



Wildlife Gazette

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JUNE 2005 CALENDAR

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

Sat 18, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sat 18, Bowling Pin Shoot 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (**Uncovered Pistol Range Closed During Event**)

Sat 18, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sun 19, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 20, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 21, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 22, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM, **2005/2006 Nominating Committee Report**

Wed 22, ***Skeet & Trap CLOSED FOR THUNDER VALLEY DAYS SET UP

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Valley Days 10:00 AM, Contact [Chuck Crooks](mailto:ChuckCrooks@iwla.org) 301-831-9666

Wed 22, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 23, ***All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days Set Up

Thu 23, Thunder Valley Days Registration and Side Matches, Contact [Chuck Crooks](mailto:ChuckCrooks@iwla.org) 301-831-9666

Fri 24, All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days 2003

Fri 24, Thunder Valley Days 1st Five Stages, Contact [Chuck Crooks](mailto:ChuckCrooks@iwla.org) 301-831-9666

Sat 25, All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days 2005 until 5:00 PM

Sat 25, ***Thunder Valley Days 2nd Five Stages, (**Tear down approx 3:30 PM**) Contact [Chuck Crooks](mailto:ChuckCrooks@iwla.org) 301-831-9666

Sat 25, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sun 26, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 26, ***Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 26, ***Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 26, ***Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

Sun 26, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

Mon 27, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Mon 27, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact [Terry Springer](mailto:TerrySpringer@iwla.org) 301-428-0216

Tue 28, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact [Terry Springer](mailto:TerrySpringer@iwla.org) 301-428-0216

Tue 28, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 29, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wed 29, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact [Terry Springer](mailto:TerrySpringer@iwla.org) 301-428-0216

Wed 29, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 30, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact [Terry Springer](mailto:TerrySpringer@iwla.org) 301-428-0216

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JULY 2005 CALENDAR

Fri 1, Cub Scout Day Camp - Contact [Terry Springer](mailto:TerrySpringer@iwla.org) 301-428-0216

Sat 2, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM **Sat 2**, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 3, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 3, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sun 3, Military Fun Shoot (Moved from March 13th) (**Rifle Range closed 10 AM to 2 PM**)

Tue 5, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM **Tue 5**, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 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**

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

Wed 6, USAS National Sporter Match, in Bowling Green, Ky

Thu 7, USAS National Sporter Match, in Bowling Green, Ky

Fri 8, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. at the Shotgun Range House

Fri 8, USAS National Sporter Match, in Bowling Green, Ky

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

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

Sat 9, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 9, USAS National Sporter Precision Team Arrival, in Bowling Green, Ky

Sun 10, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 10, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sun 10, USAS National Precision Match, (Sporter Team Departure) Bowling Green, Ky

Mon 11, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Mon 11, USAS National Precision Match, in Bowling Green, Ky

Tue 12, USAS National Precision Match, in Bowling Green, Ky

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

Wed 13, USAS National Precision Match Departure, in Bowling Green, Ky

Sat 16, Breaking Clays to Save The Bay Skeet Shoot 10:00 AM Contact Bob Cumberland 301-253-1348

Sat 16, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Tentative) (**Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event**)

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

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

Sat 16, Practical Defense Match 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (**Uncovered pistol range closed during event**)

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 301-598-4163

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 & .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 June 2005, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

RANGE SAFETY: Alcohol and shooting are not good companions. Item 21 under SAFETY in the WAC Rifle/Pistol Range Rules and Regulations is clear about its prohibition on or around our ranges. **DON'T EXPECT ANY LENIENCY IF YOU ARE CAUGHT BREAKING THIS RULE.** Specifically:

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.

A THIRD CO-CHAIRMAN: On May 4, 2005, responding to recommendations from **Ray Shaver** and **Tom Riley**, the WAC Board of Directors appointed **Guy Wright** as co-chairman of the rifle/pistol range committee. With that appointment, **Guy** now formally shares responsibilities for rifle/pistol range committee activities and projects with the other two committee co-chairs, **Ray Shaver** and **Tom Riley**. **Guy** can be contacted via e-mail to GUYWRIGHT@COMCAST.NET.

