy Riley, Carolyn Shaver, Ray Shaver, Red Skillings, Rick Sommer, Tim Walley, M. J. "Rip" Van Winkle, Mauricio Veiga, Blix Winston, and Guy Wright.

## **CHRISTMAS TREES**

Lots of volunteers are needed for our annual Christmas Tree Planting. The date is Sunday, April 25th, 2004. Meet at the big equipment shed at 9:30 AM.

We have 500 trees to plant and although that sounds like a lot, it goes by pretty fast.

Bring gloves and it is best to wear a long sleeved shirt. There is no need to let John know you are coming, just show up.

**For additional information, contact John Leaman at 301-972-1572.**

For new members, this qualifies as a conservation project and will fulfill one of your work requirements.



## **THUNDER VALLEY DAYS**

The SASS Maryland State Championship, Thunder Valley Days, is one of our biggest fundraisers. The event is scheduled for June 24, 25 and 26, it is rapidly approaching. We need a lot of like volunteers to help with this project. Please select an area where you can put in a few hours and contact the chairperson for that function.

**Food preparation help** for lunch on June 24, 25, 26 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mac McCollum ([osngmc@erols.com](mailto:osngmc@erols.com)) 301-854-3707 on the kitchen end and Red Skillings ([rskillings@aol.com](mailto:rskillings@aol.com)) 301-593-8271 for help on the range end.

**Match set-up on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.** 10:00 AM for most of the day. Contact Chuck Crooks ([WildlifeRangers@aol.com](mailto:WildlifeRangers@aol.com)) 301-831-9666.

**Parking** on the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> mostly in the AM between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Visitor parking help needed throughout the day on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Tom Riley ([tejas1@bellatlantic.net](mailto:tejas1@bellatlantic.net)) 301-774-7426.

**Target swap** on June 25<sup>th</sup> at approximately 4:00 PM for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact Chuck Crooks ([WildlifeRangers@aol.com](mailto:WildlifeRangers@aol.com)) 301-831-9666.

**Match teardown** on June 26<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:30 PM for 2 hours. Contact Ray Shaver ([mrshaver@aol.com](mailto:mrshaver@aol.com)) 301-926-0465.

**Shuttle Drivers** on June 24, 25, 26<sup>th</sup> are needed throughout the day, beginning at 10:00 AM on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 AM on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, finished by 5:00 PM. Contact Rich Fried ([tanricfried@aol.com](mailto:tanricfried@aol.com)) 301-253-2789.

**First Aid Station** help on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact Chuck Crooks ([WildlifeRangers@aol.com](mailto:WildlifeRangers@aol.com)) 301-831-9666.

**Water Jugs** on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Set-up in AM, get ice and replenish each morning. Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572.

**Roaming Safety Officer** (for checking visitor ear and eye protection). Help is needed all day Friday and Saturday. Contact Ray "Old Boz" Shaver ([mrshaver@aol.com](mailto:mrshaver@aol.com)) 301-926-0465.

**Vendor set-up** contact Dave Gold ([ddgold@frontiernet.net](mailto:ddgold@frontiernet.net)) 304-876-0933. Help is needed most of the day Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. and for a couple of hours on Thursday morning the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Side Matches** (Cowboy Volunteers): Speed Pistol/Derringer/Pocket Pistol. Please contact Trapdoor Dave ([ddgold@frontiernet.net](mailto:ddgold@frontiernet.net)) 304-876-0933.

**Speed Shotgun** please contact Jingles Jerr ([junglesjerr@aol.com](mailto:junglesjerr@aol.com)) 410-833-3430 or Meteu ([terryls@juno.com](mailto:terryls@juno.com)) 301-428-0196 (work).

**Cowboy Shotgun Clays** (single and 3 person teams) please contact Judge RC Colt ([rmi@bmjd.com](mailto:rmi@bmjd.com)) 301-340-0047.

**Speed Rifle** please contact Humphery Hook ([ducpound@attglobal.net](mailto:ducpound@attglobal.net)) 703-425-1387.

**All Long Range Rifle** please contact Cash Caldwell ([caldwell5505@outdrs.net](mailto:caldwell5505@outdrs.net)) 301-898-7566.