



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter March 2005

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MARCH 2005 CALENDAR

Sun 13, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 13, MD NRA Jr. 3P Air Rifle Championship, in Berlin, Md.
Sun 13, Military Fun Shoot 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM - Contact Tom Riley 301-774-7426 (**Rifle range closed during match**)
Mon 14, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 15, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Tue 15, *** **Rain Barrel Workshop** 7:30 PM
Wed 16, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 17, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 19, Practical Defense Match 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (**Uncovered pistol range closed during event**)
Sat 19, Airgun Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sat 19, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 19, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sun 20, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 20, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 20, *** **Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up** 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM
Sun 20, *** **Skeet /Trap Maintenance** 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 20, *** **Christmas Tree Maintenance** 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Sun 20, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM - Contact Ray Logan or Barry Ephraim
Mon 21, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 22, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 23, **Membership Meeting** 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM
Wed 23, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 24, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 25, *** **Cowboy Action Shoot (Set Up 1:00 PM) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**
Sat 26, *** **Cowboy Action Shoot** 8:00 to 4:00 PM (**Tear down approx 3:30 PM) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**
Sat 26, Skeet & Trap 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat 26, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sun 27, **EASTER, ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED**
Mon 28, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 29, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 30, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 31, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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APRIL 2005 CALENDAR

Fri 1, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the Office or BBQ Shed
Sat 2, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 PM to 12:30 PM
Sat 2, Skeet & Trap 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat 2, *****River Clean-Up 8:30 AM**
Sat 2, *** **Adopt-A-Road 8:30 AM**
Sun 3, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Mon 4, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 5, *** **Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting** 7:30 PM
Tue 5, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 6, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Wed 6, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 6, **Board Of Directors Meeting** 7:30 PM, **ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM**
Thu 7, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 9, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 9, Junior Rifle 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sat 9, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (**Rifle 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

Tue 12, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 13, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wed 13, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 14, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 16, Airgun Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact [Joe McDaniel](#) or [Tim Berlett](#)

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

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

Sat 16, NRA Jr. 3P Sectional airgun Match, at Seneca Valley HS

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: Acting: Conley Phipps 301-460-8528

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: Joe McDaniel 301-865-8257

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: Ray Logan 301-946-2651,

nagolyar@starpower.net, or Barry Ephraim, eyebear@aol.com

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

Military Fun Shoot POC: Tom Riley 301-774-7426

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 vze3h59t@verizon.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 March 2005, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 6:00 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

HIGH POWER MATCH: Heralding the start of a new shooting season, the first of five annual high powered rifle matches sponsored by Seneca Valley Sports Association will be held on **Saturday, April 9**. Registration

and setup will begin at 8:30 AM with the first shot down range at 10:00 AM. The course of fire will be the National Match Course at 100 yards using reduced targets for that range. All events are NRA sanctioned. As always, safety is paramount. All shooters are welcome regardless of high power experience. Those with little or no experience will be treated to a wonderful day of learning and enjoyment. For additional information about this event, contact **Mike Gugulis** by e-mail to mgugulis@earthlink.net.

.22 FUN SHOOT

SCHEDULED: Everybody is welcome and families are encouraged to attend our first .22 rimfire rifle fun shoot of 2005. It will be held from **10:00 AM until approximately 12:30 PM on Saturday, May 14**. 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**.

CONSIDER

REORIENTATION: How long has it been since you attended a Wildlife Achievement Chapter Range Orientation? How familiar are you with WAC Range Rules and Regulations? The range orientation course has been changed and (we think) considerably improved over the past year or two. The rules don't change frequently, but our

emphasis and interpretation of them does change periodically. Help us to ensure a safe and pleasant shooting environment on WAC ranges by renewing your knowledge of the range rules. All members are welcome and encouraged to sit in on the monthly range orientation sessions. See the WAC event calendar for a date and time.

MARCH RANGE CLOSURE & SCHEDULE CHANGE: All WAC ranges will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 27. Also, please note that site maintenance and range orientation will be done a week earlier than usual because of the Easter holiday.

MARCH 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, March 20.** 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.

BIRDHOUSE WORKSHOP (Feb. 15): Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Steve Hill, Jim Piateski and Rip Van Winkle.

CUTTING BIRDHOUSE KITS: Dana Hooper, Jim Piateski and Guy Wright.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING KITCHEN (Feb. 23): Saul Honigsberg, Hai Lee, Bill Rahn and Blix Winston.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HOSPITALITY (Feb. 23): Rob Hallin, Ken Lefebvre and Tom Ouellette.

