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MAY 2005 CALENDAR

Sun 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 15, Boy Scouts Order Of The Arrow Contact - Terry Springer 301-428-0216

Mon 16, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 17, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 18, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Wed 18, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 19, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 21, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 21, Junior Rifle Cookout & Awards Ceremony in Rathskeller, Noon to 8:00 PM

Sat 21, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sat 21, Practical Defense Match 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (**Uncovered pistol range closed during event**)

Sun 22, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Mon 23, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 24, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 25, **Membership Meeting** 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM

Wed 25, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Wed 25, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 26, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 27, *** **Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed**

Sat 28, *** **Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Tear down approx**

3:30 PM) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Sat 28, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 28, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sun 29, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 29, *** **Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

Sun 29, *** **Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM**

Sun 29, *** **Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572**

Sun 29, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM - Contact Ray Logan 301-946-2651 or Barry Ephraim

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

Tue 31, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

JUNE 2005 CALENDAR

Wed 1, **Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM**

Wed 1, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Wed 1, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 3, Astronomy Club Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the Office or BBQ Shed

Sat 4, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM (**Rifle range closed during event**)

Sat 4, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 4, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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

Sun 5, *** **Adopt-A-Road 8:30 AM - Contact Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237**

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

Tue 7, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

Wed 8, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wed 8, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 11, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM - Contact Bob Inness 301-340-9185 (Tentative) (**Covered Pistol Range Closed During Event**)

Sat 11, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

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

Mon 13, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 14, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 15, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Wed 15, Junior Rifle Practice (Standby) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sat 18, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 18, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sat 18, Bowling Pin Shoot 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Contact Jesse Lim 301-540-0860 (**Uncovered Pistol Range Closed During Event**)

Sat 18, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

CALENDAR EVENT POC's:

Skeet & Trap POC: 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: Ray Logan
301-946-2651, nagolyar@starpower.net,

or Barry Ephraim, eyebear@aol.com

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

Hunter Safety POC: Mac McCollum
301-253-2384

Military & .22 Fun Shoot POC: Tom Riley 301-774-7426

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 May 2005, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

.22 FUN SHOOT MAY 14: Everybody is welcome and families are encouraged

to attend our first .22 rimfire rifle fun shoot of 2005. It will be held from **10:00 AM until approximately 12:30 PM on Saturday, May 14**. For additional information about this event, contact **Tom Riley**.

HANDGUN EVENT MAY 21: The **Practical Defense Match from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 21, will include a repeat of the safety class for firearms handling and use of holsters.**

This afternoon short course is for both new practical defense shooters and returning members of the group. Upon successful completion of the afternoon firearms firing test course, each shooter will be entitled to receive a Certificate of Sportsmanship. This qualification is required for the use of holsters in our local practical defense matches.

Attendees will need a standard pistol or double action revolver in good condition (no modified competition compensated pistol or revolver, or single action revolvers please) and about 100 rounds of factory ammunition (no reloads).

Holsters must be in excellent condition and a hip holster is mandatory (no antique holster or collectors' holster please).

There is a \$5.00 fee (which goes to the WAC) for each participant. **Registration for the course and associated match will start at noon at the open pistol range (range #1). For additional information, please contact Jesse Lim on 301-540-0860; you may also email: alphashooter@usa.com.**

RANGE ROAD CLOSURE: If the weather cooperates, we plan to lay a concrete pad at the top of the range road some time between **May 30 and June 10**. **The project will require closing the range road for a period of four or five weekdays. Although the rifle and pistol ranges will be open during the project, the only access to those ranges will be on foot.** Once determined, the days comprising the closure will be announced via e-mail to WAC members and on the rifle/pistol range telephone message at **301-253-2384 (mail box #8)**. If you plan to use the rifle or pistol ranges in early June and must do so by motor vehicle, it would be prudent to check the telephone message before driving to the WAC.

MAY 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, May 29**. 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 (April 22): **Chuck Crooks, Jim Kearney, Jeff Kearney, Chris Lash, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Mike Sage and Ray Shaver.**

CAS TEAR DOWN (April 23): **Paul Bluteau, Chris Lash, Chuck Limparis, Brian Martin, Ray Shaver, M. "Rip" Van Winkle and Guy Wright.**

CONSERVATION & TREE PLANTING (April 24):
IKES - Wayne Berkebile, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bill Gazdik, Saul M. Honigsberg, John Leaman, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Jim Piatieski;

GUESTS - 19 members and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 945 and someone with the initials DZ.

