



# WILDLIFE GAZETTE

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APRIL 2006

#### APRIL 2006 CALENDAR

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**  
Mon 17, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Tue 18, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Wed 19, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Wed 19, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Thu 20, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Fri 21, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00p.m. Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed  
Sat 22, Junior Rifle Practice 9:00a.m.p.m. to 12:00p.m.  
Sat 22, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sat 22, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Tear down approx 3:30p.m.) **Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**  
Sat 22, Airgun Field Target Match 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.  
Sun 23, Skeet & Trap 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
Sun 23, **Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00a.m. Ranges closed until 1:00p.m.**  
**Sun 23, Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00a.m. Ranges closed until 1:00p.m.**  
**Sun 23, Christmas Tree Maintenance & Planting 10:00a.m.**  
Sun 23, Club and Range Orientation 10:00a.m.  
**Sun 23, Chapter Maintenance Day 10:00a.m. @ Equipment Shed**  
Mon 24, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Tue 25, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Wed 26, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 6:30p.m.  
Wed 26, Membership Meeting 6:30p.m. Social, Dinner 7:30p.m.  
Wed 26, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Thu 27, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Sat 29, New Cowboy Shooter Clinic 8:00a.m., 10:30a.m. and 1:00p.m. **One pistol range closed during clinic, Pre-Registration Is Required.**  
Sat 29, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sun 30, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.

#### MAY 2006 CALENDAR

Mon 1, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Tue 2, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Wed 3, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30p.m., ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00p.m.  
Wed 3, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 6:30p.m. -contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736  
Wed 3, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 6:30p.m.  
Wed 3, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Thu 4, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Fri 5, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow Contact - Terry Springer 301-428-0216  
Sat 6, Junior Rifle Practice 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.  
Sat 6, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sat 6, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow Contact - Terry Springer 301-428-0216  
Sat 6, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 8:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. -contact Mike Gugulis 301-740-3699 **(Rifle range closed during event)**  
Sun 7, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sun 7, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow Contact - Terry Springer 301-428-0216  
Mon 8, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Tue 9, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Wed 10, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Wed 10, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Thu 11, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Sat 13, Junior Rifle Practice 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.  
Sat 13, Breakin' Clays shoot 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. **(Skeet range closed during match)**  
Sat 13, .22 Rimfire Fun Shoot 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. **(Rifle range closed during match)**  
Sat 13 **Bull Roast** 1p.m. to 7:00p.m. (also see May 20)  
Sun 14, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Mon 15, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Tue 16, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Wed 17, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Wed 17, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Thu 18, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Sat 20 Bull Roast 1p.m. to 7:00p.m. (Rain Date)  
Sat 20 Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sat 20, Junior Rifle Cookout & Awards Ceremony in Rathskeller, Noon to 8:00p.m.  
Sat 20, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Sat 20, Practical Defense Match 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
**(Uncovered pistol range closed during event)**  
 Sun 21, Skeet & Trap 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
 Mon 22, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
 Tue 23, Junior Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
 Wed 24, Membership Meeting 6:30p.m. Social, Dinner 7:30p.m.  
 Wed 24, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 6:30p.m.  
 Wed 24, Junior Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
 Thu 25, Junior Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
 Fri 26, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00p.m. **Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**  
 Sat 27, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Tear down approx 3:30p.m.) **Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**  
 Sat 27, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
 Sat 27, Junior Rifle Practice 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.  
 Sun 28, Skeet & Trap 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
**Sun 28, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00a.m. Ranges closed until 1:00p.m.**  
**Sun 28, Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00a.m. Ranges closed until 1:00p.m.**  
**Sun 28, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00a.m. -contact John Leaman 301-972-1572**  
 Sun 28, Club and Range Orientation 10:00a.m.  
**Sun 28, Chapter Maintenance Day 10:00a.m. @ Equipment Shed**  
 Mon 29, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
 Tue 30, Junior Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
 Wed 31, Junior Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
 Wed 31, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

