



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter NOVEMBER 2005

President

Richard Fried
(301) 253-2789

First Vice President

Georgia Townsend
(301) 588-8335

Second Vice President

Stephen L. Lefebvre, Esq.
(301) 482-1898

Third Vice President

Bill Ladd
(301) 482-1128

Wildlife Achievement Chapter - 26430 Mullinix Mill Road - Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771

Main House Phone: 301-253-2384

Web Site: <http://www.DamascusIWLA.org>

Range House Phone: 301-253-4779

NOVEMBER 2005 CALENDAR

Sat 19, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM (All ranges closed until 1:00 PM) - Contact Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 choice 2
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 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
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, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 24, Thanksgiving
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 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 26, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sun 27, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 27, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM Sun 27, Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM
Sun 27, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Sun 27, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM - Contact Ray Logan 301-946-2651 or Barry Ephraim

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

DECEMBER 2005 CALENDAR

Thu 1, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 2, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the Office or BBQ Shed - Contact Steve Lefebvre 301-482-1898

Sat 3, .22 Fun Shoot, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM (Rifle Range Closed During Event)

Sat 3, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

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

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

Sun 4, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 4, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

Mon 5, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

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

Tue 6, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

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

Wed 7, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 8, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

Sat 10, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

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

Sat 10, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sun 11, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 11, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

Mon 12, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

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

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

Thu 15, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 17, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 17, Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

Sat 17, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

NOTE: * Counts toward NEW MEMBER REQUIRED PROJECT PARTICIPATION**

CALENDAR EVENT POC's:

Skeet & Trap POC: Conley Phipps
301-460-8528

S&T Range Officers Schedule 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
Piateski 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: Geoff Hornseth
301-253-2384 ext.2

.22 Fun Shoot POC: Tom Riley 301-
774-7426

Military Shoot POC: Ray Shaver
301-598-4163

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT

Information: For more information
about any of the rifle/pistol range
activities mentioned in this article,
contact **Guy Wright** by email to
guywright@comcast.net or
telephone **301-253-4604**. If you
can't reach **Guy**, try **Ray Shaver** by
e-mail to MRShaver@msn.com or
telephone **310-598-4163**.

Shooting Hours: Permitted
rifle/pistol ranges shooting hours are
posted on the box, which contains the
range sign-in register. For November
2005, starting time is **10:00am daily**

and ending time is 5:00pm, unless
some activity has preempted the
range.

Please Remember: Although the
access control system records the
names of those who use their
keycards to pass through the range
road gate, WAC Range Rules still
require you to sign the range register
before going to and after leaving the
rifle, pistol and air gun ranges. Also,
the name of each guest who
accompanies you to the ranges must
be entered on a separate line below
your name and identified as a guest
by means of a check mark in the
"guest" column. While on the
shooting range a valid year range
qualification card must be displayed.
Failure to enter this information on
the range register is considered a
violation of the range rules and can
lead to suspension of your range-
approved status.

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 (Aug. 21):
Michelle Chesnut writes concerning
the delay in reporting names of
participants. "Please offer my
apologies to all who helped. We were
able to collect another huge pile of
trash from Long Corner and Mullinix
Mill roads and Jose once again
provided a wonderful lunch for all
those who helped. I hope I did not
cause problems for anyone." Thanks
to **Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps,**
Pete Doubroff, Vernon King Jr.,

**Karl Krchma, Ray Ladbury, Greg
McDonald, Joe McDonald, Jose
Scoseria, Walt Sikora, Michelle
Chesnut and Taylor Sikora.**

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
(Oct. 4):** **Jeff Deschamps, Pete
Doubroff, Brandon Kinikin, Bill
Ladd, Jason Ledney, Danielle
Ledney, Candice Phelan, Richard
Phelan and Michelle Chesnut.**

**ENTRY ROAD DRAIN
INSTALLATION (Oct. 18-21):**
**Chuck Crooks, Pete Doubroff, John
Leaman, Ken Lefebvre and Tom
Riley** (principal instigator and
overseer).

CAS SET UP (Oct. 21): **Neil
Benson, Chuck Crooks, John
Leaman, Chuck Limparis and
Bruce Mazzie.**

CAS TEAR DOWN (Oct. 22):
Many helped and nobody signed.
Apparently nobody needed the credit.
Thanks to all.

