



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter AUGUST 2005

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AUGUST 2005 CALENDAR

Sun 14, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 15, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Wed 17, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Sat 20, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 20, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Contact Jesse Lim 301-540-0860 (**Uncovered pistol range closed during event**)
Sun 21, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 21, *****Adopt-A-Road** 8:30 AM
Mon 22, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Wed 24, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Fri 26, **Membership Meeting & 2005/2006 ELECTIONS & Cookout** 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM
Fri 26, *****Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up** 1:00 PM **Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**
Sat 27, *****Cowboy Action Shoot** 8:00 to 4:00 PM (**Tear down approx 3:30 PM**) **Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**
Sat 27, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 28, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 28, *****Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up** 10:00 AM **Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**
Sun 28, *****Skeet/Trap Maintenance** 10:00 AM **Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**
Sun 28, *****Christmas Tree Maintenance** 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Sun 28, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM
Mon 29, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Wed, 31 Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 2005 CALENDAR

Fri 2, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the Office or BBQ Shed
Sat 3, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 4, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 5, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 6, Junior Rifle & Rimfire **Registration Only** in Rathskeller 6:00 to 8:30 PM
Tue 6, *****Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting** 7:30 PM
Wed 7, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wed 7, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 7, **Board Of Directors Meeting** 7:30 PM, **ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM**
Thu 8 Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 9, Hunter Safety, Day 1, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM Upstairs - Contact Geoff Hornsath 301-253-2384 choice 2
Fri 9, Bowhunter Education Class 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Downstairs - Contact Bill McGiffin 301-831-7079
Sat 10, Bowhunter Education Class 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Upstairs - Contact Bill McGiffin 301-831-7079
Sat 10, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sat 10, Practical Defense Match 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (**Uncovered pistol range closed during event**)
Sat 10, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sat 10, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM - Contact Mike Gugulis 301-417-0987 (**Rifle range closed during event**)
Sun 11, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

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, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 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
Fri 16, Hunter Safety, Day 2, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Contact Geoff Hornsath 301-253-2384 choice 2
Sat 17, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sat 17, Skeet & Trap 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sat 17, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM (**All ranges closed until 1:00 PM**) - Contact Geoff Hornsath 301-253-2384 choice 2
Sun 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 18, **Public Hunter Sight In/Qualification Day On Rifle Range** 9:30 AM to 3:00 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 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 Piatieski 301-253-4486 or Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736

Fall Clean-up and Adopt A-Road
POC: Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237
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Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow
Terry Springer 301-428-0216

Hunter Safety POC: Geoff Hornseth
301-253-2384 ext.2

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

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT

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

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle/pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box which contains the range sign-in register. **For August 2005, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

HUNTER SIGHT-IN/QUALIFICATION DAYS: The WAC will hold two hunter qualification events this fall -- one on **Sunday, September 18**, and the second on **Sunday, November 6**. On both days registration will start at 9:30 AM. Then we will qualify groups of prospective hunters in ten-person relays between 10:00 AM and approximately noon, concentrating first on shotgun (slug) hunters and inserting relays of muzzleloaders as appropriate. There is a \$5.00 fee for each qualification attempt. Afternoons, from around noon until 2:30 PM we will provide individual assistance for prospective hunters who need to sight in their firearms before attempting to qualify. The fee for sight-in assistance is

\$5.00 per firearm. Those who wish to qualify after signing in may do so individually for a separate fee of \$5.00 per attempt. During the afternoon, we will provide qualification for rifles and handguns as well as shotguns and muzzleloaders. Remember, you are expected to qualify with the firearm you will be using to hunt with. **The rifle range will be closed during these events. Ray Shaver is seeking volunteers to work as range safety officers during the qualification process and one on one with prospective hunters for the sight-in activity.**

AUGUST 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, August 28**. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Chuck Limparis**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

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.

BREAKIN CLAY ... (July 16): Jim Arnold, Frank Bis, Ed Burrows, Bob Cumberland, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, Bill Gazdik, Conley Phipps and Red Skillings.

CAS SET UP (July 22): Carl Baker, Chuck Crooks, Jonathon Green, Doug Hutchison, Ray Shaver and Jim Sutphin.

CAS TEAR DOWN (July 23): Neil Benson, Greg Christensen, Doug Greenfile, Chris Lash, Mark Lawson, Richard Marler, Brian Martin, Ralph Roderick, Bob Romito and Ray Shaver.

KITCHEN & SERVICE (July 27): Tim Good, Mac McCollum, Tom Oullette and John Walter.

ALUMINUM RECYCLING (July 28): Michelle Chesnut, Bill Gazdik, Joe Handley and Rick Sommers.

