



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter September 2004

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SEPTEMBER 2004 CALENDAR

Thu 16, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 17, Hunter Safety, Day 2, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 18, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sat 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 18, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM (All ranges closed until 1:00 PM)
Sun 19, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 19, Public Hunter Sight In/Qualification Day On Rifle Range 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM - Contact Tom Riley by e-mail
Mon 20, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 21, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Tue 21, *** Conservation committee sponsored Well & Septic Workshop 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736.
Wed 22, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wed 22, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 23, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 24, Membership Meeting & Installation of the 2004/2005 Officers 6:30 Social, Dinner at 7:30 PM
Fri 24, *** Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Sat 25, *** Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 to 4:00 PM (Tear down approx 3:30 PM) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed
Sat 25, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 25, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sat 25, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sun 26, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 26, *** Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM
Sun 26, *** Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM
Sun 26, *** Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Sun 26, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM - Contact Ray Logan or Barry Ephraim
Mon 27, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 28, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 29, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wed 29, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 30, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

OCTOBER 2004 CALENDAR

Sat 2, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 2, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sun 3, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 3, Black Powder Fun Shoot 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

Mon 4, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 5, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Tue 5, *** Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM - Contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736
Wed 6, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM
Wed 6, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Wed 6, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 7, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 9, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Contact Joe McDaniel or Tim Berlett
Sat 9, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 9, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sun 10, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 11, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Mon 11, New Cowboy Shooter Clinic 9:30 AM (One pistol range closed during clinic), Pre-Registration Is Required.
Tue 12, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 13, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Wed 13, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 14, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 16, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sat 16, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered pistol range closed during event)

Sat 16, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 17, 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 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

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@msn.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 September 2004, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 7:30 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

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.**

LIVE AMMO: It is far too easy to find live ammunition dropped or discarded in inappropriate places on the rifle and pistol ranges. The only place to discard ammunition on those ranges is in the misfire containers, although we would prefer that you take it with you. Thanks.

SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN: A situation recently came to our

attention where the 16 year old son of a member had been at the range with his uncle, who was not a member of the WAC. We need to remind everyone that that arrangement is not permitted under the WAC Range Rules and Regulations. Although the uncle and boy may be very responsible shooters, the uncle can use the WAC range only as the guest of a range-approved member, and the children of members may not bring guests. Minimum ages for the range-approved child of a member to use the ranges without adult supervision are 18 years for the rifle range and 21 for the pistol range.

EXCUSE OUR DUST, MUD, HOLES: Like the Energizer Bunny, Rifle/Pistol Co-chair **Tom Riley** is continually working to improve the ranges. Tom's most recent project is the installation of storm drains to stop water running off the parking area from washing away our pistol ranges. That project should be done by the time this newsletter reaches you, but keep alert, there is bound to be some sort of follow up project in the wings. And, please, don't hesitate to get involved before Tom wears himself out.

SEPTEMBER 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, September 26**. 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.

KITCHEN (July 28): Carl Mauney and "Rip" Van Winkle

CAS CLINIC (July 31): Chuck Crooks, Jim Fedis, Doug Hutchison, Tom Low, Ron Peddicord, Rich Rankin, Terry Sprinter and Daniel Welch,

ADOPT-A-ROAD (August 15): Ben Beasley, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Mark Hipp, Vincent Hipp, Vernon King Jr, Ray Ladbury, Robert A Lutz, Judy Riley, Alan Roebuck, Erik Schultheiss, Jose Scoseria, Paul Vitek, Scott Wright and Yuan Yu.

CAS SET UP (August 27): Dick Bardelmeier, Chuck Crooks, Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Mike Sage, Ray Shaver and Blix Winston.

CAS TEAR DOWN (August 28): Paul Bluteau, Greg Christensen, Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Brian Martin and Rich Rankin.

SITE MAINTENANCE (August 29): Wayne Berkebile, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Paul Fisher, Bill Gazdik, Jonathon Green, James Howes, Susan Howes, Jeffrey Korn, Chuck Limparis, G. Edward Miller, Jim Piatieski, Chris Pucciarelli, Tom Riley, Erik Schultheiss, Ray Shaver, Daniel Smolyar, Mike Suscello, Mike Taddei, Tim Urban and Steve Wilson.

