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SEPTEMBER 2005 CALENDAR

Sat 17, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sat 17, Skeet & Trap 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sat 17, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM (All ranges closed until 1:00 PM) - Contact Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 choice 2

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

Sun 18, Public Hunter Sight In/Qualification Day On Rifle Range 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Mon 19, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 20, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 21, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Wed 21, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

Fri 23, Membership Meeting & Installation of the 2005/2006 Officers 6:30 Social, Dinner at 7:30 PM

Fri 23, ***Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Sat 24, ***Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 to 4:00 PM (Tear down approx 3:30 PM) Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed

Sat 24, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 24, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sat 24, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sun 25, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sun 25, ***Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM

Sun 25, ***Skeet/Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM

Sun 25, ***Christmas Tree

Maintenance 10:00 AM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572

Sun 25, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM

Mon 26, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 27, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 28, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Wed 28, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 29, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

OCTOBER 2005 CALENDAR

Sat 1, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 1, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sun 2, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sun 2, Primitive Black Powder Fun Shoot 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM - Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572 (Rifle Range Closed During Event)

Mon 3, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tue 4, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Tue 4, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

Wed 5, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM

Wed 5, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Wed 5, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

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

Fri 7, Hunter Safety, Day 1, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Contact Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 choice 2

Sat 8, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sat 8, Bowling Pin Shoot 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sat 8, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 8, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sun 9, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

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

Mon 10, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Mon 10, New Cowboy Shooter Clinic Downstairs 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM -

Contact Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666

One pistol range closed during clinic, Pre-Registration Is Required.

Tue 11, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wed 12, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Wed 12, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 13, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri 14, Hunter Safety, Day 2, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Contact Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 choice 2

Sat 15, Hunter Safety, Day 3, 9:00 AM (All ranges closed until 1:00 PM) - Contact Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 choice 2

Sat 15, Junior Rifle Practice 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sat 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sat 15, ***Northwest Branch Watershed Tree Planting 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Contact Jeff Deschamps 301-604-3736

Sun 16, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

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

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POC: Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237
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Terry Springer 301-428-0216

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.22 Fun Shoot POC: Tom Riley 301-
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598-4163

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 **Guy Wright** by e-mail to GUYWRIGHT@COMCAST.NET or telephone **301-253-4604**.

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle/pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box which contains the range sign-in register. **For September 2005, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 7:30 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range.

HUNTER SIGHT-

IN/QUALIFICATION DAYS: The WAC will hold two hunter qualification events this fall -- one on **Sunday, September 18**, and the second on **Sunday, November 6**. On both days registration will start at 9:30 AM. Then we will qualify groups of prospective hunters in ten-person relays between 10:00 AM and approximately noon, concentrating first on shotgun (slug) hunters and inserting relays of muzzleloaders as appropriate. There is a \$5.00 fee for each qualification attempt. Afternoons, from around noon until 2:30 PM we will provide individual assistance for prospective hunters who need to sight in their firearms before attempting to qualify. The fee for sight-in assistance is \$5.00 per firearm. Those who wish to qualify after signing in may do so individually for a separate fee of \$5.00 per attempt. During the afternoon, we will provide qualification for rifles and handguns as well as shotguns and muzzleloaders. Remember, you are expected to qualify with the firearm you will be using to hunt with. **The rifle range will be closed during these events.**

CARTRIDGE RECYCLING: When we revised the rifle/pistol range rules in 1996, we did not anticipate the massive introduction of inexpensive ammunition with steel cartridge cases. If we had, we would have specified that such cases should be discarded in the trash rather than placed in the brass recycling containers. Look for such a change in the next revision of the rules, and in the mean time, **please put only real brass cartridges in the recycling buckets on the rifle/pistol ranges.** If you don't know whether your empty cartridges are brass, it is probably best to discard them in the trash.

