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Coming Attractions

Date	Event	Time
5/01	Skeet Shoot	10:00-am
	Turkey Shoot	6:30-pm 7:30-pm
5/02	Skeet Shoot	10:00am
5/03	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
5/03	Conservation Meeting	7:30-pm
5/04	Junior Airgun	7:00-pm
5/05	Board of Directors meeting	7:30-pm
5/08	Airgun Field Target Match	7:30-am
5/08	Seneca Valley Rifle Match	8:00am
	Turkey Shoot	6:30pm
5/10	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
5/11	Bowhunter Ed. Day 1	6:00pm
5/11	Junior Airgun	7:00-pm
5/13	Bowhunter Ed. Day 2	6:00pm
	Adopt-A-Road	9:00am
5/15	Bowhunter Ed. Day 3	9:00am
	Turkey Shoot	6:30-pm
5/17	Adult Airgun	6:30pm-
5/18	Junior Airgun	7:00pm
	Cowboy Shoot setup	1:00pm
5/21	Range closes at 1:00pm	
5/22	Cowboy Shoot	8:30am
5/23	Archery, Rifle, & Pistol	10:00am
	Range Maint	10:00am
	Range Orientation	10:00am
5/24	Adult Airgun	6:30-pm
5/25	Junior Airgun	7:00-pm
5/26	General Membership meeting	7:30pm
5/29	Turkey Shoot	6:30-pm

5/31	Adult Airgun	6:30-pm
6/01	Junior Airgun	7:00pm
6/02	Board of Directors meet.	7:30pm
6/05	Seneca Valley Rifle Mat.	8:00am
6/06	Skeet & Trap Maint.	10:00am
6/07	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
6/07	Conservation Committee meeting	7:30pm
6/14	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
6/19	BRV Airgun Match	8:30am
6/19	22 Sporter Shoot	10:00am
6/21	Adult Airgun	6:30pm
6/23	General Membership mt.	7:30pm
6/25	Cowboy Shoot Setup:	1:00pm
	Ranges closed at 1:00pm	
6/26	Cowboy Shoot	8:30 am to 4:pm
6/27	Archery, Rifle, & Pistol	10: am
	Range Maint.	to-2:pm
6/28	Adult Airgun	6:30pm

General Membership Meetings

The May membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 26-99**. Enjoy the dinner and camaraderie!. Cost will be \$7.00. Social hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

The **June** membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 23**. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter!. Cost will be \$7.00. Social hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 7:00 PM.

New Members

The following membership applications have been approved by

the Board of Directors. Chapter members may vote to accept these individuals as new members at the next membership meeting, on **Wednesday, April. 28th**.

Laura H. Bigelow, Woodbine
Sponsor-Chuck Crooks
Robert Bistline, Woodbine
Sponsor-Tom Fitzpatrick
Michael R. Boyd, Ijamsville
Sponsor-Bob Cumberland
Charles L. Bubel, Wheaton
Sponsor-Jeff Turner
Bing Chao, Gaithersburg
Sponsor-Rich Buckingham
Ruben Flores, Gaithersburg
Sponsor-Barry Fuller
Caroline Fragnito, Laytonsville
Sponsor-Chuck Crooks
Mark Hammond, Silver Spring
Sponsor-Mike Heffernan
John Kent, Gaithersburg
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Sponsor-Steve Schneider
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Alan D. Spencer, Gaithersburg
Sponsor-Barry Fuller
Craig M. Stark, Germantown
Sponsor-Jim Piatetski
Michael J. Strauss, Potomac
Sponsor- Bill Schneider
Guy Wassertzug, Potomac
Sponsor-Bob Schneider
William T. Woodrow, Damascus
Sponsor-Bob Mabie

May Shotgun Range Officer Schedule

5/9.-The Skeet & Trap Maintenance
is cancelled.

