



# Wildlife Gazette

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## JULY 2005 CALENDAR

**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 ( **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

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

**Wed 19, Skeet & Trap Open** 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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

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

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

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

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

**Wed 27, Membership Meeting** 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM, **2004/2005 Nominations from the floor**

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

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

**Sat 30, New Cowboy Shooter Clinic** 8:00 AM and 12:00 NOON - Contact Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666 **One pistol range closed during clinic**, Pre-Registration Is Required.

**Sun 31, \*\*\* Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up** 10:00 AM **Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

**Sun 31, \*\*\* Skeet/Trap Maintenance** 10:00 AM **Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

**Sun 31, \*\*\* Christmas Tree Maintenance** 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

**Sun 31, Club and Range Orientation** 10:00 AM

## AUGUST 2005 CALENDAR

**Mon 1, Adult Airgun** 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

**Tue 2, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting** 7:30 PM

**Wed 3, Skeet & Trap Open** 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

**Wed 3, Board Of Directors Meeting** 7:30 PM, **ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM**

**Fri 5, Astronomy Club Meeting**, 7:00 P.M. in the Office or BBQ Shed

**Sat 6, .22 Fun Shoot**, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM ( **Rifle Range Closed During Event** )

**Sat 6, Air Rifle Field Target Match** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Sat 6, Skeet & Trap** 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

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

**Mon 8, Adult Airgun** 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

**Wed 10, Skeet & Trap Open** 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Sat 13, Skeet & Trap** 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

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

**Mon 15, Adult Airgun** 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

**Wed 17, Skeet & Trap Open** 2:00 PM to 7:00 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](mailto: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](mailto:nagolyar@starpower.net), or Barry Ephraim, [eyebear@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:smc_geek@msn.com)

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

**Hunter Safety POC:** Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 ext.2

**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](mailto:MRShaver@msn.com) or telephone **301-598-4163**. If you can't reach **Ray**, try **Guy Wright** by e-mail to [GUYWRIGHT@COMCAST.NET](mailto:GUYWRIGHT@COMCAST.NET) or telephone **301-253-4604**.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Permitted rifle/pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box which contains the range sign-in register. **For July 2005, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM,** unless some activity has preempted the range.

#### **22 FUN SHOOT AUGUST 6:**

Everybody is welcome and families are encouraged to attend our second .22 rimfire rifle fun shoot of 2005. It will be held from **10:00 AM until approximately 12:30 PM on Saturday, August 6.** 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** by e-mail to [vze3h59t@verizon.net](mailto:vze3h59t@verizon.net) or telephone **301-774-7426** (before 6 PM, please).

**OBSERVED ON RANGE:** Several things were called to my attention during the past month or two. First is an issue which I haven't discussed for quite a while – our restrictions concerning the use of handguns on the rifle range. Those restrictions appear in item 6 under "FIREARMS" in the WAC Rifle/Pistol Range Rules and Regulations. Specifically:

**6. *Handguns in traditional centerfire rifle calibers must be shot on the rifle range. Other handguns are prohibited on the rifle range, except for firing at targets beyond 50 yards.***

The first sentence in item 6 is not normally an issue. Its primary objective is to reduce noise on the pistol ranges.

**The second part, however, is occasionally challenged by shooters who don't want to pack up and move to the pistol range after spending some time with their long guns on the rifle range.** Why does it exist? The primary reason for requiring persons with standard caliber handguns to move to the pistol ranges unless they are shooting at targets beyond 50 yards has to do with resources. Pistol range 1 (uncovered) provides eight shooting stations from

which one can shoot at various distances out to 25 yards. Pistol range 2 (covered) has six stations from which one can shoot at various distances out to 50 yards. By comparison, the rifle range has four fixed target stands at 25 yards and four at 50. Furthermore, the 25 and 50 yard target stands are lined up in such a fashion that they must be shot at from, at most, six benches on the rifle range. If you are shooting at a 25-yard target on the rifle range, you are tying up 25% of the 25-yard rifle range resources (and possibly 25% of the 50-yard resources too) while a single 25-yard target shooter on the pistol ranges is using only 7% (1/14<sup>th</sup>) of the pistol range resources. **Clearly, handgun shooters have far more resources available at distances up to fifty yards and, consequently, should not tie up limited rifle range shooting positions at 25 and 50 yards. It is a matter of courtesy to others.**