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

**SKREET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS LIST** (Bill Rahn)  
**SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS**

**APRIL 2006**

Sat 4/1 Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn, Rob Taylor  
 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 EASTER SUNDAY, RANGES CLOSED**  
 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

**MAY 2006**

Sat 5/6 Bob Cooley, Ryan Cooley, Robert Jeffery, Tim Mulreany, Paul Fisher  
 Sun 5/7 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Jake Turska, Paul Turska  
 Sat 5/13 "The Fichter Gang", Richard Zabell, Tony Evans  
 Sun 5/14 Martin Cherry, Robert Case, Jim & Judy Crowell  
 Sat 5/20 Mike Webb, Ira Wein, Dave Gold, Peter Currall

Sun 5/21 Tim Olsen, Joel Gross, Randy & Evan Stewart  
 Sat 5/27 Red Gambrell, Rob Taylor, Mike Bowen  
 Sun 5/28 Rob Van Tassell, Frank Saenz, Peter Sittner

**WEDNESDAYS RANGE ROSTER**

**APRIL 2006**

12 April - Ron Roberson, Jeff Waters, Bob Woodward, Conley Phipps  
 19 April - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Bill Douwes, Conley Phipps  
 26 April - Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Scott Wood, Conley Phipps

**MAY 2006**

3 May - Michael Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Conley Phipps  
 10 May - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Bill Douwes  
 17 May - Frank Bis, Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Bob Woodward  
 24 May - Ron Roberson, Scott Wood, Conley Phipps  
 31 May - Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Bill Douwes

**JUNE 2006**

7 June - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Bob Woodward  
 14 June - Frank Bis, Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Ron Roberson  
 21 June - Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Conley Phipps  
 28 June - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Bill Douwes

**JULY 2006**

5 July - Frank Bis, Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Ron Roberson  
 12 July - Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Bob Woodward  
 19 July - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Conley Phipps  
 26 July - Frank Bis, Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Ron Roberson

**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 Piatieski 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  
**Maintenance Day coordinator:** Tom Riley, 301-518-0973  
**Membership:** Joe Gick, 301-774-9399  
**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

### 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.

**MILITARY RIFLE FUN SHOOT** (March 11): R.G. Christensen, Phillip Dean, Chris Deigan, Jim Fedis, Jay Gilchrist, Steve Leache, Ed Lloyd, Tim Mulreany, Noel Raufaste (guest), Ray Shaver, Red Skillings, David Stevenson, David Tyler and Brian Van Winkle.

**RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP** (March 15): Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Gill Gazdik, Bill Ladd, Ken Lefebvre, Steve Lefebvre and Jim Piateski.

**APARTMENT REFURBISHING** (March 18 ): Rich Fried, Michael King and Jim Piateski.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** (March 22)  
**KITCHEN & SERVICE**: Jorge Silva, Nick Limparis, Tom Riley and Hank Van Deursen.  
**HOSPITALITY**: Rob Hallen, Ken Lefebvre and Tom Ouellette

**CAS SET UP** (Mar. 24): Carl Baker, Neil Benson, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Crooks, John D. Dillon (guest), Bill Gazdik, Doug Greenfield (guest), Doug Hutchison, Chuck Limparis, Thomas Moore, Mike Sage and Darryl Swiggett.

**RANGE ORIENTATION** (Mar. 26): Barry Ephraim.

**RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE MAINTENANCE** (Mar. 26): Chris Davidson, Rex Gori, Rocky Morris and Mike O'Connor.

**SKEET/TRAP RANGE MAINTENANCE** (Mar. 26): Wayne Berkebile, Mark Gay, Paul Honke, Frank Lavorata Jr. (guest), Peter Sittner, Jake Turska, Paul Turska and Bill Wright.

**CONSERVATION** (Mar. 26): Chip Barclay, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, John S. Fitzgerald, Robert Jeffery, Steve Leache, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis and Brian Van Winkle.

