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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

WINTER AND THE RANGE ROAD

With winter in full bloom, it is time for our annual reminder that there will be times when the ranges will be open but the range road will be closed.

The chapter volunteers that clear our driveway, parking lot and roads do a fantastic job but, they have a limited amount of equipment and our property has a lot of area that needs to be cleared. If there is significant snowfall, it could take several days to make all roads useable.

First priority is the road coming into the property and then the parking areas. Last on the list is the range road. Without the others you don't need the range road.

The range road can be a challenge and it is very difficult to clear it completely. It is also shaded. The shade keeps any snowfall on the ground longer.

Whenever we close the range road, there will be a banner, at the top of the main chapter web site, indicating that the road is closed. Should there be significant snowfall, and it is deemed unsafe to use the ranges, we also signify if the ranges are also closed. **BEFORE GOING TO THE RANGE ON A SNOW DAY, LOOK AT THE WEB PAGE FIRST.**

There will be times when the range road is open but there is still snow on the roadway. If this is the case, 4 wheel, all wheel and front wheel drive vehicles would be best. A rear wheel drive vehicle would have difficulty coming up the range road if there was snow or ice on it.

It is your responsibility to use good judgment before you take a vehicle down the road. If need be, walk it for a visual look before you go down. It is also your responsibility to have your vehicle removed from the roadway.

Snow would cause the road to be down to a single lane, **EXTRA CAUTION** is need should another vehicle be on the road in the opposite direction at the same time.

SOMETHING TO SELL? (Phil Dean)

If you have shooting related items to sell or trade, let the WAC membership know by posting a listing on the *TRADING POST* bulletin board on the wall in the downstairs airgun range area. List your item(s) on a card or sheet of paper along with a photograph. Be sure to include your name and contact information and **date the posting**. In order to assure the timeliness of the listings, they will be removed after 30 days and you can re-list them if you desire.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Conservation News

The daffodil stems are already quite a few inches high at our house. Get ready for a busy season for the Chapter's conservation committee.

Rain Barrel Workshop: **Tuesday March 12**, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Capture and reuse your roof runoff. Learn how that runoff is affecting our local streams and ways that you can help reduce impacts from your own yard. Make and Take away a 55-gallon rain barrel. All materials provided. Pre-registration necessary. Contact jimpiateski@verizon.net.

The following are conservation work credit activities.

Sunday March 17. 9 a.m. to Noon. Native Tree Project Maintenance at WSSC's Pigtail Branch area. Gloves, tools, and water provided. We will pull invasives and also be moving cages from nonsurvivors to new volunteer trees. Student Service Learning credit if forms are brought on the day of the event. Meet at the work site which is on the Howard County side of the Triadelphia Reservoir: 5550 Green Bridge Road, Dayton, MD: https://maps.google.com/maps?q=Pigtail+Recreation+Area,+5550+Green+Bridge+Road,+Dayton,+MD.&rlz=1C1SFXN_enUS499US499&sugexp=chrome,mod%3D4&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hl=en&sa=N&tab=wl).

Contact Jeffrey Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or Jim Piatieski (jimpiateski@verizon.net) for additional information.

Saturday April 6. 9 a.m. to Noon. (Sunday April 7, rain date). Upper Patuxent River Watershed Clean-Up. Focus will be on roadsides and river crossings. Meet at the green maintenance shed on the Chapter. Gloves, bags, and water provided. Student Service Learning credit if forms are brought on the day of the event. Lunch at noon for all participants. Contact meosotis@hotmail.com.

Other Events

H2O Summit. Saturday March 16. Bohrer Park. Gaithersburg, MD. This event is jointly sponsored by Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and WSSC. Partners include the Cities of Gaithersburg and Rockville, the Montgomery County Department of Parks, and the University of Maryland Extension.

Summit. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., participate in the Summit sessions about what is happening in Montgomery County to protect and improve our local streams. The Summit is free but you must pre-register because space is limited. Register at: <http://h2osummit.eventbrite.com/#>

H2O Fair. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy family-friendly fun activities while learning how to reduce your own impacts on local streams and waterways. No charge and no registration required for the afternoon session.

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE DUTY ROSTER 2013
March

Sat 3/2 Tim Mulreany ,Gary Green

Sun 3/3 Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Steve Rowcroft

Sat 3/9 Keith Kosian, Jim Arnold

Sun 3/10 Hank Williams, Mike Webb

Wed 3/13 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson

Sat 3/16 Mike Bowen, Roman Drews

Sun 3/17 Joel Gross, John Davis

Wed 3/20 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon

Sat 3/23 Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert

Sun 3/24 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Wed 3/27 Nunzio, Berle Cherney

Sat 3/30 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver

Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim, Wendy Smith)

WAC NRA training class schedule for 2013

Registration will kick-off via WAC announcement and handled via email. Class size is limited to 18 students and they will be rostered on a first-come first-served basis. Students must attend

the first day in order to attend the second day of class. Classes fill up fast! The cost for the class is \$50 to cover the price of materials and supplies.

