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MARCH 2006

MARCH 2006 CALENDAR

Wed 8, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Thu 9, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Sat 11, Junior Rifle Practice 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.
Sat 11, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.
Sat 11, Military Rifle Fun Shoot 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. (Rifle range closed during event)
Sun 12, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.
Mon 13, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.
Tue 14, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Wed 15, Rain Barrel Workshop 7:30p.m.
Wed 15, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Thu 16, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Fri 17, Set up in Rathskeller and Social Hall for Saturday Air Gun Match
Sat 18, Practical Defense Match 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)
Sat 18, USAS 3 Position Air Rifle Match, Social Hall and Rathskeller 7:00a.m. to 9:30p.m.
Sat 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.
Sun 19, USAS 3 Position Air Rifle Match, Social Hall and Rathskeller 7:00a.m. to 9:30p.m.
Sun 19, Skeet & Trap 12:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Mon 20, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.
Tue 21, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Wed 22, Membership Meeting 6:30p.m. Social, Dinner 7:30p.m.
Wed 22, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Thu 23, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Fri 24, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00p.m. Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed
Sat 25, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 to 4:00p.m. (Tear down approx 3:30p.m.) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed
Sat 25, Skeet & Trap 12:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Sat 25, Junior Rifle Practice 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.
Sun 26, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00a.m. Ranges closed until 1:00p.m.
Sun 26, Skeet /Trap Maintenance 10:00a.m. Ranges closed until 1:00p.m.
Sun 26, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00a.m.
Sun 26, Club and Range Orientation 10:00a.m.
Sun 26, Chapter Maintenance Day 10:00a.m. at equipment Shed
Mon 27, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.
Tue 28, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Wed 29 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.

Thu 30, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.

APRIL 2006 CALENDAR

Sat 1, Junior Rifle Practice 9:00p.m. to 12:00p.m.
Sat 1, Skeet & Trap 12:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Sat 1, Watershed River Clean-Up 8:30a.m.
Sat 1, Airgun Field Target Fun Shoot
Sun 2, Watershed River Clean-Up 8:30a.m. (RAIN DATE)
Sun 2, Skeet & Trap 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Tue 4, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Wed 5, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 6:30p.m.
Wed 5, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Wed 5, Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p.m., ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00p.m.
Wed 5, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 6:30p.m.
Thu 6, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Sat 8, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.
Sat 8, NRA Jr. 3P Sectional Airgun Match, at Seneca Valley HS
Sat 8, Seneca Valley HP Rifle Match 8:30a.m. to 2:00p.m.
Sun 9, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.
Mon 10, Chapter, Adult Air Pistol Championships 6:30p.m. (also April 4th)
Tue 11, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Wed 12, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.
Wed 12, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Thu 13, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Sat 15, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)
Sat 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.
Sun 16, EASTER, ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED

NOTE: Counts toward NEW MEMBER REQUIRED PROJECT PARTICIPATION

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS LIST (Bill Rahn)

MARCH 2006

Sat 3/4 Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn, Bob Cooley, Ryan Cooley
Sun 3/5 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Jake Turska, Paul Turska
Sat 3/11 Carl McMahan, Rob Taylor, "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 3/12 Martin Cherry, Randy & Evan Stewart, Michael Fleisher

Sat 3/18 Mike Webb, Mike Bowen, Ira Wein, Dave Gold, Peter Currall
Sun 3/19 Tim Olsen, Robert Case, Jim & Judy Crowell
Sat 3/25 Paul Fisher, Red Gambrell, Richard Zabell, Tony Evans

APRIL 2006

Sat 4/1 Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn, Rob Taylor, Carl McMahon
Sun 4/2 Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt, **Ryan Cooley, Bob Cooley**
Sat 4/8 "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 4/9 Paul Turska, Jake Turska, **Tim Mulreany**
Sat 4/15 Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Dave Gold
Sun 4/16 Jim & Judy Crowell, Robert Case, Martin Cherry
Sat 4/22 Tony Evans, Paul Fisher, Red Gambrell
Sun 4/23 Joel Gross, Peter Sittner, Tim Olsen
Sat 4/29 Mike Bowen, Mike Webb, Richard Zabell
Sun 4/30 Rob Van Tassell, Frank Saenz, Randy & Evan Stewart

