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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Candid shots from the game dinner and auction

(Thanks to Berle Cherney)







NEW COWBOY SHOOTER CLINIC (Chuckaroo)

The 1st, of two, New Shooter Clinics for 2014 at Damascus, is approaching fast. We are currently 25% full. The class is Sunday, March 9th. So, let your pals know.

Complete information and an application are available here <http://www.damascusiwa.org/dwr/dwr.html#clinic>

For additional information, contact Chuckaroo WildlifeRangers@aol.com

The WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee is pleased to announce the spring offering of the NRA Basic Rifle Certification class.

This class is open to WAC members and their family (as per WAC membership rules), ages 12 and up, please. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the class size is limited for instructor-to-student ratio purposes. Minors must be accompanied by their parent/guardian the entire time.

The first class is an Introduction to Firearms (Rifle) session, free of charge. This will be held Saturday, March 8th from 7:30 AM until noon in the upper level chapter hall.

The second class is the NRA Basic Rifle Certification class and will be held Saturday, March 15th from 7:30 AM until 4 PM at the upper level of the chapter hall. This class will include classroom and hands-on instruction at the range during the afternoon using instructor provided .22 caliber rifles and ammunition.

You MUST attend the March 8th class in order to participate in the March 15th class. The NRA class will have a \$50 cost per person, payable by check and in full on March 8th.

If you are interested in attending the classes, please email IWLWACNRA@hotmail.com by March 1st to receive more information and to reserve your spot. Classes fill up fast!

Conservation (Jeff Deschamps and Meo Curtis)

Conservation News for February 2014

Below are some upcoming environmental outreach and stewardship activities.

Tuesday March 11. Make and Take Rain Barrel Workshop. 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Learn about the problems with stormwater runoff and then help reduce runoff and conserve water on your property. Make and Take a 55-gallon rain barrel to collect water from your rooftop. Cost for the workshop is \$10 which covers the food-grade plastic barrel and all hardware, including a diverter to connect to your downspout. Limit to 30 participants, one barrel per household. You must register and pay in advance. Send check made out to IWLA-WAC to Jeff Deschamps, 8545 Pineway Ct. Laurel, MD 20723. For additional information, contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net.

Saturday March 15. Native Tree Project Maintenance. 9 a.m. to Noon. WSSC's Pigtail Branch area in Howard County. Gloves, tools, and water provided. We will plant native shrubs and trees and cage up the new trees and volunteer trees to protect them from deer browse.. Student Service Learning credit if forms are brought on the day of the event. Contact Jeffrey Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or Jim Piatieski (jimpiateski@verizon.net) for additional information.

Volunteer/Internship for Native Bee Study. March-June 2014. As part of a large project to survey bees in woodlands throughout Maryland and Delaware. Andrew Landsman (National Park Service) will be coordinating interns to tend, collect, and process (if so desired) bees and other insect caught in simple glycol traps located along the C and O Canal National Park properties from Washington D.C. to Cumberland, Maryland. Commitment can be as little as tending one set of traps per week (about 30 minutes of work) and extending to multiple traps, helping a graduate student from the University of Delaware do vegetation surveys

and processing and learning to identify the bees in my USGS lab in Beltsville Maryland (Sam Droege). No salary, of course, but lots of good experience. See link below for more information and how to apply and contact Andrew. <http://wfscjobs.tamu.edu/jobs/multiple-field-biologist-interns-insects-maryland/>

Upper Patuxent River Watershed Clean-Up. Saturday April 5, 9:30 a.m. to Noon. (Sunday April 6, rain date). Wildlife Achievement Chapter-Izaak Walton League of America. 26430 Mullinix Mill Rd., Mt Airy, Md. 21771. Directions:

<http://www.damascusiwla.org/#directions>. Focus will be on roadsides and river crossings. Meet at the green maintenance shed on the Chapter. Gloves, bags, and water provided. Lunch at noon for all participants. Contact meosotis58@verizon.net for more information.

Howard County Conservancy <http://www.hcconservancy.org/upcoming-events.html> Beautiful place in Woodstock MD to take your children and learn about plants and animals in our nearby woods. Wonderful PreSchool Programs on *Thursdays in February from 10-11:30 a.m.* Each program includes activities, songs, crafts, and a story. \$5/child.

Saturday March 22 H2O Summit. Silver Spring. 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. The H2O Summit is for Montgomery County residents interested in finding out more about local and regional efforts to protect our streams and waterways. Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection is the lead agency, in partnership with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the City of Rockville, the City of Gaithersburg, and the Maryland National Parks and Planning Commission. This year the free event will take place at the Silver Spring Civic

Skeet and Trap (Bob Cooley)

IWLA SHOTGUN RANGE ROSTER 2014

March 2014

Sat	3/1	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	3/2	Steve Rowcroft, Stephen Meyers
Sat	3/8	Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian
Sun	3/9	Hank Williams, Mike Webb
Wed	3/12	Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat	3/15	Mike Bowen, Roman Drews
Sun	3/16	Joel Gross, John Davis
Wed	3/19	Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
Sat	3/22	Robin Dixon, Glenn Hubert
Sun	3/23	Gerhard Bartsch, Jay DeVan
Wed	3/26	Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward
Sat	3/29	Bob Reynolds, Arden Young
Sun	3/30	Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji, Tony Hess, Mark Gay, Paul Fisher, Greg Myers, Ron Roberson, George King, Gary Giambalvo, Bob Cooley, Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflet, Charlie Weaver, Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli, Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, Debbi Perry, Jeff Greenhut, Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Safety Thoughts

Coming out to the club is an enjoyable occurrence. You may be working on an anticipated project, meeting with friends, and possibly handling and shooting a gun or two. With the relaxation of being at the club some complacency may set in. The routine may be a bit too relaxing. Therefore, it can also be one of the most dangerous situations you will be faced with throughout your week. Do not let a good time end with a mishap. Be alert of your surroundings, watch for the unexpected, and think about being safe. Of course always have a great time.

