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**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES**

As most of you are probably aware, we lost John “Red” Skillings this December. As our secretary Red kept the minutes of the board meetings and membership meetings. He had a flair for the obvious when he welcomed new members espousing the merits of our happy hour and the preparation of a “heavy, well balanced meal” offered at the membership meetings. He was serious about his post at WAC and demanded precise input for his minutes. He was also serious about his job as chief grill cook during Thunder Valley Days, even after we counted each piece of charcoal we gave him for his appointed job. His sense of humor carried him through some serious ribbing about said dedication. He was an honorable man and a gentleman. He will be greatly missed by all of us, especially those of us who were honored with his friendship.

One of Red’s Friends,  
Greg Talamini



Taking a water break at TVD.



Preparing to fire up the Weber grill.

## **Membership Renewals**

Second mailings have gone out for membership renewals. An additional \$25.00 is due on all payments made after February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Proposed Bylaw changes**

The proposed bylaw changes reported in the December edition of the *Wildlife Gazette* will be voted on at the January membership meeting. This will be held on January 27, 2010. You must be a member in good standing and present at the meeting to vote.

(Joe Gick)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CONSERVATION** (Meo Curtis)

#### **Chesapeake Bay Cleanup**

The League recently joined the Choose Clean Water Coalition, a group of more than 100 national, regional, and local groups working together to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. Coalition priorities include strengthening Bay-related provisions in the Clean Water Act; working with EPA and Bay states to develop enforceable pollution limits; and passing national climate change legislation. You can help! Visit the Chesapeake Bay Executive Order Web page for more information. <http://executiveorder.chesapeakebay.net/>

#### What You Can Do

Learn more about the proposal for strong and enforceable limits for pollution through a Bay-wide “pollution diet” called a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load). Visit the League's TMDL Action Page for more information on this issue. <http://www.iwla.org/index.php?id=664>

Visit our Save Our Streams projects page to learn how you can monitor and restore Bay tributaries and reduce your own pollution footprint.

<http://www.iwla.org/index.php?id=629>

Sign up for League Action Alerts to stay informed about more ways you can help accelerate Chesapeake Bay restoration.

<http://www.congressweb.com/cweb4/index.cfm?orgcode=IWLA>

#### **Legacy Leadership in Howard County**

Are you over 50 and looking for volunteer work in the environmental field?

Do You Want To Give Back to Your Community?

Do You Have Life Experience?

Are You Available to Volunteer during the Day?

Apply to be a Legacy Leader for the Environment in Howard County!

The Howard County Legacy Leadership Institute for the Environment (HoLLIE) is recruiting the 2010 class of Legacy Leaders for intensive environmental training and volunteer placement.

January 19, 2010, begins six weeks of classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Highlevel

training with experts from organizations like NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Howard County Government is followed by a mentored field placement of 150 hours from March through September 2010 with one of these Partner Organizations:

Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks Howard County Public School System Climate Change Initiative of Howard County Howard County Conservancy University of Maryland Extension Howard County Friends of Patapsco Valley & Heritage Greenway The James and Anne Robinson Foundation

High-impact field placement roles include designing environmental education programs, working with children and outreach in the community. For more information contact Dr.

Barbara Schmeckpeper, 410-

381-5279 or Cathy Hudson, 410-796-7232. Both can be reached at [HocoLLIE@gmail.com](mailto:HocoLLIE@gmail.com) The application form is posted on the website at: [www.howardllie.com](http://www.howardllie.com)

### **Christmas Tree Sales – 2009:** (Wade Dayberry and Wendy Smith)

In spite of Mother Nature's wrath all three weekends, snow, heavy rain and then the blizzard, we are very pleased with our tree sales for 2009. We sold just over \$1,000 in trees and wreaths all from existing trees on the property.

We are very appreciative to all of the volunteers that came out and braved the elements, and Wade and I extend a sincere and humble *Thank You* to:

Andy Mikan, Bill Stanssel and sons, Bill Twilley, Brian Van Winkle, Chip Schwartz, Daniel Floyd, David Huott, David Jobes, Evan Cohen, Gerhard Bartsch (twice), Gregg McDonald, Herb Sutcliffe, Hiem Trang, James Miles and son, Jim Murphy, Jose Tassara, Martin and Kathy Rosedale, Nick Borneman, Patrick Brice, Ralph Gerhartz, Rich DeRiso and sons, Steve McKaskill and Steve Schertler (twice).

