



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter January 2005

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JANUARY 2005 CALENDAR

Wed 12, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 13, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 15, Damascus Class 3P Airgun Match Rathskeller & Upstairs Hall 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Sat 15, Practical Defense Match 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)
Sat 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 16, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 17, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 18, American Legion Postal Airgun Match in upstairs Social Hall 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Wed 19, American Legion Postal Airgun Match in upstairs Social Hall 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Thu 20, American Legion Postal Airgun Match in upstairs Social Hall 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Sat 22, American Legion Postal Airgun Match in upstairs Social Hall 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sat 22, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 23, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 24, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 25, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 26, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 27, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 28, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM "Wild Game Dinner & Auction" Limited Dinner Tickets to be sold at Membership Meetings September thru December. SOLD OUT, SOLD OUT, SOLD OUT. Dinner tickets are not required

to attend auction. See web site for additional information.

Sat 29, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sat 29, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 29, Jr. Rimfire Precision Sectional USNA in Annapolis
Sun 30, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 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**
Sun 30, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM - Contact Ray Logan or Barry Ephraim
Mon 31, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

FEBRUARY 2005 CALENDAR

Tue 1, Junior Rifle 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, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 3, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 4, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the Office or BBQ Shed - Contact Steve Lefebvre 301-482-1898
Sat 5, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 5, NRA Jr. International Precision Match in Centerville, Va.
Sun 6, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 6, NRA Jr. International Precision Match in Centerville, Va.
Mon 7, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 8, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 9, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 10, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 12, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 12, USAS MD Jr. Championship, Precision & Sporter, in Upstairs Hall and Rathskeller 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Sun 13, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 13, USAS MD Jr. Championship, Precision & Sporter, in Upstairs Hall and Rathskeller 7:00 AM to 9:00 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 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

SKEET & TRAP RANGE

OFFICERS:

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

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Sat 2/5 Vivian & Robert MacLeod
Sun 2/6 Ronnie Gravitt, Paul & Jake
Truska, Steve Hunt
Sat 2/12 "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 2/13 Joel Gross, Robert Jeffery,
Peter Sittner
Sat 2/19 Tony Evans, Charles Weaver,
Mike Bowen
Sun 2/20 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira
Wein
Sat 2/26 Robert Taylor, Richard Zabell,
Glen & Bull Butler
Sun 2/27 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz,
Robert Case

NEW COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC

Dates for our 2005 Cowboy Clinic's have
been established. The following dates, in
2005, have been approved for New
Cowboy Shooter Clinics at the Wildlife
Rangers home club, Saturday - April 30,
2005, Saturday - July 30, 2005 and
Monday - October 10, 2005.

Applications, for the April 30, 2005
clinic, are now available. You can pick
up an application at the Atlantic Guns
Rockville Store or **DOWNLOAD AN
APPLICATION** from our Cowboy Web
Site
<http://members.aol.com/Chuckaroo3>.

There will be two classes, one beginning
at 8:00 AM and the other starting at 12:30
PM. One of the pistol ranges will be
closed during the class.

The purpose of the clinics is to introduce
the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd
like to give it a try without "the whole
world watching." Though playing the
game under the watchful eye of the posse
leader's timer is part of the fun, that can
be a little intimidating if you're new at it.
SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the
sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone
gets off to the right start. Students will
learn how the game is played, hear the
SASS rules, see the equipment and
accessories that are required, and get a
chance to try out the range of firearms
that are appropriate to the sport. A history
of the sport is included in the classroom
portion. Atlantic Guns and our
own Damascus Wildlife Rangers provide
all equipment and ammo if students do
not have their own yet. Each person will
get the chance to shoot a real cowboy
scenario or two using the ol' hoglegs,
scatter gun and lever action rifle! You
will feel the fear of that dang buzzer and
learn what real brain fade is like!

*The clinics are not meant to be initial
firearms training. Students must be
familiar with the use and loading of
revolvers, rifles and shotguns. For
additional information contact
Chuckaroo 301-831-9666 or
WildlifeRangers@aol.com.*

AIR RIFLE FIELD TARGET WORKSHOP

As a way to introduce Chapter Members
to the sport of air rifle field target
shooting, a workshop has been scheduled
for Sunday afternoon, February 20 from
1:00 PM till 4:00 PM at the WAC-IWLA
Chapter House. This 'hands on'
workshop is designed for the person who
would like to learn more about the sport
of field target shooting, the kinds of
targets that are used, the layout of the
range, air rifles and telescopic sights
available for the sport, and the
fundamentals of firing a field target
match.