Rifle and pistol (WAC Range Safety Officer Committee,) - Jesse Lim

Note: Reminder due to possible wintery weather conditions, please always check the WAC website for range road closure notifications. Please drive with caution and have proper footwear for walking on slippery pathways at our rifle and pistol ranges. Use the stairs when at all possible. Stay warm and be safe !

Important! It is your responsibility to read and understand our WAC R/P range's safety conduct and rules
<http://www.damascusiwa.org/RiflePistolRules.html>

Although members should read and understand **ALL** R/P rules, we would like to highlight a section under SAFETY and CONDUCT that we need to ensure all members are aware of:

SAFETY Rule# 5. While personnel are in front of the shooting benches or down range, all firearms shall be placed on the shooting bench, unloaded, with action open, chamber empty, magazine removed, and safety on if available. Firearms, ammunition magazines, ammunition, firearm scopes and accessories shall not be touched during this period.

SAFETY Rule# 16. Only the firearm in use is permitted at the firing point while shooting.

CONDUCT Rule# 16. All range-approved members are range officers, and as such, are expected to maintain an attitude of SAFETY, PATIENCE, and COURTESY at all times when using the ranges.

If at any time you are approached by anyone at WAC for individual training for a fee on our rifle or pistol ranges, have any questions about the R/P rules, concerns about member conduct on the R/P ranges, do not hesitate to contact Jesse Lim.

NRA Basic Pistol update

We look forward to our 2014 curriculum starting in March with the Basic Rifle class and May with the Basic Pistol class. Registration for both classes will be announced via special WAC email notification about a month prior. Please do not delay signing up, classes fill up fast.

WORK ACTIVITY RECORDING

Probationary members have a work requirement. Most understand that. But, there is some confusion as to how that work requirement is fulfilled. New members must help with a minimum of two projects in each of their first two years of membership. Failure to do so will prevent a renewal of your membership the following year

(you could be charged an additional registration fee in order to renew). When you work on a project you are required to be there for the entire project. You are expected to arrive on time for the project. If you leave early you will not get credit for the project.

In year one of your membership, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

In year two, you are required to work on a minimum of two projects. One of which must be a conservation based project. The second project can be any club project including another conservation event.

You cannot work additional projects in year one and have them carried over to year two. The work requirement is set up to span two years with the hope that members will find projects they are interested in and want to support after they have completed their probation.

All projects will have a signup sheet. FIND IT. If you do not sign the sheet we do not mark you as there. It is your responsibility to sign in for proper credit. If you are a probationary member, be sure to check the box that says you are probationary, otherwise it will not be recorded.

Each monthly newsletter will show the credit given, by project, and who was there. Check to see if your name is listed. It is possible your name was not legible.

Mistakes can happen. When they do we want to correct them as soon as possible. Check the newsletter after volunteering and report any error as soon as possible. Our newsletters are archived back to 2005.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations

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

Drew R. Spence
Eric Willie
Don Morris
Steve Via

Wild Game Dinner Setup

January 23

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Marc Hinthier.

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Kevin Mook, Glen Cook, Scott Ruete Jr. and Eric Remian.

January 24

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

James Miles, Troy Agnew, Jim Kelly, Guy Wright, Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Jim Kelly, Rita Mueller and James Miles.

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

David Nicholson, Jeanette Nicholson, Peggy Reed, Bob Reed, Jay Hannam, Jim Bourdon, Jim Hitchcock, Kevin Mook, Grant Brumpton, Drew Spence, Leo and David Escalante.

Wild Game Dinner and Auction

January 25

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Sandra Stephenson, Dan Failacci, Rira Mueller, Steve Lefebvre, Roger Dahlin, Joe Forsha and Jason Veals.

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Rob Dahlin, Leo Then, Nancy Ostrove, Judah Organic, Diane Brooks, Drew Spence, Robert Stephenson, Adrian Jackman and Don Veals.

Chapter Maintenance Day

January 26 (Pistol/ Rifle/Shotgun/General)

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, John Leaman, Guy Wright, Barb Crooks, Chuck Crooks, Frank Saenz and Rob Van Tassell.

Probationary Members: (regular credit)

Tom Peters, Daniel Femiano, Ryan Washington, Marty Svrcek, Eric Willie, Larry Camper, Billy Ramos, Steve Kordell, Rodger Moran and Michael Howerton.

A reminder to our probationary members:

If you are not sure as to your work status, please email me at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and I will get back to you in short order. No need for a lengthy email, just put the word Status and your name in the subject line and I'll do the rest.

Nick Giuliano

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 Chuck Crooks, Jesse Lim, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Bob Cooley Berle Cherney 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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