



JUNE 2006

# WILDLIFE GAZETTE

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### JUNE 2006 CALENDAR

Mon 12, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Tue 13, Junior Air Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Wed 14, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Wed 14, Junior Air Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Thu 15, Junior Air Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Sat 17, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.  
Sat 17, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sat 17, **Bowling Pin Shoot 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.**  
**(Uncovered Pistol Range Closed During Event)**  
Sat 17, Maryland Division Convention - Upstairs Hall  
Sun 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Mon 19, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Tue 20, Junior Air Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
7:30p.m., 2005/2006 Nominating Committee Report  
Wed 21, **Skeet & Trap CLOSED FOR THUNDER VALLEY DAYS SET UP**  
Wed 21, **All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days Set Up**  
Wed 21, Set up for Thunder Valley Days 10:00a.m., Contact Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666  
Wed 21, Junior Air Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Thu 22, **All Club Ranges (except airgun) are Closed for Thunder Valley Days Set Up**  
Thu 22, Thunder Valley Days Registration and Side Matches, Contact Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666  
Thu 22, Junior Air Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Fri 23, **All Club Ranges are Closed for Thunder Valley Days**  
Fri 23, Thunder Valley Days 1st Five Stages, Contact Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666  
Sat 24, **All Club Ranges are Closed for Thunder Valley Days until approx. 5:00p.m.**  
Sat 24, Thunder Valley Days 2nd Five Stages, (Tear down approx. 3:30p.m.) Contact Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666  
Sun 25, Skeet & Trap 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
Sun 25, **Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00a.m. Ranges closed until 1:00p.m.\*\*\***  
Sun 25, **Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00a.m. Ranges closed until 1:00p.m.\*\*\***  
Sun 25, **Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00a.m.\*\*\***  
Sun 25, Club and Range Orientation 10:00a.m.  
Sun 25, **Chapter Maintenance Day 10:00a.m. at Equipment Shed\*\*\***  
Mon 26, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Mon 26, Cub Scout Day Camp

Tue 27, Cub Scout Day Camp  
Tue 27, Junior Air Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
**Wed 28, Membership Meeting 6:30p.m. Social, Dinner**  
Wed 28, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Wed 28, Cub Scout Day Camp  
Wed 28, Junior Air Rifle Practice 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
Thu 29, Cub Scout Day Camp  
Fri 30, Cub Scout Day Camp

### JULY 2006 CALENDAR

Sat 1, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sun 2, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.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.  
-contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736  
Wed 5, Skeet & Trap 2:00p.m. to 6:30p.m.  
Wed 5, USAS National Sporter Match, in Bowling Green, Ky.  
Thu 6, USAS National Sporter Match, in Bowling Green, Ky.  
Fri 7, USAS National Sporter Match, in Bowling Green, Ky.,  
Sat 8, Seneca Valley HP Rifle Match 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m.  
-contact Mike Gugulis 301-740-3699 **(Rifle range closed during event)**  
Sat 8, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sat 8, USAS National Sporter Precision Team Arrival, in Bowling Green, Ky.,  
Sun 9, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sun 9, USAS National Precision Match, (Sporter Team Departure) Bowling Green, Ky.,  
Mon 10, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Mon 10, USAS National Precision Match, in Bowling Green, Ky.,  
Tue 11, USAS National Precision Match, in Bowling Green, Ky.,  
Wed 12, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Wed 12, USAS National Precision Match Departure, in Bowling Green, Ky.,  
Sat 15, Breaking Clays to Save The Bay Skeet Shoot 10:00a.m.  
-contact Bob Cumberland 301-253-1348  
Sat 15, Airgun Field Target Match 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.  
Sat 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sat 15, Practical Defense Match 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
(Uncovered pistol range closed during event)  
Sun 16, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.