A special *Thank You* to the Board of Directors for supporting Wade and I during the holiday time while we had out of town travel needs, and to John Leaman for the wonderful elk chili that was completely devoured!

Please look for more information in early spring as to our seedling planting efforts. We'll be looking for volunteers for that event as well.

If there are any corrections needed to the volunteer list, please email Wendy Smith immediately at [smitty446@hotmail.com](mailto:smitty446@hotmail.com) so we can ensure you get the proper work credit.

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## **RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE** (Wendy Smith)

### **January 2010 R/P RSO Committee Report and Newsletter submittal:**

Subject: Use of WAC ranges for commercial training purposes prohibited

On January 6, 2010 the Board of Directors approved a range rule addition that prohibits the use of WAC ranges for commercial training purposes. Please stay tuned for more information coming about this change in the coming month.

### **Rifle and Pistol Range Courtesy Notes:**

With the completion of the range updates in order to secure our permit renewal from the Montgomery County Firearms Safety Committee, the following courtesy items will be in place:

1. R/P Ranges: Please give courtesy to handicap designated shooting benches.
2. Rifle Range: There are three designated prone shooting benches (1, 2, and 3 from the entrance) with prone shooting flags available, please use as a courtesy while shooting in the prone position.
3. Uncovered Pistol Range: The uncovered pistol range will only be using the in-ground target frames, no other standing frame will be allowed for other distances as designated.
4. Pistol ranges: Non-shooters (spectators) shall stay behind the orange preparation line as a safety courtesy.

## **Firearms Training – 2010 curriculum:**

January 31<sup>st</sup>, the Level 2 (NRA Basic Firearms) class will be held, a continuation for those that attended the November 7<sup>th</sup> introductory Level 1 class.

In January, our network colleagues at the Frederick IWL will be offering an NRA Basic Instructor, Pistol and Rifle training to the R/P RSOs from WAC. An invitation has been extended to the Shotgun RSOs from WAC to participate in the Basic Instructor training and this can help to expand their shotgun curriculum.

The second annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens Basic Introductory Firearms (Level 1) class will be held on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 6PM at the chapter house.

To sign up or for more information, please email Wendy Smith at [smitty446@hotmail.com](mailto:smitty446@hotmail.com)

## **IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2010** ( Bob Cooley)

### **January 2010**

Sat 1/2 Tim Mulreaney, Bob Cooley, Jay Jeffrey

Sun 1/3 Mark Gay, Paul Turska, Martin Cherry, Jay DeVan

Sat 1/9 George Fichter, Dave Fichter, Paul Fisher

Sun 1/10 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Gerhard Bartsch

Sat 1/16 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 1/17 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Joel Gross, Bob Griffin

Sat 1/23 Richard Zabell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn, Gary Green

Sun 1/24 Buddy Michael, Jim Arnold, Ron Trenti

Sat 1/30 Murray Welsh, Mike Agnelli, Berle Cherney

Sun 1/31 Peter Sittner, Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson, Robin Moore

## **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### **Conservation Work, Scott's Cove**

December 12

Sung Yup Han, Chris Heizmann,  
Mark J. Smith, Richard Sillcox  
Steve Winegar, Meo Curtis and  
Jeff Deschamps.

### **Membership Dinner**

December 16

Chef: Ed McNally  
Assisted by: Linda Sampson,  
Cheric Aker, Mary Hunt, Don Hunt,  
Mac McCollum, Jose Tassara and  
Steve Peck.

### **Chapter Maintenance Day**

December 27

Ranges, Pistol and Rifle  
Al Goldschmidts

### **Green Shed**

**Guy Wright.**

### **Skeet / Trap and Shotgun Ranges**

Don Hunt, John Mullaney,  
Ted Holden, Chris Heizmann,  
Phil Howard, George King,  
Dave Stevenson, Mark Gay,  
Bill Gazdik and Jan Vandenberg.

### **Volunteers**

If your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter and you signed an activity sheet, please send an email with your information to

[nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com)

Congratulations

The following probationary members have graduated to full membership status.

Thomas M. King  
Chad Gordon  
Mark Grygo  
Andy Lefever  
John R. McCarraher

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net )

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Wendy Smith ,Wade Dayberry, Nick Giuliano, Joe Gick and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting the newsletter on the web in such a timely fashion.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send to Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net and include some contact info in case there are questions. 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 Jim Piateski 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

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