Saturday RO's now moved to Sunday Duty in **bold**

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, Order of the Arrow
Terry Springer 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 smc_geek@msn.com
Hunter Safety: Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 ext.2
Junior Airgun: Bob Inness 301-340-9185 email: binness@starpower.net or John Watson 301-929-3583
Military Shoot: Jose Tassara 301-431-2799 Jose_Tassara@comcast.net
Range Orientation: Ray Logan 301-946-2651, nagolyar@starpower.net, or Barry Ephraim, eyebear@aol.com
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

MEMBERSHIP NOTES (JOE GICK)

If you do not pay your dues by April 1st, you will be dropped from our membership. This will be the last newsletter and notice that you will receive.

📌 RANGE RULE REMINDER 📌 (Conley Phipps)

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The Shotgun Ranges are likely to become quite busy soon. With the increased number of shooters, the potential for safety concerns needs to be considered. Copies of the **WAC Shotgun Range Rules** are available in the Range

House and on the Chapter Website. Each of us has the responsibility to identify and correct safety issues. More importantly, if someone questions you on a safety issue, do not be offended or embarrassed. Observing and practicing safe firearm procedures benefits everyone.

IWLA TO PRESENT WEBCAST SERIES

March 28, 8:00 – 10:00 PM, EST; **Wetland-Friendly Lawn and Garden:** The webcast series will feature what you plant in your garden and how you take care of your lawn can affect water quality in your neighborhood. The focus of this segment will be practical, and will include how-to sections on creating rain gardens, installing rain barrels and designing wetland-friendly landscapes on your own property. Additionally, we will document the experiences of the actual homeowners that have successfully implemented these practices in their own yards.

April 25, 8:00 – 10:00 PM, EST; **Wet Spots into Wonderlands:** Do you have a wetland on your property? Discover the many benefits of "greening" your property, and find out how you can ensure that these sensitive ecosystems remain healthy. No wetlands on your property? Learn how to create vernal pools and backyard bogs that are guaranteed to attract wildlife and reduce storm-water runoff. Using low-cost materials and simple techniques, this program will demonstrate how you can transform your backyard landscape into a "greenscape". Bookmark <http://www.iwla.org/sos/sosweb.htm> to register and to receive the latest information on these Webcasts.

Local Preservation Group Plans Earth Day Event

Friends of Whetstone Lake (F.O.W.L.) is planning an Earth Day Celebration and clean-up on April 22, 2006. Their mission is to protect wildlife and helping to preserve slowly disappearing Natural green spaces. This is a fledgling group and needs support from like-minded people. Many of our members live in the Montgomery Village area and might like to join with others in your own backyard. Contact Joseph Pizzonia at jfpizzonia@comcast.net for additional information.

HAM RADIO CLUB

An application for a WAC Chapter Ham Radio Station and is being processed by the FCC. The FCC is working on a proposal to eliminate Code requirements for Ham licenses; however no date for Report & Order has been established. Our Ham committee will be installing some antennas, in the attic for VHF and UHF operation in a few weeks. Hank KB3LMM

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.

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: **Roman Drews, Jacob Lambert and Roger Miner.**

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE MAINTENANCE (Dec. 18):

Roman Drews was omitted from the original list. Please make sure that you sign a worksheet any time you participate in an event.

ALUMINUM RECYCLING (Feb): Michelle Chesnut, Bill Gazdik and Ken Lefebvre.

NESTBOX WORKSHOP (Feb. 15): Thanks to **Meo Curtis** for the presentation; **Jim Piateski** for preparing the nestbox kits; and **Bill Gazdik, Bill Ladd and Michelle Chesnut** who helped run the workshop.

APARTMENT REFURBISHING (Feb. 18): Rich Fried, Ken Lefebvre, Tom Ouellette, Tom Riley and Red Skillings.

(Feb. 25) : **Rich Fried, Bill Gazdik, Guy Wright, Tom Riley, Jim Piateski, Ken Lefebvre, Jon Wardrick and Red Skillings.**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Feb. 22)

KITCHEN & SERVICE: **Kai Lee** (chef) assisted by **Saul Honigsberg, Bill Rahn and Charley Weaver.**

HOSPITALITY: Sergeant at Arms **Rob Hallen and Ken Lefebvre.**

RANGE ORIENTATION (Feb. 26): Bud Bell and Bruce Roth.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE MAINTENANCE (Feb. 26): Alan Pressman and Guy Wright.