**WATERSHED CLEAN UP & ADOPT A ROAD** (April 1)  
**WAC MEMBERS**: Paolo Amedgo, Erik Anderson, Dave Anderson Jr, Sandy Burk, Joe Carinci, Michelle Chesnut, David Connors, Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Annie Cumberland, Bob Cumberland, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, John S. Fitzgerald, Bill Gazdik, Carol Gilchrist, Jay Gilchrist, Michael King, Nicole King, Bill Ladd, Gregg McDonald, Joseph McDonald, Stephen Meyer, Ron Parkhill, Richard Phelan, Jim Piateski, Judy

Riley, Jose P Scoseria, Ray Shaver, Red Skillings, Rick Sommer and Rob Sullivan.

**GS TROOP 5354**: Maddie Cipie, Jamie Gerdes, Kim Gerdes, Megan Gerdes, Dana Humblett, Nicole Polan, Lia Rankin and Monica Rankin.

**OTHER VOLUNTEERS**: Charles L Crawford, Bret Duncan, Cindy Eckley, Kevin Gallagher, Sean Gallagher, Colleen Kerich, Danielle Kerich, Michael Kerich, Russell Lahti, Mike Mayo, Dave Powell, Betty Rosenbaum, Claire Rosenbaum, Ken Rosenbaum, Zoe Rosenbaum, Ted Shema, Anita Stonebraker, Logan Weir and Lucas Wieder.

**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: Sandy Burk, David S. Connors, John S. Fitzgerald, Jay P. Gilchrist, Michael King, Steve Leache, Ronald W. Parkhill, Robert Sullivan and Brian Van Winkle.

### APRIL 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, April 23. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, Tom Riley, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

### RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPAIR UPDATE

Over the next few months, we will be continuing work on the berms for the rifle and pistol ranges. The berm work will repair existing berms, add additional safety for our shooters and increased sound dampening for our neighbors.

Because weather, equipment rentals and other factors make it difficult to publish a schedule of this work, we have no choice but to perform the work when we can. This will require periodic, short notice, range closures. Range closures are expected on several full days as well as some shorter duration work activities.

Until the work is finished, we will be placing a message on the clubs voice mail. Before coming to the range, call the clubs main number 301-253-2384 and select mailbox number 8. You will hear a message telling you the status of any range closures. If we are going to have a range closure, it will be posted on the voice mail by 9:00 AM, or sooner, of the day it will be closed.

We appreciate your patience and hope to have all work completed before the end of May.

### EARTH MONTH

The Chapter opened Earth Month with its nineteenth annual Watershed Clean Up on April 1st. There are a number of other environmental education and conservation activities in the Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed going on throughout April. These include clean-ups at other sites, 'Watershed Wonders' children's' programs, and fun days like the FREE "Fishing Expert" and "Canoe and Kayak" workshops on April 22nd. For more information, link to <http://www.wsscwater.com/info/EarthMonth.cfm> or <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeo63qr/index.html><http://www.ws>

scwater.com/info/EarthMonth.cfm or contact Sandy August at 301-206-8240.

### CHAPTER AIR PISTOL MATCH

The annual WAC Air Pistol Match will be fired on Monday evening April 17 and April 24, 2006. The course of fire will be 60 shots following the NRA rules for 10 meter air pistol shooting. Participants can fire the match on either date but must declare their 'intentions' before they start shooting. Those wishing to fire in the chapter air pistol match should be at the indoor airgun range at 6:30 PM on the evening of firing. Contact Phillip Dean for additional information or questions. (301-865-8202 or pd10x@adelphia.net)

