



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter April 2005

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APRIL 2005 CALENDAR

Sat 16, Airgun Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

Mon 18, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 19, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

Wed 20, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 21, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 22, * Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**

Sat 23, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM PM to 12:30 PM

Sat 23, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 23, * Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Tear down approx 3:30 PM) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**

Sun 24, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 24, * Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

Sun 24, * Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

Sun 24, * Christmas Tree Maintenance & Planting 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572**

Sun 24, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

Sun 24, * Christmas Tree Planting 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572**

Mon 25, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 26, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 27, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Wed 27, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

Wed 27, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 28, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

Sat 30, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM PM to 12:30 PM

Sat 30, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 30, Air Rifle Field Target Fun Shoot 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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MAY 2005 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, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

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

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

Wed 4, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 5, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 6, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the Office or BBQ Shed

Sat 7, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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

Sat 7, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM (**Rifle range closed during event**)

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

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

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

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

Wed 11, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

Fri 13, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow

Sat 14, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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

Sat 14, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow

Sat 14, .22 Fun Shoot 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM (**Rifle range closed during match**)

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

Sun 15, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow

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
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Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow
Terry Springer 301-428-0216

Hunter Safety POC: Mac McCollum
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Military & .22 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 April 2005, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 7:30 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

.22 FUN SHOOT MAY 14: 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**.

HANDGUN SHOOTERS: Have you considered getting involved in the monthly bowling pin/practical defense matches at the WAC pistol range? Jesse Lim reports that the **Practical Defense Match from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 21, will include a repeat of the safety class for firearms handling and use of holsters**. This afternoon short course is for both new practical defense shooters and returning members of the group. Upon successful completion of the afternoon firearms firing test course, each shooter will be entitled to receive a Certificate of Sportsmanship. This qualification is required for the use of holsters in our local practical defense matches. Attendees will need a standard pistol or double action revolver in good condition (no modified competition compensated pistol or revolver, or single action revolvers please) and about 100 rounds of factory ammunition (no reloads). Holsters must be in excellent condition and a hip holster is mandatory (no antique holster or collectors' holster please). There is a \$5.00 fee (which goes to the WAC) for each participant. **Registration for the course and associated match will start at noon at the open pistol range (range #1). For additional information, please contact Jesse Lim on 301-540-0860; you may also email: alphashooter@usa.com.**

MILITARY RIFLE FUN SHOOT RESCHEDULED: I (Ray Shaver) apologize to those enthusiastic supporters of this event for canceling it without apparent cause. The decision to cancel was made six days before the event during a snow storm and based on a forecast calling for cold temperature and more precipitation on March 13. Of course, the cancellation resulted in making that Sunday a beautiful spring day. As a consequence, we've introduced a new procedure (see below) for providing last minute information about events that might be canceled. We've also rescheduled the military rifle fun shoot for **Sunday, July 3**. I guarantee no snow, and hope to see you there.

TIMELY INFORMATION ON RANGE OR EVENT CLOSINGS:
Calls to the main telephone number (301-

253-2384) for the WAC go into an answering system with eight mail boxes, each with its own outgoing message and ability to record incoming messages. Mail box number eight has been recently assigned to the rifle/pistol range committee. We will use it to provide general information about shooting hours and regular range closings, and will specifically use it to provide last minute status information about scheduled events. This supplements our use of e-mail to try to keep interested parties informed about an event, and reduces the necessity of making premature announcements about closings. Thus, general shooters can check to see whether the ranges may be closed before driving out to the WAC, or those planning to attend a rifle/pistol event can check at the last minute to see whether it is still on. **Just call 301-253-2384 and check under mail box # 8.** We will do our best to keep the information at that mail box up to date.

APRIL 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, April 24**. 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.

CONSERVATION & CHRISTMAS TREES (March 20): Marla Bakley (guest), Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, Bill Gazdik, John Leaman, Jim Piatieski, Rick Rollyson and Mike Tokar.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (April 5): Dick Bardelmeier and Ed Mai.

RANGE ORIENTATION (March 20): Barry Ephraim and Ray G. Logan.

**RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE
MAINTENANCE (Feb. 27):** Jose Tassarra ; (March 20): Alan Pressman and Ray Shaver.

**SKEET/TRAP RANGE
MAINTENANCE (March 20):** Phil Berneburg, Bill Kight and Peter Sittner.

KITCHEN & SERVICE (March 23): Jorge Silva (father & son) and Mac McCollum.

HOSPITALITY (March 23): Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre.

CAS SET UP (March 25): Neil Benson, Greg Christensen, Chuck Crooks, Jim Dickinson, J. D. Dillon, Greg Gallo, Doug Greenfield, Ralph Rhoderick, Mike Sage and Steven Shapiro.

CAS TEAR DOWN (March 26): Paul Bluteau, Guy L. Blocker, John Leaman, Richard Marler, Ray Shaver, Steven Shapiro, Ron Thomsen, Guy Wright and numerous others who failed to sign the roster.

