



JULY 2006

## WILDLIFE GAZETTE

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#### JULY 2006 CALENDAR

**Sat 15**, Airgun Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
**Sat 15**, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
**Sat 15**, Practical Defense Match 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
**(Uncovered pistol range closed during event)**  
**Sun 16**, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
**Mon 17**, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
**Wed 19**, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
**Fri 21**, \*\*\* **Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up** 1:00 PM **Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**  
**Sat 22**, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (**Tear down approx 3:30 PM**) **Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**  
**Sat 22**, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
**Sun 23**, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
**Mon 24**, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
**Wed 26**, **Membership Meeting** 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM, **2006/2007 Nominations from the floor**  
**Wed 26**, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM  
**Sat 29**, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
**Sat 29**, **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 30**, Skeet & Trap Open 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
**Sun 30**, **Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**  
**Sun 30**, \*\*\* Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM **Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**  
**Sun 30**, \*\*\* **Christmas Tree Maintenance** 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572  
**Sun 30**, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM - Contact [Ray Logan](#) 301-946-2651 or [Barry Ephraim](#)  
**Sun 30**, \*\*\* **Chapter Maintenance Day 10:00 AM @ Equipment Shed** - [Tom Riley](#) 301-774-7426 (Before 6:00 PM)  
**Mon 31**, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

#### AUGUST 2006 CALENDAR

**Wed 2**, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM  
**Wed 2**, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM  
**Wed 2**, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 6:30 PM  
**Sat 5**, Seneca Valley HP Rifle Match 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

#### (Rifle range closed during event)

**Sat 5**, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
**Sun 6**, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
**Mon 7**, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
**Wed 9**, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
**Sat 12**, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
**Sat 12**, .22 Fun Shoot, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Rifle Range Closed During Event)  
**Sun 13**, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

**NOTE: BOLD BROWN Counts toward NEW MEMBER REQUIRED PROJECT PARTICIPATION CREDIT**  
**BOLD GREEN COUNTS TOWARD MEMBER CONSERVATION REQUIRED PROJECT PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

#### **SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS LIST** (Bill Rahn)

##### SATURDAY/SUNDAY

##### JULY 2006

Sat 7/15 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira Wein  
Sun 7/16 Robert Case, Tim Olsen, Paul Fisher  
Sat 7/22 Richard Zabell, Tony Evans, Red Gambrell  
Sun 7/23 Jim & Judy Crowell, Tim Mulreany  
Sat 7/29 Scott Wood, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn  
Sun 7/30 Rob Van Tassell, Frank Saenz, Joel Gross

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Sat 8/5 Bob Cooley, Ryan Cooley, Tim Mulreany, Rob Taylor  
Sun 8/6 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, Peter Sittner  
Sat 8/12 "The Fichter Gang", Mike Webb  
Sun 8/13 Martin Cherry, Randy & Evan Stewart, Joel Gross  
Sat 8/19 Ira Wein, Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Scott Wood  
Sun 8/20 Tim Olsen, Robert Case, Jim & Judy Crowell  
Sat 8/26 Charlie Weaver, Red Gambrell, Richard Zabell, Tony Evans  
Sun 8/27 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Paul Fisher

##### WEDNESDAY RANGE ROSTER (Conley Phipps)

##### JULY 2006

12 July - Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Bob Woodward  
19 July - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Conley Phipps

26 July - Frank Bis, Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Tom Moore, Ron Roberson

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2 August - Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Bob Woodward  
9 August - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Bill Douwes  
16 August - Frank Bis, Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Ron Roberson  
23 August - Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Tom Moore, Bob Woodward  
30 August - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Conley Phipps

## CALENDAR EVENT POC'S:

**.22 Fun Shoot :** Tom Riley 301-774-7426  
**Air Rifle Field Target:** Joe McDaniel 301-865-8257  
**Adult Airgun:** Phil Dean 301-865-8202  
**Bowling Pin Shoot & Practical Defense Match:** Jesse Lim 301-540-0860  
**Boy Scouts Liaison:** Joe Pauley 301-428-0216  
**Christmas Tree:** John Leaman 301-972-1572  
**Conservation Committee:** Jim Piateski 301-253-4486 or Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736  
**Cowboy Shoot:** Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666  
**Fall Clean-up and Adopt A-Road:** [Michelle Chesnut](#) 301-831-0237  
**Hunter Safety:** Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 ext.2  
**Junior Airgun:** [Bob Inness](#) 301-340-9185 or John Watson 301-929-3583  
**Maintenance Day Coordinator:** Tom Riley, 301-518-0973  
**Membership:** Joe Gick, 301-774-9399  
**Military Shoot:** [Jose Tassara](#) 301-431-2799  
**Range Orientation:** [Ray Logan](#) 301-946-2651 or [Barry Ephraim](#)  
**Rifle Pistol Range:** Guy Wright 301-253-4604  
**Seneca Valley Rifle Match:** Mike Gugulis 301-417-0987  
**Skeet & Trap :** Conley Phipps 301-460-8528  
**S&T Range Officers Schedule:** Bill Rahn 301-774-6234

## CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

### JUNIOR AIR NEWS (Chuck Limparis)

The reason that I am unable to attend the meeting this week is that I am traveling with the Juniors to Oregon for the NRA Nationals. We left from the Chapter House this morning at 5:00am and don't expect to arrive at our hotel until 11:00pm EDT. I expect that the Juniors will fare better than the coaches on this trip!

