



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter December 2004

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DECEMBER 2004 CALENDAR

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

Sun 19, *Christmas Tree Sales 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572**

Sun 19, Skeet & Trap 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Mon 20, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 21, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 22, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 23, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 25, CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL CLUB RANGES ARE CLOSED

Sun 26, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 26, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

Sun 26, *Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

Sun 26, *Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

Sun 26, *Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572**

Tue 28, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 29, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 30, Junior Airgun Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 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: 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 301-926-0465

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 Piatieski 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

December 2004, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 4:30 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range.

KEEPING UP WITH THE

TIMES: Item seven in the "Firearms" section of the rifle/pistol range rules reads as follows: ".22 caliber rimfire rifles and air pellet guns are permitted on the pistol ranges." Does that mean a .17 caliber rimfire rifle must be shot only on the rifle range? The answer is "no." Modern rimfire rifles in small calibers are permitted on the pistol range because they are relatively quiet to shoot and frequently shot at short distances such as 50 feet. The problem is, of course, that we didn't anticipate a new rimfire caliber when the rule was written. It results from trying to be specific on details such as caliber. Modifying the rules is a time-consuming and costly process which we do as infrequently as possible. Until the rules are republished, please read item seven as "Rimfire rifles and air pellet guns are permitted on the pistol ranges."

RANGE ROAD CLOSURES:

Winter arrives officially on December 22, and with it comes the likelihood of snow and ice accumulation on the rifle/pistol range road. If the road becomes impassable or overly soft due to heavy precipitation, it may be closed even though the ranges remain open for use. In such cases, a sign explaining the closure will be posted at the box containing the range sign-in register, and the gate will be locked closed. Please watch for and comply with such notices. If the sign indicates that the road is closed but the ranges are open, you may walk to the ranges. However, even if you have an off-the-road vehicle that might make it through snow-covered fields, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE TO THE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES WHEN THE RANGE ROAD IS CLOSED!**

NOT CLOSED, BUT

IMPASSABLE: We are not necessarily quick or correct in judging the condition of the range road in bad weather. Please understand that an opening gate doesn't guarantee the range road is passable. That means you need to take a close look at the road before driving down to the ranges when the ground is snow covered, icy or especially soggy. Don't drive down if you think your vehicle will be unable to continue up the road after you stop at the exit card reader.

DECEMBER 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, December 19. 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.

HUNTER SIGHT-IN &

QUALIFICATION (Nov. 7): Andrew Cooke, James Fort, Robert Griffin, Geoff Hornseth, Dave Kossuth, Larry Lippman, Ray G. Logan, Dennis Price, Tom Riley, J.P. Scoseria, Ray Shaver, Joe Spence and John Walter. The above crew qualified 64 prospective shotgun hunters, 4 muzzleloader hunters and one in rifle as well as providing sight-in assistance to several shooters. Fees

from the event earned \$400 for the Wildlife Achievement Chapter.

DINNER MEETING (Nov. 17): Kurt Burkebile, Chuck Crooks, Rich Fried, Rob Hallin, Merry Klinefelter, Ken Lefebvre, Carl Rattay and Greg Talamini.

CAS SET UP (Nov. 26): Neil Benson, Greg Christensen, Chuck Crooks, Doug Greenfield, Doug Hutchison, Stein Johansen, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Alex Limparis, Nick Limparis, Kinzo Mihara, Mike Sage and Paul E Slaughter.

CAS TEAR DOWN (Nov. 27): C.W. Baker, Chuck Limparis and Jim Sutphin.

SITE MAINTENANCE (Nov. 28): Andrew Blate, R.G. Christensen, John W. Diehl, Pete Doubroff, Tom Dunlap, Saul Honigsberg, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Debbie Maxey, Adol Owen-Williams, Jeffrey M. Powell, Alan Pressman, Tom Riley, Craig Schneibolk, Peter Sittner and Dallas Subock.

RANGE ORIENTATION (Nov. 28): Ray G. Logan.

WILD GAME **DINNER & AUCTION**

Wild Game Dinner tickets are still on sale. Tickets will remain on sale at each General Membership Meeting, through December. Remaining tickets will be available at the door on the night of the dinner. Also tickets may be purchased by mail, just send a note to Rick Fried; 24808 Dunnivant Drive; Gaithersburg, MD 20882, be sure to include an SASE along with a check for \$15.00 for each ticket requested.

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:

DECEMBER 2004

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

Sun 12/5 Randy Stewart, Paul &
Jake Truska

Sat 12/11 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 11/12 Joel Gross, Robert
Jeffery, Kevin O'Neill

Sat 12/18 Tony Evans, Charles
Weaver, Mike Bowen

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

Sat 12/25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL (All Ranges Closed)**

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

JANUARY 2005

Sat 1/1 Robert & Vivan MacLeod

Sun 1/2 Randy Stewart, Paul &
Jake Truska

Sat 1/8 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 1/9 Robert Jeffery, Joel
Gross, Kevin O'Neill

Sat 1/15 Tony Evans, Mike
Bowen, Charlie Weaver

Sun 1/16 Peter Currall, Ira Wein,
Dave Gold

Sat 1/22 Richard Zabell, Robert
Taylor, Lew Allnutt

Sun 1/23 Frank Saenz, Rob Van
Tassel

Sat 1/29 Glen & Bull Butler, Bill
Rahn, Paul Fisher

Sun 1/30 Bob Case, Steve Hunt,
Ronnie Gravitt

HUNTER SAFETY

Our Hunter Safety Instructors recently completed another successful year, adding 197 new hunters to the thousands they have trained over the years. We have no way of knowing how many lives have been saved, but the program has helped make hunting one of our safest sports. In 2001, there were only 128 accidental deaths from hunting in the entire US. This is less than half the number of murders in Baltimore in a typical year.

