



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter October 2004

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OCTOBER 2004 CALENDAR

Sat 16, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Contact Jesse Lim 301-540-0860 (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)
Sat 16, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM - Contact Bob Inness 301-340-9185 (Covered pistol range closed during event)
Sat 16, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 17, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 18, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 19, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 20, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Wed 20, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 21, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 22, Hunter Safety, Day 1, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 22, *Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM (Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed)**
Sat 23, *Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 to 4:00 PM (Tear down approx 3:30 PM) (Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed)**
Sat 23, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sat 23, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 24, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 25, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 26, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 27, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM
Wed 27, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Wed 27, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 28, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 29, Hunter Safety, Day 2, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 30, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event)
Sat 30, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM (All ranges closed until 1:00 PM)
Sat 30, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 30, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sun 31, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 31, *Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM (Ranges closed) until 1:00 PM - Contact Ray Shaver Or Tom Riley 301-774-7426 (Before 6:00 PM)**
Sun 31, *Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM (Ranges closed) until 1:00 PM**
Sun 31, *Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572**
Sun 31, Club and Range

Orientation 10:00 AM - Contact Ray Logan or Barry Ephraim

NOVEMBER 2004 CALENDAR

Mon 1, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 2, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Tue 2, Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
Wed 3, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM
Wed 3, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 4, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 6, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Contact Joe McDaniel or Tim Berlett
Sat 6, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sat 6, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 7, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 7, Public Hunter Sight In/Qualification Day On Rifle Range 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM - Contact Ray Shaver
Mon 8, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 9, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 10, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 11, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 12, Hunter Safety, Day 1,
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 13, Practical Defense Match
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Contact
Jesse Lim 301-540-0860

**(Uncovered pistol range closed
during event)**

Sat 13, * Adopt-A-Road** 9:00
AM - Contact Michelle Chesnut
301-831-0237

Sat 13, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to
5:00 PM

Sat 13, Junior Airgun Practice
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sun 14, Skeet & Trap 12:00
Noon to 5:00 PM

Mon 15, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to
9:00 PM

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

CALENDAR EVENT POC's:

Skeet & Trap POC: Bob
Cumberland 301-253-1348

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:
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

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 Piatetski 301-253-4486 or
Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736
**Fall Clean-up and Adopt A-
Road POC:** Michelle Chesnut
301-831-0237

smc_geek@msn.com

Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow
Terry Springer 301-428-0216

Hunter Safety POC: Mac
McCollum 301-253-2384

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
MRSshaver@msn.com or
telephone **301-598-4163**. 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 October 2004, starting time
is 10 AM daily and ending time
is 6:30 PM, unless some activity
has preempted the range.**

**HUNTER SIGHT-
IN/QUALIFICATION DAYS:**
This year we are combining our
annual hunter sight-in day with
qualification events for persons
seeking a Maryland State Shooter
Qualification Card for shotgun
(slugs) and/or muzzleloader
hunting. **The second and last
hunter sight-in/qualification
event will be held on November
7 from 9:30 to 3:00 on the rifle
range.** This event is open to all
prospective hunters for a fee of \$5
per each type of qualification
attempted. There will also be a

separate charge of \$5 for non-
members of the WAC who wish to
sight-in their firearms prior to
attempting qualification. We do
not plan to close the range for this
event. Instead, we will reserve
five shooting benches for working
with prospective hunters, and will
make every attempt to
accommodate use of the range for
general shooting by WAC
members. **Ray Shaver and Tom
Riley are seeking volunteers to
work one on one with
prospective hunters during this
event.**

RAPID FIRE: Sure, we know
that it's fun to occasionally shoot a
firearm as fast as you can pull the
trigger. But, please remember
that, even when you are alone on
the range, we have neighbors and
they are definitely sensitive to the
sound coming from our ranges,
especially "rapid fire." We have
been working hard over the past
five years to develop a good
working relationship with our
neighbors, following a formal
noise complaint which they made
to the county. Although sound
measurements show we are within
legal limits, the county
government takes any complaints
very seriously and keeping the
ranges open can become both
difficult and expensive. Since
rapid fire shooting remains
controversial and we don't have a
rule forbidding it on the rifle and
pistol ranges, we depend upon our
members to be sensitive to this
issue. If each shot you fire is truly
aimed, you are probably firing at a
reasonable speed. If you are still
firing as fast as you can pull the
trigger, maybe the target is too
close. If someone asks you to
slow down, please do so without

an argument. **Slower shooting is better than no shooting at all.**

OCTOBER 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, October 31.** 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.