**WATERSHED CLEANUP &
ADOPT-A-ROAD (April 2):**
IKES - Patrick Bratten,
Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bret Duncan, Ian Duncan, Bill Gazdik, Karl Krchma, Bill Ladd, Mac McCollum, Jim Piateski, Judy Riley, Ray Shaver, Red Skillings, Gene Wilson, Tim Wittig;

GUESTS - Corey Arnold, Eric Bogstessor (sp?), John Buffington, Dennis Creegan, Gene Cyprych, Neal Darmody, Pete Darmody, Bob Dietz, Steve Hackman, Tim James, Anton Kallungal, Sean Kallungal, Jason Kennedy, Russell Lahti, Steve Loudermilk, Kendall Mott, Swami Nathrajaw, Cathy Nutter, Dave Powell, Marty Price, Becky Reeves, David Reeves, Rosemary Reeves, Steve Reeves, Sonya Shah, Jay Sheppard, Carl Smolka, Arnie Strand and Nick Weber.

**SKEET & TRAP RANGE
OFFICERS:**
APRIL 2005

Sat 4/2 Vivian & Robert
MacLeod, Bill Rahn

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

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Sun 5/1 Steve Hunt, Paul & Jake
Truska, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 5/7 Robert & Vivan
MacLeod, Bill Rahn

Sun 5/8 Robert Jeffery, Peter
Sittner

Sat 5/14 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 5/15 Jim & Judy Crowell,
Joel Gross

Sat 5/21 Peter Currall, Ira Wein,
Dave Gold

Sun 5/22 Randy Stewart, Tim
Olsen, Martin Cherry

Sat 5/28 Richard Zabell, Robert
Taylor, Glen & Bull Butler

Sun 5/29 Rob Van Tassel, Frank
Saenz

NEW MEMBERS APRIL

Jonathan Blackmer, Alexandria, VA
Sponsor: Ricardo Royal

Victor Cascella, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Michael Conrad, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Ray Gottlieb, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Jay Jeffery

Richard Higgins, Rockville, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

David Johndrow, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Tim Walley

Peter Koutsos, Brookeville, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Roger Minor, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Robert Lutz

Rocky Morris, Frederick, MD
Sponsor: Frank Davidson

Harold Rolls, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Matthew Rolls, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Adam Sharp, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

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JUNIOR AIRGUN REPORT

Our next match is the Maryland State 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.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are holding a fund raiser for these kids to help cover the cost of travel and lodging and once again, we will again be holding a Rifle Raffle. We have again selected the prize to be a new Marlin 1894C Cowboy Lever Action Rifle with the winner having the choice of caliber or a cash award of \$500.00. We will be selling a total of 500 tickets at \$5.00 ea or 5 for \$20.00. Tickets will go on sale starting at the April Cowboy Shoot and will be available at the board meetings, the dinner meetings, the Cowboy Action Matches, and at other events as possible. Please support this effort and help out our Kids!

ADULT AIRGUN PROGRAM

With the coming of day light savings time and warmer weather, the Monday night adult airgun shooters will be using the outdoor airgun range. Come on out and enjoy the shooting and sharing of stories about your favorite airgun. We have shooting facilities on the outdoor range for air pistol and air rifle with a number of different kinds of targets. We start around 6:00 PM but come

whenever you can get there. Check with Phil Dean (301-865-8202) if you have any questions.

URGENT NEED FOR RO's

As with any "volunteer" organization from time to time we must make an urgent plea for assistance, in order for the General Membership to enjoy Chapter activities. For the past several years the **Wednesday** Range Officers volunteered and fulfilled that need without additional membership assistance. This year, however is a different story as situations have changed for each of us.

As present schedules exist the **Shotgun Ranges** will be **CLOSED** on six days of the thirty week Daylight savings time schedule, unless volunteers for those dates step to the plate. The following dates of closure are: **27 April, 1 June, 8 June, 20 July, 27 July and 3 August.**

If you are an RO and can assist or a member willing to become an RO please contact Conley Phipps @ phippscd@hotmail.com or 301-460-8528. Please place "RO" in the Subject line of your email.

VIEW FROM THE TOOL SHED

Thanks to those IKEs that showed up for the March work day. This month, we have two primary projects that we will be focusing our efforts to complete and we could sure use your help.

The first project is a favorite of everyone, Planting Christmas Trees!! John Leaman has ordered 500 little trees and we need lots of help to get these little guys in the ground and off to a good start. Come ready to get a little muddy and bring a tree spade or digging bar if you have one. This is a great project and counts as one of your conservation work requirements.

The second project is a little less exciting, but we need to regrade the area behind to tool shed to channel the rain water away from the building. We had over four inches of water in the building on Monday of this week and it is time to finish this task. Tom Riley, our intrepid Doer of Deeds and Maintainer of Roads started this project last year but we need lots of help to finish it. We are going to move all of the materials from behind the shed and prep the area for regrading. We should have all of the tools for this project, so just come ready to move some dirt.

We have lots and lots of projects going this time of year, spreading mulch, weeding around the Christmas trees and the Leyland Cypress trees in front of the shotgun range.