MILITARY RIFLE FANS: The annual WAC military rifle fun shoot will be held on **Sunday, July 3**, from **10:00 AM to early afternoon**. This event is intended to give WAC members with an interest in military rifles a chance to meet other member with a similar interest, to show off their collections, and to see some interesting firearms from the collections of others. There is no cost for participating, nor do you have to own a military rifle to come out and look. This is an unstructured event with a few novelty targets, but there is no competition involved (at least nothing serious). Since we can't shoot our steel action targets with these firearms, we are interested in donations of various novelty targets for this event (e.g., melons might be fun). Contact **Ray Shaver** for further information or to donate targets.

JUNE 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, June 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.

CAS CLINIC (April 30): **Chuck Crooks, Bob Jackson, Mike Sage, Paul Slaughter, Rob Van Tassell** and others.

.22 FUN SHOOT (May 14): Steve Allen, Jim Fedis, Rex Gori, Bob Jackson, Martin Regalia, Judy Riley, Gary Schneider, Jose Tassara, Rob Van Tassel and others.

CONSERVATION (May 20 & 21): Pete Dubrof and others worked on installation of the main line for the irrigation system.

CONSERVATION WORK DAY (May 22): The following Ikes helped clean around the elms, install tree shelters, and do maintenance on the butterfly and rain gardens: **Trey Best, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Pete Dubrof, Chris Holweck, Bill Kelly, Brandon Kelly, Gregg McDonald, Joe McDonald, Georgia Townsend and Tim Urban.**

KITCHEN & SERVICE (May 25): (tres J's) Jorge Silva, Jose Scoseria and Jose Tassara.

HOSPITALITY (May 25): Rob Hallin.

CAS SET UP (May 27): Bob Jackson, Chuck & Nick Limparis, Rich Rankin, Ralph Roderick, Mike Sage, Gary Schneider, Ray Shaver and Guy Wright.

CAS TEAR DOWN (May 28): Chris Donals, Chuck Limparis, Rich Rankin, Ralph Roderick, Mike Sage, Ray Shaver and Ron Thomson.

RANGE ORIENTATION (May 29): Bud Bell and Bruce Roth.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE MAINTENANCE (May 29): Bill Gazdik, Jon & Stefanie Gildersleeve, Chuck Limparis, Ray Shaver, Saul Honisburg and Guy Wright.

SKEET/TRAP RANGE MAINTENANCE (May 29): Adam & David Erat, Matthew

McConnell, Roger Miner, Tim & John Olson, Peter Sittner and Paul & Jake Truska.

TREES (CONSERVATION) (May 29): Theodore A. Holden, William Kight, Karl Krchma, Jim Piatieski and Jose Scoseria.

THANKS ALSO: To **George Anderson** for another generous contribution of hearing protectors and safety glasses. If you or a friend has attended an event where we provide such protection free of charge, you can assume that it came from **George** because this is only one of several such contributions which he's made over the years.

NEW MEMBERS JUNE

Orlando Agostino, Derwood, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Frank Bis, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Conley Phipps

Scott Dombirer, Baltimore, MD
Sponsor: Geoff Wood

Brandon Kinikin, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Jason Ledney, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Lawrence Miller, Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Rick Marier
Robert Sullivan, Frederick, MD

Sponsor: Bob Schneider
Michael Webb, Alexandria, VA
Sponsor: Conley Phipps

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS: JUNE 2005

Sat 6/4 Vivian & Robert MacLeod, Bill Rahn, Mike Mulreany

Sun 6/5 Ronnie Gravitt, Paul & Jake Truska, Steve Hunt

Sat 6/11 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 6/12 Randy Stewart & Son, Martin Cherry, Tim Olson

Sat 6/18 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira Wein

Sun 6/19 Joel Gross, Jim & Judy Crowell

Sat 6/25 Mike Bowen, Charles Weaver, Tony Evans

Sun 6/26 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz, Robert Case

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Sat 7/2 Robert & Vivian MacLeod, Mike Mulreany

Sun 7/3 Steve Hunt, Paul & Jake Truska, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 7/9 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 7/10 Martin Cherry, Tim Olsen, Randy Stewart & Son

Sat 7/16 Ira Wein, Peter Currall, Dave Gold

Sun 7/17 Jim & Judy Crowell, Bill Rahn

Sat 7/23 Tony Evans, Mike Bowen, Charles Weaver

Sun 7/24 Peter Sittner, Robert Case, Joel Gross

Sat 7/30 Robert Taylor

Sun 7/31 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz

JUNIOR AIRGUN REPORT

The juniors have completed the regular season for the year and we had our year end awards ceremony and picnic on 21 May. During the awards ceremony, four of our Juniors received their Distinguished Expert classification. That brings the total number of juniors who have achieved this award in the last three years to EIGHT! A truly awesome accomplishment!

