

Wildlife Achievement Chapter

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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

AWARDS (Michelle Chesnut)

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for her or his efforts toward achieving the goals of the Izaak Walton League of America? Nominees should have made an outstanding contribution to the conservation of America's natural and renewable resources, demonstrated exceptional leadership, have done outstanding work in outdoor ethics during the past year or in someway made an outstanding contribution to the League. If you know of someone you feel deserves the recognition of the national IWLA, please send a brief description of his or her achievements and why you think they deserve recognition to Michelle Chesnut at smc geek@msn.com with the subject line Awards. Please send nominations by April 18, 2008.

CHAPTER CLEAN UP AT THE CHESTNUT TREE **ORCHARD** (Jeff Deschamps)

Tom Riley reported that about 40 members showed up for the March workday and completed many projects. One of the most labor intensive, and primary reasons for the chapter clean up, was the clearing of old brush piles in preparation for planting American Chestnut trees next to the main access road. We needed more than half of the members present at the workday to clear the massive brush pile along the wood line that had accumulated over many years. In addition to the brush pile (which included old Christmas trees and woody debris) a stand of tree of heaven and some very large bush honeysuckle (two non-native and invasive species) were cut down and run through a larger chipper-shredder (see photo in the online newsletter). We will use the shredded material as mulch between the trees to help control weeds. We will check the stumps of the non-native plants for re-growth over the next few months and will treat them with herbicide if necessary. Once we removed all of the woody debris, Ken Lefebvre moved the



Feeding the chipper

dirt piles to complete the job. Without Ken's help and heavy equipment, we could not have completed this project.

In addition to clearing the old brush pile, a separate crew staked out the field for the tree planting (see photo online version). The rows for the tree nursery are spaced wide to allow large equipment (for mowing and other maintenance) to move between the trees while the spacing within the rows is closer to save space. Unlike our American Elm tree farm that was planted using 'liners' (young bare-root seedlings), the Chestnut Tree nursery will be planted with sprouted nuts. The nuts are the product of a breeding program run the by American Chestnut Foundation. The long-term goal of this breeding program is to produce American Chestnut trees resistant to the blight that killed most of the native trees. Join us on April 12 for the tree planting in the field. We extend many thanks to David Jacobson for his coordination with the American Chestnut Foundation and to all the other volunteers that have made this project possible.



Setting up the field for planting the American Chestnut trees

WATERSHED CLEAN-UP (Meo Curtis)

We had a great turn out for the Chapter's annual spring clean up on Saturday April 5, 2008. The weather gurus were way off with their storm tracking and rain predictions from Friday, and the day turned out bright and sunny. There were 58 volunteers, 49 of whom were members or family. Once again, the 'trash' included many, many bottles and cans that should have been put in recycling bins for County pick-up instead of tossed on our roadsides to be carried down during rainstorms into our local streams and rivers.

From the roadsides and at the river crossings to the Upper Patuxent, we collected about 90 bags of trash plus loveseat, desk chair, computer monitors, car parts, and a bunch of contractor 5gallon buckets. We also found about half-a-dozen car tires and one big truck tire.



Loading up the Solid Waste Services Truck. It was quite a 'mixed' load indeed.

We had help from Sgt. Dave Powell of DNR and by the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services who took all 1.34 tons that we collected back to the Montgomery County Transfer station that same afternoon. The Patuxent Riverkeeper sent a special thank you to us for participating this year by donating water bottles to add to the tee shirts and lunch that the Chapter always provides. We extend a special thanks to all who helped with the logistics and with their own vehicles including Jeff Deschamps, Bill Ladd, Jim Piateski, Judy Riley (mobile command center), and of course to our excellent chef, Jose Scoseria.

WE'RE BACK IN BEEZNESS! (Jim Piateski)

Mother Nature dealt us a bad hand last year and we lost all of the bee colonies on the property over the winter. I can't give a reason for certain, but I suspect that the mite medication could have been one of the factors. It has a limited temperature window to work properly. Too hot, it kills the bees, too cold, it doesn't work. We had wildly fluctuating temperatures this fall and one hot day might have been the death knell.

Anyway, I have obtained new bees from Jim Fraser, a local beekeeper who provided packages this year. Some of you may remember him as the very entertaining speaker at one of our dinner meetings last year. I hope to have three colonies up and running this year. If all goes well, we'll have honey again this fall

I might have to get Chuck Crooks a bee veil of his very own!

BY-LAWS CHANGES (Red Skillings)

The Constitution and By-laws of the Wildlife Achievement Chapter comprise just that. The first part is the Constitution broken down by Articles and Sections. The second part is the By-laws, also broken down by Articles and Sections.