RANGE ORIENTATION (April 24): **Rex Gori and Ray G. Logan.**

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE MAINTENANCE (April 24): **Ray Shaver and Guy Wright.**

SKEET/TRAP RANGE MAINTENANCE (April 24): **Peter Sittner, Ben Turska, Jake Turska and Paul Turska.**

KITCHEN & SERVICE (April 27): **Jorge Silva.**

HOSPITALITY (April 27): **Ken Lefebvre and Tom Ouellette.**

SKEET & TRAP RANGE
OFFICERS: MAY 2005

Sun 5/1 Steve Hunt, Paul &

Jake Truska, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 5/7 Robert & Vivan

MacLeod, Glenn & Bull Butler

Sun 5/8 Robert Jeffery, Peter
Sittner

Sat 5/14 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 5/15 Jim & Judy Crowell,
Joel Gross

Sat 5/21 Peter Currall, Ira Wein,
Dave Gold

Sun 5/22 Randy Stewart, Tim
Olsen, Martin Cherry

Sat 5/28 Richard Zabell, Robert
Taylor, Glen & Bull Butler

Sun 5/29 Rob Van Tassel, Frank
Saenz

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Sat 6/4 Vivian & Robert
MacLeod, Bill Rahn, Mike
Mulreany

Sun 6/5 Ronnie Gravitt, Paul &
Jake Truska, Steve Hunt

Sat 6/11 "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 6/12 Joel Gross, Martin
Cherry, Tim Olson

Sat 6/18 Dave Gold, Peter
Currall, Ira Wein

Sun 6/19 Randy Stewart & Son,
Jim & Judy Crowell

Sat 6/25 Mike Bowen, Charles
Weaver, Tony Evans

Sun 6/26 Rob Van Tassel, Frank
Saenz, Robert Case

NEW MEMBERS MAY

Brandon Kelly, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Bill Kelly

Michael King, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Stan Lyle, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

Frank Mundy, Catonsville, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Vincent Pirro, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Scott Rhine

Kenneth D. Sparks, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Scott Rhine

Richard M. Tedeschi, Woodbine,
MD

Sponsor: Lew Allnutt

Gregory Wentz, Eldersburg, MD
Sponsor: Alan Roebuck

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JUNIOR AIRGUN REPORT

On 16 April 2004 we hosted the Maryland State NRA 3P Junior Air Rifle Sectional and Maryland State 3P Championship at Seneca Valley High School.

The top two finishers in the sporter division were two of our own juniors Zack Keyser and James Devereaux. They have earned the right to go to the NRA championship in Bloomington, IL along with two shooters from Steven Decatur High School. Kris Goldberg another of our juniors, earned the right go as the alternate by finishing 5th overall, but due to a schedule conflict, he will be unable to attend. Luke Kordell who was the 6th place finisher and another of our Juniors, will travel in his place.

Our last match of the regular season was on 30 April 2005 at Gaithersburg High School. Seven teams competed in that match and our team of Ryan Harris, James Devereaux, Kris Goldberg, and Amber Kalmar finished in second place just 9 points behind the winning team from Seneca Valley High School. In addition, three of our juniors won individual medals, Kris Goldberg won two, Kimi Goldberg won four and David Herman won one. In all, our sporter shooters won 11 of the 29 medals awarded in the competition. Simply Awesome!!

ADULT AIRGUN PROGRAM

Hiem Trang again is the **Chapter Air Pistol Champion** firing a score of **535** out of a possible 600 on the 10 meter indoor range. Congratulations to Hiem who has been the 'top

shooter' each of the 6 years of the contest. **Jim Piateski** ('always the bride's maid and never the bride') was the second place winner, the slot he has won 5 out of the 6 years, with a score of **527**. Third place was won by **Joe McDaniel** with a score of **495**. Others shooting were: Karl Krchma, Tom Low, and Phillip Dean. The adult airgun group will be firing on the outdoor airgun range on Monday evenings during the summer. Come on out and have some fun shooting air pistols and air rifles at both paper targets and 'reactive targets'. There are always some extra guns for you to try out at the range on Monday night.

VIEW FROM THE TOOL SHED

What a great Maintenance Day we had in April! About 30 Ike's and Boy Scouts showed up plant the 500 Christmas Trees that John Leaman ordered for our tree farm. The weather was awesome and with all of the help, we were able to get all of the trees planted and a few of the oversized trees removed. Thanks to everyone that showed to help us out!

This month we officially begins our never ending battle to keep the grass mowed throughout the tree farm and the outside airgun range. As you probably know from your own lawns, this stuff grows like crazy this time of year and needs constant attention. What you probably don't know is that the caretaker for the property is not responsible to cut the grass in these two areas, the members are. So let's get some help and get this cut! If you have a weed wacker you can bring, please feel free to bring it along.

I also want to point out the we have a few dedicated members who make special trips during the month to just to cut this grass so things don't get out of hand. If you show up to the club, and this area has recently been mowed, they were there. If it were not for members such as these, this club would not be anywhere near as nice as it is. Just imagine what it could be like if YOU showed up to help!! A special thanks to these special members!

The second project is to regrade the area behind to tool shed to channel the rain

water away from the building. We had over four inches of water in the building recently and we need to correct this problem before it ruins our equipment. We are going to move all of the materials from behind the shed and prep the area for regrading. We should have all of the tools for this project, so just come ready to move some dirt.

If neither of these project strike your fancy, we have lots and lots of other projects going this time of year, spreading mulch, weeding around the Christmas trees and the Leyland Cypress trees and many more. I am sure we can find something just right for you.

The Maintenance Day for May will be held on the 5th Sunday, 29 May 2005 from about 9:30am - 1:00pm. Come on out and help make YOUR CLUB a thing of beauty this spring!

