



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter November 2004

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NOVEMBER 2004 CALENDAR

Fri 12, Hunter Safety, Day 1, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Contact Mac McCollum 301-253-2384
Sat 13, Practical Defense Match 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (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
Tue 16, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 17, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM
Wed 17, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 18, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 19, Hunter Safety, Day 2, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Contact Mac McCollum 301-253-2384
Sat 20, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM (All ranges closed until 1:00 PM) - Contact Mac McCollum 301-253-2384
Sat 20, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 20, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sun 21, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Mon 22, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 23, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 24, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 25, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 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
Sat 27, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 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 - Contact Ray Logan or Barry Ephraim
Mon 29, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 30, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

DECEMBER 2004 CALENDAR

Wed 1, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM
Wed 1, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 2, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 3, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. at the Shotgun Range House
Sat 4, .22 Fun Shoot, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM (Rifle Range Closed During Event) - Contact Tom Riley 301-774-7426
Sat 4, ***Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Sat 4, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 4, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sun 5, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 5, ***Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Mon 6, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 7, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Tue 7, ***Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
Wed 8, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 9, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 11, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sat 11, ***Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Sat 11, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 11, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)
Sun 12, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 12, ***Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Mon 13, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 14, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 15, Membership Meeting & Holiday Party 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM
Wed 15, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 16, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 18, ***Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572
Sat 18, Junior Airgun Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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

CALENDAR EVENT POC's:

Skeet & Trap POC: Acting: 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: 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 Piateski 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 MRShaver@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 November 2004, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 5:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Although the access control system records the names of those who use their keycards to pass through the range road gate, WAC Range Rules still require you to sign the range register before going to and after leaving the rifle, pistol and airgun ranges. Also, the name of each guest who accompanies you to the ranges must be entered on a separate line below your name and identified as a guest by means of a check mark in the "guest" column. Failure to enter this information on the range register is considered a violation of the range rules and can lead to suspension of your range-approved status.

EXITING THE RANGE ROAD:

Recently, the upper end of the range road, by the exit reader, has been grooved deeply by vehicles spinning their wheels. There is no reason to rush through the gate. After being triggered by a keycard, the gate will remain open until a vehicle passes through. Please help us reduce the need for range road maintenance by being very light-footed as you leave the exit reader. If you can't avoid spinning, please let your vehicle roll backward a bit so any damage is done further down the hill.

NOVEMBER 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, November 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.

CAS SET UP (Oct. 22): Carl Baker, Chuck Crooks, J. D. Dillon, Greg Gallo, Chuck Limparis, Ralph Roderick, Mike Sage and Ray Shaver.

CAS TEAR DOWN (Oct. 23): Chuck Limparis, Richard Marler, Kinzo

Mihara, Ralph Roderick, Mike Sage, Ray Shaver, Jim Sutphin and Frank Wood.

KITCHEN (Oct. 27): George Silva and Jim Holsinger.

SITE MAINTENANCE (Oct. 31):

Troy Agnew, Brian Baldwin, Kurt Berkebile, Wayne Berkebile, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, Joseph Gentile, Doug Griggs, Rhonda Jo Herbert, Jules Korner, Karl Krchma, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Angelo Mangano Jr., Matthew McConnell, G. Edward Miller, John Miller, Mike O'Connor, Andrew Opiela, Michael Opiela, Steven Pantuso, Jim Piateski, Tom Riley, J. P. Scoseria, Richard Shapiro and Ray Shaver.

RANGE ORIENTATION (Oct. 31):

Lou Ferguson, Rex Gori and Ray G. Logan.

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: NOVEMBER 2004

Sat 11/6 Vivian & Robert MacLeod, Bill Rahn
Sun 11/7 Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt, Paul Truska
Sat 11/13 "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 11/14 Joel Gross, Robert Jeffery, Kevin O'Neill
Sat 11/20 Tony Evans, Charles Weaver, Mike Bowen
Sun 11/21 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira Wein
Sat 11/27 Richard Zabell, Robert Taylor, Paul Fisher, Lew Allnutt
Sun 11/28 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz, Robert Case, Randy Stewart

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Sat 12/4 Robert & Vivan
MacLeod, Robert Taylor, Richard
Zabell

Sun 12/5 Randy Stewart, Paul &
Jake Truska

Sat 12/11 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 12/12 Robert Jeffery, Joel
Gross, Kevin O'Neill

Sat 12/18 Tony Evans, Mike
Bowen, Charlie Weaver, Lew Allnutt

Sun 12/19 Peter Currall, Ira Wein,
Dave Gold

Sat 12/25 Merry Christmas to
ALL (Ranges Closed)

Sun 12/26 Frank Saenz, Rob Van
Tassel, Robert Case

CONSERVATION REPORT

Our chapter has been very active in conservation over the past year. We are now getting into weather that limits what we can do outside. This gives us time to plan for next year. Those of you that were at the October member meeting have already heard the long list of activities we have planned or are planning. Based on the success of this year's Nestbox and Rain Barrel Workshops we will hold these again in February and March of 2005. Our annual Watershed Clean Up will be in April. We will also be re-planting some of our Elms in late April. A new event will be a Fishing Derby for kids in May of 2005. We will hold another Conservation Field Trip (this year we went to Solomon's Island and took a bay trip on the *Tennison*). I also reported that the committee was considering bringing in speakers on butterflies and snakeheads. I'm happy to report that we have already located a speaker on butterflies and hope to have them at the chapter before the end of the year. These are only some of the events already planned for 2005. We have a lot going on and can use your help. If you are interested in any of these events and would like to help out please contact Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) for more information.