RANGE ROAD: The installation of a concrete pad by the exit reader at the top of the range road was completed on August 26 by **Tom Riley**, working alone like he had throughout much of the month while filling in the remaining excavation. **Tom** deserves our recognition and thanks for conceiving this project and seeing it through to its completion. **Paul Turska** was another major contributor to this task, providing equipment like the Bobcat used to excavate the area, his professional expertise and the muscle power of his son **Jake** on August 24, when the time came

to manipulate thousands of pounds of wet concrete. Additional muscle power was provided on that day by several not quite so youthful Ikes including **Chuck Crooks, Bill Gazdik, John Leaman** and **Jim Piateski**, while **Ray Shaver** and **Guy Wright** (on a brief break from tree trimming) exhibited the skills honed through decades in management: holding shovels, making unnecessary suggestions and trying to avoid falling into the new concrete. Thanks to all.

SEPTEMBER 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, August 28**. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

WHAT GOES AROUND...: Just in case you didn't notice it, **Tom Riley** returns to the position of maintenance day coordinator in September, after working his tail off (much against doctor's orders) on rifle/pistol range maintenance projects for several years. Many thanks to **Chuck Limparis** another overachiever who has done a great job as maintenance coordinator during **Tom's** tenure on the rifle/pistol ranges. Fortunately for the WAC, **Chuck** is not dropping out of sight. This change will simply provide him an occasional morning off to rest up for his other commitments which include being the current club treasurer and an instructor in our youth airgun program.

"PRIMITIVE" BLACK POWDER

SHOOT: Please note that this year your congenial host and WAC chaplain, John Leaman, has decided to go back to the nation's roots: **only "primitive" or "traditional" muzzle loading firearms will be permitted on the range during this event on Sunday, October 2.** However, you don't even have to own a muzzle loader to join in the fun. John and other black powder enthusiasts are always happy to share their guns and expertise with newcomers to this inexpensive, low key shooting activity. Join us in shooting at novelty targets and steel silhouettes, toss tomahawks at log targets, and generally have a good time. **The event starts at 10 AM and generally runs until early afternoon.** Help us keep John happy by leaving your modern in-line rifle at home this time.

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 (August 26): Carl Baker, Paul Bluteau, Chuck Crooks, Chuck Limparis, Mike Sage, Ray Shaver, Bill Whitmore and Guy Wright.

CAS TEAR DOWN (August 27): Tim Biggins, Paul Bluteau, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Mike Sage, Ray Shaver and many others (I lost the sign-up sheet).

KITCHEN & SERVICE (August 26): Michelle Chesnut, Mac McCollum and M. J. "Rip" Van Winkle.

HOSPITALITY (August 26): Rob Hallin and Tom Oullette.

RANGE ORIENTATION (August 28): Bud Bell.

RANGE MAINTENANCE & MISCELLANEOUS TASKS (August 28): Paul Fisher, Rich Fried, Alex Limparis, Chuck Limparis, Gregg McDonald, Troy Muller, Conley Phipps, Alan Pressman, Ray Shaver and Guy Wright.

CONSERVATION TASKS (August 28): Dick Bardelmeir, Tim Biggins, Jonathon Blackmer, Michelle Chesnut, Meo Curtis, Roman Drews, Dave Johndrow, Bill Kelly, Jim Piatieski and Georgia Townsend.

NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER

Greg Anderson, Brookeville, MD
Sponsor: Bill Wonatosky
Blake Cunningham, Gaithersburg, MD
Sponsor: Chuck Crooks
Jim Flynn, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Ugo Pistacchio
Jay P. Glichrist, Woodbine, MD
Sponsor: Joe Gick

William J. Jackson, Laytonsville, MD
Sponsor: Bruce Touse
Daniel D. Schrock, Damascus, MD
Sponsor: John Leaman
Shane Swing, Mt. Airy, MD
Sponsor: Ugo Pistacchio

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

September's Dinner Meeting will be on Friday the 23rd. This is our Annual Installation of Officers for the coming year. Plan to attend and enjoy the comradery, wonderful food and great outdoors.

