



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

President's Corner

January 2019

With the start of the New Year, many of us decide on a resolution(s). Mine is to be healthier – and take a little more time for myself. A resolution I would like to suggest for our junior members is the Envirothon. This is an opportunity for high school students to learn more about Maryland's natural resources. Teams of five compete in topics in aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, agriculture and environment. I challenge our teens to create a team and have fun while learning about our natural resources. This is a great opportunity to learn more about natural resources and the spirit of competition. Register your teams through James Harne with the Montgomery Soil Conservation District Website:

<https://www.montgomeryscd.org/envirothon>.

Our WAC 2nd Annual Cookie Bake and Exchange was very successful. I was happy to see three of our WAC men join us this year to bake a variety of cookies. Children attending enjoyed decorating cookies. The remaining cookies, after the exchange were donated and sold at our January General Membership Meeting. We raised \$160 for the Junior Air Rifle program.

I am always interested in hearing ideas on new events. Following up on a suggested idea for an event – we will be offering on April 13th a Scrapbook Event. I plan to attend – with lots of family pictures – creating a heritage photo album for myself. Another event soon to be scheduled is a “Learn to Shoot – Basic Shotgun” for women event. Space will be limited and reservations will be required.

Did you know Saturday June 1st the Wildlife Achievement Chapter will be celebrating our 82nd anniversary? I would like to organize an event at the barbeque pit. Tables and canopies can be set up outside – and the Gick Pit barbeque grilled can be fired up. If anyone is interested in creating a committee organizing an anniversary celebration event, please let me know.

Saturday January 26th Wildlife Dinner and Auction tickets are still available for \$25 each. Tickets can be purchased at our next general membership meeting on Wednesday January 23rd at the bar. Tickets can also be purchased at the shotgun house.

As always I will end with my encouragement to our members to extend a helping hand at our monthly chapter maintenance day on Sunday January 27th. Chapter Maintenance and Rifle/Pistol Range Clean-Up volunteers are asked to report 9:00 a.m. at the equipment shed. Volunteers for Skeet/Trap maintenance report 10:00 a.m. Just a Reminder – all ranges are closed until noon.

Take care!
Cherie Aker

The Wild Game Dinner and Auction is coming fast, January 26th.

Tickets are \$25 each and they are available at the shotgun house during normal hours, at the next membership meeting on the 23rd and you may also reserve your tickets and pay in advance by sending an E-mail to Chuck Crooks at WildlifeRangers@aol.com. Please E-mail for availability first.

We have some really cool stuff for the auction and could use more. Please leave auction items behind the downstairs bar and place a sticker on your items (stickers are on the wall by the office door).

If you have Wild Game to donate, please leave it in the Rathskeller (downstairs) freezer. Please label it with what it is, where and when it was taken and your name.

For additional information, Contact Chuck Crooks at WildlifeRangers@aol.com.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Nothing to report until we gear up in the Spring!

Shotgun Range Schedule (Steve Olsen)

February 2019

Sat	12/2	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	12/3	Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora
Sat	12/9	Arden Young, Rodger Moran
Sun	12/10	George King, Gary Giambalvo
Sat	12/16	Jeff Tokar, Mike Aaby,
Sun	12/17	Maj Tavakoli, Mike Webb
Sat	12/23	Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun	12/24	Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update – (John Porter)

Saturday January 19.

Mandatory RSO meeting - 8:00-10:00 in the upstairs chapter hall.

Holster clinic 10:30 - 12:00 in the Rathskeller. This clinic will demonstrate the various holster types available and qualify you to use holsters during Defense Practical matches.

Saturday February 2

Bowling Pin Match 1:00 - 4:00 on the uncovered pistol range.

Saturday February 23.

NRA RSO Training Class 8:00- 2:00 in the upstairs chapter hall.

Polar Bear Rifle Match 9:00 - 1:00 on the rifle range.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **December 2016** and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation.** If you are not sure as to your status, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

CONGRATULATIONS **TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBER**

The following probationary member has Successfully completed probation and is now graduated to Full Member status.

Nathaniel Goonasekeram

Chestnut Tree Maintenance

9/29/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Jeremy Rutter, Delheit Blaw, Paul Largent
and Cindy Stevens

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

George Stecklein and Justin Kaufman

Chapter Range Maintenance Day

12/16/2018

Pistol Ranges:

Chuck Crooks, Joe Pauley, Al Goldschmidts,
Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, John Hartwell,
and Guy Wright

Shotgun Range:

Donald Koss, Arden Young, Kim Buynak,
Adam Buynak, Joe Pauley and Rodger Moran

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Ivy H. Huang
Mark L. Mayer
Jeffery A. Boeckl
Delson A. Taracena
Philip Jerome Yuengling

Save Our Streams (Committee)

11/04/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Rodger Moran,
Doug Chapman, John Hartwell, Robbie Hartwell
and Philip Hartwell

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

Stephen Meyer

Upper Patuxent River Chemical Monitoring

No Date given

Member: Meo Curtis

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Member: Meo Curtis

Probationary Member: (Conservation Credit)

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Membership Renewal Support

11/10/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Tim Garrity, Shannon Garrity, Timmy Garrity,
Billy Ramos, Ivy Huang, Cherie Aker, Jean Aker,
Joe Pauley, Chuck Crooks and Gavin Wheeler

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Alfred Cross, James McInerney and Al Srebnick

Rachael Carson Conservation Park

11/17/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Barry Fleming, Rodger Moran, Meo Curtis,
Jeff Deschamps, Richard Fulton, Gerrett Fulton
and Catherine Fulton

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Dave Gaffny, Cindy Jansen, Armando Martinez,

Bob Finnell, Steve Meyer,
Mike Shaffer, Carole Shaffer, Philip Yuengling,
Damon Sui, Alex Zeppos, Delson Taracena,
Delbert Blair and Robin Axtell

Cowboy Set-Up

11/23/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Limparis, George Hughes, Jan Paper,
Deanne Mayer, Dante Mayer and Drake Mayer

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Bill Blinkhorn, Phil Butler, Devin Mayer
Justin Kaufman, Steve Zobel, Steve Smith and Li Li

Chapter Maintenance Day (Mostly Range Work)

11/25/2018

Members, Family, and Nonmembers:

Chuck Crooks, Al Goldschmidt, Pat Hasting,
Cathy H. Rawlings, Joe Pauly and Joe Smith

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Jason Bieber, Chris Buynak and Rodney Waddell

Christmas Tree Maintenance

Member: Lee Cassio

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Devin Mayer, Scott Broom and Bill Blinkhorn

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Cherie Aker, Steve Olsen and John Porter for their contributions to this newsletter. 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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