SKEET/TRAP DRAINAGE WORK (Sept. 4): **Bob Cumberland and Paul Scholl.**

HUNTER SIGHT-

IN/QUALIFICATION (Sept. 19): **George E. Dennis, Jeffry Geyer, Robert Griffin, Norma Kawecki, Dave Kossuth, Jesse Lim, Raymond G. Logan, Bill McGuffin, Ray Shaver and John Walter.**

CAS SET UP (Sept. 24): **Chuck Crooks, Chris Lash, Chuck Limparis, Rich Rankin and Mike Sage.**

CAS TEAR DOWN (Sept. 25): **Greg Christensen, Chris Donals, Chuck Limparis, Nick**

Limparis, Brian Martin, Marwin Nielson, Rich Rankin, Ray Shaver and Ron Thompson.

SITE MAINTENANCE (Sept. 26):

Brian Baldwin, Chuck Crooks, Jules Korner, Chuck Limparis, James Massingill, Brandon McCrary, Robert McCrary, Jeff Rachel, Tom Riley, Alan Roebuck, Ray Shaver and Paul Vitek.

RANGE ORIENTATION (Sept. 26):

Barry Ephraim, Lou Ferguson, Rex Gori, Ray G. Logan and Bruce Roth.

WILD GAME

DINNER & AUCTION

Wild Game Dinner tickets are now on sale. Tickets will remain on sale at each General Membership Meeting, through December. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door on the night of the dinner.

Items for auction may be brought to the Chapter House. If you wish a tax slip for your donation please let us know so we can provide one to you.

SKEET & TRAP RANGE

OFFICERS:

OCTOBER 2004

Sat 10/2 Vivian & Robert MacLeod

Sun 10/3 Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt, Paul Truska

Sat 10/9 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 10/10 Joel Gross, Robert Jeffery, Kevin O'Neill

Sat 10/16 Tony Evans, Charles Weaver, Mike Bowen

Sun 10/17 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira Wein

Sat 10/23 Richard Zabell, Robert Taylor

Sun 10.24 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz

Sat 10/30 Paul Fisher, Bill Rahn, Lew Allnutt

Sun 10/31 Randy Stewart, Robert Case

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Sat 11/6 Robert & Vivan MacLeod, Bill Rahn

Sun 11/7 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Paul Truska

Sat 11/13 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 11/14 Robert Jeffery, Joel Gross, Kevin O'Neill

Sat 11/20 Tony Evans, Mike Bowen, Charlie Weaver

Sun 11/21 Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Dave Gold

Sat 11/27 Richard Zabell, Robert Taylor, Paul Fisher, Lew Allnutt

Sun 11/28 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassel, Robert Case, Randy Stewart

.22 Rimfire Shooters

Coming up on Saturday Dec 4th A Fun Shoot. Bring loads of .22s Taking place on the Rifle Range 9:30AM-2:00PM. No need to sign in the gate will be open. For information contact Tom Riley At tejas1@bellatlantic.net or call 301.774.7426

CONSERVATION REPORT

The conservation committee sponsored a Well and Septic workshop on Tuesday September 21. There were over 50 attendees and about half of these were not chapter members. What this meant was that we were able educate not only chapter members, but the local community as well! The presentation by Tom Miller (our invited speaker) was both entertaining and informative. Many people believe that what they do will not have any effect on their well water since the well is

so deep. This can't be further from the truth. One especially memorable example Tom gave was of a farmer that had oil in his well water. When Tom examined the well he found that the well-head had been hit by vehicles on more than one occasion and the ground around the well was saturated with oil. Everyone that attended the workshop now knows the importance of the 'seal' around the well-head and that improper grading can allow surface contaminants to be injected into the well. This workshop was a success thanks to the people that help to organize it, especially Meo Curtis and Bill Kelly.