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS: SEPTEMBER 2005

Sat 9/3 Robert Jeffery, Frank Bis, "The Fichter Gang"

Sun 9/4 Steve Hunt, Paul & Jake Truska, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 9/10 Mike Webb, Vivian & Robert MacLeod, Rob Taylor

Sun 9/11 Martin Cherry, Tim Olsen, Randy Stewart & Evan

Sat 9/17 Ira Wein, Peter Currall, Dave Gold, Carl McMahon

Sun 9/18 Jim & Judy Crowell, Peter Sittner, Robert Case

Sat 9/24 Tony Evans, Mike Bowen, Charles Weaver, Paul Fisher

Sun 9/25 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassel, Timothy Mulreany, Michael Flisher

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Sat 10/1 Carl McMahon, Bill Rahn, Robert Jeffery, Richard Zabell

Sun 10/2 Paul & Jake Turska, Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 10/8 Robert & Vivian Macloed, Tim Mulreany

Sun 10/9 Martin Cherry, Randy Stewart & Evan

Sat 10/16 Dave Gold, Ira Wein, Peter Currall

Sun 10/17 Jim & Judy Crowell, Robert Case

Sat 10/22 Tony Evans, Charles Weaver, Mike Bowen

Sun 10/23 Peter Sittner, Tim Olson, Joel Gross

Sat 10/29 Mike Webb, Paul Fisher, Robert Taylor

Sun 10/30 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz, Michael Fleisher

Thanks to our steady faithful cadre of Range Officers, also to our new RO's. Your continued support and contribution is greatly appreciated.

ELECTION RESULTS

How quickly time passes. It seems only yesterday that we elected officers for 2005 and now we are announcing the officer that will guide our Chapter for the 2006 year. Please come out to our meetings and show your support not only for the BOD but the Chapter. Here are our New Officers:

President: Rich Fried

1st Vice President: Georgia Townsend

2nd Vice President: Steve Lefebvre

3rd Vice President: Bill Ladd

Treasurer: Chuck Limparis

Recording Secretary: Red Skillings

Membership Secretary: Joe Gick

Corresponding Secretary: Conley Phipps

Sgt-At-Arms: Rob Hallin

Parliamentarian: Mac McCollum

Chaplain: John Leaman

Director: Chuck Crooks

Director: Meo Curtis

Director: Pete Doubroff

Director: Tom Oullette

Director: Jeff Deschamps - Term Continues

Director: Michele Chesnut - Term Continues

Director: John Walter - Term Continues

Immediate Past President: Jim Piatieski

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

The first Hunter Safety class for 2005 will begin at 7PM Friday, September 9. To register, call 301-253-2384 Extension 2, and follow the recorded instructions.

PROGRAM & COMMITTEES

All Program and Committee Chairs need to be working on there budgets for the coming year.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Please remember all those that have suffered loss, be it large or small from hurricane Katrina. It is times like these that do try men's souls. Resolve today to offer help and assistance when and in whatever way you can.

MONDAY NIGHT AIRGUN

The indoor airgun range in the Chapter Clubhouse is reserved for adult airgun shooting on Monday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity for members and their guests to come out and participate in some informal air pistol and air rifle shooting on the indoor 10 meter range. The number of participants on Monday night has declined and we would like to see more airgun shooters spend some time with others shooting. Paper targets are available and there are some 'reactive' targets that can be used. There are several target backstops that will handle the higher velocity air rifles so this is a good opportunity to do some practicing for field target shooting.

This is an excellent way to find out what different types of air rifles and air pistols are being used and to try some of them out. If you don't have an airgun, we have several air pistols that you can use. Please contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202 or PD10X@aol.com), if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Monday night airgun shooting.

FLY FISHING

Richard Phelan's IKE Fly Fishing Forum concept is praiseworthy and timely. Such a forum would certainly be beneficial and educational for IKE fly anglers to share ideas, swap timely stream intelligence, and also because as IKEs we share a common concern for conservation, stream ecology, and healthy aquatic animal life, *i.e.*, our Save Our Streams monitoring efforts.

Years ago I had planned to offer fly-tying classes at the chapter house, but teaching and work schedules always precluded the initiative.

Now, rather than tying classes, if sufficient interest is shown among WAC IKE fly anglers, a monthly gathering of neophytes to seasoned tippet-tanglers might be fun as well as beneficial --

sharing the many aspects of the quiet sport.