RANGE ORIENTATION (August 29): Bud Bell, Ray G. Logan and Bruce Roth.

WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION

Wild Game Dinner tickets will go on sale at the Officer Installation Dinner, Friday 24 September, 2004.

MY TWO BITS

(by Richard Phelan
xunodir@hotmail.com)

Here is my list of recommended programs to protect your pc. Some of these offer a free version, and some have a 30 day free trial. I use all of these programs and have bought the full version, usually the "Pro" version.

Norton Systemworks (Pro)
[antivirus and system tools] (the Systemworks 2005 may be out by now) www.symantec.com

Zonealarm (Pro) [firewall/email protection/misc. internet protection tools] (highly recommended-the company was just acquired by Check Point software) www.zonelabs.com

Pest Patrol [tools to eliminate a variety of pests/trojans/spyware] (the company was just acquired by Computer Associates)<http://www.pestpatrol.com/>

Zonealarm Pro & Pest Patrol promotion
http://www.zonelabs.com/store/content/promotions/pestscan/results_01165.jsp

Spybot Search and Destroy [tools to eliminate a variety of pests/trojans/spyware] (great free software. Be aware that if you google the keyword "Spybot", there are other sites which try to trick you into thinking they have Spybot, and then direct you to a pay site. The real site is at:
<http://security.kolla.de/news.php?lang=en>

Mailwasher ("Pro" version) [great spamkiller esp. for outlook and outlook express] (this program has a great feature that allows you to "bounce" the unwanted email back to the sender as if it had received a bad email address. If the sender has

spoofed their address, it will not work.) <http://www.firetrust.com/>

SKEET & TRAP RANGE

OFFICERS:

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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 Bill Rahn, 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

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Sat 10/2 Robert & Vivan MacLeod
Sun 10/3 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Paul Truska
Sat 10/9 "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 10/10 Robert Jeffery, Joel Gross, Kevin O'neill
Sat 10/16 Tony Evans, Mike Bowen, Charlie Weaver
Sun 10/17 Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Dave Gold
Sat 10/23 Richard Zabell, Robert Taylor
Sun 10/24 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassel
Sat 10/30 Paul Fisher, Bill Rahn, Lou Aullnutt
Sun 10/31 Randy Stewart, Robert Case

SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBERS

Peter La Tora, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Robert McCary, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Dan Sutton, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC

Our last New Cowboy Shooter Clinic, for 2004, will be held on Monday, October 11, 2004.

There will only be one session beginning at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$5 per person and we are accepting the first 30 paid applications. You can get an application on the IWLA web site at: <http://members.aol.com/wildliferangers/clinicappl.pdf> You will need Adobe Acrobat reader. The class will be completed around 2:30 PM.

We will start in the Rathskeller, take a break at 11:30 for lunch (bring a bag lunch), and then we will go to the range for the shooting portion.

Complete instructions and requirements are on the application or you can contact Chuck Crooks on 301-831-9666 or WildlifeRangers@aol.com.

One of the pistol ranges will be closed during the shooting portion of the class.

Thanks, Chuckaroo

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.

AIRGUNNERS AT WAC

There are several adult airgun shooting activities at the Chapter that I would like to bring to your attention. We have an excellent outdoor range that is available during the scheduled shooting hours. This range is for the use of AIRGUNS ONLY and the chapter range rules apply. There is a covered firing point

with benches and sandbags. Target frames for the mounting of paper targets; frames with hanging cans; and numerous 'spinning targets' at ground level are always out for your use. They can be moved from 10 yards out to 50 yards. There is a frangible target available from Daisy Outdoor Equipment that you can purchase and use on the airgun range. This is a small biodegradable disc that is placed on the ground in holders that come with the targets. These targets are called 'ShatterBlast' and can be found at several sites on the Internet. They are fun targets and don't leave an unsightly mess like other breakable targets do.

On Monday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM there is adult air pistol and air rifle shooting in the downstairs range of the chapter house. This is an informal activity and you are invited to participate. Several air pistols and air rifles are available for your use if you don't have your own. Those shooters there are always happy to help you get started and share their equipment with you.