HUNTER SAFETY

Hunter Safety will be held on 22, 29 and 30 October. Also classes are scheduled for 12, 19 and 20 November. For information please call 301-253-2384 and follow phone instructions. All ranges are **CLOSED** until 1:00 PM for the classes on the 30th of October and 20th of November.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

There will be a meeting of anyone interested in organizing an Astronomy Club immediately after the general membership dinner meeting on October 27, 2004. The meeting will be downstairs in the club house and will take no more than thirty minutes. The agenda will include organization issues and future plans for the Astronomy Club. Anyone who is interested but who cannot make it to the meeting can email me at lefevre01@earthlink.net and I will include them on the email

correspondence list concerning the Astronomy Club.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Whoops!

The newsletter indicates :

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Our major Fall Adopt-a-Road campaign will be on 6 November. We will be handing out "Free T-shirts" and providing lunch to all of our dedicated volunteers. Make plans to attend this activity.....

The Web Site Calendar

November 2004 indicates: Sat 13, Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM - Contact Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237

We will be cleaning on Sat. Nov. 13.

THANK YOU BOD and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Thanks to the BOD and Committee Chairs for the timely responses, with articles for the Newsletter. Your timeliness has made the past year a pleasure putting the paper together. Thanks! Conley

2005 Dues

As stated in last months newsletter, there will be a dues increase of \$10 for 2005. This means that a regular member will owe \$110 for next year. This entire increase is going to the National Office as approved in their yearly meeting. Due to a change in procedures by the IWLA National Office, bills will not be available to be mailed out until late October. It will also take us several weeks to get your membership card back from them, affix your "Range Approved" sticker, and mail it out to you.

Due to this extra time delay that we have not had in the past, GET YOUR PAYMENT IN EARLY. We will make every effort to get the card to you as soon as possible. Don't wait until the week before it expires (December 31) and wonder where your new card is.

A VIEW FROM THE TOOL SHED

Fellow IKE's,

Starting with this months newsletter, I am going to attempt to generate a short article that outlines the maintenance day projects that we will be performing on maintenance day later that month. Hopefully, by informing the membership in advance of what activities we will be doing, members will be better able to match their specific skills and interests with these projects and we will be able to increase our attendance during these activities. Remember, this is your club and although there is presently a work day requirement only during your first year your continued participation at these events not only helps to improve the club and it's grounds, but it also helps to keep our costs down that in turn will keep your membership dues low. Besides, it's a great way to meet friends you didn't even know you had! I hope to see you there!

This month, in addition to our regular duties, we will be focusing on Christmas Tree maintenance. With our final grass cut of the year happening this month, it is way past time to dig our baby trees out of the weeds. Some of them are buried so deep, I am surprised that they are still growing. I am hoping to get 25-30 volunteers to sign up

to help weed around the trees and help get them ready for winter. No experience is required, someone will be there to show you what to do, and what not to do. This is a great way to come out and help the club and it also counts as a Conservation activity for those of you first year members that still need one.

This month also starts our firewood cutting season. Our supply from last year is basically gone and we need to cut enough wood to keep the Junior Air Rifle boys and girls from freezing this winter. We have a hydraulic log splitter in the tool shed but we could use a few chain saws. We will need 6-8 people for this activity. If you have one and would like to help out, please sign up and come on down. This activity also counts as a Conservation activity.

To sign up for either of these two activities, just send an email to me at CMLimparis@Compuserve.Com. If neither of these two activities are your cup of tea, there are many, many other projects that we need to perform so come on out anyway and we will be sure to find a project just for you.

Maintenance Day this month is on 31 October 2004, from approximately 10:00am - 1:00pm. Meet me at the tool shed.

OCTOBER NEW MEMBERS

George Bamaj, Silver Spring, MD

Sponsor: James Shackett

Michael Creighton, Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Chris Pucciarelli

John Fato, Jr., Damascus, MD

Sponsor: Bob Schneider

Stephen Ferro, Laytonsville, MD

Sponsor: Joe Gick

Earl Golden, Damascus, MD

Sponsor: Joe Gick

James Heckman, Woodbine, MD

Sponsor: Bob Inness

Chris Music, Rockville, MD

Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Peter Rogers, Brookeville, MD

Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Mathew Stortz, Brunswick, MD

Sponsor: Tom Ouellette

Donald Thompson, Silver Spring, MD

Sponsor: Joe Gick