The Maintenance Day for April will be held on the 4th Sunday, 24 April 2005 from about 9:30am - 1:00pm. Come out and lend a hand and help make YOUR CLUB a thing of beauty this spring!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Those of us who attended the February Membership Meeting wholeheartedly enjoyed the Chinese Cuisine prepared for us by Kai Lee. Many thanks, to Kai from all.

Kai Lee is a member of the BCC IWLA Chapter, and enjoys shooting Skeet and other Clays games with us.

He has offered to prepare a dinner for us next year (2006). His restaurant is Lee's Kitchen in the Layhill Shopping Center. If you would like to enjoy wonderful Chinese Cuisine in a warm friendly atmosphere, stop in and let Kai know you're from the IWLA, Damascus. The hello won't get you a discount but it will speak volumes about why so many folks come to join our chapter.

RANGE RULE REMINDER

As the warm weather approaches, the Shotgun Ranges are likely to become quite busy, and with the increased number of shooters the potential for safety concerns needs to be considered. Below are some of the Primary Safety items taken from the WAC Shotgun Range Rules. Please take a look to refresh your memory, and when you get a chance review the complete WAC range rules. Copies are available in the Range House and on the Chapter Website. And remember, it is each of our responsibility to identify and correct safety issues. Even more importantly, if someone questions you on a safety issue, do not be offended or embarrassed. Observing and practicing safe firearm procedures benefit everyone.

- Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Eye and ear protection is required for all personnel in the range area located beyond the safety fence.
- Firearms will only be loaded at the shooting station immediately prior to shooting.
- Alcohol and other drugs are not permitted on ranges or range spectator areas. No ingestion of alcohol or other drugs is allowed before or during shooting. Persons under the influence of alcohol or other drugs are not permitted on ranges or range spectator areas.
- Only lead shot may be used on the shotgun ranges, sizes **7 1/2, 8, or 9**. No steel, solid projectile, or magnum powered loads are permitted.
- When Shooting Skeet station 8, load only 1 shell for the high house, clear firearm, reposition for low house and reload. Do not turn around with a loaded firearm.

- The command to “CEASE FIRE” must be obeyed immediately.
- All members are expected to maintain an attitude of SAFETY, PATIENCE, and COURTESY at all times when using the ranges.
- All members and guests using the shotgun ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges.
- Members sponsoring guests using the Chapter facilities are personally responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- In the event of a machine malfunction, immediately notify a Range Officer. Do not attempt to repair the machine.

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.

SKEET AND TRAP REPORT

Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay!
March winners of a box of shells are: Doug Eaton and George King. Pick a box of either 12 ga. Or 20 ga. Shells.

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FIELD UPGRADE FOR RAIN BARRELS

For the last couple years the conservation committee has been co-sponsoring a rain barrel workshop in cooperation with Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. At each workshop the barrel design has been improved. It was no surprise when the Mark IV barrel was introduced at

this year's workshop. Just minutes before the workshop a serious bug was discovered in the infestation control subsystem (a.k.a. the screened inlet). Chapter and county engineers began working feverishly to identify a workaround or 'patch' for this bug. It was with great pride that a field upgrade from the Mark IV to Mark V barrel was released in time for workshop participants to assemble their new and improved Rain Barrels! If it sounds like the conservation committee is having way too much fun, you're right. Thanks to Steve Hill, Bill Ladd, John Leaman, Rick Sommer, Rip Van Winkle, and Jim Piatieski for helping out on the night of the workshop, and Chris Holweck, Bill Ladd, Rip Van Winkle, and Rick Sommer for preparing the barrels before the workshop. Special thanks to Meo Curtis, Diane Davis, and Joe Keyser of Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection for supporting this workshop.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The conservation committee is hosting a speaker for the April Membership Meeting. Join us as fisheries biologist and fellow Ike, Sandy Burk updates us on the shad fishery of the Potomac river including where to go to catch fish, an update on the comeback of American Shad in the Potomac, and how the Izaak Walton League helped. She will discuss her new book “Let the River Run Silver Again!”

WATERSHED CLEAN UP

Despite overcast skies and a very threatening forecast, 45 volunteers came out for this year's Watershed Clean up on Saturday April 2nd. This is the 19th year for the Wildlife Achievement Chapter's (WAC) annual Watershed Clean Up. Volunteers came from the WAC, Patuxent-Potomac Trout Unlimited, Boy Scout Troop 738, Venture Troop 945, Montgomery Community

College, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). We removed approximately 40 cubic yards of trash from the upper Patuxent watershed before drenching downpours and a few rumbles of thunder signaled an end to our efforts. We collected over 100 tires from two dump sites as well as sofas, roofing material, a water heater, and two gas tanks. Many thanks, to the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste, the Montgomery County Adopt-A-Road program, and DNR employees for their support. Special thanks to the Gaithersburg Target Store for their donation of supplies for the clean up.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Take time to stop and smell the roses. You never know when your time is up. Please remember your fellow IKEs that are sick or shut-in, tomorrow it could be you.

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