Those individuals having an air rifle with
or without a telescopic sight are
encouraged to bring it to the workshop to
find out how it would work for field

target shooting. Air rifles will be
chronographed to determine their velocity
and a click/hold-over chart generated for
each gun for sighting at 10 to 55 yards.
The shooting positions used in the sport
will be demonstrated and good technique
discussed. Time permitting we will do
some practice shooting at the end of the
session

While the content is designed for
shooting field target, anyone interested in
precision shooting will find information
about technique, rifles, ballistics, and
optics that will be of value.

For additional information and to register
for the workshop, contact Joe McDaniel
at mcdanieljr@adelphia.net or 301-865-
8257. Pre-registration is not required, but
we would like to know the number
planning to attend to help us with our
planning.

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 **January
2005, starting time is 10 AM daily and
ending time is 5:00 PM**, unless some
activity has preempted the range.

WINTER ON THE RANGES: This is
the best time of year for those of you who
prefer to use the rifle and pistol ranges
without interruption. The only scheduled
event during the winter months is the
monthly bowling pin/practical defense
match conducted by **Jesse Lim** and his
faithful compatriots. These are definitely
not a "standard" bowling pin match. If
you haven't seen one, stop by during the
morning on **January 15** or **February 19**.
Better yet, contact **Jesse** via e-mail to
jlim@phillips.com or telephone 301-
540-0860 (evenings only please) to check
on ammunition requirements, bring your
pistol or double action revolver and give
it a try.

LOOKING FORWARD: Things get started again with a bang (pun intended) on **March 13** when **Tom Riley** and **Ray Shaver** host the annual **Military Rifle Fun Shoot**. That is followed on **March 26** by our first **Cowboy Action Shoot** of the year. For those of you who still wonder what cowboy action shooting is all about, **Mike Gugulis**, who is not a cowboy shooter, was especially eloquent in a recent note to participants in his high power matches: *"For those of you interested in trying something new, or have tried it before, Cowboy Action Shooting events are regularly held at the IWLA-WAC courtesy of Chuck Crooks. Chuck runs the largest, most successful Cowboy Action program on the East Coast. It is a fun event with thrills and enjoyment for all. Information may be obtained from Chuck at the IWLA-WAC web site."* **Mr. Gugulis** certainly knows about running successful shooting events, being on the threshold of his 24th consecutive year of hosting high power competition at the IWLA. Quoting him further: *"Our 2005 [High Power Match] schedule includes 5 events. They are scheduled for April 9, May 7, June 4, July 9 and September 10. Registration and setup will begin at 8:30 AM with the first shot down range at 10:00 AM. The course of fire will be the National Match Course at 100 yards using reduced targets for that range. All events are NRA sanctioned. As always, safety is paramount. All shooters are welcome regardless of high power experience. Those with little or no experience will be treated to a wonderful day of learning and enjoyment."* Well, that gives you something to think about during the next month or two. Enjoy the winter, and join fellow Ikes at one of these events in the spring.

JANUARY 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, January 30**. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Chuck Limparis**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment. And, please let Chuck know if you need to work on a conservation activity to satisfy your probationary work commitment.

SPECIAL PROJECT: One, non-conservation, project to be done this month will be making sand bags for the rifle, pistol and airgun ranges. This is a

good light-duty activity which will be done in the equipment shed. Thanks to **Conley Phipps** for donating his collection of shot bags for the project. For those of you who load shot shells, please don't discard the bags; we can use as many as we can get.

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.

CONSERVATION MEETING (Dec. 7): **Pete Doubroff, Chris Holweck and Steve Patuso.**

DINNER MEETING (Dec. 15): **Chuck Crooks, Rob Hallin, Sol Honigsberg, Ken Lefebvre, Mac McCollum and Jorge Silva.**

SITE MAINTENANCE (Dec. 19): **Bill Gazdik, Karl Krchma, Chuck Limparis, Richard Phelan, Marty Regalia, Tom Riley, Alan Rohrer, Ray Shaver and Peter Sittner.**

RANGE ORIENTATION (Dec. 19): **Barry Ephraim, Rex Gori and Ray G. Logan.**

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: **Ron Benden, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bill Gazdik, Chris Holweck, Kevin Kissinger, John Leaman, Pete Mazzella, DeVaughn Nelson, Chris Pucciarelli, Sam Pucciarelli, Matthew Rizkallah and Peter Sittner.**

CONSERVATION REPORT

Winter is the perfect time to think about nest-boxes for the coming season. An article in the Post-Gazette notes that most hole-nesters don't begin nesting until late March or early April, but the search for a suitable cavity may begin as early as January. The "Nest-Box Workshop" at 7:30 pm on February 15 is the perfect opportunity to learn about birds in our area and construct your own nest-box.