SAT 5-1 NANCY & WELDON
HUMPHRIES, RICH
BUCKINGHAM

SUN 5-2 GREG BALDWIN, CHRIS
& SUSAN SMARTE

SAT 5-8 LEWIS ALLNUTT, BILL
RAHN, JOEL GROSS
SUN 5-9 FRANKLIN MONCADA,
DAVE ORRENCE

SAT 5-15 PETER CURRALL,
DAVE GOLD
SUN 5-16 CINDY WHITEHURST,
PAUL BLUTEAU, JIM
LUENSMAN

SAT 5-22 FICHTER "GANG" --
GEORGE, DALE, DAVE
SUN 5-23 BURT MULLINEAUX,
JUSTIN STEPHEN, MIKE
BORING

SAT 5-29 BERLE CHERNEY,
RICHARD ZABELL
SUN 5-30 KEVIN MANNING,
MIKE MERROLLINI

JUNE 1999 SHOTGUN RANGE DUTY

SAT 6-5 NANCY &
WELDON HUMPHRIES, RICH
BUCKINGHAM

SUN 6-6 GREG
BALDWIN, KEVIN MANNING

SAT 6-12 LEWIS
ALLNUTT, BILL RAHN, JOEL
GROSS

SUN 6-13
FRANKLIN MONCADA, DAVE
ORRENCE

SAT 6-19 PETER
CURRALL, DAVE GOLD

SUN 6-20 CHRIS &
SUSAN SMARTE, JIM

LUENSMAN

SAT 6-26 FICHTER
"GANG" - GEORGE, DALE,
DAVE

SUN 6-27 BURT
MULLINEAUX, JUSTIN STEPHEN,
MIKE BORING

Rifle and Pistol Range Report

Plinking Cans: Under the
current Range Rules and Regulations,
only paper targets and range-
approved metal targets are permitted
on the WACC rifle and pistol ranges.

Some shooters on the pistol range
are regularly breaking that rule, which
is clear from the cans with holes
found at the sight. Furthermore, in
early March somebody added insult
to injury by shooting up the pistol
range misfire can. If you, as a range-
approved shooter, have observed
somebody shooting cans, and have
not reported the incident to the range
committee chairman, chapter
caretaker, or a member of the Board
of Directors, you are failing to carry
out your responsibility as a range
officer. If you feel that our target
rules are overly restrictive, the
appropriate action is to propose
changes to them, not to ignore the
range rules, endangering other
shooters and the existence of our
ranges. In the case of cans, you will
need to convince the rifle/pistol range
committee and the Board of Directors
that it can be done safely and without
turning the ranges into junk yards.
Start by talking with one or more of
the committee members such as the
chairman, **Ray Shaver**; the range
orientation instructors, **Ted Hiers**
and **Bud Bell**; or **Bill Jenkins**.

Thanks to Ray G. Logan, a regular
participant in range committee
functions, for contributing new rifle
and pistol range misfire cans with
chains and locks to retain them.
Thanks also to **Ken Winpisinger**,
another active member, for several
contributions of plywood for target
backers.

.22 Sporter Shoot: Families are
encouraged to attend our next "fun
shoot" from 10 AM until early
afternoon on Saturday, June 19.
There is no charge and no chance of
embarrassment for participants in this
informal, non-competitive event.
Because it is a special event, you and
the kids will get a chance to shoot at
the Chapter's steel knockdown
targets and silhouettes, along with
novelty targets like balloons and
earth-bound clay pigeons. Bring a
.22 rimfire rifle and lots of
inexpensive .22 ammunition plus eye
and ear protection.

Co-chair(s) Wanted: Ray Shaver
would eventually like to retire from
his position as chairman of the rifle
and pistol range committees, and is
looking for one or two successors
who might ease into the job over the
next year. There are, in fact, separate
rifle and pistol range committees, so
arrangements in which there are
separate chairs for each or co-chairs
for both are acceptable. No special
knowledge is required, it can all be
learned on the job. If you are
interested, please contact **Ray
Shaver** by telephone at 301-926-
0465 or e-mail at
MRShaver@aol.com.