The second group of precision shooters will be leaving for the USA Shooting Junior Olympic national competition on 8 July 2006. This is the third year in a row that our club has earned the right to attend this competition.

### DARC RIFLE RAFFLE (Chuck Limparis)

We are still selling the raffle tickets to support our efforts at the Nationals and we have sold about half of the tickets at this point. I will begin selling them via email upon my return with the hope of selling the balance of the tickets before the July membership meeting.

## EYE & EAR PROTECTION

One of our chapter members, Berle Cherney passes on high recommendations regarding ear and eye protection

equipment provided by fellow enthusiast Stanley Scott. Stanley makes custom ear protection and carries a line of shooting glasses. Stan can be reached at [saisafetysupply@aol.com](mailto:saisafetysupply@aol.com) or cell 240-994-2919. It's always good to hear of a good source for such items

## TROOP SHOOT 16 JUNE 2006 (Jim Piateski)

Many of you have probably heard about the fun shoot and cookout held at our chapter on June 16<sup>th</sup>. We've been trying to do this for almost a year now through two different organizations. One has finally come through for us. Their numbers were small, but their enthusiasm was tremendous! These guys were pretty beat up physically, but their spirits were in great shape.

Each had a chance to try out skeet and trap, rifle, pistol and a cowboy stage. I'm not sure where they had the most fun. We started at 10 am and broke for a lunch cookout at about noon. We'd planned to shoot until about 2 pm, but spirits were so high that the last group of vets didn't leave until just after 4 pm.

I think it was an enormous morale boost for these vets of the war in Iraq, to relax for awhile and to be able to blow off some steam and stress. Although chapter members outnumbered the soldiers by nearly 4 to 1, everyone pitched in with donations of food, ammunition, guns, cash and fellowship. I'd like to especially thank Conley Phipps for jumping on this so early. His range officers were falling all over themselves to volunteer for this duty. Atlantic Guns, in their usual fashion, donated lots of ammo for shotguns, rifles and pistols. Frank Biz took pictures which he will burn on a disc for distribution to the veterans. Red Skillings and Joe Carinci did their usual superior job, as grill masters with the burgers, dogs and barbecue chicken.

I could go on and on with stories heard and emotions felt. It would fill volumes. We have already begun planning a repeat again in the Fall and hopefully be able to have more than a week to throw everything together. We'd like to increase the number of participants and will accordingly need more volunteers. Talk to any of the Ikes listed below if you want to get the feel of what's in store for you should you volunteer.

Jimmy Arnold, Robert Jeffery, Mike Fleisher, Red Gambrell, John Loevy, Bob Woodward, Conley Phipps, Jim Piateski, Bill Rahn, Chuck Crooks, Frank Biz, Richard Fried, Joe Carinci, Ed Borrow, Red Skillings, Ray Shaver, Bill Rahn, Ed Lloyd, Steve Hunt, John Lehman, Tim Mulreany, Mike Russo, Bill Gazdik, Greg Talamini, Saul Honigsberg, Richard Phelan. No doubt one or two names have been overlooked as somehow they didn't make the sign-in sheet.

Many thanks to all who participated and helped make this event a huge success. Thanks, Jim Piateski

## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS (Ray Shaver)

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.

**THUNDER VALLEY DAYS (June 21-24):** 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, Paul Bluteau, Tom Cauffiel, Joe Carinci, Barbara Crooks, Chuck Crooks, Dave Elston (guest), Tony Evans, Jim Fedis, Bill Gazdik, Dave Gold, Peter Grahn, (guest), Saul Honigsberg, Doug Hutchison, Bruce Kelly, Merry Kleinfelter, Bill Ladd, Bill Leaman (guest), John Leaman, Tom Lechner, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Donna Limparis, Nick Limparis, Ed Lloyd, Richard Marler, Mac McCollum, Brian Oettinger, Steve Patterson, Steve Peck, Ron Peddicord, Conley Phipps, Bill Rahn, Rich Rankin, Judy Reilly, Tom Reilly, Bob Ricca (guest), Tom Ricca (guest), Mike Sage, Kip Shapiro, Carolyn Shaver, Ray Shaver, Ted Shema, Steve Shoemaker, Red Skillings, Greg Talamini, Georgia Townsend, Al Turner, Brian Van Winkle, "Milton ""Rip:" Van Winkle, John Walter, Charles Weaver, Mike Webb, Guy Wright, Bo Young and Kevin Young.**

**RANGE ORIENTATION (June 25):** Barry Ephraim and Lou Ferguson.

**SITE MAINTENANCE (June 25):** Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, John W. Diehl, Pete Doubroff, Ray Gottlieb, William Jackson, David Jacobson, Gregg McDonald, Jim Piatetski, Jake Turska, Paul Turska and Guy Wright.