### HAM RADIO CLUB (Hank Van Deursen)

Application for Ham "Club Station License" was submitted and Call Sign now has been issued by the FCC. The Official Call Sign for The Damascus IWLA Chapter is **KB3NIB**, issued by the FCC on 24 March 2006. **There MUST be a LICENSED OPERATOR in CONTROL** of Ham Transmitter when it's "on-the-air" - anyone can talk over Ham Radio under those conditions. An email address for more Ham Club info will be available soon and provisions will be made for email announcements of Club activities. The Committee will contact an electrician (IWLA member) to check on electrical code requirements for antenna cable installation, etc.  
Hank KB3LMM

### THUNDER VALLEY DAYS (Chuck Crooks)

One of our chapters biggest fund raisers is the Maryland State Championship of Single Action Shooting. This is a three day competition; "Thunder Valley Days" will take place from June 22 - 24th, and requires a lot of volunteers. The list below shows the contact persons for a variety of projects associated with this event.

We are still looking for a coordinator for the final tear down and clean up. If you would like to volunteer for that coordinator position, please contact Chuck Crooks at WildlifeRangers@aol.com or call 301-831-9666.

All volunteers on the 22, 23 and 24th will get a special "Waddie" badge and on days where we are selling food, you will get a free lunch.

**All ranges, including skeet, trap and airgun, will be closed from June 21st through clean up on Saturday the 24th, around 4:00 p.m.**

Match set up is on Wednesday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m. for most of the day. Contact Chuck Crooks at ) 301-831-9666 or WildlifeRangers@aol.com.

Vendor Set Up Contact Dave Gold (ddgold@frontiernet.net) 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 June 22, 23, 24 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 23rd. Contact Mac McCollum (osngmc@erols.com) 301-854-3707.

Parking on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th mostly in the a.m. between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Visitor parking help need throughout the day on the 23rd & 24th. Contact Tom Riley (vze3h59t@verizon.net) 301-774-7426. Target swap on the 23rd at approximately 4:00 p.m. for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact Chuck Crooks (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) 301-831-9666.

Shuttle Drivers on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th. Help needed throughout the day, starting at 10:00 a.m. on the 22nd, 7:00 a.m. on the 23rd and 24th, finished at 5:00 p.m. Contact Rich Fried (tanricfried@aol.com) 301-253-2789.

First Aid Station on 23rd & 24th. Contact Chuck Crooks (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) 301-831-9666.

Water Jugs on 22nd, 23rd, 24th. Set up in a.m., 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 Chuck Crooks (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) 301-831-9666.

Match tear down on the 24th. Approximately 3:30 p.m. for less than 2 hours. Contact Chuck Crooks (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) 301-831-9666. We are looking for a coordinator for this project.

**RILEY'S MOUNTAIN** With help from the Conservation Committee, we came up with a seed that will root fairly quickly; we have been able to cap off the new berm (Riley's Mo-hill or the Slide) on the rifle range to better protect the cowboys while shooting.

I'd like to thank all the range shooters for their patience in the process of building the berm.

A Special Thanks goes to the **usual suspects**. You guys make it worth doing. Thanks -Tom Riley-

### NEW MEMBERS APRIL 2006

**Tim Avara** Elkridge, Md. Sponsor: Phil Dean

**Fred A. Beam** Silver Spring, Md. Sponsor: Richard Fieller

**Matthew Deitch** Germantown, Md. Sponsor: Bill Schneider

**John J. Fitzgerald** Gaithersburg, Md. Sponsor: Bob Schneider

**Joe Haddad** Gaithersburg, Md. Sponsor: Bill Schneider

**Matthew Hoffmon** Damascus, Md. Sponsor: Joe Gick

**Sean Holt** Silver Spring, Md. Sponsor: James Lawless

**Alexei B. Ivanov** Rockville, Md. Sponsor: James Lawless

**Frank Lavorata** Rockville, Md. Sponsor: Peter Sittner

**James Miles, Jr.** Germantown, Md. Sponsor: Bill Schneider

**Steven L. Patterson** Columbia, Md. Sponsor: Joe Gick

**Robert W. Russin** Silver Spring, Md. Sponsor: Bill Schneider

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Jeff Deschamps)

On the March workday we re-planted the American Elms in our tree farm. The main field now has a total of 100 seedlings and there are another four planted near the storage tank. Pete Dubroff has been working on the irrigation system and we expect it to be up and running this year.

