



Wildlife Gazette

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ASTRONOMY CLUB

Meets **FIRST** Friday each month!!

MAY 2004 CALENDAR

Sun 16, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 17, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 18, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 19, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Wed 19, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 20, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 21, *** **Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up** 1:00 PM **Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**

Sat 22, *** **Cowboy Action Shoot** 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (**Tear down approx 3:30 PM**) **Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**

Sat 22, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 22, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sun 23, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Mon 24, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 25, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 26, **Membership Meeting** 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

Wed 26, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Wed 26, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 27, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 29, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 30, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

5:00 PM

Sun 30, *** **Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up** 10:00 AM **Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

Sun 30, *** **Skeet/Trap Maintenance** 10:00 AM **Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

Sun 30, *** **Christmas Tree Maintenance** 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

Sun 30, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

JUNE 2004 CALENDAR

Tue 1, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Tue 1, **Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting** 7:30 PM

Wed 2, **Board Of Directors Meeting** 7:30 PM, **ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM**

Wed 2, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Wed 2, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 3, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 4, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. at the Shotgun Range House

Fri 4, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow

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Sat 5, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (**Rifle range closed during event**)

Sat 5, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow

Sat 5, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 5, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (**Pistol Range II Closed During Event**)

Sun 6, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow

Sun 6, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 7, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 8, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 9, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wed 9, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 10, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 12, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact Joe McDaniel or Tim Berlett

Sat 12, Junior Airgun Cookout & Awards (downstairs & BBQ) 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Sat 12, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (**Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event**)

Sat 12, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 13, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 13, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (**Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event**)

Sun 13, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact Joe McDaniel or Tim Berlett

Sun 13, *** **Adopt-A-Road** 9:00 AM

Mon 14, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Wed 16, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

NOTE: * Counts toward NEW MEMBER REQUIRED PROJECT PARTICIPATION**

CALENDAR EVENT POC's:

Skeet & Trap POC: Bob

Cumberland 301-253-1348

Junior Airgun POC: Bob Inness

301-340-9185 email:

binness@starpower.net or John

Watson 301-929-3583

Air Rifle Field Target POC: Steve

Schulz 301-365-0291

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 301-926-0465

Astronomy Club & Range

Orientation POC: Steve Lefebvre

301-428-9400,

lefebvre01@earthlink.net

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

Piateski 301-253-4486 or Jeffrey

Deschamps 301-604-3736

River Clean-up and Adopt A-Road

POC: Michelle Chesnut 301-831-

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Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow

Terry Springer 301-428-0216

Hunter Safety POC: Mac McCollum

301-854-3707

SKEET & TRAP RANGE

OFFICERS:

MAY 2004

Sat 5/1 Robert & Vivian
MacLoed, John & Rebecca Henrich

Sun 5/2 Steve Hunt, Ronnie
Gravitt, Shep Burton, Debbie Maxey

Sat 5/8 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 5/9 Robert Case, Tyler
Watson, Kevin O'Neill

Sat 5/15 Tony Evans, Mike
Bowen, Robert Taylor

Sun 5/16 Dave Gold, Peter
Currall, Ira Wein

Sat 5/22 Richard Zabell, Charles
Weaver

Sun 5/23 Robert Jeffery, Joel
Gross

Sat 5/29 Paul Fisher, Bill Rahn

Sun 5/30 Frank Saenz, Rob Van
Tassel

JUNE 2004

Sat 6/5 Robert & Vivian
MacLoed, John & Rebecca Henrich

Sun 6/6 Steve Hunt, Ronnie
Gravitt, Debbie Maxey, Shep Burton

Sat 6/12 Richard Zabell,
Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 6/13 Robert Case, Robert
Jeffery, Joel Gross

Sat 6/19 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 6/20 Ira Wein, Peter
Currall, Dave Gold

Sat 6/26 **Ranges closed due to
Thunder Valley Days**

Sun 6/27 Frank Saenz, Rob Van
Tassel, Tyler Watson

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@aol.com or telephone **301-926-0465**. If you can't reach **Ray**, try **Tom Riley** by e-mail to tejas1@bellatlantic.net or telephone **301-774-7426** (before 6 PM, please).

