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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

WILD GAME DINNER AUCTION (Red Skillings)

This year's wild game dinner was a rousing success. We raised several thousands of dollars for our chapter. The wild game dinner's success is due to all of the members who volunteered time, talent, game and auction items. This event takes months of planning and preparation. Please say thank you to the following cast of characters. Wild Game Dinner and Auction Chair (FL) – Rich Fried Kitchen and Hospitality – Jorge Silva, Robert Silva, Mercedes Silva, Ed McNally, Steve Lefebvre, Ed Harren, Jim Piatetski, Alex Lednow, Jose Scoseria, Jose Tassara, Deborah Rounds, Josh Jonas, Rob Hallin, Ken Lefebvre and Rich Fried



Figure 1 - Donna tries her hand at calling turkeys. (Many answered)

Game Donations – Joe Carinci, Saul Honigsber and Bill Nicoll



Figure 2 - Nick provides commentary on his mother's turkey calling.

Tickets sold during the dinner and auction – Rich Fried, Judy Riley and Joe Carinci

Auction managers – Chuck Limparis, Donna Limparis and Nick Limparis



Figure 3 - Chuck, Chapter Treasurer (FL), manages the money.

Auction Item Inventory Control – Tom Malarkey, Chuck Crooks and Guy Wright
Thanks also to all who contributed the items sold at the auction.



Figure 4 - Jorge takes a well-deserved breather.



Figure 5 - Hospitality at its finest.

CHAPTER MAINTENANCE IN MARCH (Tom Riley)

With the advent of spring around the corner, we need your help cleaning and disposing of the debris that has collected throughout the chapter during winter.

The event will be scheduled to coincide with the club's cleanup day on Sunday March 30 when the weather is a bit warmer thereby making it more comfortable for all. The time scheduled is between the hours of 9:30AM until around 1:00PM. It will qualify as a conservation project or as a general work project. We will provide gloves to all that need them.

We hope that this is not the only time that you might consider doing something for a place that gives you refuge from the fast pace of everyday life. Please know that we always need and appreciate your help whether it is on cleanup day or almost any other day of any month.

This is a big place to maintain. We have a 100% volunteer work force so were grateful for any time you are able to give. For more information, e-Mail Tommy at vze3h59t@verizon.net or 3015180973.

WOMEN'S SKEET CLINIC

Debbi Perry has one more Women's Skeet Shooting Clinic scheduled. Come learn how to shoot at and break clay birds. These clinics are fun and informative and are open to all women members (or family of members). You may attend as often as you like. The remaining clinic is on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

Contact Debbi Perry at debbi.perry@verizon.net for time and more information.

NEW COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC (Chuck Crooks)

The first 2008 New Cowboy Shooter Clinic, at our IWLA-WAC Chapter, will be Saturday, March 8, 2008.

Applications are now available on the IWLA-WAC and Our Damascus Wildlife Rangers web sites. Class sizes are limited, and seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

The purpose of the clinics is to introduce the sport to potential enthusiasts who'd like to give it a try without "the whole world watching." Though playing the game under the watchful eye of the Range Officer and their timer is part of the fun, it can be a little intimidating if you're new. SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the sport, and we'd like to be sure everyone gets off to the right start. Students will learn how the game is played, hear the SASS rules, see the equipment and accessories that are required, and get a chance to try out the range of firearms that are appropriate to the sport. A history of the

sport is included in the classroom portion. You can look at the [Clinic Outline](#) (also on the web sites) to see what's covered.

Atlantic Guns and our own Damascus Wildlife Rangers provide all equipment and ammo, if students do not have their own yet. Each person will get the chance to shoot a real cowboy scenario or two using the ol' hoglegs, scatter gun and lever action rifle! You will feel the fear of that dang buzzer and learn what real brain fade is like!

The clinics are not meant to be initial firearms training.

Students must already be familiar with the safe use and the loading of revolvers, rifles and shotguns. For additional information, contact [Chuckaroo](#) 301-831-9666.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's membership meeting is on February 27. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:30. This month is Tex-Mex prepared by Anne Rickert and Jeff DeMuth.

BULLSEYE PISTOL CLINIC

The Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association is sponsoring a bullseye pistol clinic on March 29 and 30 at the Anne Arundel Fish and Game Association in Annapolis. The clinic covers all aspects of bullseye competition including safety, equipment, marksmanship, and the rules of the game. It features lots of range time, and concludes with an NRA approved 900 match. Cost is \$65.00, \$35.00 for juniors. For additional information, contact John Hollingshead at bullseyeclinic@hotmail.com. This clinic is intended for beginners and experienced competitors alike, and offers a great opportunity to polish your pistol shooting skills with some of Maryland's top bullseye shooters!

DUES INCREASE FOR 2008 (Joe Gick)

For any members joining after January 1, 2008, there will be an increase of \$20 in the yearly dues (to \$130 per year) and an increase in the one time initiation fee of \$20 when joining. These costs will not affect current members until you renew for 2009. We have kept the costs the same for many years, and kept dipping into our reserve fund to do so. Increasing insurance, energy, and supply costs make this impossible. Our dues only cover about one third of what it costs to run the chapter. We REALLY need your participation at our BBQ's and similar events to bring in additional revenue and to offset future increases.