The following relates to the By-laws.

Article II, Section 5. Current reading

Voting at membership meetings shall be by voice method, except that upon the request of three members the voting shall be by secret ballot. Voting for the *Nominating Committee*, Officers, Directors, and Delegates shall be by secret ballot. The privilege of voting is limited to members in good standing.

Article II, Section 5. Proposed reading

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Article III, Section 2. Current reading

The Nominating Committee shall present a slate at the June meeting consisting of at least one candidate for each of the elective offices, *and for each Delegate provided by Article VI thereof.* The slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be distributed by the Corresponding Secretary to each member with the notice of the July meeting.

Article III, Section 2. Proposed reading.

The Nominating Committee shall present a slate at the June meeting consisting of at least one candidate for each of the elective offices. The slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be distributed by the Corresponding Secretary to each member with the notice of the July meeting.

Article VI, Section 1 and Section 1a and Section 1b currently read as follows.

Section 1 There shall be elected at the May meeting, in the manner provided by Article III hereof, the following

delegates and alternates, and these positions shall be considered as elective offices:

- a. To the National Convention of the Izaak Walton League of America, one delegate and one alternate for each delegate allowed this Chapter by the current Constitution and Bylaws of the Izaak Walton League of America.
- b. To the annual meeting of the Maryland State Division of the Izaak Walton League of America, one delegate and one alternate, for each delegate allowed this Chapter by the current Constitution and Bylaws of the State Division.

Proposed Delete present Section 1, Section 1a and Section 1b, and replace as follows.

Section 1 a. Members who wish to serve as delegates to the National Convention shall submit their names to the Recording Secretary. At its May meeting, the Board of Directors may elect as many Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention as are allowed this Chapter by the current Constitution and Bylaws of the Izaak Walton League of America.

b. At its May meeting, the Board may elect one Delegate and one Alternate to the annual meeting of the Maryland State Division of the Izaak Walton League of America for each delegate allowed this Chapter by the current Constitution and By-laws of the State Division.

Our by-laws and constitution require that the membership vote on all by-laws changes and that the membership is informed of the changes in two newsletters preceding the vote. Therefore, we will vote on these proposed changes at the April membership meeting on April 23, 2008.

RANGE ORIENTATION CLASS ON SATURDAY APRIL

12, 2008 (Ray Logan)

In response to the requests of several members, the Range Orientation Team will be presenting an extra, one-time only, Range Orientation class on Saturday, April 12 from 10 AM to 2 PM. This class does NOT replace any other Range Orientation class on the calendar, including the Sunday March 30 or Sunday April 27 classes. This class is for those members who, due to work or other obligations, cannot attend the regular last Sunday of the month classes. **Due to space and time limitations, we ask that you attend this class only if you cannot attend one of the regular last Sunday of the month classes**. You do not need to pre-register.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's membership meeting is on April 23. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:30. This month's dinner will be Chinese cuisine with Chef Kai Lee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis)

Reminder: The majority of the trash on the roadsides near the Chapter is bottles and cans that can easily be recycled. Get your dollars worth by putting all plastic, glass, and metal beverage containers in the recycle stream, including at Chapter activities. Think blue skies, blue water, put the recycle materials in the blue bins. Your children and grandchildren appreciate it.

Here are more opportunities this month to learn how to protect our natural resources.

Saturday April 12 is the <u>American Chestnut Tree Planting</u> here at the Chapter, beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch provided for all participants. If you would like to participate please RSVP to David Jacobson at email: <u>dlj52168@yahoo.com</u> or by phone at (301)385-8389.

Saturday April 12 is also the <u>Patuxent Watershed Festival</u> at Supplee Park, 7400 Brooklyn Bridge Road in Laurel from noon to 4:00 pm. This event will include many family oriented activities, including a rain barrel raffle, a 'how to compost' presentation, wind power display, and environmental products including a SmartCar. FREE! More information posted at <u>www.wsscwater.com.</u>

Thursday April 17. Cool Capital Challenge Carbon Buster Leadership Training event in the Executive Office Building Auditorium in Rockville from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Presented by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, the Cool Capital Challenge http://www.coolcapital.org/, the Sierra Club's Montgomery County Group, the Center for a New American Dream and the Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light. Participants will learn what specific steps they can take to reduce energy use, save money, and help the region address global climate change. They will also learn how to spread the word effectively to friends, neighbors, customers, and colleagues. The event is free and participants can register at the door. For more information about the workshop, email douglas.weisburger@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-7775.