HUNTER SAFETY

Hunter Safety will be held on 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 20th of November.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Our major Fall Adopt-a-Road campaign will be on 13 November. We will be handing out "Free T-shirts" and providing lunch to all of our dedicated volunteers. Make plans to attend this activity, Sat 13, Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM - Contact Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237

2005 Dues

Bills for your 2005 membership have been mailed. You should have received it by the time you are reading this Newsletter. As mentioned in the last newsletter, there is an extended time from when we receive your payment and when you receive your new 2005 card. You will "not" receive this card until the second half of December. If you get your payment in before December 31, 2004, I promise that you will not miss any range privileges. If your payment comes in after this, it may take several weeks to get your 2005 card. If you are more than 30 days late on your payment, an additional \$40.00 late fee will also be due.

GET YOUR PAYMENT IN EARLY.

Joe Gick, Membership Secretary

NOTE TO BOD MEMBERS

BOD Members don't forget to get your calendar events to Mac, for inclusion in the January Newsletter. With the Holiday's creeping upon us it's easy to forget. Thanks, Jim.

A VIEW FROM THE TOOL SHED

Fellow IKE's,

Thanks to all of the IKE's that made it to the work day last month. We had a pretty good turn out and got quite a bit done on the Christmas trees and we also got a significant amount of fire wood cut.

This month, continues our firewood cutting efforts. We managed to get about half of the three large oak trees that had fallen in the woods pulled out and about half of that split. I am hoping that we can get another good turn out for this project so we can get the rest of the trees pulled out of the woods and split. I am hoping

to get 6-10 people for this activity. We have a hydraulic log splitter in the tool shed but we could use a good chainsaw for this project as the little one we have at the club was totally outclassed by those mighty oak trees. If you have one and would be willing to help, please let me know. This activity will count towards filling your required Conservation project.

We have probably finished with cutting for the season (THANK GOODNESS!) but we still have some final cleanup work on the Christmas Trees prior to the sales season. We will be shaping some of the younger trees and there is still some weeding to be done around some of the trees too. We could use 10 - 15 people for this effort and if you have a weed whacker you would like to bring, it will certainly be appreciated. As always, no experience is required. One of our many conservation guru's 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.

The last of the highlighted projects for this month will be to try to finish weeding around the Leyland Cypress trees by the shotgun range. We have had two previous teams attack this project this past year and through their hard work we have managed to clear about two thirds of the weeds. If we can get 4 people for this project we should be able to complete the first pass. This also will count as a Conservation Project.

To sign up for any of these activities, just send me an email to CMLimparis@CompuServe.Com. If none of these activities are your cup of tea, there are many, many other projects that we need your help with so come on out anyway and we will be sure to find a project just for you.

Maintenance Day this month is on 28 November 2004, from approximately 10:00am - 1:00pm. Meet me at the tool shed.

R.O. THANKS

Wednesday Range Officer Bob Woodward receives a Special Thanks for cutting and splitting the majority of a pickup load of wood, for the Range House. Thanks Bob!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sometimes in our daily life we somehow forget about our fellow man, in our rush to succeed in our own lives. I'm sure we have more than these two members that are seriously ill but please remember Bob Cumberland and Bill Douwes, as they battle illnesses that bear serious consequences.

SPECIAL THANKS

The Chapter would like to give a Special Thank You to Range Officer Rob Van Tassel for donating about two cords of fire wood to the Skeet Range House. Also a Special Thanks to Range Officer Frank Saenz for providing a truck for the wood delivery. Also thanks to both for stacking the wood and also providing another stand to hold the wood.

MY TWO BITS

(By: Richard Phelan)

Have you ever checked the files that load at the startup (go to start, then click run, then enter msconfig into the window,

then select the startup tab)? If you are like me, most of the programs listed are a mystery. Here are a few links to make identification easier:

Program executable file list:
[http://www.lafn.org/webconnect/mentor/s
tartup/PENIDEX.HTM](http://www.lafn.org/webconnect/mentor/startup/PENIDEX.HTM)

PC Magazine list:
[http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,4149,6
54619,00.asp](http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,4149,654619,00.asp)

Annoyances.org:
<http://www.annoyances.org/>

A word of caution though: If you are not absolutely sure if you need a program at startup, LEAVE IT ALONE. It is better to leave it alone than to risk possible problems with your computer.

In other news, Google has released a desktop search engine for free which makes searching your files and email a breeze. I am using it, and so far it is great. You can get it at: Google labs:
<http://labs.google.com/>

NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS

Dwight Chamberlain, Laytonsville, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Evan Cohen, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Bob Schneider
Peter Cordaro, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Thomas Gleason, Monrovia, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks
Serzei Kelch, Catonsville, MD
Sponsor: Tony Evans
Michael Tokar, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: David Pstrak
Frank Wood, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks
Jerry Wymer, Brookeville, MD
Sponsor: Bill Rahn