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle/pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box which contains the range sign-in register. **For May 2004, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

YOUR MOTHER DOESN'T LIVE HERE: Okay, I admit it's a trite phrase, but I think you get the point. You are expected to pick up after yourself on the WAC ranges. Someone has to deal with all the empty cartridge cases ejected from your firearm, and that someone should be you. Yes, if we have a large number of volunteers working on a site maintenance day, we sometimes assign someone to rake or sweep up empty cartridges, but we often have more pressing projects to complete. There are brooms, rakes and dustpans available on the ranges. Please use them, and help to keep our ranges clean and pleasant places where you would not hesitate to bring your mother to visit or shoot.

MAY 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, May 30**. 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. **If you joined after August 31, 2003, 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.

CAS SETUP (April 23): **Martin Blake, Michelle Chesnut, Chuck Crooks, Greg Dilla, Doug Greenfield, Stein Johansen, Chuck Limparis, Richard Marler and Ray Shaver.**

CAS TEARDOWN (April 24):
Neil Benson, Doug Hutchison,
Chuck Limparis, Nick Limparis,
Richard Rankin, Jose Scoseria,
Andy Scott and Ray Shaver.

**SITE MAINTENANCE & TREE
PLANTING (April 25):** Ron
Benden, Charles Celeste, Meo
Curtis, Craig de Leon, Jeff
Deschamps, Wil Desjardins, Pete
Doubroff, Eddie Doyle, Bill
Gazdik, Bryan Haddix, Chuck
Kitley, Chuck Limparis, D. J.
Mandeville, Michael Opiela, Chris
Parios, Jim Piateski, Sam
Pucciarelli, Tom Riley, Phil
Schrider, Ray Shaver, Brianna
Sirkis, Jerry Sirkis, Andy
Varshine, Jeff Rochel, Josh Rochel,
John Walter and Steve Ward.

**RANGE ORIENTATION (April
25):** Bud Bell and Ray G. Logan.

NEW MEMBERS

Kurt Berkebile, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Wayne Berkebile

Mike Crowley, Rockville, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Jonathan R. Green, Gaithersburg,
MD
Sponsor: Michael Wahl

Donald R. Hartman, Jr., Poolesville,
MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Paul Leggett, Jr., Rockville, MD
Sponsor: Paul Kellerman

Rodney P. Lewis, Edgewater, MD
Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Harold L. Schlosser, Silver Spring,
MD
Sponsor: Jim Fedis

Mark J. Silverman, Chevy Chase,
MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

ADOPT-A-ROAD***

We raised another \$100.00 from our
recycling efforts. Thanks for

contributing your aluminum cans and
scrap aluminum, brass and copper.
Please remember that we do not want
any plastic or glass recycling mixed
in; recycle those through your
counties recycling program.
The next adopt-a-road is on Sunday,
June 13 at 9:00 a.m. Come help
clean-up Mullinix Mill from the river
crossing to Rt 108. This counts as a
conservation work credit for all you
new members. See you there!

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Repair work has been completed on
our chapter's rain garden. The garden
and a rain barrel are located near the
shot gun range house and are
examples of projects that could be
done in your own backyard to control
runoff. If you are interested in these
projects contact Meo Curtis
(meosotis@hotmail.com) or Jeff
Deschamps
(deschamps@nrl.navy.mil) and they
can give you details on how you
could get started on your own project.

Fly Fishing Talk

Norma Kawecki, a chapter member
and former President of Chesapeake
Women Anglers, will give a
demonstration on casting before
dinner at the June 23 membership
meeting. After dinner she will give
an introduction to fly fishing.

Paddling the Patuxent

THE 17th ANNUAL BERNIE
FOWLER WADE-IN is Sunday, June
13, at Broomes Island, in Calvert
County. Enjoy the views and
tranquility of one of Maryland's most
beautiful rivers by paddling across
from Greenwell State Park in St.
Mary's County (about a 1 to 1.5 hour
paddle). At 2 p.m., join hands and
wade out at Broomes Island in
Calvert County as part of the
continuing success story in water
quality and living resources
protection for the Patuxent that began
with Senator Fowler. Contact Meo
Curtis (meosotis@hotmail.com) at
301-604-3736 for more information.