Mon 17, Adult Airgun 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
Wed 19, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Fri 21, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00p.m. **Rifle/Pistol Ranges Closed**  
Sat 22, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Tear down approx 3:30p.m.) **Rifle/Pistol Ranges Closed**  
Sat 22, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00p.m.  
Sun 23, Skeet & Trap 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
**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 RANGE ROSTER**

**JUNE 2006**

Sat 6/10 Mike Bowen, Scott Wood, Bill Rahn  
Sun 6/11 Randy & Evan Stewart, Michael Fleisher  
Sat 6/17 Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Dave Gold, Carl McMahon  
Sun 6/18 Jim & Judy Crowell, Tim Olsen, Robert Case  
Sat 6/24 **CLOSED DUE THUNDER VALLEY DAYS ACTIVITY**  
Sun 6/25 Joel Gross, Rob Van Tassell, Frank Saenz, Paul Fisher

**JULY 2006**

Sat 7/1 Bob Cooley, Ryan Cooley, Rob Taylor  
Sun 7/2 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Jake Turska, Paul Turska  
Sat 7/8 "The Fichter Gang"  
Sun 7/9 Conley Phipps, Randy & Evan Stewart  
Sat 7/15 Ira Wein, Dave Gold, Peter Currall  
Sun 7/16 Tim Olsen, Robert Case, Paul Fisher, Peter Sittner  
Sat 7/22 Red Gambrell, Tony Evans, Richard Zabell  
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

**WEDNESDAY RANGE ROSTER**

**JUNE 2006**

7 June - Mike McNally, Jacob Lambert, Bob Woodward  
14 June - Frank Bis, Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Ron Roberson  
21 June - **RANGES CLOSED FOR THUNDER VALLEY DAYS**  
28 June - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Tom Moore, 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, Tom Moore, Ron Roberson

**AUGUST 2006**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2006**

6 September - Frank Bis, Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Ron Roberson  
13 September - Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Tom Moore, Bob Woodward  
20 September - Mike McNally, Jeff Greenhut, Conley Phipps  
27 September - Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Bill Douwes, Scott Wood

**OCTOBER 2006**

4 October - Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Bill Wright  
11 October - Mike McNally, Tom Moore, Jeff Greenhut  
18 October - Milton "Rip" Van Winkle, Scott Wood  
25 October - Bob Woodward, Bill Douwes, Conley Phipps

This list will be updated from time to time, as new RO's come on board or events happen. Please NOTE changes already made.

**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 Liason:** Joe Pauley 301-428-0216  
**Christmas Tree:** John Leaman 301-972-1572  
**Conservation Committee:** Jeffery 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](mailto:smc_geek@msn.com)  
**Hunter Safety:** Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 ext.2  
**Junior Airgun:** Bob Inness 301-340-9185 email: [binness@starpower.net](mailto:binness@starpower.net) or John Watson 301-929-3583  
**Maintenance Day Co-ordinator:** Tom Riley, 301-518-0973  
**Membership:** Joe Gick, 301-774-9399  
**Military Shoot:** Jose Tassara 301-431-2799 [Jose\\_Tassara@comcast.net](mailto:Jose_Tassara@comcast.net)  
**Range Orientation:** Ray Logan 301-946-2651, [nagolyar@verizon.net](mailto:nagolyar@verizon.net), or Barry Ephraim, [eyebear@aol.com](mailto: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**

**JUNIOR AIR GUN** (Bob Inness); Report by Chuck Limparis  
CHAPTER RECEIVES NRA FOUNDATION GRANT  
In mid May, our Chapter received a NRA Foundation Grant of \$800.00, to be used for equipment acquisition for our Junior Rifle Program. This is the second such grant we have received in the past two years.

In Maryland, a committee composed of all of the sponsors

of "Friends of the NRA" dinners in the state, determine who will receive grants and what size they will be. Each year total requests for grants are nearly triple the amount actually available to distribute. All of the funds to support this program are earned at those dinners. We encourage our Chapter members to attend and support those dinners. Our program has received more than \$3,000 in grants from this program.

### **Junior Air Report**

On 20 May 2006, the Junior Air Rifle program concluded its regular season with its annual picnic and awards ceremony. Three of our Junior shooters earned the NRA Distinguished Expert classification this year. This is the highest level NRA recognizes and 15 of our kids have earned this distinction in the past 8 years. A truly remarkable accomplishment!

At this time we still have two precision teams that will be traveling to National competitions. One team will be traveling to Kentucky to compete in the USA Shooting National Junior Olympics the first week of July and a second team will be traveling to Redmond, Oregon to compete in the NRA Nationals also the first week of July.

Unfortunately, our Sporter shooters will not be able to attend the NRA Nationals in Oregon with the precision team. The teams that travel to the NRA national competition are State teams formed from the best shooters in Maryland. The Sporter team was to be comprised of two shooters from our club and two shooters, one from each of two other clubs. Due in large part to the expense of travel, the shooters from the other clubs were not able to attend and thus we were forced to scrub the Sporter team for this year.