Sunday April 20. <u>'Make and Take' Rain Barrel Workshop</u> from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Damascus United Methodist Church (9700 New Church Street) near the intersections of Routes 108 and 124. It will be held in the picnic pavilion behind the Church. The workshop is free but you must register to participate. The Montgomery County Rainscapes Program sponsors this event. Contact Jeff Heinbaugh at 301-253-0742 or at heinbic@comcast.net.

Saturday April 26. The Annual Montgomery County Solid Waste Services Earth Day event FREE! Last year, there were more than 1,100 attendees! This will take place from 11am to 3pm at 850 Hungerford Drive (Parking lot at intersection of Rte 355 and Mannakee Street), Rockville, MD 20850 In addition to exhibits on all kinds of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle, there will be tours of the Recycling Center (departing from the event by bus), and many activities for children. There will also be LeafGro give-aways, paper shredding, and electronics recycling. You can find more information at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste.

Sunday April 27 is the member work day. If you work on the following activities, probationary members will earn Conservation Credit: Chestnut Trees, Elm Trees, and native plant gardens. Starts at 10 a.m. at the green maintenance shed.

Ongoing: Montgomery County's **RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program** is now underway to help residents who want to install a rain barrel, rain garden, pervious pavers, or trees. If you live in Montgomery County, you may qualify for up to a \$1200 reimbursement for using watershed friendly lawn and landscaping practices. The RainScapes Program goal is to address the source of stormwater runoff – yard by yard and neighborhood by neighborhood. The application and contact information can be found at the Conservation Committee web page http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeo63qr/index.html. Rebates will be processed until this fiscal year's funding has been expended, so those who apply early will be most likely to get the rebate this year.

THANKS TO OUR MARCH VOLUNTEERS: (Conley Phipps)

Probationary members are now required to help with four chapter events during their first two years of WAC membership. At least one project MUST be in support of Chapter Conservation efforts. If you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out with an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why your name has not reached me. Additionally be sure to have that activity person notify me of this fact. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all.

GRADS to FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Graduated to full membership status are the following: **Burton Bouldry Jr., Mark Couillard II, Glenn Clark, Thomas Bragg and Larry Emswiler.** Thanks for completing your requirements ahead of schedule.

MARCH 26th, 2008 General Membership Meeting Hospitality, Kitchen Staff and KP's: 1st Vice President Ladd recognized Jorge Silva chef of the dinner. Gerhard Bartsch, Tom Johncox and Wayne Stevens assisted in serving and K.P. Duty. Our Hospitality Crew consisted of Dolores Gick, Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre.

Chapter maintenance: MARCH 27th & 30th, 2008

Thank you to all members donating their time and labor to help keep the Chapter looking neat and clean. A very special thanks to Tom Riley who has given so much time to House & Grounds activities and for coordinating this activity. Numerous activities took place on Sunday as this was a clean up from winters mess. Activities consisted of air gun range clean up, rifle & pistol clean up, shotgun range clean up, conservation efforts, cleaning out brush, limbs etc., drainage ditch clean out and overall general clean-up. The following are participants for those activities: David Jacobson, Chris Ogene, Larry Emswiler, Chuck Limparis, Charlee Crawford, Patrick Brice, Bill Wright, Burt Bouldry, Matt Bouldry, Dany Smith, Peter Jackson, Michelle Chesnut, Miles Benson, Bill Schooler, Bill Ishmael, Paul Tardif, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Bill Calcagna, Dan Schmidt, Jim Wimbish, Glenn Clark, Troy Agnew, Ron David, Nancy David, Jillian David, Edward Ggrim, Rolando Gonzales, Aleksey Vinokurov, Richard Sillcox, Brian Van Winkle, Tim Auara, Mark Gay, Dave Stevenson, Chris Deigan, Steve Myers, Phil Dean, Singson Tiu, Karl Krchma, Bill Gazdik, Mark Couillard, Ed Mondonedo, Anne Carroll, Elizabeth Carroll, Rick Blatchford, Stuart Carroll, Hiem Trang, Tim Avara, Carol Poth, Jim Piateski, Paolo Amedeo. Also the cast of usuals that wish to remain anonymous.

What a great turnout. Thanks ALL!



Anne Carroll, Elisabeth Carroll, Tim Avara, Hiem Trang, Rick Blatchford, Karl Krchma, Paolo Amedeo, Bill Gasdik, Mark Couillard, Ed Mondenedo at the Outdoor Airgun Range clean up

Cowboy Set-up/ Tear Down: MARCH 21st & 22nd, 2008 Thomas Bragg, Spotted Horse, Ron Peddicord, Renegade Lee, Richard Marler, Chuck Limparis, Paul Bluteau, Doug Greenfield, Tom Bragg, Tom Ouellette, Chuck Limparis, Bruce Mazzir, Ron Romig, Ryan Romig and Renegade Lee.