Another item reported by several of our range orientation instructors is **the continued presence of significant quantities of live ammunition on the ground and in trash containers.** Frankly, it's hard to believe that somebody would intentionally discard good ammunition, essentially throwing away money. Perhaps that on the ground would be reduced if everyone cleaned up after themselves, raking or sweeping up cartridges around their shooting position. And, we provide misfire cans on all ranges into which shooters are expected to deposit questionable ammo which they are unable or unwilling to carry out. **Please pick up your expended brass and discard misfires in the provided containers.**

Finally, a father and son, both volunteer WAC range safety officers, reported that **the shotgun patterning board on the rifle range was full of holes that were clearly not from shotgun pellets.** Some shooters continue to fire rifles at that patterning board despite the rule against it and posted notices concerning its use. Beyond shooting up a limited resource, these shooters are potentially hazardous. The reason is that the patterning board is movable and can be placed in a location where rifle bullets will pass through it and may not impact on the rifle range berms, possibly leaving the range. **If you see someone shooting at the shotgun patterning board with something other**

**than a shotgun, please ask them to stop.**

**JULY 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, July 31.** 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.

**ADOPT A ROAD (June 5):** Michelle Chesnut, William Eberlin, Karl Krchma, Ray Ladbury, Dan Murphy, Judy Riley and Jose Scoseria.

**CONSERVATION AT LOIS GREEN-SLIGO CHAPTER (June 7):** Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, Norma Kaweki, Bill Kelly, Bill Ladd, Greg McDonald, Richard Phelan, Jim Piatetski, Rick Sommer and Georgia Townsend.

**KITCHEN & SERVICE (June 22):** Tim Good, Mac McCollum and Hank Van Deursen.

**HOSPITALITY (June 22):** Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre.

**THUNDER VALLEY DAYS (June 22 – 25):** This is our biggest event of the year, with lots of volunteer workers. The following list does not do justice to those of you who worked several days or weeks in a variety of tasks; you are known and loved. Thank you all very much: **Neil Benson, Martin Blake, Jonathon Blackmer, Paul Bluteau, Joe Carinci, Chuck Crooks, Phil Dean, Will Desjardins, Tony Evans, Jim Fedis, Richard Fried, Dave Gold, Bill Gazdik, Saul Honigsberg, Paul Honke, Doug Hutchison, Bill Kight, Merry Klinefelter, Karl Krchma, Bill Ladd,**

John Leaman, Steve Lefebvre, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Donna Limparis, Nick Limparis, Ed Lloyd, Ed Mai, Mac McCollum, Lawrence E. Miller, Michael Opiela, Tom Ouellette, Adol Owen-Williams, Conley Phipps, Jim Piatetski, Rich Rankin, Judy Riley, Tom Riley, Ralph Roderick, Mike Sage, Harold Schlosser, Ray Shaver, Red Skillings, Paul E. Slaughter, Rick Sommer, Greg Talamini, Georgia Townsend, Mike Webb, Hank Van Deursen and Guy Wright.

**RANGE ORIENTATION (June 26):**  
Barry Ephraim and Rex Gori.

**SITE AND RANGE MAINTENANCE (June 26):** Michelle Chesnut, Mike Conrad, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, Ray Gottlieb, Doug Hutchison, Carl McMahon, Alan Pressman, Harold Schlosser, Ray Shaver, Peter Sittner, Ben Turska, Jake Turska, Paul Turska and Guy Wright.

**SKEET/TRAP RANGE OFFICERS (new members; recent):** Martin Cherry, Jim & Judy Crowell, Mike McNally, Mike Mulreany, Tim Olsen and Mike Webb.