I am also saddened to report that our long time Junior Air Rifle Chairman, Bob Inness announced his resignation from the program at the end of this season. Bob, will now be focusing his efforts on selling his house and retiring to North Carolina. There is no way that the kids who have been through this program or the other coaches could ever thank him enough for his tireless efforts on behalf of "His" kids. THANK YOU BOB!!!!!!

The remaining coaches are presently regrouping and reassigning duties and we are already making plans for next season. While Bob's expertise and dedication to the program will never be replaceable, we are looking forward to another great season next year, albeit with a few bumps along the way.

### **DARC Rifle Raffle**

Once again we have had an extremely successful year with our Junior Air Rifle program. We are extremely proud of these kids and their success winning the right to have two teams attend National events this year. That success carries with it the price of raising the money to assist them with the cost of travel to these matches. Many of the coaches donate not only their time, but most of their travel costs to these matches, however this still leaves these kids with costs of up to \$1,200.00 per shooter to attend these National matches.

To offset some of those costs, we are again raffling a rifle with all proceeds directly benefiting the Junior Air Rifle Program. The Grand Prize is a new Marlin 1894 Lever Action Cowboy Rifle in either .45 Colt, 38Spcl/357Mag, or 44Spcl/44Mag, winners choice. As an alternate, the winner can elect to receive \$500.00 cash. All proceeds from this raffle directly benefit the Junior Air Rifle program, specifically helping to defray the cost of travel to these national matches.

The tickets went on sale at the Bull Roast and will be on sale at general membership meetings and Cowboy Shoots. They cost \$5.00 each or you can get 5 tickets for \$20.00. Only 750 tickets will be sold and 250 are already gone, So Don't Delay! We hope we can count on your support.

### **THUNDER VALLEY DAYS** (Chuck Crooks)

Thunder Valley Days is one of our Chapters biggest fundraisers and require a lot of volunteers. Please look over the list and if you are able to volunteer, contact the chairperson listed to volunteer. The SASS Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting will be held on June 22, 23 and 24. Set up is on June 21st.

All chapter ranges (rifle, pistol, air and shotgun) will be closed from Wednesday, June 21st thru Saturday after clean up (probably around 5:00 p.m., the more volunteers the quicker it will go).

### **Cowboy Help**

Speed Pistol/Derringer/Pocket Pistol Please Contact - Trapdoor Dave 304-876-2484 and Lumberalong 301-253-6532.

Speed Shotgun Please Contact - Jingles Jerr 410-833-3430 or Meteu 301-428-0196 (W).

Cowboy Shotgun Clays (single and 3 person team) Please Contact - Judge RC Colt 301-340-0047.

Speed Rifle Please Contact - Humphrey Hook 703-425-1387.

All Long Range Rifle Please Contact - Cash Caldwell 301-898-7566.

**IWLA-WAC Help** Match set up is on Wednesday, the 21st. at 10:00 a.m. for most of the day. Contact Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666.

**Vendor Set Up** Contact Dave Gold 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 22, 23, 24 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 23rd. Contact Mac McCollum 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 301-774-7426.

**Target swap** on the 23rd at approximately 4:00 p.m. for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact Chuck Crooks 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 301-253-2789.

**First Aid Station** on 23rd & 24th. Contact Chuck Crooks

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 Contact Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666 Match tear down on the 24th. Approximately 3:30 p.m. for less than 2 hours. Contact Mike Webb AKA "Macho Mike" 703-314-9022 to volunteer.

### **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.

**RANGE ORIENTATION (April 30):** Ray G. Logan and Tim Urban.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW WEEKEND (May 5-7):** Joe Pauley.

**BULL ROAST (May 13):** David Jacobson, Ken Lefebvre, Steve Lefebvre, Carol Russin, Robert Russin and many others.

**NEW CAS BERMS ON RIFLE RANGE:** Chuck Crooks, Tom Riley and Guy Wright.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING (May 24):** Chef Jorge Silva was assisted by Roberto Silva and Guy Wright. The hospitality staff included Rob Hallen and Ken Lefebvre.

