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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Some of you may have heard about the strategic plan process that the national organization is undertaking. There are several ways the national membership can participate in this process and you are all encouraged to do so. You may get a questionnaire via email or by going to the national website www.iwla.org.

There is a third option. A town hall type meeting is planned for March 16th at national headquarters from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. It is open to all members in the Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The plan is to gather information from as many members as possible to guide the formulation of a plan for the next five years, with periodic assessments along the way.

I encourage you to attend and let the leadership know what direction you would like to see the organization take in the future.

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)

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

RainScapes Workshops

Learn more about the Montgomery County RainScapes programs at these upcoming workshops. The RainScapes program provides rebates for adding runoff management—like rain barrels and native plants—on your property. Space is limited to 40 participants per workshop. Make sure you register soon because space is filling fast. Please see below for more information on these workshops. Registration can be done through ParkPass (See link below) or in person at Brookside Gardens. Registration is \$10 per workshop.

Rain Barrel Workshops: April 12th and April 13th 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Gather water from your rooftops, help control stormwater impacts from your yard, and store water to use in your landscape. Learn about watershed health in the County, and how you can help, starting at your own home. Rain barrel with fittings and easy instructions provided. Limit one 55-gallon rain barrel per household. Remember to bring a vehicle large enough to carry a 55-gallon barrel home! Please bring a bag lunch or snack, if you like.

<http://www.parkpass.org/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?ProcessWait=N&aid=21346>

Conservation Landscaping Workshops: May 31st and June 1st 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Learn how conservation-based landscaping techniques can beautify your yard and neighborhood, restore native habitats, help improve the environment, and save you time and money. We'll go over turf removal techniques, help you develop a site design tailored to your yard, and provide information on the County's rebate program to help fund your project. Please bring a bag lunch or snack, if you like.

<http://www.parkpass.org/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?ProcessWait=N&aid=44347>

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. 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)

April 2013

Wed 4/3 Brian Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 4/6 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
 Sun 4/7 Tony Hess, Mark Gay
 Wed 4/10 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
 Sat 4/13 Paul Fisher, Greg Meyer
 Sun 4/14 George King, Gary Giambalvo
 Wed 4/17 Jay Jeffrey, Carl McMahon
 Sat 4/20 Steve Olsen, Murray Welsh
 Sun 4/21 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
 Wed 4/24 Nunzio Litterio, Berle Cherney
 Sat 4/27 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver
 Sun 4/28 Bob Poth, Dave Stevenson

Substitutes:

Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Steve Rowcroft, Jim Arnold, Kieth Kosian, Ron Roberson, Hank Williams, Mike Webb, Bob Cooley, Ira Wein, Glenn Hubert, Joel Gross, John Davis, Mike Bowen, Roman Drew, Robin Dixon, Jay DeVan, Gerhard Bartsch, Debbi Perry

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol (Jesse Lim/ Wendy Smith)

Attention! We need assistance for our next big project! Volunteers are needed on maintenance day, Sunday, March 24, 2013 to help replace the roof of the covered pistol range. The covered pistol range will remain closed all day March 24th and 25th, 2013 (if required).

We are a few months into 2013, and we wanted to announce and acknowledge the WAC Range Safety Officer's (RSO) committee 2012 Range Officer Sportsmanship Awards . These were presented at the December membership meeting to:

Al Goldschmidts, John Mullaney, Wendy Smith, Danny Smith, Joe Smith, Cherie Aker and Randy McKenzie. They were recognized for their outstanding contributions in their WAC RSO role and NRA instruction on firearms safety, range maintenance and improvements. A special thank you to Cherie and Randy for supporting our annual Ladies/Daughters/Teens Basic Pistol class and dinner. You guys "knocked it out of the park" once again and it received RAVE REVIEWS from the students! Thank you and congratulations!

We would like to take a moment to highlight the WAC RSO volunteer role. All of our RSOs do an outstanding job supporting our safe use and maintenance of the Rifle and Pistol (R/P) shooting ranges. Jesse Lim, Chairman of R/P, is very appreciative and grateful that our WAC RSO and WAC NRA instructor roles are filled with so many motivated people who make

positive choices, which ultimately lead to so many meaningful and productive actions. Thank you all for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated!

For those interested in learning more about the WAC RSO role, please contact Jesse Lim and/or plan to attend the May 11th, Introduction to WAC RSO meeting at 2PM.

One of the recent accomplishments of the WAC RSOs was completing the project on Firearms Safety Information board located at the Rifle and Pistol range. A special thank you to: Al Goldschmidts, son Aleks Goldschmidts, Sean Taylor and Kevin Meekins who built the Firearms Safety Information center. Judy Riley and Jesse Lim donated funding for the plexi-glass, and Joe Smith put the finishing touches installing the plexi-glass to protect the materials. The purpose of the information board is to promote safe handling of firearms, provide a place for trading posts, Maryland DNR announcements and WAC R/P safety and conduct rules are available to all WAC members. Thank you for your hard work!

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 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 April, 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 member has successfully completed his probation and is now graduated to Full Member status.

Michael Holt

Chapter Maintenance Day

February 24

Range Maintenance (Rifle/Pistol)

Al Goldschmidts, Anton Steuer, Kathy Steuer, Jim Hitchcock and Jim Horton.

Shot Gun Range Maintenance

Tim Garrity, Stephen McCaskill, Susan Lender, Arden Young, Sam Young, Fran Payne, Anthony C. Hess, EE Chi Ng and Yue Li.

Club House General Maintenance

Paul Bluteau, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji.

Green Shed

Guy Wright, John Leaman and Gunner Leaman.

Membership Dinner

February 27

Cooking for this evening:

Ed McNally, Cherie Aker and Randy McKenzie.

Kitchen and Dining Room Duties.

Charly Culbertson, Marty Burke, Jeanette Nicholson, Joseph Grim and Mary Hunt.

Dining Room setup

Will Carbone.

At the Bar:

Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji and David Tyler.

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.

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 to: nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

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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