**FALL CLEANUP & ADOPT-A-
ROAD (Oct. 22):** We had a low
turn-out for the Fall Clean-up and
Adopt-a-Road, but we still picked up
10 tires, 25-30 bags of trash and an
old grill. My thanks to **Dave
Anderson Jr., Erik Anderson, Rick
Sommer, Jeff Deschamps, Meo
Curtis, Bill Ladd, Jim Piateski, Rob
Sullivan, Ben Beasley, Judy Riley,
Cindy Eckley, Ray Ladbury, Jose
Scoseria, and C.M. Scoseria** for
coming out on a miserable, rainy day.
Everyone who was there worked hard
to clean the area near the chapter.
Though we did not get as much done
as we could have with more
participation, Mullinix Mill, Long
Corner and Gue roads are cleaner
because of us. Jose once again
prepared a beautiful lunch for us and
we had birthday cake as well.
(Michelle Chesnut)

KITCHEN & SERVICE (Oct. 26):
**Mac McCollum, Bill Gunther and
Ken Lubel.**

HOSPITALITY (Oct.26): Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre.

MISCELLANEOUS

CONSERVATION TASKS

(October 30): Phil Berneburg, Scott Dornbirer, Bill Gazdik, Ray Gottlieb, Bryan Haddix, Mark Hinthier, Saul M. Honigsberg, John Leaman, Richard A. Lee, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Stan Lyle and Jim Piatieski.

RANGE ORIENTATION

(October 30): Ray G. Logan and Lou Ferguson.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE

MAINTENANCE (October 30):

Bob Cooley, Jim Olson, John Olson, Mark Phillips, Ray Shaver and Guy Wright.

SKEET/TRAP RANGE

MAINTENANCE (October 30):

Brandon Kinikin, Jason Ledney, Peter Sittner and Paul Turska.

NOVEMBER 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, November 27.** Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

MEMBERSHIP & RANGE

APPROVED CARDS FOR 2006

You should have all received your 2006 bill by now. If not, contact Joe.Gick@Verizon.net.

Remember that **your current membership will expire on**

12/31/05, and like last year, it will take a few weeks to process your card once I get your payment. If you wait until the last minute, you will risk losing your use of the ranges for a few weeks.

We are making a small change in the range card process this year.

Instead of putting a sticker on your membership card saying 'RANGE06' we will be issuing a totally separate card for **EVERYONE** who is approved to use the ranges. This card will be sent in the same envelope with your new membership card. It will already be laminated and will be your access to use the ranges. **LOOK FOR IT - DON'T DISCARD IT!** This is the card that you must visibly be wearing on the range.

For additional information use the contact listed above.

Membership Chairman
Joe Gick

NEW MEMBERS

SEPTEMBER

Sandy Burk, Chevy Chase, MD

Sponsor: **Meo Curtis**

Guenter Fichtel, Damascus, MD

Sponsor: **Joe Gick**

Kai Fai Lee, Olney, MD

Sponsor: **Bill Rahn**

Darryl E. Swiggett, Robert Ruben

Sponsor: **Ron Ruben**

Pasquale Tata, Woodbine, MD

Sponsor: **Steve Schneider**

Brian Van Winkle, Olney, MD

Sponsor: **M. J. Van Winkle**

Christopher Watts, Sr., Jefferson, MD

Sponsor: **Michael Merilloni**

Wayne R. Yoshino, Silver Spring, MD

Sponsor: **Joe Gick**

SKEET & TRAP RANGE

OFFICERS: NOVEMBER 2005

Sat 11/5 "The Fichter Gang",
Carl McMahon

Sun 11/6 Steve Hunt, Paul &
Jake Turska, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 11/12 Vivian & Robert
MacLeod, Robert Jeffery, Rob
Taylor, Tim Mulreany

Sun 11/13 Martin Cherry, Randy
Stewart & Evan

Sat 11/19 Ira Wein, Peter
Currall, Dave Gold, Mike Webb

Sun 11/20 Jim & Judy Crowell,
Tim Olsen, Robert Case

Sat 11/26 Red Gambrell, Tony
Evans, Richard Zabell, Charles
Weaver, Paul Fisher

Sun 11/27 Frank Saenz, Rob Van
Tassel, Michael Fleisher

DECEMBER 2005

Sat 12/3 "The Fichter Gang",
Rob Taylor, Carl McMahon

Sun 12/4 Paul Turska, Jake
Turska, Steve Hunt, Ronnie
Gravitt

Sat 12/10 Robert Jeffery, Robert
& Vivian MacLeod, Tim
Mulreany

Sun 12/11 Martin Cherry, Randy
Stewart, Evan Stewart, Michael
Fleisher

Sat 12/17 Dave Gold, Ira Wein,
Peter Currall, Mike Webb

Sun 12/18 Jim & Judy Crowell,
Robert Case, Tim Olsen

Sat 12/24 Red Gambrell, Richard
Zabell, Tony Evans, Paul Fisher

Sun 12/25 MERRY

CHRISTMAS (Ranges Closed)

