



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter June 2004

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JUNE 2004 CALENDAR

Mon 14, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Wed 16, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Sat 19, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 19, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sat 19, Bowling Pin Shoot 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (Uncovered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sun 20, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sun 20, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 21, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Wed 23, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM, 2004/2005 Nominating Committee Report
Wed 23, ***Skeet & Trap CLOSED FOR THUNDER VALLEY DAYS SET UP
Wed 23, ***All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days Set Up
Wed 23, ***Set up for Thunder Valley Days 10:00 AM
Thu 24, ***All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days Set Up
Thu 24, Thunder Valley Days Registration and Side Matches
Fri 25, All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days 2003
Fri 25, Thunder Valley Days 1st Five Stages

Sat 26, All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days 2003 until 5:00 PM
Sat 26, ***Thunder Valley Days 2nd Five Stages, (Tear down approx 3:30 PM)
Sun 27, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 27, ***Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM
Sun 27, ***Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM
Sun 27, ***Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Sun 27, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM
Mon 28, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Mon 28, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact Terry Springer 301-428-0216
Tue 29, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact Terry Springer 301-428-0216
Wed 30, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wed 30, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact Terry Springer 301-428-0216

JULY 2004 CALENDAR

Thu 1, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact Terry Springer 301-428-0216
Fri 2, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact Terry Springer 301-428-0216
Sat 3, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sat 3, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 4, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 4, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range

Closed During Event)
Tue 6, ***Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
Wed 7, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM
Wed 7, Skeet & Trap 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Fri 9, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. at the Shotgun Range House
Sat 10, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sat 10, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Rifle range closed during event)
Sat 10, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 11, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 11, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Mon 12, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Wed 14, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Sat 17, Airgun Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sat 17, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 17, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sat 17, Practical Defense Match 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)
Sun 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

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

CALENDAR EVENT POC's:

Skeet & Trap POC: Bob

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Junior Airgun POC: Bob Inness

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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-

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Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow

Terry Springer 301-428-0216

Hunter Safety POC: Mac McCollum

301-854-3707

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Meets **FIRST** Friday of each month,
at the Shotgun Range House!!

SKEET & TRAP RANGE

OFFICERS:

JUNE 2004

Sat 6/5 Robert & Vivian

MacLeod, John & Rebecca Henrich

Sun 6/6 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve

Hunt

Sat 6/12 Richard Zabell, Charles

Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 6/13 Robert Case, Robert

Jeffery, Joel Gross

Sat 6/19 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 6/20 Peter Currall, Ira Wein,

Dave Gold

Sat 6/26 Tony Evans, Rob Taylor,

Mike Bowen, Paul Fisher

Sun 6/27 Tyler Watson, Frank

Saenz, Rob Van Tassel

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Sat 7/3 Vivian & Robert MacLeod,

Rebecca & John Henrich

Sun 7/4 Steve Hunt, Ronnie

Gravitt

Sat 7/10 Charles Weaver, Richard

Zabell

Sun 7/11 Joel Gross, Robert Jeffery,

Robert Case

Sat 7/17 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 7/18 Dave Gold, Peter Currall,

Ira Wein

Sat 7/24 Mike Bowen, Tony Evans

Sun 7/25 Frank Saenz, Rob Van

Tassel, Tyler Watson

Sat 7/31 Paul Fisher, Rob Taylor,

Bill Rahn, Paul & Jake Turska

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 June 2004, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

.22 FUN SHOOT COMING UP:

Everybody is welcome and families are encouraged to attend our next .22 rimfire rifle fun shoot. It will be held from **10:00 AM until approximately 12:30 PM on Saturday, August 7**. 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**.

A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY:

Recently, after observing several safety infractions within a short period of time on the pistol range, one of our range safety officers suggested that we should start requiring members to periodically renew their range-approved status by retaking the range orientation course. His alternative suggestion was that we return to our practice of posting range safety officers at the ranges during busy periods. These suggestions led to some passionate e-mail debate among the forty-plus WAC range safety officers, several of whom would have us implement even tighter controls over the use of the WAC ranges. However, after reviewing that debate, my co-chair (**Tom Riley**), I (**Ray Shaver**) and the staff who teach the range orientation course agreed to essentially leave things as they are. The system worked in this instance, insofar as the range safety officer noticed the infractions and called them to the attention of the shooters, who then complied. We

recognize, as should you, that a stupid error by somebody could lead to the closure of our ranges. But we also think that the vast majority of our members are responsible shooters. We ask only that you uphold the agreement which you signed upon completion of the WAC range orientation. Specifically, item 20 under CONDUCT says: Any person witnessing a violation of the Range Rules and Regulations or safety standards is responsible for calling it to the violator's attention. If the violator is argumentative or uncooperative, disengage immediately and report the violator's identity or vehicle license number to the Chapter caretaker, a Range Safety Officer or other Chapter official. Emergency calls to 911 are authorized if conditions present the possibility of injury to anyone. Please be alert to what is going on around you, shoot safely and have fun.