### NEW MEMBERS JULY

Scott Ackland, Walkersville, MD

Sponsor: Roger Miner

Eric Brown, Monrovia, MD

Sponsor: John Zombolas

Roman Drews, Derwood, MD

Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Tim Good, Woodbine, MD

Sponsor: Hank Van Deursen

Joe Handley, Olney, MD

Sponsor: Doran Platt

Bob Loesch, Monrovia, MD

Sponsor: Pat Finn

### SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS: JULY 2005

**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 & Evan

**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

### AUGUST 2005

**Sat 8/6** "The Fichter Gang"

**Sun 8/7** Paul & Jake Turska, Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt

**Sat 8/13** Mike Mulreany, Robert & Vivian Macloed

**Sun 8/14** Tim Olsen, Martin Cherry, Randy Stewart & Evan

**Sat 8/20** Dave Gold, Ira Wein, Peter Currall

**Sun 8/21** Jim & Judy Crowell, Peter Sittner, Robert Case

**Sat 8/27** Tony Evans, Charles Weaver, Mike Bowen, Paul Fisher

**Sun 8/28** Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz, Joel Gross

### JUNIOR AIRGUN COACHES

As we prepare to send eight talented members of our junior air rifle teams to National Junior championships in Bloomington, Illinois and Bowling Green, Kentucky it seems to be a good time to make note of all the coaches in our program, who work with those youngsters at least one night a week for more than 40 weeks each year. Virtually all have worked 120 hours in the past year and some have doubled that effort.

Those very dedicated coaches are Troy Agnew, Rick Blatchford, Steve Carr, Doug Griggs, Geoff Hornseth, Mike Kalmar, Ken Hermann, Chuck Limparis, Tom Malarkey, Karl Moline, Steve Peterson, John Watson, and Tyler Watson. Their efforts make our junior rifle program possible and successful!

**Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay!**  
**16 July 2005, 10:00 AM**

### JUNIOR PROGRAM receives an NRA Foundation Grant

Our junior rifle program leaders applied for and won a \$2,000 NRA 2005 Foundation Grant. The Grant funds and club monies, were used to acquire three more precision Walther air rifles for use in the coming year, as our program continues to expand. Each of those rifles will carry a brass plate indicating they were purchased with a NRA Foundation donation.

Those NRA funds are generated by profits from local dinners hosted by the Friends of The NRA. The next dinner in Montgomery County will be held in Gaithersburg on the evening of October 21st, 2005. I encourage you to contact the dinner chairman, Dana Richey at 301-947-6801 or [Drichey@iname.com](mailto:Drichey@iname.com). By attending this dinner, you will be saying "Thank You" very clearly to a group that actively supports junior shooting programs in our area! Fifty percent of all the profits generated by dinners in Maryland STAY in Maryland and are used for grants to local clubs. Much of the remainder is used to offset costs of conducting the National Junior Championships, including this year's match in Bloomington, Illinois. (Our club will apply for a 2006 grant, also.)

I'll be at that dinner and I hope you will, too. Bob Inness

### DAMASCUS AIR RIFLE CLUB

The Damascus Air Rifle Club will hold it's first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM in the Rathskeller, or lower level, of the WAC-IWLA clubhouse.

This meeting is our organizational and registration session for the coming year. Parents of boys and girls who are interested in learning to shoot rifles both safely and well, are encouraged to attend this session. Visitors will have an opportunity to inspect the equipment we use, meet most of our dozen NRA certified instructors and coaches, and many of our returning club members. They will have an opportunity to ask questions about the program without obligation of any kind.

The cost for participation in this nearly year long, active and competitive program for the coming year will be \$80.00. Membership in the WAC-IWLA is not required, but we do extend a discount to shooters whose parents are Chapter members. The club provides all of the equipment and materials a shooter needs to begin to participate in our program.

A new member will be assigned to a relay on a particular night of the week, and will normally shoot for two hours on that night for the remainder of the program year (September to June).

For additional information about this program, please contact Bob Inness at 301-340-9185 (Rockville-mornings work best) or [binness@starpower.net](mailto:binness@starpower.net).