**GRADUATES TO FULL-MEMBER STATUS:** The following probationary members completed their second required activity during the past month and are now full-fledged members of the WAC. Congratulations to: **Eric Brown, David Jacobson, Carl Mauney, Lawrence E. Miller, Jim Nathlar, Brian Oettinger, Tom Rodebaugh and Kip Shapiro.**

**NEXT 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 30.** Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** If anyone has any items they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to me at [phippscd@hotmail.com](mailto:phippscd@hotmail.com). Include contact info in case I have questions.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Tom Carbill**, Silver Spring, MD., SPONSOR: Joe McDaniels

**Ed Donaldson**, Montgomery Village, MD., SPONSOR:

Bob Schneider

**Lisa A. Fahistrom**, Gaithersburg, MD., SPONSOR: Rich Fried

**Peter Gracyalny**, Rockville, MD., SPONSOR: Bob Schneider

**Dennis Hubbard**, Glenwood, MD., SPONSOR: Jeff Bell

**Joe Koonotz**, Germantown, MD., SPONSOR: Bill Schneider

**Adrienne Munoz**, Damascus, MD., SPONSOR: Joe Gick

**Joe Munoz**, Damascus, MD., SPONSOR: Joe Gick

**Ralph Palermo**, Frederick, MD., SPONSOR: Joe Gick

**Eddy Tang**, Rockville, MD., SPONSOR: Joe Gick

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **CONSERVATION REPORT**

In transitioning from 7" BELOW normal rainfall to our current rainfall surplus the June workday was literally a washout. Thanks to the nine volunteers that joined Meo Curtis and Jeff Deschamps we were able to do maintenance on some of the gardens, install timbers around the garden behind the chapter house, and remove the pile of mulch from the front of the chapter house.

The Talbot county chapter has been concerned about a proposed development adjacent to the Blackwater Refuge since early this year. At a hearing in May those who testified in opposition to the project outnumbered those in favor 21 to 1. Despite this opposition on June 6 the Cambridge Planning and Zoning Commission made a favorable recommendation on the Blackwater Resort Communities development! There are still many concerns about this development, which is at least partially in the critical area. Alan Girard (of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF)) said, "This development remains the wrong project in the wrong place. The revised plan does nothing to alter that conclusion... The project still lacks any scientific data or precise plans to establish that it will not harm the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding environment." If you would like to help action against this development go to the CBF web site (<http://www.cbf.org/>) and look for STOP BLACKWATER NOW to find the link where you can sign a petition. It is not too late as the project still needs to receive additional approvals before it can go forward so sign the petition and let legislators know the extent of opposition to this proposed development.

The August meeting of the Conservation Committee has been canceled. The next regular meeting of the committee is Wednesday September 6 at 6:30 pm.

#### **Rifle and Pistol Range Report** (Guy Wright)

**Information:** For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at [guywright@verizon.net](mailto:guywright@verizon.net) or telephone 301-253-4604 (home) or 301-775-3741 (cell).

**Shooting Hours:** Permitted rifle and pistol range hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For July 2006, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range

(see "Upcoming Events Affecting Range Availability" below).

**Reminders:**

**Rifle and Pistol Range Rules:** The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter **WEB** site (<http://www.DamascusIWLA.org>) and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Through our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about the rules, you will be better to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chairman.

**Donations:** Thanks to the anonymous donor of 2' x 2" plywood target backers, that were left outside of the green maintenance shed.

**Up-Coming Events Affecting Range Availability:**

**Seneca Valley HP Match** on Saturday July 8, 2006 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. Rifle Range is closed.

**Practical Defense Match** on Saturday July 15, 2006 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. **(Please note that participants will meet at 9:30 AM in the Rathskeller for registration; don't go directly to the range).** Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at [jlim@phillips.com](mailto:jlim@phillips.com) or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

**Cowboy Action Setup** on Friday July 21, 2006. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

**Cowboy Action Shoot** on Saturday July 22, 2006 from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

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**22 Rimfire Fun Shoot** on Saturday August 12, 2006 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. The Rifle Range will be closed during this time. For additional information you can contact Tom Riley at 301-774-7426 (before 6:00PM please).

**Bowling Pin Shoot** on Saturday August 19, 2006 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. **(Please note that participants will meet at 9:30 AM in the Rathskeller for registration; don't go directly to the range).** Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via email at [jlim@phillips.com](mailto:jlim@phillips.com) or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

**Cowboy Action Setup** on Friday August 25, 2006. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

**Cowboy Action Shoot** on Saturday August 26, 2006 from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

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**FLY FISHING FORUM**

(Richard Phelan) [unodir@comcast.net](mailto:unodir@comcast.net)

The first annual fly fishing clinic at our sister chapter, Lois Green-Sligo, was a great success. Thanks to all who helped make it so. On a sad note, Hudson Trail Outfitters in Gaithersburg no longer carries fly fishing equipment. Their entire inventory has been sent to the Rockville store. According to the folks at the Gaithersburg store, when the equipment is gone, Hudson Trail Outfitters will no longer carry fly fishing gear. ☹

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

The science of today is the technology of tomorrow.  
-Edward Teller

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