To help put things in perspective, if you go to Starbucks just one time each week for a year and buy a Grande Latte, it will cost you over \$221.00. That is 70% more than what it costs to be a member of our club - a real deal!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis)

More on Rain Barrels

If you can't make it to the Chapter Rain Barrel event on February 19th, perhaps you can make it to one of the two March sessions at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton. These are free, one barrel per household, on Friday March 7th and Saturday March 8th. You must register on-line at <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside/>. Registration will open mid-February.

Other Conservation Notes

This winter is the perfect time to let your State representatives know your priorities on the environment. Come to the Environmental Action Day in Annapolis and learn about the environmental matters before our elected officials. This is a free event on Monday February 18, beginning around noon. Contact Jennifer Devan-Bangel, Executive Director for the Patuxent Riverkeeper at Jennifer@PaxRiverkeeper.org, 301-249-9200, ext. 9, for more information and to RSVP. There are four major environmental issues for this legislative session that closes on April 7, 2008. To follow the status of the bills listed below, go to <http://mlis.state.md.us/>.

Dedicated Fund for the Bay: Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund (SB213/HB369) During the Special Legislative Session of 2007, Maryland created a dedicated funding source - the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund - to clean up Maryland's waters and the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund replaces previous proposals for a "Green Fund" and relies on existing tax revenues.

The legislature authorized \$50 million annually for clean water programs but did not detail how to allocate the monies. While \$50 million is significant, there must be appropriate oversight and the funds must be targeted and leveraged in order to achieve the greatest nutrient reductions and water quality improvements.

There is also an equity issue for spending this money. Eighty percent of the funding will be taken from existing tax revenues from Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince Georges County. These jurisdictions have the highest concentrations of urban and suburban areas and there should be a specified allocation from the Trust Fund that is dedicated to water quality improvement projects in these areas. Currently, the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund (Flush Tax) provides dedicated funding for wastewater treatment plants, septic

systems, and cover crops but there is no existing revenue source specifically to address the problems in local urban and suburban waterways.

Energy Efficiency for Maryland (SB 205/HB 374) and (SB 268/HB 368) Demand for electricity has increased dramatically in Maryland over the past several years. This uncontrolled growth in energy consumption threatens the reliability and availability of energy supplies for Maryland. Legislation before the Maryland General Assembly would require Maryland to reduce its per capita energy use 15 percent by 2015. Electric utilities would be responsible for all reductions not accomplished by the public fund

Critical Areas Reform

The Chesapeake and Coastal Bays and their tributaries have a serious problem with a simple solution. Weak and uneven enforcement of an outdated law, the Critical Area Act, is leading to the steady destruction of the critical natural buffers all along the shoreline. The simple solution is to limit development in the buffers by strengthening the law and closing long standing loopholes, to provide for greater vigilance and more robust enforcement of the law. Enhanced protection of these critical natural filters will result in reduced sediment and contaminated runoff, cleaner water, improved habitat for oysters, crabs, and fish, and water in which we can once again swim.

Global Warming Solutions Now (SB309)

Global warming is the greatest environmental challenge of our time. Sea levels are on the rise, weather patterns are increasingly irregular, and storms are becoming more powerful. Leading scientists, such as James Hansen of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, caution that we are nearing a climate "tipping point," beyond which large-scale, dangerous impacts would become unavoidable. The Global Warming Solutions Act sets us on the course to keep emissions of the pollutants that cause global warming below this threshold and protect future generations from catastrophic changes to the climate.

THANKS TO OUR 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 is the following:
Alan G. Palestine. Thanks for completing your requirements. We hope that you enjoyed the participation on the projects and interaction with fellow members and will continue to be involved.

JANUARY 23rd, 2007 General Membership Meeting Hospitality, Kitchen Staff and KP's: President Lefebvre recognized Barbara and Ed McNally for preparing the evening dinner. Past President Mac McCollum did K.P. Duty. Our Hospitality Crew consisted of Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre.

Chapter maintenance: JANUARY 27, 2008

Thank you to all members donating their time and labor in order to help keep the Chapter looking neat and clean. Numerous activities took place on Sunday and several members didn't specify in which activity they participated, you have received credit maybe just not the correct project. Please indicate which type of project as it **WILL** make a difference when you think you've graduated to Full Membership Status.

RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE CLEAN UP: Guy Wright, Alan Pressman, Heather Pressman, Pete Doubroff, Saul Honigsberg.

SKEET & TRAP RANGE CLEAN UP: Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Mark Gay, Alan Palestine, Heather Barber, Tony Evans, Dave Stevenson, Martin Cherry and the usual who wish to remain un-named.

CHRISTMAS TREES: From December thanks to Chad Gordon.

