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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLE

CONTRIBUTORS, WE THANK YOU

Throughout the year we solicit donations from our members. Annually, the Wild Game Dinner & Auction is driven by requests for items to auction off to our happy bidders. Each year, our members have donated hundreds of items. The income helps keep our dues down and supports projects around the club. We would like to thank each of you for your generosity.

The Limparis family has donated several times shares in Key Largo, Florida and these have been a major contributor to the success of the auction. They have donated these week long vacation spots for many years and they are greatly appreciated by the auction winners. For the second year in a row, Guy Wright has donated a large collection, this year it was military badges.

In other donations to the chapter, we received from Guy Wright, a Ford Ranger pick-up that will be in our club fleet for many years to come. "Baby Blue" sports our new Maryland IWL tags.

This past week Burt Mullineaux donated a brand new popper target for use in our Cowboy Shoots and other organized competitions. The target is a heavy gauge steel and resets itself.

We are always looking for plywood to be used as target backers. It does not have to be pre-cut but must be large enough to use. Pieces 2' x 2' and 4' x 2' or larger are needed. Plywood donations may be left against the side of the green shed.

If you have an item that you believe the club could use, let a board member know. We are not pickers, but some unwanted items could find a use at the club.

And, the Wild Game Dinner & Auction will be looking for donations again for next January, so keep us in mind when you do your Spring cleaning!

All donations to the club are tax deductible.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Chapter Work Credit Activities

Saturday March 11. Native Reforestation Planting and Maintenance. WSSC Pigtail Recreation Area in Howard County. 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Join us to plant native shrubs, remove invasives, and provide other maintenance for previous plantings to help protect water quality of the Triadelphia Reservoir. Wear sturdy footgear that you don't mind getting dirty. We will supply water, gloves, and tools. Student Service Learning credit if forms are brought on the day of the event. Contact Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net to sign up. Directions to the work site can be found on-line at: https://wacconservation.files.wordpress.com/2017/02/pigtail-branch_map-2015_11.jpg?w=2040.

Sunday March 26. Christmas Tree Farm Maintenance at the Chapter. 9:00 a.m. to noon.
Contact Lee Cascio at lccascio@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday April 1 (no fooling!) Upper Patuxent Watershed Clean Up. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Green Maintenance shed. Help us keep litter and pollutants from getting into our local waterways. Wear sturdy footwear that you don't mind getting dirty. We will supply water, gloves, and bags. The IWLA-WAC will provide lunch for all participants at noon at the Chapter. Rain date: Sunday April 2.

Trout in the Classroom: Help us teach Kids about Clean, Cold Water

Every spring, I have the pleasure of introducing the concept of clean, cold water to thousands of kids throughout the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Some of these kids are in elementary school, most of them are in Middle school and a few of them are in high school. What they have in common is that they have been raising rainbow trout for the past 5 months and it's time to release them into the wild during a "release event" field trip.

These release events are a great opportunity to introduce kids to the great outdoors and broaden their interests. The events take place from Monday through Friday, from the last week in April through the first week in June, and usually start at 9 am and end at 1pm. We typically set up 5 or 6 stations and small groups of the students rotate from station to station. These stations would include Trout Release, Water Quality Testing, Macro-invertebrate Sampling, fly casting and fly tying. Anyone can manage the trout release and anyone with hip boots or waders can assist with macro-invertebrate sampling. IF we have a few people interested in learning, I think I can arrange a class on Macro-invertebrate sampling before we begin the releases.

IF you think you would like to give us a hand with these releases, please contact me, Alan Burrows, at aburrows53@gmail.com or (443) 610-7850. I will be happy to share the calendar for releases in Montgomery, Howard and Frederick Counties to see if you can fit one or more into your schedule. In addition, for those of you looking for work credits, helping us with these events count as a Conservation Credit.

Rain Barrel Workshop

Tuesday March 7, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, in the WAC Chapter House. Learn about the problems with storm water runoff and then help reduce runoff and conserve water on your property. Take home a 55-gallon rain barrel to collect water from your rooftop. Program is limited to 25 participants, one barrel per household. This workshop is open to members and non-members. Cost for the workshop is \$10 which covers the food-grade plastic barrel and all hardware, including a diverter to connect to your downspout. You must register and pay in advance. Come to the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday 2/22 to sign up in person or send a check payable to IWLA-WAC to Jeff Deschamps, 8545 Pineway Court, Laurel, MD 20723. Please include your e-mail address so Jeff can send you an acknowledgement when your payment is received. For additional information contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net.

3/25/2017 Noon at the Damascus Library, 9701 Main Street, Damascus MD 20872
Composting Workshop

Department of Environmental Protection staff will discuss the do's and don'ts of backyard composting. Composting transforms your yard and garden trimmings—grass clippings, leaves, and pruning material—into a dark, crumbly, sweet-smelling material that naturally enriches the earth.

A limited supply of compost bins will be available for residents of Montgomery County, MD.

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/composting/

National Park Free Admission Days

The National Park Service turned 100 years old during 2016! Celebrate the start of its second century by visiting a park in 2017. During ten days of the year, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone.

- February 20: Presidents' Day.
- April 15-16 and 22-23: Weekends of National Park Week.
- August 25: National Park Service Birthday.
- September 30: National Public Lands Day.
- November 11-12: Veterans Day Weekend.

In Maryland, there are 6 National Parks that have admission fees.