The WAC held the annual watershed clean up on Saturday, April 1 with the help of 60 volunteers from the chapter, local community, Girl Scout Troop 5354, Trout Unlimited, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Many thanks go to Jose and Red for feeding all of our volunteers, DNR for showing up with a truck, and Montgomery County Dept. of Solid Waste for providing a roll-off. Volunteers removed trash from the banks of the Patuxent River, trails near the river, and roads crossing the river. During the half-day event, a little more than 30 cubic yards of trash was removed from roads and parklands adjacent to the river. Organizers hope that by cleaning the roads leading to the river, we can prevent some trash from ever entering the river. Although we have seen a decrease in the amount of trash collected over the last several years, it is disheartening to still see so much litter and so much evidence of illegal dumping. Two local residents noticed the effort and made a point to thank the volunteers for their hard work. This is the third year that the Damascus clean up has been part of a larger, watershed wide event.

### 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 shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For April 2006, starting time is 10:00 a.m. daily and ending time is 6:30 p.m., unless some activity has preempted the range (see "Upcoming Events Affecting Range Availability" below).

#### Reminders:

**Range Access Card and Air Travel:** Your range access card is a magnetic proximity device. Most people know to keep magnets away from their credit cards and this applies to your range access card as well. Some of us keep our cards in our wallets for easy access and you can tend to forget they are there. Remember. If you travel by air you will be passing through metal detectors that utilize strong magnetic fields. One member recently discovered that his card was no longer working and his frequent air travel was probably the culprit.

**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 ([Damascusiwa.org](http://Damascusiwa.org))

and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chairman.

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

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 [jljm@phillips.com](mailto:jljm@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.**

Seneca Valley HP Match on Saturday May 6, 2006 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. **Rifle Range is closed.**

.22 Rimfire Fun Shoot on Saturday May 13, 2006 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. on the Rifle Range. **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).

Practical Defense Match on Saturday May 20, 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 [jljm@phillips.com](mailto:jljm@phillips.com) or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday May 26, 2006. **Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.**

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday May 27, 2006 from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. **Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.**

### FLY FISHING FORUM (Richard Phelan) [unodir@comcast.net](mailto:unodir@comcast.net)

Thanks to Pete Dubroff who showed me some great trout fishing on the Patuxent Wednesday. In the space of two hours, I pulled in two good rainbows and a Brown! Black woolly worms and black ants seem to work well.

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way. -Mark Twain

# IZAACK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CHAPTER

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For information  
call the WAC office:  
301-253-2384

Good old fashioned fun day  
and

**Saturday, May 13**  
1pm—7pm

# Bull Roast

**Rain Date**  
**Saturday, May 20**

## Membership Appreciation and Community Outreach

*All are invited to visit our Chapter, learn about the IWL, talk to representatives from local conservation organizations, play a few games, listen to some great music, and enjoy the food and fun!*

Moon Bounce  
Clown  
Games  
Pie eating Contest

Great Pit Beef  
With all the fixins'

Live Entertainment  
Bucket Raffle  
50/50 Raffle

**All Ranges will be closed for the day except for  
the .22 fun shoot and Breakin' Clays events.**

The .22 fun shoot is limited to WAC members

## Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay

Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay fun shoot will be held from 9am—1pm. All proceeds will benefit the Chesapeake Bay foundations' Save the Bay program. Each participant will receive an event T-shirt, and a lunch ticket for the Bull roast. The event will consist of 50 skeet or trap targets. Prizes will be awarded for HOA and 3 Lewis classes. Shooters of all skill levels, are welcome, this is a fun shoot! This event is not limited to WAC membership.



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