Fly fishers usually develop diverse specialties. Sharing these, such as tying and rod building techniques and materials, is always enlightening and informative. For years I enjoyed rod work, and although I still like to create a custom-build premium graphite rod now and then, my real love was refurbishing pre-1950s bamboo rods.

Also, those of us who hunt usually have an abundance of tying materials we'd like to swap or just unload. Many stores sell wood duck flank feathers for twenty-five to fifty cents each. Each duck has hundreds, and last year I bagged at least four woodies in the early season. Plus, I still have at least a square yard of Newfoundland moose cape waiting to be used for dryfly tailing.

Mr. Phelan's Forum timing might just be perfect -- we're now approaching the hunting season -- and by January we'll be contemplating fishing. Bill Douwes

WAC SHOOTERS MAKE STRONG SHOWING AT MARYLAND STATE SKEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Shot gunners from the Chapter left their mark at the championships contested at the Prince Georges Shooting Center the last weekend in August. Led by "All State" shooter Maj "The Iron Sheik" Tavakoli, the shooters took home dozens of class and age group wins. Tavakoli, shooting the Chapter's only 100 straight, took the 20 gauge AA1 medal. Maj also won AA2 with the 410, A1 in the 12 gauge and A1 in the High Over All (HOA) with an impressive 391.

Junior shooter, Jake Turska in his first championship took home 4 medals including three wins in D class (12 & 20 gauge and HOA). Not to be outdone by his son, Paul Turska was one of three, along with Berl Cherney, C class 98's (wow). Saturday evening's highlight had to be the shoot off for C class champion. Berl won it breaking the pair on Station 3. Paul Truska took second by crushing both targets in the fading light on Station 4.

Other medal winners were Steve Meyers (B1 in the 28 gauge with a very strong 99 and B3 HOA), Peter Sittner (A2 with the

410 and B3 in 20 gauge) and Carl McMahon (C3 in the 28 gauge event).

Congratulations to all! Pete & Rose

FLY FISHING FORUM

Getting Started-Choosing a Rod (Part 1)

When you start getting your fly fishing gear you will probably start with the rod. I agree with Howard Cole, co-owner of High Country Flies (http://www.highcountryflies.com/library/choosing_the_right_fly_rod.htm):
* *First-- the rod* * *Second--the line(s)* * *Third--the reel*

There are many rod types, sizes, prices and weights. I am limiting this discussion to fresh water fishing. The first fly rod I ever owned was a Cabela's 8 1/2 foot 6-7 weight (more on weight later) that I still own. It remains one of my favorites. I think the total outfit including rod, line, reel, and travel case was less than \$150.00 (c. 1994).

How do you decide which is right for you? Do not assume that a higher priced rod is necessarily better than one of the less expensive rods. First, when starting out, you will probably not want to break the bank on a rod you are learning on. The first year I began fly fishing I managed to break two rod tips: One on the stream and one in the window of my car. Accidents happen. Second, often the rod manufacturers will use the same or very similar blanks for their less expensive rods that they use on their higher end rods. In my humble opinion, until you have fished for a couple of years, the difference between a good rod and an ultra high end rod will not be noticeable to you.

There are "fast" rods, "medium" rods and "slow" rods. This refers to the action or stiffness of the rod, and how quickly it reacts to flexing and how tight a loop it will throw. I prefer a medium to slow rod, but this is probably because the rod I learned on (an old fiberglass rod) was very slow. If you know a fly fisher, they might have rods of different speeds to see which most suits your style, or you could to an outfitter and ask a salesman to let you try out different rods. Fly shops often will give classes on casting. In addition to getting hands on learning, you also have an expert to answer any questions you might have.

Weight

Rods will have markings on the butt section which will tell you the weight of the rod (for matching up with the right line weight) and the overall length of the rod. Generally speaking the lighter the fish, the lighter weight of the rod. Rods from 4 to 6 weight are good for panfish and trout. If your interest runs to bass, especially largemouth, you may want to consider 7 to 8 weight rods for casting the larger and heavier bass flies.