### **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 only have about 100 tickets left as of the time that I write this and I expect that they will all be sold before the July membership meeting where I expect that the drawing will be held. If you haven't bought your yet, don't delay. You can contact me, Chuck Limparis, and I will be sure to get them to you. I can be reached at [CMLimparis@Compuserve.Com](mailto:CMLimparis@Compuserve.Com). Please support this effort and help our Kids!

### **JUNIOR AIRGUN REPORT**

By the time this article hits the presses, our Precision Team will be in Bowling Green, KY and the Sporter Team will be in Bloomington, IL for their National Competitions. Next month, we will present the results of those matches. I am sure that you all join me in wishing them a safe and enjoyable trip and good luck in their matches.

### **2005NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Below is the slate of officers advanced by the Nominations Committee.

President: Rich Fried  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Georgia Townsend  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Steve Lefebvre  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Bill Ladd  
Treasurer: Chuck Limparis  
Recording Secretary: Red Skillings  
Membership Secretary: Joe Gick  
Corresponding Secretary: Conley Phipps  
Sgt-At-Arms:  
Parliamentarian: Mac McCollum  
Chaplain: John Leaman  
Director: Chuck Crooks  
Director: Meo Curtis  
Director:  
Director: Jeff Deschamps - Term Continues  
Director: Michele Chesnut - Term Continues  
Director: John Walter - Term Continues  
Immediate Past President: Jim Piatieski

### **VIEW FROM THE TOOL SHED**

Thanks to everyone that showed up for the June Maintenance Day! In addition to the normal Range Maintenance Activities, we are well into 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. The Summer is one of the best times to get that "Conservation Activity" done so come on out and give us a hand.

Maintenance Day for July will be on the 5th Sunday, 31 July 2005 from about 9:30am - 1:00pm. Come on out and help make YOUR CLUB a thing of beauty this summer!

### **Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay! 16 July 2005, 10:00 AM**

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

We have just celebrated the birth of our Nation and give praise that we are a free people. We come from every other nation around the world to seek freedoms of all types and prosperity under "one flag", that of The United States of America. God Bless America!

### **MAY, JUNE SHOTSHELL WINNERS**

May: Berle Cherney, Richard Christensen  
June: Roger Miner, Carl McMahan  
One box (25 shells) either 12 ga. or 20 ga.

### **ADOPT-A-ROAD**

Thanks to everyone that attended the June 5th adopt-a-road. We were able to collect 17 bags of trash from both Mullinix Mill and Long Corner Road and I got to see a 4 foot or longer black snake. In addition to helping pick up the trash, Jose Scocerra provided a scrumptious and unexpected lunch. My thanks and gratitude to Dan Murphy, Jose Scocerra, William Eberlin, Karl Kurchma, Judy Riley and Ray Ladbury. The next adopt-a-road is Sunday, August 21st. See you there.

### **Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay! 16 July 2005**

### **CONSERVATION REPORT**

The June meeting of the conservation committee was held at the Lois Green-Sligo Chapter. Twelve members from our chapter plus nine members from Lois Green-Sligo Chapter were able to fill a 20 cubic yard dumpster with scrap metal in about one and a half hours. There is still a lot more scrap metal that will need to be cleaned up at a future date. Beth Fayard of Lois Green-Sligo thanked all present for coming out to help clean up their chapter property. At the July Conservation Committee meeting we tentatively selected Saturday November 5 for the next Lois Green-Sligo Clean up... check the web calendar or get on the chapter e-mail list for updates.

I have received a few messages lately from members that want (or need) to help out with a conservation activity. There is always something conservation related on the monthly chapter work day. This includes maintenance of the Christmas or

Elm tress, or maintenance of our chapters rain garden and butterfly garden. If you are interested in helping out with the conservation work tell Chuck Limparis that when you sign in at the maintenance shed. In addition to the regular work days there is an Adopt-A-Road scheduled for August 21, the NTT tree planting on October 15, the Fall Clean up on October 22, and the clean up at the Lois Green-Sligo chapter on or about November 5. The best way to stay informed is the chapter e-mail list.