*The Honorable C. Bernard Fowler,
past Senator from Calvert County
Maryland and long-time Chair of the
Patuxent River Commission, has had
a long and distinguished career in
preventing the continued degradation
of the Patuxent River and the flow of
polluted waters into the Chesapeake
Bay. He has long advocated having a
personal connection to the
environment, having been a
waterman on the Patuxent River
before he entered local politics and
became a Calvert County
Commissioner. He developed his own
personal tracking mechanism for the
success of pollution reduction
strategies in the Patuxent River, the
so-called "Bernie Fowler Sneaker
Index", which has been used by the
USEPA as a national example. The
Sneaker Index is equal to the depth of
water at which Senator Fowler loses
sight of his feet when he wades into
the Patuxent River. The clearer the
water, the less suspended materials
and associated pollutants are present,
and the higher the index. The goal is
57". The lowest value was 8" in 1989
and the highest was 44.5" in 1997. In
2003, there was a significant dip to
24.5" but this was attributed to all of
the rain we had. Governor Ehrlich
has scheduled a repeat appearance
for this year's Patuxent wade-in.*

Shotgun Range News

Breakin' Clay to Save The Bay Fun
Shoot Saturday, June 12, 2004 10am
IWLA Wildlife Achievement
Chapter, Damascus, MD

A \$20 Entry provides 3 rounds (75
targets) of skeet and or trap, an event
T-shirt, and lunch. Prizes are for
High-Over-All, and 3 Lewis Class.
Lewis Class allows shooters of all
skill levels to win. This is a fun
shoot!

All proceeds benefit the Chesapeake
Bay Foundation, Save the Bay
program.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Cowboy Shooter Wayne Fletcher, aka "Train Robber" for donating the money to purchase cowboy train targets. We now have an engine, a caboose and three cars, as targets for our next match.

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

The SASS Maryland State Championship, Thunder Valley Days, is one of our biggest fundraisers. The event is scheduled for June 24, 25 and 26, it is rapidly approaching. We need a lot of Ike volunteers to help with this project. Please select an area where you can put in a few hours and contact the chairperson for that function. Food preparation help for lunch on June 24, 25, 26 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 25th. Contact Mac McCollum (osngmc@erols.com) 301-854-3707 on the kitchen end of things.

Match set-up on June 23rd. 10:00 AM for most of the day. Contact Chuck Crooks (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) 301-831-9666.

Parking on the June 24th, 25th and 26th mostly in the AM between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Visitor parking help needed throughout the day on the 24th and 25th. Contact Tom Riley (tejas1@bellatlantic.net) 301-774-7426.

Target swap on June 25th at approximately 4:00 PM for about 1 ½ hours. Contact Chuck Crooks (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) 301-831-9666.

Match teardown on June 26th at approximately 3:30 PM for 2 hours. Contact Ray Shaver (mrshaver@aol.com) 301-926-0465.

Shuttle Drivers on June 24, 25, 26th are needed throughout the day, beginning at 10:00 AM on the 24th, 7:00 AM on the 25th and 26th,

finished by 5:00 PM. Contact Rich Fried (tanricfried@aol.com) 301-253-2789.

First Aid Station help on the 25th and 26th. Contact Chuck Crooks (WildlifeRangers@aol.com) 301-831-9666.

Water Jugs on June 24th, 25th and 26th. Set-up in AM, get ice and replenish each morning. Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572.

Roaming Safety Officer (for checking visitor ear and eye protection). Help is needed all day Friday and Saturday. Contact Ray "Old Boz" Shaver (mrshaver@aol.com) 301-926-0465.

Vendor set-up contact Dave Gold (ddgold@frontiernet.net) 304-876-0933. Help is needed most of the day Wednesday 23rd. and for a couple of hours on Thursday morning the 24th.

Side Matches (Cowboy Volunteers) Speed Pistol/Derringer/Pocket Pistol. Please contact Trapdoor Dave (ddgold@frontiernet.net) 304-876-0933.