SITE MAINTENANCE (Feb. 27): George Barnaj, Jack Chomko, Mark Collins, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, Bill Gazdik, Saul Honigsberg, Doug Hutchinson, John Leaman, Chuck & Alex Limparis, Dan Murphy, Jeff Rachel, Tom Riley, Ray Shaver, Kurt Spies, Mike Tokar, Paul & Jake Turska, Matt Via, Jon Wardrick, and Gene F. Wilson.

RANGE ORIENTATION (Feb. 27): Bud Bell and Bruce Roth.

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS:
March 2005

Sat 3/5 Robert & Vivan MacLeod, Bill Rahn
Sun 3/6 Steve Hunt, Paul & Jake Truska, Ronnie Gravitt
Sat 3/12 "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 3/13 Robert Jeffery, Joel Gross, Peter Sittner
Sat 3/19 Tony Evans, Mike Bowen, Charlie Weaver, Alan Rohrer
Sun 3/20 Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Dave Gold
Sat 3/26 Glen & Bull Butler, Richard Zabell, Robert Taylor
Sun 3/27 EASTER SUNDAY,
ALL RANGES CLOSED!!!!

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Sat 4/2 Vivian & Robert MacLeod
Sun 4/3 Ronnie Gravitt, Paul & Jake Truska, Steve Hunt
Sat 4/9 "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 4/10 Robert Jeffery, Peter Sittner, Tim Olson
Sat 4/16 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira Wein
Sun 4/17 Joel Gross, Jim & Judy Crowell, Alan Rohrer
Sat 4/23 Mike Bowen, Charles Weaver, Tony Evans
Sun 4/24 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz, Robert Case
Sat 4/30 Robert Taylor, Richard Zabell, Glen & Bull Butler

NEW MEMBERS MARCH

John Cerny, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Dana Brown
Robert Cooley, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Ryan Cooley, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Michael Corce, Woodsboro, MD
Sponsor: John Leaman
Bob Gladhill, Brookeville, MD
Sponsor: Ken Hermann
Wayne Keeler, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Dennis Keller
Jay Keller, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Dennis Keller
Phillip Keller, Jr., Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Dennis Keller
Jon Marr, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Brian Nave, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Dennis Keller
Brain Oettinger, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Dennis Keller
James Pachulski, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Barry Ephraim
Mark Phillips, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Anthony Rydzewski, Jr.,
Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Anthony Rydzewski,
Sr.
Bradley White, Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Bill Schneider
Andrew Yocum, Derwood, MD

Sponsor: Tom Malarkey

DARC REPORT

The Damascus Air Rifle Club has enjoyed tremendous support from the Wildlife Achievement Chapter and from individual members for years. Our coaches and shooters recognize and appreciate this support.

I wish to make you aware of support the club receives from an unusual source. Mr. Dennis Poole operates PS DATA SUPPLY, Inc., 309A Howard Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850 301-340-6777. I've been a customer for a number of years, using recycled toner cartridges in a HP LaserJet IV printer, to print weekly club summaries for approximately 30 kids for 40 weeks each year.

Mr. Poole no longer lets me pay for the toner cartridges. When I walk in with check in hand, he always says something like "This is for your kids..." gives me the cartridge and refuses payment. Wow!

Dennis, thank you for your support! Bob Inness

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Please continue to remember our many fellow IKEs that are ill or recovering from illness, injury, treatment or surgery.

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JUNIOR AIRGUN REPORT

The USA Shooting Junior Olympic State Championship was held on the 12-13 February 2005 at our chapter. Our Precision Air Rifle Team, consisting of Dan Reed, Aleem Sheikh, Andy Carr, and Ian Duncan again won the Gold Medal and have qualified to go to the National Junior Olympic Match to be held in Kentucky in July. Dan Reed was also the individual Gold Medal for the precision category with a score of 573 out of 600! Zach Keyser won the individual Silver Medal for the sporter category with a score of 514 out of 600! The next match is the NRA 3P Junior Air Rifle Sectional to be held at Seneca Valley High School on 16 April 2004. Due to a match scheduling problem, this match will also count as the Maryland State 3P Championship Match with the top five scorers being eligible to attend the NRA Airgun National Matches and Training Seminars to be held in Bloomington, Illinois, also in July.

In our efforts to support these youngsters in their bid for National titles, we will again be holding another fund raiser. Hopefully we will have details in the next newsletter.

ADULT AIRGUN ACTIVITIES

The annual Chapter Air Pistol Championship match will be held on Monday evenings, April 4 and April 11. Shooting begins at 6:30 PM in the indoor airgun range. You can fire on either night. The course of fire is 60 shots following the NRA air pistol match regulations. Contact Phil Dean

(301-865-8202) for additional information.