NOTE: ALL Project Chairpersons, please leave the list of those that participate in a Chapter Event/Project in Conley's 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

MEMBERSHIP (Joe Gick)

New Members

Please welcome the following people to our chapter. Journey Delauder and Jeff Dowling sponsored by Bill Schneider
Andy Lefevre sponsored by Bob Schneider

Terence P Smith and Thomas M King Jr. sponsored by Dan Tockman
Alan Fischer, Alan Henton, Christopher D Heizmann, Daniel E Heizmann, Kenneth G Karanovich, Mark Grygo, Mark J Smith, sponsored by Joe Gick
Jason Vincent Jonah Burrelli
Richard L Sillcox sponsored by Joseph Brule
Jeffrey Middleton sponsored by Kinzo Mihara
Thomas Vincent sponsored by Leonard Burrelli
Keenan Murphy sponsored by Patrick DiBella
Michael Gutierrez sponsored by Phil Omenitsch

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.

Membership Updates

Please notify Joe Gick our Membership Secretary of all changes of address, phone number, or e-mail. If you move and don't tell us, your forwarding order will probably expire and you will not get a renewal bill. Please keep your record up to date. Send a message to Joe.Gick@Verizon.net or Joe Gick, 16601 Cavalry Dr, Rockville MD 20853.

Do we have your email?

Because we do not distribute our newsletter via U.S. Mail unless requested, we send out a general notice when the latest one is available. We also send occasional messages of general interest that may include emergency range closings, road closings, etc. If you have never received any of these messages, we may not have your email address. In fact, we don't have this information for over 400 members. If we don't have yours, please send it today to Joe.Gick@Verizon.net. We promise to protect it and never sell or distribute it. We will only use it to inform you of what is happening that is of general interest. If you know of any other members that are not getting these notices, please let them know that they are missing important information about our chapter.

Editor's note: This is especially important during the winter months when extreme weather causes not only range closure, but chapter grounds closure as well. Stay informed—send your email address to Joe.

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. 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.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT (Guy Wright)

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 February 2008, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 5:30 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (see "UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY" below).

NEW ITEMS:

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, move them with the 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. At the covered pistol range, shooters should place their firearms on the staging tables with the muzzle pointing away from the uncovered pistol range. Following these simple but necessary steps will help ensure that we maintain our record of no firearms related injuries on our ranges.

REMINDERS:

RANGE ROAD CLOSURES: Winter arrived officially between December 21 and December 22. With it comes the likelihood of snow and ice accumulation on the rifle/pistol range road. If the road becomes impassable or overly soft due to heavy precipitation, it may be closed even though the ranges remain open for use. In such cases, a sign explaining the closure will be posted at the box containing the range sign-in register, and the gate will be locked closed. Please watch for and comply with such notices. If the sign indicates that the road is closed but the ranges are open, you may walk to the ranges. However, even if you have an off-the-road vehicle that might make it through snow-covered fields, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE TO THE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES WHEN THE RANGE ROAD IS CLOSED!**

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 (damascusiwa.org) and in MS Word format from Guy Wright 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 chair.

UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY:

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday February 16, 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).

Junior Rifle Practice – Contact Tom Malarkey 240-246-6941 (Covered pistol range closed during event)
Saturday February 16, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00
Saturday February 23, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Saturday March 1, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Saturday March 8, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

New Cowboy Action Clinic on Saturday March 8, 2008 at 8:00AM and 12:00M – Pistol Range 1 (uncovered) will be closed from 8:00AM to 3:00PM during this event

Practical Defense Match on Saturday March 15, 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).

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday March 21, 2008. Rifle and Pistol Ranges close beginning at 1:00PM.
Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday March 22, 2008 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges close for setup during this time.

If anyone has any topics or items about the rifle and pistol ranges that they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to Guy Wright at the listed email address. Please include your contact information in case of questions

IWLA RANGE ROSTER (Bob Cooley)

Sat 2/16 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein, Alan Palestine, Heather Barber

Sun 2/17 Chris Reposa, Jim & Judy Crowell, Jason Ledney

Sat 2/23 Gary Green, Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell

Sun 2/24 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Peter Sittner, Brandon Kinikin

Sat 3/1 Tim Mulreany, Bob Cooley, Jay Jeffery

Sun 3/2 Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Mark Gay, Bob Case

Sat 3/8 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter

Sun 3/9 Randy & Evan Stewart, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Sat 3/15 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein,

Sun 3/16 Chris Reposa, Jim & Judy Crowell

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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Michelle Chesnut smc_geek@msn.com)

Thanks to Meo Curtis, Guy Wright, Joe Gick, Phil Dean, Chuck Crooks, Red Skillings, and Tom Riley 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.

Finally, thanks to Ray Ladbury for his help with editing this edition of the newsletter.

Michelle Chesnut took all photographs.

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 would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to Joe Gick
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Loyalty to petrified opinions never yet broke a chain or freed a human soul in *this* world — and never *will*. — Mark Twain, 1884



Figure 6 - Ed McNally, our newest member of the culinary staff.