



Wildlife Achievement Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America

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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

TRADING POST BULLETIN BOARD

There is a bulletin board on the wall of the "downstairs" Rathskeller for WAC-IWLA members to use to advertise **shooting related items** for sale to other members. Items should be listed on a 3 x 5 card if possible and need to have the seller's name and telephone number listed. The card needs to be dated with the date posted. Listings will be removed when the caretaker of the board is informed of the sale or after 30 days from the posting date. If you have an item to sell but cannot get to the chapter house to post the ad on the TRADING POST BULLETIN BOARD, mail it to the address below and it will be posted within a few days.

For further information, contact Phil Dean at pd10x@comcast.net or 301-865-8202.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Red Skillings)

RECOGNITION OF MARCH DINNER (Red Skillings)

Joint Chefs for tonight's great dinner were Jorge Silva and Ed McNally, assisted by Roberto Silva. Jorge and Ed appeared to receive thunderous applause. Thanks also to the Hospitality Staff, Ken Lefebvre and Chuck Crooks. Kitchen cleanup was done by new applicants Tom Felten, Ian Butler and Bill Davis.



Happy dishwashers from the March membership meeting. Their fingernails were clean!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Meo Curtis)

Conservation News for April

If you couldn't make it to the Chapter's recent workshop on managing invasive plants or participate in our Spring Watershed Clean up, there are still many opportunities in Montgomery County and nearby for conservation during Earth Month. Check out the Calendar of Events on the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection web site:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dep/solidwaste/calendar.asp>

Upcoming FREE events include:

Saturday April 18th. 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. H2ofest. Brooklyn Bridge Road, Laurel, Maryland: Between Bond Mill Rd. and Rt. 95. Displays and activities on protecting the Patuxent Reservoirs watershed and drinking supply. The Chapter will have an exhibit on our Conservation Activities. Learn more about recycling and Rainscapes information. Enter a raffle to win a Rain Barrel or Native Tree for your backyard. Family friendly.

www.wsscwater.com

Saturday April 25. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Earth Day Celebration - Department of Environmental Protection Parking Lot at 850 Hungerford Drive. Rockville.

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/solidwaste/education/earthday.asp>

- o Take a tour of the award-winning Recycling Center
 - o (Tour buses arrive/depart 850 Hungerford Drive every 15 minutes)
 - o Leafgro® and compost bins available while supplies last
 - o Make earth-friendly crafts
 - o Answer a survey about yards and landscaping and enter a raffle to win a Tckp'Dcttgr#
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 - o Learn more about:
 - *****"Environmgntally-friendly homes, vehicles & landscaping
 - Recycling and waste reduction
 - Buying recycled products
 - o Special drop-offs (for Montgomery County residents only)
 - Bring your confidential paper for on-site shredding at no charge, provided by Office Paper Systems
- (limit three paper bags of paper per person)

Sunday April 26th. 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Arbor Day Celebration. Agricultural History Farm Park. 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood MD This is the same day as the Chapter Member Work Day so come out and spruce up the Chapter grounds and then take your family to this fun-filled festival with live music and other entertainment. Learn all about trees and their importance in preserving our other natural resources. Take home a tree seedling to plant!

http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/facilities/ag_farm.shtm

SPRING CLEAN-UP (Meo Curtis)

The Chapter's Spring Patuxent Watershed Clean Up took place on Saturday April 4 this year, same day as the region-wide Patuxent and Potomac River clean ups. There were 37 members, family, and friends who came out to tackle trash on our roads and streamsides and a couple of dump sites on state parkland. Ranger Chris Czarra assisted us with his DNR pick up and by having scouted out the two big dump sites. Michelle Chesnut served as the 'rover' to keep folks supplied with trash bags and water, and also as our camera crew.

The hardworking folks picked up about 41 bags of trash, seven tires including two truck tires, 5 sheets of plywood and other miscellaneous home remodeling debris, bedframe, putty buckets, a variety of car parts including fenders, bumpers, and running boards, and lots of very odds and ends. Each bag of trash weighs from 20 to 25 pounds, so we picked up from 800 to 900 pounds of bagged trash. Most of the bagged materials were recyclable beverage containers--plastic and glass bottles and aluminum cans.

One new member commented that this was the first time he had done an outdoor activity and didn't want a beer afterwards. However, he did enjoy the terrific lunch created for all participants by member Jose Scoseria.

Thanks again to all the folks who came out and helped, in particular to those who loaned their vehicles to move trash back to the collection site.

Special acknowledgement to the County's Department of Transportation for picking all this up.



INVASIVE PLANT WORKSHOP (Meo Curtis)

Despite the blustery and rainy outlook, 15 members and family came out for the workshop on how to manage non-native invasive plants that are taking over our yards and public lands. They learned about identification

and control strategies using the Montgomery County's Weed Warrior approach and then went out on the Chapter property to put their new knowledge to use.

They cut back and pulled out Japanese honeysuckle, bush honeysuckle, bittersweet, autumn olive, and garlic mustard. All of these except garlic mustard are perennials so tackling them several years in a row before they really start growing is necessary for successful management. Due to the wet conditions, we could not apply systemic herbicide to the newly-cut surfaces--this decreases the amount of time needed for control.

In the area of pines and small hardwoods by the access road, two years work have resulted in a considerable decrease in the heavy vining material that was climbing up into the trees and weighing them down. Other shrubby invasives have also been removed. However, because of the amount of invasives on the Chapter and adjacent properties, there will need to be continued management in areas where we would like to promote native trees and shrubs that provide habitat and food for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife.