- [Antietam National Battlefield](#) (Washington County)
- [Assateague Island National Seashore](#) (Worcester County)
- [Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park](#) (Montgomery County)
- [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#) (Baltimore City)
- [Fort Washington Park](#) (Prince George's County)
- [Harpers Ferry National Historical Park](#) (includes parts of West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland)

Carroll County Workshop on Stormwater Pollution. Saturday 3/18/2017. 10 a.m.-noon. Great Hall at Carroll Community College

<http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/npdes/homeowner/>. Sponsored by the Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) in partnership with the Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council and Carroll County Land and Resource Management staff. Learn how homeowners can reduce stormwater runoff from their properties and prevent stormwater pollution. Experts will be staffing their exhibits set up in the Great Hall to provide you with helpful materials and answers to your individual questions on the topics listed below. Each will also provide a brief presentation (~10-15 minutes incl Q&A) at the time shown next to the topic. Come for the entire time or just drop-in for the sessions of most interest to you. Materials and presentations will be available on the County website after the workshop.

General Homeowner Best Management Practices (10:00)

Lawn Care and Landscape Management (10:20)

Septic Maintenance (10:35)

Permeable Pavement (10:50)
Rain Gardens (11:05)
Composting (Yard and Food Waste)
(11:20)

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! (11:30)
Tree Planting (11:40)
Stream Corridor Assessments & Stream
Buffer Initiative (11:50)

Cleaning up for the New Year? Be safe about household hazardous wastes (HHWs). Many products we use in our homes and routinely throw away with our trash are considered HHWs. These products are similar to regulated hazardous wastes produced by business and industry. Products which are corrosive (such as acids and alkalis), flammable, reactive or toxic (poisonous) can be found in most homes, garages and workshops. These products pose risks if used, stored or disposed of improperly.

Carroll County: The Bureau of Solid Waste schedules two free drop-off events each year for household hazardous waste. The spring pick up has not yet been announced but will be published at: <https://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/solidwaste/>

*Frederick County: To assist residents with proper disposal of hazardous wastes, the Department of Solid Waste Management hosts two free drop-off events each year for household hazardous material disposal (not for commercial waste), each spring and fall. **The next event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017 and will take place at 8349 Reichs Ford Road, Frederick, MD 21704 from 8am until 12pm.***
<https://frederickcountymd.gov/3958/Household-Hazardous-Wastes>

Howard County: HHW days at Alpha Ridge Landfill in Marriottsville are **Saturdays ONLY (April - November)** from 8am to 4pm. There will be **special drop-off days** on Saturday, February 4 and March 4. Details of what is accepted can be found at: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Bureau-Of-Environmental-Services/Alpha-Ridge-Landfill/Household-Hazardous-Waste>

Montgomery County: Year-round at the Shady Grove Transfer Station.
<https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/material.aspx?tag=household-hazardous-waste&key=157>

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

April, 2017

Sat	4/1	Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji
Sun	4/2	Mark Gay, Dan Cimbora
Wed	4/5	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Sat	4/8	Mike Webb, Chris Hamrick
Sun	4/9	George King, Gary Giambalvo

Wed 4/12 Frank Bis, Ron Roberson
Sat 4/15 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar
Sun 4/16 EASTER SUNDAY - Closed
Wed 4/19 Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson
Sat 4/22 Adam & Kim Buynak
Sun 4/23 Jim Crowell, Maj Tavakoli
Wed 4/26 Bob Woodward, Jim Shay
Sat 4/29 Arden Young
Sun 4/30 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Substitutes:

Paul & Jake Turska, Ed Gilpin, Tim Mulreany, Gary Green, Jeremy Dvorak, Jim
Arnold, Keith Kosian, Hank Williams, Bill Murphy, Roman Drews, Joel Gross,
Brian Van Winkle, Steve Myers, Rodger Moran

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update –(Jesse Lim / Cheri Aker) (*RERUN*)

Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules! They are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well. <http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html> If you have any questions, please contact the WAC Rifle and Pistol Chairman, Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354.

REMINDER! All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly sign in on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone. Important! All guests must sign in and be accompanied by a current member while on club grounds. Guest not signing in will be asked to immediately leave the club grounds and considered as trespassing. Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name, and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing. IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook. NEW RANGE POLICY Effective February 1, 2017 -- visitor badges will be required for any guest or family using our ranges. These badges must be worn visibly at all times by the guest. Each member that has a 2017 range access card will be provided TWO visitor badges that will be distributed with members 2017 range access cards, after receipt of renewal payments.

Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2017 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and will be requested to leave the property.

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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **March 2015** and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation.**

If you are not sure as to your work status, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com and you will receive an email of your work history that we have on record.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBER

The following probationary member has successfully completed probation and is now graduated to Full Member status.

Ryan Byrd

Membership Dinner (Kitchen Prep work)

2/21/2017

Member: John Porter

Membership Dinner (Kitchen Duties)

2/22/2017

Member: John Porter

Chapter Maintenance Day (Mostly range work)

1/29/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Billy Ramos, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, Guy Wright, Dan Leaman, Paul Largent, Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, John Leaman and Dick Edsall

Chapter Maintenance Day (Christmas Trees)

1/29/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Lee Cascio

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Ivy Huang, Nelson Torres and Philip Walsky

Board Members Meeting (Kitchen Duties)

3/1/2017

Member: John Porter

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Chuck Crooks, Cheri Aker and Jesse Lim for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and 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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