Our regular practices have stopped but we are still holding practice on Wednesday night for the four precision shooters who are going to the USA Shooting Junior Olympic competition in Bowling Green, Kentucky and also for the three sporter shooters who are going to the NRA Nationals in Bloomington, Illinois. Both of these competitions are being held in July and we are still selling raffle tickets to support their

efforts and to help defray the cost of travel.

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JUNIOR AIRGUN RIFLE RAFFLE

With our precision shooters going to the USA Shooting Nationals in Kentucky, and our sporter shooters traveling to the NRA Nationals in Illinois, we are again holding a fund raiser for these kids to help cover the cost of travel and lodging. The fundraiser is a Rifle Raffle with the prize being a Marlin 1894C Cowboy Lever Action Rifle with the winner having the choice of caliber or a cash award of \$500.00.

We will only be selling 500 tickets at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Tickets went on sale at the April dinner meeting and will be on sale at the board meetings, the dinner meetings, the Cowboy Action Matches, and at other events as possible. The drawing will be held at the dinner meeting immediately following the sale of the last ticket. Please support this effort and help our Kids! We have less than 200 tickets left, so Don't Delay!

VIEW FROM THE TOOL SHED

We had a good turnout for the Maintenance Day in May! We had about 20 Ike's show up and work on the various projects around the Club. We managed to get the grass mowed around the Christmas trees and also at the outdoor airgun range. In addition, we had a crew work their tails off and complete the backfill of the water supply trench that will keep our disease resistant Elm trees from getting thirsty during the hot summer months. Of course, this was in addition to the normal range maintenance activities and clean up. Thanks to everyone that showed to help!

We are well into the grass-mowing season and as you probably know from your own lawns, this stuff grows like crazy this time of year. So let's get some help and get this cut! If you have a weed wacker you can bring, please feel free to bring it along. There are lots of projects going this time of year, spreading mulch, weeding around the Christmas trees and the Leyland Cypress trees and many more. I am sure we can find something just right for you.

Maintenance Day for June will be on the 4th Sunday, 26 June 2005 from about 9:30am - 1:00pm. Come on out and help make YOUR CLUB a thing of beauty this summer!

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

One of our Chapters biggest fundraising events is next month. We host Thunder Valley Days, the SASS Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting. This colorful event will take place over three days, June 23, 24 and 25. Set up for the event is on Wednesday the 22nd.

ALL CHAPTER RANGES (EXCEPT AIRGUN) ARE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 25 (Approx. 5:00 PM.)

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas and are broken down into two groups. Cowboy volunteers and IWLA volunteers. Please look the following list over and select an area to help out. Then contact the chairperson for that project to offer your assistance. Many hands make light work and we have plenty of work ahead.

Spectators are allowed and admission is free. Bring eye and ear protection.

Cowboy Volunteers
Speed Pistol/Derringer/Pocket Pistol Please Contact - **Trapdoor Dave** 304-876-2484 and **Lumberalong** 301-253-6532.

Speed Shotgun Please Contact - **Jingles Jerr** 410-833-3430 or **Meteu** 301-428-0196 (W).

Cowboy Shotgun Clays (single and 3 person team) Please Contact - **Judge RC Colt** 301-340-0047.

Speed Rifle Please Contact - **Humphrey Hook** 703-425-1387.

All Long Range Rifle Please Contact - **Cash Caldwell** 301-898-7566.

IWLA Volunteers

Match set up on Wed. 22nd. 10:00 AM for much of the day. Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666.

Vendor Set Up Contact **Dave Gold** 304-876-2484. Wednesday, most of the day and for a couple of hours on Thursday morning.

Kitchen and Food preparation help for lunch on 23, 24, 25 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 24th. Contact **Mac McCollum** 301-854-3707.