Concrete Specialists Wanted: The
Montgomery County Range Approval
Committee recently approved the
expansions of the pistol and rifle
range. Our next step for the new
pistol range area is to construct a
concrete pad to define the firing line.
If you have experience in preparing
areas for concrete, building forms, or
finishing concrete, we can use your
help. Contact **Ray Shaver**, or come
out to the range maintenance session
on April 25 and discuss the project
with him.

Post Jack Needed: We need to
borrow a post jack to help support a
rifle range roof beam while we cut
out and replace a rotted portion. If
you have one available to loan, please
contact **Ray Shaver**.

Range and Christmas Tree Maintenance

For efficiency, maintenance of all WACC ranges and the Christmas tree farm takes place on the same day, usually the last Sunday of each month. Following is a partial list of Ikes who came out to work on March 28: **Ray Shaver, Dave McNeal, Jennifer McNeal, Ken Winpisinger, Tom Ebbs, Alan Miller, Kathe Vagt, Morgan Gates, Wayne Berkebile, Ray G. Logan, Geoff Hornseth, Kevin Manning, and Greg Baldwin.** A number of people who worked on the skeet/trap range didn't sign the work roster. If you are one of them and need the work credit to fulfill a new-member requirement, please identify yourself to **Greg Baldwin** or **Bob Mabie**.

.22 Sporter Shoots: A volunteer has stepped forward to run the .22 sporter shoot scheduled for June 19, so it remains on the calendar. We really want to encourage the participation of families in this event; it's for fun, not competition. Please mark Saturday, June 19, on your calendar, and watch for additional information in next month's newsletter.

Conservation Notes Ed Burrows.

Conservation related activities can be fun for the whole family! Come celebrate at the Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed Day on Saturday, May 15 from 10 to 4pm at Supplee Park on the Rocky George Reservoir near Laurel. There will be a children's fishing derby, reservoir walks, tours at the T. Howard Duckett Dam, canoeing workshops, and hands-on exhibits and demonstrations about becoming a steward of the resources of the reservoirs and their tributary streams. For more information, contact Meo Curtis of the Department of Environmental Protection at **301 217-6395**. The chapter will have a table there and

you can see some pictures of some of the things we've been doing. It will be a great way to celebrate Spring! As some of you may know, I'm holding down the IWLA's seat on the onsite sewage disposal system (OSDS) task force. This is a diverse group of interested parties who are supplying input for the rewriting of State regulations regarding septic systems. In an effort to gather input from the people who actually have these systems, I'd like to ask any of you who have septic systems, or have had them in the past to E-mail me with any stories you may have that are related to problems you may have had or, for that matter good things that have happened. Some of you may have had a problem with locating a system when you needed it most. Perhaps, you moved into a new house and had no idea that you even had a septic system. What have you learned from the University of Hard Knocks that might help others deal more efficiently with their system? If you were going to write the regulations governing septic systems what would you include? E-Mail me at : NKGW41A@PRODIGY.COM
Ed.

FROM THE PRESIDENT GEORGIA

I would like to invite all members to take a look at our website. <http://members.aol.com/rumriv> etc created by our 1st VP Chuck Crooks. He did a wonderful job and would enjoy your input. Our Membership Secretary requested e-mail addresses when he sent out the last mailing for dues. We received approximately 200 responses. Chuck sent out a sample e-mail to check these addresses. If you sent us your address, and did not receive a response, please e-mail or phone Chuck with your address and name. He will send you up-to-date news about our chapter. A few years ago, the Board of Directors reorganized all

committees under the three Vice Presidents. This was done with the idea that, since the Vice President positions progress towards the President, there would be opportunity for the future President to be well versed in the make up and functions of the committees. Please look over the list and call the VP in charge if you are interested in volunteering to work on any of the committees. We need your time, interest, and talents and you will get the satisfaction of being involved with other members who are of like mind.

1st. Vice President, **Chuck Crooks (301 831-9666)**: House and Grounds, Skeet and Trap, Turkey Shoots, Rifle and Pistol, Major Fund Raisers, and Cowboy Shoots.