Field target shooting is yet another airgun activity! This is done on the range in the woods adjacent to the 50 yard range. Field target shooting is a combination of precision air rifle marksmanship in a hunting situation. The targets are metal silhouette of animals with a 'hole' in the center of the target. If you fire a pellet through the 'hole', it strikes a plate which causes the target to fall backward. There is instant feedback as to whether you hit the target or not! These field target matches are fired with air rifles having telescopic sights as the distances to the silhouettes will range from 10 yards out to 55 yards and some of the 'kill zone holes' can be very small. Most of the shots are fired from the sitting position; however, some of the metal targets are placed in trees or behind a fallen log so you have to kneel or stand to be able to see the target for your shot. There is a match scheduled for Saturday, October 9,

that would be a good time for you to learn about and participate in a field target match. Target setup and orientation will begin at 9:00 AM that day and the match will end at 1:00 PM. Rex Gori is coordinating this event and all of you interested in learning more about field target shooting are encouraged to come out. You will be 'paired' with a more experienced shooter and can use his equipment if you don't have a scope-equipped air rifle.

We would like to see more of our members get involved in the airgun shooting sports. Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202) if you would like more information. We always have some air rifles or air pistols you can use to get started.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Our chapter has sponsored a clean up in the upper Patuxent watershed for over 17 years. The clean up has removed many tons of trash from the watershed and helped our chapter develop better ties to the local community. To help members develop a better understanding of the relationship between the work we do in the Damascus area and Chesapeake Bay the conservation committee sponsored a trip to Solomon's Island. From the feedback we have received the trip accomplished this and much more. Look for another conservation trip next year. In the mean time don't forget the conservation activities already planned - the Well & Septic Workshop later this month, the Fall Cleanup in November, and of course maintenance of the chapter's Christmas and Elm trees.

The next regular meeting of the conservation committee is Tuesday October 5 at 7:30 pm and we always like to see new faces.

THANK YOU

It always does the heart good to watch the new members that have the will and ability to contribute to the club and improve our well being.

I'd like to thank Matt Holcomb for making the arrangements to have 18 truckloads of road grindings donated to the club. As you can see, we now have a decent surface on the road to drive down. Members, like Matt, are what makes our club work. Thanks Matt.

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Conley Phipps Corresponding Secretary
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Mac McCollum Parliamentarian
John Leaman Chaplain
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Chuck Crooks Director
Jeff Deschamps Director
Chuck Limparis Director
Tom Riley Director
Jorge Silva Director
John Walter Director

ADOPT-A-ROAD

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

Thanks to all for our August road cleanup. Due to the great turnout we were able to clean Mullinix Mill Road from the Patuxent River crossing (our county line) to MD Route 108 (Damascus Road) and Long Corner Road from Gue Road to MD Route 108.

PRESIDENT'S THANK YOU

I would like to personally thank Joe Carinci and Jose Scoceria for responding to the request for help with spreading gravel on the road.

This in no way diminishes the gratitude to others who assisted in this endeavor; Tom Riley, Jeff Deschamps, Ed Burrows and Michelle Chesnut.

Thanks again to all.
Jim

INCREASE IN DUES FOR 2005

At the annual national meeting of the Izaak Walton League held this past July, it was proposed and approved to increase the National Dues for each member by \$10 starting in 2005. You will see this increase on the bills that you receive in late October. This means for most members, you will be billed for \$110 instead of \$100.

This is the first increase in many years. We are not raising our chapter dues or the state dues. We are simply passing the increase that the National Office has approved. The amount that you pay in 2005 will be apportioned as follows:

Wildlife Achievement Chapter
\$70.00
IWLA National Office
\$36.00
IWLA MD Division
\$ 4.00

WELL AND SEPTIC WORKSHOP

How well is Your Well? Come learn how to manage and maintain your well and septic system in a workshop by Thomas Miller, Regional Water Quality Specialist, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension. The workshop is Tuesday, September 21, 2004, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chapter house.

Have you ever wondered what happens after you flush the toilet, and

it's only going as far as your yard? Find out how to safeguard your well water quality and keep your septic system functioning the way it was designed to.

The workshop is free, but pre-registration is necessary. A workbook of reference and record keeping information will be available for \$5 at the workshop.

To register, contact Bill Kelly at 301-717-0302 or kelly24100@comcast.net.