One of the nest-boxes built last year was installed near the butterfly garden and within a week it was occupied by a pair of blue birds! The workshop is free and open to both members and non-members, but pre-registration is **STRONGLY** suggested due to limited space. To register, or for additional information, contact **Jeff Deschamps** (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) at 301-604-3736.

HUNTER SAFETY

Over the course of the past 38 years various members of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter have taught or assisted with the Maryland DNR Hunter Safety Training Program. This year folks like **John Aldrige, Jean Caffiaux, Mac McCollum, Joe Carinci, Phil Dean, Bill Carbone, Smith DeForce, Geoff Hornseth, John Leaman, Phil Mostrom, Tom Ouellette, Leroy Trunnell, John Walter, Bill Wanatosky, Bill Whitaker** and **Geoff Wood** have all given of their time and talents to train and better equip Maryland's outdoorsmen and women with necessary safety skills while hunting.

Additionally the WAC wishes to extend a thank you to **Bill McGriffen** for teaching another fine Bow Hunter Education course.

Thanks to all for a job well done. Each member should be proud of the contribution our chapter makes to help keep our sport safe for Marylanders.

WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION

Wild Game Dinner will be held on **28 January, 2005**. The event is completely **SOLD OUT**.

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Isn't it strange how life comes and goes. Like the shifting sands upon the tides of time. Please remember all those taken by the Tsunami. Stranger, friend or foe they are all still important to someone.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Did You Know...

Staples Office Supply Stores have in-store recycling programs for cell phones, PDA's, pagers, rechargeable batteries, and printer ink and toner cartridges?

95% of Auto Zone Auto Supply Stores have in-store auto battery, motor oil and used fluid recycling programs? Last year AutoZone recycled more than 6.5 million batteries and 20 million quarts of oil.

There is now a permanent Household Hazardous Waste receiving area at the Shady Grove Transfer Station? Access from the Auto entrance. Thursday and Friday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WHERE IS MY 2005 CARD?

As your Membership Secretary, I am receiving many calls everyday asking this question. It starts out with "My check cleared on December 16th, and I

hope my card didn't get lost." That was the day that I turned over 600 names into the National Office. I got a call today (January 6th) that this batch was finally printed and ready. Now I have to attach your RANGE05 stickers and print cards for your spouses who are also range approved. Soooooo – hang in there, you should get them by the end of next week.

To the rest of you have not paid – WHY NOT? Your membership expired at the end of December. Due to a generous Board of Directors and the extreme delays in getting your 2005 cards to you, your old card will be honored at the ranges at least through January. We will not assess any late payment penalties during that time. But, February is a different story. Watch the next newsletter for details.

**STOP BEING A PROCRASTINATOR
AND SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT
NOW !**

Remember there is about a one month lag time from when you do until when you get your new card. When we close the ranges to the old card holders, and you just mailed a check the week before, you

might not be shooting for a couple of weeks waiting for it to come. Last year I could control this – this year I can't. I used to personally hold your card before I even sent you a bill. This year the National Office will not even print your card until they get your payment, and the first batch took them over 3 weeks to turn around. Show Me The Money Early.

Joe Gick

NEW MEMBERS JANUARY

Bernard Gilbert, Columbia, MD

Sponsor: Joe Gick

Brad Barney, Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Josh Jones, Mt. Airy, MD

Sponsor: Bill Schneider

Jon Wardrick, Damascus, MD

Sponsor: Joe Gick

Kurt Spies, Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Saul Honigsberg

Mike McNally, Dickerson, MD

Sponsor: Tom Malarkey

Gary Milsom, Laurel, MD

Sponsor: Greg Milsom

Scott Wood, Ijamsville, MD

Sponsor: Buddy Schlosser

Timothy Olson, Gaithersburg, MD

Sponsor: Bill Schneider