



Wildlife Gazette

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter February 2005

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FEBRUARY 2005 CALENDAR

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

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

Tue 15, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Tue 15, *** Birdhouse Workshop 7:30 PM - Contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736

Wed 16, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 17, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 19, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 19, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sat 19, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sun 20, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 20, Airgun Field Target Workshop Downstairs In The Rathskeller 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Mon 21, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 22, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Tue 22, National Guard Bureau Airgun Match 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Upstairs Social Hall

Wed 23, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 23, National Guard Bureau Airgun Match 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Downstairs

Wed 23, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

Thu 24, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 24, National Guard Bureau Airgun Match 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Upstairs Social Hall

Sat 26, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sat 26, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 27, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 27, Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM

Sun 27, *** Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

Sun 27, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM - Contact Ray Logan or Barry Ephraim

Sun 27, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Mon 28, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

MARCH 2005 CALENDAR

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

Tue 1, *** Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM - Contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736

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

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

Sat 5, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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 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, MD NRA Jr. 3P Air Rifle Championship, in Berlin, Md.

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

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

Sun 13, MD NRA Jr. 3P Air Rifle Championship, in Berlin, Md.

Sat 12, Military Fun Shoot 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM - Contact Tom Riley 301-774-7426 (Rifle range closed during match)

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

Tue 15, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Tue 15, *** Rain Barrel Workshop 7:30 PM - Contact Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736

Wed 16, Junior Rifle 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

WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION

The annual game dinner and auction was a huge success. I would like to say a special thanks to Chuck Crooks, Rich Fried and Tom Riley for putting forth an extraordinary effort, not to mention a fourteen hour day, in assembling the auction items, raffle items, and setting up the tables and chairs in the social hall. The kitchen and server staff, as well as those who ran the auction, also deserve a lot of credit for dealing with a large number of hungry people. Rob Hallin, Ken Lefebvre, Steve and Linda Lefebvre, Michelle Chesnut, Tom Ouelette, Blix Winston, Bill Ladd, Donna Limparis, Jon Wardrick and Jorge Silva all deserve thanks from all who attended. We can't forget all those who donated items. Without their willingness to step up, this event wouldn't have happened. I apologize if I missed anyone. Thanks again to everyone!

Jim Piatieski
President-WAC

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS: February 2005

Sat 2/5 Vivian & Robert MacLeod,
Paul Fisher, Randy Stewart & Evan
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, Alan Rohrer
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

March 2005

Sat 3/5 Robert & Vivian MacLeod,
Bill Rahn
Sun 3/6 Steve Hunt, Paul & Jake
Truska, Ronnie Gravitt
Sat 3/12 "The Fichter Gang"
Sun 3/13 Robert Jeffery, Joel Gross,
Peter Sittner
Sat 3/19 Tony Evans, Mike Bowen,
Charlie Weaver, Alan Rohrer

Sun 3/20 Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Dave
Gold

Sat 3/26 Glen & Bull Butler, Richard
Zabell, Robert Taylor

Sun 3/27 **EASTER SUNDAY, ALL
RANGES CLOSED!!!!**

RECYCLING PROGRAM

We continue to accept items such as scrap aluminum, copper and brass for recycle, however we **DO NOT ACCEPT** refrigerators, motor oil and items such as this for recycle. Items of this nature can be taken to the County Transfer Station on Rockville Pike and Shady Grove Road.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS

Once again, it is time for those who have let your memberships lapse to "pay up". Although memberships in the IWLA and our chapter expired on 12/31/04, there are still approximately 250 members who have **NOT RENEWED**! I know it is easy to forget or procrastinate and do it tomorrow, but now I have to send a second notice at the cost of nearly \$100.00. (Not my money, **OUR MONEY**). The postage comes right out of our treasury and should be an unnecessary expense. Please send in your money **TODAY**. We usually cut off range access on January 31st. Since we are very late in getting your cards to you this year, and you won't be reading this until mid February, we are extending an extremely generous Grace Period this year. If we have not received your payment by March 31, 2005, you will be required to pay an additional \$40.00 fee to renew for 2005 and use ANY of our facilities, including all ranges. Your Key Card access to the building and range road will also be de-activated. Don't wait any longer. Send you payment of \$110.00 for regular members (\$150.00 for probationary members who have been advised that they have failed to fulfill their work requirement) to:

Joe Gick
16601 Cavalry Dr
Rockville MD 20853

NEW MEMBERS FEBRUARY

Philip Berneburg, Bethesda, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
David Connors, Frederick, MD
Sponsor: Jim Shackett

John Crouse, Germantown, MD
Sponsor: Chris Holweck
David Higgins, Chevy Chase, MD
Sponsor: Mike Harbin
Rick Kellar, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: Jeff Rachel
Edward A.P. Mai, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Bruce Tarpinian
Timothy Mulreany, Clarksville, MD
Sponsor: Chris Holweck
Rick Rollyson, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Scott Rhine
Steven Kip Shapiro, Olney, MD
Sponsor: Bill Schneider
William Stevenson, Westminster, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks
Michael Swigart, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick
Jose Tassara, Silver Spring, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

DARC REPORT

On 8 Jan 2004, eight of our juniors participated in the annual JORC match at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. The match was an international style competition, 60 shots, all standing. The trip to the Naval Academy is always interesting and our teams did very well. Dan Reed finished in 9th place with a score of 557 out of 600! Three of our juniors also competed in their first ever 60 Shot, 3-Position, small bore match.

During the period between 18 - 25 Jan 2005, we hosted the American Legion Postal at the IWLA-WAC and almost all of our juniors participated in this match, some of them in both the individual and team events. Although the scores will not be official until reviewed by the American Legion, I have it on good authority that the Precision Team set a new team record for the match. Congratulations to all the competitors!

Our next match is scheduled to be held at the IWLA-WAC on 12 - 13 Feb 2005. This will be the USA Shooting Junior Olympic qualifier. We wish all of our competitors good luck in this match.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Please continue to remember our young men and women in uniform as they serve around the world, **in our behalf**. Just remember that they swore to protect you and your rights anywhere anytime day or night 24 by 7. For that alone we owe them our support and prayers.

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 vze3h59t@verizon.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 **February 2005**, starting time is **10 AM** daily and ending time is **5:30 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

MILITARY RIFLE FANS: The annual WAC military rifle fun shoot will be held on **Sunday, March 13** (weather permitting) from **10:00 AM to early afternoon**. This event is intended to give WAC members with an interest in military rifles a chance to meet other member with a similar interest, to show off their collections, and to see some interesting firearms from the collections of others. There is no cost for participating, nor do you have to own a military rifle to come out and look. This is an unstructured event with a few novelty targets, but there is no competition involved (at least nothing serious). Since we can't shoot our steel action targets with these firearms, we are interested in suggestions for and donations of various novelty targets for this event. Last year, for example, it was computer equipment. Contact **Ray Shaver** or **Tom Riley** for further information or to donate targets.

SEEKING SUCCESSORS: This year (2005) will be my (**Ray Shaver's**) tenth as chairman or co-chairman of the rifle/pistol range committee. **Tom Riley**, the current co-chairman, has been working with me since October 2001, when he signed on for the "light-duty task" of maintenance day coordinator, so he's well into his fourth year on the job. As hard as it may be to admit, neither of us is going to last forever (well, at least, I'm not). We need to be breaking in one or more successors. This job is best when shared by at least two people, one of which, at least, is retired. Don't be shy to volunteer. Everything you need to know can be learned on the job. One or both of us will work with a reliable successor or two until they feel confident of doing the job on their own. Please contact **Ray Shaver** or **Tom Riley** to express interest or get more information.

FEBRUARY 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, February 27**. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Chuck Limparis** or **Tom Riley**, 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.