RANGE ORIENTATION (July 31): Lou Ferguson and Ray G. Logan.
SITE AND RANGE MAINTENANCE (July 31): Brian Baldwin, Michelle Chesnut, Evan Cohen, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, William Eberlin, Al Goldschmidts, Aleks Goldschmidts, Andy Goldschmidts, Ted Holden, Mark Lawson, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Jon Marr, Charles N McIntosh, Colin Murphy, Rick Murphy, Peter Rogers, Ray Shaver, Cathy Turner and Guy Wright.

SPECIAL THANKS: To **Guy Wright** for his efforts above and beyond the call. Although **Guy** may be found working at the rifle and pistol ranges almost any day of the week, he continues to notice and take the initiative on things which have nothing to do with his duties as Co-chairman of the Rifle/Pistol Range Committee. For example, **Guy** recently invested many hours and much sweat trimming the pine trees lining the driveway into the club. Look carefully and you'll see remnants of the poison ivy which must have made that job "interesting" as well as physically demanding.

NEW MEMBERS AUGUST

Andres Alonso, Montgomery Village, MD

Sponsor: T. A. Preston

John Bradbury, Olney, MD

Sponsor: Jim Fedis

Marc Fortier, Laytonsville, MD

Sponsor: T. A. Preston

Christine Gugliemini, Mt. Airy, MD

Sponsor: Mike King

Walter Sikora, Damascus, MD

Sponsor: J. Gregg McDonald

AUGUST DINNER MEETING

The August Membership Meeting will be **Friday, August 26**, with the social hour at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:30. The menu this month features ribs. **We will elect officers for next year at this meeting.**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our Chapter is blessed with many fine examples of people willing to give more than they receive. Let's also remember those individuals of our Chapter that are recovering from illness.

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS: AUGUST 2005

Sat 8/6 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 8/7 Paul & Jake Truska,
Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 8/13 Mike Webb, Robert &
Vivian Macloed, Frank Bis

Sun 8/14 Tim Olsen, Martin
Cherry, Randy Stewart & Evan

Sat 8/20 Dave Gold, Ira Wein,
Peter Currall

Sun 8/21 Jim & Judy Crowell,
Peter Sittner, Robert Case

Sat 8/27 Tony Evans, Charles
Weaver, Mike Bowen, Paul Fisher

Sun 8/28 Rob Van Tassel, Frank
Saenz, Joel Gross

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Sat 9/3 Robert Jeffery, Frank
Bis, "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 9/4 Steve Hunt, Paul &
Jake Truska, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 9/10 Mike Webb, Vivian
& Robert MacLeod, Rob Taylor

Sun 9/11 Martin Cherry, Tim
Olsen, Randy Stewart & Evan

Sat 9/17 Ira Wein, Peter Currall,
Dave Gold, Carl McMahon

Sun 9/18 Jim & Judy Crowell,
Peter Sittner, Robert Case

Sat 9/24 Tony Evans, Mike
Bowen, Charles Weaver, Paul
Fisher

Sun 9/25 Frank Saenz, Rob Van
Tassel, Timothy Mulreany,
Michael Flisher

2005 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Below is the slate of officers advanced by the Nominations Committee.
President: Rich Fried

1st Vice President: Georgia Townsend

2nd Vice President: Steve Lefebvre

3rd Vice President: Bill Ladd

Treasurer: Chuck Limparis

Recording Secretary: Red Skillings

Membership Secretary: Joe Gick

Corresponding Secretary: Conley Phipps

Sgt-At-Arms: Rob Hallin

Parliamentarian: Mac McCollum

Chaplain: John Leaman

Director: Chuck Crooks

Director: Meo Curtis

Director: Pete Doubroff

Director: Tom Oullette

Director: Jeff Deschamps - Term
Continues

Director: Michele Chesnut - Term
Continues

Director: John Walter - Term Continues

Immediate Past President: Jim Piatieski

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

The first Hunter Safety class for 2005 will begin at 7PM Friday, September 9. To register, call 301-253-2384 Extension 2, and follow the recorded instructions.

CONSERVATION REPORT

The Conservation Committee met on August 2nd and finalized plans for the tree planting on Saturday, 15 October and the Fall Clean Up on Saturday, 22 October. Work parties will meet at the chapter and/or the planting site on Friday, 14 October. We have a few volunteers already but could use more including (hopefully) Ed Burrows and Bill Gazdik. Materials for the planting should begin arriving this month.

We plan on doing an inventory of our Elms on the August work day and order liners to replace dead trees. The replacements will be planted on the September work day.