Speed Shotgun please contact Jingles Jerr (junglesjerr@aol.com) 410-833-3430 or Meteu (terryls@juno.com) 301-428-0196 (work).

Cowboy Shotgun Clays (single and 3 person teams) please contact Judge RC Colt (rmj@bmjd.com) 301-340-0047.

Speed Rifle please contact Humphery Hook (dupond@attglobal.net) 703-425-1387.

All Long Range Rifle please contact Cash Caldwell (caldwell5505@outdrs.net) 301-898-7566.

AIRGUN SHOW

The annual **Mid-Atlantic Airgun Show** will be held at the Chapter House on **Saturday, August 14, 2004**, from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM. There will be two floors of airguns,

airgun equipment and related items for sale. There will also be several outdoor air rifle and air pistol shooting ranges in operation. Please plan to attend this event. We will need volunteers to help set up tables and the outdoor ranges on Friday afternoon, August 13, and can also use help during the day on Saturday. Contact Phil Dean (301) 865-8202 if you can help. Thanks.

DARC REPORT

On 17 April 2004, we hosted the NRA Indoor 3P Junior Sectional at Seneca Valley High School. The match was attended by 52 competitors. The field was almost equally distributed between precision and sporter shooters. We held the match at the Seneca Valley as it allowed us to setup 20 firing lanes which permitted us complete the match in a single day using only three relays. Last year, the match was held at the IWLA and it took four days.

Our Precision Air Rifle Team, consisting of Neil Heckman, Dan Reed, Aleem Sheikh, and Nick Limparis came in second place. Daniel Peterson took the first place Junior medal and Dan Reed earned 3rd place intermediate Junior in individual precision competition. First place went to the ACORNS whose members are all Master Classified shooters.

On 24 April 2004, we had twelve juniors shooters attended the 17th Annual Shoulder to Shoulder Match at Gaithersburg High School. There were a total of 10 teams and 48 individual competitors in this match. Our lead team (Ian Duncan, David Carr, Azeem Sheikh, and Zach Keyser) finished in second place overall.

In "Junior" category (for this match age 13 and under) David Carr captured first place prone, first place kneeling, first place standing and first place overall. Tyler Watson captured

Second place overall junior and Zach Keyser captured third place overall. Ian Duncan captured third place Kneeling and third place overall among the older and larger group of competitors.

On 29 May 2004, our Precision Team will be going to their first ever rim fire match, the Maryland State Championship, which will be held in Marriottsville, Maryland.

Finally, in July, our Precision Team will be attending the USA Shooting Junior Olympic National Match to be held in Kentucky. As a fund raiser to help defray the costs of travel and lodging, we are holding a raffle for a new Marlin 1894C Cowboy Lever Action Rifle with the winner having the choice of caliber or a cash award of \$500.00. We will be selling a total of 400 tickets at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Tickets will go on sale starting in May and will be available at the board meeting, the dinner meetings, at the Cowboy Action Matches, and at other events as possible.

IRON CHEF NEEDS HELP

Iron Chef Mac McCollum has requested help from the general membership for kitchen staff support during Thunder Valley Days. TVD runs for three days and feeds many a hungry cowpoke. You know after a long hard day on the trail cowpokes can get mighty hungry and just a bit edgy when it comes chow time. Make a special effort to help out this year. Having participated for the past two years, I can assure you that it's more fun than you can imagine. Give Iron Chef Mac a call and volunteer your services, enjoy the comradery of working alongside a fellow or a Lady Ike.

PARKING HELP NEEDED

Former NASCAR driver (retired MCP Officer) Rich Fried has requested additional support on his Pit Crew, during Thunder Valley

Days. Rich needs several substitute truck drivers, parking attendants and of course the ever popular position of gofer. Give Rich a call and sign on for a day of fun with more of your fellow and Lady Ike's.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It's just an observation but one that's as plain as the nose on our faces. For all that the IWLA WAC stands for and all the good it does, it is only due to the wonderful, kind, giving folks that call themselves **Ike's**. Please continue to support "your chapter". You are the reason things get done.