



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter July 2004

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JULY 2004 CALENDAR

Sun 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 19, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Wed 20, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Fri 23, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Sat 24, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Tear down approx 3:30 PM) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Sat 24, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

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 10:00 AM**

Sun 25, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM - Steve Lefebvre 301-482-1898

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

Wed 28, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM, 2004/2005 Nominations from the floor

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

Sat 31, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 31, New Cowboy Shooter Clinic 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM One pistol range closed during clinic, Pre-Registration Is Required.

AUGUST 2004 CALENDAR

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

Mon 2, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 3, * Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM**

Wed 4, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Wed 4, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM

Fri 6, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. at the Shotgun Range House

Sat 7, .22 Fun Shoot, 10 AM to 2 PM (Rifle Range Closed During Event)

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

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

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

Wed 11, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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

Sat 14, Canceled Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show Canceled

Sat 14, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Rifle range closed during event)

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

Sun 15, * Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM - Contact Michelle Chesnut**

Sun 15, Field Target Match, Registration at 9:00 AM

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

Wed 18, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

NOTE: * Counts toward NEW MEMBER REQUIRED PROJECT 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 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 Piatieski 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:

JULY 2004

Sat 7/3 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

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Sun 8/1 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Kevin O'Neill
Sat 8/7 Robert & Vivian MacLoed
Sun 8/8 Robert Jeffery, Joel Gross, Paul & Jake Truska
Sat 8/14 "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 8/15 Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Dave Gold
Sat 8/21 Tony Evans, Mike Bowen, Paul Fisher
Sun 8/22 Robert Case, John & Rebecca Henrich, Randy Stewart
Sat 8/28 Richard Zabell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn
Sun 8/29 Tyler Watson, Frank Saenz, Rod 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 301-598-4163 (after July 14; I'm moving). 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 July

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.

JULY 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, July 25. 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. 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.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DINNER (June 23): Al Freiling, Conley Phipps and Blix Winston.

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS (June 23 - 26): This is our biggest event of the year, with lots of volunteer

workers. The following list does not do justice to those of you who worked several days in a variety of tasks; you are known and loved. We apologize for misspellings and omissions.

Thank you all very much: Neil Benson, Andrew Blate, John G. Bork, Patrick Bratten, Joe Carinci, Michael Coxen, Chuck Crooks, Phillip Dean, Wil Desjardins, John W. Diehl, Tony Evans, Jim Fedis, Richard Fried, Gene Fritz, Bill Gazdik, Doug Greenfield, Bryan Haddix, Robert Holden, Rose Holden, Susan Homes, Saul Honigsberg, Paul Honke, Doug Hutchison, Stein Johansen, John Keats, Paul Keats, Vernon R King Jr., Merry Klinefelter, Jules Kornel, Karl Krchma, Bill Ladd, John Leaman, Paul Leggett, Rodney P. Lewis, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Donna Limparis, Nick Limparis, Ed Lloyd, Chuck McNeely, Zane Naibert, Andrew Opiela, Michael Opiela, Richard Phelan, Conley Phipps, Carl Rattay, Judy Riley, Tom Riley, Harold Schlosser, Craig Schneibolk, Mark Schnenden, Phil Schrider, Jose P. Scoseria, John Shepherd, Red Skillings, Rick Sommer, Rick Swain, Greg Talamini, Rick Tipton, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, M. Van Winkle, Rip Van Winkle, Blix Winston and Guy Wright.

SITE MAINTENANCE (June 27):

L. Derek Charles, Meo Curtis, John W. Diehl, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Ronald Murphy, Tom Riley, Mike Suscello, Mike Taddei, Scott Wright and Yuan Yu.

NEW MEMBERS

New Members for July will appear in the August 2004 Newsletter.

.22 FUN SHOOT

The Chapter will hold a .22 cal Fun Shoot on Saturday 7 August, 2004. Shoot hours are 9:30 till 12:00 Noon.

MY TWO BITS

(by Richard Phelan)

From Microsoft.com (Article by Jerry Honeycutt)
(<http://www.microsoft.com/WindowsXP/expertzone/columns/honeycutt/spvware.asp>)

As if spam, viruses, and worms aren't bad enough. Adware and spyware are here to sap the remaining life out of your productivity and privacy. Cookies are harmless in comparison!

Adware is software that displays advertisements on your computer. These are ads that inexplicably pop up on your display screen, even if you're not browsing the Internet. Some companies provide "free" software in exchange for advertising on your display. It's how they make their money.

