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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Notice:

A memorial service for John (Red) Skillings, Recording Secretary, will be held in the Social Hall on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:00 PM (18:00 hours) immediately preceding the General Membership meeting.

NEW COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC (Chuckaroo)

The next clinic will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 and the last clinic will be on Saturday October 30, 2010. Class sizes are limited, and seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

To view the application, and see a copy of the class outline, please visit our cowboy web site www.WildlifeRangers.com or the chapter web site www.DamascusIwla.org. You can fill out the application while viewing it on your PC and then print it. You can make yourself a copy and I will be able to read the one you send me! the cost is \$5.00.

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, that can be a little intimidating if you're new at it. 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. Atlantic Guns and the 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](http://www.Chuckaroo) 301-831-9666.

Many thanks to Atlantic Guns for again providing all of the clinic ammo!

CMP Update (Jean Aker)

Many Ikes are aware of, and have probably bought guns from, the Citizens Marksmanship Program (CMP). The CMP is the result of efforts by the U.S Government to promote citizen marksmanship and practice and safety in the use of firearms. They are also tasked with conducting competitions in the skilled use of firearms by awarding trophies, prizes, badges, and other insignia to competitors.

The CMP can trace its origins to 1903 and the efforts of Congress and President Teddy Roosevelt.

They established the **National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice** and the **National Matches**. From then until 1996 the Department of War and eventually the Department of the Army managed the program. In 1996 Congress enacted the **Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety**. This is the current organization that governs the CMP.

Among its many programs the one that many are interested in is the sale of surplus firearms and ammo. Over the years the CMP has offered to the public, for a nominal fee, surplus weapons from the WWI 1903 bolt action rifle to the M1 series Garand and Carbine. Sales also include the 1917 US Enfield and several .22 caliber training rifles.

These weapons are offered for sale on the CMP website and require the purchaser to present adequate proof that they can purchase a weapon from CMP. The weapons for sale are graded according to their relative condition and are priced accordingly.

I have purchased an M1 Garand and two M1 carbines from CMP. My newest carbine was in a shipment of carbines that were returned to the US after years of service to the German police departments after WWII. They have been warehoused in Germany for many years and finally found their way back to the US. Among these carbines are some of the last ones offered for sale that were configured with the original flip rear sight found on early model carbines.

CMP recently announced that they have uncovered a large cache of M1C and M1D Garands and will be offering them for sale during 2010.

The M1C and M1D were sniper versions of the M1 Garand. The rifles are mechanically identical and the only differences are the M1D has a flash suppressor and the method of mounting the M82/M84 scope was different. The M1C scope was mounted on two rings and the M1D scope was mounted on a large single mount. CMP has not announced pricing as of yet, but I'll be there for one of my own.

The CMP website is <http://www.odcmp.com>.



M1C Cal. .30-06 Sniper Rifle with M84 Telescope



M1D Cal. .30-06 Sniper Rifle with M84 Telescope

Awards Submissions(Jim Piatieski)

Award season is fast approaching. It's time to recognize those that do so much around our chapter to make it great. Our awards committee consists of our three vice-presidents; Paul Turska, Jeff Deschamps and Chuck Crooks. The coveted Tobin Award submission is due March 15th. This is a national award given to an individual who has done much for the chapter over the past year. The other national awards are due June 1st. A listing of these and their requirements is on our web site under "Awards Criteria".

Chapter awards can be submitted later as they are not given out until September. Ask any of our vice-presidents for details

Student Service Learning Hours (Jim Piatieski)

Did you know that many of the conservation events held at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter may qualify for Student Service Learning hours?

Students in middle and high school in local counties are required to have SSL's before they can graduate from high school. Students that participate in watershed cleanups, tree plantings and other conservation projects can accumulate SSL hours. The student must participate in, not just attend the event. The student must bring their own form. We do not have them. If you have any questions, contact Jeff Deschamps or Jim Piatieski. Phone numbers are on the masthead.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis)

What are the State of Montgomery County Streams?

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is hosting public meetings to discuss the state of the county's streams. The public will be able to provide input on how the County is meeting State regulatory requirements to: 1) achieve specific watershed restoration goals; 2) keep commitments to the Potomac Watershed Trash Free Treaty that calls for a trash-free Potomac River by 2013; 3) meet pollutant load allocations; and 4) encourage public input and participation throughout the process.

The Lower Monocacy, Potomac River tributaries (including Muddy and Watts Branch) and Seneca Creek watersheds will be the focus on Saturday, February 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Seneca Valley High School, 19401 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown. The Anacostia, Cabin John, Patuxent, and Rock Creek watersheds will be the focus on Saturday, March 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton.

Background information on the watersheds will be posted by mid-February at:

<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/dep> and click on "Stormwater Permit (MS4)".

For more information about these watershed plans, contact Meo Curtis of DEP at 240-777-7711 or meo.curtis@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Farm Fresh Organic Fruits and Veggies at the IWLA National Headquarters

Imagine being able to eat healthy organic garden fresh food this spring and summer without the worries of keeping your own garden! The folks at National will be partnering with a local farm (Calvert Farm) who will provide organic produce every week during the harvest season through a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). The season begins May 23rd and runs through September 26th. There are usually 5-7 different fruits and vegetables in your share each week and variety depends on what is currently in season. A share in a CSA is a great way to have fresh, local fruits and veggies without all the hard work as well as support local farmers and the local economy.