A team composed of Jim Piatieski, Joe McDaniel, and Phillip Dean represented the Chapter in the recent NRA International Air Pistol Sectional Match held at the Rockville IWLA.

On February 20, Joe McDaniel presented a workshop on Field Target Shooting to those interested in learning about the activity.

We would like to have new shooters join us for our Monday evening air pistol and air rifle shooting on the indoor range. Shooting begins at 6:30 PM. Later this spring with warmer weather and longer daylight, shooting will be done on the outdoor airgun range.

Check the Chapter calendar for the listing of field target matches.

VIEW FROM THE TOOL SHED

Thanks to those IKEs that showed up at the February work day. We had a pretty good turn out and, even though there was snow on the ground, we managed to get quite a bit done including cleaning up the tool shed. Remember folks, if you don't show up to help, the ranges may not be ready when you show up to shoot!

This month, in addition to the normal cleanup of the rifle & pistol ranges and the cleanup and restocking of the skeet & trap houses, we have two tasks. The first task is the service and repair of the clubs fleet of push lawn mowers and weed wackers. If you have any experience with small engine repair, we could sure use

your help. Please contact John Leaman as he will be coordinating this repair effort. The second item, assuming that the weather cooperates, will be repair of the club house road. The winter snow and ice and the subsequent plowing have left our road chock full of potholes. We would like to see a crew of about 10-15 who can help rake and shovel gravel from our reserve pile, known to some of us as Mt. Riley, into these holes. Please contact Tom Riley who will be coordinating this effort.

Please note that because the last Sunday of March is Easter Sunday, maintenance day will be held on the third Sunday, 20 March 2005 from approximately 9:30am - 1:00pm.

SKEET AND TRAP REPORT

Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay!

You may have noticed the advertisement in the recent Maryland Waltonian regarding the Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay fun shoot. With all the diligent planning, we still ended up with a conflicting date. **The revised date for the fun shoot will be July 16, 2005.** Mark your calendars and plan on attending. The \$20 entry fee buys you lunch, two rounds of skeet or trap, an event T-shirt, and a good time. The shoot is open for shooters of all skill levels, and scoring is done so all are eligible for prizes. All proceeds benefit the Chesapeake Bay Foundations Save the Bay program. More information will be available as the date gets closer.

This months box of shell winners are Glenn Butler and Martin

Cherry. Enjoy your prize by breaking 25's.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Nestbox workshop held February 15 went well. We had about 12 participants and everyone seemed to have a good time. We are also making progress on installing some of these nestboxes at local ponds. The goal of this is to bring more Tree Swallows into the local area. Tree Swallows eat almost their weight in insects each day.

The **Annual Watershed Clean Up** is Saturday April 2, at 8:30 AM. Please meet us at the Green Shed to help us clean our local watershed and continue the tradition of being the largest clean up site in the Patuxent watershed!

Save Money AND Help the Bay

On Monday February 21, the Bay Program launched an TV and Print campaign whose main goal is to get metro area residents not to fertilize their lawns this spring. This is consistent with the recommendations from the Maryland Cooperative Extension, although not commonly passed on to consumers by those who sell fertilizers. The only exceptions would be for establishing a new lawn or for repairing thin/bare areas.

The TV ads are running on local Channel 4, WNBC and the print campaign will include posters at Union Station in DC. The ads basically state if you fertilize your lawns, it will kill your next appetizer (namely the blue crab). We all know from a science aspect that it's much more involved than that, but remember that the ads are designed to get the attention of the

average person. They are also going to be doing promotions with restaurants (via bar coasters) to promote this effort. For more details, go to www.chesapeakeclub.org.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As of March 2nd I have still not received renewals from 136 members. If this includes you, this is **the last newsletter that you will receive** unless you renew. As of March 31, 2005, **if you have not paid** your keycards will cease to work, you cannot use any range with a 2004 card, and you will cease to be a member in good standing until dues are paid. Also, all payments made after March 31 will be assessed a \$40 late fee in addition to the dues that you owe. If you intend to renew, send it in **TODAY**. I have written in the past how it will still take several weeks to get the renewal card from the IWLA National Office to you. If you pay on the last day, you will not have to pay a penalty, but you won't be able to shoot until you have your new card on your person. For questions or issues about membership, send a note to Joe.Gick@Verizon.net.

SAVE OUR STREAMS

We applied for and received a grant from the National Tree Trust to restore a riparian buffer on Northwood Creek. The grant requires that we match the funds we are given with "in kind" contributions. This means labor and lots of it. We are working on establishing a schedule for planning and planting. Stay tuned to the WAC newsletter, web page and your email for pleas (I mean requests) for help.

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