2nd. Vice President, **Ed Burrows (301 774-9090)**: Archery, Conservation, Legislation, Recycling, River Clean-up, Save our Streams, Food and beverage, and Hall rentals.

3rd. Vice President, **Bill Kelly (301 253-5009)**: Youth Activities, Airgun, Adopt-A-Highway, Christmas Trees, Dinner Programs Entertainment, Hunter Safety, and NRA Programs. All VP's can be contacted through the Chapter's website.

RIVER CLEAN UP WAS A SUCCESS Bill Kelly

The clean up of a portion of the Patuxent River, last March 27, was a great success. Over 60 persons removed over **30 tons** of debris and tires. Thanks go out to every one who participated.

PICK UP TRUCK DONATED

Thanks go to **Dennie Arthur** for his donation of a Toyota pick up truck. We will make good use of it around the grounds.

Cowboy Action Shootin

Damascus Wildlife Rangers and Atlantic Guns Inc.

will hold a one day "NEW COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC" at the Izaak Walton League in Damascus on Saturday, May 15th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The clinic is designed to introduce potential Cowboy Action Shooters to the sport without the "whole world watching." We will also show how the game is played, explain the SASS rules and get new shooters off to a safe start. It

is also a time to try different firearms before you make your final choices and ask questions about the sport. If you don't have the proper firearms, we will provide them and holsters for you. Cowboy shooters must have firearms experience. Unfortunately, this is not the clinic to learn how to shoot. It is a clinic to teach existing shooters the cowboy action shooting. Each person will get the opportunity to shoot a real cowboy scenario using the ol' hoglegs, scatter gun and lever action rifle! Get the fear of the timer and that dang buzzer. Learn what a real brain fade feels like! But, it is guaranteed fun! The cost is Free! Shooters will need to bring ammunition (see requirements for ammo below), eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and spectators. Limited supplies of ammo will be available for purchase.

You may have some of the guns already. The game requires two single action pistols, a lever action rifle (in a pistol caliber) and a side by side shotgun (without ejectors) or a pump action shotgun with an exposed hammer. If you have them, bring 'em along. Caliber's are no smaller than 32. Cap and ball is allowed for SASS matches but we will not be providing ammo or powder at this time. Clinic ammo requirements: we will be providing firearms in 38 special and 45

Long Colt. Ammo must be all lead, no copper jacketed bullets. Generally, loads made for cowboy shooting are best. Shotgun shells needed are in 20 or 12 ga. 7 1/2 shot size or smaller. If you have appropriate firearms in other caliber's, you can use those with your own all lead ammunition.

The cowboy clothing requirement is relaxed for the New Cowboy Shooter Clinic. But a cowboy hat and alias would be nice. Age limit is 12 years old (with parent).

Preregistration is recommended. You can pre-register by calling Bill or Bob HREF="http://www.atlanticguns.com Atlantic Guns Inc 301-279-7983 or e-mail them at bob@atlanticguns.com OR Call Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666 or e-mail rumriverc@aol.com If you choose e-mail messages, please leave your name and telephone number.

For any questions, contact any of the preregistration contacts.

The clinic is open to members and non members of the Izaak Walton League and the Damascus Wildlife Rangers. Shooting is Rain or Shine.

Hope to see you there!

Chuckaroo AKA Chuck Crooks
301 831-9666 or
[Rumriverc@aol.com](mailto:rumriverc@aol.com).

The Airgun Committee Official NRA Recruiter

The Airgun Committee is an official National Rifle Association recruiting agent. As such, the committee receives \$10 for each NRA membership application it solicits and the same amount for each NRA membership renewal it processes. If you are planning on joining the NRA or if your current membership is up for renewal, process it through the chapter's Airgun Committee and help contribute to our local projects. Contact Ed. Burrows 301 778-9090 or Phil Dean 301 831-9325.

Chuckaroo's Corner

Did you know we have a "FOR SALE" page on our web site., where members can place adds for items they wish to sell? It can be almost anything. Check it out Take the link from the clubs main page. We are also adding a full **Calendar** of all the clubs activities . Just punch up:
members.aol.com/rumriverc/index.html .