The cost is \$20/week or approximately \$450 for the full season. Some people will split a share with a friend or neighbor if a full share might be too much. Pick-up is every Monday afternoon after 2pm at the IWLA Headquarters Office. Deposits and registration are due February 15th.

Contact Rebecca (rwadler@iwla.org) or 301-548-0150 x.243 at the Izaak Walton League if you are interested in a share.

Plastic Bag Bill proposed in Maryland (again)

Plastic bags are among the most common of the litter items along our roadsides, in our streams, and in our trees and other vegetation. Many other countries and jurisdictions have come up with ways that reduce their use and inappropriate disposal, or at least help pay to clean them up after they escape into the natural environments.

Representative Al Carr of the 18th Maryland District plans to introduce legislation this session that would charge a nickel for each plastic or paper bag used by shoppers, similar to that recently enacted in the District of Columbia. At least 3 cents per bag would go to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to pay for pollution mitigation. The Maryland law would provide a 1 cent rebate of the fee to the retailer for administrative costs, or 2 cents for retailers that offer rebate incentives to customers who bring reusable store bags. The rest of the fee would go toward Bay regional watershed preservation. There are exceptions to the bag fee in the legislation, including for hot carry-out food, meat, fresh produce and bulk items. Senator Jamie Raskin (District 20) will be introducing companion legislation in the Maryland Senate.

There are local and state laws about littering and fines for littering, but not much support for the staff and funding to enforce these laws. These means that we need to do something else to reduce the number of plastic bags flying by and floating downstream. If you agree, please contact your legislators in the Maryland House and Senate and ask them to support and co-sponsor the bill. Find out who your representative is at:

<http://mdelect.net/>.

RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE (Jesse Lim)

Range Safety Officer News:

The range rules under the conduct section relative to range use for commercial training purposes, Rule# 21.

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

No member may use our ranges for his or her commercial Training purposes. Using any WAC firearms range for financial gain, personal or otherwise, jeopardizes our charitable organization status and is a major conduct violation of our range rules. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will have his or her range privileges suspended pending investigation by the Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee, which will present its findings to the Board of Directors for their action.

Additional committee updates: In mid January, WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officers (R/P RSOs) were offered an opportunity to attend NRA basic instructor certification courses sponsored by our network colleagues at the Frederick IWL. Fifteen R/P RSOs attended and were certified in the basic pistol instructor discipline. Nine of those 15 were additionally certified with the basic rifle instructor discipline, as noted by an asterisk (*). The objective is to use these new instructors to help expand the basic pistol and rifle training curriculum and offerings for WAC members.

Al Goldschmidts*

Alan Palenstine

Danny Smith

Heather Barber

Gary Schneider*

Gregg McDonald *

Jesse Lim (Basic Rifle Instructor)

John Mullaney*

Joseph Smith

Judy Riley

Nick Peters*

Rick Thornley*
Terry Popkin (Basic Rifle Instructor)
Wade Dayberry*
Wendy Smith

Jan 31st -CLASS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER: Reschedule pending! The R/P RSO Committee is conducting our second Level 2 - NRA Basic firearm safety class with 23 students expected, 9 of whom are minors. Registration is limited to those whom attended the September or November Level 1 Introduction course and registration is currently closed.

Feb 13th - Next Bowling Pin match - set up starts at 9 AM. Practical defense match and bowling pin matches will now serve our members by integrating intermediate firearm instruction during the events. Participants must bring their own firearms and ammo, and there is a very nominal fee to participate. Any questions contact Jesse Lim: alphashooter@usa.com

Even though it was a difficult call to have Chapter and range orientation on Sunday 1/21/10 due to snow, it worked out quite well. Guy Wright arrived early (as usual) and ploughed the property including the road to lower ranges, allowing us access to teach some of the course on the ranges.

Tom caufield was primary instructor with Barry Ephraim assisting.

The newly certified Range Officers are Robert Balsler, Timothy Caven, John H Davis, James Denaro, James Phillips, William D Seested, and David Stamper. In additions Carmelia Stamper will receive a Spouse range access card. Dean M Huott, Elijah Phillips, and Freddie Stamper attended the course, as offspring, for educational purposes. Hopefully Board of Directors will arrange for better weather next month. The course was also attended by members of the Shotgun committee in an effort to better integrate our presentation with the Shotgun committees new orientation and safety course. I feel this effort is off to a promising start.

Barry Ephraim

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2010 (Bob Cooley)

February 2010

Sat 2/6 Tim Mulreaney, Bob Cooley, Jay Jeffrey, Ron Trenti

Sun 2/7 Mark Gay, Paul Turska, Martin Cherry, Jay DeVan

Sat 2/13 George Fichter, Dave Fichter, Paul Fisher, Murray Welsh

Sun 2/14 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Gerhard Bartsch, Bob Poth

Sat 2/20 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein, Mike Agnelli

Sun 2/21 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Joel Gross, Bob Griffin

Sat 2/27 Richard Zabell, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn, Gary Green

Sun 2/28 Buddy Michael, Peter Sittner, Robin Moore, Dave Stevenson

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS (Nick Giuliano)

Chapter Maintenance Day

January 31
Ranges, Pistol and Rifle
Al Goldschmidts
Dan Zimmerman

Green Shed

Guy Wright.

Skeet / Trap and Shotgun Ranges

Gerhard Bartsch
Wade A. Dayberry
Rudy Werner

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

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, Nick Giuliano, Jesse Lim, Jean Aker, Chuck Crooks 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.

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