Several members of the WAC have now become members of Lois Green-Sligo (LGS) chapter. We continue to work with LGS on the clean up and pond. It recently came to our attention that LGS has some problems more pressing than getting the pond in good shape these include an inspection for the house they rent out and repairs to their pavilion.

Bill Ladd and Michelle Chesnut will co-chair the September meeting of the Conservation Committee.

TARGET CLINIC

An any rifle, any sight, target clinic will be offered on September 10 at the Chapter House beginning at 9:00 AM. The clinic will include rifles with scopes in addition to iron sight rifles. The introductory clinic will last approximately one hour followed by a live fire exercise at the rifle range beginning at 10:00 - 10:30 AM. Participants should bring their own rifles and 60 rounds of ammunition. The rifles can be either center fire or rim fire. The live fire exercise will follow the NRA's 50 round National Match Course of fire. Each participant must have adequate eye and hearing protection. Additional items, such as shooting mats and spotting scopes, will be provided if the clinic participant does not have their own accessories.

Clinic participants will be paired with experienced shooters during the live fire exercise. Those that complete the clinic will be eligible for Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) qualification and the purchase of rifles, ammunition and accessories offered by CMP. Participants will be well on their way to participation in future center fire events on a regular basis.

Prior experience is not necessary. Open to all Chapter members and their family. Juniors should be 16 or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For further details, contact Jim Schinner, jsx5@adelphia.net or 301-831-6217, Brian Baldwin, brian.baldwin@starpower.net or 301-530-5597, or Michael Gugulis, mgugulis@earthlink.net or 301-947-2447.

HAM RADIO CLUB

At the July, 2005 General Membership Meeting, Hank VanDeursen gave a presentation about "amateur radio" and is looking to organize a Ham Radio Club among the members of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter. Hank also mentioned that the group intends to provide a ham radio station that will have its own FCC "club license" and call sign. Hank mentioned that ham radio systems are already being used to collect data

from remote collection sites in order to monitor weather, physical, chemical and other attributes of the environment in remote locations. The club also intends to use donated equipment and antennas for the first radio station and that the first antenna could be hidden in the attic of the chapter house. After the presentation, President Jim Pieteski requested that Hank and several other members interested in organizing the club form an ad hoc committee to study this new adventure. At the Board of Directors meeting on August 3, 2005, it was decided that the new Ham Radio committee should be overseen by the Second Vice President.

On August 3, 2005, the Ham Radio Club ad hoc committee consisting of Hank VanDeursen (chair & FCC licensed operator), Joe Handley (FCC licensed operator) and Paul Leggett (CB and Ship To Shore operator) met with the incoming Second Vice President (Steve Lefebvre) to discuss their goals, physical and equipment requirements and other issues. At that time, the members of the committee determined that they themselves could donate enough equipment to set up a complete amateur radio station. Additionally, it was determined that a couple of months would be needed in order to complete and deliver an application to the FCC for a club license and to set up the radio station.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information or helping to organize the Ham Radio Club, there will be a sign up sheet and short meeting after the General Membership on September 23, 2005 at the back of the dining room near the bar.

Thanks,
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FLY FISHING FORUM

In this inaugural piece, I want to lay out my viewpoint and objectives.

My viewpoint is that of someone who enjoys fly fishing, but does not dream 24/7 of being on the perfect stream etc. (okay, maybe 12/4). I consider myself an interested amateur, and by no means

the ultimate authority on any matters regarding fly fishing. There are as many opinions on various aspects of fly fishing as there are flies. These just happen to be mine.

My objective(s) are:

1. Provide a common area for exchange information for the fly fishers in the Wildlife Achievement Chapter (WAC). I am interested in finding those members who share my interest in fly fishing, and, if there is enough genuine interest, to form an IWL WAC fly fishing club. This covers fishing conditions, what fly (of flies) is(are) working where, innovations in rods (and reels, line, tippet, flies, knots, tools, vests, stream bags, nets and so on), fishing areas, guided fishing trips, recommended guides, recommended techniques, local places that have good fishing, which stores have good quality equipment as well as good prices and selection. Whew! You get the point. If there are enough of us out there, let's start talking and see what we can put together. I can be contacted at unodir@comcast.net. Let me hear from you.
2. Give a basic overview of what it takes to get started fly fishing. Sort of a how to for the beginner.

Schedule club outings, projects, and seminars.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

The next adopt-a-road is Sunday, August 21st. See you there.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Ken Lefebvre provided transport for the recent sales of aluminum, which realized \$103 for the Chapter.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue. Izaak Walton

SAVE OUR STREAMS (SOS)

An SOS Workshop is planned to be held in September, meeting date to be announced later.