Next time: **Length, rod types, rod materials and fly fishing outfitters.**
Richard Phelan

CONSERVATION & ADOPT-A-ROAD REPORT

All new members must complete one work day for conservation at the Chapter during their first year and this fall there will be many opportunities to get involved. These include: 1) Maintenance Day on Sunday September 25. Work on the Elm Tree nursery and also help provide a serious facelift for the landscaping around the Chapter House; 2) Tree Planting on October 15. Meet on site in Silver Spring to enhance an existing County stream restoration project and create an upland forest; 3) Watershed Clean-up October 22. This is in combination with the fall Adopt-A-Road, meet at the Chapter; and 4) Lois Green Sligo Chapter clean up on November 5. Meet at the Lois Green Sligo Chapter near Montgomery Village. Details and directions for all events (other than maintenance day!) will be posted by September 17th on the Conservation Committee web site. Go to the Chapter website and click on the Icon.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Please remember to recycle your aluminum cans, brass, and copper through our Chapter program. Please **NO** refrigerators.

WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION

Our annual Wild Game Dinner and Auction will be on Saturday, January 28th, 2006. This will also be our January Membership Meeting.

We are trying several new things for this year. We have moved the dinner to a

Saturday, to give folks more time in the evening, by not having to rush to the club after work. We are also going to begin the auction at 5:00 PM. Around 7:30 PM, we will take a break for dinner. After dinner, we will continue with the auction and a brief meeting.

Tickets will go on sale starting at the September Membership meeting on September 23rd. This is also the night we swear in the new Officers and Board of Directors for our 2005/2006 year. Tickets will be \$15 per person. Tickets will only be for sale at the September, October, November and December membership meetings. They will also be on sale at the Skeet & Trap range house during their regular hours. Tickets will be sold during these time periods only. There are no mail in or pick ups except at membership meetings and the regular hours of the Skeet & Trap range house. There is limited seating so do not expect to purchase tickets at the door. We have sold this event out, long before the meeting, for the last several years. You do not have to buy a dinner ticket to be able to bid in the auction. However, those not eating dinner will have to wait downstairs, or out side, during the dinner itself.

We do need wild game donations for this dinner. If you have any wild game to donate, please bring it to a meeting, contact a board member or our cook, **Jorge Silva** 301-258-0377.

We also need donated items for the auction. Please bring your new or used items, in working order, to the lower level of the clubhouse. There is a supply of donation stickers on the wall, over top of the fire extinguisher, by the office door. Fill out a sticker and place it on each item you donate. Place your items behind the bar in the Rathskeller. PLEASE, no exercise equipment, books, magazines, broken or incomplete items or computer parts. For additional information on donations, contact **Richard Fried** 301-253-2789.

Donated firearms must be handled through **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666 or **Jim Piatieski** 301-601-2954.

Thanks! Your BOD

SPECIAL THANKS

As another year draws to a close we reflect back over it and wish to give a Special Thanks to Chapter President Jim Piatieski and the Board of Directors. While times, and events change Jim and the BOD has remained steady, understanding, patient, forthright and forward thinking. The Izaak Walton League is a unique organization. The League and our Wildlife Achievement Chapter is a true bottom up organization, addressing issues such as conservation, stream, soil, forest management, astronomy, habitats for birds, bees and game animals also addressing all facets of outdoor activities to include hunting, fishing, hiking, kayaking, firearms sport competitions of all varieties, all the while addressing our membership concerns as well as those from our neighbors and the greater community around us. Presiding over these many areas of activity is time consuming, packed with pressure and to say the least challenging and all done FREE OF CHARGE. Did I mention that Jim and most BOD Members also work full time jobs to provide for their families? Jim and the BOD deserve a great big **"THANKS"** from each of us for a job well done. Editor

TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Just a quick reminder about availing yourself of the 'shotgun' email service that our webmaster, Chuck Crooks, can provide. What you need is a ready to print statement spelling out what you need help with and other pertinent info, date, time etc., and send it to Chuck. Don't ask him to edit your request or it won't happen. Properly done, you should get more help at your events.
Jim Piatieski

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Nature knows no pause in progress and development, and attaches her curse on all inaction." Goethe

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