SKEET/TRAP RANGE MAINTENANCE (Feb. 26): Jacob Lambert, Peter Sittner, Evan Stephens, Jake Turska and Paul Turska.

HOUSE & GROUNDS (Feb. 26): Troy Agnew, Peter Doubroff, Paul Fisher, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Jim Piateski and Roger Miner.

MARCH 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, March 26.** Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

NEW MEMBERS MARCH 2006

Charles L. Crawford Damascus, Md. -Sponsor: Christine Guglielmini

Mark Gay Ellicott City, Md. -Sponsor: Jay Jefferies

James Lawless Rockville, Md. -Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Thomas H. Moore Rockville, Md. -Sponsor: Joe Gick

Joseph M. Pauley Germantown, Md. -Sponsor: Terry Rossen

Carlos W. Rivera-Silva Damascus, Md. -Sponsor: Joe Gick

Ted Shema, Jr. Gaithersburg, Md. -Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Cyril St. Martin Reston, Md. -Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Sean B St. Martin Ellicott City, Md. -Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Rod Tomkins Gaithersburg, Md. -Sponsor: Chip Barclay

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Jeff Deschamps)

The Conservation Committee held a "Nestbox Workshop" on February 15. Although the turnout was a bit low everyone seemed to have a good time. Thanks go to Meo Curtis for the presentation, Jim Piateski for preparing the nestbox kits, and Bill Gazdek, Bill Ladd, and Michelle Chesnut who help run the workshop.

The annual Watershed Clean Up, an activity sponsored jointly by the Conservation and Adopt-A-Road Committees, will be held on Saturday April 1 – we meet at 8:30 AM at the maintenance shed. This is a large highly visible event and we can always use more help. Please plan to come out and help with the clean up. The more volunteers we get the larger the area we are able to clean up. You CAN make a difference. We have seen the amount of trash found decrease over the past few years. This, plus many dedicated volunteers, is what has allowed us to continue to expand the area we clean up. So bring your friends and family for the clean up and stay for the free lunch provided for all participants. For more information contact: Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or Michelle Chesnut (Michelle.Chesnut@direcway.com).

For most of the past year our chapter has worked closely with the Lois Green-Sligo (LG-S) chapter to help them get back on their feet. LG-S has started a project that is both good for the environment and could raise a little money for their chapter. All you have to do to help out is save your empty ink jet cartridges (you know those little bits of plastic that get thrown out when empty) and turn the empty cartridges in to a member of the conservation committee. We can accept any cartridge except Epson. We will send the cartridges off to be re-used with a credit going to an account for LG-S! Although the credit for any individual cartridge is small it will help LG-S AND keep this material out of a landfill.

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 or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).

Shooting Hours: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For March 2006, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 6:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (**see "Upcoming Events Affecting Range Availability" below**).

Donations: Thanks to Troy Agnew for enough plywood to make upwards of 80 target backers for the pistol ranges.

Up-Coming Events Affecting Range Availability:

Military Fun Rifle Shoot on Saturday March 11, 2006 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM on the Rifle Range. The Rifle Range will be closed during this time. For additional

information you can contact Jose Tassara at 301-431-2799.

Practical Defense Match on Saturday March 18, 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 or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday March 24, 2006. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday March 25, 2006 from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

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

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday April 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 or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Easter Sunday on April 16, 2006. All ranges will be closed.

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

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

If anyone has any topics or items they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to me at my above email address and include some contact info in case I have questions.

JUNIOR AIR RIFLE (Bob Inness)
Nothing this month.

FLY FISHING FORUM (Richard Phelan) unodir@comcast.net

Think big, start small. That seems to be the way to go for our budding club. If all goes well, I am going to set up for basic fly tying at the March membership meeting starting at about 6:15 p.m. If you are interested in learning the basics (and I do mean BASICS) of fly tying, please come by. As always, suggestions are welcome, as well as any ideas for group get togethers especially now that spring is around the corner.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

History, in general, only informs us of what bad government is. -*Thomas Jefferson*-

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