WILD-GAME DINNER & AUCTION (Jan. 28): Thanks to **Rich Fried** who organizes this annual event and all those who work to make it one of the most popular WAC activities. On the actual day of the event, **Rich, Chuck Crooks** and **Tom Riley** spent all day on the physical arrangements. Dinner was prepared by Head Chef **Jorge Silva**, ably assisted in food preparation and serving by **Brad Barney, Bill Ladd, Steve Lefebvre, Blix Winston, Meo Cutris, Jeff Deschamps, Tom Ouelette** and **Jon Wardrick**, while **Rob Hallin** and **Ken Lefebvre** dispensed hospitality. Wild game donations for the dinner included

American bison from **John Leaman** and venison from **Craig Carinci** and **Blix Winston**. An exceptional trio of auctioneers (**Greg Talamini, Michelle Chesnut** and **Donna Limparis**) capped this enjoyable evening, raising funds for the Chapter from many great donations. Now, the process starts anew – we welcome your donations and participation in the next wild game dinner to be held in January 2006.

SITE MAINTENANCE (Jan. 30): **Josh Jonas; Chuck, Alex & Donna Limparis; Conley Phipps; Ray Shaver** and **Peter Sittner**.

RANGE ORIENTATION (Jan. 30): **Ray G. Logan**.

SANDBAGS: Users of the rifle, pistol and airgun ranges owe a big debt of gratitude to **Guy Wright** who donated and filled 30 heavy duty plastic bags for those ranges; then came out on a snowy Sunday morning to fill a number of shot bags with sand as well. Thanks **Guy**.

FIELD TARGET WORKSHOP

An orientation workshop for Air Rifle Field Target Shooting will be held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, in the Rathskeller room at the club from 1:00 PM till 4:00 PM. This workshop will include a brief history of field target shooting, the targets and range layout, the types of air rifles and telescopic sights used in firing a field target match, shooting positions, ballistics, and sighting adjustments. Participants are encouraged to bring their air rifle to see if it will be satisfactory for use in field target matches. Handouts will be provided with information on rifles, targets, ballistics, pellets, and other shooting equipment for field target.

Weather depending, we can chronograph and sight-in before and after the course period.

For additional information and to pre-register for the workshop, contact Joe McDaniel (301-865-8257 or mcdanieljr@adelphia.net).

NESTBOX WORKSHOP

Members interested in learning about nest boxes are invited to participate in a Nest Box Workshop sponsored by the conservation committee.

Last year's event attracted many families, so bring you kids and build a nest box for your backyard. The workshop will be held on Tuesday February 15, 2005 at 7:30 pm at the WAC. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is HIGHLY recommended as we have a limited number of nest box kits.

To register or for additional information, contact chairperson Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) at 301-604-3736.

VIEW FROM THE TOOL SHED

Fellow IKE's,

Thanks to those intrepid IKEs that braved the foul weather and made it to

the January work day. It was a small group, only about 7 people, but we still managed to get the ranges cleaned up and the Skeet & Trap houses reloaded for another month. Remember folks, if you don't show up to help, the ranges may not be ready when you show up to shoot!

It's hard to make plans for the winter work days as the weather can be so unpredictable but I am sure we will have something planned when you get there. We still have to clean those pesky cobwebs from the clubhouse and we are discussing plans to paint the meeting hall this year as well. This, of course, is in addition to the normal cleanup of the rifle & pistol ranges, the cleanup and restocking of the skeet & trap houses and seemingly infinite number of tasks I can never seem to remember. I hope to see you there!

Please note that Maintenance Day this month is on Sunday, 27 Feb 2005 from approximately 10:00am - 1:00pm. Meet me, Chuck Limparis, at the tool shed.

TRACTOR REPAIR

Thanks to Chuck Crooks, Tom Riley and Rob Hallin for braving the cold of last week to install a new radiator in our Moline tractor.

ARCHERY INTEREST

Help please! I'm trying to gauge the interest in Traditional/Primitive archery (longbow/recurved) and bow hunting in our chapter, with the idea of starting a traditional archery program. Any members with an interest or ideas on the above and that are willing to "help", please contact me via email at jwalter45c@aol.com. Please include the words "Traditional Archery" in the subject line. Thanks. John Walter, Archery Chairman