Christmas Tree Workers: from DECEMBER 2007 Bill Ladd, Evan Cohen, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Guy Wright, Brian Van Winkle, Thomas Johncox, Rip Van Winkle, Bill Gazdik, John Leahman, Chad Gordon, David Huott and Deon Huott. In addition, a special thanks as I just received the list.

NOTE: ALL Project Chairpersons, please leave the list of those that participate in a Chapter Event/Project in my In Basket, in the Office. It is important to be able to give proper credit to members that do their required work projects.

If I have failed to credit anyone or a group for voluntarily working on an event or a required work project or misspelled a name, please contact Conley Phipps @ 301-460-8528 or phippscd@hotmail.com

ADULT AIR GUN (Phil Dean)

The annual WAC-IWLA Chapter Air Pistol Championship Match will be held on Monday nights April 7 and April 14, 2008. Participants may shoot on either of the nights. The match is held in the downstairs indoor airgun range. Range setup begins at 6:30 PM and the firing will begin at 7:00 PM. The course of fire will be 60 shots at 10 meters firing 5 shots on each of 12 targets. Current NRA 10 meter air pistol rules will be followed. We will have one classification each for men and women for this competition. Any WAC-IWLA member is invited to participate in this event. We will charge \$1.00 for targets. Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202) for additional information.



Singson Tiu and Stephen Meyer at the Outdoor Airgun Range clean up

ASTRONOMY CLUB (Clear Skys Pat)

All astronomers are welcome to the first meting of the astronomy club. Time and date are Saturday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapter house. Because the main function of this event is to teach you information about the repair and collimation of your equipment, we will meet independent of the weather. If you have collimation equipment, I may be able teach you a new way to use it. Come out even if you don't have a scope there is a lot to learn. If the weather permits, we will go outside and stare at the stars. So, bring a light dinner and a date and sit out under the moon lit skies.

If you need to contact me, use the subject line astro and send an email to 1911@verizon.net

MEMBERSHIP (Joe Gick)

New Members

Please welcome the following chapter members
Bukasa Tshibangu sponsored by Bill Schneider
Cedric Cole sponsored by Bob Schneider
Rodney Teel sponsored by Jack Leeb
Bill Pritchard and Wade A Dayberry sponsored by Joe Gick
Clark Kunkle sponsored by Mike Cerulli
Michael J Statland sponsored by Mike Sage
Alfred Shupe sponsored by Pat Ramsey
Frederick P Fulton sponsored by Peter Sittner
Bret Hadfield sponsored by Red Gambrell
Michael E Johnson sponsored by Stephen Diroll
If you know of anyone who shares the goals of the Izaak Walton
League of America, please encourage them to join. We welcome
all new members.

JUNIOR AIR RIFLE AND RIMFIRE (Tom Malarkey)
On March 15 and 16, our chapter hosted the 2008 Maryland
State Junior Olympic 3-position air rifle. Eight of our juniors
and six additional juniors from the Maryland/Virginia region
qualified to attend the USA Shooting (USAS) National Junior
Air Rifle Championships to be held in Alabama during July.

Our sporter rifle team comprised of Jed Tan, Matt Boccuzzi, Kimy Goldberg, and Kris Goldberg; took first place in the junior club category and our precision rifle team comprised of Josh Romanchuk, David Carr, Kelly James, and Azeem Sheik; took first place among Maryland teams. Both of these teams and earned the invitation to the national championship.

On March 19, Bill Kelly, long-time chapter member, served as official witness for the second stage of the American Legion junior national air rifle postal match. Kimy Goldberg, shooting in the sporter rifle division, and David Carr, shooting in the precision rifle division, previously qualified for this shoot-off. Their fired targets are sent to American Legion for official scoring of the second round and we expect results of their placings in the near future.

On Saturday, 12 April 2008, we will be sponsoring the NRA Junior Air Rifle Sectional Match to be held at Seneca Valley High, as in the past several years. With Seneca Valley hosting, we are able to have 22 firing points on the firing line and thereby accommodate up to 88 shooters total in 4 relays. A Sectional Match is an NRA annual National Championship. This is a postal match and the results, along with the targets for the top 3 scoring competitors from each sponsoring club, are mailed to NRA headquarters for the master compilation of scores. The NRA will then name the National Champion team, the individual shooters in sporter and precision rifle categories, and national ranking of all participants. Also, the top 4 scoring sporter and precision shooters from each state, not necessarily from the same club, are invited to compete as a State team in the NRA junior air rifle team National Championship and training summit, to be held in Des Moines, Iowa this year.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT (Guy Wright)

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at guywright@verizon.net or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For April 2008, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 7:30 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (see "UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY" below).