JUNE 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, June 27**. 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.

CAS SETUP (May 21): Neil Benson, Chuck Crooks, John D.

Dillon, Douglas Greenfield, Stein Johansen, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Rich Rankin, Ray Shaver and John Shepherd.

CAS TEARDOWN (May 22): Neil Benson, Paul Fisher, Chuck Limparis, Rich Rankin, Ray Shaver and Ron Thomson.

SITE MAINTENANCE (May 30): Michelle Chesnut, John W. Diehl, Ruben Gerena, Dedan Kodie (guest), Bill Ladd, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Tom Riley, Ray Shaver, and Daniel Smolyar.

RANGE ORIENTATION (May 30): Barry Ephram and Ray G. Logan.

NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Blate, Montgomery Village, MD

Sponsor: Sam Blate

James K. Howes, Mt. Airy, MD

Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Paul Mulcare, Jr., Highland, MD

Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Craig Schneibolk, Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Sam Blate

Madjid Tavakoli, Derwood, MD

Sponsor: Berle Cherney

ADOPT-A-ROAD***

Impact Range or Meadow?

We are full swing into spring and soon it will be summer. How many of you have noticed the wildflowers in the meadow ... er? impact range. It is really a beautiful place; though not recommended when someone is shooting. There is even a mowed path for you to walk along. Right now, you can see several flowers including Maltese Cross, Coreopsis and Blue Flax. Soon there will be others, too. Bring your binoculars you may also spot several bird species. I have

spotted Prairie Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Indigo Bunting, and Flicker amongst the Bluebirds, Robins, Cardinals and Crows. And I am not even a skilled birder. If you continue your walk into the woods along our nature trail, you may see Yellow-rumped Warbler and Wild Turkey among other wood habitat species. So come out early and enjoy the other things the Wildlife Achievement Chapter grounds have to offer, but wear shoes and long pants; we also have a beautiful crop of Poison Ivy.

The next adopt-a-road is on June 13, 2004 at 9:00 am. Bill Gazdik will be in charge. Please come and help him pick up the trash on Mullinix Mill. This event counts toward fulfillment of a conservation work task.

MY TWO BITS

(by Richard Phelan)

To start this column, I wanted to try and define (some of) the different types of threats to computer users, and do it in a (hopefully) understandable manner. This is intended as a very basic introduction only.

Among the threats are:

1. Viruses, Trojan horses, Worms, and Hoaxes
2. Spyware, Adware, Key loggers, and BHOs (browser helper objects)

First, (from www.Symantec.com) what is the difference between Viruses, Trojan horses, and Worms?

What is a virus?

A computer virus is a small program written to alter the way a computer operates, without the permission or knowledge of the user. A virus must meet two criteria:

It must execute itself. It will often place its own code in the path of execution of another program.

It must replicate itself. For example, it may replace other executable files with a copy of the virus infected file. Viruses can infect desktop computers and network servers alike.

What is a Trojan horse?

Trojan Horses are impostors--files that claim to be something desirable but, in fact, are malicious. A very important distinction between Trojan horse programs and true viruses is that they do not replicate themselves. Trojans contain malicious code that when triggered cause loss, or even theft, of data. For a Trojan horse to spread, you must, invite these programs onto your computers--for example, by opening an email attachment or downloading and running a file from the Internet.

What is a worm?

Worms are programs that replicate themselves from system to system without the use of a host file. This is in contrast to viruses, which requires the spreading of an infected host file. Although worms generally exist inside of other files, often Word or Excel documents, there is a difference between how worms and viruses use the host file. Usually the worm will release a document that already has the "worm" macro inside the document. The entire document will travel from computer to computer, so the entire document should be considered the worm.

What is a virus hoax?

Virus hoaxes are messages, almost always sent by email, that amount to little more than chain letters.

(for the full article, go to:

<http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/faq.html>)

Next Month: Spyware, Adware, Key loggers, and BHOs (browser helper objects) defined.

PADDLING THE PATUXENT

THE 17th ANNUAL BERNIE FOWLER WADE-IN is Sunday, June 13, at Broomes Island, in Calvert County. Enjoy the views and tranquility of one of Maryland's most beautiful rivers by paddling across from Greenwell State Park in St. Mary's County (about a 1 to 1.5 hour paddle). At 2 p.m., join hands and wade out at Broomes Island in Calvert County as part of the continuing success story in water quality and living resources protection for the Patuxent that began with Senator Fowler. Contact Meo Curtis (meosotis@hotmail.com) at 301-604-3736 for more information.

SHOTGUN RANGE NEWS

We will be hosting a fun shoot to benefit the Chesapeake Bay Foundations' Save the Bay program. "Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay" will be held on June 12 starting at 10am. The cost will be \$20 and include an event T-shirt, lunch along with 75 targets of your choice, skeet or trap. Prizes will be awarded for High Over All, and 3 Lewis class. Lewis Class allows shooters of all skill levels to win prizes. Hope you can come out to support this worthy cause. If you are unable to participate in the shoot but would like to support the club, event t-shirts will be on sale in the Range house and at Board and Membership meetings.