Thanks to those who came out and didn't mind getting a little wet and muddy while tackling the 'sinewy seven' and 'flowering four'.

To learn more about the Montgomery County's Weed Warrior program, contact Paul Carlson at 301-942-4709 or via email at mcpweedwarriors@montgomeryparks.org. The Weed Warrior Program includes on-line training, field training sessions from April through October, and a commitment to once per quarter field work on County parkland.



SKEET AND TRAP (Bob Cooley)

May 2009

Sat 5/2 Tim Mulreaney, Gary Green

Sun 5/3 Mark Gay, Jake Turska, Paul Turska

Wed 5/6 Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, "Rip" Van Winkle

Sat 5/9 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter
Sun 5/10 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb,
Wed 5/13 Jeff Greenhut, Ron Roberson, Jacob Lambert, Carl McMahon
Sat 5/16 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein
Sun 5/17 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Joel Gross
Wed 5/20 Bill Doves, Scott Wood, Bob Woodward
Sat 5/23 Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell
Sun 5/24 Bob Poth, Bill Wright
Wed 5/27 Frank Bis, Howard Goldberg, Conley Phipps
Sat 5/30 Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn
Sun 5/31 Bob Cooley, Nunzio Litterio

RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article or suggestions for topics for this article contact Jesse Lim (240)832-0354 or alphashooter@usa.com.

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For April 2009, starting time is 10:00AM daily unless some activity has preempted the range (see “UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY” below).

Jesse Lim will be teaching a class on Basic firearms safety and MD firearms safety training course certification. Basic firearms will be educational for any age learning on basic safe handling of firearms. The MD firearms safety training course certification will be provided in this class to any member's family and friend, who may not yet ready to buy a firearm but wanted to learn and prepare to get the certification for future use in purchasing firearms in the States of Maryland. Date and time will be determine by the number of students, please call Jesse Lim at cell number 240-832-0354 or email: alphashooter@usa.com

Jesse Lim, Chairman of the Rifle and Pistol committee have certified 21 members for the WAC-Range Safety Officer. Congratulation to:

Alan G. Palestine
Alfred Goldschmidts
Barry S. Ephraim
Danny Smith
Dennis Crossen
Gary M. Schneider
Hiem Trang
J.Gregg McDonald
Joseph Smith
Kip Shapiro
Mary Heather D. Barber

Mike Canter
Nicholas Andrew Peters
Paolo Amedeo
PO3, John Mullaney
Richard L Thornley
Robert J. (Tony) Evans
Terry J. Popkin
Timothy Urban
Wade A. Dayberry
Wendy Smith

The WAC- Range Safety Officer will be responsible for ensuring range safety rules are being followed when using the rifle and pistol ranges. The WAC-Range Safety Officer will now be visiting at any time on our rifle and pistol ranges.

Thanks

Jesse Thomas Lim



REMINDERS

Rifle Range Target Placement is permitted at the 50, 75, & 100-yard berms. This is perfect for all center-fire and some rim-fire rifles. If you want to shoot at 25-yard targets with rim-fire ammo then use the covered pistol range, where all currently available rim-fire caliber rifles may be used.

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules: The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible

firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice

UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY:

4/12 Easter Sunday **ALL RANGES CLOSED ALL DAY**

4/18 .22 fun Shoot Rifle range closed 10am -2pm

4/24 Cowboy Set up Ranges closed after 1:00pm

4/25 Cowboy Action Shoot. Ranges closed until around 4:00pm

4/26 Chapter Maintenance Day Ranges closed until 1:00pm

AIRGUN

Seven of the Monday Evening air pistol shooters participated in an International Airgun Postal League this winter. Eight matches were fired during a three month period and the individual scores sent to the coordinator of the program in Oregon. He collected and compiled the scores from all of the participants and issued a match Seven of the Monday Evening air pistol shooters bulletin for each match and a final match bulletin indicating how each of the participants did during the season. There were participants from Denmark and Canada and from the following states in the US: Conn., Penn., Wyoming, Calif., Illinois, Miss., Maryland, Iowa, Nevada, New Mexico, and Wash.

Those WAC air pistol shooters participating were: Jim Piatieski, Rick Blatchford, Karl Krchma, Phil Dean, Stephen Meyer, Steve Peck, and Douglas Griggs. Our own Jim Piatieski won the second place trophy in the Senior Division.

The 2nd Annual Shamrock Shoot was held in March and the winners were Carol Poth and Carl McMahon.

The adult airgun program continues all year with firing on the indoor range on Monday evenings.

Remember that the outdoor airgun range is available for your use during the same hours as the other ranges.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE (Ed McNally)

Belated Thanks for two new members for their exceptional effort in the kitchen, they worked two dinners. One of which was the Wild Game Dinner doing a 10-hour shift.

Eric Stoltz

Jeff Curry and his son Joseph.

CHAPTER MAINTENANCE DAY(February 22)

Rifle & Pistol Range Maintenance:

Al Goldschmidts
Dennis Crossen
John Mullaney
Steve McCaskill
Brian Van Winkle
Wade Dayberry
Danny Smith
John Smith

Skeet & Trap Range Maintenance:

Edward Grim
Phil Howard
Martin Cherry
Jim Arnold
Peter Sittner

Green shed

Guy Wright
John Leaman

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piatieski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Red Skillings, Ed McNally, Phil Dean and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Jim Piatieski 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 Piatieski 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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