**CAS SET UP (May 26):** Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Mike Sage and Ray Shaver.

**CAS Tear Down (May 27):** Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis, Brian Marler, Richard Marler and Brian Martin

**SITE MAINTENANCE (May 28):** Ben Avara, Tim Avara, Eric Brown, David Connors, Mike Creighton, Brandon Kinikin, Frank Lavorata, Jason Ledney, Chuck Limparis, Michael Rinkus (guest), Ray Shaver, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, Brian Van Winkle 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: **Mike Creighton** and **Joe Pauley**.

**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, June 25.** Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Jeffrey Bell Brinklow** MD SPONSOR: Frank Saenz  
**Tom Cauffiel** Gaithersburg MD SPONSOR: Rich Fried  
**Ronald E. David** Clarksburg MD SPONSOR: Joe Gick  
**Douglas Johnson** Adelphi MD SPONSOR: Mike Fleisher  
**Marlowe Lefty** Gaithersburg MD SPONSOR: Joe Gick  
**Thomas M. Lechner** Rockville MD SPONSOR: Rich Fried  
**FrankieRogers** Gaithersburg MD SPONSOR: Alan McIlvried

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** (Jeff Deschamps)

Got your rain barrel yet? Although most areas are still green we are already well below normal for rainfall. The 'normal' year-to-date precipitation at BWI airport is 18.62" while our current year-to-date total is only 11.64"... almost 7" BELOW normal! We may not yet be in a drought but it has certainly been dry.

In addition to using rain barrels for gardening there are other measures you can take at home to decrease your use of water. When designing or re-planting gardens around your home consider native plants (plants found in the region prior to European settlement). Use of native plants is one component of environmentally friendly landscaping. These diverse and beautiful plants are not only used by wildlife for food, cover and shelter, they can save you energy, time and money. An example of the native grass you can use in landscaping is "Big Bluestem" (*Andropogon gerardi*). According to the Rainscapes web site big bluestem can reach up to ten feet in height and prefers full sun, although it is tolerant of partial shade and either moist heavy, or sandy, drier soils. Like most native grasses, it prefers being left alone, and fertilizing or unnecessary watering will simply lead to floppy growth. This is a tough plant! Native plants have evolved to tolerate the conditions of this region. Use them and you should end up with a more drought tolerant landscape.

For additional information see the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/deptmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/index.asp>), Rainscapes (<http://www.rainscapes.org>), or the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping: Chesapeake Bay Watershed (<http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/>).

#### **ADOPT-A-ROAD** (Meo Curtis)

On Saturday, June 3rd, the Chapter held an Adopt-A-Road event. This counted as one of the required conservation activities for new members, and 14 of the 24 participants were new members. We cleaned up Mullinix Mill Road and Long Corner Road from Rte. 108 to the Patuxent River and also Gue Road. We picked up 16 bags of trash plus an old barbecue and miscellaneous tossed items. Renewed members included: Meo Curtis (pinch hitting for Michelle Chesnut), Jeff Deschamps, Bill Gazdik, Karl Krchma, Judy Riley, Victor and Natalie Cascella, and to Jose Scoseria for the terrific chicken lunch. New members who participated included: G. Scott Ackland and Katy, Eric Brown, Sergey Gusev, William Jackson, David Jacobson, Vernon King, Jr., Carl Mauney, Lawrence E. Miller, Jim and Michala



Nithlar, Brian Oettinger, Tom Rodebaugh, Jacob Sweeney, Rod Tomkins, and Alexey Zemskov. Thanks to all for a job well done.

### **RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT** (Guy Wright)

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 June 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 ([damascusiwl.org](http://damascusiwl.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.

Sandbags: During the month of May, seven sandbags were destroyed on the ranges. Remember these bags are provided through donations. If we don't take care, we will run out. Try to keep moving parts and super hot barrels off of the bags.

Donations: Thanks to the anonymous donor of empty shot bags left on the rifle range. They will be turned into sandbags for our ranges.

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

Seneca Valley HP Match on Saturday June 3, 2006 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. Rifle Range is closed.

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday June 17, 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).

Thunder Valley Days Cowboy Action Setup on Wednesday June 21, 2006. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed.

Thunder Valley Days Cowboy Action Shoot from Thursday June 22, 2006 thru Saturday June 24, 2006. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed Thursday and Friday and will reopen approximately 4:00pm Saturday.

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

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.

### **THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

Life must be understood backwards; but... it must be lived forward. -Soren Kierkegaard-

Conley Phipps – Newsletter Editor  
Richard Phelan – Asst. Newsletter Editor