NEW ITEMS

My thanks to Larry Emswiler and Chuck Limparis, TFL (Treasurer for Life) for, almost single handedly, performing range cleanup on our March Maintenance Day. Great job guys!

REMINDERS

Shotgun Patterning Board is provided for that purpose only. No other targets are allowed. Violation may cause loss of range privileges.

Rifle Range Target Placement is permitted at the 50, 75, & 100 yard berms. This is perfect for all center-fire and some rim-fire rifles. If you want to shoot at 25 yard targets with rim-fire ammo then use the covered pistol range, where all currently available rim-fire caliber rifles may be used.

Removing Firearms From Pistol Firing Lines I would like to remind all of our shooters of the critical need to ensure firearms are unloaded, magazines removed and receivers locked back for semi-autos pistols, hammer down and cylinder open for revolvers, prior to removing them from the firing line. Once they are in the safe mode, they should be moved, muzzle up, to the staging bench or table behind the firing line benches.

This is especially necessary when using the uncovered pistol range. Shooters should be mindful that they do not unintentionally "sweep" their muzzles across the parking lot, for obvious reasons. At the uncovered pistol range shooters should place their firearms on the staging bench with the muzzle pointing away from the covered pistol range. Shooters at the covered pistol range should place their fire arms on the staging tables with the muzzle pointing away from the uncovered pistol range.

Following these simple but extremely necessary steps will help ensure that our record of no firearms related injuries on our ranges is maintained.

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules: The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter WEB site (damascusiwla.org) and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chairman.

UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY:

Bowling Pin Shoot: Saturday April 12, 2008 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1 (Pistol Range 1 will be closed during

this time.) For additional information, contact Jesse Lim via email at jlim@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Junior Rifle Practice - Contact Tom Malarkey 240-246-6941 (Covered pistol range closed during these events)
Saturday April 12, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Saturday April 19, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Saturday May 3, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Saturday May 31, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Cowboy Action Setup: Friday April 25, 2008. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot: Saturday April 26, 2008 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Cowboy Action Setup: Friday May 23, 2008. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot: Saturday May 24, 2008 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Veterans Appreciation Day: Saturday May 10, 2008 from 10:00AM to 6:00M. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time for all but event shooting.

Practical Defense Match: Saturday May 17, 2008 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jlim@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

IWLA RANGE ROSTER (Bob Cooley)

April 2008

Sat 4/12 Paul Fisher, Bill Wright, George Fichter, Dave Fichter Sun 4/13 Randy & Evan Stewart, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb Wed 4/16 Scott Wood, Tom Moore, Bill Dowes Sat 4/19 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein Sun 4/20 Chris Reposa, Jim & Judy Crowell, Nolen Roberson Wed 4/23 Alan Palestine, Heather Barber, Mike McNally Sat 4/26 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 4/27 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Peter Sittner, Bob Case Wed 4/30 Conley Phipps, Bob Woodward, Carl McMahon

Sat 5/3 Gary Green, Bob Cooley

Sun 5/4 Mark Gay, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Martin Cherry Wed 5/7 Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, "Rip" Van Winkle, Carl McMahon

Sat 5/10 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter Sun 5/11 Randy & Evan Stewart, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb Wed 5/14 Jeff Greenhut, Ron Roberson, Jacob Lambert, Bob Woodward

Sat 5/17 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 5/18 Chris Reposa, Jim & Judy Crowell, Nolen Roberson Wed 5/21 Scott Wood, Tom Moore, Bill Dowes, Conley Phipps Sat 5/24 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 5/25 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Peter Sittner, Bob Case Wed 5/28 Alan Palestine, Heather Barber, Frank Bis, Mike McNally

Sat 5/31 Gary Green, Joel Gross, Bill Wright

Say thank you to the members who volunteer their time to operate the trap and skeet ranges.

<u>NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS</u> (Michelle Chesnut smc geek@msn.com)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Jim Piateski, Guy Wright, Joe Gick, Phil Dean, Red Skillings, Tom Malarkey, Chuck Crooks, Bob Cooley, and Ray Logan for their contributions to this newsletter. A special thanks to Chuck Crooks for his patience with the editor and his work on publishing the newsletter on-line. Thanks also to Conley Phipps for managing and collating the lists of participants in chapter activities.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address and include some contact info in case there are questions. If possible, please send articles as an attached Word document. If you have photographs of chapter events that you would like to share with the membership in the on-line newsletter, please send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to Joe Gick 16601 Cavalry Drive Rockville, MD 20853-1219