A VIEW FROM THE TOOL SHED

Fellow IKEs,

Thanks to all of the IKEs that made it to the work day last month. We again had a pretty good turn out and completed most of the remaining wood splitting. It was a lot of work but we have quite an impressive pile of fire wood stacked on the patio. A special thanks to those IKEs that brought their own chainsaws. Also thanks to the IKE that brought his own weed-whacker and spent the day clearing weeds from the Christmas trees and other locations around the Chapter grounds.

This month, providing that the weather is decent, we will be working to clear some of the debris from the tree lines around the grounds. No special tools or skills required. Just show up and help keep our club looking beautiful.

We are also looking for a few IKEs to help clear the cobwebs from the clubhouse. If you have a shopvac you can bring and aren't afraid of our little 8-legged friends, we have a job for you!

In addition to these, we have our normal rifle & pistol range cleanups as well as the skeet & trap range cleanup and restock. 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 and we will be sure to find a project just right for you.

Please note that Maintenance Day this month is on the third Saturday, 19 December 2004, from approximately 10:00am - 1:00pm. Meet me, Chuck Limparis, at the tool shed.

WINTER BELTWAY SKEET LEAGUE

The Winter Beltway Skeet League will be hosted by the Prince Georges Trap & Skeet Club, this year. All events will be shot at PG. Format for

this year is 50 targets with handi-cap scoring. Targets must be shot on Saturdays between the hours of 10 AM & 2 PM, to qualify. All clubs are invited to participate. Each club may have as many shooters as they wish. Shooters do not have to belong to the individual club, for which they shoot but must declare for whom they shoot. After three weeks of shooting for a particular club the shooter must remain with that team. The 5 high scores, from each team will determine the weekly standings. Plaques will be awarded for the 5 high team member scores. Also a trophy will be awarded for team High-Gun score. Entry fee is \$10 per week and includes targets, banquet and trophies. Shooters must sign-in, at the desk and will be assigned to a squad. Squad members will pull and score targets for their team. Dates are January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, February 5th, 12th, 19th and Banquet date of February 26th

AIR RIFLE FIELD TARGET SHOOTING

Would you like to try some field target shooting with your air rifle to see what the sport is? We have set up a group of three field targets on lane #4 of the outdoor field target range (to the left of the covered airgun range) for your use. These targets have been placed at different distances from the firing line so you will be able to get a 'feeling' of how a match is fired. The targets and the strings used to reset the targets are covered with plastic containers to keep the weather off them. Please rewind the string and replace the cover over the targets when you are finished using them. Enjoy your shooting.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Please remember our men and women, in uniform as they serve around the world protecting our rights and freedoms. Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday's to all.

NEW MEMBERS DECEMBER

William Kight, Glenelg, MD

Sponsor: James McKeown

Gene Krauss, Kensington, MD

Sponsor: Jeff Deschamps

Greg Milsom, Laurel, MD

Sponsor: Jeff Deschamps

Matthew Via, Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Rick Fried

Gene Wilson, Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Rick Fried

ADOPT-A-ROAD

We had a wonderful turnout and cleaned 10 miles of roadside in the area. Jose made a very yummy, hot lunch. Thanks to all who helped out.

Michelle Chesnut, Peter Mazzella, Rick Somer, Paul Vitek, Jeff Dechamps, Meo Curtis, Bill Ladd, Michael Katz, Matthew Katz, Red Skillings, James C. Massingill, James J. Massingill, Ron Applen,

Pete Doubroff, Dave Anderson Jr., Erik Anderson, Jonathan Green, Terri Pick, Paul Honke, Cassandr Ladine, Joe Dobrzanski, Darryl Leonard, Billy Leonard, Brian Dorsey, Mark Hipp, Vincent Hipp, David Hipp, Karl Kuchma, Tara Wallace, Karen Delong, Eric V. Harris, Ben Constantindes, Jonathan Constantindes, Kinzo Mihara, Holly Leonard, Paul Leggett, Rita Legget, Glenn Butler, Bill Butler, Richard Shapiro, Alan Borst, Aaron Borst, Jose Scoseria (Chef Extraordinaire), Jim Piatieski, John Leaman.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Conservation and sustainability, principles of the Izaak Walton League, do not often grab the world news spotlight. However, this year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Professor Wangari Maathai, of Kenya, as a result of her contribution to sustainable development,

conservation of the environment, democracy and peace. Professor Maathai has taken a 'holistic' approach to sustainable. The Nobel Committee said "She thinks globally and acts locally." A pioneering academic, her role as an environmental campaigner began after she planted some trees in her back garden. This inspired her in 1977 to form an organization – primarily of women – known as the 'Green Belt Movement' aiming to curtail the devastating effects of deforestation and desertification. Her desire was to produce sustainable wood for fuel use as well as combating soil erosion. Her campaign mobilized poor women to plant some 30 million trees! Now THAT is reforestation.

BOD MEMBERS

Don't forget your calendar submissions.