



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter August 2004

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AUGUST 2004 CALENDAR

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

Sun 15, ***Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM - Contact Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237

Sun 15, Field Target Match, Registration at 9:00 AM. - Contact Joe McDaniel 301-865-8257

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

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

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

Sat 21, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 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

Wed 25, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Fri 27, Membership Meeting & 2004/2005 ELECTIONS & Cookout 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

Fri 27, ***Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Fri 27, Bowhunter Education Class Contact Bill McGiffin 301-831-7079

Sat 28, Bowhunter Education Class Contact Bill McGiffin 301-831-7079

Sat 28, ***Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 to 4:00 PM (Tear down approx 3:30 PM) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

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

Sun 29, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM 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, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

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

SEPTEMBER 2004 CALENDAR

Wed 1, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM

Wed 1, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Fri 3, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. at the Shotgun Range House

Sat 4, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 4, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Rifle range closed during event)

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

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

Tue 7, Junior Airgun & Rimfire Registration Only 6:30 to 8:30 PM

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

Wed 8, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wed 8, Junior Airgun Practice Class 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 9, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 10, Hunter Safety, Day 1, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 11, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sat 11, Practical Defense Match 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sat 11, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered pistol range closed during event)

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

Mon 13, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 14, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 15, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wed 15, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

CALENDAR EVENT POC's:

Skeet & Trap POC: Bob Cumberland 301-253-1348

S&T Range Officers POC: Bill Rahn 301-774-6234

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

Fall 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 301-253-2384

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

TARGETS: To ensure the safety of everyone shooting or observing shooters on the WAC ranges, permissible targets are specifically identified in the range rules and regulations as shown below. Failure to abide by these rules is a serious safety violation and may result in the loss of shooting privileges.

10. Permissible targets include paper, balloons, and frangible, biodegradable items such as candy, crackers and clay pigeons. Such targets must be attached to the target backboard and mounted so they do not obscure the steel target stand frame.
11. Permissible free standing targets include commercially made steel or "self-sealing" plastic targets which swing, spin, or fall when hit by a bullet.
12. Homemade target frames and metal targets must be approved by the Rifle/Pistol Committee Chairman or a designated representative before use on the Chapter ranges.
13. The target being fired upon must be directly in front of the firing point. Shooters must ensure that only one target is in the line of fire.
14. Steel targets must be placed at least 25 yards from the firing line and directly in front of the earth bank backstops.

15. Only unjacketed lead or frangible bullets in the correct caliber for the

target are permitted for use on steel targets

HUNTER SIGHT-IN/QUALIFICATION DAYS: This year we are combining our annual hunter sight-in day with qualification events for persons seeking a Maryland State Shooter Qualification Card for shotgun (slugs) and/or muzzleloader hunting. The hunter sight-in/qualification events will be held September 19 and November 7 from 9:30 to 3:00 on the rifle range.

These events are open to all prospective hunters for a fee of \$5 per each type of qualification attempted. There will also be a separate charge of \$5 for non-members of the WAC who wish to sight-in their firearms prior to attempting qualification. As opposed to previous qualification shoots, we do not plan to close the range for these events. Instead, we will reserve five shooting benches for working with prospective hunters, and will make every attempt to accommodate use of the range for general shooting by WAC members. **Ray Shaver** and **Tom Riley** are seeking volunteers to work one on one with prospective hunters during these events.

AUGUST 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, August 29. 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.

CAS SET UP (July 23): Neil Benson, Chuck Crooks, Stein Johansen and Richard Lee Rankin.

CAS TEAR DOWN (July 24): Chuck Limparis, Ron Peddicord, Mike Sage, Ray Shaver and Terry L. Springer.

SITE MAINTENANCE (July 25): Brian Baldwin, Gina Becker, John G. Bork, Patrick Bratten, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, John W. Diehl, Matt Holcomb, Chuck Limparis, Ronald Murphy, Jim Piateski, Tom Riley and Ray Shaver.

RANGE ORIENTATION (July 25): Bud Bell and Ray G. Logan.

MY TWO BITS

(by Richard Phelan)

The August 3 issue of PC MAGAZINE (www.pcmag.com) has a definitive issue on computer security. I strongly recommend getting this issue, or at least going online and reading the article, "126 Ways to Stop and Prevent Spyware, Worms, Hacks, Viruses & Much More"

I do not think I could add much, so I am ending this section on security and moving on to specific programs.

Coming: Recommended programs to keep your computing secure

SPEAKER QUEST

In an effort to encourage better attendance at our Membership Meetings, we will attempt to obtain speakers for each meeting.

Speakers are being sought in any number of areas: hunting, fishing, conservation, shooting, falconry, hunting dog training, reloading ammunition or any other activity that might be of interest to our membership.

Bill Kelly has agreed to chair such a committee. He would like several volunteers to share in making calls and lining up speakers. This activity will count toward the work requirement of new members. If interested please call Bill Kelly at 301-253-5009.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

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

SKEET & TRAP RANGE

OFFICERS:

AUGUST 2004

Sun 8/1 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Kevin O'Neill
Sat 8/7 Robert & Vivian MacLeod
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
Sat 8/28 Richard Zabell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn
Sun 8/29 Randy Stewart, Frank Saenz, Rod Van Tassel

SEPTEMBER 2004

Sat 9/4 Vivian & Robert MacLeod
Sun 9/5 Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt, Robert Case
Sat 9/11 Dave Fichter, George Fichter
Sun 9/12 Joel Gross, Robert Jeffery, Paul & Jake Triska
Sat 9/18 Mike Bowen, Tony Evans, Charles Weaver
Sun 9/19 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira Wein
Sat 9/25 Richard Zabell, Bill Rahn, Robert Taylor
Sun 9/26 Randy Stewart, Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz

Welcome back Dave Fichter!!
Welcome aboard Bill Douwes, as a Wednesday Range Officer. We need a couple more Range Officers to serve on Saturdays (only once a month) Excellent benefits! Call Bill Rahn

NEW MEMBERS

JULY

Steve Allen, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Rick Moorehead
Dick Bardelmeier, Annapolis, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks
William Best, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Jake Howard

John Fitzgerald, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Jeff Brown
Mark Hipp, Clarksville, MD
Sponsor: Harold Herman
Michael Komack, Edgewater, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks
Carl Mauney, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Matthew McConnell, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Geoff Hornseth
Kinzo Mihara, Clarksburg, MD
Sponsor: Kurt Berkebile
G. Edward Miller, Point Of Rocks, MD
Sponsor: Geoff Hornseth
Alan Roebuck, Ellicott City, MD
Sponsor: Harold Herman
Peter Sittner, Kensington, MD
Sponsor: Will Ney
Timothy Urban, Laytonsville, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

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Tim Biggins, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Joel Gross
Glenn Butler, Sr., Olney, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Theodore Holden, Alexandria, VA
Sponsor: Harris Reavin
Mark Lawson, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Bob Elliott
Peter Mazzella, Jr., Lewis, DE
Sponsor: Larry Lippman
Daniel Murphy, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Adol T. Owen-Williams, North Potomac, MD
Sponsor: Bill Schneider

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

The first Hunter Safety Class of the year will be held September 10, 17 and 18. Those wishing to register should call 301-253-2384 ext.2 and follow the recorded instructions. ALL new hunters must take this course before they can get their first license. Please follow the recorded instructions.

DARC REPORT

The Damascus Air Rifle Club precision team has just returned from participating in the USA Shooting Junior Olympic Air Rifle National Championship in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Dan Reed of Woodbine, Maryland finished in 64th place nationally and in 19th place in his age group. Aleem Sheikh of Gaithersburg, Maryland

finished in 78th place nationally and in 26th place in his age group. Nick Limparis of Damascus, Maryland finished in 93rd place nationally and in 62nd place in his age group. Neil Heckman of Woodbine, Maryland, our youngest shooter, finished in 117th place nationally and 5th place in his age group.

In our first year of competition, in the precision class, at the National Level, the team finished in 14th place overall, among club teams in the national championship. Two shooters set new personal highs for the year during this competition.

Coaches and shooters are tired but pleased and looking forward to next year's competitions!

CONSERVATION REPORT

The regular meeting of the conservation committee on September 7 has been CANCELED.

The conservation committee is sponsoring a Well and Septic workshop on Tuesday September 21 from 7:00 - 9:00p.m. The workshop is free and open to members and non-members. The purpose of the workshop is to educate homeowners on the proper care of well and septic systems. This is especially important for septic systems that may not show signs of failure until they have already caused damage to the environment. Workbooks will be available at the workshop for a nominal fee (the cost being subsidized by the chapter). For additional information or to reserve a space in the workshop contact Jeff Deschamps (deschamps@nrl.navy.mil) at (301)604-3736.

THANK YOU

Once in a while there is a member that stands out and Don Hartman Jr. is one of those members. He offered not just his time during the work week but he brought along his heavy equipment in tow. Then he spent a good part of the day clearing 8-10 feet deep of the over growth down the Skeet Range Meadow and down the Rifle & Pistol Range road saving uncountable hours of manual labor.

Don, Thank You.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Most of you may know by now about the death of John Leaman's mother, just over a week ago. She was interred a week ago Monday.

It has come to our attention that she would have appreciated donations to our scholarship fund. She was salt of the earth and was keenly aware of our place in the grand scheme.

More young people are needed in conservation disciplines. One way to accomplish this is to increase our scholarship fund to enable more students to receive funds necessary to further study in these disciplines. Any money received will be earmarked for the scholarship fund and is tax deductible. Donations can be sent to and payable to: IWLA WAC, PO Box 118, Damascus, MD 20872. Please note on the checks that is for the scholarship fund.

Thank you in advance.
Jim Piatieski, President

SCOUT TROOP NEEDS HELP

Our Boy Scout Troop, Order of The Arrow and Venture Unit is looking for someone to become Unit Commissioner. This person will represent them at Boy Scout District level meetings.

Scouting experience isn't necessary. This person can be Male or Female, 21 or older. Training is provided usually as a 4 hour training session on a Saturday. The course can be taken online in the meantime.

The position requires attendance to a Committee meeting or Unit meeting once a month. Attending monthly Commissioner meetings (Second Tuesday of the month) and occasional attendance at a meeting called the Round Table (Fourth Thursday of the month) is also required. The meetings usually last 1-1/2 hours. The job of the Unit commissioner is not to run a Unit but to act as liaison between the Unit and the Commissioner Staff, keeping the Unit informed as to what is happening at the District level and

to keep the District informed as to what is happening with the Unit.

Interested persons can contact Terry L. Springer for additional information at 301-428-0216 H or 301-428-0196 W.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Please come out and help with the Adopt-a-Road program on Sunday 15 August. Meet in front of the Green shed at 0900 hours. This is a very worthwhile project. Not only does it keep trash and rubbish from our roads, it shows we are good stewards not just of our property, also of our area.

Our **major** Fall Adopt-a-Road campaign will be on 6 November. We will be handing out "Free T-shirts" and providing lunch for all of our dedicated volunteers. Make plans to attend this activity.

Recycle efforts netted the chapter \$80.70 from sales of aluminum, copper and brass this past week. Thanks to Annie Cumberland for all your help.