WTOP is running a special series about the Chesapeake Bay and its "Troubled Waters". The series began in June, but even if you missed the radio airing you can read the interviews on the WTOP web site (<http://www.wtopnews.com/index.php?nid=443>).

### **Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay! 16 July 2005, 10:00 AM**

#### **NEW COWBOY CLINIC**

Our next New Cowboy Shooter Clinic will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2005.

There are classes being held at 8:00 AM and again at 12 noon. The cost is \$5 per person.

The class includes instructions on all of the rules, firearms, accessories, clothing and how a match is run. You will also have the opportunity to shoot a stage or two! The course includes two hours in the classroom and two hours on the range.

Everything is provided if you do not have the gear yet. Cowboy clothing is optional. You will need ear and eye protection.

For complete information and an application, please see the clubs web site [www.DamascusIWLA.org](http://www.DamascusIWLA.org) and click on the dancing cowboy, or contact Chuck Crooks on 301-831-9666 [WildlifeRangers@aol.com](mailto:WildlifeRangers@aol.com). Pre registration is required. Classes are held rain or shine. One of the pistol ranges will be closed during the class hours.

#### **THUNDER VALLEY DAYS**

Thanks to over 50 IWLA-WAC "Waddie" volunteers, we had the most flawless Thunder Valley Days ever. In fact, it was flawless!

From the food, shuttle and help we provided our members and guests, everything was on schedule and in many cases, ahead of schedule. A significant improvement was the lack of "Down Range" calls to fix a downed target. In the 6 years we have been holding this annual event, this was the first time that there were no Down Range calls because of a target failure. The new bases and proper setting of the rear foot by Chuck Limparis and crew proved to be the perfect combination.

Our Maryland State Champs are Cody Conagher and Kiddo Caldwell. The overall match winner was Walker Colt.

I cannot express enough, how important the Waddies are to this event. Without them, it would not have been the overall success that it was. In every E-mail and communication I received, each person added that the Waddies were greatly appreciated and that they did an outstanding job. I certainly agree. Chuckaroo

#### **LOIS GREEN-SLIGO**

Some of you have heard this before, especially if you've attended a membership meeting in the last two months. The Lois Green-Sligo Chapter, in Gaithersburg was established as a women's auxiliary to The Wildlife Achievement Chapter, years ago.

Their membership has languished and they are in need of help. The WAC has agreed to help revitalize this, our sister chapter.

The 63 acre parcel is located off Snouffer School road near Montgomery Village. It contains a leaky pond (we are working on this one) and acres of woods, trails and fields which makes it a great place for any sort of outdoor activity. What they don't have is ranges. They could have archery, but as yet it does not exist. LGS is adjacent to a couple hundred acres of Montgomery County Park and Planning property and they are planning a conservation park/trail through their

property. The county property also contains two larger ponds.

LGS has no work requirement for its members, but there is plenty to do. WAC has already fielded one work party, after which we had a pot luck supper, more are planned this Fall. We have arranged to allow participation in a Lois Green Sligo work party to satisfy the conservation work requirement for new members at the WAC.

In addition, LGS is very much in need of additional membership. As a member of WAC, you can join LGS for only \$17.00 a year. This would allow you access to a great piece of nature right in your back yard. We've had several WAC members join up and I hope many more will.

Some say money is tight. We're talking a pizza and a six pack here. I think 63 acres in the heart of Montgomery County left undeveloped is worth much more than that!

For additional information or an application, please contact me. Thanks!  
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#### **THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

Mirth should be the embroidery of conservation not the web; and wit the ornament of the mind, not the furniture.

I love such mirth as does not make friends ashamed to look upon one another next morning; or men, that cannot well bear it, to repent of the money they spend when they be warmed with drink; and take this for a rule, you may pick out such times and such companies, that you may make yourself merrier for a little than a great deal of money, for "it is the company and not the charge that makes the feast".

Izaak Walton

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