SPECIAL THANKS

Another big and special "Thanks" to Paul Turska.

Over the past year Paul and his son, Jake have become very active members at the shotgun range. In addition to being great at the game, they have found time to volunteer as Range Officers, and have helped out with several important projects. Paul quickly steps up, when he sees the need.

Most recently Paul has donated a diesel tractor with attachments to the Conservation Committee. This is a welcome tool, and will make several projects that had been previously discussed, now possible. Thanks Paul.

LOIS GREEN-SLIGO

Update on Lois Green-Sligo membership: After conversations with the folks at the National Headquarters, it seems that some of the info on dues rates for Lois Green were incorrect. The \$17.00 rate only applies to those that are National Life members. Those that are annual members, paying national dues each year with chapter and state, would need to pay \$57.00 each year to become full fledged members with voting privileges. The additional \$40 goes to national and division dues. I'm sorry for the confusion and I hope this doesn't dissuade anyone from applying to our sister chapter. Thanks!

Jim Piateski

BREAKIN CLAY TO SAVE THE BAY

On Saturday, 16 July, the Chapter held the second annual Breakin™ Clay to Save the Bay fundraiser. It was great to see the shooting sports and conservation advocates working together support such an important cause.

The damp weather didn't hamper the enthusiasm of the approximately 60 participants of all skill levels and raised \$1,850, a 30% increase from last year!

Heather Hetzeck of Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) was on hand to talk about CBF's programs and answer Bay-related questions. Sandy Burk, biologist, member of the Izaak Walton League, and author of *Let the River Run Silver Again*, also participated in the event. She was on hand with copies of her book about the local shad restoration project and spoke with attendees about conservation programs and youth involvement. Many participants took advantage of this opportunity to discuss the importance of habitat protection and conservation of our natural resources with these experts.

NATIONAL AWARD

For several years our chapter has worked with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Jim Caldwell, the Director of DEP, attend our July Membership meeting. Jim Piateski, President of WAC presented a National Honor Roll award to Mr. Caldwell. This is an important award given to organizations outside of the Izaak Walton League, who have materially assisted in Conservation. Our Chapter has benefited greatly from working with DEP.

NATIONAL AWARD

MARYLANDER MEO CURTIS TAPPED FOR IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE CONSERVATION AWARD

Dubuque, IA – Meo Curtis of Maryland was honored today with the Izaak Walton League's prestigious Conservation Award for her outstanding contribution to conservation and environmental education. The award was given here today during the League's 83rd annual convention.

A member of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter in Montgomery County, Curtis has served as liaison between the chapter and county for the rain barrel, rain garden and bird house workshops hosted at the WAC, and the American elm restoration project. She was also instrumental

in winning a National Tree Trust grant for a riparian buffer repair in Montgomery County.

“Meo's contributions in promoting conservation and the Izaak Walton League represents the kind of community spirit that deserves recognition,” said Paul Hansen, the League's executive director. “Her dedication to our young people and the health of our environment is an example we all could follow,” he added.

“We are proud to have dedicated members like Meo and our natural world is better off today because of his tireless efforts,” said Chuck Clayton, the League's national volunteer president.

The **Conservation Award** is given to individuals, groups, or organizations in recognition of outstanding accomplishments promoting solution-oriented conservation and the responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

NATIONAL AWARD

MARYLANDER MICHELLE CHESNUT TAPPED FOR LEAGUE'S THELMA REED MEMORIAL AWARD

Dubuque, IA --- The Izaak Walton League awarded its **Thelma Reed Memorial Award** to Michelle Chesnut at its 83rd annual convention here today.

The Thelma “Pete” Reed Award is given annually to the League member who has volunteered many hours at the chapter or state division level in conservation projects, educational efforts, community service or chapter leadership development.

“We look to members like Michelle as future volunteer

leaders of our organization and this award recognizes her generosity of time, effort and leadership to her local chapter,” said Paul Hansen, executive director of the League.

Chesnut serves a number of roles within the Wildlife Achievement Chapter in Maryland. She is chairman of the Adopt-A-Highway program and recycling committee at WAC. She recently assumed the responsibility for the chapter's Save Our Streams Program and is developing programs for other chapters in Maryland. She also serves on the National Water Resources Committee.

Chesnut is presently enrolled at American University in Washington, D.C. in the Environmental Sciences masters degree program.

“This is a well-deserved recognition for outstanding volunteer efforts by Michelle,” said Chuck Clayton, national volunteer president of the League, adding that “we can never have too many members like this to help maintain the momentum of our local programs. Michelle is a terrific example to us all.”

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