Parking on the 23rd, 24th and 25th mostly in the AM between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Visitor parking help need throughout the day on the 24th & 25th. Contact **Tom Riley** 301-774-7426.

Target swap on the 24th at approximately 4:00 PM for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666.

Shuttle Drivers on the 23rd, 24th, 25th. Help needed throughout the day, starting at 10:00 AM on the 23rd, 7:00 AM on the 24th and 25th, finished at 5:00 PM. Contact **Rich Fried** 301-253-2789.

First Aid Station on 24th & 25th. Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666.

Water Jugs on 23rd, 24th, 25th. Set up in AM, get ice and replenish each morning. Contact **John Leaman** 301-972-1572.

Roaming Safety Officer (For visitors checking for ear and eye protection.) Help is need for all day Friday and Saturday. Contact **Ray "Old Boz" Shaver** 301-598-4163.

Match tear down on the 25th. Approximately 3:30 PM for less than 2 hours. Contact **Ray Shaver** 301-598-4163.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This issue of this Newsletter will not hit the streets until after our National celebration honoring those brave women and men, in uniform, that have given the ultimate sacrifice for our NATION. Please give thanks, no matter your particular faith, that we have the privilege to live in a Nation where one can hold open debate, worship one's own religion, elect our public officials, attend the best schools in the world and work at our own chosen profession. We are able to partake of the bounty our Nation. As IKE's it is our charge to give back and to make our woodlands, open spaces and streams better than we found them. We gladly do this for our children, their children and untold generations. We are thankful for what we have, God Bless America!

CORRECTION

Those of us who attended the February membership meeting I failed to properly locate Kai Lee's restaurant. His restaurant is Lee's Kitchen in the Layhill Shopping Center at Layhill and Belpre Road, Silver Spring, MD.

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CONSERVATION REPORT

Progress continues in our collaboration with Lois Green-Sligo Chapter. Norma Kawecki reported two contacts as a result of the article in the Maryland Waltonian: one inquiring about membership, the other an offer to see what can be done with two tractors at Lois Green-Sligo. We also have the donation of a dumpster for the June 7 conservation meeting and workday.

Twelve members (including three new members) participated in a conservation work day on Sunday May 22. This was an excellent turn out and we were able to accomplish all of our goals which included

cleaning around the elms and installing tree shelters, and doing maintenance on the butterfly and rain gardens. Installation of the tree shelters allowed us to assess how the trees were doing – considering the neglect and deer browsing they are doing quite well with 50 to 60% survival since planting. In addition to the work done on Sunday Tom Riley and Pete Dubroff worked on Friday May 20 and Saturday May 21 to install the main line for the irrigation system for the elms. We hope to complete installation of the irrigation system this year. This should help the survival of replacement trees we will be planting and future growth of all of the elm trees.

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TARGET CLINIC

Any rifle, any iron sight target clinic will be offered on July 9 at the Chapter House beginning at 9:00 AM. The introductory clinic will last approximately one hour followed by a live fire exercise at the rifle range beginning at 10:00 - 10:30 AM. Participants should bring their own rifles and 60 rounds of ammunition. The rifles can be either center fire or rim fire. The live fire exercise will follow the NRA's 50 round National Match Course of fire. Each participant must have adequate eye and hearing protection. Additional items, such as shooting mats and spotting scopes, will be provided if the clinic participant does not have their own accessories.

Clinic participants will be paired with experienced shooters during the live fire exercise. Those that complete the clinic will be eligible for Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) qualification and the purchase of rifles, ammunition and accessories offered by CMP. Participants will be well on their way to participation in future center fire events on a regular basis. Prior experience is not necessary.

Open to all Chapter members and their family. Juniors should be 16 or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For further details, contact Jim Schinner, jsx5@adelphia.net or 301-831-6217, Brian Baldwin, brian.baldwin@starpower.net or 301-530-5597, or Michael Gugulis, mgugulis@earthlink.net or 301-947-2447.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“To comprehend a man's life it is necessary to know not merely what he does, but also what he purposely leaves undone. There is a limit to the work that can be got out of a human body or a human brain, and he is a wise man who wastes no energy on pursuits for which he is not fitted; and he is still wiser who, from among the things that he can do well, chooses and resolutely follows the best.” – Gladstone.

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