This month several members have been very helpful in keeping the ranges operating and looking well, my thanks to the following;

Debbie Maxey - Range house flower box maintenance

Charlie Weaver - Meeting the machine maintenance team

Jim Arnold and Mark Kosian -

Machine Adjustments

Jim Arnold and Shep Burton -

Assisting with Scout Training

Bob Woodward - Opening Ranges for a special event.

THANK YOU

A special thanks goes to Madjid Tavakoli of VisCom Signs, for the new signboards entering the club property. They look great!

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 Ike 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 25th. Contact Mac McCollum (osngmc@erols.com) 301-854-3707 on the kitchen end of things.

Match set-up on June 23rd. 10:00 AM for most of the day. Contact Chuck Crooks (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) 301-831-9666.

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

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

Match teardown on June 26th at approximately 3:30 PM for 2 hours. Contact Ray Shaver (mrshaver@aol.com) 301-926-0465.

Shuttle Drivers on June 24, 25, 26th are needed throughout the day, beginning at 10:00 AM on the 24th, 7:00 AM on the 25th and 26th, finished by 5:00 PM. Contact Rich Fried (tanriefried@aol.com) 301-253-2789.

First Aid Station help on the 25th and 26th. Contact Chuck Crooks (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) 301-831-9666.

Water Jugs on June 24th, 25th and 26th. 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) 301-926-0465.

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

AIRGUN SHOW

The Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show has been **canceled!!!**

CHAPTER AIR PISTOL MATCH

The annual WAC-IWLA Chapter Air Pistol Match was held recently. Scores for the 600 point 10 meter match are as follows:

Hiem Trang	543
Jim Piateski	520
Karl Krchma	499
Michelle Chesnut	478
Joe McDaniel	471
Phillip Dean	450

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Going, Going, GONE!!

The Rifle Raffle to support the Junior Air Rifle team on their trip to the Nationals in Kentucky has been completely sold out. The juniors want to thank everyone who bought a ticket and wish you all the best of luck in the drawing. The drawing will be held at the dinner meeting on the 23 June 2004.

On 29 May 2004, three of our precision shooters, Neil Heckman, Aleem Sheikh, and Nick Limparis attended the Maryland State, three position, Rimfire State Championship. The match was hosted by Monumental Rifle And Pistol Club of Baltimore and held at the Associated Gun Clubs Of Baltimore.

Two of our juniors shooters won medals in their age category. Neil Heckman won the gold in the Sub-Junior Category in each of the three positions as well as winning the overall for his age category. Nick Limparis was awarded the bronze medal in the Junior Category in all three positions. Overall our Juniors finished 7th, 8th, and 9th out of a total of 16 competitors.

This is the final week of practice for our sporter shooters although the Precision Team will continue to practice in preparation for the USA Shooting Junior Olympic National Match to be held in July in Kentucky. They will be having their year end picnic and award ceremony on Saturday, 12 June 2004.

IRON CHEF

Iron Chef Mac McCollum will prepare a culinary delight of Barbeque and fixins for our June General Membership and Dinner Meeting.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

It's that time of year, again. As we mow our lawns, we are contributing to ozone formation in our region. These small engines have largely gone uncontrolled by EPA and, therefore, are huge contributors to our summer ozone problem. In fact, you would need to drive your car from Baltimore to Boston to equal the amount of ozone precursor emissions from mowing your lawn for one hour. Well, here's your chance to help clean the air!!! The Maryland

Department of Transportation is sponsoring a lawn mower trade-in event where you can turn in your old gasoline powered lawnmower for either a corded electric or a cordless rechargeable lawnmower at a significant cost savings, over 50% off the retail price! (And yes, they are both mulching mowers!)

Below is the link, to register for your lawn mower--It is available to the first 1,000 Maryland residents:

<http://www.cleanmowermd.com/default.asp>

At the June member meeting Norma Kawecky will do a demonstration on fly-casting during happy hour and then give a short introductory talk on fly-fishing after dinner.

We are beginning to get some idea of how our American Elm pilot project is working out. Based on the latest report from Gaithersburg Middle School (one of our planting sites) the American Elms are growing as well as the Red Maples (our control trees). The Maples are still larger, but then they started out larger. The grow rates of the Elms and Maples appears to be approximately equal. We need to continue monitoring for a few more years, but if this trend continues you might once again see American Elms along Montgomery County roads.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Nature seems to have its own way of providing for the well being of it's inhabitants. Last year I noted that every time I changed food for the Hummingbirds, the red ants would soon follow. This year with the Cicada emergence those pesky seventeen-year noisemakers, now dead and dying have provided an opulent feast Du Jour for the ants, especially the red ants. Thusly Hummingbirds are more active than over the past few years, at our feeders. Isn't it wonderful how nature provides for it's own?