My Trip To NE Minnesota by I.G. Haycraft -1907 Editors note.

.Continued, from last months newsletter, my Grandfathers journal of his adventures in Minnesota during the early part of this century.

Crossing Burnside Lake cont.

Twilight came on, and we rowed along in silence for some time. The only sound was the slap, slap of the paddles. Presently , someone started to sing a song, and soon we were all at it: whether the singing was good or bad does not matter, it sounded good to us, and when we got close together in a group and naturally had less discord, we decided it was very good out in about the middle of the lake. I supposed the caretaker of the old logging camp on the north shore of Burnside Lake thought there was an army approaching! It was dark when we landed, and the caretaker was a generous soul : he gave us the keys to the camps. The women took the office quarters, and fared okay. The caretaker had just removed all the straw from the sleeping bunks, and we men folks set about to carry a lot of it back to the main building to use for beds, and then turned in for the night. It was not long , however, before we discovered that this straw we were using was a working mass of hungry bed bugs! Wow, but there was a commotion and scattering: everybody dashed out to find another place to sleep. I curled up in the blacksmith shop and slept on the bare floor. It was a hard bed, but a lot better than mixing with the bedbugs. From that time on, that camp was called "Bed-bug Camp" by our party. When daylight came, we were all scattered about the yard. One or two had even slept in the big sprinkling tank. (Editors note , it must have been a tank to water a garden with?) We soon got back together, however, and made breakfast. Rep. Opsahl was chief cook, and Andy Johnson first assistant. The four women were so badly outnumbered that about all

the voice they had in the proceedings was to make a few suggestions. Breakfast over, and the tin dishes washed and packed, we struck out on a fairly long portage to Height-of-Land Lake.

Arrival at Height-of-Land Lake.

Here we found a peculiar phenomenon which I shall refer to again later in this narrative. On the southeast shore, we found a sluiceway or flume, where waters running from this Lake were carrying logs to Burnside Lake some distance away. We placed the canoes we had carried from Burnside Lake into the water and prepared for another canoe ride across Height-of-Land Lake. I will try here to describe how we divided up and loaded the canoes. Opsahl and his two chosen men, with most of their luggage, were in the first canoe to start out, and they led the course. All others but the 16-foot and the birchbark had a load of three persons and a big part of their luggage. The birchbark canoe was not as good as the others, and it only carried two men and a small part of their luggage. Andy Johnson and his

chosen helper were in charge of the 16-foot canoe, and it was loaded with all the excess baggage, etc. Andy Johnson took care of details of the whole party, and embarked last, traveling in the rear and keeping a watchful eye on all of us.

Now we were off on the water again, and it is a miracle that none of us were drowned. By the time we got under way, the wind had come up until it was a stiff gale, to say the least: plenty of white caps were on the waves and the islands in the lake were numberless, all with rugged rock formation. The waves would split when they hit an island, and come tearing and boiling around each side, and then come together again with tremendous force, shooting a spout of water sometimes several feet high. If our canoe happened to be in the right spot, one of those crashes of waves would shoot our little canoe up into the air at a frightful angle: and to make a bad situation worse, there were thousands of jagged points of rocks sticking up from a few inches to a foot or two, above the surface of the water, and thousands more only a

few inches below the surface. Many of those sharp rocks were capable of splitting our canoe from end to end if we hit them right. The wind grew so strong it got the upper hand of us several times, and first one and then another would lose control and drift with the wind, and believe me, at such times we did travel at a fierce rate of speed. We finally gave up and landed on an island and stayed there until the wind died down. About five o'clock PM, we all got going again, and made it to Breezy Island, probably one mile or so from the north shore. Here we camped and spent a fairly comfortable night, and got going early next morning. We reached the north shore, where we were astounded to see a river at least two or three hundred feet wide running northwest out over the rocks, making a great rapids for about half a mile to a marsh of canes and rushes. This truly was Height-of-Land Lake, with water running out of it southeast and northwest at the same time.

To be continued.