CONSERVATION WORK for MAY

At the May workday we will be doing maintenance on the Elm tree farm. Surviving seedlings will be put into tree shelters after removing encroaching vegetation by hand. Missing locations will be staked and later counted to order replacements. We might have a dozen cuttings from the Silver Spring site for planting later this year. Beyond that number we will have to order liners or root more cuttings.

TREE PLANTING POSTPONED

On Friday April 29 members of the conservation committee met with Geoffrey Mason of MNCPPC, and Diane Davis and Craig Carson of Montgomery County Dept. of Environ. Protection (MC-DEP) to review plans for the Nation Tree Trust (NTT) funded tree planting. Based on discussions with MNCPPC and MC-DEP the tree planting is being postponed until October to improve the chances of tree survival. A fall planting is also better for Norwood High School, one of our partners in this project.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The June conservation committee meeting will be at the Lois Green-Sligo Chapter. The June meeting will begin at 6:30 pm (earlier than normal) so we will have time to do some cleaning up on their property. All attending should bring a dish for a pot-luck supper, and sturdy shoes and work gloves for some cleaning we hope to do on the property. Goals for this working meeting include sorting debris into piles for recycling or disposal and creating an action plan for work at the Lois Green-Sligo Chapter.

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JUNIOR AIRGUN RIFLE RAFFLE

With our precision shooters going to the USA Shooting Nationals in Kentucky, and our sporter shooters traveling to the NRA Nationals in Illinois, we are again holding a fund raiser for these kids to help cover the cost of travel and lodging. The fund raiser is a Rifle Raffle with the prize being a Marlin 1894C Cowboy Lever Action Rifle with the winner having the choice of caliber or a cash award of \$500.00.

We will only be selling 500 tickets at \$5.00 ea or 5 for \$20.00. Tickets went on sale at the April dinner meeting and will be on sale at the board meetings, the dinner meetings, the Cowboy Action Matches, and at other events as possible. The drawing will be held at the dinner meeting immediately following the sale of the last ticket. Please support this effort and help out our Kids!

Finally, one of our members purchased ticket numbers 3950 and 3951 at the dinner meeting on 27 April 2005 and failed to return their ticket stubs. If you were the buyer, please return your ticket stubs so that we can enter you in the drawing!! Thanks!!

ADOPT-A-ROAD

The June adopt-a-road is scheduled for Sunday the 5th at 8:30 am. We will meet

at the maintenance shed to hand out equipment. If we get a good turn-out we can clean more than Mullinix Mill Rd. Put it on your calendar.

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS

One of our Chapters biggest fundraising events is next month. We host Thunder Valley Days, the SASS Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting. This colorful event will take place over three days, June 23, 24 and 25. Set up for the event is on Wednesday the 22nd.

ALL CHAPTER RANGES ARE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 25 (Approx. 5:00 PM.)

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas and are broken down into two groups. Cowboy volunteers and IWLA volunteers. Please look the following list over and select an area to help out. Then contact the chairperson for that project to offer your assistance. Many hands make light work and we have plenty of work ahead.

Spectators are allowed and admission is free. Bring eye and ear protection.

Cowboy Volunteers

Speed Pistol/Derringer/Pocket Pistol Please Contact - **Trapdoor Dave** 304-876-0933 and **Lumberalong** 301-253-6532.

Speed Shotgun Please Contact - **Jingles Jerr** 410-833-3430 or **Meteu** 301-428-0196 (W).

Cowboy Shotgun Clays (single and 3 person team) Please Contact - **Judge RC Colt** 301-340-0047.

Speed Rifle Please Contact - **Humphrey Hook** 703-425-1387.

All Long Range Rifle Please Contact - **Cash Caldwell** 301-898-7566.

IWLA Volunteers

Match set up on the 23rd. 10:00 AM for much of the day. Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666.

Vendor Set Up Contact **Dave Gold** 304-876-0933. Wednesday, most of the day and for a couple of hours on Thursday

morning.

Kitchen and Food preparation help for lunch on 23, 24, 25 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 24th. Contact **Mac McCollum** 301-854-3707.

Parking on the 23rd, 24th and 25th mostly in the AM between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Visitor parking help need throughout the day on the 24th & 25th. Contact **Tom Riley** 301-774-7426.

Target swap on the 24th at approximately 4:00 PM for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666.

Shuttle Drivers on the 23rd, 24th, 25th. Help needed throughout the day, starting at 10:00 AM on the 23rd, 7:00 AM on the 24th and 25th, finished at 5:00 PM. Contact **Rich Fried** 301-253-2789.

First Aid Station on 24th & 25th. Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666.

Water Jugs on 23rd, 24th, 25th. Set up in AM, get ice and replenish each morning. Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572.

Roaming Safety Officer (For visitors checking for ear and eye protection.) Help is need for all day Friday and Saturday. Contact **Ray "Old Boz" Shaver** 301-926-0465.

Match tear down on the 25th. Approximately 3:30 PM for less than 2 hours. Contact **Ray Shaver** 301-926-0465.

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