BASIC RIFLE CLASS:

Registration to be announced in mid-February.

Sat Mar 9th - 7AM to noon (Day 1)

Sat Mar 16th - 7AM to noon (classroom) 1 to 4PM range time. Prerequisite is Mar 9th class.

Note: We are hoping to add another basic rifle class in 2013. This will be announced via the WAC newsletter and updated on the WAC calendar if we are able to get this coordinated.

BASIC PISTOL CLASSES:

Sat May 4 - (Day 1 intro) 1 - 4PM

Sun May 19 (Day two – prerequisite is May 4th) - 7:45AM - 4PM. Range time is 1 – 4PM.

Sat Sept 21 - (Day 1 intro) 1 - 4PM

Sat Oct 5th – (Day two – prerequisite is Sept 21st) 7:45AM - 4PM. Range time is 1 – 4PM.

LADIES/DAUGHTERS/TEENS

Sat Oct 19 (Day 1 intro and dinner) 2 - 6PM

Sun Nov 10 – (Day two – prerequisite is Oct 19th) 7:45AM - 4PM. Range time is 1 – 4PM.

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

Important rules,

1. Unauthorized persons using the rifle/pistol ranges will be deemed trespassing. Unauthorized rifle/pistol range users include anyone who does not display a current range-approved membership card, has not signed the range register, has or is a guest who has not signed the range register, or is violating any directives restricting access for use of the ranges.
2. Only range-approved members and their guests are permitted to shoot on the rifle and pistol ranges.
3. A member's current range-approved membership card must be visibly displayed on his/her person while using the ranges.
4. Range-approved members shall challenge all shooters not displaying a valid range-approved membership card.
5. All members and guests using the rifle and pistol ranges must sign the range register before proceeding to the ranges, and sign out on the same register before leaving the Chapter grounds.
6. A member may bring a maximum of two guests to the rifle and pistol ranges at a time, and must remain with his/her guests at all times.

Christmas Tree Committee is on winter hiatus.

Stay tuned for more information in March, 2013.

A Reminder To Our Probationary Members

It's time to think about where you are on completing your required work. With summer almost half over conservation work will soon be minimal and conservation work is mandatory.

Reminders of the work requirements that must be completed are:

First year you must complete one conservation and one general work activity or two conservation.

Second year is the same as the first with one conservation and one general work activity or two conservation to be completed.

Each year is independent of each other: you cannot do four activities the first year and consider your obligation to be met.

If you have been keeping track of your progress ,great! Not sure of your work status or have questions? Email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com. Please reference IWLA in the Subject Line.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

The following probationary members have successfully completed their probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

Charly Culbertson

Donald O Jackson

Board Meeting (worked in kitchen)

January 2

Tom Barlow, Ray Sylte and Jan Sylte.

Membership Dinner

January 23

Kitchen and Dining Room

Ted Chittick, Ray Sylte, Jan Sylte, Marty Burke, Charly Culbertson, Shane Steinhoff, Steve Peck, Diane Offutt, Melissa Gill and Mary Hunt.

Wild Game Dinner

January 26

Kitchen and Dining Room

Kenny Montgomery, Dan Failacci, Melissa Gill, Charly Culbertson, Linda Sampson and husband Mark. We also had probationary members sign-in as Mike and Brooks, but I could not decipher the last name to assign credit.

Dining Room setup

Steve Kordell and Will Carbone.

Chapter Maintenance Day

January 27

Range Maintenance (Rifle/Pistol)

Al Goldschmidts, Jimmy Lessig, Jim Lessig and Michael Howerton,

Shotgun Range Maintenance

Rudy Werner, Mark McKevitt, William Summers and Stephen Rowcroft.

Club House General Maintenance

William Summers, Tom Nicewarner, Mike Gagne and Paul Bluteau.

Green Shed

Guy Wright

If you volunteered for an activity in the past month or so and your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter or you are incorrectly listed, please send an email with your information

Chapter Membership Dinner

A reminder to our Probationary Members

If you would like an up-date of your work status, send an email to nicolasgiu@yahoo.com.

Just enter IWLA STATUS in the subject line; and your name in the message area, no need for anything else.

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Due to the poor legibility of a number of names, I am forced to guesstimate these names. This Thank You list of volunteers is made up of Full Members, Probationary Members and Non-members; so, my guess could be wrong.

If you are working towards getting credit please give me a legible name.

Editor's note: It will make my life much simpler if future submissions are in 12 point New Times Roman font and in Word format.

I thank you for your consideration.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Jesse Lim ,Meo Curtis ,Chuck Crooks, Phil Dean, Wendy Smith 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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