Sat 12/31 Rob Van Tassel, Frank
Saenz, Peter Sittner

ADULT AIRGUN SHOOTING PROGRAM

There are a few airgun shooters coming out on Monday evenings and doing some air pistol shooting. We would like to see more members avail themselves to this opportunity for indoor airgun shooting (air rifle and / or air pistol) during the winter months. This is an excellent way to maintain your shooting proficiency and spend some time with others on the indoor range. Shooting begins at 6:30 PM on Monday nights in the downstairs airgun range. Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202 or pd10x@adelphia.net for information.

FLY FISHING FORUM

By Richard Phelan
unodir@comcast.net

The Izaak Walton League Wildlife Achievement Chapter Flyfishers got together for the first time at the October meeting. We are open to all IWLA WAC members from beginners to experts who are interested in fly fishing. If you would like to participate, have an opinion, or even a gripe, contact me at the email address above. Share the knowledge! There are many takes on fly fishing, these just happen to be mine.

Like so many aspects of fly fishing, our first meeting showed there was a consensus on some matters and a wide divergence on others:

Freshwater fishing, fishing for trout, and group outings were favored by all. Everyone also expressed interest in either giving a workshop or taking a workshop, with fly tying most favored, followed by fly fishing fundamentals, casting, and finally rod building/refinishing.

Maryland rivers chosen (in order of votes): Patuxent, Potomac, and Gunpowder in a threeway tie, followed by the Savage River in second and finally the Casselman, Yough, Morgan's Run, and local lakes.

Top non Maryland rivers (in order of votes): San Juan Reservoir in New Mexico, and the Shenandoah Valley, followed by the White River (Ark.), the Snake River (Idaho), Rock Creek (Montana), the Deerfield River (Mass.), St. Mary's River (Va.), Delaware River (Pa.), and a vote for Southern Alaska.

Top trout flies were terrestrials tied with woolly buggers, followed by pheasant tail nymph, then Caddis, Royal Wulff, Royal Coachman, Prince nymph, Elk Hair Caddis, Sulpher Comparadun, Patuxent

Special, Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, and Poppers.

Top bass/perch flies chosen were poppers (unanimous) followed by Muddler Minnow and Woolly Buggers, then Light Spruce, Bomber, Dry May flies, Dragonfly (dry), Clousers, Hellgrammite, Woolly Worm, Hare's Ear, and Hoppers.

In the other section there was a request (great choice, I wish I had thought of it) for a workshop on how to choose the right fly.

Future topics: **Flies, fly tying materials, tying your own, local fishing spots, wading gear, vests and stream bags, internet info**

HATS OFF TO THE RO's & SUPPORT STAFF

Although it's not the end of the year I'd like to offer a "special thank you" to all of the Chapter Shotgun Range Officers and behind the scenes support crew. This year has been a challenge, with more shooters coming to the ranges than expected. The general membership only sees the guys and gals behind the desk on weekends or Wednesdays. Little do they know how many hard workers are behind the scenes making it all happen. Names like Bill Rahn, who makes the Range Officer schedule, Jimmy Arnold who ramrods the Shotgun Range Cleanup activity, Bob Cumberland and Mike McNally who make repairs to our skeet and trap equipment and save us tons of money on contract maintenance, Paul Turska and son Jake who assist with Range Cleanup almost every maintenance day and another family affair the Limparris Family who also participate almost every maintenance day.

Our cadre of Range Officers also boasts several husband wife teams, father son teams, best friend teams like Ronnie Gravitt and Steve Hunt and even one family, the Fichter Gang with three generations doing

Range Duty. Some of our Range Officers live in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Northern Virginia and Ellicott City, Maryland. On a cold winter Saturday or Sunday they could just pick up the phone and make a call but because of the dedication they have to shooting sports and the Chapter membership they roll out and drive in to run the ranges for all of us.