Spyware is software that sends your personal information to a third party without your permission or knowledge. This can include information about Web sites you visit or something more sensitive like your user name and password. Unscrupulous companies often use this data to send you unsolicited targeted advertisements.

SHOTGUN RANGE NEWS

"Breakin' Clay to Save The Bay"
The Chapter hosted a charity shoot on June 12, 2004 to benefit the Save the Bay Program. Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay had nearly 50 participants, and raised over \$1200. Through the Save the Bay Program the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has been the leader in restoring water quality in the Bay, and in educating the public on the importance of protecting the watershed and wetland areas.

While the chapter supports many conservation activities, we seized the opportunity to combine a friendly skeet and trap competition with this

important conservation effort. The chapter plans to improve and expand the event next year based on feedback from this year's participants.

A special thanks to Trout Unlimited, Potomac-Patuxent Chapter, Baysavers of Mt. Airy, our own Wildlife Rangers, Jim Arnold, Rich Fried, Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis, and last but not least, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for all of their work in preserving the Bay.

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS 2004
The 2004 Thunder Valley Days was a complete success. With over 50 IWLA WAC volunteer "Waddies" helping out, over the four days of the event, we were able to have a 100% safe and enjoyable match.

Our own Elaine Benson "Ruby Red" is the SASS Maryland State Ladies Champion for another year!

I cannot express enough thanks to those that helped out. Members and non-member came and donated their time and energy to support our chapter's biggest single event. We had 146 competitors and 50 plus volunteers. What a ratio! From the shuttle crew, safety team, to the cooking crew, the ice and trash folks to the clean up volunteers, it was a wonderful experience and a great team effort.

I have received numerous compliments on the food, Waddies and overall hospitality our guests received. The unified effort has put us on the map as one of the better run state matches on the SASS calendar. We can thank the volunteers for that!

It makes me proud to be associated with these two fine groups, The Wildlife Achievement Chapter and SASS.

Besides having a lot of fun, we raised needed funds for our chapter and a record \$665 for our IWLA-WAC Scholarship Fund.
Thanks! Chuckaroo

AIRGUN SHOW

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

DARC REPORT

The Junior Air Rifle program for the Sporter shooters has concluded for the year however the precision team is still practicing for their trip to the Nationals. On 12 June 2004 we held the annual picnic and awards ceremony for all of our shooters at the club. Many awards were presented, but two of our precision shooters, Aleem Sheikh and Daniel Reed, earned the rank of Distinguished Expert. A truly awesome accomplishment!

On 19 June 2004, our precision team, Neil Heckman, Dan Reed, Aleem Sheikh, and Nick Limparis attended an all prone, rimfire, match called the Libby. The match was hosted by the Arlington Rifle Club of Baltimore and held at the Associated Gun Clubs Of Maryland, Marriottsville. Our shooters earned 2nd Place in the team competition and Neil Heckman earned 1st Place in his age group in the individual competition. Also in attendance was a new shooter, J.P. Traylor, who competed in his first ever precision competition. Our congratulations to all of the competitors.

On 23 June 2004, a reporter and photographer from the Gazette newspaper was here to interview our precision team about their sport and their trip to the Nationals. Our juniors conducted themselves impeccably during the interview so lets keep an eye out for the paper and hope for a favorable report!

The Rifle Raffle to support the Junior Air Rifle team was a resounding

success raising approximately \$1,100.00 to support our precision team on their trip to the Nationals in Kentucky. Daniel Reed was asked to draw the winning ticket and the winner of the 2004 Rifle Raffle was Ben Boccuzzi of Germantown, MD. Our congratulations to Ben and our sincere thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The conservation committee sponsored a Patuxent paddle and participated in the Bernie Fowler wade-in on June 13. Four canoes paddled from Greenwell State Park across the river to Broom's Island (about a 3 mile trip). Conditions were excellent for the paddle to Broom's Island, but the wind kicked up as we arrived at Broom's Island and canceled the return paddle.

Despite the problems with the weather we will try again next year.

There was a large turn out for the wade-in as this was the 25th anniversary of efforts to clean up the Patuxent river and the 17th wade-in.

ADOPT-A-ROAD***

There was a good turnout at the last Adopt-a-Road clean up (Sunday June 13). Special thanks go to Bill Gazdik for running the event.

The next Adopt-a-Road clean up is Sunday August 15 at 9:00 AM (Contact: Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237).

ASTRONOMY CLUB

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers, for the coming year, at the July General Membership Meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.