On your next visit to our ranges don't forget to say thanks to our GREAT RANGE OFFICERS and SUPPORT CREW!! Thanks, Conley & Bill

LAST COWBOY MATCH OF 2005

Our last Cowboy Shoot, of 2005, will be on November 26th. This is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The ranges will be closed from Friday, at 1:00 PM until Saturday afternoon, around 3:00 PM.

Help with set up and tear down would be appreciated. Chuck

JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM

In our first formal competition of the year, five precision and four sporter DARC competitors traveled to Lusby, Maryland on October 22nd to compete in a match hosted by the Patuxent High School NJROTC team. 78 rifle competitors and 16 teams participated in the match.

A total of three medals were awarded in precision competition. All three were won by DARC competitors. Dan Reed captured the Gold Medal with a score of 580, Aleem Sheikh took the Silver with a 568 and Andy Carr captured the Bronze with a 558.

Our sporter team of James Burns, Kimi and Kris Goldberg, and David Hermann finished in fourth place among sporter teams with a score of 1753. The third place (and thus medal winning) Annapolis High School NJROTC team finished 9

points ahead of our young sporter competitors, with a score of 1762. We congratulate our shooters on their fine performances!

WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION

Our annual Wild Game Dinner and Auction will be on Saturday, January 28th, 2006. This will also be our January Membership Meeting.

Tickets will be \$15 per person. Tickets will only be for sale at the October, November and December membership meetings. They will also be on sale at the Skeet & Trap range house during their regular hours. Tickets will be sold during these time periods only. **We do need wild game donations for this dinner.** If you have any wild game to donate, please bring it to a meeting, contact a board member or our cook, **Jorge Silva** 301-258-0377. Donated firearms must be handled through **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666 or **Jim Piateski** 301-601-2954.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Bill Hamilton, Wildlife Ecologist and Program Manager for the Department of Parks and Planning in Montgomery County gave a great presentation regards deer management within Montgomery County. I for one was surprised at the amount and scope of data being collected within the program. Thanks Bill for an enlightening talk.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We have recently begun the celebration of many different and important religious holidays. We must remember that we are a nation of many and respect the rights of ALL. We have ALL come from different shores and are now "AMERICANS". We should ALL honor our different heritage and

religions as we would honor our own. God Bless America!

CONSERVATION REPORT

The trees are all planted at the Northwest Branch site but there is still some work left to be done (i.e. installing deer protection and tagging all of the trees). A few more hands on Saturday would have allowed us to complete all of the work on that day. The latest accounting shows that will still owe the tree trust about 60 volunteer hours. We should easily meet this goal with the planned monitoring, maintenance, and tree replacement over the next year. I'd like to thank the many volunteers that came out to support this event. We had students and teachers from Northwood High School, volunteers from both the Friends of Sligo Creek and Neighbors of the Northwest Branch, staff from Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission plus chapter members.

The Fall Clean Up and Adopt-A-Road was held on a very wet Saturday. Based on the experience from this and other events we decided to make use of the chapter's voice mail system for future events. If there is ever a question on cancellation or postponement of a future conservation event call the chapter main number and listen to the conservation message.

ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks for your co-operation while this work was being done. The repairs have been completed and the road is again open for traffic both directions.

DELAYED OPENINGS

The Shotgun Range openings will be delayed until 1:45 PM on December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 and 24th, to allow families to harvest Christmas Trees, located in front of the shooting range.

Range Officers for those dates should arrive for opening and setup of ranges at 1:00 PM. NO SHOOTERS are permitted on the Ranges until an "ALL CLEAR" is given and verified by a Range Officer.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world, is to be in reality what we would appear to be; all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the practice and experience of them. Socrates

Contributing Articles By:

Chuck Crooks: Web Calendar
Guy Wright: Range Report
Ray Shaver: Volunteers
Michelle Chesnut: Adopt-a-Road
Joe Gick: Membership Notice
Joe Gick: New Members
Bill Rahn: Range Officers
Phil Dean: Adult Airgun
Richard Phelan: Fly Fishing Forum
Conley Phipps/Bill Rahn: Thanks RO's
Chuck Crooks: Last Cowboy
Bob Inness: Junior Rifle
Rich Fried: Wild Game Dinner
Bill Kelly: Guest Speaker
John Leaman: Chaplain
Jeff Deschamps: Conservation
Tom Riley: Road Improvements
Conley Phipps: Delayed Openings

Editor: Conley Phipps, TFT